

Eunice Andrews

1764 July 12 (Thursday). Write, and Send by Mr. John Wood, a Letter *to Mrs. Andrews*, in my own Vindication and with kind Affection.

1764 July 15 (Sunday). After Meeting Mr. Daniel Forb. speaks to me, and tells me Mrs. Andrews has sent to him to desire he would go to see her, and that he would ask me to go with him -- and this speedily.

1764 July 17 (Tuesday). Then I visit Mr. Daniel Forbush and at his motion to go to Deacon Bond. I send to the latter to go with us to Mr. Andrews tomorrow morning.... 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 July 18 (Wednesday). Deacon Bond came about 7 o'Clock, and Mr. Daniel Forb. before 8, to go to Mrs. Andrews -- but it rained so hard that it could not be prudent for me to go out. We had a great Deal of Discourse on the Affair; and I Showed 'em the Letter which I had lately written to Mrs. A. and though writ with all hearty disposition of Peace, yet was misimproved by Mrs. A. at Mr. Warrins last Saturday. And therefore I had little Thought to try much more. Deacon *Bond* discovered a greater Opinion of Separates than I imagined he would and more favourable Apprehension concerning Mrs. A. and her Behavior in general although he could not but conceive She had been imprudent in some Things. Mr. Forbush was as much in their Defense as I suppose any of the Church and is very desirous to have every thing moderated and Smoothed over that can be. The Rain prevailed so that Deacon went home, and Mr. Forb. went down to Mrs. A.'s alone. Towards Evening he returned here and tells me they were in Such a Frame that he did not See but that they were likely to come to if proper means were used -- and that they were willing to have any of their Neighbours hear their Case and if they had been out of the way, would retract -- that they would be glad I would take a Time and bring some Men, and give them Notice that they might have some also etc. -- thus fair and Smooth was every Thing.

1764 August 1 (Wednesday). P.M. I visited Mrs. Andrews. I find that She has Strangely wrought her self over to Say what never was, as, particularly that She *insisted* upon my laying her Case before our Church when she talked with me at Mrs. *Newtons*; whereas upon my giving her Reasons why it was not fit to lay before the Church at that Time, She actually resigned the matter to me -- as Mrs. *Warrin* testifys. Another Thing she has, through her mistake and prejudice, got into quite a wrong shape and wrong time, is her Husbands Answer to be about Sending the Letters -- for she says, he said to me, at the time of my proposing to write Letters, that I might write to *any Man in Connecticut* as well as to Mr. Wigglesworth -- Whereas he did never use that Phrase till I visited them upon Mr. Gale's speaking to me: and he used it in a different manner and in a different View, viz. When I told him it was with his Consent that I wrote to Mr. *Wigglesworth*: he answered Do you think I would go to hinder? You might write to who you pleased, to any Gentleman in Connecticut if you would, I Should not hinder it.

Another Thing Still, She Misrepresents, viz. their having said, *they had done, they Should ask no more* -- whereas this was Mr. A.'s Answer to me, both at his House, when I made the visit immediately after I knew by Mr. Gale, that they were uneasy, and offered to lay their matter before the Church if they desired it (this was his Answer), No: we have no more to request: and again, at my House, as soon as I had read the Jacques Letter to 'em: for Mr. A. presently replied, "We have now done." Now Mrs. A. disowns their having said so, and declares they have been *laboring* in the Affair. And this I my self do sincerely believe. I tarryed a convenient space, expressed my Sorrow for the Misunderstanding between us -- expressed my wishes also, of Peace etc. and took leave. N.B. Capt. Curtis and others came.

1764 August 3 (Friday). Mr. Eliot has sent me the Result of another Council on Chebacco Affairs.

1764 August 6 (Monday). Called to Speak with Mr. *Nat. Adams* about his Sister *Andrews*, but dined at Mr. *Taylor's*. N.B. I did this the rather because I understood he was much disturbed about *standing to Sing*.

1764 August 14 (Tuesday). Transcribing the Result of a Council at Ipswich on Chebacco Affairs, July 30, 1748, which Mr. *Eliot* of Boston has furnished me with the Original of.

1764 August 17 (Friday). Messrs. H. and S. leave us. Sent Mr. Eliot the Result of the Ipswich Council in 1748.

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

1764 August 24 (Friday). My Wife goes to visit Mrs. *Andrews*.

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

1764 September 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Barns and I went to the Meadow I had of Capt. Maynard that I might direct him in setting up my Part of the Fence between Mr. Andrews and me.

1764 October 2 (Tuesday). Towards Eve rode to Deacon *Bonds*. N.B. we do not meet without something of Mrs. Andrews.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). N.B. Another Letter from Father Wigglesworth relative to Mr. Cleavelands Church.

1764 November 27 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Dike of Sutton brought me another letter from Mr. Wigglesworth about the Cleaveland Society and their Conduct.

1764 December 5 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Zebulon Rice the Evening. The Conversation much about Mrs. Andrews.

1764 December 6 (Thursday). Capt. Wood here and Supped with us. N.B. More concerning Mr. and Mrs. Andrews Conduct. May the [Lord] Himself grant me Wisdom and Patience under all my Tryals! But it amazes me that such a Number of the Brethren of this Church are disquieted with me, and will not be convinced of the Disorders and Irregularitys of the *Chebacco* Separates, nor of the ungrateful Behavior, the very unchristian and abusive Conduct of these Persons.

1765 January 14 (Monday). Capt. *Wood* kindly brings a Load at Evening at my Special Request. And he bears me a Message from Mr. Andrews, that he desires that some persons might hear our Difference; To which I return Answer that I consent; and request him (Capt. Wood) to go with me to him. But he does not Care to go alone with me, but would have some other. I mention Mr. David Maynard. But we don't set any Time.

1765 January 15 (Tuesday). He offers his Acre at 42£ 10. old Tenor and must have speedy Answer or he will give a Deed of it to Mr. Andrews, who he says urges to buy it, and to give him 50£ O.T. for it.

1765 January 16 (Wednesday). At Eve went to Capt. Woods and consulted him about Sending a Letter to Mr. Andrews.

1765 January 22 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough. As I went, I called at Mr. *Andrews's* in Conformity to his Message last Week to me by Capt. Wood. They treated me with more

Decency and Civility. Their minds were much the same in General. But there were strangers come in -- and more kept coming, so that I did not care to tarry in warm debate and contest, in their hearing. We drew up no determinations. He would not come to my House for an hearing of our Affair, before men to be Judges between us, and I told 'em I Should not come there, it being a Tavern and liable to continual Interruption. With this I left them.

1765 March 1 (Friday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* with a Message from Mr. *Andrews* to know whether I will as was proposed last Summer, lay our Differences before some Men to hear and Judge about them. I return answer partly by reading my last Letter to Mr. *Andrews* -- and added, that I was heartily for peace any way that was reasonable -- that Indeed our Case was altered from what it was; and required now special Care.

1765 March 6 (Wednesday). At Evening came Mr. *Andrews* to See me -- and he sat -- and we both sat for Some time -- with but little Conversation. At length he desired he might ask me another Question. He said Mr. Daniel Forb. had told him on Monday that I desired to See him. I told him Yes -- I was willing he should come here -- he was welcome -- I did not mean to *send* for him: but should be glad to have him free here. He Said he was willing to go into the Same way that he had mentioned heretofore (of Some Men to hear us). I told him I had Met with such Things from him and his Wife, as made me at a loss. I was not willing to have it like the arbitration yesterday. He asked why? (or something like that). I told him I wanted no such Noise and Rabblement as that was. But I would not have him think I was afraid to lay it before *proper Judges*. He asked *who they were?* I answered that the way of Church proceeding was etc. and if the Church did not settle it, then there should be a *Council* -- and if the Affair was with *Ministers*, then there Should be *Ministers*. He said he would never while he lived be out one [rabin?] Penny towards one-- and were it not for his Family he would not set his Foot again into that House, pointing to the Meeting House. He said he did not come to dispute with me -- and left me.

