

Tainter

1726 April 1 (Friday). William Wilson of Concord, a poor Shiftless man Lodg'd with us Last night, and about the same time Simon Tainter (who had been with me some time agoe) was with Me in a very Heavenly and Devout Time, Conversing of his State and preparations for his admittance into the Communion. I was upon My Preparations as also the 2nd Day.

1726 June 20 (Monday). I rode as far as Mr. Tainters to raising his Barn. It was a pleasant time, but not altogether without Trouble and Toil.

1726 June 25 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter and Bowman of Sutton mow'd for me.

1726 September 19 (Monday). Mr. Isaac Pratt and his wife, and Mr. Tainter and his wife ill. I visited and pray'd with them.

1727 March 18 (Saturday). I had additional Trouble by some Discourse my brother Samuel had with me upon the articles of my tarrying no more in Boston when I went down.... I lit upon Mr. Tainter riding up with Hannah Warrin.

1727 May 15 (Monday). I went to see Mr. Tainter and Mr. Jonathan Forbush who was sick.

1728 February 1 (Thursday). I am in great Concern respecting first my own Spiritual State and fearing the Earthquake that great and terrible operation of the Divine Hand has not been so Suitably regarded by me as to produce a due Effect, and The impressions that were made I fear May be Sadly wearing off; and my preparations to meet my God are very low and Scanty. Secondly. I am concerned in my mind about the Troubles that threaten in this Town. I See my Self unable to manage a Quarrell and very much indispos'd towards it; but especially I would be afraid of the Interest of Religion Suffering; I would dread the Sins and mischiefs my people may be rushing into; and Contention has the blacker aspect in the Day wherein we see Such evident manifestations of the Divine Displeasure upon us.

Whereupon I, in the fear of God, would Set apart this Day, therein to seek the face of God, to avert the Evils threatening, to give me his Grace to quicken me, and savingly to Convert me unto him, to give me a sealed pardon of my sins, and assist me to walk before him according to his most Blessed will; graciously to interpose for his people of this Town and restore peace and unanimity to us (which Blessings, Gods name be praised, that we happily enjoyed so long; and O that God would forgive our misimprovement of them). However, to prepare and accomplish me with wisdom from above, and vouchsafe his immediate assistance and Conduct through all that may be before me; and grant the Issue may be his own Glory. And now the Lord be with me in the Dayes work and Show me his favour for his mercies Sake. Let also these my Endeavours contribute not a little to fit me for waiting upon God in the Solemnities of the Supper of the Lord. I religiously observed the Day according to the abovementioned appointment of it, till I was interrupted by Mr. Tainter who came from the Private Meeting (about 3 p.m.) desiring me to go to their Assistance in the Exercises. I went and Entertained my hearers with my Discourse (Sometime Since publickly deliver'd) upon Hoseah 4.12. So that I had nevertheless, Opportunity to carry along the Private Designs abovesaid. At least they (I took care) were not forgotten or

neglected. I had design'd for the Sake of promoting peace among my Brethren, to have gone to them in the Evening and I therefore Desired them to take all Suitable Methods for pacification and Reconciliation. Mr. Newton was gone home but Asher Rice immediately Step'd forward full of his bitter case, but was almost immediately oppos'd by Ensign Newton, and then almost everyone in the Room engag'd in an unsuitable Clamour, which it was hard to lay. The Subject was that a Church meeting would alone help our State and was the only method that could be taken. But at length by Mr. Bradishes urging it that "inasmuch as it could not be Expected to have a Church Meeting before the Sacrament he thought our present Duty was to Endeavour if possible to obtain that Christian Disposition that might qualifie us to come acceptably to God and comfortably to ourselves; or however to prosecute these Ends as far as we could in doing what was to be done, and after the Sacrament if need were he would advise to discourse about a Church Meeting or what else was Suitable." I thought it Sage and Sat in with it and entreated for a composure and sedateness of Spirit as considering how holy the order we were to put our Selves into preparation for. I ask'd whether they were so disquieted that they could not in a Christian Temper Sit down at the approaching ordinance. Though I had no direct answer yet I found that many of the Church would be disquieted if Mr. Newton should be there; and Some, on the other Hand, would be disquieted if Mr. McCollister and Rice should be present. I advised and Entreated therefore that a person or Two Should be with those three men together and improve the Time and their utmost Skill to compose them, And if no Methods could be Successfull, I desir'd those 3 persons to absent themselves from this administration rather than disturb the whole communion. And so requested nothing more might pass among us this Night but what might be of an healing and salving nature. And this met with universal acceptance and thereupon we broke up. So that I hope there was Some happy issue and Effect, notwithstanding that unlikely view I had in the foregoing part of the Evening. To God be the Glory of any Good enabled from him to do. And I hope it was not altogether without Benefit and Comfort in my own Soul that this Day has been set apart; though too much reason to reflect on my own unstableness and inexpertness, thro' which if it had not been, perhaps I had reap'd more the Mercy of God through the Merits of Christ vouchsafe Remission.

1728 March 11 (Monday). The Church met. I had great fear of disorder, but by the favour of God we went on smooth. Mr. Forbush, just before meeting began, told me I should have wisdom to take Care of my Self but people Said now Mr. Parkman's undone -- but this person has frequently enough shown that his Passions forc'd him to Speak what makes much mischief, though the most ungrounded. I having given a Serious Discourse to keep us all upon our guard in all church matters and Read the Platform Ch. 10. I laid open the case and advis'd first to an arbitration. It was accepted by all. The chief trouble was to find arbitrators. Mr. Bradish excepted against Peres Rice. Said Mr. Newton had bragg'd he had got Mr. Parkman and Mr. Bradish of his Side and he car'd not for all the Church besides. This Information he said came from John Eames of Hopkinton. Mr. Newton declar'd he spake no Such thing nor had he seen John Eames. I openly clear'd my Self from being of either side and by Gods Grace I will remain impartial. The Arbitrators went out and took up the Time. When they came in they declar'd it their Opinion that if Mr. Newton had taken the money by deceit he should return it, but they enquired whether they ought to bring it to Trial whether he had deceiv'd, etc. I reply'd their work was yet to do. I desir'd they would

go on and finish it this Evening or Some day Speedily -- for they ought to clear off all that was of a Secular Nature in the Cause. It grew Dark. There was opposition by Peres Rice that the witnesses ought to be sworn, etc. I dismiss'd this Business and propos'd another affair for the Church's Consideration, Advice and Concurrence in. That is the Case of Samuel Hardy and his Wife, etc. I desir'd the Brethren would give me their minds and make what opposition they would ever offer. When one or Two had spoke Peres Rice (who gave us more Trouble than any one this meeting) Said he thought we must either wait till the Civil part of the Case was dispatch'd, till either the Court had done with it or rather till it had been put to an arbitration (reflecting upon the manner of managing the other Business of his Brother Asher and Newton), but (thought there's difficulty in keeping our Selves under Suitable Command under such girds) I calmly assur'd him it was a far different Case, etc.

The Church gave their Consent to my Proceeding with the said persons and granting them Priviledges if they should Seriously declare their innocence, etc., upon which we clos'd the Meeting. After prayer Asher desir'd it might still go on that He might be heard in what he had of a Distinct Case to be Heard. I told him the meeting was over. What if the Brethren Should hear it? I am indispos'd but they may mediate between you when I am retir'd home. It Satisfy'd him and the Church might, etc. His Speaking the word church confirmed me in it that he thought it would be as much the Church that would act in the Evening upon anything he should bring before them (as much I say) as before the prayer and Blessing and dismissal of the meeting, and as much in my absence as when I was there. So that my Reply was thus, viz. But observe, it hasn't been known that a Church can act (as a Church) without the Pastor, or make acts without the Pastor, which dash'd the whole and I returned home desiring the Arbitrators to finish their work as [soon as] possible and give me notice of it and when they Should desire it there might be (if needfull) another Church Meeting. Diverse came into my house with me. Mr. Tainter Supp'd with me. He agreed to keep my mare, I being short of Hay. Thus finish'd this troublesome Day. My Soul praise the Lord for his gracious assistances and Restraints; and the Lord forgive Every offence by me, and all the offences of my Brethren this Day! For Scarcely do any come off innocent when involv'd in Dissensions.

1728 March 13 (Wednesday). I sent my Mare to Mr. Tainters to be kept at his Stable.

1736 March 23 (Tuesday). At Eve I rode over to Mr. Tainters.¹

1736 April 16 (Friday). Mr. Tainter and Mr. Daniel Forbush² gave me a Days work in Digging stones down in the New Ground on the south side, and I Set David to Digging with them.

¹Simon Tainter (d. Apr. 2, 1767) mar. Rebecca Harrington of Watertown, 1714; was admitted to the church, Apr. 3, 1726; and was chosen deacon, Jan. 16, 1757.

²Daniel Forbush

1736 May 11 (Tuesday). Simon Tainter junior³ here in the Eve with Message from the Private Meeting requesting me to preach to them.

1736 May 21 (Friday). Mr. Tainter Cut my Calf and 5 Lambs.

1736 July 12 (Monday). I Sent to Lieut. Bakers and to Mr. Tainters for an Horse, but in Vain. At last I set out with them and rode to Shrewsbury where I tarried to get my Horse shod but the Company proceeded to Rutland. I lodged at Mr. Cushings.

1736 September 21 (Tuesday). Returned by Mr. Walkers⁴ and was in at Mr. Tainters -- Peaches here but a great Rarity with us.

1736 September 27 (Monday). Mr. Tainter here.

1736 October 20 (Wednesday). N.B. John Tainter⁵ (of Marlborough) was here in behalf of other Young Men of that Town to confer with me about my preaching to the private Society there.

1736 November 12 (Friday). Very early in the Morning I sent *David* to Mr. Wheelers to bring from thence a Fat Cow. Mr. Tainter and David my Butchers.

1736 November 13 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter came and Cut out and salted up my Beef.

1736 November 14 (Sunday). Mr. Tainter and his wife⁶ dined with us.

1736 December 16 (Thursday). N.B. Sent my Horse by Mr. Tainter to Waterton for Lydia Cutting.

1736 December 21 (Tuesday). Mr. *Tainter* and *Lydia Cutting* came.

1737 February 22 (Tuesday). A number of Hands came to get wood. Mr. Grout with his Team, Mr. Tainter with his and Mr. Harrington with his, Mr. Grow, Daniel Hardy, Daniel Forbush, Elias Rice, Noah Rice, James Fay, James Bowman, Zebulon Rice, Solomon Rice, John Rogers, Timothy Warren, Jonathan Forbush, Junior, Thomas Winchester, David Baverick, Ebenezer Nurse, Simon Tainter, junior and Samuel Bumpson.

Simon Tainter, Jr.

Mr. Walker

John Tainter of Marlborough

Simon Tainter mar. Rebecca Harrington of Watertown, 1714. She was admitted to the Westborough church by dismission from the Watertown church, June 27, 1731.

1737 February 28 (Monday). Monsieur Thyery came to my house p.m. and I had some Expectations of Mr. Prentice of Grafton, and his wife to visit me, but they did not come. The Doctor spent the evening and good part of the night with me, but presently after he got to Bed came Simon Tainter, Junior upon a most urgent message from Stephen Fay, to have the Doctor visit him forthwith.

1737 November 17 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter came to me before Sunrise and informed me of a most Sudden and awful accident in their neighbourhood. That the wife of Mr. Joshua Harrington (who came up with his Family to Dwell among us, but this Day three weeks) was Shot in the head last evening, a little before Sundown, by a servant named Ebenezer Chubb in his 15th year, and she dyed upon the Spot. Mr. Tainter was going for the Coroner. Public Thanksgiving. Preached on Lev. 3.1. After the publick exercises, the Coroner's Inquest sat on the body of Mrs. Harrington and their verdict was Accidental Death.

1738 January 4 (Wednesday). Captain Eager called me in the morning to go over to Upton to the Ordination of Mr. Thomas Weld. Mr. Tainter also went over with us.

1738 February 13 (Monday). Mr. Tainter came and kill'd our Hog. Weigh'd about 12 score. N.B. Mr. Tainters Cousen Kendal of Suffield here. They din'd with us.

1738 March 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Reuben Maynard of Shrewsbury brought home the Pork I bought of him. The weight was 239£. Mr. Tainter was so kind as to come and Cutt it out and Salt it down.

1738 March 23 (Thursday). Mr. Daniel Whitney of Watertown here with Mr. Tainter, having been up to view Mr. Thomas Wards Farm.

1738 April 21 (Friday). Simon Tainter, junior, came and wrought for me. He plough'd the remainder of the Stubble, with Brother Hicks's oxen join'd to mine. P.M. Plough'd in Barley, with only my Cattle. I planted Cucumbers, Squashes.

1738 July 31 (Monday). I rode to South West part of Town Sent to Boston and my Kinswoman Winchester was at Mr. Tainters in the Evening.

1738 August 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Jonathan Forbush junior and Simon Tainter junior came very kindly and gave me a Days work each of them in mowing at my Meadow.

1738 August 8 (Tuesday). Captain Warrin and his wife and Joanna Tainter here in order to their joining to the Church.

1738 September 6 (Wednesday). At about 9 a.m. My Wife and I set out upon our Journey to Springfield and New Haven, on my Own and Cousen Winchester's Horses. Mr. Tainter bore us Company to Mr. Cushings at Shrewsbury.

1738 October 5 (Thursday). At Eve rode to Mr. Grouts where I Supp'd. Mr. Tainter and his wife, etc. there. N.B. Mrs. Tainters high Disgust at our Dining the Sabbath before last in the

Kitchen -- She surmizing that it was done with design to keep People from coming to warm themselves, which had not entered into our Thoughts, but was done because the House was Cold by the Storm and we had no fire in the Dining Room.

1738 October 17 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter here at Eve with Lads who Husk'd more of my Corn but did not finish it.

1738 November 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter Sow'd and plough'd in Rye for me.

1738 November 8 (Wednesday). N.B. Molly went with Mr. Tainter up to Mr. Joseph Miles's and then home with Mr. Tainter.

1738 November 20 (Monday). Sold Mr. Tainter 3 Largest Weathers I had.

1738 November 27 (Monday). Mr. Tainter alone my Butcher in killing the old Cow. Weight 327, Tallow 42, Hide 50. Sold the hide to Captain Eager for 25 Shillings.

1738 December 1 (Friday). Mr. Tainter came and got up Wood for me.

1738 December 14 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough, Ebenezer with me, to Colonel Woods's (who was gone to Charleston) to Mr. Butlers, Mr. Tainters and Dr. Gotts.

1738 December 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Grout with a Team, and Mr. Samuel Harrington with his oxen to make up another Team with my oxen and Sled, Mr. Groe, Mr. Tainter, Mr. Beriah Rice, Mr. Jonathan Forbush, junior, Thomas Winchester, Edwards Whipple, Ephraim Whitney, Samuel Rogers, Thomas Whitney, junior. Mr. Aaron Forbush came p.m. to Cut and sled me wood from the further side of the Hill.

1738 December 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter here to mend the sled.

1738 December 29 (Friday). N.B. Mrs. Tainter here to discourse with me upon the Offence I had manifested at her Daughters being the Introducers of Velvet whoods among young persons of low Rank in the Congregation and she in a Christian manner Submitted and ask'd forgiveness inasmuch as She had been the Author of it.

1739 January 2 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough round by Mr. Josiah Rice's⁷ and Captain Eagers.⁸ My Little son Thomas rode with me. Rode to Captain Joseph Hows,⁹ Mr. Joseph Tainters¹⁰ where we Din'd, to Mr. Peter Butlers, Colonel Woods's and to Dr. Gotts. The Cold prevail'd at Evening So much that I yielded to their persuasions, for the sake of my son, to tarry over night.

⁷Of Hopkinton. The son of David Rice of Marlborough.

⁸James Eager of Westborough.

⁹Of Marlborough.

¹⁰Deacon of the Marlborough church. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 456.

1739 January 20 (Saturday). My Wife exceeding full of pain, very faint and weak and low. Granny Forbush watch'd. N.B. Simon Tainter, junior went for the Doctor at almost Eve.

1739 February 15 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter and his Son Simon came (upon hire) to cut Wood.

1739 March 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter came and kill'd Two Swine for me.

1739 March 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter came and cut out and Salted up my Pork.

1739 March 16 (Friday). I rode to Marlborough. Exceeding bad Travelling. To Mr. Tainters,¹¹ Phelps,¹² Colonel Woods's, Dr. Gotts at Evening and at Captain Williams¹³ late.

1739 April 12 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Tainter brought up from Cambridge a 3 year old Heifer which I bought of Brother Champney for 10£.

1739 April 25 (Wednesday). Continued my walk over to Mr. Tainters who had kept my Horse Sometime, and so rode back.

1739 May 11 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer rode to Marlborough to carry wool to be spun at the widow Bents¹⁴ and to bring my great Coat from Mr. Tainters but succeeded not in the last.

1739 June 8 (Friday). Sent down my Horse to Mr. Edward Larkin of Charlestown by Mr. Tainter.¹⁵ The Horse being 15 years old I had but £16 for him.

1739 June 23 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter and one Son and Mr. James Millers son¹⁶ came and Hoed a Considerable part of my Field.

1739 July 11 (Wednesday). I walk'd down to Ensign Maynards, where was Mr. Tainter¹⁷ of Marlborough. P.M. he was at our House, as was also Mr. Caleb Rice.

1739 July 12 (Thursday). In the Eve Simon Tainter, junior, and James Bradish brought Jonas Warrin and Charles Bruce to be admitted into the private Society.

1739 July 29 (Sunday). Mr. Tainter¹⁸ and Mrs. Joslin¹⁹ din'd here.

¹¹Deacon Joseph Tainter.

¹²John Phelps, a cordwainer of Marlborough. About 1742 he moved with his family to Rutland, Mass. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 428.

¹³Abraham Williams of Marlborough.

¹⁴Mrs. Peter Bent.

¹⁵Simon Tainter of Westborough.

¹⁶Probably James, Jr.

¹⁷Deacon Joseph Tainter.

¹⁸Simon Tainter of Westborough.

¹⁹Mrs. Joseph Joslin of Westborough.

1739 October 26 (Friday). Rode to Mr. Tainters²⁰ and Browns²¹ at Waterton.

1739 November 9 (Friday). Mr. Tainter²² watch'd.

1739 November 11 (Sunday). I was very faint and weak. No preaching -- but a Thin Meeting. Simon Tainter junior watch'd.

1739 November 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Grout and Mr. Tainter came and kill'd my Fat Cow. N.B. The Quarter weigh'd 20 Score and 16 pound. Mrs. Tainter came to help us in cleaning Tripe, etc.

1739 November 18 (Sunday). Mr. Tainter din'd with us. I could take but very Little.

1739 November 19 (Monday). Mr. Jenison, when the Committee (Scil. Ensign Maynard and Mr. Tainter) had been with him for further Service, went away to return to Waterton. Pigg. Weigh'd 52. Asa Brigham²³ watch'd.

1739 November 22 (Thursday). At Evening, though exceeding ill, I marry'd Timothy Warrin and Rebecca Tainter.²⁴

1739 December 6 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Tainter and his Wife and Brother Harrington of Framingham in their Return from Suffield, were here.

1739 December 8 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter p.m. with his Team to get down Some Loggs.

1739 December 10 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Tainters advice to offer the Town to bear Some part of the Charge of preaching, he not duly Considering the great and extraordinary Charges which I was brought into by my Sickness.

1739 December 17 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter came and waited upon his Kinsman to his House.

1739 December 20 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter here. N.B. free, friendly mutual admonitions.

1739 December 24 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Tainter with his Team p.m. and got us wood.

1740 January 3 (Thursday). In the Evening Deacon Newton,²⁵ Lieutenant Baker and Lieutenant Tainter²⁶ here to Enquire how I was [*illegible*] for wood.

²⁰Capt. John Tainter of Watertown, brother of Deacon Simon Tainter of Westborough.

²¹Deacon William Brown, a prominent resident of Waltham.

²²Simon Tainter.

²³Son of neighbor David Bridgham.

²⁴Daughter of Simon Tainter.

²⁵Josiah Newton.

²⁶Simon Tainter, Jr.

1740 January 8 (Tuesday). Some Number of Hands came to get wood.... Lieutenant Tainter For Mr. Beriah Rice.... Lieutenant Tainter tarried in the Evening and Cut up and Salted my Two Hogs which were kill'd Yesterday. They weighed both of them about 19 Score.

1740 February 13 (Wednesday). I rode to Marlborough, the Doctor²⁷ having Sent for me to visit them.... Din'd at Colonel Woods²⁸ with Mr. Aaron Smith.²⁹ At their earnest request I went to the Funeral of Two of Mr. Joseph Tainters³⁰ Children -- 4 others of his Children being at the Same Time sick, and one or more of them in a Dangerous state and all of the Throat Distemper. At their Instant Desire I pray'd upon this sorrowful Occasion.

1740 March 29 (Saturday). Mrs. Tainter³¹ came and watch'd with my wife.

1740 March 30 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter stayed till Evening.

1740 April 12 (Saturday). Jonathan and Benjamin Tainter³² came with Three Cattle and plough'd Stubble and Split Hills.

1740 April 15 (Tuesday). Jonathan and Benjamin Tainter with their Team Carted Wood, Fencing stuff, ploughed in wheat, etc.

1740 April 16 (Wednesday). Jonathan Tainter and Sam Hicks ploughed in Rye.

1740 June 19 (Thursday). My wife and I rode over to Deacon Forbush and din'd there. The Deacon and his wife with us, we went to Mr. Daniel Forbush, Mr. Millers and Lieutenant Tainters. Lieutenant Tainter and his wife accompany'd us home.

1740 June 30 (Monday). My wife, furnished with Lieutenant Tainters Horse, Set out with me for Cambridge.

1740 July 10 (Thursday). After Lecture Lieutenant Tainter and Neighbor Thurston were very helpfull about my Hay -- pitching up what was in Disorder in the Barn and poling a Quantity that was abroad.

1740 July 15 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. Whipples, Captain Fays, Mr. Grouts,³³ Cousin Winchesters, Mr. Nathaniel Whitneys, Walkers, Tainters (where I din'd -- N.B. Discourse with Bekky),³⁴ old Mrs. Rice's and thence home about 2 p.m.

²⁷Dr. Benjamin Gott, Parkman's brother-in-law.

²⁸Benjamin Woods, the merchant of Marlborough.

²⁹(HC 1735). Ordained June 11, 1740, in Marlborough. *SHG* 9:575-578.

³⁰The deacon of Marlborough.

³¹Wife of Simon Tainter.

³²Sons of Simon Tainter.

³³Joseph Grout.

³⁴Mrs. Simon Tainter.

1740 September 2 (Tuesday). My Wife rode to Mr. Winchesters³⁵ a.m. and with me p.m. to Mr. Wheelers,³⁶ Mr. Balls,³⁷ etc. and thence over the Hill to Mr. Gamels, Jesse Maynards,³⁸ etc. Simon Tainter junior our Company back.

1740 September 25 (Thursday). At Evening only Sister rode up with me to Cambridge. Mr. Tainter of Westborough having taken my Portmantle.

1740 October 16 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter Carted 3 Load of wood for me.

1740 October 29 (Wednesday). P.M. my sister and I rode to Mr. Tainters³⁹ to See a Child there Sick of the Throat Distemper.

1740 October 30 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter, Mr. Harrington,⁴⁰ Mr. Aaron Forbush and Warrin came to take down my wild steer. They perswaded me rather to fell [sell?] him and buy my Beef notwithstanding the keeping I had bestow'd and I consented and Sold him to Mr. Harrington for £13.

1740 November 1 (Saturday). I broke fast at Mr. Smiths, brought up Sally Gott⁴¹ to tarry a while at our House, but we rode first to the Burial of Joseph Warrin Son of Neighbour Thomas Warrin who dy'd of the Throat Distemper at Lieutenant Tainters,⁴² and was bury'd from thence. I din'd at Lieutenant Tainters.

1740 November 11 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Charles Rice got me down several turns of wood with my Oxen.

1740 November 20 (Thursday). At Evening a great Multitude were here to see Simon Tainter and Mary Bruce marry'd. Thirteen Horses, 12 of which double, came with them and about a Dozen more came before them and a great number of Young Persons, So that the House was greatly fill'd with them.

1740 November 21 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter cut up and salted my Pork this Evening.

1740 December 2 (Tuesday). After the Funerals I went with Mr. Grout to Neighbour Beriah Rice's to see the Cow Mr. Tainter had bought for me and afterwards to Mr. Tainters.

1740 December 4 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter brought home Two of my Calves which he had kept a long time for me -- and brought a Fat Cow from Neighbour Beriah Rice's and with Mr. Harringtons help kill'd her. Weight 17 1/2 Score. Tallow 35, and the Hide 56.

³⁵Benjamin Winchester of Westborough.

³⁶Joseph Wheeler.

³⁷Nathan Ball.

³⁸Son of David Maynard.

³⁹Simon Tainter.

⁴⁰Samuel Harrington.

⁴¹Sarah Gott was Parkman's niece.

⁴²Joseph Tainter of Marlborough.

1740 December 5 (Friday). Eve Mr. Tainter came and cutt and salted up my Beef.

1740 December 11 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough and on my Way settl'd with and paid Mr. Beeman.⁴³ Was at Mr. Feltons,⁴⁴ Mr. Williams (the sadler). Din'd at Mr. Tainter's.

1740 December 29 (Monday). Afterwards Lieutenant Tainter in the afternoon got wood.

1742 January 17 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter⁴⁵ and Sarah Stretton⁴⁶ dined here.

1742 February 11 (Thursday). P.M. I preached at Mr. *James Fay's* on Luk. 19.9 to a great multitude -- and it pleased God to give it some success. As soon as the Exercise was over Deacon Fay⁴⁷ broke forth with a loud noise, with Tears of Joy and blessed God he saw this Day etc.: desiring that I would in due Time have an Exercise at his House -- and bore a Message from his Brother, old Mr. Samuel Fay⁴⁸ that I would have one at his also -- which it was a chearful thing to hear, considering his Temper and Conduct for some years past. The rest of the people Seemed so inclined to religious Matters that they did not freely go away. Many tarried to discourse of the Affairs of their Souls and hear of the Experiences of one another. Ex. gr. Deacon Fays, Mr. *James Fays*, Mr. *Merriams* (of Grafton), Lieut. *Tainters*⁴⁹ etc. At Eve several young men here to be instructed in singing.

1742 June 27 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter and her Daughter Forbush dined with us.

1742 August 6 (Friday). I walked down to Mr. Cooks at Evening to meet Neighbour Stephen Fay and I employed him to make diligent search after my Mare, and to send Mr. John Tainter⁵⁰ of Watertown to Lexington after her.

1742 August 14 (Saturday). [Boston] but I remounted Early in the morning, broke fast at Mr. John Tainters -- and took a Nap at Mr. David Hows and there dined.... Got home in the middle of the afternoon....

1742 September 13 (Monday). Ebenezer with a Team to Grindstone Hill, and he and Lieut. Tainter brought each of them a Load of choice Stones.

1742 October 18 (Monday). I wrote to Mr. Woolson, inholder at Weston, concerning Neighbour Barns. I rode to Mr. Eliezer Bellows's whose Child⁵¹ lies sick, and to Mr. Daniel Forbushs. Dined at Mr. Tainter's.

⁴³Eleazer Beeman of Westborough.

⁴⁴Jacob Felton. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 362.

*Rebecca, wife of Simon Tainter.

*Sarah Stretton was probably from Watertown (where Rebecca Tainter was born).

*Deacon John Fay.

⁴⁸Samuel, son of John Mary Fay, b. Oct. 11, 1673 (MVR, 70).

*Simon Tainter of Westborough.

*John Tainter of Watertown

1742 November 2 (Tuesday). Sent my Mare again for Molly by Mr. Tainter by whom I sent a Calf to Markett.

1742 November 4 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter returned with my Mare without Molly, She being not well. I preached at Mr. Tainters on Mic. 7.7.

1742 December 27 (Monday). Sent by Mr. Tainter to Boston.

1744 January 5 (Thursday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter sick.

1744 January 25 (Wednesday). I went out with Design to go to see Lieutenant Tainter who continues sick, but the Rain prevented my going any further than Captain Bakers.

1744 January 26 (Thursday). Went to Lieutenant Tainters who is weak and feeble yet.

1744 March 9 (Friday). A.M. Aaron Hardy and Simon Tainter of Grafton both here, concerned lest I had brought myself into a snare by sending such a Letter to Mr. Prentice for that it was much fear'd that the witnesses which I depended upon to Support my Charge, would fail me. They Staid and din'd with me.

1744 March 10 (Saturday). I rose very Early and Committing my Case to God I went (as I was able) in his Fear and trusting in his goodness to Phinehas Hardys of Grafton and thence to Deacon Miriams,⁵² He being one of the witnesses etc. as above. He and his wife treated me with great Civility and Courteousness and generousness, of their own accord providing an Handsome Breakfast of Chocolat etc. etc. for me -- and Deacon freely Said that what he remember'd of the Conversation we had with Wheeler he would faithfully relate and would Stand by Steadfastly. He affirm'd that though he could not remember the particular words yet he did that the Drift and Substance of it imply'd his acknowledging that he was Guilty of Fornication with Lydia Pratt etc. He said moreover that he had not refus'd to testify -- but had refus'd to Complain of Wheeler, because he had privately forgiven him -- But when lawfully call'd was able and was willing to say much more. I ask'd him whether I could take minutes of what he said and he freely consented and Signed it. He having repeatedly assur'd me that he would not fail me, I took leave, and return'd by Simon Tainters and Phinehas Hardy.

1744 March 11 (Sunday). Lieutenant Tainter came to me in the Morning before Exercises and Spake to me of Mr. Coollidges⁵³ Communicating, but I immediately put an Effectual stop to it and told him I would not hear one word about it.

⁵²Child of Eliezer Bellows

⁵³Joseph Miriam, a pioneer of Grafton, who served as deacon for fifty-five years. Pierce, *Grafton*, 532-533.

⁵⁴Samuel Coolidge.

1744 March 29 (Thursday). A.M. at Mr. Tainters to hasten his making up the Cloths he had in Hand for Me and for Ebenezer, viz. Leather Breeches for Each of us and a Coat of light grey Broad Cloth for him.

1744 May 7 (Monday). Visited Several Sick, viz. Amos Whitney,⁵⁴ who was ill of a Rheumatism, Eli Forbush,⁵⁵ Sick of a pleurisy, Jonathan Tainter in the Wastes of a Consumption, and daily (as tis thought) growing Worse. He has been propounded in order to admission into full Communion but has been a Journey since for his Health and it has prov'd too Much for him.

