

Town Hall, and afterwards in the Exchange. In 1689 a wooden chapel was built, and named King's Chapel. This building was enlarged in 1710, but was found in the course of twelve years more to be too small for all who desired to attend, and it was decided to build a new church at the north end. The mill creek, a canal cut through the narrow neck of land that separated the Mill Pond from the harbor, now in part covered by Blackstone street, was generally recognized as the dividing line between the north and the south parts of the town.

Our earliest record gives an account of the first steps taken towards building Christ Church, in the following words :

Laus Deo.

Boston, New England.

The second day of September, 1722.

At the request of severall Gentlemen who had purchased a piece of Ground at the North end of Boston to build a Church on, the Reverend Mr. Samuel Myles ordered his Clerk to give notice to his Congregation, That all those who were willing to contribute towards erecting another Church at the North end of Boston were desired to meet at King's Chappel the Wednesday following.

Agreable to which Notification severall Persons assembled and chose Mr. John Barnes, Treasurer, Thomas Graves, Esq., Messrs. George Craddock, Anthony Blount, John Gibbons, Thomas Selbey and George Monk a Committee to receive Subscriptions and build a Church on said ground at the North end of Boston.

The preamble to the subscription :

Whereas, the Church of England at the South part of Boston is not large enough to contain all the people that would come to it, and severall well disposed Persons having already bought a piece of ground at the North part of said Town to build a Church on,

We, the subscribers, being willing to forward so good a work, do accordingly affix to our Names what each of us will cheerfully contribute."

At the head of the list stands the name of the Rt. Hon. Earl of Thanet, who gave £90. His Excellency Francis Nicholson, Governor of South Carolina, gave £69, and also five cedar posts and sixty-five planks, freight free. Among the subscribers were the Hon. Lady Blackett, Leonard Vassall, Charles Apthorp, William Price, Peter Faneuil, and several persons living at Antigua and Barbadoes. The whole amount contributed was £2184, and £1230 was received afterwards from the sale