

## Liquor

1751 January 31 (Thursday). A very Snowy forenoon. I went to Mr. Benjamin Woods but returned and din'd at the Doctors. I wish I could deal more plainly with the Doctor about his intemperate use of Spirituous Liquors -- yet had it over and over with him and gave him what Charge I could that he should abstain -- but I fear it is all in Vain. Mrs. Rachel Bowker there. Everyones Heart bleeds -- but we must leave it to God!

1756 June 26 (Saturday). N.B. having agreed to change with Mr. *Martyn* tomorrow, was obliged to Send over Billy to acquaint him of my Sickness. When he returns he informs me that *they* also are in much Affliction, Mrs. *Molly* being sick and o'Bed, and they had sent for Dr. *Morse*. A bright Day. I took a Cathartick; an infusion of Senna, Liquorish etc.

1759 January 5 (Friday). At night, near 11 o'Clock (or full 1/2 after 10) comes Noah Bigolow with earnest Desire to go over to their House. His Father he says is in great Distress on account of his Mother who is *well-liquored* (I think was his Expression) and by further enquiry I find there is a great Rout. I could not go. I was not well enough to Venture -- but told him if they needed me in the morning, and he would come with an Horse I would go. O wofull Condition of the poor, miserable Family! May God of his infinite Mercy pity them, convince, reform and pardon them And direct me in my Duty to them!

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.

1776 October 11 (Friday). Wrote to *Alexander* by Mr. *Ware*. Mr. Simeon Rice goes with him. Their Wagon is loaden chiefly with strong Liquors.

1777 October 2 (Thursday). At night came Mr. *Cornelius Waters* and a young Gentleman, an *Hazzletine* with him, of *Dartmouth* College, but I was in so much trouble about my Daughter, and my pasture so gnawed up, that I could not freely ask them to tarry all night, though I did repeatedly urge them to stay to sup here. N.B. Mr. *Waters* has a Specimen of an excellent Spirituous Liquor distilled at *Salem* from indian Corn Stalks.

1778 July 29 (Wednesday). Mr. [*Reuben?*] *Warrin* -- Mr. *Daniel Goddard* -- one *John Barber* of *Bridport* in *Dorsetshire, old England*, either insane, enthusiastical, or in Liquor, were here.