1744 May 10 (Thursday). At Deacon Tomlins and visited Jonathan Tainter.

1744 May 14 (Monday). Reverend Mr. Warham Williams of Waltham here, with Delegates going up to a Council at Grafton chose by agriev'd Brethren there -- viz. Aaron Hardy, Simon Tainter, etc. At Eve Simon Tainter here to desire me to go up tomorrow, or draw up what I had to say about Wheeler, and about Mr. Prentice's being dismiss'd from the Association. But I could not gratify them with either, for 1.) my wife designs to go to Boston tomorrow. 2.) There is no Time to apprize Mr. Prentice of it. 3.) I have not time to look up my papers and prepare.

1744 May 22 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough to Mr. Tainters⁵⁶ and Madam Woods,⁵⁷ and proceeded to Mr. Stones at Southborough where I din'd, and thence to Hopkinton.

1744 May 23 (Wednesday). Visited also Jonathan Tainter in his Waste.

1744 May 27 (Sunday). Mr. Coollidge, Mr. Kendal⁵⁸ of Suffield with his wife din'd here. Likewise Mr. Harrington⁵⁹ of Framingham and wife and Mrs. Tainter din'd with us.

1744 May 29 (Tuesday). Proceeded to Mr. Joseph Tainters where I was very long detain'd for my Coat which was not done.

1744 June 6 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter came to me at Upton to request me to go to Old Mr. Thomas Rice's Funeral who deceas'd Yesterday, this Month 90 years old, a principal Instrument in obtaining the Grant and Settling of This Town.

1744 June 25 (Monday). Sarah Tainter⁶⁰ here in order to her joining the Church.

1744 July 9 (Monday). After visiting Mr. Fay I went to Mr. Whitneys where I found far Different Dispositions -- and to Lieutenant Tainters. N.B. Jonathan I think wears away.

*Son of Nathaniel Whitney.

*Eli Forbes (HC 1751), later minister of Brookfield and Gloucester.

*Deacon Joseph Tainter.

*Widow of Benjamin Woods.

*Thomas Kendall.

*Ebenezer Harrington, a selectman of Framingham. Temple, *Framingham*, 576.

*Daughter of Simon Tainter.

1744 July 18 (Wednesday). I proceeded to Lieutenant Tainters to see poor Jonathan who is very low in his Wasting and Consumption and not like to continue, yet Say, but little only that he is pritty much in the Dark, yet would hope in the Mercy of God. After prayer and Some Instructions I rode to Mendon.

1744 July 23 (Monday). My Wife rode with me to see Mr. Samuel Fay, junior, his Wife who has lain confin'd for nigh 11 months, and Jonathan Tainter who is in a deep Consumption.

1744 July 29 (Sunday). Deacon Forbush,⁶¹ who had requested me to preach at his home next Thursday, told me of his Brother Tainters⁶² request for the Sake of his son Jonathan to move the Place of the Lecture by the Consent of the Brethren of the Meeting to his House, Jonathan being not like to go abroad again or long to continue; and upon their Consulting Such Brethren of the Meeting as they could light of and obtaining Consent thereto, I appointed the Lecture accordingly to be at said Tainters on the next Thursday 4 p.m. and likewise propounded the Desires of his Daughter Sarah to join in full Communion with the Church.

1744 July 31 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Jonathan Forbush came suddenly to call me to see his poor Brother Jonathan Tainter. I found him very low, but had his reason and could Speak a few words at a Time softly yet somewhat Audibly. He had no such direct Evidence as to give him much Comfort, but yet he hop'd and desir'd; and Hopes and Desires were the Chief of what I could get from him. Many were gather'd there. I pray'd with him, after what moving and Instructing Exhortations I could give both to him and the by-Standers. About sun setting I left him.

1744 August 1 (Wednesday). Neighbour How⁶³ came in the morning and told me that Jonathan Tainter dy'd last Evening and This Day he was to be bury'd; and accordingly was so. N.B. Thomas at Burial, so that he wrought but about 2 Hours today, or but little more.

1744 August 2 (Thursday). I preach'd at Lieutenant Tainters on Isa. 40.6.7.8, and may the Lord give it his peculiar Blessing! N.B. Among others Mrs. Stevens of Grafton there.

1744 September 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Coollidge went away to Lieutenant Tainters. I walk'd, though not with Mr. Coollidge to Lieutenants and din'd there. At Eve Mr. Coollidge with Lieutenant for Watertown.

1744 October 26 (Friday). N.B Captain John Tainter of Watertown there, with his Wife.

1744 October 28 (Sunday). Captain John Tainter and his wife, with Lieutenants Wife also din'd with us. O that God would make it the Day of his power with us!

⁶¹Jonathan Forbush.

⁶²Simon Tainter.

⁶³Hezekiah How.

1744 November 1 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter at Evening.

1744 November 9 (Friday). N.B. My Young Cattle, viz. Three young Heiffers, which Lieutenant Tainter drove up to Cold Spring for summering, in the forepart of the Year, were all missing when the Drovers came in. But Lieutenant undertook a Journey after them on the sixth instant, and this Evening brought in Two of them, the Third as tis judg'd dy'd in the Woods Some time agoe; the Carcase was found but was greatly corrupted etc. Lieutenant has been out 27 Shilling, and there remained 10 shilling for the Herdsman; in all the Charge amounted to 37 shilling.

1744 December 10 (Monday). Sixteen came to get me Wood. Solomon Woods with a Team, Mr. Grow, Miller,⁶⁴ Harrington,⁶⁵ Daniel, Jonathan, Phinehas and Eli Forbush,⁶⁶ Beriah Rice, Dunlop, Daniel Warrin, Elijah Warrin, Benjamin Tainter, Jonathan Grout, Jonas Child and Zebulon Rice.

1744 December 21 (Friday). My Ox very ill -- a Fever -- bound up. Captain Maynard here administering to him. Lieutenant Tainter here. He rak'd the Ox.

1745 January 2 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter (whose wife I visited as I went), Mr. Stratton of Waltham, his son Harrington and Mr. Grow, were my Company over.

1745 January 11 (Friday). The Town met again about my Affairs. They granted Money at the Rate of £220 per Year for my preaching from June 5 to the 19th of October when the Town was divided into Two Precincts. Captain Fay and Captain Warrin were the Committee to inform Me, to which I return'd a Written Answer. And So now I am after these Things to be thrown upon a Precinct, or out of Doors -- our old Covenants and Contracts being nullify'd and dissolved -- and this without any Consent of mine, or Opportunity from either the Court or the Town to Shew whether I consented or not. At Eve came Captain Eager, Lieutenant Holloway, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Livermore, Mr. James Ball, Mr. Jesse Brigham, Mr. Nathaniel Oake and Lieutenant Tainter and several of them had not heard the Paper which I read to the Town on the 7th. I did not read it for it was nigh Dark and they were Moving; but I gave them the Substance and enquir'd whether any one had a Mind to say anything about the Things which had been offer'd -- upon which Mr. Wheeler and I had a long Conference In which I prov'd the Necessity of Order, but especially of Reasonableness in Societys, and that what the Town had done had been opposite to both; and that especially by the breaking up of our Covenant I was become a great Sufferer. Constable Livermore paid me all.

1745 January 30 (Wednesday). I rode to Ensign [Thomas] Newtons -- din'd at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's -- visited Mr. Nathaniel Whitneys Family -- Mr. Jonas Childs -- was at Lieutenant Tainters.

⁶⁴James Miller.

⁶⁵Samuel Harrington.

⁶⁶Sons of Deacon Jonathan Forbush.

1745 February 3 (Sunday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainters Sister Hastings here.

1745 February 14 (Thursday). Was also at Lieutenant Tainters, and Molly not well, but we (through Divine Favour) got home safe.

1745 February 17 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. Child din'd with us.

1745 March 3 (Sunday). N.B. Captain Tainters⁶⁷ (of Watertown) Daughter Rebecca here.

1745 March 4 (Monday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter talks with me about a Chaise that he has bought with some View to me.

1745 March 10 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison din'd with us, as did old Mrs. Byles⁶⁸ and old Mrs. Whipple,⁶⁹ and Mrs. Rebecca Tainter of Watertown.

1745 March 20 (Wednesday). In returning I call'd at Mr. Tainters where I view'd a Chaise which he had bought with a View to me, but I conceiv'd it too much worn, yet determin'd nothing.

1745 March 31 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. Child din'd here.

1745 April 7 (Sunday). Brother Hicks who lodg'd here, din'd with me as did Mrs. Tainter⁷⁰ and Mrs. Patience Woods.⁷¹

1745 April 23 (Tuesday). After Catechizing I visited the Widow Woods. N.B. I went there on foot, but rode Lieutenant Tainters Horse back. I had also din'd at his House.

1745 May 11 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer went to Lieutenant Tainters for his Chaise and brought it.

1745 May 22 (Wednesday). Immediately return'd back to Mr. Breck who was waiting for my Company to Marlborough. He and his little Daughter rode in his Chair and Mrs. Sally Gott and I in Mr. Tainters Chaise.

1745 June 29 (Saturday). Ebenezer carry'd home Mr. Tainters Chaise which has stood in my Barn now some Time.

1745 July 18 (Thursday). In the Singular good Providence of God Lieutenant Tainter this Morning Sent us a large Quarter of Lamb. Otherwise we Should have been unprovided for

⁶⁷John Tainter.

⁶⁸Widow of Captain Joseph Byles.

⁶⁹Mrs. Francis Whipple.

⁷⁰Mrs. Simon Tainter.

⁷¹Mrs. Solomon Woods.

any special Entertainment at our Table to Day, which was THANKSGIVING on Account of the late Success at Cape Briton, on which Occasion I preach'd on Isa. 25.1.2.9.

1745 July 22 (Monday). At Deacon Stevens's and paid him 10 shillings for mending Lieutenant Tainters Chaise May 22 last.

1745 October 7 (Monday). Mrs. Tainter⁷² kindly ask'd me to Dinner, which I readily accepted of. N.B. Mr. Tainter⁷³ of Grafton there and Mr. Nathaniel Whitney.

1745 November 19 (Tuesday). Was at Lieutenant Tainters at Eve.

1745 November 20 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Harrington kill'd a Cow for me which weigh'd nigh 360.

1745 December 21 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter here. He bemoans the Condition of his Brother Thomas Harrington at Waltham.

1746 January 11 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter here -- he brought the Journal which contains Father Patrick Graham, Almoner and Confessor to the Young Pretender, his Letter to Father Benedict York, giving an account of their proceedings, successes and Designs.

1746 January 14 (Tuesday). Neighbour Samuel Hardy came late a.m. to Swingle Flax. P.M. he join'd with a Number that were here to get me some Wood, for Lieutenant Tainter and Neighbour Samuel Harrington were here yesterday while I was absent, and rigg'd up my Sled, and they Two, with Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt (who brought a Team of Oxen), Beriah Rice, and Eleazer Rice, came and got me a Pile of Wood.

1746 January 19 (Sunday). Lieutenant Tainter came and inform'd Me that Sister Esther, my Brother Alexanders Wife dy'd on the 12th at Night, and was bury'd on Wednesday following.

1746 February 6 (Thursday). I preach'd at the Private Meeting at Lieutenant Tainters on Mat. 18.18.19. My wife rode with me. We din'd there. O that the Lord Jesus Christ might meet with us in all our Meetings!

1746 April 10 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter came and offer'd to Cutt my Colt which by the Help of Some Persons here he Effected.

1746 May 14 (Wednesday). With them came also Reverend Mr. Bridge of Framingham -- and Lieutenant Tainter. The Last inform'd me of the Sorrowfull Fall of Mrs. Betty Loring, being six months gone with Child by Manson the Barber at Sudbury.

⁷²Mrs. Simon Tainter.

⁷³Simon Tainter, Jr., who had lived in Westborough.

1746 June 20 (Friday). Sorrowfull News that Benjamin Tainter is either kill'd or Carry'd away Captive, by the Indians who have besett Massachusetts Fort at Hoosuck.

1746 June 25 (Wednesday). I visited Lieutenant Tainter and his Family in their Distress for Benjamin, who, as they conclude, is carry'd away Captive by the Indians.

1746 June 29 (Sunday). On 2 Tim. 2.3, a. and p.m. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter receiv'd a Letter from Aaron Warrin at Fort Pelham informing and Certifying of the onsett of the Indians on Hoosuck or Massachusetts Fort, and killing or carrying away Benjamin Tainter.

1746 September 1 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter here. Kill'd my old Ram.

1746 September 15 (Monday). Mr. Tainter here to see my Sister and invited my Sister to spend a few Days at their House.

1746 September 16 (Tuesday). But Lieutenant Tainter came over with his Chaise to convey my sister to his House and I was oblig'd to accompany them and dine there.

1746 November 10 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a Cow which Mr. Grout bought for me of Mr. Jonas Brigham for £16.10.0.

1746 November 12 (Wednesday). Wrote by Lieutenant Tainter to Mr. Edwards to Northampton.

1746 December 8 (Monday). After Prayer I return'd to Lieutenant Tainters and thence to Captain Bakers.

1746 December 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter had encourag'd me that he would take the Care of marketting the Pork (kill'd yesterday) if I send it to Boston by my son Thomme; we accordingly got ready. Ebenezer got the Mare shod at Mr. Cooks and went over to Lieutenants -- acquainted him we had kill'd, and to know his Purpose; but it prov'd dull misty and Rainy Day, and it being a very heavy and difficult Load and Lieutenant not to go till late, together with diverse other Things which perplexed us, therefore we deferr'd it till another Day.

1746 December 22 (Monday). Was at Mr. Beriah Rice's, Deacon Forbush's where was Mr. Child of Roxbury, Glazier. Visited Mr. Dunlop who is Sick; This and to Speak with the Glazier were my Chief Errands: was also at Mr. Martin Pratts -- din'd (as I return'd home) at Lieutenant Tainters.

1747 January 1 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter brought up Six of Mr. Edwards on Religious Affections.

1747 January 18 (Sunday). A Thaw. Rainy.... Lieutenant Tainter kind in helping my Children to meeting through the wet.

1747 February 1 (Sunday). Captain Tainter of Watertown and his Brother the Lieutenant din'd here together with Mr. Jenison.

1747 February 13 (Friday). Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton here with a Letter from that Church to me requesting me to join with four other ministers viz. Reverend Messrs. Martyn, Hall, Webb and Stone, to advise them in their Difficultys. The Day appoint'd is the 24th Instant, the place of Meeting the house of Mr. Joseph Rice in Grafton.

1747 February 15 (Sunday). Mr. Joseph Knowlton, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. Miller din'd here as well as Eli and Asaph.

1747 February 19 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Francis Whipple and his Wife here. He acquaints me that Lieutenant Tainter was a far more hurtfull opposer of the Petition which was lately put into the General Court by a Great Number of Inhabitants of this Town respecting my Salary, than even any person of the north side whosoever; especially in his Discourse at Boston with the Honourable Joseph Wilder Esquire the chairman of the Committee to whom he said Petition is referr'd.

1747 April 2 (Thursday). Mr. Dunlop came from Lieutenant Tainters with an Horse for my wife and me to ride over there to Day.... According to Lieutenant Tainters Request my wife and I din'd there, and p.m. I preach'd to the private Meeting there, on Mat. 16.26 to page 12, and the application, page 21.

1747 April 6 (Monday). Deacon Forbush's wife here and brought me excellent Flax seed, a peck and half, and Eli half peck from his uncle Tainters, all of it gratis.

1747 April 27 (Monday). I proceeded to Mr. Joseph Tainters at Marlborough and at Colonel Williams -- call'd also at Mr. Amsdens at Westborough.

1747 June 4 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter and his Joseph Bowker, and Mr. Samuel Harrington with good Team came and got Wood, a good pile. Lieutenant at 4 p.m. went to Mr. Whipples to private meeting.

1747 June 23 (Tuesday). Was also at Lieutenant Tainters. He requests me to write a Letter to Benjamin in Canada, if yet alive.

1747 July 2 (Thursday). I rode to Watertown and lodg'd at Captain John Tainters, but was not very well.

1747 July 6 (Monday). Letter from Mr. Taylor of Milton to request me to send him all I could collect about Benjamin Tainter, he being about to write to a Gentlemen in Canada.

1747 July 13 (Monday). In the Morning I rode over to Mr. Dunlop to get him to come and reap. Found him at Lieutenant Tainters.

1747 August 16 (Sunday). N.B. Brother James Fay, now of Hardwick, attempting to tarry at Communion. Deacon Newton withdrew. Divers other Brethren Shew'd their dissatisfaction likewise -- viz. Brother Tainter, Brother Miller, Brother Daniel Warrin -- upon which I desir'd Mr. James Fay to withdraw, which upon his doing I sent for Deacon Newton, and he return'd to his Duty and Office accordingly. N.B. Brother James Fay din'd with me. P.M. I appointed a Church Meeting upon his affair to be tomorrow 4 o'Clock p.m. and Catechizing at the Meeting House next Friday.

1747 August 19 (Wednesday). Mrs. Winchester here p.m. tells us that about 170 Captives are Come from Canada to Boston, and that Benjamin Tainter is come, but that Phinehas Forbush is Dead.

1747 August 20 (Thursday). Went to Lieutenant Tainters to rejoice with them but was somewhat troubled to see Lieutenant's Indifference about going down to Boston for his son. I did not 'light -- but, hasten'd home and rode over to Mr. Martyn's.

1747 August 21 (Friday). Benjamin Tainter, I hear, got home.

1747 August 22 (Saturday). Benjamin Tainter came to see me and gave me a narrative of his Captivity and Return.

1747 August 30 (Sunday). P.M. Repeated with some Alterations and additions sermon on Ps. 126, on occasion not only of Benjamin Tainters but a great Number of Captives returning from Canada. Mr. Norton their Chaplain being among them.

1747 September 11 (Friday). Deacon Forbush and his wife and Mrs. Tainter here, as they return'd from Suffield.

1747 September 15 (Tuesday). Benjamin Tainter and Molly rode in Chaise to Cambridge.

1747 September 20 (Sunday). At Evening I read to the Church a Letter from the Second Church in Sutton desiring our Assistance in their approaching Ordination. Upon which our Church voted Compliance with their Request, and confirm'd it by asking whether any body objected? But all being Silent, we then proceeded to appointment of the Delegates, and Two were offer'd to be the Number, and try'd by Vote; but there were So few voted, that I enquir'd what might be the Matter? Captain Warrin answer'd that seeing the Church had no Returns made 'em of what was done when they sent out to Councils and such like, he did not know whether it was worthwhile to send any more. I soon found by Ensign Bruce's warm Speech (that follow'd as well as went before Captain Warrins) it was my not reading the Grafton Result that had given such Disgust. I told 'em That we had not the Custom with us, nor in the Churches where I had been concern'd that I know of, that when we had ever done it it was a special occasion for doing it; That indeed I had Some Reasons against Reading Results abroad round the Country, to Spread at great Distance (it would be some times) the miscarriages of Christians and Ministers etc. But yet I was free and ready to gratifie 'em in the present Case; either any my own House or otherwise when desir'd and was sorry they would make Such a Difficulty as that to clogg the present Duty (or to that

purpose). Lieutenant Forbush said a man had told me that he ask'd me to read it -- but that I did not. I reply'd that I had not a Copy at first, when I came Back from that Council -- and that afterwards it seem'd late to read a Result; and I did not know there was any uneasiness about it, and could not take it well that the first Discovery of uneasiness Should be in such a public manner as this. Captain Baker mov'd that being it was the sabbath it might be better to defer it to some other Time. Lieutenant Tainter said he saw not why the Business might not go on, for this was a different work from that of going to Councils upon Differences etc. But twas urg'd that we should be together again at the Thursday ensuing, and we had best wave anything further about it till then. So it was deferr'd accordingly to that Day (the Day of the Lecture). But note well, that when Brother Stephen Fay and Brother Daniel Hardy said they believ'd there was not a Vote, it made me recurr from that to the first vote (of granting the request of the Letter), and observ'd to them that I esteem'd that vote to have been pass'd, for I had put it both ways, and desir'd if there was objection it might be shown. But at this Time there was no Objection made against that Vote. I look upon that therefore as doubly confirm'd.

1747 September 28 (Monday). Was at Mr. Whipples, Lieutenant Tainter, at Mr. Jonah Warrin's and at Mr. Williams's.

1747 September 29 (Tuesday). A number of Hands came and gather'd my Corn. Mr. Samuel Fay junior, Joseph Green junior, Edwards Whipple (who was a first mover) and p.m. John Chamberlin, John Rogers, Benjamin Tainter, Joseph Bowker.

1747 October 5 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter return'd a Blanket which Captain Maynard borrow'd for Stephen when a Soldier.

1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter here and cut a young Calf, and din'd here. Tells us that he heard at Watertown that Mr. Stearns of Lunenburgh is Dead.

1747 October 12 (Monday). In the morning I rode to Lieutenant Tainters, who had kill'd a mutton and they put up a side of it in my portmantle. I brought it home. Had a Quarter of Beef of Mr. Jonah Warrin. Price of both the Mutton and Beef 12 d.

1747 November 5 (Thursday). [Private meeting.] Not many attended, but of elderly persons there were besides Mr. Bradish and his wife Justice Baker, Deacon Forbush and Deacon Newton, Captain Warrin, Lieutenant Tainter -- Several women, and young people of both sexes.

1747 November 19 (Thursday). I rode down to Neighbour Bavericks and Captain Warrins. Sent my mare and Sidesaddle by Mr. Bowman to Molly at Cambridge. Lieutenant Tainter here to see what is the matter with my Fat Cow.

1747 November 24 (Tuesday). My wife and I visited Martha Ward -- and from thence (Lieutenant Tainter there for us) we went over to the marriage of Samuel Baker and Susanna Tainter, at her Fathers.

1747 December 2 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter and his son Benjamin came over and kill'd my Cambridge Cow. Weigh'd 413, the Quarters -- Hide 65, Tallow 35. Lieutenant was very kind and obliging -- not only gave me freely his pains, but knowing my straights for winter keeping for my Stock, he took home a Cow to winter for me.

1747 December 3 (Thursday). P.M. My Wife rode with me to the private meeting at Captain Baker's.... We supp'd there -- Lieutenant Tainter with us.

1747 December 4 (Friday). And at Eve came Mr. Benjamin Tainter and offer'd to tarry over night to help me tomorrow notwithstanding his purpose to come with his Father and others to get wood next Monday. I bless God for those kind Tokens from my Neighbours! May I have grace suitably to improve them!

1747 December 5 (Saturday). Benjamin Tainter came, and brought with him Noah How, who (together) having a Large Saw, saw'd off a Stout Pine Logg for the sawmill. They din'd with us and p.m. Benjamin Cutt and sledded down some wood.

1747 December 7 (Monday). There came only the few following Hands to cutt Wood (N.B. Not one Team came to sled) Messrs. Jonah Warrin, and Daniel Hardy, Solomon Baker and Benjamin Tainter, Charles Rice junior, and Timothy Newton. Benjamin Tainter took my Oxen, mare and sled and sledded down 8 Load. N.B. The first of the Hands came about 11 a.m. the rest at near Noon.

1747 December 13 (Sunday). Lieutenant Tainter and one Mr. Bond din'd with us.

1747 December 21 (Monday). Benjamin Tainter came before we were out of wood, and with my son got a little more to the Door.

1747 December 27 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter and the widow of Nehemiah How din'd with us.

1748 February 7 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter and Forbush dined here.

1748 February 8 (Monday). Nineteen persons came to get wood for me, viz. Mr. Grow, Harrington with his team, Daniel Forbush, Ebenezer Miller, Samuel, Daniel and Phinehas Hardy, Zebulon Rice, Tim Warrin, Joseph Grout, junior, Samuel Baker and Benjamin Willson, Benjamin Tainter for James Bradish, Martyn Pratt, Robert Dunlop, Jonathan Forbush, Solomon Woods, John Kelly for Beriah Rice, William Pierce.

1748 February 21 (Sunday). Lieutenant Tainter and his daughters Sarah and Elizabeth dined here.

1748 February 22 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter came and killed me an Hog. Weighed 245. P.M. had a great deal of Discourse with Lieutenant about the sorrowful Divisions in our precinct. I observed it the rather because: Captain Maynard came, but understanding that Lieutenant Tainter was here would not come in.

1748 March 24 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter here -- he acquainted me with the foolish and mischievous conduct of a number of young men on March Meeting night at his house (about 10 or 11 of them) he being gone on a journey at that time: and he wanted my advice. I advised him to keep it as private as he could but to go and discourse with the youngsters themselves and with their parents. I refused to know who they were till he should take these steps and if these steps were not successful it would then be time enough to expose them.

1748 April 4 (Monday). Dr. Gott here. Wrote by him to Mr. Martyn not to come over (as proposed) on Tuesday to visit us, but to come on Thursday, and prepared to preach at the private meeting at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 April 5 (Tuesday). An Important Time! When this precinct met upon the affair of my sallery and a new Meeting House -- Mr. Grout and Lieutenant Tainter being sent to me to desire me to Pray with them.

1748 April 7 (Thursday). I preached at Lieutenant Tainter's on Gen. 17.7, to the end of page 12. My wife was with me.

1748 May 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and he [Joseph Bowker] brought my Cow (with her Calf) that had been kept at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 May 30 (Monday). This Day the Parish met upon adjournment Concerning my Support among them. They pass'd a vote in the following words viz. Voted and granted to the Reverend Mr. Parkman our minister the Sum of one Hundred and fifty Two pounds ten shillings old Tenor -- This with what they had heretofore granted was to make up 400£ Old Tenor -- for his Support this Currant Year, provided Mr. Parkman will give the said precinct a full Discharge from the Time said Precinct began their Contract with him for his Service in the Work of the ministry among them untill the fifth Day of June 1748. Josiah Newton Moderator. And then sent Two persons, viz. Mr. Samuel Williams and [blank] to desire me to go up to the meeting House that they might Speak with me personally. Upon which I went up. When the opportunity was prepared for me to speak, I desir'd the precinct, in order to my fulfilling the Condition abovesaid to give me (according to what was inserted in the Warrant for this meeting) some direct and plain answer to my reasonable Request last December (for so long this affair had been depending, which request was) that they would explain their Expression in their Votes of February [blank] 1744/5, wherein they Say that they will give me 55£ New Tenor Money so called etc. Upon my making this motion Several seem'd to be disgust'd; and even some that I suppose were friendly and were the means of obtaining to Day's vote, and some were ready to throw it up, or would have it re-consider'd. We had Some warm debate about that Explanation which the then Moderator (Deacon Newton) and the Clerk (Mr. Francis Whipple) had given me (by desire) that Evening after the Vote was made. N.B. When the Paper I had lately given the present Committee of the precinct (who were appointed to treat with me) was referr'd to and the words were recited from it which (as I conceive) the said Moderator and Clerk in February 1744/5 deliver'd me as the meaning of the vote which had been pass'd that Day, immediately Captain Warrin was in a great Heat, and express'd himself indecently -- saying that That was a Corrupt

Thing, pointing said to Paper. I therefore referr'd to myself to the very words of the Moderator and Mr. Whipple -- but though they said much the same things as heretofore in showing the Interpretation of the foremention'd voted, yet they now add that they did not hereby intend that the Precinct would keep up the Value of money according to Gold or silver; but that it Should be according to the Determination of the Court. And when they had said this divers others struck in, and Insisted that That was the true intent and meaning. Whereupon I reply'd that being Sensible I could recover nothing but what was written in the Votes how ambiguous Soever, I desir'd it might be wav'd for the present (for it was almost dark and the people seem'd uneasy that they might go home) and I would have the precinct to take a Time to settle our agreement; and concerning their Vote of today for supply this year Currant, I openly declar'd that I accepted of it upon the Condition therein inserted, and that I could do no otherwise, through the Necessity of my Case. No sooner was this Spoke, than new Displeasures arose -- but I went to a window and wrote what I had said (viz. My Consent to the vote upon the Conditions therein express'd) on the paper of the Vote itself. Then the Moderator dissolv'd the Meeting. N.B. When I propos'd Corn and other Necessarys of Life to be a standard, if they did not like to have Gold and Silver, Brother Williams answer'd that then if there Should come ever so dreadful a Scarcity and if Corn Should be many pounds a Bushel I would have it of them to the full notwithstanding. I was griev'd at this answer and I hope my Reply was satisfying. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Eliezer Rice in a Contest, about something which the former affirms I said. Scil. that (on Consideration of the Difference among the people) I was ready to throw up the Precincts Votes without any Ifs and and's. Where as I told him it was upon Supposition that they would do Something else as good in the Stead thereof. It was a grief to me to find there were so many Disquietments and I was especially Sorry that when the people had granted as much as I expected (if it went not so much as was properly due) that I must accept it in such a manner as looks to them unkind and as if I was Still bearing upon them.

1748 May 31 (Tuesday). Cousen Betty and I rode to Captain Bakers, to Deacon Newtons and to Lieutenant Tainters. We din'd (upon Lieutenants Invitations yesterday) at the House of this Latter, for I catechiz'd at the South School House.

1748 June 4 (Saturday). P.M. Divers Gentlemen from Grafton going over to Mr. Martyn in order to obtain a Church Meeting. They were, Captain Willard, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Simon Tainter.

1748 June 24 (Friday). P.M. came Mr. Stephen Fay with a Warrant from Captain Edward Baker Esquire with which he press'd Joseph Bowker, my Young Man, into the service! I went over to the Captain to see if nothing could be done to release him. The Captain said he would do his utmost: and accordingly Sent his son to try to hire Robert Cook, and he should offer him 50£. Nay not come without him if 60£ would procure him. I am afraid of the Temptation of too great Anxiety -- but I beseech God to enable me to put my Trust in Him! and Committing all to Him, to be at Rest! Joseph went to Lieutenant Tainters who I am perswaded would do what in him lies. Two or Three Things made this impressing feel the worse. Its falling out at this Season, when I cannot get any Body in his stead; and it being

on Friday when I was more disturb'd: (It was So exactly when Captain Baker press'd Thomas Winchester) And when they want but one Man out of the whole Town.

1748 June 30 (Thursday). N.B. I Spake to the Congregation just before the Blessing, to the following purposes. "In my present peculiar Circumstances I am obliged to acquaint the Inhabitants of this Precinct that my Help being taken away I must depend upon you to help me. I must depend upon you respecting my Temporals, if you would have me attend to your Spirituals." After meeting Lieutenant Tainter here, and spake Comfortably of Sending Help, but though others were here no one else Spoke a word of it. I desire to rest in Gods Providence.

1748 July 4 (Monday). Mr. Samuel Harrington kindly came and hoed for me, and Samuel Forbush came for Lieutenant Tainter.

1748 July 5 (Tuesday). I din't at Watertown, at Captain Tainters.

1748 July 23 (Saturday). I rose early and went to Captain Bakers to desire him to Cart for me -- Since my Hay was now ready: but (though he went to Stephen Fay's to get his Cattle for it) he could not. I proceeded to Lieutenant Tainters. He agreed to go to Day if Captain Baker went to Day -- but he chose to deferr it till Monday.