1765 March 14 (Thursday). Preached on Heb. 12, part of v. 22 and 23. Deacon Tainter and Mr. Bellows here when Mr. Gale wanted Something to be Said about the Andrews Affair. Mr. Gale paid me in Cash and Notes £75.6 old Tenor.

1765 May 2 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Haskill makes me a Visit. I endeavoured to remove his Prejudices by Shewing him some of the Steps I took to oblige Mrs. *Andrews* etc. He goes away (he says) a good deal more Satisfied.

1765 June 4 (Tuesday). N.B. prepared an Account of Dr. Brecks Credit etc., inclose it, with the Will in a Letter for Brother Breck and leave it at Lt. Martyns and go my self to Marlborough and leave Word at Coll. Williams that Mr. Breck may know what I have done. Mr. Smith is at the Colls. and gives me fresh Intelligence from Chebacco.

1765 July 16 (Tuesday). [Boston.] Discoursed with Mr. Jonathan *Parsons* about my Cleveland Affair.

1765 August 16 (Friday). *Thomas* moves my Fence at the Meadow, to the Brook, against Mr. Andrews; he having Set up his part of the Fence between us, last Year.

1765 October 3 (Thursday). But memorandum: Mrs. *Andrews*. She wants her Child to be baptized; but in order to it, wants I Should own my having abus'd and injured her etc. See our Conversation in a Paper by it self which I wrote before I went to Bed. O that God would please rightly to affect me with this holy Dispensation! The Lord convince of what has been Evil! and Pardon it! Grant me Grace to *improve* under this holy Frown! Pity me and support me under it, and in His own Time deliver me out of it! And May the Lord Pity this Woman and Shew her Errors, pardon and recover her for His Name's Sake!

1765 October 18 (Friday). N.B. Met my Cousen Loyd going to Brookfield, with her husband. They had lodged at Andrews's last Night and broke fast at our House.

1765 December 2 (Monday). Master Cushing is moved to lodge and keep school at Mr. Andrews'.

1766 January 31 (Friday). Mr. Hall mentions to me Mr. and Mrs. Andrews's Uneasiness: and tells me he had carryed home and read Mr. *Cleavelands Letter* to me.

1766 February 3 (Monday). Mr. *Andrews's*.

1766 March 2 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. [blank] *Haskill* from Newbury comes in after Meeting. He gives high Character of Mr. Cleaveland.

1766 March 7 (Friday). Town Meeting by adjournment at Mr. *Andrews's*, to consider of the Road to Ensign *Snow's*.

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 March 31 (Monday). P.M. I visited old Capt. Forb. and prayed with him. He receives my visit very kindly. Mrs. *Andrews* came and I asked her to give me Opportunity to Speak with her. We went into the old Room, but it might have been better to have had witnesses -- her discourse being Sometimes very indecent, and even intolerable. (See a paper on which I have writ the Substance of the Conversation.) The Lord grant me a suitable Frame of Spirit under these Tryals!

1766 May 2 (Friday). At Mr. *Amsdens* Neighbour *Timothy Warrin* who (upon Occasion of Mr. Gale's saying that Mr. *Amsden* had not been well affected to me, though he never knew the Cause of it) had some thing to Say about Mrs. *Andrews*, which I replied to as Time and Circumstances would allow. Prayed and conversed with him and them; but he could hardly Speak. Mr. *Andrews* and his Wife came at length: But nothing besides greeting passed.

1766 June 13 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Putnam of Pomfret had lodged at Andrews's, but came here to Breakfast.

1766 July 16 (Wednesday). [Cambridge.] N.B. have conversed to Day with Mr. Toppan of Manchester about Mr. Cleveland.

1766 June 19 (Thursday). I went to Southborough, to attend a Fast.... In my Way Met Mr. Andrews accompanying Mr. *Cleveland* of Chebacco. See Account of what was said etc. in a paper on purpose.... At Eve return. Sir Biglow and I call at Mr. Andrews: where where [sic]some Number of people still -- with Mr. Cleveland, who I suppose has preached and baptized. See the Paper aforesaid. Messrs. Moore, Cushing and Biglow lodge here.

1766 July 24 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter tells me Mr. Andrews refuses to pay his ministerial Rate.

1766 July 30 (Wednesday). N.B. Cornet Brigham here, and talks upon the Andrews Affair. He dines here.

1766 August 1 (Friday). I visit at Neighbour Zebulun Rice's. N.B. Earnest Talk upon the *Andrews* Controversie.... Mr. Snow here and tells me his sons Child is Dead, and Burial tomorrow. N.B. I sent by him a Letter to Mr. *Andrews* which I wrote 2 or 3 Days agoe.

1766 August 2 (Saturday). Mr. Snow tells me the *Andrews* did not receive my Letter very kindly. N.B. Mr. *Timothy Warrin* rides with me going to the Burying -- the Conversation is *Andrews*.

1766 August 5 (Tuesday). I preached at Capt. Woods on 1 John. 3.14, first Clause, to p. 10. N.B. Mrs. Wood very low and dangerously ill. 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 September 1 (Monday). At Mr. *Beetons* saw Mr. *Andrew Adams* of Grafton. Lament to him his sister *Andrews's* Condition.

1766 September 15 (Monday). 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 17 (Wednesday). Serious Reflections on the *Andrews*-Troubles etc. etc.

1766 September 18 (Thursday). At Eve walk'd up to See Capt. Wood, in his Solitariness. N.B. He seems to urge my taking some Brethren of the Church, or more, and visiting Mrs. *Andrews*.

1766 September 20 (Saturday). Went also to Mr. David Maynards to Speak to him about going with me to Mrs. *Andrews*, if she would accept a proposal which I purposed to make to her. To which he consented. And I desired him to go to Mr. Solomon Baker to go also. And apprise Squire Whipple that I Should be glad to have him near at Hand, if I should have Occasion for him, to be sworn before him, respecting any thing I had writ, or should assert. Which he said he would. The Time I proposed to be next Tuesday 2 p.m. To these he agreed. When I came home I prepared a line to Mrs. *Andrews*, and sent John to her, with it.

1766 September 23 (Tuesday). Having received a Line from Mr. *Andrews* that they consented to my Proposal, Walked to Mr. David Maynard and Mr. Solomon Baker to get them to come to my House, to Meet Mr. *Andrews* and his wife, and such Brethren as they Should bring. I went also to Squire Whipple's, that I might have him either to bear Testimony or take mine, if the Case Should require it. He said he would be at Mrs. Johnson's. Mr. and Mrs. A. came and Capt. Jonas Brigham and Mr. N. Whitney with them. Also Messrs. Maynard and Baker here: I proposed that Mrs. A. should first exhibit her Complaint, which it seems is very bitter against me: To which I would make Reply: and then the Brethren having heard us, on both sides, they must use their best Endeavours to reconcile us. Mr. *Andrews* began. He attempted the story of the Beginning of their Conversing with me: but sadly *mixed* Things that occurred some time after -- by which *mixing*, the story was Set in a Strange Light. Mrs. A. helped it along. The Complaint seems to be briefly This, that when She first came into the Town, she asked me to let her Communicate, but I would not: and that She desired me to lay her Request before the Church, but I would not. After a great deal of Jarr and Difficulty by reason of Interruptions, I undertook to deliver a Narrative (about 8 pages) of the very first Visit I made them and what occurred afterward, that it might be seen how Mrs. A. had asked -- and what kind of Denial I

