

Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, 1764 (June 14-December 31)

1764 June 14 (Thursday). My Wife went to Southborough -- to Mr. Stones and Capt. Wards. I held a Catechetical Exercise -- began at Qu. 47; what is forbidden in the 1st Commandment? Begin next time at Qu. 51, what is forbidden in the 2d Commandment? But 19 Young Women attended. N.B. There was a shower just about 3 o'Clock, the Time of Going.

1764 June 15 (Friday). In the Morning I visited *Mrs. Hills*. I Spake with much plainness to her, for She seems to be too insensible. Prayed with her. Was deeply concerned about the Circumstances of my Neighbour Nurse. He is absent; but his mother acquaints me with the *writ* served upon him for a large Sum of Money by Mr. Wilkes of [Middleton?], by which She and the rest are in great affliction. My wife went to Mr. Mich. Martyns Shop.

1764 June 16 (Saturday). Mr. Hutchinson going to Concord, calls here in his New Chair. Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me.

1764 June 17 (Sunday). Read Prov. 10.16. Preached on v. 20, 21. P.M. read Mat. 19. Preached on Ch. 16.13-16. My son Ebenezer and his wife were dismissed to the Church in Brookfield of which Mr. Forbes is Pastor. And appointed next Lords Day for Contribution to the relief of Mr. *Jason Badcock*.

1764 June 18 (Monday). Visited at Capt. Jonathan Fays, two of his Children being sick -- prayed there. Thence to Mr. Phinehas Hardys, his wife languishing -- prayed there -- drank Tea there also. Mr. Hicks desired me to go in and see his wife, which I did. Mr. Hutchinson from Concord came in -- I asked him to pray, which he did. Mr. Art. Bruce and Richard Barns junior hoed with *John* -- had Mr. Nurse's Horse.

1764 June 19 (Tuesday). Richard helps John again -- Mr. Ebenezer Maynards Horse. I went to Ministers Meeting at Marlborough. The Lord bless such Seasons to me! But alas! How dull was I, especially at the Time of Concio -- to my Grief and Shame. The Lord forgive! When I return home my wife tells me old Mrs. Prentice, and her Daughters Cushing and *Curtis* were here to Day: and with them Rev. Mr. Ezra Weld and his Wife.

1764 June 20 (Wednesday). Was very much indisposed and could not go over to Capt. Maynards about our Affair. Wrote to him to come here. For Bruce was here in great Warmth against both Beeton and Captain and afraid lest Beeton Should buy and enter into Possession of the House. Mr. *Fessenden* came. Mr. Bowman at Eve. N.B. Richard worked till Dinner.

1764 June 21 (Thursday). Capt. *Maynard* came and told me that by reason of *Bruce's* settness and stiffness against *Beeton* he was wholly unable to go on with his Bargain with him; and was likely to miss of the Benefit of his Money. Captain came to complete our Business. My Part was in Readiness; but he wants I Should trie to perswade *Bruce* to condescend to let Beeton at least set up his shop at the Corner of the Garden -- he was also in great Haste so that we once more defer -- viz. till next Monday. Mr. Beeton here. I ask the Reason why he was not willing to buy

the Place of *me* as well [*torn*] Capt. Maynard? He answers that he heard that I did not want to Sell my Place to him. I told him it was true, and that I did not want to Sell it to any but such as had like Taste for what I had done there, as I had etc. etc. Mr. Bruce came to desire me to renew our Agreement, which I did -- by signing and Sealing as before. Beeton and Bruce upon the Affair of Beetons living in the House this Summer and the Winter ensuing. Coll. Buckminster and his Lady here and dined with us. They returned to Framingham.

1764 June 23 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden goes again to Dunstable. Messrs. Hall and Hutchinson returning from a Fast at Concord, dined here. N.B. John brought me 16£ old Tenor from Mr. Batherick. Neighbour Moses Nurse here about Some of his Difficultys.

1764 June 24 (Sunday). Read a.m. Prov. 11. Preached on Jer. 8.6, mid Clause. Mrs. Maynard dined here. P.M. read Mat. 20. Preached on Prov. XI.24.25. Had a *Contribution* for Mr. *Jason Badcock*.

1764 June 25 (Monday). Visit Mrs. Hills and pray with her. Lydia David works here. P.M. Capt. *Maynard* and I finished our Affair. My wife and I signed the Deed of my old place to him, and he Signed Six Notes of Hand to me, of three hundred thirty three pounds, six shillings and Eight pence Lawful money; Including First, £13.6.8, the price of the Meadow, which he gives me Deed of: *Secondly*, he is to give me up my Note of Hand to his wife of 6£ 13.4, so that the *first* Note is of 40£ to be paid Sept. 1 next; this is the first payment -- the *Second* Note is of £60, to be paid Apr. 2, 1765. The *third* of 60£ Apr. 2, 1766 with Interest for one Year. The *Fourth* for 60£ to be paid Apr. 2, 1767, with Interest for two Years, the fifth of 60£ to be paid 1768 with Interest for three Years. The Sixth for £33.6.8 to be paid Apr. 2, 1769, with Interest for four Years. A memorandum was also signed by us and witnessed, that the respective partys agreed that the writings Should bear Date from Apr. 2 last. Samuel Taylor and Silas Hill were witnesses. Mr. Beeton was present; and I told both Capt. Maynard and Mr. Beeton that I should reserve a certain large pine in the Hill and Timber for a Corn Barn. Thus have I disposed of my Place and House; and may God forgive what is amiss [*torn*] but all may be to the divine Glory! May I have Right to an inheritance incorruptible etc. and a Building of God an House not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens!

1764 June 26 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter here and assisted in counting the Contribution. There was of Silver £15.19.10.2, of Copper £8.7.6. In all £24.7.4.2 old Tenor -- which may God accept and bless! N.B. John Kelly is here again for what he Claims as due to him on my Son Thomas's Account. Mr. Sumner came to see me. Mr. Sherman of Woburn only called at the Door -- his wife and Brother in Company and Lady in the Chaise.

1764 June 27 (Wednesday). Having visited Mrs. Hills, Went with Mr. Bowman to the Funeral of *old Mrs. Green* -- and thence to Mr. Martyns Lecture. I prayed and Mr. Bowman preached. Text [*blank*]. N.B. at Dinner there, were Miss Mary Bradish, Mrs. Polly Holyoke, and a Number more of Young Ladys from Marlborough. Miss Patty Smith etc. etc. Mr. Martyn presented me a Valuable Wigg which was Mr. *Monis's*. A Storm of Thunder and Rain hastened us home.

1764 June 28 (Thursday). Jonas Kenny mowes the Garden Walks. Mrs. Martyn and her son Richard, Miss Polly Holyoke, Miss Patty Smith, Suse Low, Polly Williams made us a Visit. Mrs. Maynard also made us a Visit to day and brought o' Foot her little Robert Breck. Master Ebenezer Goss likewise here. All the former dined. All of them drank Tea here. Mrs. Martyn brought the above mentioned Wigg. N.B. Mr. Eleazer Pratts wife very ill. I was sent for and went to her -- find her somewhat more in Darkness than in time past: yet trusting in the Lord.

1764 June 29 (Friday). Reading a Valuable MS. of old Mr. *Oxenbridge* -- his plea for the Dumb Indians. Visit Mrs. Hill. She rides out in an Horse-Litter -- and lives through it. Visit and pray with her. They talk (but it seems idle) of undertaking a Journey with her tomorrow.

1764 June 30 (Saturday). At Mr. *Hills* request I went up to see his wife before She Setts out on her Journey to Providence, for, though She can very hardly lift up her head, or Speak, yet She has prevailed with her Husband to undertake in this unaccountable Manner. I prayed, at his Desire, but she hardly Spake to me. I suppose I said too much against her irrational attempt. But they are gone. Capt. B. Fay and Mr. Wheelock with them. P.M. we got in a little Hay. Mr. Stone came. I went to Southborough.

1764 July 1 (Sunday). Preached at *Southborough* a. and p.m. on *Heb.* 4.9 to p. 26 exclusive. Was somewhat faint a.m. Tryed to use a burning Glass p.m. Mr. Stone for me on *Ps.* 9.20 a. and p.m. He returned home; but I tarried and lodged there. He tells me Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ invited Mrs. *Andros* (who has not been to hear me a great while, but was at Meeting to Day) to dine -- but She chose to stay at the Meeting House.

1764 July 2 (Monday). Mr. Stone and I rode to Capt. Taylors -- but he was gone to Roxbury. We went to see the New House he was building. I dined at Mr. Stones. P.M. in returning visit Mrs. Bent, also Mr. Isaac Johnson -- his wife Lane -- and her sister Miss Ruth Thomas confined by weakness -- prayed with them. Called to see Mr. William Woods family at Mrs. Gales -- the widow Adams in Disquietment with me, for what I knew nothing of, viz. her sending to me, some years agoe, and I would not go to her. Joseph Gambel (she says) was the Messenger. We made up the matter before we part. Call at Lt. Bruce's. Breck mowed.

1764 July 3 (Tuesday). Eli Medcalf works here in ashing the Corn. Breck mowes. P.M. at Private Meeting at Deacon Tainters preached on *Prov.* 18.10.

1764 July 4 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter came with an Horse and ploug[h]ed my Field and dined with us. P.M. Capt. Wood, Messrs. Zebulon Rice, Kendal and B. Tainter hoed for me. At night Miss Mary Bradish; and she lodged here. Mr. Philemon Stacy, going to market, is stopped here till late in the Night by the storm. N.B. Mrs. Hills dyed at Upton yesterday. Several Neighbours of the Hoeers, got in 7 Cocks of Hay. Lt. Graves of Cold spring here; and his Wife. Uneasiness with Mr. Forward continues.

1764 July 5 (Thursday). *Mrs. Hills Funeral.* Mr. Bowman here afterwards and Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife. They drink Tea. Captain is very uneasy about *Bruce* who will not consent to

Beetons Setting a Shop on my old place. He expresses himself as if he was ready to repent that he ever did any thing about it. Have gone over the chief Things for my Entertainment in Mr. Martyns [Museum?] of January and February and Sent them home.

1764 July 6 (Friday). Breck and John finish half-hilling the great Field. P.M. Mr. James Flagg and his Wife here and drink Tea -- but is so great Interruption to me.

1764 July 7 (Saturday). *Jonas Kenny* helps Breck and John a.m. half-hilling the Orchard: they [him?], part of p.m. *Lydia David* at Times here -- lodged here last night and tarrys with us Still.

1764 July 8 (Sunday). The Subject I had undertaken to write upon engaged me in some considerable Reading and Study; So that (having also many interruptions almost Every Day the last week) I delivered an old Sermon a.m. (after Reading Prov. 12 with considerable Exposition). The Sermon was on Heb. 9.27 and chosen on Consideration of the late Death; and Omitting the first p. and adding the Evidences of the Truth. Mrs. Parmenter, and the widow Pierce (whom I visited lately at Mr. Ithamar Bellows) dined here. P.M. read Mat. 21 to v. 22 and preached on Gen. 3.15.

