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Province of the Massachusetts Bay
 A List of The Servants for Life within the Town of
 Marshfield in the County of Plymouth shewing their
 Owners Names & Their Sex

	Males	Females
Kenelm Winglow Esq ^r	3	4
John Winglow Esq ^r	0	1
M ^r Iddrah Bourne	3	1
D ^{en} Israel Thomas	1	0
Thomas Toord	1	0
Anthony Thomas	1	0
Thomas Toord	2	0
Capt ^t Abijah White	0	1
John Little Esq ^r	3	1
Edward Cahsman	1	0
Widow Iudo Cliff	1	0
M ^r Nath ^l Ray Thomas	1	0

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Total Servants for Life Twenty Five

Witness our Hand this Second of December 1754

John Winglow }
 Jacob Lapham } Justices
 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 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, Sp'r.

In Council, Nov. 19. 1754.

Read and concur'd,

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

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY.

Copy attest, *John D. Boy*

A list of the Negro Slaves within the Town of
Hanover in the County of Plymouth taken in
obsequance of a Late order of the General Court
1752

	masters names	their age
1 male	Nath ^l J. J. J. J.	17 years
2 1 male	Wm. Stokbridge	17 years
1 Female	Do	17 years
1 1 male	Redm ^o Wm ^o Wash	23 years
1 Female	Do	17 years
1 1 male	Job Tilden	22 years
1 Female	Do	30 years
1 1 male	Cap ^t Esch ^r Turner	25 years
1 Female	Sam ^l House	30 years
1 Female	Jephia Buxton	24 years
2 Females	Matthew Estes	26 years
1 Female	Do	37 years
1 Female	Caleb Barber	17 years
1 Female	Amos Sylvester	50 years
1 Female	John Bailey	22 years
1 male	Richard Curtis	50 years
3 1 Female	Isaac Turner	55 years
		50 years
17 for all		

Taken by us the Subscribers Select men of the
Town of Hanover December the 12th 1754

Esch^r Turner } Select Men
 } of Hanover.

Easton December y^e 27 1757
 to your honour Josiah Willard Secretary these may certify that in obedience
 to a message from your excellency to us the subscribers to take the exact numbers
 of the negro slaves both males and females sixteen years old and upward
 in Easton these Lists my Secretary to whose if my concern that
 there is two males and one female ^{and} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{same} ^{place} by us the subscribers
 Benjamin ^{withing} ^{possessors} for the
 Joseph Gilbert town of Easton

Littleton November y^e 29th 1759
 on account of the negro slaves in Littleton
 There is three males & five females: there
 is eight in all above sixteen years of age
 Attest
 Nathl. Rybolt } the A. Depts
 Thomas Hayden } of Littleton
 Jonⁿ Whitcomb
 Joseph Horwood

Province of the Massachusetts Bay

In pursuance to an order of ~~the~~
the General Court of said Province
on the 19th of Nov^r 1752

These may certify, that the N^o of
Slaves in the Town of Waltham is
is two males, a
and two females 2
four in the whole

attest Samuel Livermore }
Jonas Dix } Justices
of
Waltham

Waltham Dec^r 17th 1752

To the Honourable Josiah Willard Sec^y

For the affairs
of Medford

1754 Return of
Negro Slaves

In Obedience to
an exact Account
Slaves both Male
upwards belonging
and Return
Viz: Males Twenty
Females Seven
Total N.

Medford Nov. 30. 1754
In Obedience to
the Number of Negro
Slaves both Male
and Female
belonging to
the Town of Medford
is as follows

Simon Duff
William Whitman
Joshua Simons

To the Honorable Josiah Willard ^{Esq} Secretary
In obedience to your directions to
us we have proceeded 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 2
there are ten in all -
Weston December the 10th 1754

James Virick
Bradford Smith assessors
John Warren for Weston

In compliance with the ~~order~~ your several
Orders to us Directed for the Number of
Negro Slaves &c
Males five
Females two
December 4th 1754
Daniel Read } Assessors
of
Abington

S. We the Subscribers of Worcester
met this Day In consequence of the within order
and hereby Return that within the Town of
Worcester there is four - male negroes &
four - female negroes above & age of sixteen

We are Your Obedient Servants

Worcester Nov. 29. 1774

John Chandler
John Curtis
Timothy Miller

John Hayden

To the Honble Josiah Willard Esq

Worcester
Nov 29 1774

Worcester Return of
negro Slaves Dec. 10. 1774

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Springfield Decem^r 9: 1754

Pursuant to an Order to Us the Subscribers, Affswers
For the Town of Springfield that they may Certifie that
the Male ~~free~~ Slaves in the Town of Springfield
are twenty two and the Female Slaves five

22 male
5 females

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James Cotton and
David Chapin
Sam^l Mirick
Robert Harris
Benj^o Day
} Affswers for
The Town
of Springfield

Springfield Return of
Negro Slaves Decem^r 18

1754
22

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The Hon^{ble}
Josiah Willard Esq^r
Mayor at Boston

Granville To Honble J Willard Esq Secy

Granville Decem^r - the 5 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

Phineas Pratt
Samuel Barrow Assessors

Westfield Decem^r 1754
These may Certify that there is in the Town of
Westfield fifteen Negro Male Slaves & four
females

Sept David Moly
Israel Ashby
William Sackett
David Miller
your Justice
Assessors of
the Town of
Westfield

Malden Return of Negro
Slaves Decem^r 22. 1754

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For the Report
of Malden

Malden December the 10th 1754
In obedience to the within Order we have taken
The Number of the Negro Slaves both Males and
females in our Colon
The Number of the Negro Male Slaves are Sixteen
The Number of the Negro females Slaves are five

John Howland
Ed- wait
Nathl Jenkins } of Malden

Sir

Purpant to the General Courts
Order, We certifie, that within the
Town of Kingston, there are Six Negro
Servants, no more, upward of Six-
teen Years of Age: viz three males, &
three females

Kingston

December 1754

Nicholas Leonard
Robert Bradford
John Rowles } Apepos
of Kingston

M^r. 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 ^{above the age of sixteen years} within this Town is Sixteen viz Thirteen Males & Three Females.

