

## The Petition of Andrew P. Fernald, June 1809.

To the Honourable Senate and the Honourable House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The Petition of Andrew P. Fernald, and Agent legally appointed by the inhabitants of the second Parish in the town of Kittery humbly shew

That the town of Kittery is nearly fourteen miles in length, and contains three Congregational Parishes, and that the town meetings are held in the third Parish, which render it a great inconvenience for the inhabitants in the second Parish to attend, many of whom have to travel more than seven miles to the meeting house in the third Parish where the town meetings are held.

The second Parish is considered to be one half of the town of Kittery, and pay one half of the taxes assessed on the inhabitants of said town, and have more than three hundred Polls that were taxed the last year, and is sufficiently large for a town, and to enjoy the privileges of the incorporated towns of this Commonwealth.

And your Petitioner (in behalf of said Parish) Pray that the second Parish in Kittery be incorporated into a town by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ with the powers, privileges and emunities that other towns within this Commonwealth have and enjoy, and that the town of \_\_\_\_\_ pay its just proportion of all taxes assessed on the town of Kittery, agreeable to the present valuation, and until a new valuation is taken, and bear its due proportion of the expense and charges towards the support of the present Poor thereof, and pay its proportional part of the public debts now owed by said town, and receive its share of public monies and debts now due to the said town & common Stock, in the same proportion that they paid to the last State tax assessed on the town of Kittery.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

June, 1809

Andrew P. Fernald, Agent.