1748 September 22 (Thursday). Examin'd Benjamin Tainter at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1748 July 25 (Monday). Mr. Samuel Harrington with Cart and one Yoke of Oxen, and Benjamin Tainter with the Like Carted Hay for me from the Meadow. Harrington 2 Turns 13 Cocks each, and once with 14. Tainter with 13 Cocks all 3 Turns: Ebenezer 13 Cocks 2 Turns and his last turn being in the Dark was but 11 Cocks. N.B. The Cocks in general large. A great Kindness this of my Neighbours. The Lord reward 'em for it.

1748 September 22 (Thursday). Examin'd Benjamin Tainter at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1748 October 5 (Wednesday). Benjamin Tainter only came to gathering Corn a.m. Some others p.m. viz. Neighbours Edwards Whipple, Joseph Green junior, Thomas Whipple, Mr. Elijah Warrin.

1748 October 23 (Sunday). Mr. Samuel Crosby and Mrs. Tainter din'd here.

1748 November 3 (Thursday). P.M. to the private meeting at Lieutenant Tainters -- on Mat. 26.14. N.B. My Daughter Mary with me. Supp'd there with divers Men and Women from Waterton and Waltham.

1748 November 10 (Thursday). Mr. Grow and Batherick at work a.m. on my back porch. They din'd here, as did Reverend Mr. Stone, Two Tainters and their Kinswoman Joanna Tainter of Watertown.... At Eve Mr. Nathaniel Whitney here to ask me whether if they should gather but a small part of the Money due to me from the North Side, among them in

their South Neighbourhood, I would give a Receipt in full? (They having heard from Lieutenant Tainter that I would.) I told him I was not ready to make any direct answer to it.

1748 November 29 (Tuesday). A.M. at Lieutenant Tainters to see him in his Lameness.

1748 December 7 (Wednesday). I expected that the Young Men of the private society would have come to cutt wood, for so they had appointed to do -- but there came only the Eight following. Daniel How, Benjamin Tainter, Timothy Newton, Rody Smith (or Devereux), Jonathan Bruce, Moses Warrin, Phinehas Maynard, and Aaron Warrin.

1748 December 14 (Wednesday). Din'd at Captain Tainters at Watertown.

1749 January 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Roberts from Boston, a young preacher at Grafton (accompany'd by Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton) came to see me -- din'd with us, and tarry'd over Night (Mr. Tainter going to his Father Bruce's).

1749 January 5 (Thursday). Mr. Roberts, Mr. Upham and Mr. Tainter din'd here.

1749 January 12 (Thursday). P.M. I rode as far as Mr. Daniel Hardys (who is Collector) and to Lieutenant Tainters.

1749 January 17 (Tuesday). Many Southern Neighbours came to Cutt and Sled wood for me. My Son Thomas went also with my own Team. The Company were Mr. Samuel Harrington with a Team, Mr. Timothy Warrin and Team, Benjamin Tainter (for his Brother Jonathan Forbush -- but) with his Fathers Team, Mr. Growe, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Daniel Hardy, Mr. Phinehas Hardy, Mr. Zebulon Rice, Messrs. Solomon Woods, Jonas Child, Samuel Baker, Eleazer Williams, besides which were Robert Cook, Nathaniel Whitney junior, Joseph Grout, Judah Rice, Thomas Hardy, and Samuel Bumpso. And they got down 34 Load to the Door.

1749 February 5 (Sunday). N.B. Mrs. Suzanna Tainter of Watertown din'd here.

1749 February 24 (Friday). At Lieutenant Tainters at Evening.

1749 February 28 (Tuesday). Sent my son Thomas to Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury, Sadler, to work with him, and Lieutenant Tainter, kindly, rode with him and brought back my Horse.

1749 March 14 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter came and winnow'd out my Barley.

1749 March 15 (Wednesday). Rode to Marlborough to Deacon Tainters and din'd there.

1749 March 17 (Friday). Home. Captain Maynard had come, and with Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a Young Swine of between 7 and 8 score. Neighbour Rogers salted down our pork, and Mr. Daniel Warrin of Shrewsbury brought me an Hive of Bees.

1749 March 21 (Tuesday). Daniel Hastings came with his Cousen Benjamin Tainter, and agrees to work for me, without determining how long, or for how much but leaves it with his uncle Tainter.

1749 March 22 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton here and brought me a Letter from Mr. Hall of Sutton, inclosing a Remarkable one from Mr. Edwards of Northampton to him to be communicated to me containing Extracts from Letters from Scotland of the Good Tokens respecting Religion in some very eminent Persons in Great Britain -- some of the Royal Family, the Archbishop of Canterbury -- Esquire West etc. -- and in Holland, the prince of Orange.

1749 April 12 (Wednesday). Rode first to Mrs. Deborah Brigham and pray'd with her. Thence (concluding Mr. Smith was gone) I went hastily to Deacon Tainters in Marlborough and so to Mr. Lorings.

1749 May 1 (Monday). Visited Mrs. Tainter who is ill, and din'd there.

1749 May 29 (Monday). My Kinsman Nathaniel (on Mr. James Bowman's Horse) Set out with me for Boston. We din'd at Mr. Farrars in Framingham after a turn of Fishing in his River -- lodg'd at Captain Tainters at Watertown -- my Kinsman being much worn with the Journey thus far.

1749 June 9 (Friday). Benjamin Hastings, Sarah and Elizabeth Tainter lodg'd here. Showers in the Night.

1749 June 10 (Saturday). Mrs. Hastings and her son Benjamin, Sarah and Elizabeth Tainter din'd with us.

1749 June 11 (Sunday). Some Number Din'd with us. Mrs. Tainter and her sister Hastings, Benjamin Hastings, Eli Forbush, Mrs. Chaddock, Mrs. Deborah Brigham and Rebecca Warrin.

1749 June 27 (Tuesday). Heard that at Lieutenant Tainters divers people met to pray together. I had recommended it to him on sabbath Eve last.

1749 July 1 (Saturday). At Eve came Ebenezer and Forbush in my Chair, drawn by Lieutenant Tainters Horse, from Cambridge, Having been gone 10 working Days: but no Evil had befallen him as I began to fear there had.

1749 July 6 (Thursday). Went p.m. to Lieutenant Tainters and preach'd at the Private Meeting. Text Mat. 26.41. After Exercise there was an handsome Entertainment at which were Esquire Baker and his wife, and some Number besides.

1749 July 15 (Saturday). I consulted Dr. Davis who has the Care of Molly. I thereupon ventur'd to return when I had Seen, examin'd and encourag'd her what I could: refresh'd at

Mr. Hastings's and Captain Tainters -- also at Colonel Buckminsters -- was stopp'd by rain and Thunder at Mr. Morse's in Framingham and was Shav'd there.

1749 July 26 (Wednesday). At Lieutenant Tainters in returning at Eve, who presented me with a side of Lamb against tomorrow.

1749 August 14 (Monday). Daniel went to Watertown for either Molly or the Maid from Mr. Clarks -- in my Chair and his uncle Tainters Horse.

1749 August 16 (Wednesday). Sarah and Elizabeth Tainter assisted my Wife, but at night went home.

1749 August 26 (Saturday). A.M. came Edward Baker Esq., Deacon Newton and Lieutenant Tainter to acquaint me in private Capacity, that the Precinct had determin'd by their vote at their late Meeting, to take down the old Meeting House next Monday; So that I might be at no loss, or put to Difficulty the Lords Day following if I preach at the New Meeting House, they would invite me and Such of my Family as should go to Meeting, to their Houses, till there Should be some proper provision made for us by the precinct. I acknowledged their Goodness, and thank'd 'em kindly for their Offer. And we took opportunity to enter upon some discourse about the Difficultys I must unavoidably undergoe the Ensuing Winter if the Meeting House we now use be taken down. And after their relating to me the Debates of the last Meeting -- Two of them (viz. Esq. Baker and Deacon Newton) undertook to go among the Opponents (Captain Maynard etc.) to see whether they did so desire the suspending the design'd work till next Spring, as that if they should be gratify'd therein, they would then acquiesce, at least not molest them in their Proceeding. N.B. My Saying the Dividing the Town was the Thing that gave the Fatal Stabb to my Interest (explaining it of my Temporal Interest) among them.

1749 August 28 (Monday). Early in the Morning as soon as there came any to the Meeting House I stept up and pray'd that they would give me Opportunity to Speak with the Precinct before they proceeded to their work. Mr. Jonas Brigham, one of the Committee for the work, was there and said they would Stay, that I might. Others Said the Like. I hasten'd back and while I was writing was call'd -- the Committee (Said Mr. Brigham, Mr. Benjamin Fay, and Mr. Timothy Warrin) being below. I went down -- they Said they were come to See whether I had any thing to offer. I told 'em (having my paper in my Hand) that I wanted to Speak with the precinct before they proceeded to take down the Meeting House. They answered that they were the Servants of the Precinct -- and Seem'd desirous to hear it and were in haste to go to work. I read it and still said I wanted to Speak to the Precinct. They undertook to answer with respect to the last article, which respected my Near Neighbours - - but said nothing to the rest of the paper, but in an hurry added that they did not see any Thing but that they might go up to the work and So left Me. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter was also present and heard what I read. Captain Maynard and Ensign Josiah Rice came in a little Time from the Meeting House and wanted to know Something of a propos'd, peacefull meeting -- and intimated that they thought themselves impos'd upon -- and hop'd I would now see that there was a flame -- acquainting me that word was brought to the Meeting House (as Deacon Newton, they Said, inform'd them) that they had Sent a Message to me

and the return was that I had Nothing to Say. (N.B. Captain Baker had been here and told me that his Saturday Endeavour was not to Effect, so that laying with this what Deacon Newton told me yesterday as I went up the Pulpit stairs p.m., I concluded there was nothing of meeting or Conference to be Expected.) Upon Captain Maynards saying this, I wanted to see the Deacon that I might know how it could be so understood. Captain went up and brought the Deacon to me. Others of the Neighbours Came and I endeavour'd to make them Sensible that I had prepar'd something and would fain have gone up to the people if I could have had opportunity but was disappointed through these means. The House was uncover'd, unclos'd after the Pulpit, Pews, and seats were taken down -- Several Carts kept going all Day. A Melancholly Sight! But Many that came in would express their Compassionate Hopes and Wishes. Most of all my Dependence be on the God that has in Providence brought me here and protected and provided for me hitherto!

1749 August 31 (Thursday). Forbush came in the Morning (according to Agreement last night to carry Mrs. Grice back to Boston) he being about to return to College, and Lieutenant Tainter offer'd his Horse (if we could not do better with her) to draw her to Boston.

1749 September 1 (Friday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter came, in the Name of the Committee to inform me that the new Meeting House would be So put in order by the Sabbath that they expect'd the Services to be perform'd there: and he, for himself desir'd that I would dine at His House on that Day -- but I thank'd him and declin'd it.

1749 September 2 (Saturday). Benjamin Tainter came up from Cambridge with my Chair and brought a Letter from Forbush that he got down well with Mrs. Grice but without sister Lydia Champney whom I now hop'd for; and it was a great Disappointment that she did not come. He brought me from I know not who a Considerable Box of Pipes.

1749 October 2 (Monday). Sister Lydia rode out with me. We din'd at Lieutenant Tainters. P.M. I had his Horse to visit James Miller juniors wife: Mr. Samuel Hardy's and Mr. Zebulon Rice's Family -- Two Children in the last Family sick of Throat Distemper.

1749 October 18 (Wednesday). But by the force of his Distemper he [Jonas Warrin of Upton] afterwards became delirious, and his Mind was clouded and sadly distracted -- after Prayer I return'd home, calling at Mr. Grows, Lieutenant Tainters and Merchant Rice's.

1749 October 19 (Thursday). Joseph Bowker returns from Townsend, whither he went last Monday with Lieutenant Tainter to look of my Land there, and he brings me word that Lieutenant Tainter acquaints him that my 10 Acre Lot is gone.

1749 November 2 (Thursday). P.M. my wife and I rode in the Chair to the Private Meeting at Mr. Francis Whipples.... After Supper there, Lieutenant Tainter came home with us.

1749 November 5 (Sunday). Mr. Hutchinson preach'd at Westborough. N.B. He and sister Lydia din'd at Lieutenant Tainters.

1749 November 8 (Wednesday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter and his son Benjamin brought in Mary Woodwell the Captive return'd from Canada. They left her and she lodg'd here, and Lieutenant brought home my steer which had been missing from Thurstons at Reads Farm, having found him at Brookfield.

1749 November 18 (Saturday). N.B. Assist'd Mrs. Miller about her Relation. Did this at Lieutenant Tainters.

1749 November 20 (Monday). Nineteen persons, older and younger, Three with Teams, to get me wood. They got down to the Door 29 Load. They were Lieutenant Tainter with his Team and his Son....

1749 November 21 (Tuesday). My wife and I rode in our Slay to Lieutenant Tainters to the marriage of Joseph Bowker.

1749 November 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer in Lieutenant Tainters least Slay waited upon his Aunt Lydia to Cambridge.

1749 December 9 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter came to acquaint me that the Committee of the Precinct would meet at Esq. Bakers next Monday etc. to desire me to give them my Company there at that Time to confer with me about our Affairs and Circumstances at this Day: and especially with reference to my removal also in the Name of Esq. Baker he desir'd I would henceforward till next May, myself and as many of my Family as Should please, would dine at his (Esq. Bakers) House on Lords Days. This was the Result of a Meeting which a Number of Southern Neighbours had at Lieutenant Tainters last Night, when likewise they had Discourse with Deacon Newton for his Conduct about this Affair. Lieutenant remark'd to me and strongly affirm'd that Deacon Newton, when three of them came to my House the Saturday before taking down the old Meeting House to desire and invite me to dine at their Houses on Sabbath Noons, (that then the Deacon) did not invite -- as I had suppos'd and had often said.

1749 December 11 (Monday). P.M. according to the Request brought me by Lieutenant Tainter last Saturday I rode over to Esq. Bakers and Met the Committee of the Precinct, viz. Esq. Baker, Lieutenant Tainter, Lieutenant Thomas Forbush, Messrs. James Bowman and Phinehas Hardy. The Business was, They wanted to know whether I expected or desir'd the Precinct to do any Thing for me about my Remove from my present Dwelling to the New Meeting House, which I certify'd them I depended upon their assistance.

1750 January 11 (Thursday). When I came home found Lieutenant Tainter here (who was here also to see me last night, endeavouring then in vain) to speak with me about keeping some of my Cattle, and to Comfort me under my Circumstances with hopes of what may be done by the precinct for my remove.

1750 January 12 (Friday). Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton here, but he did not take any Cattle as I expected.

1750 January 15 (Monday). A Remarkable Day! The Parish came together at the Meeting House to consider and provide for my Remove from my present Dwelling. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter here. Captain Maynard (came at my Desire). I ask'd him (as I have of late Several Times) to sell his Land nigh the Meeting House but he refuses -- is very much out of Humour, to my Grief, as he has been a worthy neighbour; and I fear he will be very much incapacitated by this Ruffle, to receive any good. I sent a Paper to the Precinct by Lieutenant Tainter. Though it was a Cold Day I rode over to Deacon Newtons. At Eve came in (to Deacon Newtons) Mr. Ebenezer Rice and inform'd me (agreeable to my Desire) that Neighbour Stephen Fay would be at my House tomorrow to finish the Bargain about the Land aforesaid, and afterwards came in the Deacon, Esq. Baker and Lieutenant Tainter. They inform'd me that the people at their meeting made no Vote upon my Affair. But all Things relating to my Remove are left in Confusions, their Minds being very much Divided. Many persons were for granting no more than 500£ naked and according to the present Value, nor would they vote that to be put into a Rate without I would manifest myself contented with it. We had a great Deal of Discourse at the Deacons upon what had pass'd in the Day -- and the Tendency of those Things. N.B. talk'd with the Deacon alone concerning the Paper which a Committee (of which he was one) prepar'd us a message from the precinct to me in answer etc. but though it was not voted yet doth said paper lye among the papers of the precinct to my great Disadvantage and Reproach. I therefore desir'd the Deacon to take Care that it be destroy'd; or else let me have the Benefit of putting in a Reply to lye along with it.

1750 January 25 (Thursday). Mrs. Tainter and Daniel Hastings din'd here.... N.B. Word Sent by Mrs. Tainter to Mary Woodwell not to come to live here.

1750 January 26 (Friday). Set out Early for Boston. Call'd at Mr. Tim Warrins where was Lieutenant Tainter with money for me. I left a Line in his Hands directed to one of the Committee of the Precinct touching the Business of next Wednesday. Call'd at Mr. Stones at Southborough -- at Mr. Livermores at Weston -- at Captain Tainters and Mr. Dix's at Watertown.

1750 February 4 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers -- Molly at Lieutenant Tainters, William at Mr. Williams's.

1750 February 9 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter here to acquaint me that the Precinct had adjourn'd their late meeting to Tuesday the 13th of the Month. He beseeches me to remember the old Mens Council to Rehoboam, and Speak kindly to this people etc.

1750 February 15 (Thursday). At Eve Deacon Newton, Lieutenant Tainter, and Mr. Francis Whipple came as a Committee (they were the Majority thereof, Captain Baker and Lieutenant Thomas Forbush being the other two that came not) to inform me of Two Things from the Precinct, one which had pass'd into a Certainty: if I would accept of it: namely that this Precinct had voted that the grant of 500£ old Tenor made in the Year 1744/5 Should be put into a Rate, to be gather'd and paid me. The other Thing was not Voted, but much talk'd of, and they (the Committee) were desir'd by a great many to propose it to me, namely, whether I would rather choose to tarry where I am, if the precinct

will give me an hundred pounds old Tenor per Annum more of Sallery? N.B. They acquainted me that what was voted, as above, was with freeness and Love. I desir'd Time to consider of what they had said. They each of them for their own particular parts gave me their Advice that I would take up with it cheerfully for they had reason to hope that many people would fall in and generously assist.

1750 February 16 (Friday). At Eve came Forbush and afterwards Benjamin Tainter, and they by turns watch'd with Ebenezer.

1750 February 17 (Saturday). My Neighbours kind and ready to assist us. Neighbour Eliezer Williams came p.m. to help us about wood, as Benjamin Tainter assisted a.m. Joshua Winchester came at Night.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). P.M. Lieutenant Tainter he informs me that he finds he shall be very short of Hay and must get some other place for my Two Heifers which he has in keeping.

1750 February 22 (Thursday). Rode to Marlborough. Deacon Tainters, Dr. Gotts (for Bitters for Ebenezer) at Mr. Smiths, Colonel Williams's.

1750 March 12 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Elisha Wards and to Lieutenant Brighams. Lieutenant Tainter with me, endeavouring to trade with owners of the Land round about the Meeting House. I din'd there.

1750 March 27 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter with us.

1750 April 3 (Tuesday). Was at the Funeral of Mr. Jonathan Bruce's infant. Din'd at Lieutenant Tainters.

1750 April 20 (Friday). But I meet with considerable Encouragement -- and especially from Mr. Bowman, who likewise presented me a Bushel and half of Indian Corn, and carried it to Lieutenant Tainters, in order to its being Sent to Mill.

1750 April 30 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Dunlops to see him in his Sickness. Lieutenant Tainter blooded him. I return'd with him to his House, as a terrible Storm of Thunder and Rain arose. Din'd at Lieutenant Tainters.

1750 May 7 (Monday). My wife rode with me to see Adonijah Rice, sick of a Fever; and thence to Marlborough. Deacon Tainter making me a black Cloth Jacket out of an old Broadcloth Coat.

1750 May 10 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter here; wants to know where people shall lay the Timber which they provide for me.

1750 May 14 (Monday). P.M. to Deacon Tainters and Dr. Gotts at Marlborough.

1750 May 21 (Monday). Whilst I was there came Lieutenant Tainter, and told me we had Some other Duty to attend, for that poor Jonas Child had hang'd himself and was Dead: and it was desir'd that I would go to his House forthwith. I did So, Mrs. Parkman with me.

1750 May 24 (Thursday). Mrs. Bowker (heretofore Sarah Tainter) taken leave and goes to live at Summers.

1750 May 27 (Sunday). N.B. When the Church was transacting the Affair relating to the Ordination of Mr. Hutchinson at Grafton the Choice of one of the Delegates was much clogg'd. Deacon Forbush was nominated, but the vote not clear -- he excus'd himself. Lieutenant Tainter was nominated, but no vote. At length Brother Whitney was chose; Scil: together with Esq. Baker.

1750 May 31 (Thursday). My Kinsman Nathaniel went over to Lieutenant Tainters to dine there and did not return.

1750 June 5 (Tuesday). So now for my undertaking to begin the World again on the South Road -- a Number of Neighbours came to Clear and plough down the Knoll which I purpose to build on. It was very much owing to Lieutenant Bruce, and accordingly a.m. there was a number to clear the ground, Scil...Lieutenant Bruce and Oxen....

1750 June 8 (Friday). P.M. a Number of Neighbours went to my Knoll, with Two Yoke of Cattle besides my own, and with Shovels, Hoes and Barrs to levell it further. They were chiefly...Lieutenant Tainter..., Simon Tainter Junior....

1750 June 11 (Monday). Mr. Jonah Warrin here; tells me he has got me 6500 Shingle. I gave him a Note to Lieutenant Tainter for 26£ old Tenor.

1750 June 14 (Thursday). Was at Lieutenant Tainters who was mowing. Money extreme difficult to be got; receiv'd 30£ old Tenor when the whole sallery should be finish'd.

1750 August 15 (Wednesday). Rode to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's and Lieutenant Tainters to forward the getting Timber for my House together -- din'd at Lieutenants. Sent by him to Boston for divers Things -- but next to No Money to be had any where.

1750 August 23 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter came over, at my Request, to see Mrs. Edwards's Mare. Mr. Pratt came likewise to see her: I sent also for Captain Maynard who came, and tis concluded that She is hipp'd.

1750 August 31 (Friday). At my Frame were Messrs. Gale and Bradish, Mr. Grow and Mr. Simon Tainter junior, and p.m. Mr. Harrington.

1750 September 1 (Saturday). Messrs. Harrington and Twitchell dugg at the Cellar. Messrs. Gale, Bradish, Grow, Tainter junior, Sam Hardy, old Mr. Charles Rice, and p.m. Lieutenant Tainter, at the Frame.

1750 September 3 (Monday). Messrs. Gale, Bradish, Grow, Tainter junior, Harrington -- work'd at the Frame.

1750 September 4 (Tuesday). Gale, Bradish, Grow, Tainter junior, old Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Nathaniel Whitney, David Batherick, John Rogers and Jonas Warrin of Upton wrought at the Frame.

1750 September 5 (Wednesday). See Natal. I went not over to the Workmen, but sent over as usual which was daily Beer and Cyder, and a bottle of Rum; some Days Bread and Cheese for Bait; and p.m. dinner for Two or Three, the rest bringing for themselves. Deacon Forbush came to the Cellar, but I think did not work. P.M. his son came -- but neither did he much, the digging was not completed, where their work was to be: Yet there was Samuel Bumpso and Nathan Whitney at Digging. At the Frame, there were Whitney, Messrs. Gale, Grow, Bradish, Tainter, Batherick, old Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Nathaniel Whitney and Neighbour John Rogers.

1750 September 6 (Thursday). Deacon Forbush and his son Daniel at Stoning the Cellar, and Samuel Bumpso, employ'd by me, diggs in the Cellar and tends Mr. Forbush with Stones. At the Frame Messrs. Gale, Grow, Bradish, Tainter, Charles Rice, Jonah Warrin, Bowman, Harrington, Bond, Ephraim Bruce.

1750 September 7 (Friday). Deacon Forbush a.m. and his son Daniel at the Cellar. Deacon Newton tends 'em. At the Frame, Messrs. Gale, Bradish, Grow, Tainter, Batheric, Charles Rice, Nathaniel Whitney, Bowman, Harrington, Jonah Warrin, John Rogers, and [blank] who all gave their Work of this forenoon. Mr. Martyn and Mrs. Molly din'd with us, Mr. Haven went briskly to Mrs. Martyn and brought her over (Mr. Martyn having come without her). P.M. My Neighbours rais'd my New Frame and we sung part of Psalm 127.

1750 September 12 (Wednesday). Messrs. Grove and Simon Tainter work at the New House in putting up Short Studds.

1750 September 15 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter brought home from the woods, a Steer which he had kept all winter, and driven up to Sommers for Summering; and this as well as the keeping of Several Cattle for me last Winter was I suppose Gratis.

1750 September 29 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter, Mr. Nat Whitney, Mr. Harrington, Aaron Warrin and [blank] dug Stones in Mr. Jonah Warrins Lot, and at Grind-Stone Hill

1750 October 1 (Monday). I went from Mr. Elijah Warrins to Mr. Beriah Rice's -- Mr. Marshal Bakers -- Mr. Jonas Warrins, Mr. James Bradishs, Mr. Dunlaps, Mr. Gashets and Mr. Chaddocks -- to Lieutenant Tainters.

1750 October 8 (Monday). N.B. the Town met at the North Side to see what to do with those who took down the Meeting House. Lieutenant Tainter here, with Resentments of high Seasoning concerning the meeting. At Eve Lieutenant and Mr. Daniel Forbush here

when they were returning from Town Meeting. Town did nothing about the old Meeting House.

1750 October 16 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter sent his Team with Stones by William Dunlop.

1750 October 17 (Wednesday). Neighbours Harrington, Tainter and Charles Rice are carting Stones for the Chimney.

1750 October 23 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter proceed according to Law with sundry persons for their Rates and had Deacon Newton with him. I charged Lieutenant to use Moderation with Mr. Hezekiah Pratt because of the Affliction he is under by his wifes sickness. They went to Mr. Barns and Mr. Pratt.

1750 October 24 (Wednesday). Hear that Lieutenant Tainter with assistance of Deacon Newton etc., Strain'd upon Mr. James Maynard, and actually laid him in Jayl.

1750 October 25 (Thursday). I rode to Lieutenant Tainters to acquaint him with Mr. Edwards of Northamptons Message; and he sent the Mare to Lieutenant Eagers.... N.B. My Neighbour Pratt greatly disturbed with me for Lieutenant Tainters proceeding with him but most unjustly, because I besought him on Pratts behalf.

1750 October 26 (Friday). P.M. at Mr. Hezekiah Pratts that his wife might shew her mind to me for Lieutenant Tainters proceeding with her Husband. N.B. Mr. Whipple and Mrs. Hannah Maynard came in and were witnesses of my Discourse with Mr. Pratt and his wife; who (all) manifested Satisfaction.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). At Eve came Lieutenant Tainter and brought me in Money Notes and including Several Small parcells of Money which he had before paid, in Old Tenor Value 62£. N.B. his son Benjamin came from Sommers with his new Marry'd Wife.

1750 October 31 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter sent us a Quarter of Mutton at Evening besides which there was not anything Sent us for the approaching Thanksgiving. But I thank God who inclin'd him to Send; and that we had in the House wherewith to make decent Provision, were but our Hearts in a Suitable Frame. Which may God with whom is the Preparation of the Heart, grant to us!

1750 November 13 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Benjamin Tainter brought his wife to visit us. Their Brother Bowker and sister Elizabeth were then come from Sommers. They (except Bowker) supp'd here: as did Neighbour Obadiah Newton (who this Eve, plaster'd my Study Jaums anew; and pointed the Jaums in the Kitchen) and Samuel Bumpso.

1750 November 19 (Monday). At Eve my Wife and I at Lieutenant *Tainters* at the Marriage of their Daughter Eliza to Mr. Stephen Sadler. N.B. Mr. Fish (who preaches at Upton) and Captain Sadler there.

1750 December 10 (Monday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter here.

1750 December 12 (Wednesday). N.B. To Day Mr. Solomon Wood was here and settled our Accounts. I ow'd him 12£ 13 Shillings Old Tenor and gave him a Note to Lieutenant Tainter.

1750 December 31 (Monday). My Sons are clearing at the New Place. I rode over to them to Lieutenant Tainters....

1751 January 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Whitney here -- reckon'd with him for his work, about my New House -- gave him a Note to Lieutenant Tainter for 5 Days -- 2 at framing and 3 at digging Stones -- 15/ per Day -- in all £3.15.0 old Tenor.

1751 January 12 (Saturday). Thomas went to Lieutenant Tainter who promis'd to Send £7.3.10 old Tenor to Esquire Hazzletine of Upton.

1751 January 21 (Monday). Mr. Phinehas Hardy, afterwards Mr. Samuel Hardy, Mr. Grow and Mr. Harrington, were here, reckon'd with them for work and Stuff about the New House and gave each of them a Note to Lieutenant Tainter.

1751 February 5 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas, Mary and Lucy gone to dine at Lieutenant Tainters and wait upon his Daughter Sadler in her going home to Upton.

1751 February 14 (Thursday). A fine Day after a Sharp Night, but the prospect of my Debts, Building and Family Expences very gloomy and distressing. P.M. rode out -- designing to visit Lieutenant Tainter; and yet what can he be able to do for me in these uncommon Times of Difficulty and Straitness in the Province! and especially in Times of Such Trouble and Division in the Parish! As I pass'd by Mr. Nurse's Lieutenant passed along in the Common Road and went to my House -- but carry'd no money for my Relief. As Soon as I was inform'd that Lieutenant had passed along the Road I turn'd my Course (from going to his House) and it being probable that the Lieutenant Saw, and was inform'd that it was I, that was at Mr. Nurse's, yet that he had no Special Business with me, I went to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's and reckon'd with him.... Lieutenant Tainter here while I was abroad.

1751 February 15 (Friday). By Mr. Whipples Discourse I perceive there are new Disgusts with Lieutenant Tainter -- that he doth not take Steps towards Mr. James Maynards Rates being Sunk by the Precinct: there being a Warrant up for a Meeting and nothing of Mr. Maynards Affair in it; nor to Consult the Precinct about it.

1751 February 20 (Wednesday). P.M. at Mr. Pratt and his Wife's Desire, and agreeable to public Notice, given last Lords Day, preached to a Considerable Assembly at Mr. Pratts, his wife lying in a languishing Condition, and long confin'd from public Worship.... N.B. old Mr. Whipple and Lieutenant Tainter tarried at Mr. Pratts after the Exercise, and I endeavour'd to have some misunderstandings removed and peace promoted. I advis'd Lieutenant to make Mr. James Maynard a Visit. O that the God of peace would give peace!

1751 February 25 (Monday). Din'd at Lieutenant Tainters.

1751 February 27 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter carry'd to Boston a Calf for me, which he came and kill'd last Night.

1751 March 1 (Friday). At Eve Lieutenant Bruce came here and I gave him a note to Lieutenant Tainter for 72£ 10/ old Tenor, which with 27£ 10/ of the like Tenor paid some Time agoe makes 100£ old Tenor in part for Cook Island, which he promises to give me a Deed of upon Demand.

1751 March 2 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter here, who carry'd a Veal for us to Boston.

1751 April 8 (Monday). I was at Lieutenant Tainters -- visited Mrs. Pratt.

1751 April 12 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter cutt my Two Year old Colt, and Gratis, as he has been always wont generously to do all such work for me.