1764 July 9 (Monday). Breck mows the Balks at the Island Field. I walked over to Capt. Maynards partly to visit him as very lame, and partly upon the Affair he is So uneasy about, respecting Mr. Bruce's denying to have Beeton come into the House. But Captain was gone from home. Mrs. Maynard has much to say of how vast the Dammage to them if Beeton does not go into the House and that it lies very much with me to make Bruce Consent; whereas it is far from me. But my then Present Business was to See whether Bruce would consent to Beetons Setting his shop on the Land, and where it will accommodate. Mr. Beeton came and I had Discourse with him upon it. He tells me he is freely willing to give any Security to pay what Dammages Shall come by his Setting his Shop there. I went to Mr. Bruce's -- talked with him and her -- as to Beetons coming into the House, Mr. Bruce said he would speak at once and plainly, for he was altogether determined upon it, that That minute, that Beeton came in, he would go out. However, after a great deal of Discourse, Bruce consents that if Capt. Maynard will declare before Witnesses that he or Beeton shall pay Dammages that may come by the Shop's being Set there, it may. I dined there; and there were two young Women, Martha Warrin and Jemima Warrin, who being at Dinner also, heard Mr. *Bruce* say, he consented to it. I returned to Capt. *Maynards* who was not come home -- but at length came. I told him I had succeeded, and Mr. Beeton, only on *his* declaring before Witness, he would pay for Dammage etc., might set up his Shop. The Captain did not receive it as I expected, but answered roughly - - viz., that there was no Example of the like -- no man to be found who buying a place could not do any thing upon it, nor have any Benefit but upon so hard Terms etc. Whereas the Case was quite the Contrary, for this what I had done to gratifie him and he offered himself and Beeton did repeatedly, to give any security -- and as to any Perplexitys he was brought into, it was entirely by his own Doing, to my Sad Disquietment: and now his proceeding was *inconsistent* -- for I might conclude that a rational either *would* or *would not* -- but here in this Case, when I would fain have had him take the place into his own Hands intirely, but he utterly refused it, and said he would have nothing to do with it -- yet upon which much against my Will, I was

obliged to go and tell Mr. Bruce that now all things Should be as they used to be, and no body Should molest him, but with his own Consent, Yet now Captain wants to have such part of it as was the most difficult to grant, the House, and not for himself but for *another* etc. In fine, Captain, at my Desire, gave me my Note to Mrs. Maynard for 50£ old Tenor in the Year 1757; and I took leave. Visit Mr. Benjamin How. Mrs. How presents me another Sash or Gown-string. Visit Mr. Hannaniah Parker after the Death of his Mother. Visit Neighbour Batherick -- but told him I did not come to dunn. However, he did paid me 30£ old Tenor. Returning home, paid Mrs. Rolf in full 6£ old tenor. In the Eve Mr. Bowman -- asks advice about Oxford. N.B. Lt. Baker breaks up part of his Land before the Burying place, with 21 Creatures.

1764 July 10 (Tuesday). Lt. Baker breaks up in the same Tract, again -- his Team 23. *Breck* mowing a.m. Wrote to *Samme*.

1764 July 11 (Wednesday). Mr. *Sumner* came; but his Wife, he was obliged to leave at Deacon Miles's; it being *exceeding Hot*, and having their Babe with her. He dined with us, and preached my Lecture on Gal. 3.1. N.B. *Silas Biglow* of College here, with his Sister Dorcas, on their Journey to Cambridge. I gave him *Rohault's* Philosophy, with various Cutts, large Octavo, and *Bartholine's* Specimen of Natural Philosophy. After Lecture Mr. Bowman, Dr. Crosby, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Tainter, Mrs. Hannah Rice, drink Tea -- many Visitants to the Currants.

1764 July 12 (Thursday). Write, and Send by Mr. John Wood, a Letter *to Mrs. Andrews*, in my own Vindication and with kind Affection. Mr. Bowker mowes for me, back of the Stables in each Inclosure; and in Bent meadow. *Suse* rode to Marlborough and tarrys all night.

1764 July 13 (Friday). A great Rain; most refreshing to the Earth, which began to be very dry again. But some of my Hay is drench'd, which was mowed yesterday. How small the Loss to so great a Blessing! Principally we are to wish and pray for the plentiful out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our dry and barren Souls! Might it please God, of His infinite Mercy to grant this great and rich Blessing!

1764 July 14 (Saturday). It rains plentifully till afternoon. *Suse* detained still at Marlborough. After ceasing a while, it rains again.

1764 July 15 (Sunday). It is still a Wet, rainy Season. Read Prov. 13. Preached on *Gen. 3.15*. Administered the Lords Supper. Deacon Tainter dined here. P.M. read Mat. 22 to v. 22. Preached on Mat. 16.17. In appointing the Catechizing used Some urgency to have the Children Sent. I wish we may be all roused and quickened to our Duty. After Meeting Mr. Daniel Forb. speaks to me, and tells me Mrs. Andrews has sent to him to desire he would go to see her, and that he would ask me to go with him -- and this speedily.

1764 July 16 (Monday). Mr. Jonathan How came to mowe for me; but the Meadows were so wet that he could not. He returned home. *Suse* returned from Marlborough. Catechized at the Meeting-House at 8 a.m. 51 Boys. P.M. 29 Girls. Lydia David has been with us for Some time -- is helpful at a Spurt in raking Hay when a storm was rising.

1764 July 17 (Tuesday). At Mr. Nurse's. He tells me he wants to Sell his Place -- upon which I ask him to let me have the refusal of it, or part of it. And I spoke to Mrs. Nurse that She may Seasonably when any Thing of that Nature occurs. I rode to see Mrs. *Hannah Rice* (wife of Adonijah) to examine her in order to her joining with the Church. Spent my self till I was faint -- and then, it being past noon, I visit Mr. Joseph Harrington, who is lately marryed, and dined there. Then I visit Mr. Daniel Forbush and at his motion to go to Deacon Bond. I send to the latter to go with us to Mr. Andrews tomorrow morning. Then I visit Ensign Miller and the rest of that House, Particularly Isaac's wife up Chamber. Pray with them. Call at Deacon Tainters -- his Wife layd by. Mrs. Hannah Tainter is in Trouble and wants to talk with me about what is said of Mrs. *Andrews* Case I Spend a little Time upon it, and She Says She is mighty Glad to hear how it really was. Jonas Kenny helps Breck get home a Load from the meadow. And they get in several Cocks beyond the Meeting House. Mr. Bowman at Eve. N.B. *Lydia* went away in the Morning.

1764 July 18 (Wednesday). Deacon Bond came about 7 o'Clock, and Mr. Daniel Forb. before 8, to go to Mrs. Andrews -- but it rained so hard that it could not be prudent for me to go out. We had a great Deal of Discourse on the Affair; and I Showed 'em the Letter which I had lately written to Mrs. A. and though writ with all hearty disposition of Peace, yet was misimproved by Mrs. A. at Mr. Warrins last Saturday. And therefore I had little Thought to try much more. Deacon *Bond* discovered a greater Opinion of Separates than I imagined he would and more favourable Apprehension concerning Mrs. A. and her Behavior in general although he could not but conceive She had been imprudent in some Things. Mr. Forbush was as much in their Defense as I suppose any of the Church and is very desirous to have every thing moderated and Smoothed over that can be. The Rain prevailed so that Deacon went home, and Mr. Forb. went down to Mrs. A.'s alone. Towards Evening he returned here and tells me they were in Such a Frame that he did not See but that they were likely to come to if proper means were used -- and that they were willing to have any of their Neighbours hear their Case and if they had been out of the way, would retract -- that they would be glad I would take a Time and bring some Men, and give them Notice that they might have some also etc. -- thus fair and Smooth was every Thing.

1764 July 19 (Thursday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ to Capt. Maynards. Breck at Mr. Nurse's, because the Waters are so high upon our own Grass.

1764 July 20 (Friday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ to visit her Kinsman Lt. Larkin Williams at Marlborough who is ill; as is his Wife also. Mrs. Maynard goes with her; and they go to Squire Brigham's; where they dine etc. Mr. Edmund Brighams Wife and Miss Persis Rice make a Visit here. At Eve Mr. Bowman. Little *Gott* here with us, grows ill. *Breck* at Mr. Nurse's.

1764 July 21 (Saturday). Breck So commands my mare as to make her plow; and he and John hoe in the Field behind the Meeting House. Mr. Moore of Oxford here from Cambridge -- tells me there was no Commencement -- no public Assembly -- That the Governor etc. were at Cambridge on Thursday -- That the workmen are working on Harvard College. After Dinner I

considered that Mrs. Bowman was expecting her Hour, that it must needs be agreeable to Mr. B. for me to change with him, that he might be with his wife at such a Time as this; not that I would go to *Oxford*, but as he had agreed with Mr. Hutchinson to go there, I would take Mr. Bowmans place at Grafton. This therefore I proceeded to do. Went to Mr. B. who, though at first seemed not to choose it, having had another Scheme, yet afterwards desired it; and, Mr. Moore my Company I went to Grafton -- Mr. H. to Oxford according to Appointment. I lodged at Grafton.

1764 July 22 (Sunday). Preached at Grafton on *Joel* 3.13, first Clause, a.m. N.B. began the Exercise with singing. P.M. also: so that we sung five times in the Day. Preached p.m. on *Mat.* 13.39, middle Clause. O that God would add His Special Blessing to the solemn, awakening Word! to my own soul especially. May I do every Thing as realizing that I am hastening into Eternity and that as I sow I may reap: that therefore what I would have to spend in Eternity I must lay up in Time! I returned at Evening. Mr. Bowman has preached for me a. and p.m. on Rom. 8.1.

1764 July 23 (Monday). Neighbour Lock and his Brother Jonathan How<sup>1</sup> reap for me at the Island. Breck with them. John hoes. Mrs. *Johnson* at Work here -- altering some Cloths of Brecks etc. Lydia David continues here, both for Household Work and Spinning. P.M. I rode to Mr. Moses Warrins to See their young Child which is Sick -- prayed there. Drank Tea also with them. Called to See old Mrs. Byles and Mrs. Hardy. N.B. *Mrs. Bowman in Travail*. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ there. May God Himself be there.

1764 July 24 (Tuesday). One o'Clock a.m. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ returns. *Mrs. Bowman has a Son*. She was delivered by Dr. Ball, not without Instrument. Mrs. Johnson here. *Lydia* also. *Breck* reaps and John hoes a.m., both of them and Jonas Kenny p.m. taking up Rye which was reaped yesterday.

1764 July 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Moses Parker reaps a.m., carts in one Load of Rye p.m. I visit Mrs. Bowman at noon. Mrs. Rolf breaks fast with me, and goes over to Upton to her Brother Nathaniel Flagg's -- and I fear on foot -- Whilst I want my Mare to plow among Corn. Mrs. Johnson here. P.M. heavy showers. Mr. Parker comes back with empty Cart. He stays here. Mr. Adonijah Rice's Wife here and was examined.

1764 July 26 (Thursday). Mr. Parker works for me. Breck lame by a Prick of a Pitchfork in his Shin, yesterday: he is unable to work to Day. Paid Mr. Parker, 15/ for yesterday, 20/ for to Day - - 10/ I gave him for his kindness to his Mother Parmenter. It was by a Note to the Collector *Green*. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Sally Putnam, work here. Mr. Bowman here and tells me he Shall defer the Baptism of his son until sabbath come se'nnight.

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<sup>1</sup>Jonathan How mar. Lydia Maynard, Nov. 29, 1759. Joshua Lock, Jr., of Southborough mar. Abigail Maynard, Mar. 1, 1754 (Southborough VR, 122).

1764 July 27 (Friday). The same Women work here, as yesterday. Breck reaps. Jonas Kenny plows, and Cradles Rye etc. Mr. Adonijah Rice here, I having sent for him. He consents to his Wifes Joining with the Church. I call him to repentance and exhort him to his own Duty. I moreover, solemnly, charge him etc. Mrs. Johnson leaves us at Even. Send to Messrs. Fleets at Boston, for last Years Evening Post -- etc. per Hand of Mr. *Jedidiah Bass* of Grafton.

1764 July 28 (Saturday). Miss Sally Putnam leaves us. Lydia here Still. Breck finishes reaping Rye and gets it in. A light Crop -- about 20 shock only, for [blank] Acres of Ground. But *any* is more than Desert.

1764 July 29 (Sunday). Read Prov. 14. Preached on v. 12. Mrs. Maynard dined with us. P.M. read Mat. 22 from v. 23. Preached on *Mat.* 16.18. N.B. propounded Mrs. *Hannah Rice*, wife of *Adonijah*. N.B. Mr. *Stretton* of *Waltham* at Meeting -- but not at my House. N.B. Though it was an heavy Rain between Meetings and especially at the Time of re-assembling, yet there was a considerable Congregation. Might we all profit by the Divine Word, and not deceive our selves! At Evening instead of my usual Repetition I read a part of Mr. Robert *Boltons* Treatise of right comforting afflicted Consciences, from p. 33 to 56. Which may God bless to our awakening and Saving Good!

