

Rum

1727 April 6 (Thursday). I rode to Boston to gain Information concerning my Brother, and I was Certify'd that on the 27th of the Last Month My Brother John Parkman was coming in from Anguilla (having been at Barbadoes to which port he came from Cork) in a Vessel built by him at Dighton, And with the Building, fraughted rigged and mann'd at his Father's his Brethren's and his own charge. He was now laden with Cotton, Rhum and diverse valuable articles, no small quantity of Gold, but the Heavy and greatest part of his Lading was Salt.

1738 October 21 (Saturday). P.M. Ensign Maynard brought a Kegg of Rhum from Boston.

1744 June 12 (Tuesday). Captain Maynard's Training. Great Ruffle and Contests in the Breasts and partly breaking forth in the Conduct and Conversations of many of the North side soldiers. N.B. Mr. Wheeler as I was going into the Meeting House to prayer, told me he thought they were hardly in a Frame fit for Such Things -- but I ask'd him whether we ought not to labour to be Compos'd, at least so far forth to beg of God to prepare us? A great Favour that Colonel Nahum Ward and Colonel Williams [Abraham Williams of Marlborough] came, and were present at Reading the Laws, Viewing arms etc. that the unruly might be rebuk'd and kept down. N.B. It had been said that a certain Man on the North side [promised?] a Gallon of Rum if they would rebell against Captain Maynard -- and a man was ready (as it was conceived) to head them. Mr. Wheeler was thought to be the first of these and Corporal Nathan Ball the other. But in Public and whenever I was present I saw no indecency for which I was greatly rejoic'd and that Captain Eager and Lieutenant Holloway din'd with us at Captain Maynards, as did Mr. Salter (who went down with me) likewise.

1745 May 11 (Saturday). Captain Maynard (in his Team) brought me up 14£ Sugar and my Kegg of 3 Gallons of Rum from Boston.

1748 July 22 (Friday). I rode out in the morning as I think it is my Duty, considering my Circumstances, first to Mr. Nurse's for Some shooing of my Colt then to divers Neighbours to look up Rakers. N.B. Merchant Rice can't go himself, but Sends a Bottle of Rum (nigh a Quart) to encourage them that did. Amos Whitney, Jonathan Devereux (from Captain Maynard) and Mr. Beriah Rice's Son Timothy, together with my Ebenezer rak'd in the Meadow. P.M. there went divers others viz. Mr. Jonas Child and Jonathan Grout and near night Mr. Eliezer Rice lent a Hand.

1750 September 5 (Wednesday). 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.

1751 March 11 (Monday). I was at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's to pay them Rum which I had borrow'd of them -- chiefly for raising my New House, my Well, Cellar and Chimney work.

1751 August 3 (Saturday). Neighbour Stephen Maynard brings my Mare back from Boston, which has been very troublesome to him, and was the occasion of his Cart's being over-turn'd. He brought me 11 ½ Gallons of Rhum.

1754 July 15 (Monday). Went to the Ministerial Meadow and found there Messrs. Jonas Twitchell and John Rogers mowing. Rody Smith was gone to Captain Maynards for Rum but mow'd the rest of the Day.

1755 September 3 (Wednesday). The ministers (most of us) went to Mount Wachusett. Mrs. Mellen and her Sister Robbins with us and Mrs. Mellen had a Fall from her Horse but recover'd. We refresh'd ourselves on the Top of the Mount, Having carry'd up Bacon, Bread and Cheese, Rum. In Descending from the Summitt we stop'd a little and Sang a Stanza to the Praise of the Great Creator. N.B. A great multitude of persons happen'd to go up to the Mount to Day. We saw many Horses at the Bottom, and at Mr. Keys's.

1756 July 30 (Friday). Very heavy Rains -- especially a.m. I had not such Colliquative Sweat last Night, as the Nights before, but perhaps owing to thinning the Bed-Cloths: and am apprehensive my Rheumatism is still making progress into other Joints. Each Heel is Somewhat affected as well as my left Knee -- at night my right Foot most. Brother Forb. came to bring me a Remedy for my Rheumatism, viz. *Piony-Oak* to be steeped in West India Rum. 4 Spoonful per Day.

1756 August 2 (Monday). P.M. Capt. Benjamin Wood, of Hopkinton Sent his son with a present of Rum, Veal, etc.

1756 August 5 (Thursday). I am Still in the same grievous State of Pain and Weakness. The Medicine recommended from Rev. Mr. *Fishes*, viz. *Piony Oake Steeped* in West India Rum, I begin to take to day -- the Dose 1 spoonful 4 times a day. My Wife also takes it.