1751 May 13 (Monday). N.B. Gave to Treasurer Ebenezer Maynard per Hand of Lieutenant Tainter a Receipt of the whole of my last Years Sallery, £53.6.8 or 400£ old Tenor, but this Receipt the Committee return'd and I destroy'd.

1751 May 28 (Tuesday). Called at Mr. Timothy Warrins to receive money of Lieutenant Tainter.

1751 June 3 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter was here -- wants a Receipt of the whole Rates, although above one hundred pounds behind; he offering me his Note of Hand -- I comply'd and gratify'd him.

1751 June 4 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Charles Rice ploughed and young Mr. Tainter, Mr. Joseph Woods, Two Hands from Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, Two from his fathers, and one from the widow Newton, in all Seven that Hoed.

1751 June 10 (Monday). N.B. Saw Lieutenant Tainter who seems offended that I said, last Monday, that I saw not but that I must go to hoeing instead of going to Ordination on Wednesday, but I endeavour'd to render him some answer to his Opposition as well as Some Thanks for his Assistance in the work done for me.

1751 June 14 (Friday). N.B. Great frustration about Clabboards -- from 1400 which are needed, am reduc'd to 7 or 8 hundred. N.B. Boards for my Floor prove too hard, knotty, unequal in Thickness -- and Difficult to find fit Boards for another Floor -- Viz. the West Chamber, but they have laid the west lower room floor. Though there are so many Boards provided, Those which Lieutenant Tainter brought, which were design'd for the floor having been thrown by as much too knotty: O how perplexing and incumbering these avocations and Disquietments to a Minister! It is very grievous to be thus kept from my Studys.

1751 June 18 (Tuesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter there and paid me 15£ old Tenor which I paid Mr. Baldwin for his Father. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter was very Sharp upon me about the pride of Ministers, when he saw the Window Frames -- and though I reprov'd him, for the unseasonableness of it, being before such a Number of Strangers, yet I endeavour'd to let him know that I was myself griev'd that the windows were so large and I have often said it that I wish'd they were less -- but I was much more surpriz'd and troubl'd when I found that the posts of the House were a full foot shorter than I gave orders for and depended upon. This was a Disappointment which Somewhat mov'd me -- being laid with a number of other Afflictions -- but may God grant patience!

1751 June 23 (Sunday). Mr. Hutchinson preach'd at Westborough.... He din'd at Lieutenant Tainters.

1751 June 24 (Monday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter and his son, Messrs. Harrington, Solomon Woods and Zebulon Rice came a little before night and pulled away Some of the Gravel at the fore side of my New House.

1751 July 12 (Friday). When he [Ebenezer] returns he tells me that a very considerable number of persons -- Lieutenant Tainter etc have been to Day and Hill'd my Corn at the Cook Field.

1751 July 17 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter here in the Morning and deliver'd me 22£ 10/ old Tenor.

1751 August 30 (Friday). At Night reckon'd with Lieutenant Tainter and with Merchant Rice, and Settled our accounts.

1751 September 19 (Thursday). N.B. The Case of Mr. James Maynard and Lieutenant Tainter etc., try'd at the Superior Court and Maynard obtain'd Judgment.

1751 September 30 (Monday). P.M. This Parish met. I sent a Memorial to the Meeting at the very juncture that a Committee (Mr. Williams and Ensign Miller) were coming to me to see if I had any Thing that I would communicate to them. By and by Lieutenant Tainter came to me from the people to acquaint me that they had granted no otherwise than they us'd to do (400£ old Tenor). I Sent a Reply and Request in Writing. At Eve Captain Baker and Mr. Whipple came and acquainted me that they had consider'd what I Sent to them and had granted 50£ old Tenor more. But had done Nothing about the Wood, That being an Article which they could not manage by virtue of this present Warrant: But people would have it in their Thoughts -- and doubtless prepare themselves to Say Something about it when there could be Preparation Time for it.

1751 October 14 (Monday). I rode to Lieutenant Tainters to see what was like to come of my Island-Corn.

1751 October 15 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter with his Team (a Load of Wood, Quarter of Lamb and a present of Salt Pork) to cut up and Cart home my Island Corn.

1751 October 18 (Friday). P.M. Lieutenant Tainter brought another Load of Wood and helps clear the Island Field, of Pumpkins, Beans, Turnips.

1751 October 29 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Grout, Lieutenant Tainter, Mr. Phinehas Hardy, Samuel Harrington, and Mr. Beriah Rice here. Consult about a Shed over my Kitchen Chimney and North Door.

1751 November 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter and Solomon Baker Cart Wood from Moses Brighams. Lieutenant 3 Times: the other 2 Turns.

1751 November 7 (Thursday). Thanksgiving.... Lieutenant Tainter brought a Loin of Mutton.

1751 November 15 (Friday). Captain Tainter of Watertown and his Wife here.

1751 November 18 (Monday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Harrington with their Teams, and a Number of Neighbours (Pratt, Ebenezer Maynard etc.) to the Number of 14 or 16 more, besides my Two oldest sons, Spent the Evening in Levelling the Banks on the fore side of my House.

1751 December 5 (Thursday). Rode Lieutenant Tainters Horse to Mr. Bradish's to the Private Meeting there.... N.B. The Company Besides Mr. Bradish, his Wife, son and Daughter were Deacon Forbush, Deacon Newton, Lieutenant Tainter and his son -- and Four Women.

1751 December 10 (Tuesday). Mr. Simon Tainter brought a Load of Wood from Elijah Rice's Swamp.

1751 December 13 (Friday). P.M. Mrs. Forbush, the Deacons Wife, fell from Mr. Wymans (of Shrewsbury) Horse, a little South of the Stables. She was much stunn'd. Mr. Wyman and I took her up in an arm Chair and brought her into my House. Sent for Dr. Chase, who came: he let her Blood. She by Degrees came to. I sent by her son Bowman to her Husband. He and his son Jonathan and Mr. Tainter brought a Whirrey, and they carry'd her Home.

1751 December 24 (Tuesday). P.M. Messrs. Benjamin Fay and Simon Tainter here to see us and how we far'd in the storm.

1751 December 28 (Saturday). Mr. Simon Tainter brought (as he call'd it) a Small Jagg of Wood from Elijah Rice's -- he and his son din'd here.

1752 January 2 (Thursday). At Deacon Newton's a.m. The Deacon did not begin with me, but I with him about the uneasiness in the Church about the Sudbury affair; and being the private Meeting was to be at his House this Afternoon I would have him tell the Brethren when they are there -- that I was perswaded they mistook my Design that Sabbath, but however, since I now know their minds, and that their inclination was to have had

opportunity to pass a vote -- if it were to do again, I would not do as I did. Least the Deacon should mistake my meaning I sent Billy with a note -- at Eve came the Deacon, as if I had unraveled by my paper what I had spoke by word of mouth. With him came Captain Baker, Lieutenant Tainter, Lieutenant Bruce, Mr. Francis Whipple, Mr. Daniel Hardy, and after them Lieutenant Bruce and Mr. Batheric. By what they said I was so convinced of my omitting to deliver some things concerning my Conference with Captain Richardson etc. that I believed my Conduct at that Time when I dismissed the Church appeared exceptional and as if I bore upon their privilege. I told 'em it must needs be through such omissions that I was sorry -- they all listened satisfied but I had a night of oppressing Thought, and sinking Faintness at my Heart, which was very distressing.

1752 January 7 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter dined here; and was very helpful to get me an Horse for my Journey to Holliston. Had his Mare which he had delivered to Justice Baker for him; and he provided him another.

1752 January 8 (Wednesday). Captain Baker and Lieutenant Tainter called me at Mr. Barrett's and we rode to Captain Littlefield's in Holliston. All the Churches met there; and p.m. we formed into a Council and went into the Hearing of the Partys....

1752 January 22 (Wednesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter carry'd to Boston a Calf for me which he killed the Eve before last.

1752 January 24 (Friday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter from Boston where he had marketed a poor calf for me -- brought me Madera for Bitters.

1752 February 6 (Thursday). Captain Baker was here in the morning to acquaint me that the private meeting is appointed to be at his house today and yet that he must unavoidable be at Worcester -- therefore requests me to be in his stead. I accepted and preached there.... Lieutenant Tainter came home with me.

1752 March 6 (Friday). At Eve came Mr. Grout, Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Samuel Harrington, who propose to assist me in getting Timber for a Barn, also to help me in breaking up Land for an Orchard.

1752 March 13 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter from Boston, when I got home.

1752 April 3 (Friday). Mr. Claffland came to digg Stones, but being alone I ran to 3 or 4 near Neighbours for an Hand but in Vain. He was forc'd to return home again. N.B. he was to have brought Mr. William Pierce, but Mr. Pierce was gone to hewing Timber in Mr. Sherbourns Lott for my Barn. For (by Lieutenant Tainters and Mr. Harringtons Means chiefly) a Number of Hands have freely gone and got a considerable Part of the Great Timber....

1752 April 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Harrington came with 4 Oxen, Mr. Simon Tainter came with his Fathers Team with 4 Oxen and brought Mr. Gashetts Plough, Mr. Grouts Son came with 4 Oxen, Mr. Pratt came with a Yoke of Oxen, and all these with my own join'd to them made

up a team to break up, and follow'd it all Day -- they broke up a Piece of Ground for a Garden Spott -- and a Field in which I purpose to plant an Orchard, but it not being wholly compleated, they agree to come again all of them (but Mr. Grouts Son) tomorrow morning and finish the Work.

1752 April 12 (Sunday). N.B. Deacon Newton sick of the Throat Distemper. I call'd Brother Tainter to officiate in his Room, which he did.

1752 April 22 (Wednesday). Mr. Bond brought 35 Rails from Rody Smiths, and Mr. Simon Tainter 50 from Elijah Rice's.

1752 May 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Solomon Baker with my Cart, but his own Oxen brought me 40 Rails from Rody Smiths: and Mr. Simon Tainter 45 from the same. The former of those was gratis: for the Latter Mr. Tainter ask'd 15/ old Tenor.

1752 May 11 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Samuel Harrington drive Cattle into the Woods at Leicester. They take 3 of mine, 4 other Young Creatures of Mine cannot be found this morning that they might go.

1752 May 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Zebulon Rice and Samuel at the Frame. There came also Mr. Phinehas Hardy and Mr. Simon Tainter, and gave me a Day's Work at it.

1752 May 13 (Wednesday). Mr. Zebulon Rice, and Messrs. Phinehas Hardy, Simon Tainter and Samuel Bumpso work at the Frame, and to Day came likewise Mr. Jonah Warrin.

1752 May 14 (Thursday). This Morning came Mr. Zebulon Rice, and Mr. Simon Tainter. Afterwards came old Mr. Charles Rice, and Mr. Jonathan Forbush to the Frame.

1752 May 15 (Friday). Mr. Zebulon Rice at the Frame. Added to him afterwards were, Mr. Batherick, Mr. Grow -- old Mr. Graves, and Mr. Simon Tainter -- who work'd and din'd with us. In the afternoon by the help of a Sufficient Number of Hands (about 70 Great and Small) we rais'd the Barn. 30 feet long and 28 wide -- and through the Goodness of God there was no Evil Accident. I had provided only for about a Score, yet I hope no one went away without some refreshment. It was only Cake and Cheese and Butter etc.

1752 June 2 (Tuesday). Deacon Forbush and Lieutenant Tainter accompany'd me to Bezelleel Eagers, where we were join'd by Mr. Whipple, to go to Brookfield.... Mr. Martyn and his Delegates join'd us likewise.

1752 June 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Eli Forbush's Ordination. A most important Day with one whom I am nearly concern'd for!

1752 June 9 (Tuesday). I am inform'd that last Friday, 17 Hands came a.m. and wed my Corn. They were those following...Lieutenant Tainter and Grandson....

1752 June 23 (Tuesday). I rode to Lieutenant Tainters.

1752 June 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter came and brought an Horse, plough and Lad to plough my Island.

1752 July 19 (Sunday). Benjamin Hastings and Anna Tainter of Watertown din'd with us.

1752 July 27 (Monday). My wife to Ensign Millers to Mr. Harringtons and Lieutenant Tainters -- borrows his Chaise for some of us to go to Watertown on Mollys Account.

1752 July 29 (Wednesday). About 4 p.m. my Daughter and I undertook a Journey in Lieutenant Tainters Chaise.

1752 August 16 (Sunday). I had an exceeding poor Night.... Lieutenant Tainter watch'd at home.

1752 September 17 (Sunday). Nobody to preach Still.... Mrs. Tainter and Mary Biglo dine here.

1752 October 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Daniel Forbush brought me Mr. Samuel Harringtons Horse for me to go and See his Wife who lyes in a low Condition.... N.B. Captain John Tainter There.

1752 October 6 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter brought a Load of Wood and a Barrell of Cyder.

1752 October 9 (Monday). This Day was appointed and agreed upon by Lieutenant Tainter and others to gather my Corn at the Island, but the storm continues; and nothing can be done although there is reason to fear it will rot.

1752 October 12 (Thursday). Billy goes with my Team to Mr. Tainters for a Load of Cyder....

1752 October 13 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter, Mr. Jonathan Forbush, Joseph Bowman and Isaac Miller cut up my Corn.... Lieutenant Tainter, Joseph Bowman and Isaac Miller din'd here.

1752 November 1 (Wednesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter brought me a Load of Wood.

1752 November 3 (Friday). Billy went with the Team and brought home from Mr. Jonathan Fay's, his present a Barrell of Cyder which Ebenezer Nurse presents me, and further Lieutenant Tainter brought a Barrell of Cyder which Mr. Bowman has given. I desire thankfully to acknowledge to Goodness of God in stirring up the Minds of His People to bestow thus bountifully upon me who am so unworthy.

1752 November 20 (Monday). At Eve came Several Brethren of the Church to See me (and it was agreeable to my Desire Signify'd to Deacon Forbush) and converse about the

Sudbury Affair. They were Lieutenant Tainter, Ensign Miller, and Mr. Whitney: afterwards came Deacon Forbush. They were of opinion that there was no need of the Churchs acting any Thing formally about it. The Authors of the Sudbury Letter had requested Nothing but that we would consider of our own Conduct, which it no doubt behoves us to do: Let the Pastor of this Church if he pleases do So much as inform one of them that their Letter has been laid before us. Those Brethren aforesaid made some Business of discoursing about Brother Bathericks Conduct on the late Day of Publick Thanksgiving. They agreed that Deacon Forbush Should go and talk with him -- and if he should appear unconvinc'd of his Error, they conceiv'd it must be laid before the Church. But if he was Sensible, and would do so no more, this being discover'd to the Pastor, they were willing it should be passed over.

1752 December 7 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter and his son Simon, and Neighbour Eleazer Williams kill'd an Hog for me of 253.... Lieutenant at Evening. Salted up my Pork.

1752 December 8 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter assisted my son Ebenezer in killing and dressing a Cow, at t'other House.

1752 December 11 (Monday). Ebenezer brought over 3 Quarters of the Cow, he with Lieutenant Tainters help kill'd last Week -- the 4 Quarters weigh'd 18 score wanting one part.

1752 December 19 (Tuesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter brought a Load of choice Walnut Wood.

1753 January 3 (Wednesday). Simon Tainter tertius and his Brother (2 Boys) brought a Load of Walnut Wood with their Steers and little Sled.

1753 January 4 (Thursday). My wife and I to the private Meeting at Lieutenant Tainters. Preach'd on Ps. 23.4.

1753 January 10 (Wednesday). My Wife to Boston with Lieutenant Tainter in his Whirry.

1753 January 13 (Saturday). A Thaw: Southerly Wind and Rain. The Snow goes off apace -- fear my Wife with her Fellow-Traveller, has an heavy Journey. About Sun setting Lieutenant Tainter and my Wife arriv'd in Safety. D.G. They lodg'd at Captain Tainters at Watertown the first Night -- she lodg'd at Brother Samuels at Boston the Second, and at Brother Harringtons at Watertown the last -- they din'd at Colonel Buckminsters to Day, and in general have had prosperous Journey.

1753 January 27 (Saturday). Our Wood very Short; but a Stick or two left at the Door, and yet a Stormy, raw Cold Day -- p.m. Snowy. Lieutenant Tainter came to See how 'twas with us as to wood, and went to Deacon Newtons and Esquire Bakers to See whether they would not bring some -- but there came none.

1753 January 29 (Monday). Messrs. Jonah Warrin and Jonathan Bond and Joseph Grout, brought, each of them, a Load of Wood. The wood of the two first and partly the Cutting, am beholden to Lieutenant Tainter for.

1754 January 21 (Monday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter brought wool and Cards which he had bought for us at Boston.

1754 January 24 (Thursday). In returning home [from fast in Soutyhborough] (Lieutenant Tainter my Company) comply'd with Lieutenant Nathan Brighams earnest Desire to turn in and see his son Nathan, who lay very sick of the Fever, and pray'd with him.

1754 January 25 (Friday). At Evening which I much depended upon for Studying, came Mr. Benjamin Tainter and his Wife to make us a Visit, therein waiting upon her Father, Mr. Josiah Woods from Summers; and soon after came his Brother and they tarryed and Supp'd here.

1754 February 7 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter here. Settled my accounts with him.

1754 February 13 (Wednesday). Went to the Fast at Marlborough though it was very Cold. Overtook Lieutenant Tainter who was going likewise, and he return'd with me at Eve.

1754 February 18 (Monday). Wrote some proposals and offers to my son Ebenezer which I sent by Lieutenant Tainter, having understood that both son and his wife were under Discouragement. Lieutenant Tainter has taken fruitless pains with Mr. Grout for an Horse for my Wife to ride to Boston upon. And although I depended upon my son Ebenezer to go down with his Mother instead of Thomas who is gone to Brookfield; and that he might wait upon his Father Harrington respecting our Trading with Mr. Smith. Yet he also throws it by. Lieutenant Tainter therefore strikes in and proposes to go with my Wife in my Chair, with my own Mare.

1754 February 19 (Tuesday). They undertake, a.m. But p.m. was the most violent Storm of Wind and Rain, So that I was exceedingly concern'd about 'em. But they (as I heard afterwards) got safely to Colonel Buckminsters and lodg'd there.

1754 February 21 (Thursday). I return'd home at Evening not a little troubled that after all my Endeavours to gratifie my son, both he and his wife are not willing to Venture to go to Brookfield, but however my son does gratefully acknowledge what I wrote to him by Lieutenant Tainter.

1754 March 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Abijah Gale gives me Dimensions for a Leanto.... Lieutenant Tainter brought saw'd stuff for Barn Doors.

1754 March 21 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter and a Number besides with their Teams brought a great Stone for the principal step at the Front of the Meeting House.

1754 April 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Simon Tainter junior, who fell into a Fit yesterday, is greatly recover'd to Day.

1754 May 2 (Thursday). I preach'd at Lieutenant Tainters, by his Desire, the sermon and on the Text I preach'd from when Neighbour Newtons House was burnt, viz. Lam. 3.22.23. My wife went with me.

1754 May 16 (Thursday). N.B. I had din'd at Lieutenant Tainters with Master Hezekiah Coolidge who came the Day before Yesterday to keep School, and keeps at the School House.

1754 June 5 (Wednesday). At Eve came Messrs. Williams and Breck of Springfield and lodge here. Lieutenant Tainter took my Billy with him to lead the Horses to his Barn.

1754 June 18 (Tuesday). The Association met here, viz. Merrers. Cushing, Martyn, Stone, Smith, Maccarty. Lieutenant Tainter kill'd one of my Lambs. Captain Baker sent a side of Lamb. Mr. Ebenezer Rice's Wife sent a dozen and half of Biskett -- French Turnips, Potatoes and Salletting. As for the Exercises and the Conversation see the Association Minutes. Mr. Maccarty lodg'd at Esquire Bakers; the rest lodg'd here. The Horses were sent 1 to Esquire's, 1 to Lieutenant Tainters, 1 to Mr. Nurse's and Two to Mr. Pratts.

1754 July 1 (Monday). Send Two Calves to be kept at t'other Place: Mr. Tainter assisted in getting them over and took my Mare to keep at his own Pasture.

1754 July 2 (Tuesday). My Mare was brought from Mr. Tainters: and Lieutenant and I rode to Holliston. Neither heard nor saw any Thing of Esquire Baker, the other Delegate.... I only, lodg'd at Mr. Mellens. Lieutenant Tainter at Captain Littlefields.

1754 July 3 (Wednesday). We left 'em cheerfully and Lieutenant Tainter and I rode to Southborough.... Lieutenant Tainter rode Home. I lodg'd at Mr. Stones being afraid to ride in the Evening Air. Had but a poor Night.

1754 July 12 (Friday). Thomas and William mowe and make Hay at the Island, and Lieutenant Tainter Carts up a few Cocks of it. It is So Cloudy Weather and now and then Sprinkles of Rain, that the Hay does not make as we could wish.

1754 August 15 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter plaistering at the Sides of the Pulpit, din'd here.

1754 September 25 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Forbush kindly came and kill'd a fatt Calf for me.... Lieutenant Tainter carry'd down the Calf to Boston.

1754 October 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Simon Tainter now of Sutton coming in to my Door fell down upon the Floor in a Fit -- I Suppose Epileptic -- but after a while came to, and he proceeded with his Wife and Child to their Father Bruce's.

1754 October 3 (Thursday). I preach'd at Lieutenant Tainters on Hos. 2.8.9. May it please God to add his effectual Blessing!

1754 October 4 (Friday). At Evening came Mr. Benjamin Tainter with his Wife, his own Mother, and his Wife's Father, Mother and Brother.

1754 October 6 (Sunday). Mrs. Woods, Mother in Law to Mr. Benjamin Tainter, din'd here.

1754 October 7 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter, Messrs. Jonathan Forbush, Eleazer Whitney, Thomas Twitchell, Amariah Thurston, with several Lads, Daniel Grout and Joseph Harrington came and cutt up my Corn at the Island, and Mr. Ebenezer Forbush with his Team brought it in. They made 4 Load of it and had done by noon. Four of them stay'd to dine.

1754 October 18 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter and Solomon Miller brought home 6 Barrells of Cyder from Ensign Miller, at 20/ per Barrell.

1754 October 21 (Monday). ...there was to be a Precinct Meeting at 1 o'Clock. It was to Vote me Support and Wood. And when they came together they Voted to do as they did last Year -- and Lieutenant Tainter came to acquaint me with it. I sent them a Line by him: which although it did not induce them to alter their Vote, yet a Number of them were induc'd to subscribe Wood by the Cord -- and it amounted to 20 Load. This was brought me by Mr. Ephraim Bruce, and he said it was freely and heartily done. So that I made no further Difficulty.

1754 November 6 (Wednesday). My Wife and I took John into the Chair and rode to Lieutenant Tainters -- were well entertain'd and return'd.

1754 November 8 (Friday). Mr. Foster came over; and lodg'd here. Sent by Lieutenant Tainter of Boston. N.B. He kill'd one of my steers, or rather one of his which he changes for one of mine that was a Rogue. He kill'd it at his House and brought me a Side of the Meat, the Hide, Tallow and Offal, and borrows half of the Meat to spend in his own Family. N.B. The Quarters he brought here were 90 and 86.

1754 November 20 (Wednesday). At Lieutenant Tainters at Eve.

1754 November 22 (Friday). The Friend at a Pinch, Lieutenant Tainter brought a Load of Wood.

1754 November 23 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter another Load of Wood.

1754 December 11 (Wednesday). Sold 11 Sheep to Mr. Simon Tainter.

1754 December 16 (Monday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter and his Wife here at Supper.

1754 December 17 (Tuesday). P.M. Lieutenant Tainter came and waited on my Kinswoman Sadler to Ensign Mathis's at Southborough.

1755 March 8 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter comes up from Boston but leaves his Whirrey at Waltham by reason of the deep Snows.

1755 March 21 (Friday). Messrs. Samuel Hardy and Simon Tainter here on the Affair of Mr. Tainters Debt to me for the sheep he bought of me.

1755 March 27 (Thursday). This Day the Church Met to choose Deacons. I prepar'd somewhat to deliver on that Occasion, but it was brief and broken. N.B. Mr. Whitney and Deacon Forbush are concern'd, and talk with me before the Meeting about Lieutenant Tainter, who they Say, would be like to be voted for, for one were it not for Something which divers Brethren have heard from him about his paying me (one way or another) a matter of 16 or 17£ upon the Score of the North sides Rates which Should have been paid me in the Year 1744: but which is not so accepted by me.... Brother Whitney chose by 19 out of 25 -- then try'd for another, but the Votes were scattering, viz. 6 for Lieutenant Tainter, 6 for Mr. Francis Whipple, 6 for Mr. Jonathan Bond, the rest were for Esquire Baker, Jonathan Forbush junior, Daniel Forbush and David Maynard junior. We try'd again -- but still no Choice: they were 12 for Lieutenant Tainter, 10 for Mr. Bond, 4 for Mr. Whipple. Try'd again also in Vain; there being now 12 for Mr. Bond, 11 for Lieutenant Tainter -- 2 for Mr. Whipple and one for Jonathan Forbush junior. We try'd once more and Mr. Bond was chose by 16 votes -- only 6 for Lieutenant, the rest for Whipple and Jonathan Forbush junior. Both Mr. Whitney and Mr. Bond modestly refus'd, but their answer was desir'd to be deferr'd to this Day fortnight to which Time the Meeting was adjourn'd. The Disposal of the Lot is of the Lord.

1755 April 17 (Thursday). N.B. The Church stop'd according to Adjournment. Mr. Whitney persisting in his Refusal the Church proceeded to choose another Deacon. First tryal was scattering. 13 for Brother Tainter: 11 for Brother Jonathan Forbush junior, 1 for Brother Francis Whipple and 1 for Brother David Maynard junior -- try'd a second Time -- still too Scattering. 14 for brother Forbush, 13 for his Father Tainter again: 2 for Brother Whipple - - try'd a Third Time: and then Brother Forbush was chose, viz. 15 out of 29, 11 of which were for Lieutenant Tainter, 2 for Mr. David Maynard and one (if I mistake not) for Mr. Whipple. Adjourn'd to next Monday come sennight 2 p.m.

1755 April 26 (Saturday). Poor Mr. Samuel Coollidge, brought up by Lieutenant Tainter, 2 or 3 Days ago, is in Town, that if he may be able he may keep School.

1755 April 27 (Sunday). Poor Mr. Coollidge was very distracted last night. Lieutenant Tainter tarries at home with him to Day.

1755 June 26 (Thursday). Mr. Benjamin Tainters Wife being in Travail, and like to expire sends in all haste to me to visit here. I rode there, and pray'd with her. After a few Pains more She was deliver'd of a Son. We gave Thanks to God, and at her Desire we Sang Gods Praise; Singing Ps. 116.1-7.

1755 June 27 (Friday). We broke up about an Acre and half, behind the Meeting House. Our Team was of 20 Oxen.... Lieutenant Tainter 2....

1755 July 28 (Monday). I rose very Early and Brother Forbush and I return'd to Westborough. Lieutenant Tainter and a Young Man of his hiring -- and two Boys also under him, in all four Hands, came and hill'd for me. There were also Ensign Harrington, Mr. Eleazer Whitney, Ezra Baker, Ebenezer Rice junior for Barnebas Newton, and William Bowman -- nine in all -- and they ended by baiting Time. Mr. Thomas Twitchel raking for me in the Newton Meadow, and Lieutenant Tainters two Boys help him.

1755 August 7 (Thursday). P.M. preach'd at Lieutenant Tainters on Mat. 13.39. My wife, Thomas and Billy there.

1755 August 19 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough.... At Deacon Tainters and at Mr. Henry Barns's....

1755 August 25 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter Carry'd to Boston 2 hind Quarters of Veal for me to some Friends there -- Mr. Solomon Woods kill'd it -- and took a Quarter for him and Lieutenant Tainter in token of Gratitude to them both.

1755 September 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a large Calf for me and carry'd part to Boston.

1755 October 16 (Thursday). Mr. Benjamin Tainter brings me 4 Barrells of Cyder, gratis -- one Barrell from his Father, another from Mr. Daniel Forbush, a Third from Ensign Harrington and one from Mr. Solomon Woods. All Gratis.

1755 October 17 (Friday). Before it was quite light in the Morning Lieutenant Tainter came and brought a Load of Wood fearing we Should Suffer -- whereas Timothy Warrin had brought a Load last Eve.

1755 December 2 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter here and din'd with us. He is so good as to come and see whether we had any service to be done at Boston, as his Custom has been, but I would not at this time trouble him with anything. I am heartily thankfull to God for the affectionate Kindness of this Good Man, who whether he is at home or goes abroad he is ever caring for us. This is to be noted before Thanksgiving.

1755 December 6 (Saturday). Din'd at Mr. Hutchinsons. Lieutenant Tainter came to me there and din'd with us. Met Mr. Wellman on the Road from Sutton to Grafton. I lodg'd at Mr. Wellmans, Lieutenant Tainter at his Sons.

1755 December 8 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Charles Richardsons who copy'd the Plans which I borrow'd last night, for me. Mr. Wellman and Lieutenant Tainter came, and we all din'd there. P.M. Lieutenant and I return'd home, calling at Mr. Wellmans....

1755 December 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathaniel Whitney here at Eve and tells me the Town Meeting on the 8th did nothing upon my Paper which I sent and was (he said) presented, by Captain Baker. But he tells me that Lieutenant Tainter takes off the Force of any Such Petition, for he says that he has paid 20£ old Tenor towards that Debt -- and Harrington has some pounds more: so that there is very little remaining now. In answer to which I assur'd him (Mr. Whitney) that no Body had to my Knowledge paid a Farthing of that Debt but Messrs. James Ball, and Jacob Rice, and Captain Maynard. Unless Lieutenant Tainter charg'd for keeping a Creature or two the Winter following the Drought. But yet he never said so to me; nor is there any Thing behind in my account with him except for some few Things which Lieutenant has bought at Boston for us, this Year: for as for last Year I discharg'd all Debt to him Unto the Day when I gave him a Note to the Collector of 15£ old Tenor. Mr. Whitney added that Lieutenant Tainter told him as above, yesterday.

1755 December 15 (Monday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter return'd from below -- I had writ by him to Brother Sam Parkman but he brought me no answer -- and thus it has been divers times, that though I write it is to no purpose.

1755 December 17 (Wednesday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter here and I had some Talk with him about his having said that he had paid me some considerable Part of the North side Debt. And we had some considerable altercation but parted in Love and Peace.

1755 December 23 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter, here and we retir'd and talk'd over our whole Affair, concerning the Northside Debt to me and what he had done towards it. He brought me from Esquire Baker, my Paper which I put in to the Town, with the Record on the back of it, of the Towns refusal to do anything about it. Lieutenant Tainter (now first of all) acquainted me with the Articles which he had given me with Design in his own Heart, towards defraying the Northside Debt; Except that he had hinted to me somewhat of his keeping a Cow for me the winter after the Drought, and which at the Time, as I remember I manifested my Dissent to. Through divine Restraints we kept from being angry -- supp'd together and parted in peace.