James Boyden } Assessor
Jabez Fisher } of the Town
Benj. Jay } of Wrentham

In Pursuance of the Order of the General Court
to us Directed Dated Nov^r 19th 1754.

There is In Plimpton. of Negro Male Slaves Six
& one of them is one of the Ministers in s^d Town
& an other is so Old & helpless that We do not set him
as any thing In Personals State to be Rated —

And of Females Negro Slaves there is three & one
of them is one of the Ministers of s^d Town —

so that We Rate for but 4 Males & 2 Females

Plimpton Decem^r
6th 1754

W^m Benj^m Weston } Assessors
John Bradford } of
Graj^m Bulittoff } Plimpton

In Observance to
4th Subscribers have taken an account
of all 4th Negroes in Gloucester aforesaid
Both males and Females That are Sixteen
Years Old and Upwards and find
There is To 4th Number of Sixty
One Negroes and No more

James Davis } Deput

John Parsons } Men

Sam^l Stevens } of Gloucester

William Alter } Deput

Peter Coffin -

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James Davis Deput

John Parsons Deput

Sherburn December the first 1754

In Obedience to the Order of the Honourable the Great and General Court we the Subscriber assisors for the Town of Sherburn find but three Negro Slaves all males two belonging to y^e Reverend m^r Samuel Porter and the other to y^e widow Mary Morse

Joseph Twitchel } Assisors
Elihu Leaton } of
Jonⁿ Churchill } Sherburn

By Order of the great & General Court
The Number of Negro Slaves in the
Town of Newbury sixteen years old & upward
(viz) one Male & one Female

Dated Newbury Dec. 4. 3^d 1754

attest
William Brown }
Joseph Kirtley } The assisors
John Chapman } of Newbury
Jacob Kirtley }
John Needham }

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.

*In our town six teen years old & above men Negro Slaves
to be about Rightly*

Sent up for Concurrence,

Lancaster December 7th 1754
T. HUBBARD, Spk.
David Good Assessors

In Council, Nov. 19. 1754.

Read and concur'd,

Edward Wilcox Sec'y
Tho's Clarke, Dep'ty Sec'ry.

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY.

Copy sent to Willard Bay

Pursuant to the act of the General
Court November: 19th: 1754

Wee the Subscribers assessors of the Town
of Halifax in the County of Plymouth have
taken an account of the Number of Negro
Slaves within said Town and we find
there is two Negro males and two Negro
females above the age of sixteen years
Dated at Halifax December: 17th: 1754

Moses Cunningham

Noah Cushing assessors of
Halifax

Pursuant to an order of the Great and General
Court wee the Subscribers have taken
an exact List of all the Negro Slaves
Both male and female within the Town
of Scituate and we find the Number
to be forty three that is to say Twenty two
males and Twenty one females sixteen years
old and upwards
December the
10th: 1754

Abel Torrey }
John Clay } assessors
of
Scituate,

To Josiah Willard Secretary in the Province of
The Massachusetts Bay in New England

These may Inform you that we the Assessors of the Town
of Berkley Have Taken the Number of the Negro Slaves both
Males & females that are within the Town of Berkley from
Sixteen years old & upwards & Do find That Their
nine & No more: Given under our hand,

This 17th of December 1754

N. B. there is Seven males
and two females

Assessors
Abel Crane of Berkley
John Briggs Jun^r

Amesbury

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Amesbury Autumn of
Negro Slave Birth 1751
1752

Amesbury December 17 1751
In answer to your order we have
sent you account of what Negroes there is
in our town males & females from first
years old & upwards males two three
females two five in all.

Stephen Jorgensen
David Bladell
Stephen Smith
Amesbury

I See the Subscribers Assesses of the Towne of Beverly. In
observance of an order from the Great and General Court
of this Province of November the 19th 1754 have made Diligent
Enquiry into the Exact Number of the Negro Slaves Both
males & Females Sixteen years of Age and upwards within
the Towne Thinde the Number of s^r Slaves to be as followeth -
viz. Twelve males & sixteen Females & no more

Beverly December the 9th 1754

Ant^o Wid
Joshua Herrick
Henry Herrick L^r

Bellingham December 22th 1754
In Observation of the Order of the Great and
General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts
Bay — the Assessors of said Towne have taken
the Exact Number of the Negro Slaves Sixteen years
of Age upwards that are within the Jurisdiction of Bellingham
which is one Male and one Female

John Conant }
Elihu Holbrook } Assessors
of
Bellingham

In Obedience to the Order of the Great and General Court
we have made Inquiry in to the Number of Negro ~~and~~
Slaves in the Town of Hulland and find but one male &
two female above the age of Sixteen years old

Hulland Decemb^r 2 1754

John Stone }
Paul Moore } Messengers for
Hulland

In Obedience to the Legislative power we
Here send the Exact Number of the Negro
Slaves, within the Town of Topsheld sixteen years
old and upward both Male and female, which
is - - - - - Male - 4

Topsheld Dec^r 16: 1754

Female - 1

Benj^a Towne } Selectmen
Davy Clarke }
Sam^r Smith } of
Topsheld

To The Hon^{ble} Josiah Willard
In Boston Sec^y

For the apportion
of Reading
Return of Negro Slaves Dec^r

Reading Dec^r 2 1754 $\frac{14}{6}$
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In obedience to the — Within written order.
The subscribers have taken the
number of Negro Slaves Within the Town &
they are as followeth. (Viz) fourteen males
& six females.