1764 July 30 (Monday). Mr. Bowker who was to have come to work for me disappoints me. Am employed in that remarkable Satyr, the Simple Cobler etc. Breck and John [blank]. At Eve Mr. Forbes and Sarah from Brookfield. They inform that Lucy is often very poorly but that *Neddy* Parkman is better.

1764 July 31 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and Suse to Boston. I go to Mr. Bowker and wait upon his doing one Jobb after another at his Shop, till I get him away to my work. I visit Squire Whipple and his son. Dine at Mr. Greens. Received £10.18.9 old Tenor. Visit at Mr. James Maynards -- at Mr. Hannaniah Parkers, whose Child is ill. Prayed there.

1764 August 1 (Wednesday). Breck mows in the Meadow at the Brook. Mr. Marritt here, tells me he has done keeping School here in this Town, and that Sir Cushing is to come in his room. P.M. I visited Mrs. Andrews. I find that She has Strangely wrought her self over to Say what never was, as, particularly that She *insisted* upon my laying her Case before our Church when she talked with me at Mrs. *Newtons*; whereas upon my giving her Reasons why it was not fit to lay before the Church at that Time, She actually resigned the matter to me -- as Mrs. *Warrin* testifys. Another Thing she has, through her mistake and prejudice, got into quite a wrong shape and wrong time, is her Husbands Answer to be about Sending the Letters -- for she says, he said to me, at the time of my proposing to write Letters, that I might write to *any Man in Connecticut* as well as to Mr. *Wigglesworth* -- Whereas he did never use that Phrase till I visited them upon Mr. Gale's speaking to me: and he used it in a different manner and in a different View, viz. When I told him it was with his Consent that I wrote to Mr. *Wigglesworth*: he answered Do you think I would go to hinder? You might write to who you pleased, to any Gentleman in Connecticutt if you would, I Should not hinder it. Another Thing Still, She Misrepresents, viz. their having said, *they had done, they Should ask no more* -- whereas this



was Mr. A.'s Answer to me, both at his House, when I made the visit immediately after I knew by Mr. Gale, that they were uneasy, and offered to lay their matter before the Church if they desired it (this was his Answer), No: we have no more to request: and again, at my House, as soon as I had read the Jacques Letter to 'em: for Mr. A. presently replied, "We have now done." Now Mrs. A. disowns their having said so, and declares they have been *laboring* in the Affair. And this I my self do sincerely believe. I tarried a convenient space, expressed my Sorrow for the Misunderstanding between us -- expressed my wishes also, of Peace etc. and took leave. N.B. Capt. Curtis and others came. I visited at Mr. Simeon Newtons and at Mr. Beemans. At Eve Mr. Bowman here, tells me Mr. Maccarty will go to Oxford if I will go to Wor'ster.

1764 August 2 (Thursday). Richard Barnes junior mows a.m. along with Breck in the Meadow for me. P.M. they rake and Cock till 4 when a Storm of Thunder and Rain beats 'em off.

1764 August 3 (Friday). Richard again. They get in several Load of Hay. Mr. Hodgman of Concord brings Mrs. Kidder. They dine here and then proceed on their Journey to Sutton. P.M. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I visit Mrs. Bowman. At Eve Mr. Forbes and Suse from Boston. The Honorable Mr. *Thomas Hancock* dyed yesterday -- and Cousen *Isabella Breck*, I hear, went to Bed well (a while ago) and dyed before Morning. O that I might be ready also! Mr. Eliot has sent me the Result of another Council on Chebacco Affairs.

1764 August 4 (Saturday). Mr. F. having lodged at [blank] breaks fast there; but drinks Tea with us, as does Mr. Bowman -- who brings Me an Horse to ride to Worcester. I dined at Capt. Curtis's with old Mrs. Prentice. Mr. F\_\_\_\_\_ pursues his Journey. P.M. Mr. *Swan* Smoothes the Cases of my Watch. Mr. Maccarty meets me there. We went up to the Bellfry of the Meeting House, now finishing, but the inside not done. I lodge at his House: but he refuses to go to Day to Oxford.

1764 August 5 (Sunday). Mr. *Maccarty* goes to *Oxford*, for Mr. *Bowman*, who preaches for me, and I for Mr. *Maccarty*. A.M. my Text Ps. 27.4. P.M. on Heb. 11.16. The Lord follow these attempts with his Blessing! N.B. I baptized Mary, the Daughter of Francis Ward. Many Persons Stood up to Sing, and they Sung *Tate* etc.'s Version. At Eve Mr. *Maccarty* returned from Oxford, but I tarried where I was.

1764 August 6 (Monday). In the Morning Mr. M. and I walked to Dr. *Willards*. N.B. he has lately bought *Universal History* in 21 Volumes. Mr. *Othniel Taylor* desired me to visit him, for which reason I rode that way in my returning. Called to Speak with Mr. *Nat. Adams* about his Sister *Andrews*, but dined at Mr. *Taylor*s. N.B. I did this the rather because I understood he was much disturbed about *standing to Sing*. Having called at my Friends, *Sumner*, *Cushing*, *Allen*'s, in Shrewsbury arrived at Eve in Safety. Breck brings home a Load of Hay from the Meadows.

1764 August 7 (Tuesday). In the Morning I rode down to Mr. Moses Parkers to get him to come to work for me. Visit Mr. Chamberlin who is ill. Visit Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's Wife who fell from her Horse on Lord's Day and broke her Collar Bone. N.B. her peculiar Circumstances

rendered the Fall very perillous. N.B. Miss Sally Putnam making a Gown for *Suse*, which she lately bought the Chints for at Boston. P.M. though very rainy I rode to Ensign Millers, where the Private Meeting is appointed to be, and preached there on *James* 5.9, which God bless to all of us! That we may be ready for the Coming of the Lord. Call'd at Mr. Adonijah Rice's, at his Wife's Request. Breck 2 Load, though one Wet.

1764 August 8 (Wednesday). Breck alone at the Meadows, disappointed of Help. Miss Sally here Still -- dined with us but then left us. *Sarah* and *Suse* (in Mr. Nurse's Chair but my mare) to Capt. Maynards. Mr. Adonijah Rice's Wife here and Signs her Relation. At Eve Deacon Kimbal to view my East Chambers. Mr. Moses Nurse pays me £10.2.10.2 old Tenor.

1764 August 9 (Thursday). Gave Mr. Seth Morse £8.10.9 old Tenor to buy me a Barrell of Flower. Breck mowing and raking at the Meadow. At Eve Mr. *William Winter* and his Daughter, Mrs. *Rachel*, came, and they lodged here.

1764 August 10 (Friday). Mr. Winter and his Daughter, after Dinner, left us to go to Worcester. P.M. Breck (by help of Moses Smith from Capt. Woods) got home and Stacked at the back of the Barn, two Jaggs of Hay -- and Since I have so little Help and it is so difficult to obtain it of others, and meet with so many Disappointments about it, I have concluded to let the rest of the Grass Stand.

1764 August 11 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter came in the Morning to plow in my Corn-Field in order to our hoeing it again but my plough was broke, and therefore to mend; and I had no Rie to sow; he had himself a great deal of Hay and Oates to take Care of at home; so that he returned without doing any Thing. But 4 Young Men, *Levi Warrin*, *Elisha Forbush* by Proxy, *John Forb.* in his room; *Thomas* and *Joseph Bond*, came and hoed the Corn in my Orchard and finished before 10 o'Clock. Breck and John plowed for 'em.

1764 August 12 (Sunday). Read *Prov.* 15. In preaching a. and p.m. I used Expositions on *Mat.* 5.21.22 with some Additions etc. The Occasion was this, I Spent a great deal of Time in consulting Authors, Some Number of them upon the passage I was writing upon, viz. *Mat.* 16.19, and although I had provided as much as might suffice for an Exercise, yet it would be a detriment to break off *there* -- though it was my Design to deliver it, till I found that the subject I was to repeat in the a.m. would best profit, by going on with the Same p.m. and that the a.m. Exercise would be greatly hurt without. I proceeded to deliver the rest also; which therefore I did. Widow Smith and Mrs. Hannah Rice dined here. Admitted the latter into the Church. N.B. Read p.m. *Mat.* 23.

1764 August 13 (Monday). I walked to *Pratts* and several *Maynards*. Mr. Winter and his Daughter here a.m. They have been to Worcester and are returning to Cambridge. Deacon Tainter, with Boy and Horse, comes to plow among my Corn, which is behind the Meeting House -- but first sows it with Rye -- [which?] Breck and John hoe, and (with some small assistance of two or three at sunsetting) finished the Field.

1764 August 14 (Tuesday). Transcribing the Result of a Council at Ipswich on Chebacco Affairs, July 30, 1748, which Mr. *Eliot* of Boston has furnished me with the Original of. At Eve visit Mrs. Bowman. Mr. Gay and his wife (who was Miss Mary Devotion, my wifes Kinswoman) and his Sister *Ballantine* of Westfield, and her son John going to College here, and all lodged here.

1764 August 15 (Wednesday). Mr. Gay etc. left us for Dedham. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ to Capt. Maynards, Miss Betty Gott being come from Springfield, there, and Sent for her. P.M. Mr. *Holbrook* from Boston, accompanied by Mr. Richard *Surcomb*, the Baker, makes us a Visit. Mr. *Nurse* cutts down my Oates at *Cook-Field*.

1764 August 16 (Thursday). Capt. *Woods Pot-Ash* at work. I was there to See it. *Brewer* the workman, to manage it. Messrs. *Holbrook* and *Surcomb* return and dine with me. At Eve I wait upon 'em to Capt. Woods, they having never seen the working of Pot-ash. They were now smelting. These Gentlemen tarry with us over Night. N.B. Mr. *Barns* help me p.m. in gathering up my Oates.

1764 August 17 (Friday). Messrs. H. and S. leave us. Sent Mr. *Eliot* the Result of the Ipswich Council in 1748. I gratify Mr. *Lock* in Sending John to Southborough with his Horse to help his Brother Josiah up the Steep Hills. He went to *Brittons*. Mr. *Lock* helped me at Eve, along with Lt. Bakers Young man, in getting in my Oates. Our Kinswoman Miss Betty Gott came. N.B. I gave Squire Whipple a Certificat concerning his son *Abner*, directed to Rev. Mr. *Bulkley Olcott* at No. 4 to be Communicated.

1764 August 18 (Saturday). Miss *Betty* with us. P.M. Mr. *Nathan Stone* junior came to Preach for me; and he asks me whether I would be willing to go to *Yarmouth* to his Ordination if the Church there Should send to us?

1764 August 19 (Sunday). Read Prov. XVI. Mr. *Nathan Stone* preached for me, a. and p.m. on Eph. 5.14. I read p.m. Mat. 24 to v. 28. Sir Cushing dines with us. After meeting Capt. Maynard and wife, here. Mr. *Stone*, at Evening, returned to his Fathers.

1764 August 20 (Monday). John Kelley, Son of long *Kelley*, of Hopkinton here again, demanding pay for a Shirt which he says he afforded to Capt. McKeen to bury my Son *Thomas* in -- and although I have understood that Capt. McKeen told him, he Should See to it, to pay him for it, and has received all *Thomas's* Wages, for that End that he might pay all his Debts and funeral Charges, I gave him 3£ old Tenor and made him a present of Mr. *Guthries's* Trial of a Saving Interest etc. I took no Receipt, but Mr. Aaron *Nurse* and Miss Betty Gott were present. Mr. *Moses Nurse* in great Trouble and wants to borrow money. I wrote him a Note to Mr. Green, but it was to Small purpose. Mr. Green at Eve paid me £4.12 old Tenor. At Eve came Mr. *Abercrombie* from *Pelham*. Brought me a Collection of Pamphlets relative to the Secession in Scotland in the year 1732 and 1733, viz. Mr. Ebenezer *Erskines* Sermon at Perth at the opening of the Synod, from Ps. 118.22. The true state of the process against him -- and the Representations of Masters Eb. *Erskine*, James Fisher, William Wilson and Alexander Moncrief etc. etc. He lodged here.