1755 December 26 (Friday). N.B. Several Returning from the adjournment of the Town Meeting came in to my House -- viz. Deacon Jonathan Forbush junior, Messrs. Solomon Woods and Benjamin Tainter -- afterwards Ensign Harrington. Tis observable that Ensign Harrington never said one word of his having paid me any of that Debt: though so much has been Said by others of his having declar'd he had. Some of them cut out my pork. All of them supp'd with me. Our Discourse was partly of the awful providences of Late in the Earthquakes -- and likewise of unhappy Controversie of the Town with me, who refuse to pay their just Debt to me, or to settle with me.

1756 January 5 (Monday). Lt. Tainter and young Deacon Forb. brought each of them a Load of wood; and sledged 3 Great stones to place, for stone Wall, for me; though it proved a very rainy time, and it was Somewhat Difficult.

1756 January 11 (Sunday). To my great Grief and Sorrow I was detained from the Public Worship.... I Sent the People Mr. *Cottons* Way of Life. Lt. Tainter prayed and Deacon *Bond*

read Sermon ii on *Zech.* 12.10 and concluded with prayer.... P.M. Deacon Bond prayed and read Sermon iii on that Text and Lt. Tainter concluded.

1756 January 18 (Sunday). I being still under the holy Frown of Gods providence by Lameness, Mr. *Whitney* prayed. Lt. Tainter read -- and concluded, a.m. P.M. Lieutenant prayed and read. What they read was *Mr. Cotton's* sermon.

1756 January 30 (Friday). At Eve I was in much Trouble about *Billy*, it being very Dark and Sometimes rainy. At length he came, and Mr. *Simon Tainter* with him, having another Yoke of Oxen, to assist him. They brought 18 Bushels of Indian Meal, and two of Rye bolted. Mr. Tainter lodged here.

1756 February 10 (Tuesday). N.B. Wrote to Capt. Stevens of Groton and desired Lt. Tainter to deliver it to Coll. *Lawrence*, the Representative of that Town.

1756 February 12 (Thursday). At Eve Lt. Tainter brings various Things from Boston for us: particularly 20£ of Wool. N.B. he has found a Purse on the Road with a Quantity of money both silver and Gold.

1756 April 13 (Tuesday). To Lt. Tainters and Harrington.

1756 April 16 (Friday). Mr. Jonah Warrin came with 4 Oxen, Ensign Harrington with 4 and Mr. Benjamin Tainter with 6, cross-ploughed the rest of my Field behind the Meeting House; and finished by 5 p.m. though it rained hard.

1756 May 21 (Friday). P.M. I visited Mrs. Tainter (Lieutenants Wife) in her illness.

1756 June 6 (Sunday). Old Mrs. How, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. Bowker of *Simsbury* dined here.

1756 June 7 (Monday). P.M. my wife rode to Lt. *Tainters*.

1756 June 12 (Saturday). Lt. Tainter kills a Calf for me.

1756 July 17 (Saturday). Lt. Tainter brings a Load of Wood, and kills a Calf for us.

1756 July 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Barachias Morse and Francis Pierce mow in the Ministerial Meadow, but especially fourteen Hands, great and small, came and hilled my New Field of Corn behind the Meeting House. They were Lt. Tainter, and his son Benjamin (with their lad Enoch Biglow)....

1756 August 4 (Wednesday). At Evening comes Lt. Tainter from Boston with various Supplys for me. And N.B. Lieutenant gave Mr. Jos. Stratton of Waltham a Note from me for 50£ of Money, Old Tenor which he promises to deliver for me, next Week to Mrs. Stoddard at Boston.

1756 August 8 (Sunday). I had reason to hope for help from Mr. *Asaph Rice* who I hope has been examined and approbated. Or that if he did not come personally, Mr. *Fish* would come in Stead: but neither of them came and we were again sorrowfully destitute. A.M. I Sent them Mr. Willison of Dundee, on the Sabbath from page 114. P.M. I sent Mr. *Trails* Sermon on Heb. 10.23. This was at the Request of Lt. Tainter and a Number with him.

1756 October 7 (Thursday). A Number of Persons, about 32, came and husked out my West Field of Corn, and that by the Barn.... Lt. *Tainter* and his son, Deacon Bond, Mr. Jonah Warrin, Mr. Eliezer Rice were part of the Company.

1756 November 1 (Monday). The Precinct met to see whether they will Alter and settle my Yearly Sallery -- or if not, add to my Sallery for this Year. The former they would not do, though it was long debated. Mr. *Daniel Forb.* came to me from them. I sent them a paper of this Day -- but the Vote went in the Negative notwithstanding. A Majority of one only carried it so. The *latter* was granted -- and they made this years to be in old Tenor 470 and 30 to Lt. Tainter for wood; in all £500 old tenor.

1756 November 2 (Tuesday). Visited and prayed with Mrs. Hannah Tainter, who is sick.

1756 November 14 (Sunday). My Cousen *Sadler* and old Mrs. *Tainter* dined with us.

1756 December 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter, Mr. Thomas Twitchel and Mr. Eleazer Whitney dined here.

1756 December 13 (Monday). At Lt. Tainters, Ensign Millers and his sons, James and Daniels, Widow Thurstons, and Mr. Grows.

1756 December 18 (Saturday). Lt. *Tainter* goes to Watertown designing to Boston next Monday and carries a couple of fat Geese, one to Mrs. *Stoddard*, the Other to Brother *Samuel*.

1756 December 21 (Tuesday). Though the Snow is so deep yet Mr. Benjamin Tainter comes with a large Team and breaks the Way with a load of Wood.

1757 January 17 (Monday). P.M. Billy to an Artillery Training at Mr. *Benjamin Tainters*.

1757 January 25 (Tuesday). Lt. *Tainter* goes to *Boston* notwithstanding [snow storm] and is charged (as usual) with Errands from us -- Especially by him I return to Miss *Anne* and Mrs. *Mary Fleet* the 7th Volume of the History of Miss *Clarissa Harlowe*.

1757 January 27 (Thursday). Lt. Tainter came from Boston and brought Wool and Cotton for *Lucy*. He dined with us: as did Judge *Ward*. P.M. our Church Meeting to choose a Deacon instead of Deacon *Jonathan Forbush* junior deceased. After prayer and acquainting the Church with what the Design of the Meeting was, I read what the Platform says of a Deacons Business etc.; Votes were brought in. There appeared 12 out of 25 for Lt. Tainter. Six were for Brother Whitney; five for Brother Daniel Forbush, one for Brother Francis

Whipple and one for Brother Moses Warrin. We tryed again and there were 17 for Brother Tainter. Whereupon he was declared Chosen.

1757 January 29 (Saturday). I wrote a Letter in French to Mr. LeBlanc, desiring him to come to Meeting tomorrow and to dine with me. Sent it by Lt. Tainter.

1757 January 30 (Sunday). Mrs. *Hastings* and Mrs. *Whitney* of Waterton (sisters of Lt. Tainter) dined here. They inform that *John Harrington of Waltham*, who killed young Larnard some time ago, is condemned to die.

1757 February 3 (Thursday). This Evening visited us also Lt. Tainter with his sisters, Hastings and Whitney. When they were gone, I had some sorrowful Reflections on my Conversation's being So unprofitable and lifeless as it was among them. O that God would pardon and quicken me! And make me more Serviceable to His Kingdom and useful to mankind.

1757 February 5 (Saturday). Lt. Tainters sisters go to Watertown.

1757 February 9 (Wednesday). Had Mr. Benjamin Tainters Mare to go to Marlborough.

1757 February 14 (Monday). N.B. It was So dark and slippery that being 'o foot I called at Lieut. Tainters; Supped there; and he discerning my State, offered and accommodated me with Horse and Lad to wait upon me home.

1757 February 25 (Friday). Deacon Tainter from Boston having kindly done many Errands for us. The Lord reward him for the great Care he takes of my Affairs!

1757 March 13 (Sunday). I administered the Sacrament of the Supper. Deacon Tainter waited (with Deacon Bond). Deacon Tainter and Mrs. How dined here.

1757 April 13 (Wednesday). My Wife rode to Boston to Day, and Lt. Tainter waited on her.

1757 April 15 (Friday). My Wife with Deacon Tainter, returns from Boston, and safely. D.G.

1757 May 29 (Sunday). At Dinner were Mrs. Tainter and her Daughter Forb. as were Mr. Cutting of Sudbury and his Wife.

1757 June 5 (Sunday). The *Deacons, Tainter* and Bond and Mr. *Moses Twitchells* Wife dined with us.

1757 July 1 (Friday). I visited old Mr. Rice, Mr. Joseph Bruce, LeBlanc, Deacon Tainter and Bond, but got home to dine with my wife.

1757 July 6 (Wednesday). I am taken up in fulfilling my engagement to Capt. Fay of whom I had borrowed Money. And I provided to pay him. I borrowed Thirty pound old Tenor of Deacon Bond, and the rest as I Should need it, of Deacon Tainter.

1757 July 11 (Monday). I walked into my Neighbourhood to look up Money, to borrow, Since the Constable can't pay me. Dined at Mr. Moses Brighams where I borrowed 25£ old Tenor. This I carried 22£ 10 of, to Deacon Tainter, hereby returning what he kindly lent me last Thursday.

1757 July 25 (Monday). Deacon Tainter brings me Mr. Martyn Pratts Horse, to ride on to *Leominster*.

1757 September 11 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. *Ben Tainters* Wife dined with us.

1757 September 26 (Monday). Mr. Winter and his Wife p.m. ride to Deacon Tainters; I went with them but my Wife confined with her lameness: Which increases.

1757 September 28 (Wednesday). Mrs. Tainter yesterday brought and applied a Tobacco Ointment to my Wife's Legg -- but it is no better.

1757 October 6 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Kendal from Suffield, and Mrs. Bowker, heretofore Sarah Tainter, lodged at Mr. Forb. last night.

1757 October 9 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter and her Daughters Forbush and Bowker and her sister Harrington dined here.

1757 October 15 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter came to Me at Mr. *Fish's*, and he accompanys me on my Journey. Dined at Mr. *Dorrs*. P.M. we got to *Cumberland*. Arrived at Mr. *John Lovetts* in good season, and Health. D.G. And lodged there.

1757 October 16 (Sunday). At Eve Deacon Tainter and I rode to Mr. *Welds* at Attleborough and lodged there.

1757 October 25 (Tuesday). P.M. Cousen *Nat* and I take a ride to Widow Forbush's, Deacon Tainters, Bonds, etc.

1757 October 29 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter dines with me.

1757 October 31 (Monday). This Precinct met together to See whether they would make some Addition to my Sallery for this Year; and to see what they would do about my Wood. As to the former (as the Clerk Mr. Phinehas Hardy informed me) they made it 500£ old Tenor including my Wood: And would do nothing as to providing anybody to get it, as they did last year. At Eve Mr. Tim. Warrin here and undertook to provide my Wood for 35£ old Tenor. N.B. Deacon Tainter, and Mr. Jonas Twitchell were here and heard what was agreed to: as did Capt. *Wood* also.

1757 November 8 (Tuesday). I rode (on Mr. Benjamin Tainter's Mare) to *Sudbury*....

1757 November 19 (Saturday). Mr. Eleazar Whitney, and Joseph Harrington, likewise *Peter Blanc* from Mr. Benjamin Tainter, came with each of them a Yoke of Oxen and a plough, and sowed and ploughed in 3 Bushell of Rye for me....

1757 November 20 (Sunday). *Deacon Tainter* dined with me.

1757 November 29 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter came, and with him Peter Blanc, and kill for me a Steer which was wont to be called the Sagg.

1757 December 1 (Thursday). My Wife rode with me to Deacon Tainters where I preached.... N.B. Monsieur Blanc and Wife there; the first Time that he has ever attended upon any of my sermons.

1757 December 11 (Sunday). P.M. Mr. Benjamin Tainter, tything man, as soon as the Blessing was given, Spoke aloud to two Young Women for laughing etc. in the Time of divine service. They were *Abigail Whipple* and *Lydia*, Daughter of James, Maynard. Tis matter of great Grief that persons from whom I ought to hope So well, Should behave so ill!

1757 December 22 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and his son came kindly killed an Hog for me -- weight 239 1/4 and the Deacon came at Night, cutt it out and Salted it up.

1758 January 12 (Thursday). Thomas obtained Mr. Benjamin Tainters mare, and on Mr. Forbushs Horse Sat out for Cambridge or Boston to wait on Miss Lydia Champney up here.

1758 January 20 (Friday). This important Day for Studying was greatly interrupted by both Mrs. Tainters who came to make Cake and Biskitt for my Wife. Deacon Tainter and his Daughter Warrin here at Evening. Their Kindness and service very acceptable had this been at another Time.

1758 January 30 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Eleazar Whitney comes with a Whirrey and carrys me to Deacon Tainters where a Number of the Brethren Meet with *Robert Cook* to confer with him about his Confession. There were present Deacon Forb. and his Son Daniel, Mr. Nathaniel Whitney, Lt. *Jonas Brigham*, Messrs. Samuel and David Hardy, Mr. Solomon Woods, Mr. David Maynard, Mr. Eleazar Whitney, besides Deacon Tainter and his son; Mr. William Pierce was also there. *Cook* was Seemingly very earnest in asking Forgiveness yet when some particulars were mentioned he had always reserves and alleviations.

1758 February 4 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter and Esq. Brigham with his Mare again -- who goes away desiring still further Time to Consider my offers.

1758 February 7 (Tuesday). At Eve came Deacon Tainter, his wife and Daughter in Law. They Supped here.

1758 February 10 (Friday). Deacon Tainter goes to Boston and carrys the Genealogical Account of our Family (contains the Account of my fifteenth child, *Hannah*) to my eldest Brother.

1758 February 13 (Monday). Deacon Tainter, Capt. Fay, Mr. Biglow here. The two last pay me their Rates, with what I owed 'em.

1758 February 15 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter, his Son and Daughter in law here.

1758 February 21 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter came (and was the means of Abner Newtons coming also) and killed a Barrow for me of 273 lb.

1758 February 28 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter putts my Mare into his Team to teach her to draw.

1758 March 1 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter having kept my Mare comes with her and Another in a Sleigh or Whirrey, to accompany me to Southborough. We called at Dr. Chase's but he was not at home. And to See the French people at Southborough, Mrs. *Goredow*, and her Children. Went to See Mr. *Stone*; but he was gone to Shrewsbury to visit Mr. Morse, who has lately lost a Son of 7, or 8 Years old. After Dinner there we returned home. I can't but take Special Notice of the Deacons readiness to serve and wait upon me, in a very respectfull Manner. And in the Mean Time is doing me the great Kindness to Subdue my new mare to drawing. I hope he does all sincerely, and as to the Lord, for I am utterly unworthy: but this Conduct must quicken me to endeavour to deserve it. May God reward him with abundant Spiritual Blessings!

1758 March 2 (Thursday). And p.m. Deacon Tainter comes again with my mare in his Whirrey and we go to the Private Meeting at *Mr. Bradish's*.... At Eve Deacon Takes my Mare home Still, to keep and tutor.

1758 March 9 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Francis Whipple brings me a written Complaint against Mr. Benjamin Tainter and desiring me to forbid him coming to the Sacrament.

1758 March 10 (Friday). Mr. Solomon Woods here and tells me he is going over to Mr. Whipples with Benjamin Tainter, and tis designed to try for Capt. Wood to go with them to endeavour a reconcilment.... Another Thing that occurred there to detain me was, the Contending partys above mentioned with the men that had been with them to assist them came to me at Mrs. Newtons; and they having succeeded in Endeavours to compose the Difference insisted upon my writing Mr. Tainters Acknowledgement which therefore I did; and through Grace, they were happily agreed. To God the Glory!

1758 March 12 (Sunday). N.B. previous to it [Lord's Supper] read Benjamin Tainters acknowledgement which was accepted and he was thereby restored.

1758 March 20 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and killed a Sow for me. Weighed 256.

1758 April 11 (Tuesday). N.B. *Alexander* goes with Deacon Tainter to Mr. Cutlers at Sudbury and brings home nigh 6 Bushels of Malt.

1758 May 10 (Wednesday). Ensign Harrington, Mr. Zebulon Rice, and Mr. Tainter with their Cattle and Hay to keep them and with Mr. Williams's and Capt. *Woods* Oxen (twelve, including my Sons) and Deacon Tainters plough broke up Some mossy and wild Grass Ground on the North East End of the Island next to Capt. Maynards Land. They dined here, with Mrs. *Dench* and *Buckminster*, but these last p.m. returned to Framingham.

1758 June 8 (Thursday). Sarah to quilting at Deacon Tainters. Thomas p.m. to Hopkinton. They both tarry over Night.

1758 June 11 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter and his Wife, Mrs. Whipple (Francis's wife) and her sister Lambson, dined here.

1758 June 12 (Monday). I rode to Blanc's and Deacon Tainters. N.B. at Eve Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood here, about Abner Newtons Marriage -- which I can't attend tomorrow because of the Council.

1758 June 13 (Tuesday). I rode up to *Sutton*, 2d Parish, to Council there. Deacon Tainter and Deacon Bond with me: called at Mr. Hutchinsons.

1758 June 26 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and invited me and my Wife to dinner. We accordingly dined there. N.B. they had dressed a very large Pigg to entertain us. I rode to visit Mrs. Woods, who is yet alive and able to converse.... I prayed with her, and, though in the Rain, returned to Deacon Tainters. My wife was gone to See Mrs. Blanc.

1758 July 10 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and brought from my Kinsman a Mahogany Watch-Case. Some agreeable News from Day to Day, of the Successes of the English Forces both in the westward, and at Cape Briton. D.G.

1758 July 17 (Monday). Yet Sarah and I set out in our Journey for Boston.... Sarah and I lodged at Capt. Tainters in Watertown, he having Sent me his special Request that I would.

1758 August 11 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Joseph Dorr junior who was to have preached for me last Lords Day Sent a Letter that he had a Boil so situated that he could not come. My Wife sent to Deacon Tainter to provide somebody: he went to Mr. Asaph Rice, who went to Mr. Martyn and *he* to Mr. Stone who came and preached here.

1758 September 7 (Thursday). Nathan came, but Alexander so full of pain he can't help him. Thomas has Such a Cough, he cant go into the Water. Disappointed also about the Oxen I had bespoke to get the Hay in with. It was the more perplexing because I had no great Reason from what Mr. Martyn answered me when I desired him to preach my Lecture to Day to expect him -- so that I was obliged to prepare, my Self. I hastily went up the Street to get Neighbour *Adonijah Rice*, but he was gone from Home. I went to *Barny Newton* who had an Hand with him -- but could not perswade him in any wise. In this extreme hurry and Confusion, the young man (Nathan) whom I had obtained so difficultly last night, now waiting and nobody to work with him, I saw Deacon Tainter at Mr. Beetons Shop, and hearing him say he had been at Grafton yesterday and heard fine preaching there, the

thought of our great Difficultys in this place for want of Help to get in our Hay which was suffering, there being so many sick in the Neighbourhood; more especially my own being obliged to let great part of my Grass, and some of the best of my meadow Grass, stand and die; and *that* I had with much trouble got cutt was in Danger of being lost (the thought of these and many more urgent things pressing upon me), I told the Deacon he should learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice. You Mean says he, Mercy to Your Hay, dont you? I answered *Yes* -- and pass'd down the Road; for I was in a great Haste to find somebody that would go to work. But not succeeding at Neighbour Newtons, as aforesaid I returned to Beetons shop, and told the Deacon (in Mr. Beetons Hearing) that I would not leave what I had said without adding that I acknowledged he had been so kind and ready to help me, that there was no Man like minded -- what I said had this Effect, that he came down after me and pol'd out a Load of my Hay, with *Nathan*, to the shore. William Stone came from Lt. *Rolfs*, and poled, with *Nathan*, the rest to gather to be stacked: Thomas with the Boys got up the Load which was poled out (having Mr. Zebulon Rice's Oxen). When the Deacon came up to my House, Mr. Martyn was come. The Deacon invited us to dine with him -- we mounted our Horses and did accordingly. Mr. Martyn preached my Lecture on Ps. 73.28, former part. Thus was I calmed after great Tumult and confusion in my Heart. May God forgive what was amiss in me, at such a Time of Tryal!

1758 September 11 (Monday). Deacon Tainter dines here.

1758 September 13 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter observably carefull to have me supplied with fresh meat, etc.

1758 September 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonah Warrin with a Yoke of Oxen, Abiel Chamberlin Sent by Mr. Tainter with 2 Yoke of Oxen, with Mr. Ebenezer Rice's Oxen ploughed my Field....

1758 October 3 (Tuesday). I rode to Sutton Council on Mr. Welmans Affair with his Brethren.... Deacons Tainter and Bond accompany me to Mr. Welmans, where we dined.

1758 October 16 (Monday). My Daughter *Sarah* rode with Mr. Tainter, his Wife and Sister Forb. to Brookfield.

1758 October 19 (Thursday). Mr. Benjamin *Tainter* returns from Summers and Brookfield, and confirms the sorrowfull Tidings of the Death of Mr. Woods -- that he dyed at *Western* in his returning from the Army.

1758 October 21 (Saturday). Six Barrels of Cyder from Deacon Tainter, brought by Abiel Chamberlin, who dines here.

1758 October 22 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter and his wife, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Steward and the Widow Patience Forbush, dined here. O that God would be graciously pleased to bless Such Opportunities for our Saving Advantage!

1758 October 30 (Monday). N.B. Capt. Wood here at Evening. Also Capt. Tainter from Watertown.

1758 November 6 (Monday). Deacon Tainter brought me a Second Load of Wood.

1758 November 7 (Tuesday). It rained -- yet I rode to *Sutton*. Deacon Tainter with me.... We formed into a Council: adjourned to the Meeting House -- Mr. Dorr the moderator prayed. And the Night coming on and we being Wet and Cold, adjourned to tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock. Mr. Cushing and I lodged at Mr. *Simon Tainters*.

1758 November 11 (Saturday). When we were at Breakfast and onward it was Still very dark and distressing, to see how much was before us, and how divided we were. It was thought best to adjourn. The adjournment was to next May. And four ministers were chosen to labour with the people in the Mean time. Messrs. Webb and Fish for the other side, Mr. Morse and I for the Pastors and standing part. But I refused having been so often and my affairs at home forbidding it. Mr. Dorr was chose in my room; Mr. Cushing if he fails. But we called the people in to try whether some thing might not be done at the present. It had a great Effect. I first of all laboured with Mr. Wellman to acknowledge that in this Day of Temptation he had done amiss in some Things etc. He accordingly made a penitential Speech to them. This had some influence on Deacon *Gould* yet he would defer the reconcilment till he could think further, promising to take pains with himself etc. I was very sorry he was so imperfect in his Acceptance of what Mr. Wellman Said. Squire *Goddard* and Mr. *Greenwood*, with their sons, also stood off. But Mr. Barton and Mr. Richardson were pritty much melted: humbled themselves and asked forgiveness and were restored by Vote of the Church. A great Number of the Standing part, viz. Squire Barnard, Deacon Chase, Capt. Holman, Mr. Kidder and Mr. Tainter expressly and with Tears in their Eyes, having took *Barton* by the Hand and mutually asked and granted forgiveness -- and then removed, with the rest of the Standing part of the Church to the other End of the Room, and completed the Reconcilment, with those, though Others of the withdrawing members would defer a while. Mr. *Fish* prayed and gave Thanks -- the Council's adjournment was declared; we dined, and returned home.

1758 November 16 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter, and afterwards Judge *Ward*, dined here.

1758 November 20 (Monday). P.M. I rode with my Wife, in the Chair, to See Mrs. Tainter, Benjamin's Wife, who is indeed very Low.

1758 November 21 (Tuesday). Miss Johnson goes a.m. with Mr. Tainter, as Company to his wife.

1758 November 22 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter comes from Boston and informs that my Young Kinsman is still living, but has been several Times thought to be expiring.

1758 November 23 (Thursday). *Thanksgiving*. Preached on Ps. 48.9. N.B. In the sermon I mentioned the private Family Meeting's dwindling to nothing; For so I was informed by Deacon Tainter, and that there was a proposal of some to meet at my House this Evening.

And accordingly the following Persons came Esq. *Baker*, Deacon *Tainter* and Deacon *Bond*, Capt. *Fay*, Capt. *Wood*, Messrs. *Whitney*, *Grow*, *Daniel Hardy*, *Daniel Adams*, *Daniel Forbush*, and they entered into fresh Engagements to revive and attend the Meeting at a better Rate for the future, and agreed that they would meet on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Next meeting to be at old Mr. Bradish's, next Tuesday come se'nnight.

1758 December 1 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* having had my Mare to *Boston* and carryed a Calf for us (for which he got 6£ without the Skin) returns, and brings a Letter and Mourning Gloves for us -- and a Pair of white Gloves for *Thomas*, who had watched with his *Billy* in his Sickness.

1758 December 3 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Jonathan *Burnap* with us -- and he dines here. As does Deacon *Tainter* and his Wife.... N.B. After Meeting Lt. *Whitney* of *Watertown*, and his son were here, and Lt. *Tainter* and his son *Warrin* came in with them. N.B. The Discourse chiefly in easing Mr. *Warrin's* Mind about the Proceedings at *Southborough*. Am sorry there needs so much to be said in Vindication. But the world is full of unkind Reflections.

1758 December 14 (Thursday). I rode home from fast at *Upton*]-- had Deacon *Tainters*, his wife's and Daughter *Forb.* Company.

1758 December 17 (Sunday). Mrs. *Tainter* and Mrs. *Foster* dined here.

1758 December 20 (Wednesday). Deacon *Tainter* goes to *Boston* and carrys divers sorts of Edibles for my Wife to *Markett*. Butter, Fowls -- Mr. *Whitney* receives one of Mr. *Edwards* on *Original Sin*.... Mr. *Benjamin Tainter* and his Wife came after Dinner. Drank Tea and tarried till Supper: *She* being much recovered.

1758 December 23 (Saturday). Deacon *Tainter* brings Sundrys from *Boston*.

1758 December 24 (Sunday). Old Mrs. *Tainter* and Miss *Betty Johnson* dined here. The latter tarrys over night.

1759 January 2 (Tuesday). Deacon *Tainter* kills my Fatt Heiffer. *Joseph Gamel* helps him -- and they dine here.

1759 January 3 (Wednesday). At Eve Deacon *Burnap* of *Hopkinton* and Deacon *Tainter* comes and weighs and cutts out my Beef. Weight was 19 Score and Eight pound, the Quarters -- 35 lb. Tallow.

1759 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Bowman* keeps School at Deacon *Tainters*.

1759 January 12 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* comes and kills a sow pig for me, weighs 126 pound. He comes also kindly at night and cutts and Salts and Supps. I present him *Doolittle's* Young Mans Instructor and old mans remembrancer, which I formerly bought of Mr. *Richard* (afterwards *Coll.*) *Saltonstall*.

1759 January 25 (Thursday). At Eve Master Bowman, Deacon Tainter -- Mr. Beeton from Boston.

1759 February 9 (Friday). Deacon Tainter goes to Boston: and carries a few Fowls for my Wife and 3£ from me to Mrs. *Ward*, heretofore *Barns*.

1759 February 13 (Tuesday). Sent by Mr. Jonathan Fay 3 Dollars with a Letter to Mrs. Prudence *Hill* of Cambridge in answer to hers of the 8th which I inclosed in a Letter to Capt. Taintor of Watertown desiring him to go to her Since Mr. Fay can't well do it himself. This was my Scheme by Reason of Mr. Fays backwardness to go out of his Way. But at last we settle it for Mr. *Fay* to go to Mrs. Hill if can't get Capt. Tainter to do it.

1759 February 15 (Thursday). Mr. Jonathan Fay returned from Boston -- did not go to Mrs. Hill, but carried the Letters to Capt. Tainter and says he delivered the money to him, who Said he would go to Mrs. Hill, and would write me a Line of his Doings. At Night reckoned with Deacon Tainter and gave him a Note to Mr. Jonathan Fay.

1759 February 23 (Friday). Received (I suppose per favour of Capt. Tainter of Watertown) a Letter from Mrs. *Prudence Hill* of Cambridge, who is not So obliging as I could wish.

1759 March 1 (Thursday). N.B. Deacon Tainter and Neighbour Seth Morse killed two Hoggs for me, about 340 weight together, and Deacon came also at night to cutt out and Salt up.

1759 March 6 (Tuesday). At Eve Deacon Tainter here. Tells me he has been to Sutton; and to see Mr. Welman who remains very Stiff -- vindicates himself and says he has Done no Evil. Which fills me with much Grief.

1759 March 11 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Burnap (wife of Mr. *John*) dined here.

1759 March 19 (Monday). Called at Deacon Tainters and Supped there.

1759 March 20 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter and Mr. Samuel Grow dined with us.

1759 March 29 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter goes to Market, to Boston, and carries something for my Wife.

1759 April 9 (Monday). The Widow Newton watched with my Wife last night. She takes *Sophy* home with her; and little *Hannah* is at Deacon Tainters.... At Deacon Tainters to see my little *Hannah*. *Nabby Rice*, Mr. *Zebulun's* Daughter, watches to night.

1759 April 13 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* from *Boston* -- brought my Wife a Bottle of *Madera*.

1759 April 24 (Tuesday). Artemas Bruce came part of the forenoon to sow some Rye and Oates at the Island; and Mr. Tainter sent his Oxen and Mare with his Boy to plough.

1759 April 28 (Saturday). My Brother early pursues his Journey home. Deacon Tainter comes from Boston, and has gratified my Wife with bringing her some Oysters.

1759 May 2 (Wednesday). Was designing to Marlborough but Deacon Tainter came and invited me and my Wife to dine at his House.... I went and dined there. He invited Mrs. *Blanc*, and I visited there; but she also was too poorly to go. Her daughters went.

1759 May 8 (Tuesday). I rode to the Council at Sutton.... Deacon Tainter also accompany me.

1759 May 10 (Thursday). N.B. Contests in Council.... Deacon Tainter, with leave of the Moderator, goes home, but N.B. *we vote by Churches*.

1759 May 13 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dined here; as did Mrs. Tainter and her sister Harrington of Framingham.

1759 May 23 (Wednesday). They leave us for Boston. Thomas returns, and goes off again. Mrs. Tainter and her sister Harrington dine here.

1759 June 12 (Tuesday). N.B. Much perplexed and disappointed in the Article of an Horse to plough among my Corn.... But I can obtain none -- till I ride to Deacon Tainters -- who presently told me he had purposed to come to my House upon this very Affair. He takes his Horse from his own plough and rides with me and (Alexander being gone to Neighbour Nathan Maynards to work for him in his Weeding, since I can't go about my own, the Deacon) takes *Samme* and goes to ploughing in my Field at the Island. For whose His kind and generous Disposition, may God Himself reward him!