Benjamin Loxton
John Swain
John Temple
David Green
Thomas Flint

Apportion
for
Reading

Pursuant to this order we have Taken the Exact Num^r of Negro
 Slaves within y^e District of Danvers, both male & Female, between
 years old & upwards, which we find amounts to the Number of
 Twenty one

Danvers Dec^r 9. 16. 1754

9	Males
12	Females
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21	

James Prince }
 James Prince } Assessors
 Robert Lee }
 Jasper & Keckham }
 Samuel Putnam }

Brookfield December 6. 1764

In Pursuance of the order of the Gen^l Court
 We hereby Certify that there is in this Town the Number of
 Eight Negro Indian & mulatto Slaves above the age of
 fifteen years & more

Jed^o Tostons }
 William Averis } Assessors
 Benj^o Davis }
 Said Town }

Honored J.^r agreeable to the Order of the great
and honorable Court: these are to inform you
that there is but two Negro Slaves in
Newland District that are sixteen years of

December 12th Day 1754

There from your most ^{thorough} Obedient

John Caldwell
Matthew Caldwell

Jessons
for Newland
District

In Obedience To the Generall Courts Order
We have taking an Exact Number of the
Negro Slaves both Males and females: that is
with in the Limits of the Town of Rowley
there is Seven males and Two females

Dated Rowley December 23th 1754

John Northend) Lieutenants
Thomas Lambert)
Daniel ()
Rowley

received December 18th 1764
~~received~~ amount of the forces in this
form of the 1st of Nov. 1764 male and
one female and

J. Adams J. C. C. C.
for the 1st of Nov.
Benjamin Franklin

Billerica Return of Negro
Slaves December 10. 1754

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For the Officers
of Billerica

Province of the
Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives
Nov. 19. 1754.
BY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE
of the 10th

has a small number of the negroes
and their families, and their
children, who are now in
the town of Billerica, and
are now in the hands of
the said officers.

Billerica Decemr 9th 1754

In obedience to the within order we have 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. Whitney
William Davis
Joshua Davis

The Exact Number of the Negro
Slaves that are within the Town
of Oxford; both Males and Females;
of fifteen Years Old and upwards
Male Negroes 3 Females 1

Taken at Oxford the 5th Day
of December 1754
By us the Subscribers

Thomas Leavine }
Samuel Ledy } Officers of the
William Dues } Society of Oxon

Lexington Decm: 4th 1754
In Observance of an Order from y^e General Court
Dated Nov: 19th 1754: therein Requiring y^e Number
of Negro Slaves both Males & females in
this Town
the Number of males is: 13:
Number of females is: 11

Josiah Parker }
Danl Pitt } Assessors

To The Honor^{ble} Lieut^{ant} Dec: 30th 1754
Josiah Willard Esq^r
Secretary

In Pursuant to an Order of the
General Court, we certify that there is in
the town of Leicester five male negroes &
one female that are slaves.

John Whittemore & Joseph
Thomas Justices of
Leicester

Boston December 20th 1754
Pursuant to an Order of the Great & General Court
of this Province of November 19th Last to the several
to return into the Secretarys Office the exact number
of the Negro Slaves both males and Females sixteen
Years Old & upwards.

We the Assessors of the Town of Boston have taken
Out of them and find the Number
Six: Males six hundred forty seven, Females
Three hundred forty two.

W^m Fairfield
Peter Oliver
John Knelland
James Turley
Sam. Edwards

Assessors for the
Town of Boston

To the Honourable Josiah Willard Esq^r

In Obedience of an Order from the General
Court Passed on the 17th Day of November Last
(Directing the Assessors of the Several Towns & Districts
within this Province, forthwith to send into the
Secretary's Office an Exact Number of the Paper Taxes
Taken Yearly and upwards, that are within their
Respective Towns and Districts) We the Subscribers
Assessors for the Town of Newton, having taken an exact
Number of the said Taxes within said Town, find
that there are Fourteen, whereof Ten are Males and
Four Females. Newton Dec^r 10th 1754.

Alex. Shepard

Wm. Miller

This may certify the following amount
is the number of the Negro Slaves Both
male & female from sixteen years old & upward
in the Town of Lincoln.

No 16 males & 7 females

Total 23

Lincoln Dec 9th 1754

Ephr. m. Flint }
Ephr. m. Cartwell } App^{rs}
Eben. Cutler }

In obedience to the order from the Great
and General Court we the subscribers have
taken the exact Number of the Negro
Slaves, sixteen years old and upward
belonging to the town of Middleton and
there is eleven males three females
Middleton December the 12th 1754

Ephraim Fuller } Assessors
Joseph Hollis }
Isaac Kenney } of
J. C. Hill } Middleton

Hampsh^r Jan

This may Certify that there in the Town of
Hatfield five Male & four Female Negro
Slaves & no more

Att^{ny} O^r Partridge one of the Justices
of this Town

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Wm Partridge
Justice of the Peace

February 4th 1755

Agreeable to this act we the Subscribers
do bind in to ~~the~~ the whole number of
the negro slaves that are in our town
which is Twelve

Jonathan Smith }
Thomas Nelson } and by virtue
Elias Miller } of the power
of Middleborough

Middleborough Custom of
Negro Slaves Survey 1A. 1755

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Middleborough

An Account of the Numbers of the Negro Slaves.
Taken this 10th Day of January 1755

Males Three: Females Thow.