gave her; and whether I ever gave her the least Ground of Offence. Although Messrs. Maynard and Baker, I think very hardly Spoke at all, openly or Audibly to us, Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Whitney*, did abundantly especially the former, as if they were their Advocates, instead of Peace makers between us. In brief, although on each part we professed to be for Peace, yet we unhappily broke up without Reconcilement to my great Grief and sorrow. They did indeed desire to throw up all -- and they wanted that my papers might be burnt. But I was not willing to accept of their Offer, unless they would give some sign of their being Sensible of the Wrong they had done me -- namely by being so causelessly and so deeply affronted with me, which they have manifested by continual Revilings, Staying at Home, etc. Capt. Brigham and Mr. Whitney ought not to have come upon this Occasion, because they were Such Men as are excepted against in my Letter of Proposal of this Meeting: for they were men that had so shewn their Judgments before -- as witness what was said by both of them with great Zeal, on the 15th at Eve. Yet I thought I would try them. Memorandum. I did not pretend to meddle with the other part of the Case, viz. relating to the *Society* which she comes from. It had been well if we could have made up what lay only between us two only. Capt. B. and Mr. W. would have it that We had both of us been to blame. I entreated them to tell me wherein *I* had. They answered In my calling them *Separates*. I replied, that I was Sufficiently warranted in using that Term, for it was what the Books that were printed about them frequently used, and what they were called in the Letters from the Ministers who had writ about them and what I had my Self found 'em to be. Again, in saying at Mr. *Andrews's* the Night Mr. C. was there that he was a troublesome man among the Neighbours. I replied, that *That was (drawn out I might say)* upon my Defence (when he boasted so much of his being a very peaceable, quiet Man among us). And I [ins?]ed in several Things which I had been credibly enough certified of. Briefly, I did not think that these were so blameworthy Articles as to bring me upon a par with *them*, and to such a Degree as to cut me off from that Christian Satisfaction which was due to me from them. They would lump and drop *all* now, without their being in the least sensible that they had done me any Wrong. And yet I would heartily go as far as can be just in coalescing and compriming -- being very weary of the Contest. N.B. Mr. A. did not go away near so warm as she did: so that there was more hope of him than of her. Mr. A. told me Mr. C. was coming up again, would preach at his House, and he hoped I would come and hear him. I answered that as they were some of his people and they would not put them Selves nor theirs under my Care (for I had about the same time been inviting them to Meeting and to send their Children to Catechizing and they positively refused) it might not be very improper, if he preached anywhere. (However, I Should be afraid of the Evil Consequence of it among my Neighbours.)

1766 September 26 (Friday). 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 denyed it. O how my Heart grieves for this bitter Contention, and Sad Contradiction!

1766 October 3 (Friday). When I came home received a Letter signed *Eunice Andrews* requesting a Church Meeting to see She may have transient Communion with us.

1766 October 4 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. David Maynard here. We conferr on the Present situation of Andrews Affair.

1766 October 5 (Sunday). Stopped the Brethren and *read the Letter from Mrs. Andrews* dated Oct. 2 and appointed a Church Meeting for that and some other Things which may then be mentioned to them to be, God willing, on next Friday come sen'night.

1766 October 7 (Tuesday). A.M. with Lt. Baker -- he is anxious about the Event of the *Andrews* Matter. I find the uneasiness gains Ground, to my great sorrow. P.M. Preached at Deacon Tainters on Mat. 25.10, midmost Clause.

1766 October 14 (Tuesday). Dr. S. Wigglesworth from Ipswich Hamlet, calls here. Signs a Testimony concerning Mr. Cleavelands Church. Mr. Fessenden here: newly returned from Walpole of New Hampshire. He also signs a Testimony concerning Mr. Cleaveland and his Church.

1766 October 16 (Thursday). I Seriously considered our Present state and Circumstances in this place; Considering especially the Troubles by *Mrs. Andrews* whose Request is to be laid before the Church tomorrow, and the great Duty of Communicating next Lords Day, I endeavoured to Spend this Day in Retirement, as far as my other Dutys would allow.

1766 October 17 (Friday). We had *a Church Meeting* after Lecture as appointed on the 5th but *Mrs. Andrews* not being there, on whose Account we met, we adjourned to the first Thursday in November -- and Brother Gale was desired to notifie her. Though we did not proceed to the Business of the Day, I took the Opportunity to Open several Things to the Church, the want of the Knowledge of which, may have made many persons fall into great mistakes about this Controversie. I took this Opportunity to rebuke all such as listened to a Slanderous Suggestion, that the Reason why the ministers were so much against Mr. Cleaveland was, they could not bear to See that he so much out-shined them, and People esteemed him so much higher than them. A great deal of Company here after Lecture of different Sorts.

1766 October 18 (Saturday). Mr. John Wood here. Says Capt. Brigham had a great deal of Dispute at their House last night upon the Andrews Affair.

1766 October 21 (Tuesday). Attended the Association -- and as Several Members, Squire Whipple, Mr. Belknap, Mr. D. Maynard, of this Church had manifested their Desire that I would ask the Mind of the Association concerning Mr. Cleaveland and his Church, and I had told the Church at the late meeting, of my thinking to do it, nor did any body Say one word to the Contrary (I might therefore call it a kind of Silential Vote) So I put the Question to them whether we should hold Communion with them or No? They answer *No*: and they Signed it. Lodged at Mr. *Stones*, with Mr. Barrett.

1766 October 29 (Wednesday). Proceeded to Mr. Harringtons. Saw his Daughter Miss *Arathusa* who has a Child a month old. Ah! [ter?] Miserrima! Mr. Harrington rides with me to Mr. Goss's. They both sign the Judgment of the Association concerning Mr. Cleaveland and his people. I lodge there. Mr. Harrington returned home.

1766 October 30 (Thursday). In going home hear that Mr. *Cleaveland* preached at Mr. *Andrews'* Yesterday.

1766 November 1 (Saturday). N.B. I had a most unusually troublesome and distressing Dream last night or this morning -- which makes me full of apprehensions respecting new Afflictions and Tryals -- but I would treat it as a Dream. The Lord grant me Firmness and Stability of Mind and Heart!

1766 November 4 (Tuesday). Mr. Timothy *Warrin's* Wife turns in to our House to warm her, as we came back. She desires to hear what I had writ of her Testimony about Mrs. Andrews and my Conversation at Mrs. Newtons. I read it, and She said it was true.

1766 November 5 (Wednesday). Considering that Frown of God upon us in the present strife about Mrs. *Andrews*, jejun. and prec. [secreta?] etc.

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. *John* is about again. 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). At Eve Mr. Forbes came from Boston. He brought me a Letter from Venerable Mr. *Chipman* of *Beverly* -- In which he Certifies me concerning the Separate society at Chebacco and Mr. Cleavelands Conduct -- and another Letter added to it and Confirming it, subscribed by my old Friend Mr. *Champney* of *Beverly* also.

1766 November 24 (Monday). Thence I rode to Grafton (being Sent for by the widow and Brother of the deceased and by Mr. Hutchinson who was obliged to go to Worcester) to attend the *Funeral of our* late Brother Mr. *Benjamin Hills*. Mr. *Hall* of Sutton was also there. I prayed at the House before Interment. Was at Mr. Hutchinsons with Mr. Hall and Sir Willard who has lately begun to preach. N.B. Mr. Hall shewed me a Letter from Mr. *Cleaveland* to him desiring him to favour the Admission of Mrs. Andrews to Communion with their Church.