1764 August 21 (Tuesday). Mr. Abercrombie to Boston. Miss Betty goes with him as far as Marlborough. Mr. M. *Nurse* again and prays me to undertake to get him some Money at Marlborough, for Squire *Taylor* had Sued him. I rode to Ministers Meeting at Mr. Smiths. As I went I called at Mr. Edmund Brighams to see Reuben Bellows who lies there ill of a Fever. Prayed with him. Got Mr. Brigham to go for me down to Capt. Wards to desire him to lend me 9 Dollars. Dined with the Association. All there. Obtained of Mr. Loring to preach my Lecture tomorrow. After Meeting I went to the Widow of Ephraim How -- and left my Message to Capt. Ward Should fail and my good Neighbour Nurse Should Suffer Dammage for want of the money. I borrowed a Johannes of Mr. Stephen How, and gave him a note for it. Returning the way by Mr. Brighams, called and received of him (for he Succeeded) the 9 Dollars abovesaid and hastened home, though it grew dark, to meet Neighbour Nurse that he might be relieved, and hasten to Worcester early in the morning But (notwithstanding he told me he would come at Eve, for I had his Horse) he came not, which troubled me; forseeing the Evil he must fall into: and I had taken Such Pains, and successfully for him.

1764 August 22 (Wednesday). I rose early -- hastened to Mr. Nurse -- got him up out of his Bed -- gave him the money I had borrowed of Capt. Ward; 9 dollars. He said he feared it was not enough (yet 20£ old Tenor was all he asked for) hereupon I gave him 47/ Old Tenor of my own, and endeavoured to hasten him away that he might get up before the Court and prevent all further Charge. But fear he did not go Seasonably. He lent me his Mare to go as far as Mr. *A[n]drews's* for I heard his wife was ill. I went but met with ill reception. Mr. *Andrews* came into the Room -- but would not Speak to me, nor come near to me, although I greeted him kindly, he turned his back nor would he answer. When I spake of Gods Goodness to them in his Wife's Deliverance etc. he only hurried out again. I observed to *her* that I perceived I came undesired, Seeing Mr. Andrews would not so much as Speak to me -- and if so I would go home again. She answered How do you think we can desire any Favour of you; since you count us to have the Spirit and Practice of Separates? I answered I was sorry They were got to this. The Nurse offered me something to drink: I told Mrs. A. that a little Cold Water if I could have her Love with it, would be preferable. At my leaving her I told her I had come on purpose to make her a Christian Visit. But since it is thus! I go away weeping. And Seeing Mr. *Andrews* in the Bar-Room, I bid him *Farewell*. He nodded but did Speak to me, that I heard.

Venerable Loring came, and dined with me and preached my Lecture from Luk. 24.45. Then opened he their understanding etc. May the Lord reward him and bless his Labors! After Lecture came Mr. Bridge from Framingham to desire me to preach his Lecture tomorrow se'nnight; when there will be expectation of Something upon *Singing*. N.B. Mr. Bowman, Master Cushing and Brother Hicks here, at Tea etc. Mr. Loring would leave us though it looked like rain: and it came, after he had set out.

1764 August 23 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden returns from Dunstable, dines with us, and Says the People there have given him a Call.

1764 August 24 (Friday). Mr. F. after Dinner leaves us again to return to Dunstable. Lt. Baker is breaking up part of his Land on the plain before us. My Wife goes to visit Mrs. *Andrews*. Mr. Simeon Newtons Wife here with Huckleberrys, and I buy a Quantity of them. Hear Capt. Brigham has killed a great Bear.

1764 August 25 (Saturday). Miss Betty Gott returns, and goes to her sister Maynards. But her sister Brigham and her young Child *Neddy* came from Marlborough with her, and stays with us. Have Writ a Letter to Mr. A. Bruce to consent to Mr. Beetons going into the House.

1764 August 26 (Sunday). Mrs. Brigham with us. I read publickly Prov. XVII. Preached on Ps. 116.14. Administered the Lords Supper. P.M. read Mat. 24 from v. 29 to the End: and delivered what I had been Some time preparing, on *Mat.* 16.19. It took me more than an Hour, and with Small Addition would have sufficed for two Sermons; but it was best to deliver it together at Once. May God grant Success! Baptized Eight Children, viz. 6 of Mr. Adonijah Rice's, one of Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's, and one of Mr. Adam Rice's. Mrs. Brigham and her sister Maynard, as well as Master Cushing, dined here. At Eve instead of Repetition read part of Mr. *Doolittle* on 1 *Joh.* 5.13. In the Morning Exercise at Cripple Gate.

1764 August 27 (Monday). Wrote to Mr. Lull by John Maynard -- to warn him that if he does not pay me, nor Secure me better in my Right, within 3 months, I Shall esteem the 35 Acre Lott (37 it Should be) mine and may dispose of it. I visit Mr. Phinehas Hardys wife who is very low again. *Thomas Rice of Pownalborough*, Esq. there. We dine there. I prayed with them. Deacon Tainter here at Eve. N.B. I saw him going over to A. Bruce's p.m. and I had desired him to use his Endeavours to perswade Mr. Bruce to let Beeton move into the House. He said he was going there for that End.

1764 August 28 (Tuesday). Went to Squire Whipples, who took my acknowledgment of a power of Attorney, which I Send to Brother Breck of Springfield per Miss Betty Gott. Mr. Nurse fails in getting Money for me to carry to Capt. Ward. Go to Mr. Greens to get some of own of him, but fail there also. At Night Mr. Green brings me 10£ 16.10d old Tenor.

1764 August 29 (Wednesday). A.M. Closely engaged in preparing for the Lecture tomorrow. P.M. my Wife and I (in Mrs. Nurse's Chair, but my own mare) rode to Framingham. In our Way called at Mr. Stone's, where was one of President Burr's Children, viz. *Sally* -- in her 10th year. May God vouchsafe His Blessing on her, and her Brother at the Jersies. Arrived at Coll. Buckminsters and lodged there.

1764 August 30 (Thursday). We went to Mr. Bridge's and dined there. Besides Mr. Bridge, there were Rev. Messrs. Stone, Smith, Lock, Eli[ab?] Stone, and Mr. *Bridge* of Sudbury. When we went to Meeting I was obliged to pray as well as Preach, though there were so many ministers present. It was both a Sacramental and a singing Lecture. Therefore I preached on Ps. 57.12. After the Exercise, the Singers and many others tarried; and Some Number of Tunes were sung with eminent skill. Mr. William Brown waits upon us to his House. Alexander well and contented. We supped and lodged there.

1764 August 31 (Friday). We were agreed about the Binding *Alexander* but have no Blanks, nor Time to write Indentures. Mr. Bridge came there. We returned to Coll. Buckminsters and dined there. Called at Dr. Hemingways and Mr. Stones. Arrived here at Evening. Great Trouble with the Sheep's breaking in etc. But a worse trouble arose *with* and about the Mare, being very willful when we got near the House -- and I was obliged to correct her etc.: for which Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ was much disturbed. The Lord forgive what occurred!

1764 September 1 (Saturday). I rode down to Southborough and Mr. Stone came here. N.B. My Sheep which were very disorderly, Mr. Aaron Nurse fetters.

1764 September 2 (Sunday). Preached at Southborough on Heb. 4.9 a.m., which I followed with another Discourse p.m. on Heb. 4, v. 11. Mr. Stone preached again on Ps. 9.20 and p.m. on Jam. 2.19. N.B. my Horse (which was Mr. Moses Nurse's) ran home last Night, and Mr. Stone led back my own mare; but so late I could not return home. But visited and prayed with Capt. Jonathan Ward who is sick.

1764 September 3 (Monday). Mr. Stone and I visit Capt. Ward. The Doctors there and dress his sore at his Throat. Dined at Mr. Stones. P.M. returned home, calling to see Reuben Bellows -- the Warrins etc. A Stranger broke out with the Small Pox at the North End.

1764 September 4 (Tuesday). Private Meeting at Old Deacon Forbush's, or Kendalls. I preached there on 1 *Tim.* 6.12. Deacon *Bond*, one of the select men, gives an Account of what they did about the Sick man, over upon the Great Road. He lies at *Bartlets*, and is taken Care of. The Lord Sanctifie this Providence to us and prepare for His will! We hear that Brother Brecks Barn was burnt by Lightning last Thursday Night.

1764 September 5 (Wednesday). Neighbour *John Wood* has my Mare to go in his Waggon to Boston. I have his Fathers Horse to go to a Fast at Hopkinton, at the House of Capt. Townsend, on account of his Mother, an aged Woman, in great Spiritual Distress. Mr. *Frost* prayed, Mr. Stone preached on Ps. 51.17 a.m. P.M. Mr. Barrett prayed, and I preached. My Text Rev. 22.17. I went to Mr. Barretts after Exercises; but returned home at Eve. N.B. Mr. *Adams* ordained at Lunenbourg, and Billy is gone to it.

1764 September 6 (Thursday). I walked over to t'other House and to Capt. Maynards. Got him to go down to Rutters Brook and to the Meadow which I have bought of him there: having appointed to meet Mr. Andrews there. We went all there accordingly and the Captain Shewed us our Bounds. We agreed about the Fence -- that my part should be the upper End; and Mr. Andrews consented to have my Fence set upon the North Bank of the Brook. Mr. Fessenden from *Dunstable*, but last from Ordination at Lunenbourg. Supped and lodged here.

1764 September 7 (Friday). Mr. *Fessenden* left us a.m. for *Dunstable* again. Richard Barns junior thrashes Rye for me. P.M. Mr. Hall of Sutton.

1764 September 8 (Saturday). Mr. Wood sends my Mare home in the morning. N.B. Lt. Lock, at my Desire, sends a Letter to Messrs. Edes and Gill to change the Place of the News Paper -- from Johonnots to Mrs. Clarks. *Lydia* has been with us for some Days; but is now not well and goes to Dr. Ball to be blooded. Billy returned from *Fitchbourg*. Has got a man there to work for him.

1764 September 9 (Sunday). A.M. read Prov. 18 and preached on Mat. 16.20. Master Cushing dines here as usual. P.M. read Mat. 25 to v. 30. Preached on Cant. 8.5. Was somewhat fervent. May God grant we may See plainly what a Wilderness we are in, while in our Natural State! In the Evening instead of usual Repetition, read in Mr. Bolton on right comforting afflicted Consciences, Sect. 1, part 1, Ch. X.XI.XII.

1764 September 10 (Monday). The late Frosts so great as to turn the Corn stalks white. John carts part of the Day. I am reading the Account of the Process against Mr. Ebenezer Erskine in Scotland -- the beginning of the Seceding there. John to Allens Mill.

1764 September 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Kendal and his Brother Tainter with 3 Boys, Oxen, Horse and Ploughs, came kindly, and plowed stubble at my island. Sent p.m. for Neighbour Zebulon Rice to help in driving and clearing the plough. All Gratis. John brings news from Mill (where he goes again to Day) that the Man who had the Small Pox at Bartlets is dead and was buried last sabbath.

1764 September 12 (Wednesday). It proves a very Stormy Time. I am thankful I have so many Comforts, and pity those who are exposed. Not only my Neighbour Nurse is gone to Boston with a Waggon, but his Sister *Williams* very much disordered in Body and weak in Mind, and one of her Daughters, attended by Nathan *Kenny* are gone to Dr. *Samuel Wheat*. I am a good deal concerned for them. *Lydia David* here Still, and Spins with *Sarah*.

1764 September 13 (Thursday). The storm continues, but not so great as yesterday. Mr. A. Nurse helps me form another plank-step for the Pulpit. P.M. Capt. Wood here. Towards Night my son Baldwin from Boston. Tells us his Wife is very much out of Health yet, and is at Dr. *Frink's* at Rutland: and the Child is at Nurse at Noah Hardys at Brookfield. He lodges here.