Sir: Ellen V. Lat.

Josiah Willton, ^{Chm.} of Chinnock

Taunton January y^e. 13th 1755.

The Exact Number of Negro Slaves both Males
& Females belonging unto y^e. Town of Taunton
(is twenty & seven) Above y^e. Age of Sixteen
years.

Robert Lufcombe

~~George Godfrey~~

John Sumner

Deputies of Taunton
10th 1754

To Josiah Willard Secretary

In Obedience of an Order of the Great and General
Court or Assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay
Bearing Date November 19th 1754

We the Subscribers have Taken a Number of the Negro
Slaves both Males & females ^{sixteen years old & upward} in the town of Dartmouth
and find them to be thirty four

Dartmouth January 29th 1755
Barth^o Gabor A. Messers for
Abraham Sherman of the town of
Dartmouth

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Salem Nov 9th 1754
of an order of the General Court,
In observance to us the Subscribers We have
taken the exact number of the Negro Slaves
both males and females and the number is ten.

Thomas Thimick)
Joseph Robinson) Attorneys of
Salem

Agreable to Order of the Generall
Court, We the Subscribers M^{rs}persons of the
Town of Medfield, have taken an account
of the Negro Slaves within said Town and
find there is Three Males and one Female

Samuel Smith } M^{rs}persons of
Timothy Hamard } Medfield
Barackias Mason }

Medfield Dec: 11: 1754

Brookline Decem^r 6th 1754

We the subscribers of Brookline do hereby
 Certify that there are in S. Town Ten Male &
 Seven Female Negro Slaves sixteen years old
 and upward.

for^t Winchester } *G. Apson*
Abr Woodward

Walpole Dec^r 27: 1754

In Obedience to his Majesty's Excellency and house of Representatives ordered that the several Towns within this Province should send a List of all Negro Slaves male and female these are therefore to Certifye that there is but one in the town of walpole and that is a female

Joshua (Carpenter)

James Smith of

Aquilla Rabbin Walpole

Henry Smith

John Kingsberry

Pursuant to the orders of the great & General Court we have made an exact inquiry ~~into~~ the Number of Negro Slaves from sixteen years old & upward within the Limits of the Town of Weymouth and find that there is twelve males and eleven females

Weymouth
Dec^r 5 1754

James Humphreys Assessors
Jonah Whidg^y }
Weymouth

My Secretary Genl. Sir. Pursuant 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
 this first Day
 of February
 Anno 1755

Ebenezer Kingsley
 Aaron Cook

} assessors for
 } the District of
 } Southampton

Lominster January 6. 1755.

Honoured Sir,

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

Josiah White Messors
Jacob Peabody }
Lominster

Pursuant to within Order - Dec^r subscribers certify
 that there is one Negro woman servant on the Estate
 of Spencer besides two negroes a black being
 the name of Joshua Eaton
 Dec^r 4th 1754
 John Murry
 for
 Spencer

In consideration of his Excellency's Order
 of the Day

Ordered
That the Affairs of the several Towns and
 Districts within this Province, be brought
 into the Secretary's Office the exact Number of the
 Male Inhabitants, both Males and Females, sixteen Years
 old and upward, that are within their respective
 Towns and Districts.

Number
 3 Total

T. HUBBARD, Secy.

The Clerk, Deputy Secy.

SHIRLEY

Westborough December the 16th. 1754
In Obedience to this Order wee have made
strict Inquerry and finde wee have in Our
Town four Male Negro' & two feemahle'
that are sixteen years Old and Upward.

Sam^l Wood
Phineas Hardy
L. Apse
J. Apse

Westborough return of
Negro Slaves June 21. 1754

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This may Certife that there is in the Town of
 Sherburne four Negro Slaves that are sixteen years
 of age or more and one of them is a female
 Sherburne December 10th 1754 Thineal Heywood assessor
 John B. Smith } of
 Sherburne

Lunenburg December the 2nd 1754

In obedience to an order of the Great and
General Court Hereunto us Requiring
we Do Certifie 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 Wyls
Moses Ritter

} Selectmen
and
Assessors
of
Lunenburg

Witness
my hand
this 2nd day of
December 1754

In Obedience to an order of his Excellency
the Governour and General Court we have
numbered the Negroes in Walbridge agreeable to
said Order and find Seven in all viz: the
Reverent Mr Webb two Dead Read one that
was a most past Labor John Ellison one aged
Nere unto Death the other three fitt for
Sail

Witness
Dated Walbridge
December 4th 1754

John. Green }
Josiah Talt } Witnesses
John Sibley }
of
Walbridge

Bolton December 4th 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

Nathl. Willson } assessors
Saml. News }
John Whitecomb }

Bolton Return of Negro
Slaves Decem^r 19. 1754

Enclosed herewith is a list of the
Negro Slaves in the Town of Bolton
as returned by the assessors
and sworn to by the Justice of the Peace
on the 4th of December 1754

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Pursuant to the order of the Honourable
Court, which was forthwith to send into
y^e Secretary's office the Exact number of Negro
Slaves males & Females sixteen years old & upward
we the Subscribers upon Examination find
four males, and three Females that are sixteen
years old & upward and no more

Medway December 9th 1754

Samuel Ellis

Jamuck Fisher

Malachi Bullard

Elipha Adams

Assessors
in y^e Town
of
Medway

Thursday December 4th 1754
 They may certify according to orders
 directing us to send in the exact
 Number to the Secretary of the
 in our District we had but one
 upwards of sixteen years and half of a
 man save the all free Negroes
 one man and one woman
 William Little Assessor
 Robert Honey

~~Marbleborough~~ Marbleborough December 16 1754
In obedience to an order from the Great and General
Court dated November 19 1754
we have Examined this town and we find
Six negro Slaves upwards of sixteen
years old Three males and three females

John Hamiston
Peter Bent
Noah Church } Apperson

This is to Certifie that there is in the Town
of Concord Fifteen Negro Slaves upwards
of sixteen year old and no more Ten Males
and five females

Concord December 9th 1754.