1767 January 2 (Friday). Mr. Moore goes to Master Cushing and brings him. They dine here. P.M. they get Mr. *Andrews's* sleigh, and take *Sarah* and *Suse* with them, though it is exceeding Cold, and design to go to Mr. *Morse's* at *Shrewsbury* -- and tomorrow (if they can stand it) to *Westminster*.

1767 January 6 (Tuesday). Capt. Wood, who has not been here for some Time, makes me a neighbourly visit. He Seems to be pritty well satisfied about the *Andrews* and *Cleaveland* Affair, and says he will get his Dismission from Hopkinton Church to ours. For he had chose to defer that while he saw us in Such Controversie.

1767 February 26 (Thursday). Visit and pray with Mrs. Bradish. And would fain have gone to Mr. Andrews -- but my Indisposition and the uncomfortable high Winds prevented.

1767 March 5 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Joseph Greens and dine there: but my chief Aim is to visit *Elizabeth Cutter* at Mr. *Samuel Fays*. Went, but was a second Time defeated; for She this

morning removed to her uncle *Hastings's* in Shrewsbury, which though for the Benefit of the Girl, and to Mr. *Fays* relief, yet he is much disquieted about because She was removed without their giving him notice of. It Seems they feared he would not have consented, although Necessity, and Mercy to the Girl, force them to take these steps. Before Night I went down to Mr. Timothy Warrins to give him (which I did) a Copy of his Wife's Testimony which I read in our Church Meeting last November about Mrs. *Andrews* etc. N.B. He was pretty Sanguine, but I endeavoured to mollifie. He had been with me a.m. to desire the Said Coppy, and Seam'd to be apprehensive of Some Difficulty, I know not what, arising from some Quarter: and said he was going to see about it. And went away South, when he left me in the forenoon. From his Door, I rode to Mr. *Andrews's*, which was my principal Design, to make a Visit there; she having invited me repeatedly, when I saw her about a fortnight Since, at Mr. Bradish's. In this Visit they treated me kindly, and no word was uttered of our Difference. Mr. Cushing, who lodged there, was present. Mr. Timothy Warrin came there and asked me to call at his House, in the Name of his Wife, who he said wanted to Speak with me. I did so; and told her, I was come at her Request; but she said nothing of special note; her Husband was not returned. So all went over for this Time.

1767 March 23 (Monday). Called at Mr. Seth Woods's and at Mr. *Bellows* and Ebenezer Chamb. But we dined at old Mr. Chamberlins. N.B. Mr. Bellows, when we were taking Leave, broke out bitterly, thus, "If you would not forbid our going to hear that precious Minister" -- meaning Mr. *Cleaveland*. I Answered that if he was ever so worthy in preaching yet if he walked disorderly, we could not encourage the going to hear him.

1767 March 31 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Andrews comes to me at my Fence and Demands Satisfaction for what I said at his House when Mr. Cleaveland was there as if he did not live peaceably etc.: and for my Reading a Paper about his wife at Church Meeting.

1767 April 1 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baker* of Bolton comes with an Horse for me to go to Deacon. Find him very low; Dr. *Darling* and Dr. *Ball* there and do all that in them lies -- but strive in vain to put up his Bowels into place. Excrements (as tis conceived) are voided at his Mouth. Prayed with him. Mr. *Andrews* being there I gave the Deacon an Hint to exhort him to peace -- which he did, and both of us: and was much in Exhortation to all. Parted with him very Solemnly.

1767 April 2 (Thursday). N.B. I wrote a Paper for reconcilment with Mr. and Mrs. *Andrews*, which I communicated to Mr. Cushing. He lodges here.

1767 April 3 (Friday). Mr. Cushing takes the Said paper with him to see whether Mr. Andrews will consent to it.

1767 April 6 (Monday). Capt. *Jonas Brigham* here, disquieted about the Case of Mrs. *Warrin* -- and about Mrs. *Andrews's*. I assured him it was not my Mind or Desire to say or do any Thing that Should invalidate the Agreement which the *Warrins* and I had made. I owned there might be Some *Mistake*, as the Paper says. I prayed him to join in Endeavours to restore Peace; and particularly that the *Andrews's* and I might make up what was *particularly between us* -- and

then when we have accomplished *That*, we might do what is necessary about *Churches* or *Ministers*. I asked him if he would accept of a kind loving Visit -- and he accepted of it readily, and wished me to come -- etc. etc.

1767 April 16 (Thursday). Mr. Daniel Forb. and his Wife go to see Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, I hope 'tis to mollifie 'em.

1767 April 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Zebulon Rice* here to talk about the Andrews and Warrin Trouble. He seems moderate and for Peace.

1767 April 20 (Monday). Mr. Whitney here at Evening and has a fervent mind for peace. Advises me to go to Mr. A. my Self and know what will satisfie him etc.

1767 April 21 (Tuesday). Mr. *Whitney* having told me last night that Capt. *Wood*, old Mr. *Rice* and others, understood me to affirm to them that *all the paper* was true (which to affirm, contradicts the Agreement with Warrin) I first went up to them and told them carefully how I was to be understood: and gave Capt. *Wood* in writing, how I would have it stand. Then rode down to Mr. *Andrews*, but there was little success. His Demands were high. I offered to leave our Difference to Three judicious Men: but he refused my Offer. I mentioned Coming with two Brethren. He said I might come with two, or with Every One. I offered again (Mr. Seth Woods was by) reasonable and Christian satisfaction and then left him to go to Ministers Meeting. Called at Mr. Edmund Brigham's. Rode in the Rain through Marlborough. Called at Capt. Barnards -- arrived at Mr. Goss's seasonably to dine. There were Mr. Loring, Martyn, Smith and Steward. I could not say much of my Difficultys as the Circumstances of my Case now were: but asked their Sympathy and prayers. Lodged at Mr. Goss's with Mr. Loring.

1767 April 25 (Saturday). I am but poorly from Day to Day. Sweat o' Nights. Am the worse in Body by the Exercise of my Mind. P.M. Mr. Cushing came, and is very warm from Mrs. Andrews. He prays -- advises -- urges -- to be at Peace, and let her come to Communion if possible some way or other -- but she will not make up without this.

1767 April 30 (Thursday). In the Morning I returned home. Mr. *Fish* came -- dined with me. I Sent *John* to Capt. *Wood*, and to Mr. Edwards Whipple to go down to Mr. Andrews's. P.M. Mr. Fish and I accompanied by Mr. Cushing and Mr. Whipple, rode down to Mr. Andrews's. There were and came soon, a considerable Number -- viz. Mr. Whitney, Deacon Bond, Messrs. Daniel Forbes and Gale, the two Brigham's, Mr. Batherick, Capt. B. Fay, Capt. Wood. Mr. Fish (at my proposal before the Company and at my Desire, though I think he had mentioned it on the way) prayed -- for we were retired into the Chamber. And then many endeavours were used for accommodation and reconciliation. Mr. *Andrews* gave up the matter of my Saving he was *Quarrelsome*. The Complaint against me, for not answering her Request to lay her Case before the Church, I pleaded against, I suppose with Success, nor would I take any Blame to my Self about it. I think the Brethren were, finally, easy on that Head. As to the Paper of Mrs. *Warrins* Testimony, I told them *first*, that if there was harm to Mrs. A. by that, it could not be laid to me but to Mrs. W. because that which related to Mrs. A. in it, She retained and it was still in its full