1756 August 12 (Thursday). Mr. Samuella Fay junior returns from Boston -- brings me some more West India Rum to steep *Piony Oake* in; for I Still resolve to proceed, by the will of God to take it further, though it is as yet a matter of Doubt whether it has been of expected service to me or not. I have not so much of Pain in my Limbs to day, as weakness, and general Debility. Yet I find my Heart too apt to cool, and turn to Earthly Things.

1759 November 11 (Sunday). Yesterday and to Day I take Garlic Steeped in Rum against the Rheumatism. A Coarse medicine; but I submit to it, hoping for the Blessing of God upon it.

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

1767 July 29 (Wednesday). Sent by Messrs. John Wood, and John Maynard for Kegg of Rum, Box of Candles etc. to be brought in their Waggon.

1769 April 29 (Saturday). Mr. *John Maynard* has brought me from *Boston* 6 Gallons of Rum.

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.

1771 May 23 (Thursday). Sent by Mr. Samuel *Thurston* to *Boston* for a Rundlet for Rum. Gave him in old Tenor £3.12.

1771 May 25 (Saturday). Mr. *Samuel Thurston* brought from *Boston* a Rundlet of Rum.

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.

1772 July 29 (Wednesday). I Sent to Boston by Mr. Edwards Whipple for a Kegg of Rum. Gave him £3.15 old Tenor.

1773 May 21 (Friday). N.B. This afternoon was a session of the Meeting House Committee, who Enquire into the Conduct of *Henry Marble*, who stole some of their Rum. I hear he was brought to Confession and Humiliation.

1775 April 24 (Monday). I have bought a Kegg of *Rum* of Lieut. *Baker* of Nine Gallons.

1776 June 8 (Saturday). A rich prize taken by Capt. *John Adams* was brought into the Harbour yesterday: a vessel between 4 and 5 hundred Tun -- with much plate, and about 30,000 Dollars, about 400 Casks of Sugar and Rum, a great deal of Mohogany, bags of Ginger, Piemento,

livestock (Turtles, Goats etc) bound from *Jemacia* to London. We went on board in the Morning and were treated civilly and generously by the Mate, who now had the Care and chief Command. We also a.m. rode to the End of the Cape....

1776 June 24 (Monday). [Mr. *Joseph Caryl* from *Hubbards* town and with him Mr. *Thomas Pierce* and his Lad, with a Team for Rum, dine here.] [*Marginal notation*: N.B. This, between Bracketts, was on the 25th.]

1777 February 14 (Friday). I was in great Expectation of *Wood-Cutters* and *Sledders*, but none came a.m. but p.m. Deacon Wood and Squire Baker Sent, the former one Team, the other sent two large Teams, to the Ministerial Lott. Each of them brought one Load. One of the Squires Teams brought a very large one. I believe that the Squire also carryed the Men Rum. The Hands went to Supper here. They were *Samuel Williams*, one *Flynt*, and *William McCulloch*.

1777 March 1 (Saturday). My Son and his *Neddy* Sat out for home (in a large, 2 Horse Sleigh, with a Cargo of Rum etc.) but their Journey will be difficult and long, by reason of the Roads being so blocked up with snow.

1778 May 16 (Saturday). Mr. *David Stow* of *Grafton* here and dines. I give him Salt for the sheep, and Rum against the washing of them. To my great Regret I was continually taken up with the Small Affairs of the Garden, the Cattle, etc. etc.

1778 October 20 (Tuesday). *The Association met here....* N.B. Brecks Bounty in Rum and Wine etc. on this Occasion.

1779 October 11 (Monday). This day we cutt up, carted home and husked out our Indian Corn. Ephraim Tucker went with my Team and Deacon Wood with his. About nine dined here. There were forty or more of Men and Boys at Eve, and several Neighbors were so generous as to contribute to the Entertainment. Squire Baker above 50 lbs. of Meat, Mr. Ebenezer Forbes, Beef and 3 cabbages, Lt. Bond, Pork, Mr. Barnabas Newton, a Cheese, Breck, sufficient Rum. Through the Goodness of God we had a good crop, Sound Corn and the Joy of Harvest. To Him be all Honor and Glory! We sang latter part of Ps. 65.

1780 February 10 (Thursday). The plan for going to Cambridge is so ripened that I can't defeat it. The affair is chiefly Breck's, who loads a sleigh with Grain etc. and loads up with Rum -- has provided two Horses as well as the Sleigh. And his Brother Josiah Brigham was to go down to Watertown therewith, but Elias is so urgent to undertake it, and has already agreed to go with David Fay, who is going likewise, that this morning to my no small Disquietment, sat out.... P.M. Elias returns, not being able to proceed on his Journey.

1780 February 15 (Tuesday). At eve a Storm of Wind and Rain which beat vehemently, yet unexpectedly Elias came home from Cambridge, brought Rum for Breck and a valuable, though old fashioned chamber Table, with large slate in the Middle, for himselfe.