John Jones
Ephraim Jones
Simon Hunt
Jemias Barnett
Stephen Hofmer Juror } Apperson of the
Town of
Concord

A M
 We find by a writ directed to us bearing date November
 19- 1774 by the Honorable Court of this Province that they
 order us forthwith to send into the Secretarys Office as soon as
 may be the exact number of Negro Slaves both males & females
 sixteen years old & upwards according to their Direction we have done
 & we find the number to be six
 Witness our hands this 19th December of 1774

John Thos Affairin } Assessors
 Joseph Batchelder } for Crafton

In Obediance 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 followeth
(viz)

Males—7—
Females—5—

Watertown Dec^r: 6
— 1754 —

Sam^l: Fisk
Nath^l: Stanington
Tho^s: Saltmarsh
A. Sponsor of
Watertown

For in Compliance 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 ministers

To the Honourable Josiah
Willard in Boston

Decemb^r of 16th 1754

Jabez Kepp }
Samuel Fletcher }
Assessors
of
Weyford

Purphant to the Order of the Gen^l Court
These are to Certifie That there are no Negroes in South Hadley

South Hadley Decemb^r 17th
1754

Ben^d Nash }
John Moody }
Daniel Moody }
Assessors
for
South Hadley

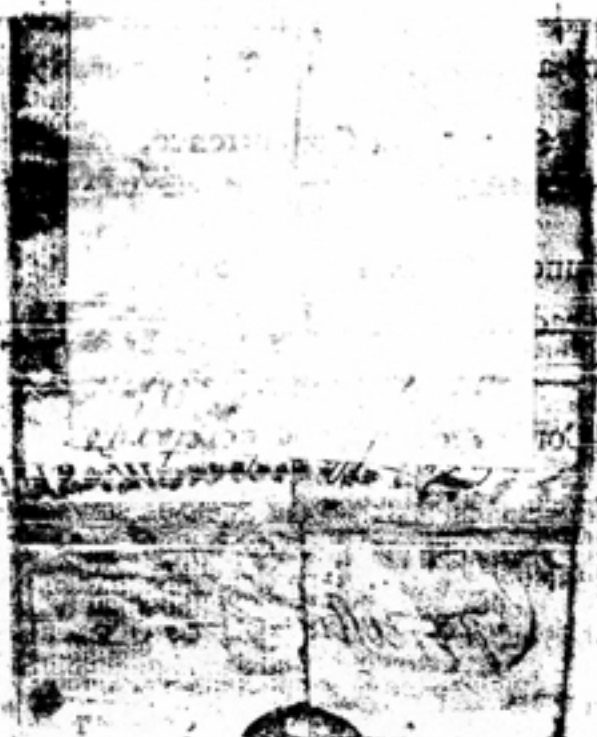
Jan^y 2^d 1755

It is hereby certified to whom
it may concern that there
is three female Negro Slaves
in Natick sixteen year old

For the owners
of Natick

Ebenezer Felch
Israel Goodman
Pelatiah Morse

UPON Consideration of the
of the Day
3 Sheweth
Natick Natick
of Negro Slaves
Jan^y 23. 1755



according to the within written order we
 have numbered the negro Slaves and we find
 their number to be but two one male and one
 female Within the Town of Dudley
 Dudley December 16th 1754

Joseph Phony }
 Phinehas Mixen }
 Samuel Colvin } Aff'd

Dudley Return of Negro
 Slaves January 1755

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To Josiah Willard Lee

In Pursuant to the within act, a Copy sent to the
 the Subscribers attested to to send to you the number
 of Slaves within this Town which is but three

Sutton attested to
 Dec: 20th 1754

Solomon Holman } Officers
 Benjamin Mayhew }
 Tarrant Putnam

Sutton Return of Negro
 Slaves January - 1755

3 Slaves

To Mr Thomas Clark Secretary
Sir This may Certify that we have no
Negro Slaves in this Town neither Male nor
Female Holden December the Ninth 1754

Richard Tlapp
Samuel Hubbard
Joseph Hubbard
Israel Davis

Holden

Samuel Hubbard

William Hubbard of New York
Nov 12 1755

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Wethers 9th December 1754

These may Certifie that there is Two Negro
males ^{and} one female ^{young} ^{of} ¹² ^{years}
old within this Town.

To Josiah Willians
Secretary

Timothy Dwight
Gershom Mather
Nathaniel Read
Wethers

Sudbury december y 24- 1754

To the Hon^{ble} Josiah Willard Esq^r Secretary
in Boston & in observance of an order
from the general Court we have sent and
~~the~~ the number of negro Slaves in
Town both males and females which is
as follows viz^t nine males
and five females

Sam^l Dakin S^r Overseer
John Maynard for
Sam^l Curtis Sudbury

Received of the
Sudbury Overseers
the sum of
the sum of

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 or female Negroes

Jonathan Poole } assessors
Benjamin Wyman } for the
Benjamin Edwards } town of
Woburn

Woburn Decemb^r: 10 -
1754

Open Haverhill Decem^r 25th 1754
In obedience of the within Precept we have
Numbered the Negro Slaves that are within our
town and district and we find there ~~is~~
is eight males and eight females that is
sixteen years old and upward sixteen in the
whole

Joseph Badger Messors
Ramos Pease for
Beni Harrod Haverhill

Haverhill Return of
Negro Slaves Jan 15 1755
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Haverhill

Middlesex & Stoneham December 5: 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

Dezzer Hay } assessors
Daniel Gould } of Stoneham
Jonathan Green }

Boxford — Abenuee

In Answer to this with in written
order we & Subscribers have taken & disjunct
of the Negro Slaves in our town and we find
four males and four females
Boxford December 9 13: 1754

The Aperson
of Boxford
The Soperley
The Andrews
Paul Prihan
Bob Ly Lee

Boxford 13th of 1755
Slaves January 8 1755

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To The Hon^{ble} Josiah Willard Secy. Secretary

f. n.