1764 September 14 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin for Brookfield. *John* cutting Stalks again.

1764 September 15 (Saturday). Nathan Kenny and Ebenezer Maynard junior help John in Cutting and Picking up stalks: and they finish that Work. Mr. Beeton here, complaining again of A. Bruce's unreasonable Denying and refusing to let him enter into my House, to live there, notwithstanding my Consent that he should. Billy at Eve says a Load of Beetons Goods went by the House, and were lodged at Capt. Maynards. Strange stubbornness!

1764 September 16 (Sunday). See *Natal*. Read Prov. 19. Preached a. and p.m. on Cant. 85. P.M. read *Mat*. 25.3. O that God would accompany His Word and Ordinances with a divine Influence! Master Cushing and Mr. Hastings of Shrewsbury (who is deaf) with his Wife, dined

here. P.M. he sat in the Pulpit. At Eve I read in the Family part of Dr. *Doddridges* Sermon on *Mat. 11.23*.

1764 September 17 (Monday). Visit Mrs. Hardy (Phinehas's Wife) who is languishing. Pray with her. She has much Hope concerning her spiritual State. I dined there. Then visit Mrs. *Grout* (Josephs wife) who is also in a Weak state. I proceeded to Mr. Daniel Nurse's, Mr. N. Ball's, and to the widow Smith's. At the last House (by Mr. *Balls* forwarding it), I prayed after we had sung part of a Psalm. Returned at Eve. N.B. my Wife had visited at Bruce's and She had many Things to Say of the Great Clash which Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Bruce had this afternoon upon Beeton's Account. And Billy comes over with an Errand from Beeton to desire me to do something though I can't tell what, to perswade Bruce. The Lord pity 'em under their miserable Circumstances and Temptations!

1764 September 18 (Tuesday). [No entry.]

1764 September 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Barns and I went to the Meadow I had of Capt. Maynard that I might direct him in setting up my Part of the Fence between Mr. Andrews and me. Mr. Fessenden from Dunstable, and dines here. The Noise is about Lt. Bakers Case with sherriff Collins at the Superior Court. P.M. I rode to Mr. Tainters. N.B. Great Plenty of Peaches there. I brought home many for Pickling. Dr. Crosby here. At Eve Mr. Tainter and his wife -- Lt. Ward also, and Sundry others.

1764 September 20 (Thursday). Catechized at the Meeting-House a. and p.m. About 40 Boys and nigh as many Girls. Mr. Aaron Nurse my Butcher to kill Some Mutton. Little B. Gott Maynard goes to his Fathers, having been here nigh five Months. Mrs. Johnson.

1764 September 21 (Friday). My son Baldwin brought his wife from Rutland. She is in a poor, weak state of Health. *Samme* came from Boston and Alexander came with him. Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Johnson here: So that (with Breck who comes home to night) we have no small Number of us all. Nor is it a little Interruption only.

1764 September 22 (Saturday). Mr. Baldwin (in a Chair) to Brookfield by the way of Worcester and Rutland. Mr. Fessenden to Prince Town. Mr. Bowman dines with us. Wants Advice about his Answer to Oxford. Lucy is left with us. Mrs. Johnson at work here still.

1764 September 23 (Sunday). A.M. read *Prov. 20*. Preached on *Cant. 8.5*. Mr. Cushing and Miss Mary Steward dined here. P.M. read *Mat. 26* to v. 35. Preached on *Rom. 7.7* and used Some of my Notes on the 10th Commandment. The Select Men who were of our Congregation were called to go to the North End, on occasion of one of the Children of Mr. Jotham Bartlet, a youth of about 14, who 'tis thought has the small Pox.

1764 September 24 (Monday). Mr. John Woods little Polly being very ill I visited there and prayed and Dined there with Dr. Wilson and Mr. Bowen who studys Physic with him. They came here afterwards. Mr. Harrington and Lady were here in their way to their Aunt Tainters.



1764 September 25 (Tuesday). Mr. Barnabas Newton with my Oxen, Capt. Woods, and Mr. Nathan Maynards, ploughed Stubble at my Cook Island. Visit Polly Wood and prayed.

1764 September 26 (Wednesday). I rode south. Was at Deacon Bonds. Much Said about Mrs. Andras. [Same came?] for me. Mr. Martyn and wife and Mrs. Williams of Marlborough and Daughter here. Dine with us. At Night am called to go up to little Polly Wood. Went and prayed etc. She seems to be just gone. N.B. Capt. Fays Conv[ersatio?]n the Discourse Mrs. Andras.

1764 September 27 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter here. His Son Supplys me with a Quarter of Beef. Weighs 82 lbs. Part with 40 lb. to Neighbour Lock. Deacon Cutts our Beef out. He dines with us. P.M. Mrs. Maynard visits us. Also Mrs. Cushing and Mrs. Morse of Shrewsbury: the latter with her young Child, Annis. They lodge here, as does Master Cushing. N.B. Mr. *Bowman* here -- informs me that *Oxford* has met and added 500£ old Tenor to his Settlement. N.B. Polly Wood dyed this Morning.

1764 September 28 (Friday). Mrs. Cushing and Mrs. Morse left us, to go and dine at Capt. Maynards and then return home. Mrs. Warrin of Upton (Bekky) din'd with us -- as did Misses *Judith* and *Joanna Stone*. P.M. Funeral of Mr. John Woods little Polly. The Lord sanctify it! Mrs. Parker, widow Newton and Mrs. Bowman here. Mr. Fessenden and his Mother. The last 7 drank Tea here, and the two last lodged here.

1764 September 29 (Saturday). I had an ill night with pained Bowels and lax. Mr. Fessenden goes to Prince Town -- but waits on his mother to his Brother Johns. Samuel leaves us to go to Framingham in his way to Boston. N.B. One Mr. Anderson Dana, a Drover, from Ashford, desires to leave a tired and lame shoat here till he comes back from Boston: or will sell it @ 3 Coppers per lb. alive.

1764 September 30 (Sunday). Read Prov. 21 and preached on Rom. 7.7, repeating another Sermon on the 10th Commandment. For I was interrupted by Company Every Day of the week, so that I could not prepare for both parts of the Day. But p.m. having read Mat. 26 from v. 36 to the End, I preached on Mat. 16.21. Master Cushing and Mr. Fessendens Mother dined here. N.B. I read Mr. Benjamin Mixer's Petition for a Contribution for Joseph Joslin -- and left to the Consideration of the whole Congregation but up to the Deacons and the Committee. Read a Letter from the East Church in Yarmouth to desire our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Nathan Stone junior. N.B. See my young Oxen from Brookfield this morning but know not who brought 'em home.

1764 October 1 (Monday). Much interrupted and disturbed by the breaking in of Sheep and Hogs (my own) into my Field. P.M. had Lieutenant Bakers two Yoke of Oxen to join with my own two Yoke to plow stubble at Cook Island. Nathan and Jonas *Kenny* helped me; and my John and Natty Chamberlin were also with the Team. N.B. Messrs. Daniel Forbes and Daniel

junior's wives made us a Visit -- and each brought a Cheese. Sent by Mr. Nathaniel Ball for my Mare from Boston which Samuel rode on.

1764 October 2 (Tuesday). Still very much afflicted by in-breaking to the Fields. Towards Eve rode to Deacon *Bonds*. N.B. we do not meet without something of Mrs. Andrews. At Eve Deacon Tainter here. Very kind and ready to help me. May God graciously reward him!

1764 October 3 (Wednesday). I expected Mr. Maccarty to preach my Lecture but he came not. Preached my self on Joh. 19.34. Stopped the Church to acquaint them with Deacon Bonds Request that the Church would excuse him from going to Yarmouth Ordination because the general Court is prorogued to the 10th and he (a member of it) must attend it. The Church accepted it, and voted to Send another. They chose Brother *Gale*. The Church also, by vote, left the money lately contributed for Vessels, to the Discretion of the Deacons. N.B. Mr. Nathaniel Ball returns from Boston, but does not bring my Mare. Soon came my Cousen Nathaniel on her. He has been sick and is Still in a Weak Condition. Mr. Green leaves me only 2 Dollars in Cash.

1764 October 4 (Thursday). I walked over to Capt. Maynards. Called at t'other House, in returning. Continually interrupted. Write, and Send, to Mr. Jonathan Moore of Oxford, to preach for me, while I am gone to Ordination. Capt. Fay and Son came with a Team to get in my Corn. There came many more to get it in and husk it: and they Sup with us. They are, in all, 28. After returning Thanks, we sang part of Ps. 4 in Tate and Brady. But we need to be humble for the Frown of providence in the lightness of the Crop.

1764 October 5 (Friday). Jonas Kenny helps John in sorting and Spreading the Corn. Very few Baskets fit to grind. Mr. John *Bo[yle?]* of Oxford leaves a man's and a womans Saddle here for Mr. *Ebenezer Cutler*, merchant at Oxford. At Eve came Mr. *Wyeth*, who tarrys with us.

1764 October 6 (Saturday). Mr. Stones son Thomas with a Letter. He goes on Horseback -- next Tuesday Morn 9 o'Clock. I Sent a Return by the Same. Mr. Wyeth goes to See some of the Neighbours -- dines at Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's. He leaves us p.m. N.B. Mr. Michael Martyn came for the Saddles brought yesterday and had 'em.

1764 October 7 (Sunday). Read *Prov.* 22. Sung Ps. 29, two first stanza's. Preached on Ps. 116.14. Administered the Lords supper. N.B. four New Tankards which the Deacons have bought last week. Master Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined with us. P.M. omitted public Reading: but preached again on *Rom.* 7.7, repeating (with some few Variations) some of Expositions on the 10th Commandment. N.B. So many interruptions and avocations again by Lecture, Harvest, Company etc. last week, that I could prepare only one Sermon, to my great Grief and Trouble. N.B. Mr. Gale desired the Church might be stopped that he might speak with them and he was excused. But we met with so much Difficulty in choosing Deacon Tainter who was however chose, that I could not but make a reprehesive Remark.

1764 October 8 (Monday). My Kinsman goes to Capt. Maynards and brings from thence a Beaver Hat, which I consented to give a Guinea for, on Mr. Moses Nurse's Account. My Concern respecting my Journey, was Great. Money very much Wanting, and Several other necessary Things also.

1764 October 9 (Tuesday). The Time is come that I must undertake my Journey -- but must herein break through Several, and No small, Difficultys: leaving my affairs under God with my Wife. Rode to Mr. *Stones*, where I met with Mr. Smith. We went to Mr. Bridge's and dined there. P.M. was obliged to part with my Company, they choosing to go through Dedham, while I was obliged to go through Roxbury. N.B. Mr. Joseph Collins of Southborough my Company part of the way. Arrived at Mr. Adams's, where I expected to have received from my Brother Samuel a Pair of Leather Breeches, according to his Letter to me last week -- but was sadly disappointed. Lodged there.

1764 October 10 (Wednesday). Rainy morning. Mr. Adams is going to Falmouth to the Ordination of Mr. Samuel *Dean*. I proceed to Mr. Bowmans -- thence to Mr. *Ezra Welds* in Braintree, where I was met by Messrs. *Stone* and *Smith*, as we had agreed yesterday: and dined there. P.M. to *Weymouth* and *Hingham*. Lodged at Mr. *Gays*.

1764 October 11 (Thursday). Sat out from Mr. Gays -- called at Mr. *Shutes* -- dined at Mr. Barns's -- but it was too late for us to reach *Plymouth*. Lodged at Mr. *Rands*.

1764 October 12 (Friday). Arrived at the antient Town of *Plymouth*. N.B. Mr. Thomas Mayhew merchant very obligingly waits upon Mr. Smith and me to their *Golgotha*. N.B. No Minister buried there, but Mr. *Little*. Go into their Principal Meeting House -- visit Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Robbins. Dined with the last. Bought two Gallons of *Angelica-Water* of Mr. [blank] Foster. Mr. Smith paid for it -- 3£ 10 old Tenor. At Eve arrive at Sandwich and lodge at Mr. *Williams's*.

