

## The Portsmouth Compact - 1638



Portsmouth Compact document established the settlement of Portsmouth, RI. It was written and signed March 7, 1638 in Boston by group of men desiring to set up a new colony. They had been disarmed by Puritan leaders of the Mass. Bay Colony. Its purpose was to set up a new, independent colony that was Christian in character but non-sectarian. William Freebone was one of 23 to sign this compact. Note that William Freeborne is listed as a signer (5th line from bottom, on right).



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We whose names are under written do give solemnly  
in the presence of God our heavenly Father  
into a Bodie Politick and we shall give with full  
not our persons lives and estates unto our Lord  
Jesus Christ the King of Kings & Lords of Lords,  
and to all his perfect & most absolute lawes  
of his given us in his holy word of truth, to be  
guided & judged by him.

William Coddington

John Clarke

William Hutchinson &

John Burdett

William Symonds

Samuel Willcox

John Norton

John Gorton

Edward Hutchinson Jun. &

Thomas Savage

William Dyer

William Wadsworth

Philip Bourne

John Walker

Richard Carter

William Banister

Edward Hutchinson Jun.

Thomas, with his marks

Randall Howland

Charles Clarke

John Gorton

William Dyer

John Walker