Strength. But however, Since it came to me so lame, as appeared afterwards although I could not know at the Time of it, I said I was sorry I read it. And with regard to my taking minutes of Conversations, I was willing, since there were three very noticeable ones that were in loose Papers -- viz. That which was at Mr. A. when Mr. Cleaveland was there; One out before my Yard, and one at Old Capt. Forbushs -- if that would give any satisfaction -- or however, I would destroy them and I accordingly Put them into the Fire. For some time there was very little Hope -- but at length Mr. A. and his wife came, one after the other and with joining Hands endeavoured to join Hearts and mutually forgave -- and it was written and signed by all three -- and each party had one. Upon which we gave praise to God singing part of 133 Ps. Mr. Timothy Warrin was there, and I besought him to be easy and that we also might wholly make up. He answered he would, if the Brethren that were *there* would not say that I had broke the Agreement by what I had said to some of them and by what I said to Deacon Bond in the late Church meeting. No one Answered to him at all, though he spake loud, and I think twice. But yet he did not comply -- but wanted I should talk with his wife, whereas it is questionable whether he would allow his wife to discourse, or to be, without him. Before I left them I told the Brethren that If the Church Should desire to come together to see or Enquire what their Duty was with regard to other Churches and Ministers I would not hinder it: but must pray that as I was not willing to bind their Consciences, so I would not have them to bind mine. I would do whatever should be consistent with Church Order and a good Conscience, but they might not expect me to go any further. Thus I left the House in peace. They had entertained us handsomely, and Mr. Fish and Mr. Cushing tarried there; the Brethren that were more Zealous laid hold of the present Opportunity and improved the Help of those Gentlemen to draw up a Request for a Church meeting which seven of them signed. Capt. *Wood* and Mr. *Whipple* rode home with me. I rejoice so much has been obtained, and so considerable a stop put to Evil -- but it is with trembling, through Fear of what may follow in the Church. God only is our Refuge and Help. To Him I desire humbly to look!

1767 May 1 (Friday). Mr. Fish and Cushing return from *Andrews's*, and bring me a Letter from those Brethren respecting a Church-Meeting.

1767 May 6 (Wednesday). I rode to *Mendon* to See Venerable Mr. *Dorr* who is now much confined by his Infirmitys and by sickness. Mr. Fish accompanied me, but returned home; but I lodged at Mr. *Dor's*. Our Conversation was very much upon the great Difficultys now subsisting in each of our Parishes. But chiefly whether we shall hold Communion with Mr. Cleavelands, against so many Testimonys born by a great Number the [*sic*] Pastors of that Neighbourhood, and our own?

1767 May 7 (Thursday). Took leave of Mr. *Dorr*. His *Sage Mot* to me was, that "the present dark Cloud on our Ecclesiastical State portends some very remarkable Event to be coming." Called at Mr. Fish's, who rode with me part of the way from thence homeward; but I said no word further about our Andrews Affair. Dined at Deacon Bradishs, where his Mother now lives. Arrived in safety, and my Tabernacle in peace. D.G.

1767 May 10 (Sunday). Read Isa. 55 and preached a. and p.m. on 2 *Tim.* 4.6.7.8. Read p.m. Joh. 20. After the Exercises I stayed the Church and read to them a Letter from Seven Brethren requesting a Church Meeting to consider whether Mrs. Andrews shall be admitted to transient Communion.

1767 May 19 (Tuesday). Church Meeting to See Whether Mrs. Andrews may be admitted or rather, what is this Churches Duty respecting the Society She is come from. A Difficult Day! Capt. Brigham very rough both in the Meeting House and afterwards when we came out. But we were not ripe for a Vote to admitt her, thought it seemed to be the Expectation of Some Number of the Brethren that this was to be our next Business. But Squire Whipple proposed that there might be a Committee chose who might draw up Something for the Church to Act upon. This we came into, and we adjourned to this Day fortnight -- and then also to choose a Deacon, instead of Deacon Tainter deceased.

1767 May 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Ebenezer Bridge preached the Election sermon on *Deut.* 33.29. I dined in Fanuel-Hall. P.M. attended the Convention.... N.B. I have taken Opportunity to talk with divers Ministers about what is best for us in Westborough to do about Mrs. *Andrews*. All advise to admitt her as all Circumstances are; bearing Testimony against the Disorders in Chebacco. Visit my Relations. Lodge at Brother P _____s.

1767 May 28 (Thursday). At Mr. Eliots and talk with him and Sundry others, Messrs. *Diman*, *Checkley*, *Tucker* -- upon the Andrews Affair. They advise as above.

1767 May 31 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing gave me the Report of the Committee on the Andrews Affair.

1767 June 2 (Tuesday). P.M. Our Church Meeting on Mrs. *Andrews* Case. Previous to the Opening the Meeting had some free Conference with those Brethren who were come -- in which I challenged the Liberty to be at least a Member and a Voter, and to be as free as *they*; that is, that As I invaded none of their Consciences, they might not invade mine: and not be thought hard of, if I did not see things in the same Light which they did, and did vote differently from them: that if I did not act according to my Authority yet I must not be faulted if I acted according to my Right as a Brother. Nay, since I am the oldest Member in the Church some respect should rather be shewn me, than that any should abridge my Liberty. This I spoke with reference to the Conduct of Brother Jonas Brigham, and others who I conceive abetted him last meeting. Some other Things I said also in order to promote peace and Harmony among us at this so very critical Time. Then we proceeded. The Report of the Committee was read 2 or three times. Some amendments were made: and then it was voted. We voted also for a Deacon and Capt. Wood was chose. After Meeting a Number of Brethren came to my House, viz. Mr. Belknap, Cornet Brigham, Capt. Brigham, Mr. Batheric and Mr. Gale. The last, at parting, said they thought they would come in to Shew me Respect and Friendship. N.B. As I moved to have two Brethren appointed to wait on Capt. Wood to inform him of what the Church had done -- so it was moved that two might go to Mrs. Andrews to acquaint her etc. --

which lest there Should be Oppositions and Misconstruction again, I gave way to, though it seemed such a strange overdoing.

1767 June 10 (Wednesday). Mr. *Smith* from Marlborough makes me a Visit, not knowing of the Lecture. He is not well-pleased with what we have Done, in our Church, respecting Mrs. *Andrews's* Admission. He gives me a Letter from himself about Capt. *Jonathan Goodenow*, who is complained of by Robert Baker. Mr. *Stone* preached my Lecture on *Gal. 1.4.*

1767 June 13 (Saturday). P.M. Dr. *Hawes* carries me to Mr. *Andrews's*. I went upon supposition that She designed, by vertue of the late vote of the Church, to come to the Communion. But when she came to understand what the Church had done about her by my Reading the Vote of the Church, etc. She would not accept of it; nor did She give any Reason to suppose She would come tomorrow. Copys of the Vote of the Church in appointing a Committee and of the Report of that Committee were given them. But She did not appear willing to come to Communion tomorrow notwithstanding all I did to mollifie and Compose her. I told her I was come to make her a Visit as a Pastor would to a Communicant before the supper; and as I had told the Church that I would take a Time (if I could) to examine into her Knowledge and soundness in the Faith, so this was my present Errand, and would have her take it in good Part. This Conduct of theirs I fear will give me new Trouble, as I doubt not those who are prejudiced against me, and deeply engaged in their Defence, will lay even this also to me, as if I were the Cause of her not coming. But tis well I had Some Body (Dr. *Hawes*) with me, to bear Witness of what was said.

1767 June 14 (Sunday). Neither Mr. nor Mrs. *Andrews* at Meeting.

1767 June 15 (Monday). Mr. *Gale* in the Morning here, and tells me, that the *Andrews's* Seem to be disturbed; but he adds he does not know what they can expect more to be done for the woman.... At Eve Mr. *Andrews* here. Eats with me. I add the Dates on the Copys of the Church Vote and Report. I told him I thought he had no Reason to be angry either with me or the Church, because we did more for his wife than many of the Pastors and Churches in the Neighbourhood of *Chebacco* would do, in admitting her if She had moved into one of the neighbouring Towns there. He was moderate.