We find in this Town eighty
three Negro Slaves, sixteen years old & upward
viz. forty seven Males & thirty six Females.

Salon Dec: 5 1754.

Thomdik Procter

Ab^m Watson

Joshua Ward

Tom. Erne

Nath. Proper

Whelps

For the assessor
of Wilmington
Return of Negro Slaves Dec. 3
1754 7

Wilmington, Dec. 29 1754
in obedience to the within order
directed thereby we the
secretary appear in his Debety a true
account of Negro Slaves in Wilmington
that is males & females
females but two except one of the
ministers that hath not one hand
a true account

Samuel Walker
Benjamin Hammond
Stephen Wesson
I have signed assessors

In Obedience to the within written.

The exact Number of Negro Slaves from sixteen years
old and upwards in the Town of Dedham (to the best
of our Knowledge is Seventeen.

Dedham Decem^r: 5th 1754.

Cliph^r. Pond } Assessors
Joseph Wright }
Nath^l. Thomas }
Joas Whiting } Dedham.

Dedham Assessors Return
of Negro Slaves
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In obedience to y^r within order we have
 made a Diligent Inquire as to male & a
 Female Negro ^{in the Town} & we find there is Seven
 males & Seven Females but one of y^r
 Females is now maintained at y^r Charge
 of y^r Town

Groton Decemb^r 17th 1754

Caleb Newbridge
 William Lawrence } a person
 Jofiah Bartlett } for Groton

Groton Account of Negro
 Slave from 28th 1754

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For the Appt
 of Groton

Palmer

Palmer November 27th 1854
 Province of the
 Massachusetts
 In the County of Middlesex
 I do hereby certify that there is one Negro man in
 this District and no Negro women.

of the several Towns and
 Districts within the Province, forthwith send
 me the exact Number of the
 Negroes, both Males and Females, within each
 Town and District, that are within their respective

Wm Scott Junr
 Robt Rogers
 Thos Appleton
 1854
 Palmer return of Negroes
 Nov 27 1854

T. Hubbard, Secy.
 1854
 No. 10, City, Daily Secy.
 W. W. W. W.

Milton Decem^r 9. 12. 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 old and upward; and find in the
Town of Milton Fifteen males and
four females and no more that
we know of - - - - -

Milton Return of
Negro Slaves Jun^r 19. 1754
15 $\frac{4}{19}$

Nathaniel Houghron
Benj^s Washworth } Assessors
William Tucker } of Milton

Persuant to an Order of
Court: these may Certifie
that in the Town of Hull
ther is Negro. Slaves

males. 7
Females. 4

at the light House there are

males 3
Females 1
4

Hull. Jan. 25. 1755:

Joseph Melton
Arms. Binney

John Goolby

as witness of J. Town

Hadley, Dec^r 27 1754

In Pursuance to the Order of the General
Court of this Province &c

This day, Certify, that there is but thirteen
negro male slaves of five - female
fifteen years old & upwards in the town
of Hadley,

attest
Glebe Porter

Enos Nicks

Sam^l Smith

To Joseph Willard Secy

} officers
of
Hadley

Pembroke

In Obedience to the within act we the
Subscribers have taken an account of the
negro Slaves both males and females
and are as follows: 750 males & 400 females
Taken at Pembroke 4th 14 day of December
1754

Jacob Bernier
J^r Turner
W^m Thomas
Messrs of
Pembroke

Pembroke Returns of Negro
Slaves January 7 1755

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To the Hon^{le} Josiah Willard Esq^r his majestic
 Secretary of the province of the Massachusetts
 Bay in New England: - In observance of the
 Order of the Great & Gen^{le} Court of the prov^{ce}
 to us Directed: do the Subscriber assessor
 for the Town of Cambridge: do here with
 Certifie you & Your the Exact number
 of the male & female Negro Slaves in
 the T^{own} of Cambridge six teen years old &
 upward, which are 33 males and
 23 female

Cambr^{idge} Dec^r 18th 1754

of the Hon^{le} Council

Jam^s Whittemore

Tho^s Sparhawk

These may certify if there is Not any of
the Negro Slaves of within Described
within the District of Montague
Dated Montague Decmbr 28 1764

Joseph Root } Assessors for
Simon King } Montague

Montague Return of
Negro Slaves Jan 23
1765

into the possession of the said James...
Dishes within the Province...
L. 1764 the value of the said James...

And doth
ALSO certify of the Execution...
in the House of...
Dishes...
Province of the

Montague

To the Honorable
myself and the Honorable

Harwich - December 31st. 1754

According to the Order of the Generall Court we the
Subscribers have taken an Account of the Number
of the Negro Slaves in the Town of Harwich and find
them to be: as Viz: Eight males & Six Females

To the Honorable.

Joseph Willard Secy.

