

were gathering in that quarter. It was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and two of its members, John Eaton and Simeon Pike were killed.

Capt. Nehemiah Emerson enlisted in the continental army in December, and continued in service till 1783. He marched to New-York, and was there when Independence was declared; he was one of the number who retreated from Ticonderoga, was at the taking of Burgoyne, 1777, and wintered at Valley Forge. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1780.



### 1776.

On the 25th June, the town voted that, "if the Hon. Congress, for the safety of the United Colonies, should declare them independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, *this town does engage with their lives and fortunes to support them in the measure.*"



### 1777.

Considerable dissention had existed in the East Parish for the last three or four years, between Rev. Benjamin Parker and a part of his people. It was occasioned by the refusal of Mr. Parker to relinquish a part of his salary. In 1775, after they had vainly endeavored to allay the difficulties, the people called upon the neighboring ministers for council, and sent a committee to request Mr. Parker to meet with them; but he refused, and desired that the parish "would not trouble him with any more Committees hereafter, for he would not hear them."\* At length, a mutual council was holden this year, on the 21st January, when a compromise was effected, and the connexion between him and the parish was dissolved. Mr. Parker graduated at

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\* East Parish Records.