1767 June 23 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Timothy Warrin* was on the way as I went, and he soon fell upon the Affair of Mrs. *Andrews*; and not without Bitterness. May God Sanctifie to Me these Troubles!

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). I have heard so much of Mr. and Mrs. *Andrews's* representing my Visit at their House on the 13th instant as being opposed to the Churchs proceedings, and as the Prevention of her Coming to the Communion although it was so remote from it, that I went down to Dr. *Hawes*, to talk with him about it; and he readily declared, that he saw not nor heard any Thing, of that Nature there.

1767 June 25 (Thursday). P.M. At Mr. *Edwards Whipple's* Raising of an House. Temple and John there. N.B. I took occasion to talk a little with Mr. *Zebulon Rice* for his indiscreet talking, to my

Defamation and Injury, to a number of persons together concerning my Visit to Mrs. *Andrews*. One that was present, viz. *Constantine Hardy*, informed me that Mr. Rice represented the matter as if I went down there with Design to forbid, or at least to prevent that womens coming to the Communion and to tell her She must not now go to *Chebacco* Church any more. I told Mr. Rice he did very wrong to proceed thus, for if he was affronted with me, he ought to have spoke to me first, and not to Others. ("Debate thy Cause with they Neighbour himself.")

1767 July 1 (Wednesday). Mr. *Batherick* calls, and wants to let me know somewhat of the Conduct of Mr. *Timothy Warrin*, lately with Capt. Burnap of Hopkinton and Seems greatly moved at the Crooked Behaviour of Mrs. Andrews etc.

1767 July 2 (Thursday). At Eve Capt. Wood here. Wants to See the Churches Committees Report concerning Mrs. Andrews. He sups with me.

1767 July 23 (Thursday). Capt. *Jonas Brigham* comes here, and is full of wrath and hard Speeches, laying upon me, most undeservedly, the late transactions of the Church about Mrs. A. as if I had contrived the Vote for the Committee and as if I had assisted them in drawing up their Report -- whereas I was very far from both. After many very bitter words (calling me a *Wicked Man* -- charged me with falsehoods -- and that I did not lead the Church (at the Meeting) as I had promised at Mr. A's) he told me he was come to deliver his mind to me and leave it with me; but because he could not prove things against me, he Should come to his Duty -- meaning I suppose to the Lords Supper. O that God would graciously be pleased to sanctifie this very sore Tryal to me; and help me, in so much the Closer and faithfuller self-search! May the Lord Pity this poor unhappy Brother and pardon him! For what a frame he is otherwise like to come to the sacrament in!

1767 July 24 (Friday). I sent to Capt. Maynard for Mr. *Cleavelands Narrative*. It is brought and I Read such parts of it as I had not read before. At Eve came Mr. Seth Morse junior to talk with me about what he had heard in particular of my going to *Andrews's* and talking with her before the last Communion. Also about the Vote of the Church in Pursuance of which the Committee was chose to draw up something for the Church to Act upon with regard to admitting Mrs. A. I gave him account of these Things and he went away satisfied -- said he was glad he came. But what he has related of the great uneasiness among people affects me not a little. May God be gracious to me, humble and pardon and Strengthen me; and prepare me for all His holy Will!

1767 August 27 (Thursday). My Wife transcribed her Testimony concerning Mrs. Rebecca Warrins consent to the Minutes I took of what She witnessed concerning Mrs. *Andrews*.

1767 August 31 (Monday). Mr. *Nat. Whitney* here; disquieted about the Case of Mrs. *Andrews*. I gave an upright account of my Conduct as I could: but I fear in Vain.

1767 September 2 (Wednesday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* here and takes up his Note of Hand -- which he had neglected till now, although he had paid the principal in April and the Interest except a Trifle. But he takes this Opportunity to manifest uneasiness about what the Church

acted upon the Committees Report concerning Mrs. *Andrews*. He thinks the Phrase of the Report was wrong in that it did not specify what disorders they were that she testified against. But, said he, *I have no Thought of Complaining of you for it.*

1767 September 4 (Friday). Capt. Benjamin *Fay* here early in the Morning, and Shewed much Anger and Wrath on account of Mrs. *Andrews*, but yet could fasten on Nothing but what was easily answered. He goes away somewhat mollified.

1767 November 30 (Monday). Capt. *Jamison* sends me a Card to invite me to his Lodging at 5 this Evening. Signed *St. Andrews*, but I was under previous Engagement as I wrote in my Return to him, by Mr. Eli Whitney's wife, who was here with her Relation, and dined with us. At Eve the Deacons were here to count the Money contributed, and find it to be L 14.8.0 old Tenor. Deacon Wood went to Capt. *Jamison*: Deacon Bond tarried and talked about the *Andrews Affair*, and of a Petition for another Church-Meeting.

1767 December 13 (Sunday). Stopped the Church at Eve and read the Petition of 21 Members for a Church Meeting to reconsider the Votes of the Church concerning Mrs. *Andrews* and appoint next Wednesday, 1 o'Clock p.m.

1767 December 15 (Tuesday). Many Serious Reflections upon the Troubles in Town: and am endeavouring to prepare for the meeting tomorrow -- in special if the Church Shall not only reconsider the Votes that have been already passed about Mrs. A. But if they Shall vote to receive her to Communion without Proper Limitations, I am determined to propose the Calling a Council, to look into the Case, examine the Churches Proceedings and my own Conduct therein, and give us their Judgment and Advice thereupon.

1767 December 16 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* with us still. Mr. Cushing came from Shrewsbury (where he keeps school) in order to his attending upon the Church Meeting. They both dine with us. *The Church met according to Appointment.* After Prayer the Petition for the Meeting being read -- and the Report of the Committee -- the voting of which and the previous vote of the Church to appoint that Committee being debated upon, it was objected by Mr. Cushing and Squire Whipple, that inasmuch as that Vote (of the Report) contained a Grant to Mrs. A. it could not be re-considered without her Consent, or except there was proof that she refused to accept of it. This last was made Clear. I was my self a Witness of it, and several others (Deacon *Bond* I think was one) said the like. After it was long talked upon, and repeated urging that it might be put to Vote, and that both those votes referred to Should be reconsidered and disannulled; when it was also promised that the Church should have the Copys of both of them returned to the Church -- it was tryed and it passed *unanimously* (I believe, *universally*) in the Affirmative. After which I very Seriously addressed the Church, to the following Purpose, viz. That notwithstanding I had endeavoured to conduct in Integrity and Uprightness among them yet I had good Reason to fear I have been grossly Mis-represented in divers Neighbouring Towns, I now did desire that if any of them had any Exception, or any Complaint to make as if I had been unfaithfull, or had Mis-represented Things at any Time to them, in my conducting these Affairs which we had been upon, or in whatsoever matter relative thereto, I now

desired, and did Challenge, any one upon it, that it might be made known, that if it could be made to appear, I might suitably humble my self and make satisfaction for it, and was ready to do it? Or if it was otherwise, I might be properly Vindicated; and that they might be, as requisite, the Guardians of my Character. To this No Reply was made; although the Demand was repeated; Except what Capt. Jonas Brigham observed, viz. that he thought my signing with others against the 2d Church and Minister in Sutton, was not, he thought, according to Platform. To which I answered immediately that my so subscribing was to Advice which was given in Defence of the Platform against a New Form of Discipline, where they had there set up; but which they had since, themselves, renounced; and had submitted to the Cambridge Platform. We then prayed, and the meeting concluded with the Blessing. After the Blessing, Mr. Daniel Forbes, intimated that he should be glad of Liberty, upon proper Opportunity for it, to have some Private Conversation with me, with some others, which I freely consented to. Thus this Meeting went over.