Barnaby Treason & Messrs
Jabez Snow & of Harwich

To the Honourable Josiah Willard Esqr. Secretary
 These are therefore to inform your Honour
 that the Subscribers have taken a list and true account
 of all the Negro Slaves in Chelmsford both males and
 females and there is in our town eight and ~~no~~ more
 One of them is an old man of about Sixty years of age
 uncapable of Labour ^{and} Res bin and is ~~the~~ a perpetual
 Charge

Chelmsford Decemb. 6. 1754
 Daniel Procter
 Jonathan Spaulding Assessors
 Jonathan Hummel for Chelmsford
 Zachariah Richardson

To the Honourable Josiah Willard
 Esq^r 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 Messrs of the Town of Dighton
 for the year 1754 have taken a list of
 the Negro Slaves within our Town which
 is as follows viz^t

Male Slaves nine
 Female . . . nine

Dated at Dighton
 Dec^r 19th 1754

Nathan Walker
 George Pitts
 Joshua Howe

To The Hon^{ble} J^oseph ^{Wright} Sec^y of the
 In Obedience to Your Order to us directed we the
 Subscribers Have Taken An Exact Acct. of the Negro Slaves
 within our Town viz. Six Able Slaves three of them
 Males and three Females & two Old ones Eighty years
 Old and upward one of them a Male the other female
 Eight in all and No more.

Sandwich Dec^r 1754. ^{Sam^l & J^ohn} Messors of
 Tho^s Smith } The Town of
 John Freeman } Sandwich

Sir pursuant to the order of Court from your Honour
 to us directed wth the subscribers have accordingly proceeded
 to take a list of all the negro slaves both males and
 females that are 16 years old and upward pursuant to the
 warrant ~~sent~~ ^{sent} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~us~~ ^{us} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~town~~ ^{town} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Eastham~~ ^{Eastham} and there is
 six males and five females
 of the number above mentioned there is three that are
 the ministers of the said town ~~slaves~~ ^{slaves} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~male~~ ^{male} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~females~~ ^{females}
 Dated Eastham February 16-1754.

Jonathan Greene
 Ephraim Powell ^{Attorneys}
 Theophilus Higginis

Bradford

Perfunt to the within Viten we haue taken
An Account of y^e Male Negroes Slaves which
Is three: all soof y^e Fossmalls two & no more

Dated Bradford
January 19th
1755

Jonathan Pauley }
Benjⁿ Mulliken }
John Hopkinson }
Thomas Kinloch }
Settlers
of Bradford

Bradford History of
Negro Slaves Jan 19th 1755

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To y^e Hon^{ble} Sec^{ry}
of the
Soc^y of
the
City of
Boston



Dorchester Dec: 30th 1754.

To the Honoured Josiah Willard Secretary of the Province of Massachusetts Bay
Sir, These may Certifie that we find in y^e Town of Dorchester Eighteen Negro
Men Slaves, & Thirteen Fembles, which we have by Certificate in Compliance
with y^e Order from y^e great & General Court to us directed,

James Ponce
Richard Stally
Noah Clap

(Apebons of Dorchester.

Bedford Decem^r. 4th 1754.

In Observance of the Order of ^{the} Hon^{ble} 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.

Attest: ^{Israel Putnam}
Richard Davis. } Justices.
Josiah Gasket

Braintree Decem^r 9th 1754

Pursuant to the within Order, we the Subscribers
have collected the following account
Twenty Males and Sixteen Females within y^e Limits
of S^t. Town

John Adams
Jonathⁿ Wood } Selectmen
Gerrard Smith

Sam^l Niles Jurdy
Thomas Allen

Braintree Select Men's

Return of Negro Slaves

Dec^r 19. 1754

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for this may inform you that there is ⁶ ~~five~~ male
Negro slaves and one female slave in the town
of Salisbury and no more

Dec: 4th 1754

Benjamin Merrill }
Henry Eaton } Agents
Richard Haskitt } for Salisbury

Sturbridge Dec: 26: 1754

In this town there is fewer Negroes viz: two
Males and two females

George Watkins }
Ralph Wheelock } Agents
for
Sturbridge

To his Excellency William Shirley Esq:
 Cap^t. Generall. And his Majestys Council and House
 of Representatives

Y^r. Obedience to your Order of y^e. 19 Nov^r. 1754
 to send to y^r. Secretarys office y^e. Number of Negro
 Slaves. and D^eu Inform you that we have, But
 one Male Negro and five females of sixteen years
 old and upwards so have only to add that
 We are

Manchester 3 Dec. 1754

Yours Most Humble Serv^t
 Samuel Lee }
 Jonathan Hewick }
 Tho^s & Lee }
 of Manchester

Province of the Mass: Bay

Pursuant To An order of the Legislature of this Province
To us Directed To send into the Secretarys office the
Exact number of Negro Slaves in this Town both Males
& Females; This is therefore To signify that there is
Sixteen Negro Slaves in this Town, sixteen years old
& upward

Wenham Dec: 18: 1754:

Sam ^r Goodridge	} Select men of Wenham,
Benja ^r Kimball	
Eben ^r Waldron	
Sam ^l Tarbox Jun ^r	
Daniel Porter	

Stoughton

In Obedience to the Order of y^e Great &
General Court of y^e Nineteenth of November
last, we have taken an exact Act of the
Negro Slaves within y^e Town of Stoughton.
& find that there is Six Males & Two Females,
of sixteen years old and upward.

