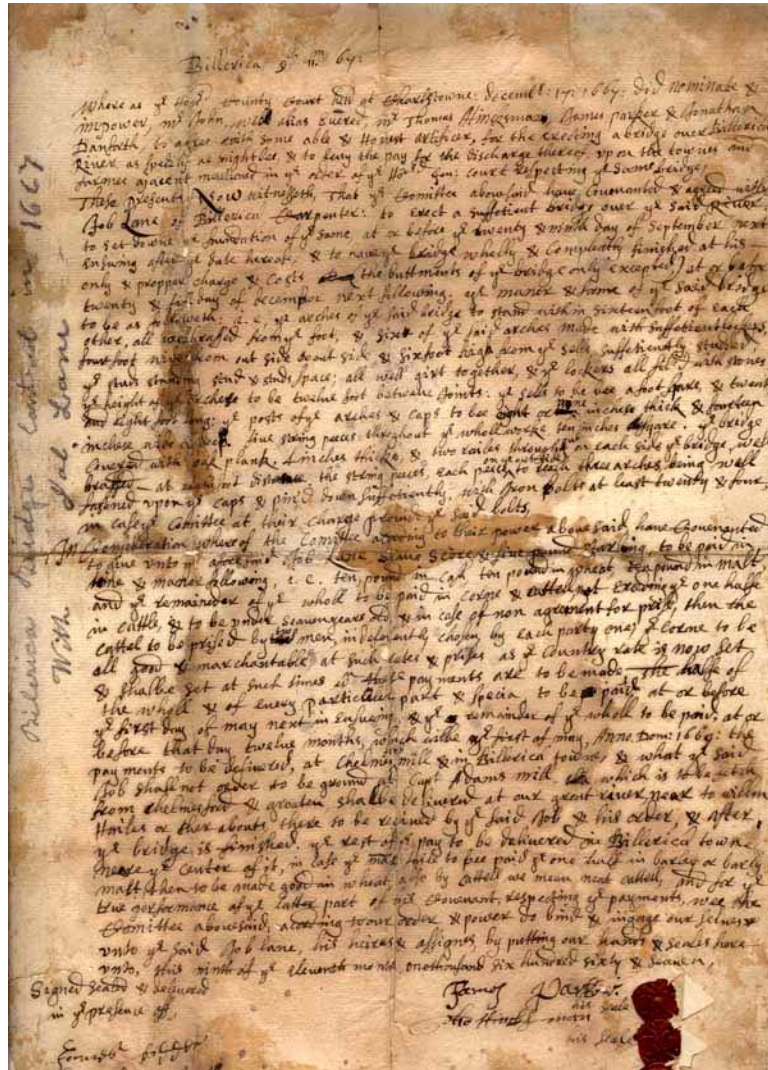


#45 November 9, 1667

Contract between Job Lane and the County Court for erection of bridge over Billerica River



Billerica 9<sup>th</sup> 11m 67:

Where as ye Honrd County Court held at Charlstowne: decernbr 17: 1667: did nominate & impower, mr John Webb alias Evered, mr Thomas Hincksman, James parker & Jonathan Danfofirth, to agree with some able & Honest Artificer, for the erecting a bridge over Billerica River as spedily as might bee, & to levy the pay for the discharge thereof, upon the townes and farmes ajacent mentioned in ye order of ye Honrd Gen: Court respecting ye same bridge, These Presents Now witnesseth, That ye Committee abovesaid have Covenanted & agreed with Job Lane of Billerica, Carpenter: to erect a sufficient bridge over ye said River to set downe ye foundation of ye same at or before ye twenty & ninth day of September next ensuing after ye date hereof, & to have ye bridge wholly & Compleatly finished at his only & proper charge & costs (the buttments of ye bridge only excepted,) at or before twenty & fif day of december next following. ye maner & forme, of ye Said bridge to be as followeth: i.e, ye arches of ye said bridge to stand within sixteen foot of each other, all well brassed from ey foot, & six of ye said arches made with suffetient lockers, four foot wide from out side to out side & six foot high from ye sells suffetiently studded, ye studs standing stud & studs space; all well girt together & ye lockers all filed with stoness ye height of ye arches to be twelve foot betweene joints: ye sells to be a foot spare, & twenty and eight foot long: ye posts of ye arches & caps to bee eight or nine inches thick & fourteen

arches & caps to bee eight or nine inchese thick & fourteen inchese wide or deep. five string peeces throughtout ye wholl worke ten inches sqare. ye bridge Covered with oak plank, 4 Inches thicke, & two railes throughtout on each side ye bridge, well brassed- at eight foot distance the string peeces, each peece on ye outside to reach three arches being well fastened upon ye caps & pin'd down suffetiently, with iron bolts at least twenty & four, in case ye Comittee at their charge provide y6 said bolts,

In Consederation whereof the Comittee acording to their power above said have Covenanted to give unto ye above said Job Lane seave score & five pound starling to be paid in time & maner following, i.e. ten, pound in cash, ten pound in wheat, ten pound in malt, and ye remainder of ye wholl to be paid in corne & cattel, not exeeding ye one halfe in cattle, & to be under seaven years old, & in case of non agrement for prise [price], then the cattel to be prised by two men, indeferently chosen by each party one; ye corne to be all good & marehantable, at such rates & prises as ye Country rate is now set & shall be set at such times wn [when] these payments are to be made, the halfe of the wholl & of every particuler part & Specia, to be paid at or before ye first day of may next in ensueing & ye remainder of ye wholl to be paid, at or before that day twelve months, which wil be ye first of may, Anno. Dom: 1669: the pay ments to be delivered, at Chelmsford mill & in Billerica towne, & what ye said Job shall not order to be ground at Capt Adams mill which is to be fetch from Chelmesford & groaten [Groton], shalbe delivered at our great river, near to willm [William] Hailes or ther abouts, there to be recived by yesaid Job & his order, & after ye bridge is finished. ye rest of

ye pay to be delivered in Billerica towne neare ye Center of it, in case ye malt faile to bee paid ye one half in barley or barley malt, then to be made good in wheat, also by cattell we mean neat cattell, and for ye true performance of ye latter part of this Covenant, respecting ye payments, wee the Comittee abovesaid, acording to our order & power do bind & ingage our selves unto ye said Job Lane, his heires & assignes, by putting our hands & seales here unto, this ninth of ye eleventh month one thousand six hundred sixty & seaven,

signed sealed & delivered

James Parker  
his seale

Tho Hinchsman  
his seale

Jonathan Danforth  
his seale

in ye presence off,

Ernest Kidder

Elisabeth Danforth