1759 June 13 (Wednesday). N.B. Deacon Tainter ploughed in my Island Field....

1759 June 15 (Friday). Dr. *Crosby* acquaints me that Mr. Tainters Child has the Quinzy and desires me to go and see it. It is with great Difficulty -- yet I went -- dined there....

1759 June 17 (Sunday). After Exercises we attended the Funeral of Mr. *Benjamin Tainters* youngest son, *Josiah-Wood Tainter*, who dyed by the *Canker*, and very soon. Capt. *Wood* and I rode together in his Chair.

1759 June 19 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter was so kind as to take my Mare to teach her to draw, and I had his sons young mare to ride to *Holden*, it being the Time of Association there.

1759 June 30 (Saturday). N.B. Mr. Whitney, Deacon Tainter and his son, and Mr. Joseph Bruce came to help me in half-hilling. A valuable Token of their Kindness. May God reward 'em for it!

1759 July 4 (Wednesday). P.M. Deacon *Tainter* sends a Boy to hoe and *Phinehas Forb.* comes with him: afterward the Deacon himself now the Third Time to forward my Corn Field. He tells me it was somewhat hurt by the late Frost.

1759 July 29 (Sunday). Master Fessenden, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here.

1759 July 30 (Monday). Was at Deacon Tainters. At his Request I rode with him to Mr. *Joseph Rice's*, to talk with him and his Wife on Account of their Jarrs....

1759 August 1 (Wednesday). John Ballard worked for Moses Nurse a.m. and for Deacon Tainter p.m. I rode to Deacon Tainters, being sorely exercised and afflicted to get my hilling done, and he had told me he would help me again about it. Otherwise I would not have spoke to him who had helped me so much already.

1759 August 2 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and ploughed with my Mare, not without turbulent Opposition: He worked till middle of afternoon: And he sowed Rye for me (behind the Meeting House).

1759 August 3 (Friday). Deacon Tainter came in the Morning and plowed and sowed awhile; and then went home, his son being not well and his Affairs pressing and Urgent.

1759 August 20 (Monday). P.M. Rode out with my Daughter Baldwin to the widow Forb., to Mr. *Daniel Forb.*, Blanc's, Deacon Tainters.

1759 September 3 (Monday). P.M. Cousen Nabby rode with me in the Chair to the burying of an infant Child of Mr. Benjamin Tainter -- which was Still-born.

1759 September 14 (Friday). P.M. am sent for to go to Mr. Benjamin Tainters wife who is very ill. Went, and conversed, and prayed with her.

1759 September 18 (Tuesday). I rode to Worcester Superior Court (being summoned thereto) on Mr. Benjamin Tainters Beast.

1759 September 25 (Tuesday). Mr. Benjamin Tainter with his Fathers Oxen and plough, Mr. Eliezer Williams with his Oxen, Mr. Timothy Warrins son Benjamin with a Yoke of Oxen, and Mr. Forb's Oxen, Alexander and Samme assisting, the further side of my Cook-Field is ploughed.

1759 September 28 (Friday). In the Eve Deacon Tainter.

1759 October 3 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainters sisters, *Hastings* and *Whitney*, call here. Send by the Deacon a Letter to Mr. Draper, Printer, an Account of the Death of Rev. Mr. Rice of Sturbridge.

1759 October 8 (Monday). Sarah rides in the Chair whenever the Weather allows. Her sister Baldwin rides with her. We are not able to judge of her Case, only that She remains

low. Deacon Tainter brought her up from Boston a fey Oyster in the shells -- these she Eats with a good Relish when almost Nothing besides.

1759 October 18 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and son with Team, Capt. Wood and Neighbour Zebulun Rice, Joseph and Jonathan Grout gathered and brought up my Island Corn, and with Others to Assist husked it out.

1759 October 19 (Friday). Deacon Tainter here a.m. I write to young Mr. Dorr, to desire him to preach for me next Lords Day; and Deacon undertakes to carry it.

1759 October 20 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brings Letter from Mr. Dorr that he is engaged for next Lords Day. But will come the soonest he can.

1759 October 22 (Monday). Deacon Tainter had striven to get my Corn Field behind the Meeting House together but others would not exert themselves as he -- he got one Load to the place for husking -- but Rain came upon it in the Night.

1759 October 23 (Tuesday). At Night my wife sent by Deacon Tainter to Boston.

1759 October 30 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter at Evening tells me *Nahum Ball* (son of the late Mr. James Ball) AEt. 29 dyed yesterday.

1759 November 2 (Friday). Mr. Zebulun Rice and after him Deacon Tainter came here to see whether I thought it probable that I Should preach next sabbath -- for otherwise it was proposed to send for young Mr. *Dorr* again. My Answer was, I hoped to my self.

1759 November 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Benjamin Tainter dined here.

1759 November 14 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Benjamin Tainter and his wife who have come up from Boston where She has been for a while, for her Health

1759 November 19 (Monday). Deacon Tainter an other Load of Wood. Mr. Gale and he dine here.

1759 November 23 (Friday). Deacon Tainter here at Eve and tells me that he and Mr. Whitney had made a Visit to Mr. Samuel Fay junior who upon their Enquiry into his Neglects of divine Ordinances receive this Answer from him that all lies with me -- that is, that though we had made up, yet I had destroyed it all since -- that is by my speaking to him at Capt. Woods on the 3d of October last. I am astonished at his Conduct.

1759 December 2 (Sunday). Cousen Maynard dines here as do Deacon Tainter and his Wife.

1759 December 3 (Monday). Deacon Tainter Two Loads of Wood.

1759 December 6 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter another Load of Wood.

1759 December 8 (Saturday). Mr. Timothy Warrin a Load of Wood a.m. Mr. Tainter another p.m.

1759 December 11 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. B. Tainter and wife here.

1759 December 13 (Thursday). At Eve Deacon Tainter came to see me to discourse about the still sorrowful Condition of the people of North-Sutton; he having been lately at Mr. Welmans and at his sons. The Deacon wants I Should write to him, that he may'nt be stiff with his Antagonist, nor make such sharp Remarks upon their Letters to him. But I fear my engaging in it will make the matter worse.

1759 December 20 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and killed a Sow for me, and at night brought Salt, cut it up and Salted it down. She weighed Seven score and 15 pound.

1759 December 25 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter, according to his kind offer came with his Sleigh or Whirrey with two Horses, to wait on me and my Daughter Sarah to Marlborough. But he had the Frenchman Le Blanc, with him to carry him to Marlborough likewise. We all dined, though late, at Mr. *Smiths* -- and thence rode to Mrs. *Woods* (Nanny), to Mrs. *Speakmans*, but no body at home.

1760 January 8 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter brings me an Horse to wait on me to Lt. Holloways Funeral. We dine at Mr. Martyns....

1760 January 14 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came (but without Deacon Bond though both were desired and both consented to) this Morning, to count the Money Collected yesterday. It amounted to £45.14.1 old Tenor. With Deacon came his son Bowker and his Cousen Kendall.

1760 January 16 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter came with his Whirrey and two Horses to wait on my Wife and me in Visiting the West Neighbourhood and part of Shrewsbury. We first went to Mr. Samuel Fay's junior where we dined and Spent some Time. But no Word of the Difference. Thence to Mr. Gleasons, then to Lt. Eli'zer Rice, Dr. Crosbys, where we stayed to Tea, and left the Contribution Money for Mr. Jonathan Morse -- then to both the Knowltons; to Mr. Gershom Brighams and Mr. Francis Whipples.

1760 January 21 (Monday). Deacon Tainter brings Artemas Bruce, and we had sent for Neighbour Hezekaih Pratt, to help us kill an Hog -- weighed 11 Score and 7 pounds. At Eve Mrs. Prudence Hardy and her sister Rice of Sutton and her son Asahel, Supped here as did Deacon Tainter who not only killed, but cutt and salted up my Pork.

1760 February 2 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brings me from Boston, framed, the City *Hambourgh*, and the River *Elbe*. Also a Letter from my eldest Brother inviting me and my wife to the Marriage of his Daughter *Langdon* to Mr. Joshua Winter. The Deacons Neece, Miss Molly *Whitney* came up with him.

1760 February 4 (Monday). At Eve young Mr. Tainter, his Wife and Miss Mary Whitney made us a visit, and Supped here.

1760 February 14 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter fitting Thills to my sleigh.

1760 February 19 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. Winter by Deacon Tainter.

1760 February 21 (Thursday). Mr. Simon Tainter and Mr. Benjamin Carter, of Sutton here, and acquaint me with their Present state. Their Parish having of late had a Meeting in which they dismissed (as they who did it supposed) Mr. Welman.... Deacon Tainter returns from Boston with a Team. His Horses took a start in Framingham and he is wounded sorely in both his Leggs, by the Horses kicking him with their Corks.

1760 February 25 (Monday). Visited Deacon Tainter and Saw his wounds dressed by Dr. Crosby. Dined there.

1760 March 11 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode in my Sleigh to see Deacon Tainter who, tis to be hoped, is in an healing Way. Dr. Crosby and Dr. Ball were there, and we saw both Leggs Dressed. N.B. We had Mr. Tainters Mare, and he put mine into his Team. We dined there.

1760 March 16 (Sunday). Administered the Lord's supper. In Deacon Tainters absence I spoke to Brother Francis Whipple to wait at the Lord's Table. There dined with us Old Mrs. Rice (Capt. Woods mother), old Mrs. Tainter and Cousen Maynard.

1760 March 25 (Tuesday). N.B. Deacon Tainter has rid to Capt. Woods.

1760 April 1 (Tuesday). The Private Meeting at Mr. Bradish's but I can't attend it. Deacon Tainter dines here, and goes to it. N.B. he kindly Serves me in putting a New Handle to my Spade.

1760 April 25 (Friday). At Eve reckoned with Deacon *Tainter* and paid all; and for 4 Load of Wood which are not yet brought.

1760 April 29 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter also (by my Desire) improved the opportunity to bring 60 Rails for me which are laid at the Island to fence the Lane by Capt. Maynards Meadow.

1760 May 1 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter receives of me the Contribution Money for Boston. £0.2.2 Old Tenor.

1760 May 5 (Monday). Mr. Tainter brings a Team p.m. to harrow my Field at the Island. He leaves his Boy with Alex to do it and they do it accordingly. Mr. Tainter went to a Kennebeck Meeting at Capt. Wood.

1760 May 15 (Thursday). My sons go about in Vain to get an Horse to furrow *out our remaining Ground* -- till Mrs. Tainter (Benjamins Wife) rode here for this End that their Horse might plough for me. She dines here, and my sons plough furrowing out and finishing our planting of Indian Corn. A few Beans, Peas etc.

1760 May 18 (Sunday). N.B. Deacon Tainter informs me from Mr. *James Fay*, that his Wife lately dyed -- of bilious Cholick. And that She dyed gloriously.

1760 June 9 (Monday). I rode to Monsieur LeBlanc's -- dined at Mr. Tainters. Had his Mare to plough and Deacon had my mare to Sutton.

1760 June 27 (Friday). Mr. Kendal here p.m. and with him his wife, her sister Sadler and sister Tainter.

1760 July 17 (Thursday). Rode to Watertown to Lt. Whitneys, where I was kindly entertained.... N.B. Bowman from College, Deacon Tainter, and Jacob Rice ride with me in Company to Coll. Buckminsters where we were all refreshed (on Free Cost).

1760 July 23 (Wednesday). At Deacon Tainters Motion a Number of Hands came and cutt down my Field of Rye, back of the Meeting House. A Sett before Meeting and another sett after. They were Deacon Tainter, his son and servant, Mr. Daniel Forb., Thomas Twitchell, and Joseph Harrington, also Lieutenant Harrington -- these before meeting. P.M. were Joseph Harrington, Tainters young man, viz. John Ball, Noah Hardy, Adam Rice, John Wood and a Young man with him. A great Kindness, we treated them as well as I could. May God reward them!

1760 August 1 (Friday). N.B. Messrs. *Kidder* and *Tainter*, from Sutton here and acquaint me how their Affairs go -- that Mr. Welman has asked the Church to dismiss him: and that the Church, taking in the 13 who were Delinquents, have voted his Dismission.

1760 August 22 (Friday). Deacon Tainter returns from Brookfield, informs that my Daughter Forb. is yet well and comfortable.

1760 August 26 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter at Eve; and *Mr. B. Hill*.

1760 September 12 (Friday). My Rowing mowed by Deacon Tainters young man.

1760 September 14 (Sunday). Mrs. *Walker of Houssatonnock* Number 4 with us also: and dined here as did Deacon Tainter.

1760 October 13 (Monday). N.B. The Precinct Met to See whether they would make some Addition to my Sallery for this Year. And whether they would come into some way to get my wood this year. As they Sat up the Notification without me, So they wholly transacted with out me; nor sent me any message at Night of what they have done. But I would humbly beg Grace from God to Prepare me for His holy and sovereign Will! N.B. Mr. Artimas Bruce came for my wife and carryed her to Mrs. Tainters Groaning. Capt. Fay, Capt.

Wood, Deacon Tainter, Lieutenant Bruce, Francis Whipple, Phinehas Hardy, David Maynard, Edwards Whipple, Ebenezer Maynard, Hezekiah Pratt, James Miller junior, David Batherick, were all that came to the Meeting.

1760 October 14 (Tuesday). When I got home my wife was here Mrs. Tainter being well o'bed: Neither did Mrs. P_____ find any great Inconvenience by her going.

1760 October 15 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter at Eve.

1760 October 20 (Monday). It was my Design to have got in my Corn last Thursday, but Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood advised to let it alone till this Day; I therefore did so. To Day Mr. Tainter brought a Load of Wood and brought in the Corn from the Island, being 4 Load.

1760 November 1 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brings Wood and a Barrel of Cyder.

1760 November 5 (Wednesday). Walked to Deacon Tainters.... N.B. Young Mrs. Tainter shews me a Dream which so impressed her that She had writ it out: and wanted my Judgment of it.

1760 November 7 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Fessenden and Deacon Tainter.

1760 November 11 (Tuesday). I Sent for Deacon Tainters old Stallion, upon his Offer to ride him and use him for his keeping.... Mr. Benjamin Tainter one Load of Wood to Day. N.B. I have heard of the great unkindness and Injustice (as I conceive) of a certain Neighbour of mine, in trying to Discourage Mr. William Torrey in buying my old Place, by greatly disparaging it. This was my principal Parishioner. May God convince him, and forgive him!

1760 November 14 (Friday). I have Deacon Tainters Horse here, but to day does Nothing.

1760 November 15 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brought Wood -- but I dont know upon what foot. Deacons Horse goes home.

1760 November 21 (Friday). N.B. I now take Deacon Tainters stallion.

1760 November 24 (Monday). Have had a very poor Night -- Pain in my right Cheek chiefly. And it proving a Wet Day, I went not to the Burial of Mr. Elijah Rice's Wife -- that is to his House which is in Upton -- but sent him a Note how it was with me. Mr. Joseph Morse of Hopkinton dined with us. P.M. Mr. Benjamin Tainter bears me a message from Mr. Elijah Rice who waits upon the Corps, and the Procession are moving along requesting I would pray with them *somewhere*.

1760 November 27 (Thursday). *Publick Thanksgiving* but the Weather so Stormy I did not go out.... Am informed Mr. Blanc was at meeting. Billy invited him to come here to dine, but he chose to go to Deacon Tainters.

1760 December 3 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter was also here.

1760 December 4 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Zebulun Rice, and his Brother *Oliver* from Hardwick, here. Deacon Tainter also.

1760 December 7 (Sunday). Deacon Forbush, Deacon Tainter, Master Fessenden, Mrs. Maynard, dined here.

1760 December 10 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood came to kill the Baker Pig, but first weigh it; and though he had had a good Breakfast, yet he weigh'd but 130. I sent for Mr. Baker, who came; and on his part, tells me he had weighed at home the pigs he had of me -- and, though last night, when he weighed them they fell Short but half a Pound a piece -- yet this morning he weighed them and they fell short 16 Pound. But we left our Affair in the Hands of the two Neighbours here with us, who proceeded to kill the Baker Pig. Deacon Tainter dined here.

1760 December 11 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and tells me the Affair of the Piggs is Settled that the Weight Shall be allowed according to what they were at each of their homes, viz. mine 150, and Mr. Bakers 136; which gives 14 lb. overplus for Baker to pay me for @ 16d per pound as we at first agreed. Deacon weighs the Dead pig and finds it (as he says) 96. He cutts and Salts it up for me. N.B. Deacon was troubled with me that I would not consent to give 2/ per pound for Bakers Pork, and so settle the Affair that way; where as that was what I had all along refused to do -- because 2/ was the Boston price, and no allowance for carrying down and besides he said they had weighed my pigs and they fell short 15. N.B. one Mr. Fuller from Middleton here to get Deacons Testimony about an Horse he had cutt for Terrant Putnam of Sutton. I write the Testimony at the Deacons Request: and he signs it.

1760 December 24 (Wednesday). I rode in Deacon Tainters Sleigh with him, his Son and Daughter, to Southborough-Fast, which was on account of the small pox there.

1761 January 1 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter at Eve.

1761 January 14 (Wednesday). Lieut. Harrington, Mr. Tainter and Isaac Miller bring six Load of wood from Mr. Bowmans, who gives it.

1761 January 20 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter here and lends me his sons Mare to go to Marlborough. Dined at Squire Brighams. Went to Mr. *Smiths* to See the Horse etc. but to little Purpose -- the Horse having So evill Tricks.

1761 January 27 (Tuesday). 3 Boys go to Mr. Bowmans school at Deacon Tainters.

1761 February 6 (Friday). Deacon Tainter and Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin have an hundred of Mr. *Stone's* 2 Discourses for themselves and Other Subscribers in Westborough.

1761 February 9 (Monday). Messrs. B. Tainter and Artemas Bruce killed two good Swine for me gratis, and dined with me.

1761 February 10 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter kindly came and weighed my Hogs, one [blank], the other [blank]. He also cutt it out and Salted it for me. P.M. he went to Boston and carried a Leg of Pork for me to my Kinswoman *Oliver*.... N.B. This Day Mr. Bowmans School at Deacon Tainters, finishes.

1761 February 16 (Monday). N.B. Dispute with Deacon Tainter about the Beginning of the sabbath, and N.B. he asks me whether I would (not only *consent to*, but would) *Desire* Mr. Fish's preaching at Deacon Forbush's the first Tuesday in April? I answered yes, for I would Sett him a good Example if he be otherwise minded.

1761 February 26 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter brought in Mr. *Jonah Warrin* and Mr. *Daniel Hardy*. They all dined here. These latter being disquieted with an Expression in my Sermon last Lords Day, in which I said, I did not know that there was that Sentence by itself, "There is a God." Though the Apostle to the *Hebrews* says, he that Cometh to God must believe that He IS etc. All Religion supposes it and takes it for granted. Mr. Hardy said it was damnable Doctrine. I made what defence I thought proper and they drew off.

1761 February 28 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter dined here, and gave me an Account of the Occasion and manner of his coming with Mr. Warrin and Hardy, on the 26. For although they were so disturbed, yet they would not have come here (that he knows of) except he had insisted upon't and come with them. Yet they would talk at the Smith's (*Beeton's*) Shop. Which Custom of many persons, I am greatly troubled for. I acquainted the Deacon with Mr. Samuel *Fays* having been here, and how we had give Hands. This the Deacon was glad of, but was of Opinion that Mr. Fay Should make satisfaction to the Church, and ought to manifest a Christian Spirit, before he Should be admitted again to Special Ordinances.

1761 March 14 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter here about Fays Case. He dines with us.

1761 March 26 (Thursday). Send to Boston by Deacon Tainter.

1761 March 28 (Saturday). Mr. Simon Tainter of Sutton here.

1761 April 7 (Tuesday). P.M. Attended the Private Meeting at Deacon Forb.... My Wife and young Child with me. After meeting we visited Mr. Blanc and at Eve at Deacon Tainters.

1761 April 8 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter killed a Calf for me and carried 3 Quarters of it to Boston.

1761 April 10 (Friday). Deacon Tainter returned from Boston.

1761 April 21 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter Setts up the Dial, by my Shop. The Inhabitants meet together at the Meeting House to give in their Invoice. And Messrs. David Maynard, Edwards Whipple and Edmond Rice come to me to know whose that Dial is, that if it is the

precincts, they may set it where they have a mind to, and not where Deacon Tainter pleases. [*Marginal notation: Lieut.*] Mr. Tainter with his Team, and *Ensign* Harrington with his, plough my Field behind the Meeting House.

1761 April 29 (Wednesday). [After yesterday's meeting in Marlborough] In the Morning rode to Deacon Tainters, *Taylor*.

1761 May 5 (Tuesday). P.M. Deacon Tainter came for me to go to the private Meeting at his House. I went. My Daughter Sarah with me. A greater Number were present than I expected.... An handsome Entertainment followed, but our main Concern Should be to profit by the word of God, This last being the principal Food.

1764 June 16 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me.

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!

1764 July 3 (Tuesday). 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.

1764 July 11 (Wednesday). After Lecture Mr. Bowman, Dr. Crosby, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Tainter, Mrs. Hannah Rice, drink Tea -- many Visitants to the Currants.

1764 July 15 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter dined here.

1764 July 17 (Tuesday). 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.

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 13 (Monday). 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 sunseting) finished the Field.

1764 August 27 (Monday). 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 September 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Kendal and his Brother Tainter with 3 Boys, Oxen, Horse and Ploughs, came kindly, and plowed stubble at my island.... All Gratis.

1764 September 19 (Wednesday). 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 24 (Monday). Mr. Harrington and Lady were here in their way to their Aunt Tainters.

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.

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 7 (Sunday). Administered the Lords supper. N.B. four New Tankards which the Deacons have bought last week.... 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 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 26 (Friday). Deacon Tainter came to see us.

1764 November 23 (Friday). Deacon Tainter and Artemas Bruce kill my Bell-Cow.

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). Administered the Lords Supper. Deacon *Tainter*, Master *Cushing* and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here.

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.

1764 December 14 (Friday). Deacon Tainter brings a Load of Wood, notwithstanding his Infirmitys and the Weather.

1764 December 19 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter brings me home in his Sleigh and dines with me.

1764 December 21 (Friday). Deacon Tainter brings two Jaggs of Wood.

1765 January 6 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter dines with us.

1765 January 14 (Monday). Got up to Deacon Tainters with Difficulty.

1765 January 17 (Thursday). I transcribe what I have prepared to Send to Mr. A. and Send it by Deacon Tainter, who returns late in the Eve and tells me Mr. A. and his wife are extremely Violent and charge me with many Untruths. She believes I have not a spark of Grace etc. May the Lord sanctifie this Rebuke of His Providence to me!

1765 January 21 (Monday). I went over to Mr. Beeton with a Deed writ of the Acre -- except the Bounds. But he had not his Deed from Capt. Forbush at home. Promises before Deacon Tainter and Mr. Artemas Bruce that no man besides Me Shall have a Deed of it. He induces me to go down to Capt. *Maynards* about the Money the Captain owes me now, and which I owe at Brookfield. Deacon Tainter and I ride there. We Sup with him. Miss Hephzibah rides to our House with me in the Deacons Sleigh.

1765 January 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter brought Billy an Hog. Weighed 9 Score and 14 lbs. at 2/.

1765 January 24 (Thursday). Wrote to both my Brethren at Boston by Deacon Tainter.

1765 January 26 (Saturday). Though it is extream Cold, Deacon Tainter returns -- but without any Letters or Magazines. Nor have had any of a great while.

1765 January 27 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter, Master Cushing, Mr. Haven and Mrs. Maynard dined with us.

1765 January 29 (Tuesday). I laid hold of an Opportunity to ride with Mr. *Davidson* of Grafton, in his Sleigh to the Warrins -- especially to visit Timothy who has been very ill of late; but he was gone to Dr. Wilsons; and Jo. Joslin with him. Deacon Tainter being there with his Sleigh, I rode home with him, visiting Lt. Bruces wife, and Mrs. Barns, as we returned.

1765 February 2 (Saturday). God takes Care of us from Day to Day, though this Season is so singularly difficult, especially as to Wood. Sundry Neighbours come and bring what they can. Deacon Tainter comes to see how we fare and brings Some in his sleigh. Messrs. Nathan Maynard and Artemas Bruce bring one Load with a large Team, of wood nigh them. And dine here. P.M. Mr. Nathan Maynard and his Brother Ebenezer bring another Load. Mr. Chamberlin another Load. Messrs. Benjamin and Jonathan How another. All gratis.

1765 February 5 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter brought a Quarter of Beef which he borrowed of us. He dined here and carryed me, also *Sarah* and *Sophy* to Mr. *Jonah Warrins* where I preached on Heb. 12.15.

1765 February 12 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter in his sleigh carrys Sarah and me to Southborough. Dine at Mr. Stones. Return at Eve.

1765 February 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* dined here, having brought some Wood.

1765 March 9 (Saturday). Breck and John Sled wood in the Morning from the Island. Deacon Tainter kindly comes with Wood -- and then goes to encourage and assist my Sons.

1765 March 11 (Monday). Capt. Brigham and Mr. Tainter came from the Precinct-Meeting to desire me to go and pray with them, which I did.

1765 March 14 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Mr. Bellows here when Mr. Gale wanted Something to be Said about the Andrews Affair.

1765 March 23 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter brought two load of Wood from home and Breck being Sledding [*sic*] from the Island (2 turns), Mr. Tainter brought another from there.

1765 March 24 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter, John Maynard, his Brother Antipas, and *Timothy Parker* dined here.

1765 March 26 (Tuesday). P.M. came Mr. Tainter and brought his Wife's uncle, Mr. Daniel Wood of *Somers*, who informs me of a wood newly discovered in a Tract of Land in New York Government called the Nine partners, which (wood) will not consume. That Mr. Andrew Storrs of *Somers*, and Mr. [*blank*] Johnson of Wallingford preachers, certified him of it; and that it was known and tryed at the College at *New Haven*.

1765 March 27 (Wednesday). Reckoned with Mr. Tainter and paid him by Ditto.

1765 April 4 (Thursday). N.B. Mrs. P_____ rode with me to Mr. Tainters, where we dine; and there left her, for Mr. Tainter to wait on home at Eve.

1765 April 6 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brought from Boston Magazines for Sept., Oct., Nov. and brings a Vine, a Mulberry Tree, Gooseberry Bushes etc. from Mr. Holbrook, with a

Letter. Letters also from Brother Parkman, Samuel and from Dr. Robie with *Scudders* daily Walk.

1765 April 11 (Thursday). This morning we perceived Mr. Haskills (Black smith) Shop was burnt down.... Deacon Tainter was with me. But Mr. Haskill was not at home. He was in the woods and People were generously getting Timber for him. Which I greatly rejoice in.

1765 April 17 (Wednesday). Send a Dollar by Deacon Tainter, in Billys Name, to Mr. Haskill.

1765 April 19 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes and we count the money of the Contribution [for Deacon Charles Wood of ___] -- £30.2.0 old Tenor.

1765 April 24 (Wednesday). I rode to Upton Lecture.... Deacon Tainter accompanied me back, at Eve as far as Mr. Kendalls.

1765 May 17 (Friday). Thomas and John furrow out. Several Lads came to assist in getting out Muck and placing it in the Hills. Neighbour Levi Warrin sends Benjamin Ball and Benjamin Whitney; Mr. Tainter Sends Jonathan Forbes.

1765 June 1 (Saturday). Several Children in the Neighbourhood have dyed -- viz. Mr. Tainters young Child, a Daughter, Mr. Benjamin Garfields, and Mr. Richard Kellys.

1765 June 3 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Wood of Summers and his Wife, and son and Daughter Tainter, here.

1765 June 12 (Wednesday). Prayed with him [Brother Kendall] and dined there: then made a Visit to Mr. Tainter under their Bereavement (they having lately lost their little Daughter) and may God please to sanctify it to them!

1765 June 22 (Saturday). I rode to Westminster. Had Lt. Tainters Horse.

1765 June 27 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me and carries half of it to Boston for me.

1765 July 1 (Monday). N.B. Deacon Tainter here to invite me, my Wife and Daughter Baldwin to dine there with his Brother and sister Kendal, at his House tomorrow; in our Way to the Private Meeting.

1765 July 2 (Tuesday). My wife and I go to Deacon Tainters and dine there -- as aforesaid. But my Daughter was not well enough to go.

1765 August 15 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Isaac Johnsons of Southborough. Carried Suse. Deacon Tainter accompanied. There I preached to Miss Ruth Thomas, Mr. Johnsons Sister, who has been Bedrid for a great While. My Text was Cant. 8.5, former part. My Daughter goes to Mr. Stones to tarry over Night. Deacon and I return home.

1765 August 22 (Thursday). Mr. B. Tainters Wife here -- dines -- at Tea.

1765 August 30 (Friday). My Mind had been in great Agitation about the present Times; and peculiarly as the Case is in the Capital, Boston: I pity heartily the Condition of his Honour and especially if he is innocent, as I hope he is. The Lord Himself direct His People and help us suitably to humble our Selves under this very awful Dispensation! Deacon Tainter here in the Evening lamenting etc.

1765 September 2 (Monday). Thomas fetches my Oxen from Mr. Tainters where they have been for some time.

1765 September 5 (Thursday). Delivered Deacon Tainter 3 Dollars for sundrys from Boston.

1765 September 6 (Friday). Thomas and John harrow. Sow one Bush. Wheat, which I have of Mr. Tainter.

1765 September 24 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter at Eve. Kills a Lamb for me.

1765 October 3 (Thursday). Billy Painting.... At Eve I sent by Mr. Tainter to Boston for Linseed Oyl etc.

1765 October 8 (Tuesday). A Team of twenty oxen are breaking up my Field nigh Mr. Nurse's. Mr. Tainter undertook.

1765 October 11 (Friday). Deacon Tainter and others cutt up; his son with a Team and Capt. Wood with his Team also, bring in the Corn. A considerable Crop -- thanks to God!

1765 October 14 (Monday). Deacon Tainter comes to help in sorting the Corn, and dines here.

1765 October 19 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter hoops my Barrells. Dines here.

1765 October 31 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter dined here.

1765 November 15 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes with two Barrells of Cyder, which are given -- one by himself, the other by Lt. Harrington and 4 Bush. Apples for Sauce. *Silas Hill* comes with the Deacon. *John* fetches home Mr. Bakers -- *Silas* gets 'em down. Providence cast him (accidentally to us) for my help, both to the Deacons Help and mine here.

1765 November 22 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes from Boston and brings a Letter from Mr. Holbrook, informing me of the Death of Mrs. Chamberlain (Mrs. *Holbrooks* Mother in Law) and that Mr. Surcomb was ill of the Gout.