Stoughton Jan^{ry}
7th 1755

Ezekiah Billing

W^m Royall
Joseph Billing
Daniel Richards

Albepors

Andover

In Testimony to the within Order we the Subscrib^{ers}
have taken the account of the Negro Slaves in the
Town of Andover of sixteen years old and upward &
find them to be thirty two viz twenty eight
males and fourteen females

Andover Jan^y 21st 1755

George Abbot
Joseph Trip
Edw^d Abbot
John [unclear]
A Selectors of
the Town
of Andover

Andover Return of Negro
Slaves Feb^y 14. 1755

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Newbury

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Newbury Account
of Negro Slaves
Jan'y 16. 1755

Provincias of the
New England
Newbury
Newbury
Newbury

Pursuant to the Order we have taken an exact
Account of the Negro Slaves within this
Town from Sixteen Years Old and upwards, &
We find them to be Thirty four Males &
Sixteen females.

Newbury Jan'y 16th 1755

John Brown Apfeon
Henry Pope of the
Cuttingmoady
Newbury

Sr

Ipswich Jan^{ry} 15th 1755

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

Sam^l Boyer Sheriff Ord^r
Selectmen of Ipswich

In obedience to the order of the General Court
sent to the Town of Chelsea. the 19th of Novemb^r
Last

These 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 hands at Chelsea. this 5th
day of January A.D. 1755

John Floyd

Nathan Keen

Samuel Gray Assessors

Benj^l Brintnall for the Town
of Chelsea

For the support
of Townsend

Townsend Museum of Negro
Slave Drum # 98.8.1754

Town Shew December the 10th 1754
This may certify that there is
Two males and one female negro slaves -

John Corant assys
Daniel Doss of
Lebanon County in shew

For the Assessors
of Hopkinton

Hopkinton Assessor of Taxes
James Dunn Dec. 20. 1734

In regard to the welfare we have
taken the account of the Negro
Slaves and find them to be in number
So we remain your humble Servants

Hopkinton Dec. 19 1734

W. SHIRLEY

Assessors
Charles M...
Sam. Nutt

Acton Return of Negro Slaves
Decem^r 18. 1754

1 Male

For the assessor
of Acton

Acton Decem^r bet ye 9: 1754
They may testifye that there is but one
male Negro Slave sixteen years old in Acton
and no females

Jonathan Hofmest
Samuel James Assessors for Acton
Daniel Fletcher

Barnstable

in obedience to the within written

This certifies that there is thirty and three
Negre Slaves in said Town of Barnstable
Males and females (of sixteen years of age
and upwards) & no more.

December 20th 1774 Silvanus Bourne

NB
15 Males
15 females
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Barnstable Return of
Negro Slaves Jan'y 2

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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. *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 Secy.

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY.

Copy attested & signed by

georgetown march - 31 - 1754
to his Honour our secretary or this is
to inform your Honour that there is
only seven negroes in this town ~~about~~
of the age of sixteen years and upwards
your parts

Michael Coates) 1/2
Thomas Wilson) 1/2

John P...)
John P...)

To the honorable
Josiah Willard Secy for the order of
the General Court has lately com to my
hand which requires an account of all
negro servants to present to your self
this is to inform your honor that in this
georgetown there is only two negro servants
if they ar both mal servants

John Debeney

To the honorable
Josiah Willard Secy

Georgetown
february 17 1755

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, Sp'r.

In Council, Nov. 19. 1754.

Read and concur'd,

Thos Clarke, Dep'ty Sec'ry.

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY.

Copy made of the above order
Perjuant to the above order
we certify there are Two Negro Males
None Female the female belonging
to the Minister of said Town

Josiah Mason
Edward Chandler
Jos. Lewis

W. Shirley

North Amherst, N.H.

Province of the
Massach^{ts} Bay } In Observance to the
Gen^l. Court's order of the 19th
Nov. last This may certify -

That Twenty Four is the exact Num^r.
of the Negro Slaves, both Males & Females -
sixteen years Old & upward; that are within
the Town of York.

In the Name & behalf of the rest of the
Assessors of said Town & by their Order
Dan Moulton
York Dec^r. 20. 1754.

To the Sec^y of said Province

In obedience to an order of the Great and General
Assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts
Directed

These are therefore to Certifie that the Number of
Negros in or belonging to the Town of Scarborough
Sixteen years & upward is

The males from sixteen years & upward is $\frac{7}{4}$

Scarborough December 23th 1754 John Libbey } Select
John Moseley } of the
Town of

Pursuant to an order of J. Great and Gen
Court of the 19th of November last to give an
of the exact number of the Negro Slaves both
and Females sixteen years old and upwards

These may Certifie that there are Eighteen
Negro Slaves and Seventeen Femail Negro
within the Town of Littery -

Littery Dec. 26: 1754

Richd Cutt }
Simon Frost. } Selc
John Dernet } of
James Gowen } Littery
Elin Gurney }

In obedience to His Excellency's order we have
 Sent the ^{great} number of the Negro. ^{Slaves}
 Males & females, thirteen years upward
 are within this town, and there are as follows
 fourteen male Negroes - - - - - 14
 Eight females - - - - - 08
 The whole - - - - - 22

Brunswick Decem^r 4th 1754

Thomp^s Chadbourn
 Wither Hill
 Daniel Libbey j^r

Brunswick March 4th 1757
 Sir This day we rec^d his Excellency's
 orders to Requiar y^t number of Negro
 Slaves in this town of Brunswick
 and ther is but ~~three~~ ^{three} above sixteen
 viz two males & on female

Sign^d as before
 Will^m Speer
 Robert Giver

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Summ'd to the order of the
General Court of the Nov. last we have
sent your Honors the Exact Number of
Negro Slaves in this Town, viz. Sixteen
Males & five Females

Attested at Tralmonth 4th of J. Day
of January 1755.

George Berry
William Buchanan
Samuel Skilton Junr. } Stephens

To the Hon: Sarah W. &