1764 October 13 (Saturday). Leaving Mr. Smith at Sandwich, to preach for Mr. Williams, Mr. Stone and I proceed to Barnstable -- dine at my dear Friends Mr. Green's. N.B. Mr. Joseph Mayhew from Nantucket there. N.B. a young Gentleman (Mr. Lewis of Eastham's son) now from Boston, tells us there are Letters from the Agent *Mauduit*, of Dark Cloud hanging over the Colonys, and the heaviest part of it, on the Massachusetts. Mr. Stone goes on his Journey, and intends to preach at Mr. Cheevers<sup>2</sup> Parish at Eastham. I tarry at Mr. *Greens*.

1764 October 14 (Sunday). Preach at *Barnstable* for Mr. *Green* a. and p.m. on Jer. 50.7, last Clause. Mr. Greens son, wife and Family live there at his Fathers: and he goes from thence, this Morning to his People and returns at Evening. N.B. Their Custom is to have no sett Dinner but sup early and plentifully after Meeting.

1764 October 15 (Monday). A.M. Mr. Green conducts me to the Fish-Flakes etc. Mr. Mayhew, who went on the 13th to East Yarmouth, to preach for young Mr. Stone, returns. Dine there,

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<sup>2</sup>Edward Cheever (1717-1794), Harvard 1737; SHG 10:124-26.

and p.m. went to Hianas. N.B. a place of fine Oysters. Eat of them at one Mr. *Hallet's*. We return to Mr. Greens, at Eve; and lodge there. An Agreeable Excursion.

1764 October 16 (Tuesday). Messrs. *Smith* and *Williams* come from Sandwich. Dined at Mr. Greens. Went with those Gentlemen to East Yarmouth. N.B. had been a great deal concerned about Deacon Tainter; how he would bear the Journey, being old and under so great Infirmities: but behold he was got to Madam *Dennis's*, the place of entertainment, before me -- and there were also Coll. Brigham and Capt. Ward, from Southborough. I lodged there: and the provisions and lodgings very good. N.B. Deacon Tainter was directed to Call at Mr. Adams's at Roxbury for my Breeches, but none came. I was obliged to borrow, for my own were become unfit. Besides Mr. Greens Goodness, who lent me a pair of Velvet, young Mr. Stone lent me a pair of black Leather to wear home.

1764 October 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Green and other Pastors together with their Delegates being come, the Council was formed. Mr. Green Moderator and his Son Scribe. Mr. Stone's Dismission from the Church in Lyn was read and he was admitted into the Church of East Yarmouth. He exhibited a Confession of Faith -- all were satisfied, and every thing being prepared, we repaired to the Meeting House. There Every thing was very Orderly, quiet and Solemn. Mr. Smith of Marlborough began with prayer, Mr. Stone's Father preached on 2 Tim. 2.12, latter part. Mr. Green prayed and gave the Charge. Mr. Josiah *Lewis* prayed after the Charge; I gave the Right Hand of Fellowship. Young Mr. Stone appointed the Psalm and gave the Blessing. May God pardon us and accept us all in Christ Jesus!

1764 October 18 (Thursday). Squire Stone having invited me to his House, we rode to Harwich, and dined with him -- a very handsome and elegant Entertainment. Messrs. Stone and Smith with us, but Mr. Williams dined at Mr. *Dunstars*. P.M. leaving Brother Stone at his Brothers, we rode to Eastham; and I went to the Bridge at *Nossett*, where the waters of the West and East Seas sometimes meet. We went to Mr. Joseph *Crockers*, and lodged there. N.B. Their Country is very sandy and few Streams. Wind mills are therefore the more frequent. N.B. At Harwich Mr. David Bangs raises Wicker-Trees -- the Stump of one, Set but 8 Years Since, measured about 19 Inch diameter, and was 50 feet high, when it was cut down. The Same Mr. Bangs had 51 Bushels of good Wheat from an Acre and Quarter of Ground.

1764 October 19 (Friday). Walked in Mr. Crockers Prim-Grove, being the Ascent to the House of the Lord. On the Wind Mill Hill, Saw from Sea to Sea. Saw Malabar Point, or Menomoy -- in the Bay of which, I was when I went to Nantucket. Saw that remarkable Place, where our Fathers first came ashore in America; called *Namskakit*; the Division between the Towns of Harwich and Eastham. We return to Squire Stones, but dine at Mr. *Dunstars*. N.B. the Inoculating unbearing mulberry Trees, to make them bear. At Mr. David Bangs again, where was Capt. *Heman* Stone. Take affectionate Leave, and hasten to Barnstable, where we arrive in the Rain, at Mr. Greens and lodge there. N.B. an exceeding large Lobster for supper, bigger than (I think) I ever saw. Mr. Mayhew Still there, and very pleasant Interview.

1764 October 20 (Saturday). Bid Adieu to my good Friend and Brother *Green* and his. Mr. Williams and I (as requested) dine at Coll. *Otis's*. N.B. His Barn -- Drills -- Onions -- 420 Bush from 135 Rod of Ground -- 90 Bush from 19 Rods. His Wine of Currants -- Cyder -- made better by this method -- viz. Draw it off in March, before the Bud Swells; put in 2 oz. of Pulverized Allum, in a pint of West India Rum -- and break in 2 Cakes of Gingerbread. We arrive at Sandwich at Eve, and lodge at Mr. Williams's.

1764 October 21 (Sunday). Preached for Mr. Williams on Luk. 16.23 a. and p.m. May God give His Special Blessing! At Eve came Mr. Benjamin Fessenden, Deacon Toby and Deacon Smith. I lodge at Mr. Williams and find his Conversation very agreeable.

1764 October 22 (Monday). Mr. Williams and I ride to the Indian Town, Mashpee. N.B. On the Way, a Rock called Non-such, wherein is a Print, which they call the Devils cloven foot. It is in this form, [*here a sketch of a cloven foot*]. Mr. *Hawley*, the Minister, went with me to See some of the Wigwams. Went into the Wigwam of *Mary*, the Widow of *Popmonet*, formerly Sachem. Dined at Mr. *Hawley's*. Mr. *Shaw* came from Barnstable to us. Mr. Williams and I return to Sandwich. We go to the Burying place, and view the principal monuments of the Dead. Messrs. *Stone* and *Smith* came there. We all lodge at Mr. Williams's.

1764 October 23 (Tuesday). We all set out for home -- by the way of *Wareham* -- 13 Miles -- dine at Mr. *Thatchers*. P.M. proceed to Middleborough -- 15 Miles -- and visit old Madam *Thatcher*. Mr. *Conant* and his wife there. They are called away to some Company at their House from Portsmouth. We sup and lodge at Mrs. *Thatchers*. N.B. She presents me an Hebrew Bible in six Volumes in 24to, but not finding the 5th of them She gives me *Montanus's* interlineary of Psalms, Prov: Eccl. and Solomons Song in 8vo.

1764 October 24 (Wednesday). At Mr. *Conants* meet with Dr. *Langdon* of Portsmouth who rides for his Health, and therefore is our Company. Arrive at Bridgewater, and while Messrs. *Stone* and *Smith* go to Mr. *Perkins's*, the Doctor and I dined at Mr. *Shaw's*. It was Lecture there, but we can't tarry. Mr. *Pattin* is there to preach. We pass through *Easton*; and at Capt. *Leonards* we part again. The Doctor goes with me to Mr. *Curtis's*, where we lodge. Mr. *Stone* and *Smith* to Mr. *Adams's*, in Stoughton.

1764 October 25 (Thursday). Being so near to my Kinsman *Bradshaws*, I make them a Visit and breakfast with them. Am joined by Dr. *Langdon* again. Call at Mr. *Paysons* of *Walpole*, but we hasten to *Medfield*, and the rest of our Company coming to us at Mr. *Townsend's*, we all dined there -- Mr. *Townsend* himself being gone to *Barrington*. P.M. we come to *Sherbourn*, and after a short stay at Mr. *Locks* and parting with Dr. *Langdon* there, we put on for *Framingham*, where despairing of getting home, and having Special Business at Mr. *William Browns*, I turn there, whilst my good Brethren tend homewards. Lodged at Mr. *Brown's*.

1764 October 26 (Friday). *Alexander* is bound to Mr. *Brown*. Capt. *Drury* and his son are Witnesses to the Indentures. Mr. *Brown* and wife promise in their Hearing that if Mr. *Brown* dies, *Alexander* shall not have a Master forced upon him that he shall not like, and can't submit

to. Dined at Coll. Buckminsters but Coll. at Boston. Called at Mr. Stone's. At sunsett joyfully found my Family in Peace. Deacon Kimbal here, plaistering the East Chambers. He came last Tuesday. Deacon Tainter came to see us. My son Forbes (who has been to Boston) and Daughter Baldwin from Sudbury. N.B. Mr. Forbes brought me a Pair of Black, Leather Breeches from my Brother Samuel.

1764 October 27 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes rides to Shrewsbury and writes home -- therefore returns to me, and goes to his Father. Deacon Kimbal works a.m., dines and goes home.

1764 October 28 (Sunday). Mr. Forbes comes -- preaches a.m. on Mat. 15.24, p.m. on 2 Pet. 3.18. I read Prov. 23 and Mat. 27 to v. 34. I read to the Church a Letter from *Westmorland* to desire our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. William Goddard on Nov. 7 next: but the Request could not be complied with both because it was so far, and too late in the Year for me to pretend to ride so far at so late season and especially because we had another Duty of like kind, at which we could not avoid our assistance and which would interfere, viz. the Installation of Rev. Mr. Bowman -- for I read also a Letter from the Church of Oxford to that purpose, to be on the 14th. This was accepted -- and Squire Whipple and Mr. Daniel Forbes were chosen Delegates.

1764 October 29 (Monday). My son Forbes goes to Upton and preaches a Lecture there. I went to Capt. Maynards -- he was not well. Mr. Forbes has desired me to pay 100£ old Tenor of the Gilbert Money urgent Necessity for Mr. Bowmans supply presses it. My Dependence is on Capt. Maynard -- but no money from him.

1764 October 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes, Lucy* and *Suse* Set out for Brookfield. Training -- sent for by a Serjeant Drum and Fife of Musqueteers. Prayed -- considerable good Order kept. The whole Company March to Lt. Bakers and open to the Right and Left; through which we walk in - - and dine there -- prayed at Evening with the Company; and the whole marched as before to Lieutenant's. The whole was conducted in far better order than in times past.

1764 October 31 (Wednesday). This morning was informed the Ministers Meeting was adjourned to this Time, because of the Absence of three of us at the Ordination at Yarmouth. Hastened over to it. Got to Mr. Martyns before Lecture. Mr. Gardner preached, on Gen. 11.32, last words. Mr. Stone, Goss and Wheeler absent nevertheless.

1764 November 1 (Thursday). Mr. Bowman, his Wife and Child go their Journey to Dorchester. Wrote by Mr. Bowman to Mr. Fessenden who is gone to Gloucester, to preach for Mr. Jaques. P.M. rode up to Capt. Jonathan Fays. N.B. he is much set for singing, and has joined to a society in Grafton. Visit Mrs. Hardy again, and pray there.

1764 November 2 (Friday). John not well. Enoch Rice carrys four Barrells to Capt. Jonathan Fays. Lydia *David* and her Child lodge here.

1764 November 3 (Saturday). John still confined. Perplexed about Hair for the Mason who is to come again soon. Send *Lydia* to Mr. Joseph Knowltons at Shrewsbury, and succeed.

1764 November 4 (Sunday). Read Prov. 24 and Mat. 27 from v. 35 to the End. Preached a.m. on 2 Pet. 3.9 to page [*blank*] and this was that I might have the greater Liberty for what I had to deliver and might deliver all I had prepared, on that occasion. P.M. on *Deut.* II.7, it being the last Sabbath of the 40th Year since I was ordained. Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1764 November 5 (Monday). Visit Joseph Joslin who is ill again and is now at Mr. Daniel Warrin, and proceed thence to Southborough. Find Mr. Smith there. Angelica spirits from Plymouth are come. We divide the Keg but have short of 6 Quarts apiece. Returned at Eve. Moses Smith brings a Barrell of Cyder from his Brother Ezekiels.