1767 December 19 (Saturday). Though it was a snow storm, yet Mr. Hall of Sutton called in going home and told me Mr. Stone had some Expectation to Change with me tomorrow, So that (after some Conversation with him upon the *Andrews* Affair, and my dining) I rode to Southborough and he came here.

1767 December 28 (Monday). At Eve expected Mr. Daniel Forbes and Several others, but they came not: neither did any Word come to me from him why he did not come, till it was well nigh ten o'Clock, and my Brethren that I had asked to come, and had come (viz. Mr. Edwards Whipple and Lt. Baker) had left me. But when I had come up and was going to sup and to Bed, came Cornet Brigham to bear me this Message, that though they had not come to night, yet that they designed to come tomorrow night. I was troubled at their having thus dealt with me - - but submitted. But presently, late as it was, came in Capt. Brigham and Mr. Gale; Mr. Andrews also was with them. May god be gracious to me, and enable me to conduct with Meekness and Wisdom through all!

1767 December 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Edward Goddard* begins to keep School. Lodged at Mr. Andrews's. Though it was Cold I sat out to make some needful Visits. Visit Lt. *Thomas Forbush*, who expressed his Desire that there might be no more Meetings upon Mrs. A's Affair. Call'd at Mr. Bathericks, but he not being at home, told his Wife of the designed Meeting tonight etc.... At Eve came Mr. *Daniel Forb.*, Capt. *B. Fay*, Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Gale*. And 7 Brethren that I had desired -- viz. the Squire and Deacon, Messrs. Maynard, Whipple, Batherick, Joseph Baker, and John Wood. The Conversation was chiefly about Mr. *Cleaveland* and his people. *They* in Vindication. I with the other Brethren on the Contrary, and shewing from his Book that some Number of Churches in that Neighbourhood *disowned* them -- that therefore We at this Distance may with great Reason *suspect* they are not right; and since we have also had the Testimony of so many Ministers from those parts, against them, may with good Ground, wave admitting any Member of theirs, here, to Communion with us. Capt. *Brigham* mentioned my having *beat up a Challenge* at the Close of the last Church Meeting. I answered I did not know what he meant by *beating up a Challenge* -- but this I did then, and would *now* make this offer, that if any of them, or any body else, had any Thing to lay to my Charge, I was ready to answer

it; and I did repeatedly *challenge*, and *demand* it. But there was no thing alleged, nor pretended to be mentioned, there upon, that I remember; although there was much Debate of innumerable Things relative to the *Platform* and Members *breaking Order* etc. However, the Evening was Spent without shewing what was their particular aim in having this Conference -- but it seemed to be in general to Manifest uneasiness at what had been done; and their Desire that the Church would still do something or other. Thus they broke up, and Seven went off -- but Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Gale* tarried for a Copy of the Vote at the late Church Meeting, to reconsider etc., which they wanted in order to their getting those Copys which Mr. A. has. With these Brethren tarried also Mr. *Daniel Forb.* and Mr. *Batherick*. This tarrying gave new Opportunity for them to break forth anew, and insisted upon my consenting to another Church Meeting and to put the Vote whether the Woman Shall have leave to Come or no. I expostulated. It did but enrage. I told 'em at length that I would consider of it. Thus we finished this troublesome Conversation. But O that God would pardon us for His Name's Sake!

1767 December 30 (Wednesday). At length Mr. Stone [of Southborough] returned, and I had some Opportunity to confer with him upon my own Troubles. 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 January 15 (Friday). P.M. The Deacons were to have come at 1 o'Clock to go with me to Mrs. Andrews with the Churchs vote -- but they did not come till too late for me to go -- it was Cold and would bring me into Evening. Rev. Mr. Whitney came also. I prayed 'em to excuse me, at least for to Day (offered to go some other Day). They went without me. They returned latish in the Evening and informed that it was accepted, for which we were much rejoiced. The Praise be to God! May there be a right understanding and stedfastness! [P.M.?)

1768 January 17 (Sunday). Master *Goddard* preaches on *Mat.* 11.23 a. and p.m. which may God be pleased to accompany with His Blessing! He returned at night to Mr. *Andrews's*.

1768 February 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Nathaniel Whitney* here to desire me to preach at his House next Tuesday: and he desires me to mention it to the Congregation because the Meeting was put by last Time, by Reason of my Absence -- being then at North Shrewsbury Council. No word about Mrs. *Andrews* -- wish it may go over!

1768 March 14 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Goddard* at Eve tells me he was at Mr. *Andrews's* when the Deacons of the Church went there with the Churchs vote and he heard them read it to Mr. *Andrews*, and her Answer by which he understood that She accepted it as I had expressed -- namely that She was to be admitted as a professor in General and not as a Member of one particular Church nor another.

1768 March 20 (Sunday). Mrs. *Andrews* at Meeting and at Communion. I directed Mrs. P _____ to invite her to Dinner, especially as it was Such a Storm. She did, and She accordingly came.

1768 April 1 (Friday). Mr. *George Andrews* came to See me; was very pleasant and free -- stayed and drank Tea with us. He came for this Special Purpose (I suppose) to ask whether Mr. Fish might preach at his House or at Mr. Daniel Forbes's where the next family Meeting is appointed or may be at the Meeting House? I answered yes, at either of them as would be most convenient: or he might preach my Lecture when [*illegible*] -- or I was willing to change with him.

1768 May 1 (Sunday). Mrs. *Andrews* not at meeting nor for several sabbaths.

1768 May 10 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham* here. P.M. I went with him to Mr. *Andrews's*. They treated me courteously.

1768 June 24 (Friday). My Wife visited Mrs. *Andrews*; and was well received.

1768 June 25 (Saturday). I rode to Southborough. In my Way called at Mr. *Andrews's*. They treated me with Civility.... Mr. *Stone* tells me from Mr. Smith that Mr. Wigglesworth, Chandler etc., are disquieted that I have admitted Mrs. *Andrews*. I therefore Shewed him (Mr. Stone) the Vote we passed in our Church.

1768 June 29 (Wednesday). I rode to Marlborough Lecture and preached on 1 *Cor.* 11.20, latter part. Mr. Stone and Mr. Steward there. We dined there together. N.B. Mr. Smiths and Mr. Stones Dissatisfaction with my Admitting Mrs. *Andrews* into our Communion, She being still a Member of Chebacco Church or Society.

1768 August 24 (Wednesday). P.M. Sarah and Susa visit at Mr. *Andrews*.

1769 February 10 (Friday). P.M. Mr. *Andrews* and his Wife make us a visit -- and into Evening -- are very Sociable, civil and agreeable. They have their Child also. They invite us repeatedly to return the Visit. I am glad of this Visit, except the ill-timing it, so interrupting to my studys.

1769 February 27 (Monday). Visited at Mr. *Andrews's*, where I was courteously received and decently treated.

1769 May 1 (Monday). Was at Mr. *Andrews's* and visit poor Jacob (or Benjamin) *Garfield*, in a Miserable Condition, by the Swelling of one of his Testicles.

1769 June 4 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. *Andrews* and his wife, with his Brother and wife here, and Mr. *Fosters* uncle drink Tea here.

1769 June 12 (Monday). Called at Neighbour *Andrews's*, and brought thence a piece of striped Cloth, wove by Mrs. Beeman.