1765 November 29 (Friday). Mr. Tainter, Capt. Wood, Mr. Martyn Pratt and Paul Biglow with 16 Oxen, to which are added Mr. Nurse's and mine, break up the rest of the further field.

1765 December 6 (Friday). Deacon Tainter here and urges my going to Mill-River.

1765 December 30 (Monday). When I returned found Deacon Tainter here, who with Lt. Baker, has killed the Cow which Lieutenant has had in keeping till now. Deacon rode my Horse home. Am much beholden to him for so much Goodness as well as to Lt. Baker who has pastured and fatted the Cow and charges me only two Dollars.

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). Deacon came and cut out and salted my Beef -- that is 3 Quarters. He carries home one Quarter which I borrowed, through his Instigation, of his son. She weighed 20 score and 13 lb. Deacon dined here -- then carried the skin (which weighed 58 lbs.) to Silas Hill to be tanned. Tallow but 33 lb. The Lord reward these generous Men!

1766 January 3 (Friday). Deacon Tainter going to Boston, dines with us.

1766 January 7 (Tuesday). My wife and I attended the Funeral of Ensign *Miller* so far as to go to the House and pray there, and then returned to Mr. Tainters (who waited on us there with his sleigh) where we dined. Then Mr. Tainter transported us in like manner to old Mrs. *Grouts* where I preached on *Rom. 13.11*, which may God graciously Succeed! Then we visited at Mr. *Whitneys*. And Mr. Tainter was So good after all, as (he and his Wife) to conduct us home.

1766 January 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter, with his Father and his wife, came with their Sleigh again; and waited on us to the Funeral of Mr. *Seth Rice* junior his Wife, who dyed in Childbed.

1766 January 15 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter here.

1766 January 17 (Friday). Sent to Boston by Deacon Tainter. I wrote to Brother Parkman. John sent 8 or 9 fowls, and 1 Partridge.

1766 January 20 (Monday). Deacon Tainter returns from his Marketing and pays John for his Fowls etc.

1766 January 23 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood (Billy and Breck assisting) killed my two Hogs. One weighed 262 lbs., the other 256. The men aforesaid dined with me. Deacon came at night to help cut up and Salt down. Supped with me.

1766 January 28 (Tuesday). Went to Mr. Daniel Forbes's -- and Supped there. Called at Deacon Tainters in returning.

1766 February 5 (Wednesday). Deacon *Tainter* comes from home on purpose to See how we were on't for wood, as there were signs of a Storm and his Son, who provides is gone to Boston. May God reward him for his Care!

1766 February 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter is frequently bringing Wood.

1766 February 13 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Tainter paid me £73.16.6 old Tenor, out of which I paid Thomas *Arnold* £37.15.0 (which with a Dollar he received of me some Time ago, makes 40£ to him and is in full of all Accounts with him).

1766 February 14 (Friday). Mr. Biglow, to whom I gave Order to Collector Tainter, for all my Debt to him and for a Dollar for Neighbour Pratt who says he has lost a Note which I gave him to Mr. Gale, for an Hat I bought of him.

1766 February 20 (Thursday). Capt. *Wood* and Mr. *Tainter* here and want me to meet with them and others about fixing a place for a School House in the South Easterly Squadron, as they call it; I being *outside* man, as they will have it, to the North -- and am outside of all the Rest of the Divisions. But I refuse utterly to meddle with it.

1766 February 25 (Tuesday). Rode in a snow-storm to Mr. Tainter's for money for Mr. Green etc.

1766 March 3 (Monday). Town Meeting. The first Since the Act of Court which erected the District which is called Northborough. Mr. B. Tainter and Jonathan Grout came with the Towns Request to me to pray with -- which I did, and they are in great Peace. D.G.

1766 March 16 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter and Deacon Bond came and acquaint me with the Expediency, and they think Necessity of deferring the administration of the Lord's supper until next Lords Day. Deacon Tainter says Mr. Daniel Forbes came from Boston not till about an hour or two before Day (as he conceived) and left the Wine at his House; but that the Snow was so drifted he could not ride, and therefore could not bring it: neither do they think that many Communicants can come to Meeting.

1766 March 21 (Friday). Mr. Benjamin Tainter pays me 17£ Cash -- this with Sundry parcells of money paid and laid out for me amounting to 16£ 3/9 and Notes 71£ 16/4 -- in all this Evening £105.

1766 March 24 (Monday). Miss *Huldah* and Miss *Mary Stone* came, and dined with us. They went and Sarah with them p.m. to Deacon Tainters.

1766 March 27 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter kindly brings and sets up two Horse Blocks.

1766 March 28 (Friday). Deacon Tainter here at night, and is come from Mrs. *Andrews*, with a Message from her, to desire me to give her opportunity to see me, and he proposes my visiting old Capt. Forbush on next Monday, that she might See me there, which I consent to.

1766 April 1 (Tuesday). My wife and I dined at Mr. Tainters.

1766 April 10 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter comes from Boston and brings me a savoury and endearing Letter from my Brother Parkman.

1766 April 23 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter making a Pig Sty.... Caleb and John fetch 2 Pigs from Mr. Tainter, which cost 30/ apiece old Tenor -- they are [blank] weeks old.

1766 May 1 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Benjamin How yesterday (except Lecture Time) and to Day a.m. graffed for me. The Cyons were from Neighbour Nathan Maynards, Beetons (among which 6 of pears), Deacon Tainters, Mr. Ezekiel *Smiths* -- and Some from my own Tree of Sir Harry Franklands Fruit.

1766 May 22 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter here in the morning and pays me in Cash £61.1.0 old Tenor and pays me in various Notes £28.19.0 in like Money -- in all £90 old Tenor. He carrys *Sarah* to his House.

1766 June 9 (Monday). Mr. March and Tainter of Sutton, here about their Difficultys.

1766 June 27 (Friday). Mrs. P. rides to Mr. Tainter.

1766 July 12 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me.... Reckoned with Mr. *Moses Nurse* (after a long fruitless Endeavour to accomplish it) and pay him by a Note to Mr. Tainter -- £4.17.0 old Tenor.

1766 July 24 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter and his Wife visit us, attend our Family Exercise (in which I read in Mr. Grove on the Lords Supper) and sup here. Mr. Tainter tells me Mr. Andrews refuses to pay his ministerial Rate.

1766 July 30 (Wednesday). N.B. Deacon Tainter has brought me a Letter from Mr. Frost of Mill-River to desire me to look over his Sermons, which he has transcribed for the Press.

1766 August 5 (Tuesday). After Exercise I desired the Brethren would tarry a little that I might speak with them. (For Mr. Zebulun *Rice* had apprized me that some of them had agreed together to enquire into the Case of Mrs. *Andrews*, at this time: and I conceived from the Drift of his Discourse t'other Day, that they were such as were uneasy with me about it.) Though they seemed to be drawing off, yet a Number returned to me and I thereupon addressed my self to them attempting some Narrative of the Affair, that they might understand the first Beginning of Mrs. *Andrews's* Disquietment and might See how little Reason she had to be offended with me. But they soon grew unwilling to hear. Upon their manifesting Such a Frame, and I fearing what Advantage might be taken at what I said, Upon my mentioning her name, I turned my Self about to See who they all were, I observed to them that I Should be carefull to minute down who I spoke to and what I said, as had been my manner to do in this matter, that I might be able to defend my self, when Occasion Should arise to require it. I took notice they were Eleven of them (Capt. Wood, Mr. Charles

Rice, Deacon Tainter, Capt. B. Fay, Capt. Jonas Brigham, Messrs. Cushing, Whitney, Zebulun Rice, B. Tainter, John Wood, and Mr. Jonah Warrin). Capt. Brigham said, he observed a great deal of my Discourse brought in the Man, whereas we had nothing to do with the man -- it was only with *the woman*: and he wanted to have nothing said but about her. One and another seemed to be impatient at my saying any thing about *the society which she came from*; as if they for their parts, Should not make a Difficulty upon that score. Capt. Brigham (upon my having said that this Church never would have Communion with Separates) asked me whether we did not hold Communion with such now? For did we not with *Stephen Fay* and *his Wife*? I answered that we did not, for if *they* were faulty, *they* who were Members ought to search it out, and deal with them. It did not lie upon *me*; as he seemed to Cast it upon me, that I was to blame. I observed that it could not be expected that the Pastor Should become Complainant, witness, Judge and Executioner. Mr. Whitney made uncomfortable Return to this, applying it to what I had done with Mrs. A. I earnestly asked the Brethren what I could possibly do more for her Recovery? I had already taken the utmost Pains and all was ill taken and in Vain. Capt. Brigham (who spake chiefly) said he did not see that my going to visit at their (*Andrews's*) House, would do any good. And (as Mr. Cushing testifies) he Said, "he believed that if I had not visited there so much, it would have been as well." Thus I must be blamed on both Hands; for others are ready to complain that I let them alone so much, and don't go there to try what might be done. Briefly, all were in an hurry to be gone, so that we broke off, and this Opportunity went over: I fear is lost.

1766 August 18 (Monday). P.M. to Mr. Tainters in order to get him to hasten the Crossing the Ground which he plowed last Year.

1766 August 22 (Friday). Deacon Tainter here, and I deliver him Mr. Frosts Manuscript Sermons, which are designed for the Press.

1766 August 25 (Monday). Lt. Baker with 2 yoke of Oxen, Mr. Tainter with one Yoke, Mr. Joseph Grout with one Yoke, Mr. Pratts, Mr. Nurse's and my own with Capt. Maynards plough, crossed my new Field in Part.

1766 August 27 (Wednesday). N.B. Master Cushing delivered me 4 Dollars from Mr. Tainter.

1766 September 15 (Monday). At 9 o'Clock I attended the Funeral of Mrs. Thurston. After the Burial Mr. Tainter informed me that a Number of the Brethren designed to be at my House, upon the Affair of Mrs. Andrews. It was now 1/2 after 11 o'Clock. I told him I was obliged to visit Mrs. *Smith* who was in a very distressed Condition. Her son Ezekiel had acquainted me with it: and I perceived her Case was growing desperate apace, and could not be neglected: I had also Company at my House (My Daughter in Law and Grand Daughter, who would leave me in the Morning, and under take their Journey home); Mrs. *Parkman* was preparing also to go with them designing to go further than Brookfield: Besides other pressing Affairs that would engage me this Evening -- so that I was very sorry they Should come at Such a Time, and give me so short warning; that I could not be prepared for them.... In the Evening, instead of my being in my Preparation for so

remarkable Day with me, as to morrow, or attending upon the Affair of my Wife's Journey, or enjoying the Company of those whom I so rarely see, and are so soon to leave me, there came in no less than 16 Brethren of the Church, viz. Deacon *Bond*, Capt. *Fay*, Capt. *Brigham*, Messrs. Nathaniel *Whitney*, Daniel *Forbes*, Zebulun *Rice*, Ithamar *Bellows*, Daniel *Hardy*, Elijah *Rice*, Thomas *Twitchel*, B. *Tainter*, James *Bowman*, Daniel *Adams*, Constantine *Hardy*, John *Wood*. And I can't tell but there were more. I gave them to understand how unhappy it was to come at this Time; how unprepared I was for it -- that I could not attend upon it -- that it was unkind not to give me more seasonable Warning of their Design. I prayed 'em to consider how my Case was. Nevertheless they tarried and some of them especially were very Zealous in Mrs. *Andrews* Behalf -- rejecting what ever Defence I could make: especially making light of the Results of the Councils, Letters of Ministers, Informations which a Number of Ministers have given me, besides other Persons, especially of late, of the great irregularity among that people at *Chebacco*. Nor could anything I could Say appease them who so warmly withstood me -- nor did it signifie for me to endeavour to Set them right in Things they had taken wrong. Yet vehemently urging and pressing that I *must* be reconciled -- that I *must* -- though I had assured them that I had done many Things in order to it, and had informed them so, over and over -- yet it was in Vain -- especially with Capt. Brigham, Mr. Whitney, Forbes, Tainter, D. Hardy -- and I fear I must add Deacon Bond. This Altercation lasted till full, if not past, Nine o'Clock. For I think it was 1/2 past nine when they left me. May God look upon it and be gracious to us! A Sorrowful Manner of concluding this Year of my Life. The Lord Sanctifie it to me and give me Grace and Wisdom to conduct Suitably in this Day of Temptation -- that I may be patient, and resigned, humble and penitent -- and may God be gracious to all those who are dissatisfied with me when I have taken so much Pains to give them no Cause for it

1766 September 16 (Tuesday). At Evening came Mr. Tainter and his Wife. They brought a present of Peaches. He had appointed to reckon yesterday, but he did not come Seasonably; therefore it was unavoidable to Night (unless I had too much exposed my Self). He paid me all -- and I gave him a Receipt for £166.13.4. N.B. No Word passed, of any *Andrews* Matter.

1766 September 21 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter, Miss Betty Gott and Miss Peggy Fessenden dined here.

1766 September 25 (Thursday). Mr. B. Tainter supposes that nigh 100 lbs. of Meat was Stole out of his Cellar the night before last.

1766 September 26 (Friday). Mr. Simon Tainter of Sutton, and his Wife here. By them I return to Mr. Welman, his *Henry* Vol. 1 and to Mr. Taynter I return his Pamphlet relating to turning to the Church of England.... Deacon Tainter from Boston, brought me 1/8 of hundred of Sugar from Mr. *Loyd*; and 4 large Oranges from my Son *Samuel*. N.B. Deacon again declared that he heard Mrs. *Andrews* say "I don't believe that Mr. P. has a spark of Grace in him, for I never could see any." Deacon repeated and I wrote the words from his Mouth. The Occasion of this was, She t'other Night stiffly denied it. O how my Heart grieves for this bitter Contention, and Sad Contradiction!

1766 October 7 (Tuesday). P.M. Preached at Deacon Tainters.... Deacon Tainter carries a Letter to Mr. Silas Biglow to preach for me next Lords Day.

1766 November 6 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. Rebecca Warrin here, and Mr. *Cushing* writes her Evidence about the Discourse which Mr. *Andrews* and I had at the Widow Newtons Aug. 2, 1763.... Attended the Church Meeting, which was by Adjournment because Mrs. *Andrews* was not present -- but She was now not only Absent, but designedly, and gone a Journey, as Several members (Brother *Gale*, Brother *Belknap* etc.) testified. The meeting was opened with prayer and I read part of Ch. X of the Platform etc., viz. from [section?] 7 to the End. Then I laid before the Church divers Things concerning the Excellency and Necessity of Order, and of unity. Mentioned several Maxims and observations to be attended to in Church-proceedings etc. After which proposed our Business at this Meeting, but resented this womans Behavior in so imposing upon the Church. I took the Opportunity to exhibit to the Church, the very beginning of this Contest -- supporting what I asserted by the Testimony of Mrs. Rebecca Warrin, wife of Mr. Timothy Warrin, which was read. And was confirmed by the Testimony of Squire Whipple who said that he heard the same words at the Same Time. I laid before the Church somewhat of the Pains I had for a long time, taken with those persons, by Visits, Letters etc., the ungrateful and hard Treatment I met with from them and observed how Cruel it would be for any of the Church to support and encourage them in it. I marked the Inconsistency and absurdity of this persons putting in this Request for Communion with us, when, she at the same time, declared to divers Members that She was not in Charity with the Pastor. Deacon Tainter and Mr. David Maynard testified to her saying "She did not believe I had a Spark of Grace in me; She could never see the Signs of any"; or to that Purpose. Again, I could not but observe to the Church (besides the foresaid Imposition) this Conduct of hers in not coming to Meeting to Day, seeing She knew the Meeting was adjourned on purpose that she might be here, and a messenger was sent her to acquaint her with it that She might not fail to come. Besides, it was Suggested, how necessary it was that a Person Petitioning, Should be present to Answer diverse Questions which might be put with much Reason -- some of which Questions were mention'd, to Shew the expediency of her being here. After some time, Our Debates slid into the Case of the Society from whence she came -- and the irregular proceedings of it. N.B. when it was asserted that the Church of the Hamlet had Communion with them, Mr. Wigglesworth's long Letter was read, for the main part; and his sons Testimony given me in writing last month was read also. Some Members (as Capt. Brigham, Brother Daniel Forb. and Brother Chamberlin) spake in Defence of Cleavelands late Preaching -- but I endeavoured to convince them of the Disorder and Irregularity of this Practice. [Here a Greek word or two.] 1 Pet. 4.15. To bring Things to a Close, it was moved and Seconded that the Petition be dismissed. Squire Whipple offered a written Vote which would have been, probably, more effectual; and it was read: but the former was repeatedly urged, and was Voted pritty generally. The Other Article of the Meeting was mentioned and somewhat spoke to, but it was late. I prayed and gave the Blessing. Thus we went through this Affair without much Heat; May we be preserved from all further Disturbance about this Woman! And may God be praised and glorified for ever!

1766 November 8 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter cutt and carted a Load of Wood from Mr. Moses Brigham's Lot: and gave it. He dined here.

1766 November 15 (Saturday). We are much at a Loss about wood; Mr. Tainters year being up, and the Town has not met to agree with another. But Deacon Tainter brings a Load and takes John with him to go and cut another which he brings from the high Way.

1766 November 21 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* also came with a Load of Wood -- and Mr. Jonathan Grout came about the Steer which he has fattening for me.

1766 December 1 (Monday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood killed a young Ox for me. Weighed 21 Score.... *Town Meet* by adjournment upon the Affair of *my Wood*. They agree with Mr. Tainter for 50 lb. old Tenor.

1766 December 2 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter cuts and salts my Beef. He dines here.

1766 December 17 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter carries to Boston Six large Fowls for us. Takes with him Caleb Winch's Bundle.

1766 December 23 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter returns from Boston -- brings the Sad News of Elder *Halseys* and Mr. *Nat. Procters* sudden Deaths. May I be ever ready!

1766 December 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Thomas Temple here for a Bundel of Mr. Frosts Sermons, left for him by Deacon Tainter.

1766 December 26 (Friday). Mr. Tainter and his Son dine here.

1767 January 3 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter sleds wood hither from Mr. Jonas Bradish's. He dines here.

1767 January 5 (Monday). Thomas Bond helps Mr. Tainter Sled wood hither from Mr. Bradish's.

1767 January 8 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood killed for me the Hog which I bought last year of Mr. Kinsman. It weighed 282.

1767 January 16 (Friday). Deacon Tainter brings sad news from Watertown of the *Death of Samuel Coollidge*. May God Sanctifie it to Me and all others!

1767 January 28 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter sledding wood from Mr. Bradish's dines here.

1767 February 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter with five Teams and a Number of Cutters, sleds 20 Load of Wood from Mr. Bradish's.

1767 February 5 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter brings sad News of a Fire in Boston the night before last, which broke out at a Bakers nigh the Mill Bridge and ran down each side the Mill Stream....

1767 February 13 (Friday). At Eve Deacon Tainter brings his Daughter Baker and her Daughter [*Persis?*]. Asks my Judgment about Mr. *Mellens* Book, there being great diversity of Opinion about it. But did [not] give my Sentiments for I had not read it.

1767 March 6 (Friday). Deacon Tainter came and killed an Hog for me (assisted by Jonas Kenny). Weighed 221 lb.... Towards Night the kind Deacon came, as he is wont, to cut out and salt up my Pork; which he with Dexterity and Despatch.

1767 March 8 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter and his Cousin *Jonas Hastings* dined here.

1767 March 12 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter, as he goes to Boston, comes in and tells me the Brethren that were so disturbed went to Capt. Woods last Eve, and that there is great warmth. May God Himself guard, direct and fortifie me against Such unreasonable plottings and attempts!

1767 March 14 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter returning from Boston brings a Letter from Samuel which informs me that my Aged Brother is So feeble that he chiefly lies on his Bed.

1767 March 15 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter came to me in my Study, and asked whether considering the Cold Weather, by reason of which he thought there would be few at Meeting, and considering that a number would be like to stay away through Disquietment? Deacon Bond also not returned from Court, it would not be better to put by the Sacrament? I answered on the Contrary -- that the whole Stream of my preparations flowed that way -- my Daughter *Suse* was to be admitted etc.: besides that the putting by the Sacrament Should be most safely by the vote of the Church. Here upon he yielded, and we went on.... Administered the Lords Supper. Brethren Daniel Forbes, Zebulun Rice, Levi Brigham and Benjamin Tainter, went out. Mr. Whitney and Capt. Brigham were not at Meeting -- tis said these, and perhaps some of their Wives, absented them Selves because of Disgust with me, on the Score of my Controversy with Mr. Warrin and his Wife. Am heartily Sorry; but they have none of them said a word to me of their Trouble, which is neither kind nor regular.

1767 March 17 (Tuesday). I awoke early with troubled Thoughts on the Warrin Affair.... Thence to the Warrins. Had Discourse with Timothys Wife -- find her very different from what I ever knew her before. Her Husband came home -- at first was very angry -- at length we came to an Agreement. And I dined there. Master Cushing came in, and I read the Agreement to him. Mr. Warrin assures me I shall find him the same at Even -- I may trust him if there be no writing. I returned home, and desire to Committ my Cause to God resting in His Care, protection, Direction and Restraint! At Eve there came Squire Whipple and his Brother Edwards Whipple, and Mr. David Maynard. There came also Mr. Timothy Warrin and his Wife, and Master Cushing -- and further, Mr. N. *Whitney*, Daniel Forbes, Zebulon Rice and Mr. Tainter, Capt. Jonas Brigham and his Brother *Levi*, Mr. Seth Morse likewise. I acquainted them we had agreed -- whereupon Mr. Whitney Seemed Glad, and encouraged to go on, and to finish the Difficulty so. This was of happy Influence -- and the Agreement which was writ to Day at Mr. Warrins, was read, and I gave my Consent to it. Mr. Warrin had some [*Hammisings?*] and Questions -- and wanted some alterations in some part of it; but I put him in mind of its being *our Agreement* -- and I was not willing to depart from it.

Capt. Brigham, and his Brother and Mr. Tainter, were not fully Satisfyed with it. Mr. Daniel Forbes wanted the word, *Wrong* Should be put in, along with *Mistake* -- but I made no alteration. At length it was So far closed, that we gave up, and Each of the Papers, viz. the Paper writ by Mr. Cushing, and the Copy I gave Mr. Warrin, were both of them burnt. So that (through divine Goodness) we parted amicably, as I hope. Thus had I deliverance out of this Snare. May God be praised and His Name magnified! May I have Grace to be Cautious and Watchful, at all Times henceforward!

1767 March 26 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter very bad. I visited, and prayed with him. He tells me that Mr. D. Forb. and Mr. Z. Rice were at their House last night, and very full of Disquietment etc.

1767 March 29 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter remains bad. His son Simon dines here.... Before Night Mr. Benjamin Tainter brings a sorrowful Letter from Mr. *Morse* of Shrewsbury, dated at Westminster, informing that his Daughter *Rice* dyed this Morning about 7 o'Clock, is to be buryed tomorrow at 11 and that my presence there is much needed.

1767 March 30 (Monday). P.M. rode to see Deacon Tainter who remains bad yet. Was desired to carry the Agreement between the Deacon and his son Benjamin. I assisted them in some of the Reckonings and Accounts. The Deacon Committs his Bond and mortgage to me to keep.

1767 March 31 (Tuesday). P.M. Visit Mr. *Moreton* who lies ill at Mr. Timothy Warrins. When I got there, *They* were going to see their Father Tainter who tis thought is near his End.

1767 April 2 (Thursday). My dear Friend and Brother Deacon *Simon Tainter* dyed! He expired about 11 o'Clock a.m. May God sanctify this Death in a peculiar Manner to Me and Mine. Though my good Deacon is gone, yet God, who is All-sufficient, lives and is unchangeable for ever. Held a Catechetical Exercise. The morning rainy, and Some Girls who used to attend, are taken up at Deacon Tainters, So that I had but few.

1767 April 4 (Saturday). The sorrowful Day of the Funeral of Deacon *Tainter*! I prayed among a great Concourse of people. Read the Will there to the Heirs and some of their Friends; and delivered it to the Executor Capt. Baker of Bolton. O that the Impressions by this providence may be deep and abiding!

1767 April 5 (Sunday). I read *Isa.* 51. Preached a.m. on Occasion of the sorrowful Death, on 1 *Thess.* 4.13. Read also v. 14, but could not handle that. Capt. *Tainter* and his Sisters, *Hastings* and *Whitney*, dined here. P.M. read *Joh.* 16 and gathered up from divers parts of sermon on *Isa.* 57.1.2, a Discourse on the same mournful Occasion, and Subjoined some Character of the Deacon. And wish it may be without Offence, and profitable!

1767 April 6 (Monday). Drew up some Account of Deacon *Tainter*, and delivered it to Mr. Daniel Whitney of Watertown, to carry it to a printer. Delivered to Mr. Simon Tainter, at his, and his Brother Warrins Desire Sundry Papers of the late Deacon Tainters -- which I

acquainted the Executor with, and he said he would endeavour that they Should be returned to me again, till the Will was proved etc.

1767 April 15 (Wednesday). In Coming home Mr. Tainter overtakes me, and we have Discourse of my present Difficultys and what to do for my Extricating. Says he will be friendly to the utmost he can consistent with what is right and fit.

1767 May 13 (Wednesday). He [Zebulon Rice] puts up the Gate which Deacon Tainter made for me.

1767 May 19 (Tuesday). This we came into, and we adjourned to this Day fortnight -- and then also to choose a Deacon, instead of Deacon Tainter deceased.

1767 June 9 (Tuesday). Attend the Burying of Mr. B. Tainter's premature Infant.

1767 August 27 (Thursday). Send *John* early to Mr. *Tainters* for a Barrell of Cyder, which he Sends me Word he will give me if I will fetch it.

1767 October 17 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter was lately at Brother Brecks at Springfield, says Brother Breck is so ill as to keep his Room, yet is somewhat better than he had been.

1767 December 12 (Saturday). But before night came Mr. Cushing from Shrewsbury to my assistance agreeable to Word he had sent me per Mr. Tainter.

1767 December 30 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* comes with his Wife in a Sleigh and two Horses, and having dined with us, we rode to Mr. Stone's at Southborough.... In returning home, it being Cold and Mr. Hemingway (the Carpenter) with us, they drove in to Mr. *Andrews's* and after, that we all went in to Mr. Timothy Warrins to See old Mrs. Tainter.

1768 February 15 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. Timothy Warrin to put some Questions to me about the Agreement between his F. Tainter and his Brother Benjamin. Says it was null and void because it was writ of his F. as being of the County of Middlesex instead of Worcester -- which appears to me mysterious.

1768 March 24 (Thursday). Deacon Wood and Mr. Tainter kill two of our Hoggs (nigh 11 Months old) and at Eve they came and cutt them out. N.B. they weighed, one 201, and 216. They were at Supper with us. Mrs. Tainter also.

1768 April 18 (Monday). *Enoch*, because *Alexander* is with me, lets himself to Mr. B. Tainter, for the Months of May and June for 25 L.

1768 April 30 (Saturday). *Enoch* Rice having agreed with Mr. Tainter to live with him for two Months, leaves me this Evening and *Alexander* returns from Framingham this Evening also.

1768 June 6 (Monday). N.B. Carryed Daughter Baldwin as far as Mr. Tainters.

1768 June 13 (Monday). N.B. There has been disquietment among several people that I altered the Custom of the Contribution and admonished the Rude Boys who had behaved indecently at a former Contribution. Particularly Mr. Benjamin Tainter appeared very Angry.

1768 September 4 (Sunday). N.B. a Letter from Mr. Hutchinson to change the Private Meeting at Mr. Tainters, from Tuesday to Wednesday next....

1768 September 15 (Thursday). Mrs. P_____ informs that...Mr. Hutchinson preached on the 7th at Mr. Tainters....

1768 October 16 (Sunday). Read to the Church a Letter from the Church of *Ashburnham*, which is complied with, and Squire *Whipple* and Mr. *Tainter* were Delegates.

1768 October 19 (Wednesday). When I returned, met at the stables Mr. Tainter and his Wife, who had been here.

1768 October 25 (Tuesday). A Number of Neighbours came in the Afternoon, and cut up the Corn of the West field, and part of the North, and this Evening husked. There were about 20. They were chiefly Mr. David Maynard, Zebulun Rice, Edwards Whipple, Tainter, Lieut. Baker, McCulloch, Neighbour Newton, Joseph Bond and James Bellows, Isaac Miller etc. etc., but it rained and beat them off, when they had husked about half of what they had gathered.

1768 November 3 (Thursday). Deacon Wood and Brother Tainter dined at Mr. [blank] Harringtons.

1768 November 11 (Friday). Mr. Tainter dines here.

1768 November 26 (Saturday). John went to Mr. Tainters with the Team and brought a Barrell of Cyder, and apples for Apple-sauce.

1768 November 27 (Sunday). Mr. *Jamison*, Mr. *Tainter* (Simon) and Mr. *George Smith*, dined here.

1768 November 29 (Tuesday). Mrs. P_____ undergoes the Labour of preparing her Years Apple-sauce. Apples and Cyder she has of Mr. Tainter.

1768 December 12 (Monday). Deacon Wood and Mr. Tainter killed a Cow for me -- weighed, the Quarters 332. And an Hog.

1768 December 13 (Tuesday). Deacon Wood, Mr. Tainter and Mr. Zebulun Rice here to cutt out and salt up my Beef and Pork, which was killed yesterday. The Cow's Quarters weighed [blank]. The Hog weighed 253.

1769 January 12 (Thursday). At Eve (of the 12th) Mr. Tainter brought me a Ream of Paper from my Son Samuel but it proves, though fine yet too thin.

1769 March 15 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter*, Mrs. *Maynard*, Miss *Sarah Adams* and Miss *Patty Warrin* dined here.

1769 March 27 (Monday). Mr. Tainter came whilst I was at Catechizing, and his wife being not well, carried away Mrs. P____ who tarrys there all night....

1769 March 28 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter brings home Mrs. P____ in the Snow.

1769 April 2 (Sunday). Mr. *Tainter* carrys Mrs. P____ to his Wife's Labour.

1769 April 20 (Thursday). Mr. *Simon Tainter* of Sutton there, also. Spoke to him about Mrs. Bruce's Petition to the Church that She might have the Legacy his Father left to the Church and I think he seems disposed to let her have it; and yet he seems to agree with me that what is left to a public use, ought not to be disposed of to the private Benefit of any one person; which must put an End to *That* which appears designed for a perpetual Service and Emolument.

1769 May 18 (Thursday). My Wife and I rode to visit Mr. James Cook and Family. Were at Deacon *Bonds* and at Mr. Tainters.

1769 June 7 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. *Hutchinsons* and Mr. *Tainters* Altercations here at my House concerning one Mr. *Samuel Ely*, a prea[cher?] [torn]rs.

1769 August 28 (Monday). Mr. Tainter and his Wife wait upon their Father and Mother *Wood* from *Summers*, here. They all dine with us.