1764 November 6 (Tuesday). Deacon Kimbal came -- Points my Cellar. Mr. Frost of Mill-river came from Deacon Bonds. He had been yesterday at Mr. Joseph Miles's, and preached there. To day he dines here and preaches a good useful sermon on *Phil.* 3.8. Many people attended and I hope to good purpose. Master Cushing here at Eve.

1764 November 7 (Wednesday). Deacon Kimbal in the Cellar, and Neighbour Richard Barns tends upon him. I Paid off Mr. Wheelock -- and bought a side of Seal Leather, weighed 16 1/2 lbs., of Lt. Baker. Mr. Artemas Bruce brings 10 Bush. of Turnips and a Load of Corn from the old place. Mr. James Lock senior here. I payd him 30/ for Mr. Jonathan Wallis of Townshend for recording 6 Plans.

1764 November 8 (Thursday). This is a Day to be well observed. Tis now 40 Years Since the Gathering of this Church, and my own Solemn Ordination to the Pastoral Office in this Place. The Lords name be praised for His amazing Patience and Longsuffering. At the Same Time I desire to be deeply humbled for my unprofitableness and unfruitfulness. O that the Lord would free Pardon me, for His Mercy's Sake! Mr. Seth Morse's Daughter, Elizabeth, Sick -- am Sent for. I went, prayed -- had his Horse and visited Mr. *Kendal* who had lately a bad fall from the Poles above, down upon the Barn Floor. Prayed there. Mr. *Davis* of Holden here. N.B. Enoch Rice went with my two Yoke of Oxen to the ministerial Lot for Posts, but came home wholly empty. Mr. Maynard had cleared the Wood of Posts: whether he had carryed away more than his own I cannot positively tell. Deacon Kimbal left us. He charges 3£ for this last work. The whole is 8£ old Tenor.

1764 November 9 (Friday). Mr. Morse's Child dyed last Night -- the other is Sick. My largest Oxen I have sent to My Son Ebenezer and to my Son in Law Baldwin, to be between them. Mr. Nurse wants to borrow 4 Bushel of Rye, to sow. Nathan has got out two Bush. He and Mr. Gamel, now thrash and clean out the rest. At Eve Mr. Nurse and Nathan come and Make a Bin in my Cellar, and carry down Turnips etc. N.B. Capt. Jonathan Fay brought 4 Barrells of Cyder. One is a present -- the other 3 I pay him 3 Dollars for, by a note to the Collector, Mr. Gale.

1764 November 10 (Saturday). Attend the Funeral of Mr. *Morse's* Child.

1764 November 11 (Sunday). Read *Prov.* 25 and *Mat.* 28. Preached a.m. on *Ps.* 75.10.11. This being the first Sabbath of the 41st Year with us of this Flock. Master Cushing dined here. By Reason of my Preparation for the Installment next week I could not prepare another Sermon for p.m. but with Some Alterations formed an Exercise from another part of the Discourses on 2 *Pet.* 7.9, viz. from page 17 to 22. Which may God bless to our great Quickening that his Goodness and Forbearance may lead us to Repentance. Read the Proclamation for Thanksgiving and the Church dismissed Mr. Bowman and recommended him to Oxford.

1764 November 12 (Monday). Am finishing my Sermon for the expected Installment. The Addresses etc. Having finished every Thing, I made a Visit to Mr. Seth Morse, especially because of the Indispositions of their only Child -- as also to borrow his better Horse. Mr. Moses Warrin here p.m.

1764 November 13 (Tuesday). Uncertain whether Mr. Martyn would come this way and understanding that Mrs. Hardy grew much worse, I thought it my Duty to Set out so much the Sooner as to visit her. I did so and prayed with her. She was very weak and low, but her Faith strong and her hope firm. She Said I had been her Father this forty Year. Mr. Forbush and afterwards Squire Whipple came there. Deacon Paul Newton also came, from Mr. Martyn, who was on the Road to call us. N.B. Sarah has my mare (as I ride Mr. Morse's) and with my Consent to gratifie Lt. Baker put her into his Chaise, and take up Miss *Molly*. They come to me at Mr. Hutchinsons in Grafton, where we dine. The rest of the Company I overtake at Capt. Lelands. We call at Mr. Halls. N.B. I received a Bundle of Papers of him relative to the *Davidson* Case. We arrive at Squire *Davis's*. Rev. Goss with us -- and lodge there.

1764 November 14 (Wednesday). We repair to Deacon *Davis's*, where the Pastors and Delegates are formed into a Council. I was chose Moderator and prayed. Mr. Maccarty Scribe. N.B. The Church drop the *Davidson* Affair. Mr. Bowman was admitted a member of the Church. The solemnity (of the *Installment* of Mr. *Bowman*) at the Meeting House was opened by Mr. Forbes of Brookfield. I preached on *Jer.* 3.15. Mr. Martyn gave the Charge. Mr. Gleason prayed after it. Mr. Maccarty the Right Hand. Rev. Bowman appointed *Ps.* 119, latter part, and gave the Blessing. I visited old Mrs. Campbel and Capt. Griffin. Plentifully entertained at Deacon *Davis's*. In the Eve at the fine singing at Capt. Moores. Lodged at Deacon *Davis's*.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Waited long for my Daughter and Miss Molly Baker, who have kept at Capt. Moores, where Mr. Bowman lodges. Have opportunity of conversing with my son *Ebenezer*, who came, a Delegate with Mr. Forbes. Mr. *Martyn* returns by Worcester. Squire *Whipple* accompanys us from Squire *Davis's*. When we came to Sutton there was an Exercise at the Meeting House. Squire and I attended -- the Girls tarried at Mr. *Halls*. Mr. *Emmerson* of *Mendon* preached -- Text *Ezek.* 36.9. We dined at Mr. Halls. He gives us Account that Yesterday there was great Difficulty at Sutton North End, when they attempted to ordain (one) Mr. *Chaplin* there: and that it was not accomplished till it was done by Candle Light and by but Three Ministers -- Mr. Hall, Mr. Webb and Mr. Frost. For Mr. Stone of Southborough and his Delegates refused to act. A great Obstruction was, a Strange Plan of Church Government.



Squire Whipple and I made a Visit to his aged Uncle, Deacon Whipple, and Aunt. Called, but lit not at Mr. *Hutchinsons*. N.B. Great Disturbances and Animositys in Grafton. I stopped at Lt. Bakers at Eve to Warm etc. Drank Tea there. Lieutenant brought Sarah home, and then took the Mare to keep. We have the sorrowful News of the Death of Mrs. *Prudence Hardy*, about 56 years old. A sorrowful Stroke! The Lord sanctify it to us! Especially to her Husband and Children. And Aged Mother Byles. N.B. Another Letter from Father Wigglesworth relative to Mr. Cleavelands Church. Levi Rice helped John cart out our Muck. Mrs. Johnson at work here for William.

1764 November 16 (Friday). Mr. Phinehas Hardy here a.m. I attended the Funeral of his Wife p.m. N.B. Another Letter from Brother Samuel Parkman. Mrs. Maynard here. And I gave her Account that the Letter I received was for 100£ old Tenor. Mrs. Johnson here at work for Billy.

1764 November 17 (Saturday). Mrs. Johnson till dinner and then went home. I was employed about various domestic Affairs. Mr. Whitney here. Read him Mr. Wigglesworths Letter. Fear I have taken Cold to Day: have pain in my Hip.

1764 November 18 (Sunday). Notwithstanding the Pain in my Hip I ventured to ride over to the North End and preached a. and p.m. and Mr. *Martyn* for Me. My Text a.m. was Luk. 44.26. P.M. was Prov. 10.20.21. Mr. Martyns 1 Pet. 3.15 and 1 Pet. 1.13. Each returned at Eve.

1764 November 19 (Monday). Wrote sundry Letters -- viz. to Rev. Wigglesworth and to Rev. Toppan (of Manchester), which I sent by Mr. Daniel Dike. And wrote to Brother Samuel Parkman in reply to his which I received on 16.

1764 November 20 (Tuesday). Am engaged in my preparations. At Eve Mr. Bowman. Billy has a side of Beef of Mr. Samuel Forbush. 240 lb.

1764 November 21 (Wednesday). Mr. John Fessenden dines here. He takes my Sheep to the Halves. Viz. 8 of them and is to return them in two Years: half the wool each Year and half the stock. Samuel Brigham comes to board here and go to School with my Children.

1764 November 22 (Thursday). Mr. Martyn and his Wife, Mr. Maccarty and Mr. Bowman dined with me. Mr. Maccarty came to preach my Lecture yet very few of the people attended. He preached a good Sermon on Gal. 6.14. Mr. Bowman and Master Cushing here after Lecture and the latter at Evening. I would fain urge him to set up a Singing School in this Parish. I was at Mr. Bonds. Visit old Capt. Forb. Mr. Barns moves out of Rolfs House.

1764 November 23 (Friday). Deacon Tainter and Artemas Bruce kill my Bell-Cow. Mr. Aaron Brigham and his Mother Winchester from Boston, call here, and give me some Account of their Disquietments in Grafton through great Uneasyness with Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Simon Newton and Wife here.

1764 November 24 (Saturday). Deacon comes again very kindly to weigh, cutt out and salt up my Beef. The Cow weighs 424 lbs. Lend Mr. Tainter one Quarter.

1764 November 25 (Sunday). Very Cold; omitted the Public Reading by reason of the extreme Weather and what we had to do to Day. Preached a.m. on Ps. 116.14. Administered the Lords Supper. Deacon *Tainter*, Master *Cushing* and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. P.M. preached on Mat. 26.48 and read v. 9. I acquainted the Church with the Request of *Simon Newton* and his wife (*Bridget*) to have two of their Children baptized, of their having owned the Covenant, one in *Bedford*, and he had been for his Certificat, but was disappointed by Reason of the Ministers being from home; but that he designed to obtain it as Soon as he could. The Other had owned the Covenant at *Southborough*. They both had enjoyed privilege at each place abovesaid. That they had neglected their Duty of a long time, through various Accidents but were sorry for it -- and prayed the ordinance might be administered, if not on his, yet on her Account. I proposed it; and no objection being made, I baptized 'em.

1764 November 26 (Monday). I Set to my Preparations but had much Interruption. Toward Eve came young Mr. Dor and tarried with us. My Brother Pierpoint also came from New Haven and lodged here.

1764 November 27 (Tuesday). Mr. Dor returned home. Mr. Pierpoint dined with us; and p.m. he left us, going a great Journey to Boston, to New Hampshire and to Rochester. Dr. Rice at Even. N.B. Mr. Dike of Sutton brought me another letter from Mr. Wigglesworth about the Cleaveland Society and their Conduct.

1764 November 28 (Wednesday). Rev. *Hawley* of *Mashpee* has Sent me two Maps of N.E. Branch of Susquehanah River and of the Town Onchaquagua. Received two extraordinary large Dunghil Fowls from Mr. Samuel Allen. Received also from Boston, my Brother Samuels Account of his Daughter Loyds being favoured with a Child whom they have called *Dorcas Bowes*. N.B. Many kind presents were brought us by our Neighbours.

1764 November 29 (Thursday). General THANKSGIVING. Preached on Ps. 34.1.3. N.B. Mr. Batherick Sat *Quercy* tune in Treble Time, notwithstanding his former Opposition. No Company, though we invited divers persons. May the Lord accept our offerings!

1764 November 30 (Friday). Am now confined at home (by a snow storm) when I Should have gone to Capt. Maynards, who by so strangely delaying to pay me, greatly perplexes me. I read an excellent sermon of Mr. Wigglesworth of Ipswich on the Death of the late venerable Mr. John Rogers, on 2 Cor. 4.7. Breck works for me a.m. He and John Thrash Oates. P.M. Breck goes to his work at Capt. Maynards and I Send by him to desire Captain to come here before tomorrow noon. Towards Eve Billy returns from Medfield. In the Eve he setts some Glass where windows had been broke.

