

## Camel

1739 February 28 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Din'd at Brother Elias's. N.B. Hezekiah How din'd with us. Visited Captain James Marshall. N.B. Major Lockman there. Went up to see the Camel. N.B. Serious Discourse with Brother Elias about his son. At Eve, 9 o'Clock, rode Round to Cambridge.

According to Peter Benes, "The seven-foot camel, 'just arrived from Africa,' was shown at the bottom of Cold Lane in Boston for at least four weeks in 1721. Another camel (or perhaps the same one at a more advanced age) made its way in 1739 from Boston to Stonington and thence to New York City and Philadelphia the following year. It was seen by Reverend Ebenezer Parkman of Westborough, Massachusetts, in Boston in February 1739 and by Joshua Hempstead in Stonington, Connecticut, at Hobart's Tavern in July 1739."

Peter Benes, *For a Short Time Only: Itinerants and the Resurgence of Popular Culture in Early America* (Amherst and Boston: University of Massachusetts Press, 2016), 129.