1769 September 1 (Friday). Mrs. Tainter Sends an Horse for Sarah and she goes there, dines, and returns at Evening.

1769 October 4 (Wednesday). Afterwards visit at Mr. Tainters. It is affecting To See how impaired and Superannuated old Mrs. Tainter is become.

1769 October 5 (Thursday). Jonathan Tainter brought with their Team, a Barrell of Cyder and a Bag of Apples to cut and dry.

1769 November 8 (Wednesday). A Number of Women came to help Sarah in Quilting, Sewing, and Spinning. They were (according to their Coming) Miss *Molly Whipple*, Mrs. *Hannah Forbes* (*Elisha's* Wife), Mrs. *Tainter* and Mrs. *Hannah Miller*, Mrs. *Forbes* (Mr. *Daniels* Wife) and Widow *Kendal*, Mr. *Ezra Bakers* Wife and Miss *Lydia Chamberlain*.

1769 November 17 (Friday). Rode out to hire Money to Send to Mr. *Gray* at Boston. Dined at Mr. *Morse's*. Went to Deacon *Bonds* and Mr. Tainters.

1769 December 11 (Monday). A Number of Cutters go down to Capt. Ephraim Brigham's Land, and a Number of Teams came to Cart it. Some brought also from their own Land. Mr. Barnabus Newton, Deacon Wood, Capt. Benjamin Fay, Lt. Baker, Mr. Daniel Warrin, his Brother Timothy, Mr. Andrews, Capt. Maynard (from his own), Mr. Seth Morse, Mr. Tainter, Mr. Phinehas Maynard, Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Benjamin Warrin -- some from their own, some from the Ministerial Lot, in all 28 Load to Day. Several brought Meat, others Rum. They all Sup'd here.

1770 January 29 (Monday). At Eve Mr. Tainter and his wife made us a Visit and Supped here.

1770 March 14 (Wednesday). Dr. Hawes, Mr. Tainter and his wife here after Meeting.

1770 April 16 (Monday). Called at Mr. Tainters -- his Mother much more bewildered than I have seen her. Young Mrs. Tainters Father Wood there.

1770 July 3 (Tuesday). Preached at Mr. B. Tainters.... May the Lord add His Blessing!

1770 September 6 (Thursday). Mr. *Hutchinson* tells me he has writ to Mr. Tainter about Mr. *Ely*, Separate Minister at *Summers*.

1770 November 17 (Saturday). Mr. B. Brigham going to Douglas, and Mr. *Simon Tainter* here.

1770 December 24 (Monday). The following Teams brought Wood -- viz. Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, two Loads from his own Land. Mr. *Timothy Warrin* and Mr. [G.?] *Andrews* two Load apiece, from Capt. *Ephraim Brigham's Land* and from thence also Mr. *Tainter*, *Samuel Forb.*, *Ebenezer Forbes*, *Seth Morse*, *Thomas Bond*, each of them *three Load*. And there were 13 Cutters, viz. Mr. *Batherick*, Lt. *Baker*, Mr. *T. Frost*, *Joseph Harrington*, *Eli Whitney*, *Moses Sever* and *Samuel Sever*, *Phinehas Forbes*, *Joseph McCulloch*, *Samuel Lamb*, *Benjamin Tainter junior*, and *Benjamin Whitney*, and *William Low*.

1771 March 4 (Monday). Town-Meeting. Messrs. Tainter and Wheelock came to me with the Towns Desire that I would go and pray with them. I did so. At Eve Mr. Tainter and Mr. *Seth Morse* here. The former apprizing me that Mr. *Ely* was expected from *Summers* this week, and asks for my Consent to his preaching in the Meeting House, and Spake of his bringing him to see me. I gave no consent; but told him I should not desire to see him here.

1771 March 6 (Wednesday). At Evening came to Mr. Tainter and his Wife, and brought with them Mr. *Ely*. They Supped here late. No word was Spoke of preaching till they had taken leave and gone out: But Mr. Tainter and his Wife had asked me to Dinner at their House tomorrow, and Mrs. Parkman to be with me, which invitation I could not accept of; I knew also what would be like to follow. What Mr. Tainter broke forth with, was, that he believed Mr. *Ely* would deliver a Discourse at his House tomorrow afternoon. I shewed my Displeasure and Grief at it, and at him for asking him. Mr. *Ely* being at the Sleigh I went out to him and besought him not to and used a variety of Arguments with him to desist -- at

least to Wave the Matter for the present till we could look into the Matter and Enquire how his Character Stood, etc., etc.

1771 March 7 (Thursday). I perceive that people are travelling to Mr. Tainters: for in all likelihood Mr. *Ely* will preach there, notwithstanding all I have said to him and to Mr. Tainter against it.

1771 March 8 (Friday). Master *Taylor* here and tells me he heard Mr. *Ely* at Mr. Tainters yesterday, and a considerable Assembly attended. The Text was Jer. 8.22, "Is there no Balm in *Gilead*?" etc. Very loud, very affecting. He intends to try to preach at Hopkinton next Sabbath; but Mr. *Hutchinson* has agreed to go there for that Day.

1771 March 11 (Monday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* here. He is no approver of Mr. *Ely*. Mr. *Israel Walker* from *Hopkinton*. He wants to know my Inclination to afford Help to Mr. *Barret* in preaching. Acquaints me with his going to *Upton* about Mr. *Ely*, who, says, went from *Westborough* on Friday last (Lt. Tainter accompanying), to *Hopkinton* and offered to preach there; He went to Mr. Barretts and lodged there. On Saturday, they not accepting his Offer, he went off to *Sherburn*.

1771 May 12 (Sunday). N.B. I, by Desire of a number of Brethren, viz. the Deacons, *Bond* and *Wood*, *Ithamar Bellows*, *Daniel Forbes* and Benjamin *Tainter* (which Desire was writ, Signed, and Dated May 10th 1771) laid before the Congregation the Vote of the Church last February relating to the Version of Psalms to be used here, for their Consent and Concurrence and this was manifested by their *silence*. N.B. Ensign *Fay*, his Wife and Daughter, went out at the first Mention of it.

1771 June 11 (Tuesday). Walk in the morning to Mr. Joseph Harringtons and to Mr. Tainters to get a pasture for my Horse. Succeed with the latter, and for Assistance in breaking up.

1771 June 16 (Sunday). Mr. Simon Tainter, Old Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1771 June 20 (Thursday). Deacon *Wood* and a Yoke of Oxen, Mr. Tainter with two Yoke, Mr. Nathan Maynard and one Yoke, Mr. Joseph Bond and one Yoke, Mr. Barnabas Newtons, Mr. Ebenezer Maynards, Mr. Beetons, Mr. Levi Warrins and my own, with Lt. Bakers great Plough, broke up the Corner of Land, north of my great Field. The plough was not good, or they would have plowed more, but they broke off by about 5 o'clock p.m.

1771 June 24 (Monday). Mrs. Tainter makes a Visit and dines here.

1771 September 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter and his Wife came with her. She had also a little grand daughter.

1771 October 22 (Tuesday). Mr. *Tainter* killed an Hog for me. Weighed 9 Score and 11 lbs.

1771 October 24 (Thursday). Am much afflicted with my Lameness. But having promised Mr. Tainter to go to his House at even I went there and married Joseph McCulloch and Sarah Spring.

1771 November 25 (Monday). A number of Teams brought me Wood from the ministerial Lot.... The Teams which brought Wood were Capt. Maynards drove by *Solomon Maynard* and Came three times. Deacon Wood, Messrs. Ebenezer Maynard, Phinehas Maynard, Benjamin Warrin, Ebenezer Forbush, Seth Morse, George Andrews, Timothy Warrin, Abijah Gale, Benjamin Tainter, Thomas Bond, Joseph Bond, Lt. Harrington, Lieutenant Baker, and Abraham Beeman, all came twice; and Abraham Bond once. The *Cutters* were Joseph Harrington, Eli Harrington, [blank] Davis, Antipas Maynard, Edward Gay (for himself), John McCulloch for Deacon Wood; Benjamin Ball for Mr. Morse, Mr. Timothy Warrin junior, Samuel Andrews, Jonathan Maynard, Benjamin Tainter, these three (I suppose) for their Fathers, and Nathaniel Chamberlin for Lt. Baker. They cutt in and carted from the Ministerial Lot. They Supped here at Evening except a few, viz. Messrs. Abraham Bond, Abraham Beeman and Benjamin Ball, that went home with their Teams. Seven Quarts of Rum were sent and given. Capt. Brigham sent a Loin of Mutton and Capt. Maynard 22 1/2 lbs. of Beef.

1771 November 26 (Tuesday). Early at Mr. *Tainters* to get his Chair for Mrs. P_____ to go to Boston, and had it brought here.

1771 November 28 (Thursday). Mrs. P_____ with Mr. *Hananiah Parker* Sat out early in Mr. Tainters Chair, for *Boston*, the weather being Moderate.

1772 February 4 (Tuesday). Preached at Mr. Tainters to a small Number (Roads and Weather difficult).

1772 February 20 (Thursday). Also I Stopped to See Lt. Bruce and his Wife, who are aged and infirm. Prayed with them. N.B. I delivered to Mr. Artemas *Bruce's* wife the Petition signed by her, and delivered hastily to my Wife to be handed to me, two or three years Since; about alienating Deacon Tainters Legacy.

1772 March 2 (Monday). Mr. Tainter came with the Request of the Town that I would go to the Meeting House and pray with them before the Elections. Went accordingly.

1772 June 7 (Sunday). Mr. *Benjamin Tainter* is Sick of a Fever.

1772 June 8 (Monday). Visit Mr. *Tainter* and pray with him.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Visited Mr. Tainter and prayed there.

1772 June 26 (Friday). Sent Mr. Tainter by his son Jonathan a Note of 27/ for a Bed Cord.

1772 July 14 (Tuesday). Sat out early for Cambridge.... Called at Deacon Browns. Dined at Mr. Woodward's. Called at Capt. John Tainters.

1772 October 19 (Monday). A number of Neighbours, about 30 old and young, came about 9 or 10 o'Clock to husk my Corn. I committed the whole matter of their Refreshments and their Dinner to them, to have every thing relating thereto when and as they Should please. Accordingly They had Liquor and Bread and Cheese to their Satisfaction, but they did not choose to have the dinner till they had done husking the Corn, which was carted. A Load was left in the Field. This they could not meddle with because what was brought held them till sunsett. I went out to them not less than three times to entreat to have their Food, and See that they had Drink enough. But yet two, Mr. Tainter and Mr. Biglow, appeared offended and I was told that some went away -- but a Number returned again and stayed to eat with us. The abovementioned were also pacified. The Two Deacons (especialy Deacon Wood), together with other elderly Men, conducted the Affair. The Corn was very Moist, having been greatly Soaked by the late great Rains.

1772 December 14 (Monday). Deacon *Wood* came, and Mr. *Tainter* and *Reuben* to assist in killing an old, but fat, *Cow*.

1773 August 1 (Sunday). N.B. Benjamin *Tainter* junior was seized with a Fit, to the great Disturbance of many of the Congregation, it being in the Time of divine service.

1773 August 6 (Friday). Mr. *Simon Tainter* here; he has been to *Bolton* Council and Seems much Dissatisfied with the people who So refuse Mr. *Goss's* proposals.

1773 August 30 (Monday). Visit Benjamin *Tainter* junior who is grievously exercised with Fits. His Case is very Sad. May the Lord shew Pity! Prayed there. Dined with them also.

1773 October 6 (Wednesday). Stayed the Church at the Request of the Deacons, who wanted to acquaint the Church, and did so, with the Legacy which the late *Deacon Tainter* left the Church, of 50£ Old Tenor and which was let out to his son *Benjamin Tainter*, now the Time of the Note being up, they want the Church Should direct what they would have done with it; but don't desire the Church to act anything upon it immediately. They choose it should be deferred to next Lecture Day.

1773 October 24 (Sunday). Stayed the Church to communicate to them the Return of the Committee which was Sent to Mrs. *Eunice* Rice, and since she sends word that She can do nothing more, the Church concerns them Selves to get the Copys of the Evidences against her. Vote that Mr. Tainter go to the Secretarys office for them.

1773 October 28 (Thursday). At Eve came Mr. *Tainter* and wife.

1773 November 2 (Tuesday). I left them to go to the private Meeting at Mr. *Tainters*, where I preached on *Ps. 119.126*, 8 pages, and recapitulated to page 10, which God bless to all of us!

1773 November 3 (Wednesday). Capt. *John Tainter* of *Watertown* called to See me.

1773 November 18 (Thursday). Stopped the Church on Account of Mrs. *Eunice Rice's* Affair, and on Account of Deacon *Tainters Legacy*. On the former, did nothing further than to desire Mr. *Tainter* (who had not been to *Boston* and therefore had not done any thing for the Church as expected) and Squire *Whipple* to endeavour to procure Copys of the Evidences in the Case, if they could. On the latter, voted that it Should lye as it was.

1774 January 8 (Saturday). Hear that Mr. *Jones* preached at Mr. *Tainters* last Evening.

1774 June 11 (Saturday). Mr. Simon Tainter calls to See me, with his wife, having visited his F. Bruce.

1774 November 1 (Tuesday). Preached at Mr. *Jonathan Grouts....* There were but few that attended: especially but very few men. Only four: and but 3 of them that were Members and Supporters of these Meetings, besides the man of the House -- viz. Capt. B. Fay, and Messrs. Nathaniel Whitney and B. Tainter. A great Discouragement!

1774 November 3 (Thursday). Mr. Green D[itt]o and goes away at night. Asks 40/ old tenor. Elias is greatly afflicted for his *Cossitt Sheep*, which is missing. He rides after Some Drovers of sheep, fearing they have taken in his sheep. Proceeds as far as Natick -- and returns uncertain. At Eve came Messrs. Thomas Bond and Levi Warrin to acquaint me with their suspicions that *Moses Sever*, who moved with his Family this Morning to Westminster, had stole and killed and carryed off the *Cossitt*. Mr. B. Tainter came also to enquire and confirm. Sent for Lt. Baker -- who came -- and agreed to pursue *Sever*.

1775 January 9 (Monday). P.M. was a remarkable Church-meeting; about not only Mrs. *Eunice Rice* and Brother *Samuel Fay*; but the *paper* which *Eleven Brethren* had signed, requesting the Church to bear solemn Testimony against the *Convention* of the Year before last, *their Piece, of Observations* etc. and the *Associations Piece* against *Bolton* etc. N.B. Capt. *Jonas Brigham* moved that before we begin, the Church would choose a *Moderator* and Clerk. The Pastor replied that *he* was the *Standing Moderator* by Vertue of his *Office*, as Pastor and Elder: that in his Ordination he was constituted so; and took the *Oversight of them in the Lord* etc. I had not much more Trouble about that matter. Only I think that *Joseph Harrington* and *Benjamin Tainter* were for having a Moderator and Clerk chose. But *Squire Whipple* manifested his Disquietment at Capt. *Brighams* Conduct, and conceived it to be too insulting to the Pastor etc. Some others also of this mind. It at length went over. Adjourned to this Day Month, 1 P.M.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). At Eve came old Mr. *David Maynard*, and afterwards Deacon *Wood*. They tell me they have been, and Mr. *Tainter* with them, to See Mr. *Samuel Fay*, who, they find, is very much disturbed with me, that I don't make my son Breck pay him for his dead Mare, or turn him out of Doors if he will not. Such was the unreasonableness of his Conversation with them and that he would not come to meeting till he had Satisfaction.

1775 February 27 (Monday). Our Church met by Adjournment. The Business on which we met may be Seen in the Records. After the Affair of Mr. S. Fay, I Spake to the Church for some time; and at different times, urged the *unseasonableness, groundlessness,*

unprofitableness of holding Meetings at such a Day as this is, concerning *Church Government* etc. -- but the Request of Mrs. *Susan Harrington* was *the most troublesome* -- for although I condescended to Admitt her as one that had joined with the Church of *Bolton* while it was in good Order, and on consideration that she had walked soberly and Orderly (for ought we knew); her Lot also being cast among us; yet this [my?] Benevolent Charity was refused. A Number of Persons insisted upon her being admitted according to her Petition. I put it to Vote, expressing previously how, and how *only*, I could receive her; it passed *Affirmatively*. N.B. Capt. *Brigham*, *Tainter*, Joseph *Harrington*, and *Eli Whitney*, were peculiarly Difficult. When I challenged the Rights of Conscience for my Self, and that I should administer to Mrs. *Harrington* in the manner I had expressed, *Eli Whitney* rose up and said, "there was no Conscience in it." I took no other Notice of it at that time, than to say, that what I should do, would be out of Conscience. But I spoke to him after Meeting. I hope he said so, only in the way of *Arguing* and debating the Matter. I could not avoid adjournment because of Mr. S. *Fays* Affair. It was to the first Monday in April.

1775 March 19 (Sunday). The Lords Supper was administered. N.B. Mr. *Batheric*, and *Eli Whitney* went out. Old Mr. *Whitney*, Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, Benjamin *Tainter* and *Ebenezer Chamberlin junior* were not at Meeting. But I am informed that Mrs. *Susan Harrington* (*Eli's* Wife) was at Communion and yet I suppose it was on Account of her non-Admission, that Six members above mentioned absented themselves.

1775 March 27 (Monday). Mrs. P _____ and I undertake our Journey to Boston. We had Mr. *Tainters* Horse and Chaise.

1775 April 11 (Tuesday). Mr. *Marrit of Woburn* called to see me, having been at Mr. Benjamin *Tainters* for his Money, but in vain.

1775 May 7 (Sunday). I preached on *Heb. 12.2* and administered the Lords Supper. Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Tainter* were at Meeting but went out. Mr. *Batheric* not at meeting a.m. but came P.M. So did Mr. *Daniel Forbes* (he comes from *Shrewsbury*). Was at Meeting P.M.

1775 May 23 (Tuesday). I attended the Church-Meeting. See Church Records. N.B. Neither of the Papers which had been presented at the former meetings, but a new one of to Day, and never brought me before, but delivered me in the Time of the Meeting, containing 3 Articles -- all which were exceptionable, but as the present Torrent of Liberty is irresistable, I was obliged to condescend, [and] for Peace Sake, and to avoid a Rupture among us, Should be acted upon. The *First*, was phrased so as I thought could do no harm, and therefore with Remark upon it, it was suffered to pass. The *Second*, I Shewed my Sense of, and how Churches and particularly Members ought to proceed -- but it passed as the Framers of it pleased. The *Third* I shewed was against Platform and the Generality of the Writings of the Fathers of the Congregational way etc. and therefore I dissented -- pleading the unreasonableness of binding Ministers to do what was not [only?] against their Consciences -- that they may be assured *I* would not be obliged thereto. But it passed as they would have it. N.B. Brother *Tainter* made a motion to have the Votes recorded and read to the Church before they broke up -- which Motion I opposed and Resented. Several of the Church vindicated me, and resisted the Motion as groundless and injurious: neither

could Mr. *Tainter* make any Defence. The Meeting was dissolved. May God forgive what has been displeasing in His Sight! and Commend Peace to this dear Flock -- through the Merits of Jesus Christ!

1775 May 30 (Tuesday). Sat out for *Watertown*, where the *Provincial Congress* is to sit.... Went to Capt. *Tainters* at *Watertown* where I was kindly welcomed and entertained.

1775 May 31 (Wednesday). I again lodged at Capt. *Tainter's*.

1775 July 2 (Sunday). Administered the Lords Supper. *Ripley* and Daughter *Forbes* were at the Communion. We had Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, Mr. *Batheric*, and Mr. *Tainter* there to day, though they have been absent twice before. I have let them alone, conceiving that they were (though unreasonably) out of Frame, which I have endeavoured to sweeten another way than by formal Dealing with them.

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbes* [*torn*] (having been to Dr. [*Pope?*] at *Mendon* about her Breast) came, as did *William* [*torn*] and Daughter *Lydia*. *Alexander*, his Wife and young Child -- *Samuel* with his [*torn*] -- Mr. *Whitney* came also and dined with us. Mr. *Stone* came [*torn*] before [the procession?]. The following young Men were Bearers [*torn*] *Uriah Brigham* [*torn*] *Thomas Stone*, *Benjamin* [*Tainter?*] junior, *Jonathan Fay*, *Samuel* [*torn*] and *Stephen Maynard*. Thus we go through the mournful work of [*torn*]ing our Dead [son John]. May God almighty Support and comfort us! And [*torn*] I be *Ever* mindful of and preparing for my own Decease!

1776 March 4 (Monday). P.M. *Town Meeting*. Mr. B. *Tainter* and Lt. *Thomas* [*Barns?*] came to me in the Name of the Town, desiring me to go to the Meeting House and Pray with them. Which I complied with.

1776 March 9 (Saturday). N.B. *Tainter* is deficient as a Post -- neither rides himself nor Sends any one for the *Papers* -- so that we go without.

1776 March 18 (Monday). Was at Mr. *Tainters* to See several Persons who have come out of *Boston*, viz. one *Sucker* a poor Woman of about [*blank*] Years; and one Mr. *Safford*, his wife and Several Children.

1776 May 5 (Sunday). Stopped the Church and read the Letter from the first Church in *Gloucester* requesting Assistance in the Installment of Mr. *Forbes*. It laboured -- divers made objections, viz. Mr. *Thomas Bond*, Mr. *Batherick*, Mr. *Joseph Harrington*. When the Vote was put, the Opposers went into the womens Seats: they were, Mr. *Daniel Hardy*, Mr. *Ithamar Bellows*, Mr. *David Batherick*, Mr. B. *Tainter*, Mr. *Samuel Forbush*, Capt. *Morse*, Lt. *Bond*, Mr. *Joseph Harrington*, *Levi Warrin*, *Eli Whitney*. On the other side there were 22.

1776 May 16 (Thursday). Mr. *Benjamin Tainter* junior Post Rider -- desires mine and Mrs. *Parkmans* Company at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at his Fathers House. We rode there accordingly, though extremely against my Inclination, but there was no avoiding it. I married them -- but obstinately resisted all their Invitations to tarry to their Supper.

1776 June 28 (Friday). N.B. Agreed with Mr. *Benjamin Tainter* junior to Supply me with the *Worcester News Paper* Every Friday, for 10/ Lawful Money per Year.

1776 July 25 (Thursday). A Number of kind Friends came and reaped for me at the Island Field, viz. Deacon Wood, Mr. Edwards Whipple (and his Son John a part of the forenoon), Messrs. Nathan Maynard, Thaddeus Warrin, Benjamin Tainter, Francis Whipple by a Proxy which was received but Especially Joseph Baker Esq. with 3 more hands -- these dined here as did Mr. *Barnabas Newton*; and he with Squire and all his 3 Hands; also Thaddeus Warrin (at Deacon Woods Cost) assisted in further Reaping, taking up: and brought home a Load. A Singular Favour in divine Providence. May God bountifully reward them!

1776 August 15 (Thursday). Mr. *Warrin* came again, and though it was cloudy he mowed in my *Newton Meadow* -- but about 9 o'Clock was called off and went home. P.M. though it rained yet *Benjamin Tainter*, *Nathan Chamberlin* Sent by Capt. Morse, *Daniel Warrin* and Moses Warrin, the last Sent by Mr. *Levi Warrin*, came and mowed my *Newton Meadow*: all of it out of good will.

1776 August 17 (Saturday). Mr. Lambson in the morning repairs the Appendages of the Hogs-stye; and then goes, his Brother *Nat* and *Ben Tainter* junior also with him, about 9 o'Clock to raking Hay at the *Newton Meadow*. *Tainter* dined here with the rest, but went to *Harrington* p.m.

1776 October 7 (Monday). Wrote to *Elias* at College by Mr. *B. Tainter* junior and Sent a Number of Articles also by him.

1776 October 17 (Thursday). Sent a Letter inclosing 3 Dollars more and therewith Linnen, viz. two shirts, and a stock, two pair of stockings, a Looking Glass and a Box containing 4 1/2 Dozen Candles, by Mr. [Tainter?] to *Elias* at *Cambridge*.

1776 December 24 (Tuesday). At Mr. Tainters.

1777 March 3 (Monday). *Town-Meeting*. Capt. Morse and Mr. *B. Tainter* came to request me to go and pray with them. I complied.

1777 April 1 (Tuesday). Mr. *Tainters House* is improved as an Hospital, and a Number of young men are inoculated to day. May God be pleased in the midst of Wrath to remember Mercy!

1777 April 6 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw*, who lodged at Squire Whipples last night, came here this morning. Mr. Benjamin *Tainter* and his Wife desire prayers for a Number of their Family who are inoculated.

1777 April 7 (Monday). My two Daughters g[torn] *Tainters*, with Mrs. *Hawes* and her son -- [torn] C[torn] *Hawes*. May God be gracious and shew them Mercy in this time of Darkness!

1777 June 2 (Monday). *Sophy* goes with *Hannah*, after dinner, in Mr. *Tainters* Chaise, to Mr. *Grosvenors*.

1777 September 8 (Monday). I went up to Squire *Bakers* to get his Chaise for my dear *Hannah's* Journey. His Carriage being defective, he let me have the *Top*, which we put on Mr. *Tainters* Wheels, and Mr. *Noah Hardy* being come, *Sophy* and *Hannah* undertake somewhat after noon, to ride to *Billys* if they can reach it.

1777 September 22 (Monday). At Mr. *Tainter's*, who remains Weak and confined. Prayed with him.

1777 September 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* brought Peaches and Plums. Cut 3 Pigs and a Calf, gratis. Dined here.

1777 October 7 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at a private Meeting, at the House of Mrs. *Jemima Hardy*, widow of the late Mr. *Constantine Hardy*.... Before returning I Spoke to them that were present of my Willingness to Serve them as I used to etc., and Mr. Benjamin *Tainter* desired the Monthly Family meetings might be revived, that the next Meeting might be at his House, the first Tuesday in the next month.

1777 November 4 (Tuesday). This was to have been private Meeting at Mr. *Tainters*, but it is put off to next week, by reason of many people going over to the Post-Road to see the Regulars in their moving towards *Boston*.

1777 November 11 (Tuesday). P.M. I walked to Mr. *Tainters* to the Family Meeting and preached again on *Phil.* 4.6 to p. 9. Which may God bless to us for Christs sake!

1778 February 2 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Badcock* dines at Capt. *Morse's*, and at night he goes to Mr. *Tainters*.

1778 February 11 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* came seasonably with a Load of Wood, as did *Jonathan* and *Calvin Maynard*, with another -- it being a very Rainy afternoon, and we had but little wood, till these supplies arrived.

1778 March 2 (Monday). *March Meeting*. Messrs. *Tainter* and *Joseph Harrington* came from the Town to desire me to go to pray with them. Went and prayed accordingly.

1778 March 25 (Wednesday). Was at Mr. *Tainters* -- saw there a young Woman with a *Baby* but they are strangers, even to the people of the House.

1778 June 3 (Wednesday). I rode on an Horse of Mr. *Tainters* to the *Fast* at *Grafton*.

1778 June 10 (Wednesday). Mr. *Farrar* came not. I prea[torn] my Self [illegible] from Luke 19.10 from p. 14 to [torn]. Very thin Lecture [torn] not but observe it to them that were there, how many empty [Pews?] and how empty the Gallerys were. After Lecture Mr. Nat.

[Rugg?] here about hiring or *taking*, one or more of my Cows, but they were both gone to Mr. Tainters, and [dined?]

1778 October 7 (Wednesday). In returning I called at Mr. *Tainters*, especially to see a strange young Woman who has resided there a great while and has a Child there -- but she was not at home.

1778 November 3 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at Mr. Tainter's on Rev. 2.10. Borrow Mr. Tainter's Horse for Elias.

1778 November 4 (Wednesday). Elias, on Mr. Tainter's Horse returned to Cambridge.

1779 August 9 (Monday I went in to Timothy Whitney's, visited at Mr. Joseph Hardy's, went to see Mr. Eli Whitney and his new Wife⁷⁴ -- called at Mr. Phin. Hardy's -- went to Mr. Elisha Forbes, Mr. Tainter and his son Benj's Family. I made a Business of Seeing and discoursing with the Stranger Polly Brown -- drank Tea at Forbes's.

1779 September 5 (Sunday). Appointed the Communion and Lecture, but put by the private Meeting which would otherwise have been at Mr. Tainter's. Mr. Dan'l Forbes has been with me and desires the next Meeting might be at his House (Tainter agreeing to it) by reason of old Mrs. Stone who lives there.

1779 October 25 (Monday). But was interrupted by the coming in of Mr. Belknap and after him half a score of the Brethren of the Church besides, one after another, to confer about Mr. D. Adams and his Wife. Those that came (besides Mr. Belknap) were Deacon Bond and Deacon Wood, Messrs. Daniel Forbes, Benj. Tainter, Joseph Grout, Jonathan Grout, Levi Warren, Eli Whitney, Joseph Harrington, Jonathan Forbes. They agree upon a small number of them to go to Mr. Adam's tomorrow, to advise him to consent to choosing together with his wife, Referees before whom to try their Affair, or at least to take Counsel of them in order to Settlement, and Mr. Adams is to be apprized that these Brethren request that notice be given after the next Lecture that as many of the Brethren as shall incline to are desired to stop a little for further Conference upon those Matters.

1779 November 22 (Monday). I visited Mr. Jonathan Tainter's sick Child and prayed therewith.

1780 June 13.)Tuesday). Was at Deacon Woods. N.B. We discoursed of the late Deacon Tainter's Legacy of fifty pounds old tenor, to this Church.

1780 June 14 (Wednesday). By Desire of the Deacons the church Stopped: The Business was to Consider of Mr. B. Tainter's Note of Hand, by which he is bound, to pay the Legacy his Father left. Deacon Bond put it to vote, whether they would do anything about that Note? It went negatively, for there was no Hand lifted up that I saw.

⁷⁴Widower Eli Whitney mar. Judith Hazeltine of Sutton, July 15, 1779, in S. Westborough Vital Records, 220.

1780 June 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Benj. Tainter and Sons, with their Wives and Children, Goods etc. move from Westborough and try to go towards New Fane.

1780 September 25 (Monday). Mr. Daniel Adams, Ben. Tainter, Levi Warrin complain of the adjournment: came here, but nothing could be done.

1781 March 5 (Monday). Mr. B. *Tainter*, now of *New-Fane*, returned with me, and he and Mr. *Joseph Harrington* also Deacon *Hawes* dined.

1781 April 21 (Saturday). I rode over to *Bolton*. In my Way Stopped at Mr. *Whitneys*, where I dined. P.M. Mr. *Benjamin Baileys* is the Place for my Reception. Accompanied by his son in law, Mr. *Jonathan Moore*, I made a Visit to *Judge Bakers* to condole the sorrowful Loss he sustains in the Death of his Wife, (who was heretofore *Susanna Tainter*). He took my Sympathy in friendly part.

1781 April 27 (Friday). Mr. B. *Tainter* was here.

1781 September 17 (Monday). At Eve [*blot*] Tainter to see us.