1764 December 1 (Saturday). The Winter comes on in its proper Garb; the Snow Storm continuing and pritty Cold. I rode nevertheless to Southborough and Mr. Stone hither. I went

to Capt. Jonathan Wards and bought a Gown, one side Calim[an]co, the other Camloteen. 12/6 per yard each. 10 yards of the former -- 7 1/2 the latter.

1764 December 2 (Sunday). Preached at Southborough on Gal. 1.15.16. Might I have Experience of what I deliver! Returned home at Eve. Mr. Stone preached on *Phil.* 4.3, last Clause, and Luke 12.20. N.B. As I met him he brought me what my wife had prepared for me, Supposing me inclined to have gone from Southborough to Boston. But I chose to go home, not being sufficiently furnished for that Journey.

1764 December 3 (Monday). N.B. Capt. Maynard had come on Saturday and brought me 3 *Johannes* only. So that I remained still perplexed for want of money for my Brother Samuel and other Occasions. Mr. Smith of Marlborough was so very kind as to visit me and dined here: but returned at Evening. Mr. Daniel Hardy, having been with me heretofore to desire me to preach at his House, was here again this Eve, for the Same Purpose. Neighbour Prat was so kind as to send me a Load of Wood, and brought a Spare Rib and a Piece of Pork. Samuel Brigham comes to board here and go to school.

1764 December 4 (Tuesday). My Wife rode with me to the Private Meeting at Mr. Daniel Hardy's. I preached on *Eccl.* 8.11. And yet there have been many persons killed of late by the Hand of divine Providence. Mrs. Maynard here at Eve but said Nothing to her of Captains Neglect to pay me or the Difficultys I am brought into by means of it.

1764 December 5 (Wednesday). Visit Joseph Joslin who lies in a low Condition at Mr. Daniel Warrin's. Prayed with him and a Number besides who attended. From thence I went to Mr. *Haskill's*. They were at Dinner. In compliance with their sollicitations I eat somewhat and drank with them. But dined at home. Mrs. Lock and Some others assisting Sarah in quilting, dine here. Miss Hephzibah Maynard came, and tarrys for that purpose. Lodges here. Mrs. Rolf moves away to Grafton. N.B. Mr. Zebulon Rice the Evening. The Conversation much about Mrs. Andrews.

1764 December 6 (Thursday). Capt. Wood kills an Hog for me. Nathan Kenny helps him. At Eve Deacon Tainter kindly came and cutt and salted it for me. Weighed 171 lbs. Mr. Fessenden came from Gloucester and he, and Dr. Rice having dined here, he left us again to return there. Capt. Wood here and Supped with us. N.B. More concerning Mr. and Mrs. Andrews Conduct. May the [Lord] Himself grant me Wisdom and Patience under all my Tryals! But it amazes me that such a Number of the Brethren of this Church are disquieted with me, and will not be convinced of the Disorders and Irregularitys of the *Chebacco* Separates, nor of the ungrateful Behavior, the very unchristian and abusive Conduct of these Persons. The society of young men came at Night and asked me to preach to them. I consented to do it as Soon as I could but know not which week to pitch upon as yet. N.B. Mr. *Joseph Green* here and pays me £12.16.16.2 old Tenor, which he says is all So I finished with him.

1764 December 7 (Friday). Miss Hephzibah Maynard here still. John Went to Mill and Paid Mr. Allen 18/ for a pair of his large Fowls. P.M. Came Mrs. *Martha Wood* with Desire to Joyn with

the Church and was Examined. At Eve her Husband (Neighbour *John Wood*) came, but was not Examined at this Time, by Reason of it being too late. When it was late came also Mr. Bowman -- who invites Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ and me to accompany him and Mrs. Bowman to Oxford the week after next. Breck came and carried away home Miss Hephzibah Maynard.

1764 December 8 (Saturday). Although I am in expectation of Mr. Asaph Rice to preach tomorrow, yet I kept my self as steddily Employed in my preparations as I could.

1764 December 9 (Sunday). Mr. Rice came to us this Morning. I read *Prov. 26, Mark 1* to v. 23. Mr. Rice preached for me. His Text 2 *Cor. 6.2* a. and p.m. He prayed before each sermon. Mr. Cushing dines here. Both drink Tea, sup and lodge here. N.B. I read Mr. Bolton on right Comf. distressed Consciences, for the Evening Family Exercises from page 79 to 100.

1764 December 10 (Monday). Wrote to Brother Samuel by Mrs. *Sarah Johnson*, and gave here 3 *Johannes*, viz. 50£ for my Brother and 4£ for sundrys on our own Account. Master Cushing to school. Mr. Rice dines with me. P.M. Visit Mr. *Morse's* Child, which is ill, and prayed there.

1764 December 11 (Tuesday). [No entry.]

1764 December 12 (Wednesday). Though it was a snow storm yet Mr. Martyn having writ to me, I would not disappoint him. Dined there and preached his Lecture from *Gen. 3.15*. The storm prevailed so that I consented to tarry there all Night.

1764 December 13 (Thursday). A very Cold Morning but left Mr. Martyn, having delivered him 2 Dollars from Mr. McAllister for Lime. Went to Mr. Michaels shop and bought of him 6 lbs. of Cotton @ 18/ old tenor per pound. Called at several Houses of my own Parish. Dined at Capt. Maynards but without him, he being sick o' Bed. I got home safely though my Mare had two unhappy Falls, which made me dismount. One Yesterday, the other to Day: but, through divine Goodness, without any Hurt. Mr. *J. Wood* Examined.

1764 December 14 (Friday). Mrs. Johnson returned from Boston, who says she gave the Money (as above) to my Brother Samuel. Deacon Tainter brings a Load of Wood, notwithstanding his Infirmitys and the Weather.

1764 December 15 (Saturday). Son Baldwin from Boston. N.B. he brought a Letter from Mr. Forbes, that I must pay what's due upon my Bond to him for Ebenezers *Gilbert* Place.

1764 December 16 (Sunday). Omit Reading a.m. by Reason of the Season and my having a long Exercise which I can neither divide nor Shorten. It was upon *Mat. XVI.22.23*. Dr. Rice and Master Cushing dined here. P.M. read *Mark 1* from v. 23 to the End. Preached on *Mat. XVI*, chiefly v. 27, having handled verses 24, 25, 26 heretofore. At Eve read in Mr. R. Bolton from page 100 to 121. *Billy* is taken ill, and goes to bed with an ague. And Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ not able to go to Sleep or lie in Bed by reason of her Smarting Legg.

1764 December 17 (Monday). *Billy* rides so well (through divine Goodness) as to go to his Work at Capt. Maynards. Mr. Abraham Bond thrashes Rye. I rode to Mr. Grows, he being very ill, and I visited Ensign Miller. N.B. I dined at Mr. Joseph Harrington's, where Master Cushing dined. N.B. Gave an Order to Lt. Baker upon Capt. Maynard for an 100£ old Tenor to be paid to Mr. Bowman for Mr. Forbes. But Lt. Baker agreed that it Should be dated as if paid December 1.

1764 December 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Adonijah Rice winnows Oats -- but chiefly Rye -- 11 1/2 Bushels of Rye. I preached a Lecture to Young men, from *Mat.* 22.37.38. After Lecture Mr. Asaph Rice and Master Cushing here with Mr. Bowman. There also came Mr. Jonathan *Moore*, Mr. [blank] *Town* and Dr. *Throop* from Oxford. They Sung and Supped (as well as the first 3 and Mrs. Maynard and Mr. Caryl, drank Tea here). Mr. Moore and Dr. Throop lodged here.

1764 December 19 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* sent a Sleigh for me with those Gentlemen above named, to go up to their House to Breakfast and I take Leave of Mr. and Mrs. *Bowman*, who, waited upon by two Deacons, and expecting others, from *Oxford*; attended also by Mr. *Asaph Rice*, Master *Cushing*, my son William, Daughter *Sarah*, and sundry Relations [blank], remove home. Deacon Tainter brings me home in his Sleigh and dines with me. Lydia David came.

1764 December 20 (Thursday). Such a storm as prevents all Expectation of the Return of *Billy* and *Sarah* from Oxford. We have Lydia David to help us.

1764 December 21 (Friday). Deacon Tainter brings two Jaggs of Wood. *Billy* returns at Eve: but *Sarah* is left at Oxford.

1764 December 22 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1764 December 23 (Sunday). Read Prov. 27 and preached on v. 1, the rather because it was the shortest sabbath of the Year. Mr. Cushing dines here. P.M. read Mark 2. Preached on *Mat.* XVI.28. At Eve, after Repetition and other Exercises, read Mr. *Bolton* from p. 121 to 134. Much of Serious Concern upon my [suts?], for my self and others -- fervently crying to God for His almighty Influences -- O for a Blessing!

1764 December 24 (Monday). On Capt. Woods Horse rode to see Mr. *Grow*. Conversed and Prayed with him. He is in much Distress of Body and Mind. Read to him some parts of Zions Traveller. N.B. I dined at Mr. Seth *Morse's*. Called at *Ensign* [marginal notation: Lieutenant] Harringtons and Mr. Daniel Forb. In my return home at Eve, found that Mr. Jonathan Moore had brought home *Sarah*; and here were Master Cushing and Dr. James Hawes, who has lately come to live near us. All of them Supped here, and the two first lodged here.

1764 December 25 (Tuesday). Mr. *Moore* returns to Oxford; and Master to his School. Lydia David goes home. I visit Joseph Joslin -- and Dr. Hawes. N.B. This morning I sent my Watch by Mr. Seth Morse to Mr. Gawen Brown at Boston, to be cleaned. Samuel Brigham came again to boarding.

1764 December 26 (Wednesday). Though it is a great snow storm, we have but little Wood. Neighbour *Lock* is so very kind as to come and see how we are, and helps John in getting Wood out of the Snow, into the House. At Mr. Stones desire by his Son of Yarmouth (who was here lately while I was from home) I look over his Notes of his late Ordination Sermon.

1764 December 27 (Thursday). Capt. Fay came most seasonably and brought wood -- and came again kindly and brought another Load. Capt. Wood also broke a way and came with wood. Mr. Jonathan Grout brings a fourth Load to Day. So great is Gods Goodness to us. Mr. Lock came kindly to help about the Creatures watering. P.M. came young Mr. Stone from Shrewsbury and dines here. I delivered him his Father's sermon. At Eve Mr. Morse brings my Watch, cleaned by Mr. Brown, from Boston.

1764 December 28 (Friday). [No entry.]

1764 December 29 (Saturday). Though another Storm yet we are comfortable. D.G. Hear that Mr. *Grow* dyed last Evening.

1764 December 30 (Sunday). A very Cold, windy Day, the Snow blown about very much. A tedious Time. John Maynard carries me, Sarah, Sophy etc. to Meeting a. and p.m. Omitted Public Reading. Preached on Mat. 17.1-4 a. and p.m. Master Cushing and John Maynard and Brigham dined here. William and Breck ride in the Sleigh with John Maynard to Captains. Master Cushing returns and lodges here.

1764 December 31 (Monday). Master stays and dines, but p.m. attempts to go home on the Racket Tracks -- for to Day the *Corps of Mr. Grow* was brought on an Handsled, to the Meeting House, the Attendants coming upon Rackets. I prayed in the Meeting House. Afterwards Squire Whipple read the Deceaseds Will. The Roads are so blocked up, that a Man travelling the Road, as he attempted to pass by my House, his Horse wallowed in the snow and threw him off. He tried on foot and led his Horse; but found it so difficult that he turned back. It was observed to Day, that it was Scarcely known by any, even the oldest men, that the Roads etc. were so blocked up, so early in the Winter as this. But God is gracious and Merciful and will faithfully take Care of us. Thus Ends this Year. The Lord grant I may most Seriously consider it! And O that when my Life Shall end, I may be enabled to resign chearfully to Him that gave it Me! And may Rejoice for ever before Him in the Life that Shall never know a Period! Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.