1769 June 21 (Wednesday). Breakfast with Master Rice at [*torn*] *Andrews'*, in my Way to Sudbury Association Fast.

1769 October 28 (Saturday). Mr. *Andrews* brings *Sarah's* Trunk of Pewter, Brass, Tin, etc., Brass Kittle, and F[ry]ing Pan from Boston. Gave him 14/10 for Transport.

1769 November 28 (Tuesday). And at 8 o'Clock and though very Cold, came Mr. *Andrews* and his Wife, with their Brother and Sister *Day* (from *Danvers*) to visit us, and Supped here.

1769 December 7 (Thursday). Visit the Widow *Adams*, and Mrs. *Andrews*, who treats me very generously, drank Tea there, etc., etc.

1769 December 11 (Monday). Mr. *Stevens* goes to his Daughter. 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 23 (Tuesday). At Eve *Timothy Warrin junior* came with a sleigh and in his Fathers Name, invite me who have not been to their New House, since they dwelt in it, and would have Mrs. P_____ to ride with me, to visit them. We could not resist this, though sudden, yet earnest Importunity. We had a pleasant Time. Mr. *Andrews* and his Wife, with Master *Phinehas Bowman*, and Mr. *Stockwell*, were there. We had handsome Entertainment and civil and religious Conversation. About nine we returned home.

1770 March 22 (Thursday). At Eve I returned home, though it snowed all the Way. Squire *Whipple* accompanied me. We called in at Neighbour *Andrews* to warm us: and they treated us with great Civility.

1770 April 28 (Saturday). *Thomas Andrews* makes me another Bucket for the lower Well.

1770 May 15 (Tuesday). Called also at Mr. *Andrews's*, where I was accommodated with peculiar Seed Corn.

1770 November 2 (Friday). And at Eve Mr. *Andrews* visits me in a very friendly manner. I was rejoiced at it, doing all I could to make it both a pleasant and profitable Time with him, and yet it was a great Dammage to my preparations. An unhappy Interruption.

1770 December 1 (Saturday). Employed Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* to Search for my Sheep. He Sets out on my Horse -- northerly etc. He finds them North of Mr. *Andrews's*; and drives them home.

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*.

1770 December 25 (Tuesday). In returning I called to see Mr. William *Brighams* new Wife, and Mr. *Andrews* Children, ill of the Canker.

1771 January 2 (Wednesday). I was sent for to go to Mrs. *Gale* who is in a dangerous Fit. The Messenger, Samuel Andrews, at 9 o'clock -- went -- found many Neighbours gather -- her Husband gone to Weston. Tarryed some time. Prayed, exhorted etc. Returned home late.

1771 January 20 (Sunday). At Evening Mr. *Snow* requesting me to visit him and Mr. *Marsh* offering his Horse, I rode down there, found him much lower. Prayed with him and the distressed Family. Mr. Andrews and his Wife accompany me in returning.

1771 February 9 (Saturday). The Wind has driven off part of my own Fence at the Well, and torn off the Covering of Mr. *Andrews's* Stable, near the Meeting House, and the Covering of the Stables behind the Meeting House.

1771 February 19 (Tuesday). In returning home called to see Mr. Andrews who is lame in his shoulder. Was treated very generously.

1771 April 3 (Wednesday). P.M. went to the Vendue of Mr. Meads Books, Pamphlets, utencils [*sic*], Tools etc. It was held at Mr. Andrews's.

1771 June 20 (Thursday). D.G. Miss *Eunice Andrews* came kindly p.m. to assist Mrs. P_____ in quilting. N.B. All the Behavior of that Family is benevolent.

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 27 (Wednesday). After Lecture came in Mr. and Mrs. *Andrews*, and drank Tea with us.

1772 January 29 (Wednesday). It being more moderate Mrs. P _____ and I rode in the Sleigh first to Mr. *Andrews's* and then to Mr. *Gales* where we dined. In returning home, called again at Mr. *Andrews's* and at Mr. *Haskills*.

1772 March 13 (Friday). Deacon Wood came to accompany me [to the funeral of Israel Loring] . Mr. *Nurse* with an Horse for me and Sets out with us. Messrs. *Timothy Warrin*, *Haskil* and *Andrews* go also.

1772 August 9 (Sunday). We find this morning that the Thunder Struck one of the Stables, Mr. *Andrews's*, and rent off the face board at the East End, and in some measure Shattered the Posts at each Corner.

1772 August 28 (Friday). The Proprietors of the Stables nigh the Stoor [sic], generally for the moving the stables, except Mr. *Andrews* and Mr. *Richard Barns*. I went to them and made 'em Offer, to their Satisfaction. P.M. a Number of Hands (to 40) came together and moved the Stables aforesaid -- and the Shop -- and raised a store 35 feet long; but 8 feet post. No Disaster. D.G.

1774 March 7 (Monday). Town Meeting. Mr. George Andrews Moderator. The Town Sent Messrs. *Batherick* and *Thomas Bond* to me to desire me to go and I went accordingly to the Meeting House and prayed with them. I understand the Affairs are conducted in Peace. D.G.

1774 December 29 (Thursday). A Number of Neighbours come with their Teams to his help and break the way with great Difficulty. *Elias* goes with my Oxen as far as *Andrews's*.

1775 February 4 (Saturday). Mr. *Andrews* and Dr. *Hawes* dined here.

1775 March 12 (Sunday). At Eve returned home. Unhappily found that there was disquietment with Mr. *Forbes's* forenoon sermon. The Text was *Job* 2.10. When he was going to meeting in the afternoon Several persons stopped him by the Well: viz., Capt. *Brigham*, Mr. *Andrews*, Dr. *Hawes*, Select men; and many more. Besides which *Joseph Harrington* and *Ebenezer Chamberlin junior* had been with him here in the House to talk with him. A multitude gathered at the Well. On his promising to explain himself from the Desk they would consent to his going into the Meeting House, except Some, who went home. It was conceived he was faulty in saying that God is so the *primary Cause* of the Evils we suffer, as that we are not to dwell upon and find So much fault with second *Causes* or *Instruments* etc. etc.....

1775 October 7 (Saturday). In the morning I went to Mr. *Andrews's* he having Sent for me to see a stranger, who was attempting to go home from the Army, ill, but who lay *sick* there. His Name was *Daniel Barber* of *Symsbury*. Discoursed and prayed with him.

1775 October 9 (Monday). P.M. they left us and I visited the Sick -- viz. *Ann Maynard*. Capt. *Jonas Brigham's* wife, and Mr. *Daniel [Barber?]*, at Mr. Andrews'. Discoursed and prayed with each.

1775 October 11 (Wednesday). Mr. *Andrews* here and will have me go to the burying place and shew where the Grave for Mr. *Barber* had best be dugg.... I went on f[torn] to Mr. Andrews's to attend the Funeral of the *Barber* abovesaid. He was almost 2[2] Years old. There was a Brother from the Camp, and a Friend that came from his Father at *Symsbury*; attending the Solemnity.

1775 November 13 (Monday). I walked to old Lt. *Forbushs*, his Wife being not well -- rode from thence to Mr. *Rumbly's*, who lives at Mr. *Haskills* -- thence to Mr. *Andrews'* -- his son *George* being Sick of a Fever. Exhorted, prayed and dined there.

1775 November 20 (Monday). Visit again *George Andrews* junior and prayed with him.

1775 November 24 (Friday). I visited again poor *George Andrews* -- his Nerves are very much affected. Conversed and prayed with him. His Case is very dangerous. May God prepare him for the Event!

1775 November 26 (Sunday). At Night Breck went to Mr. *Andrews's* and watched with *George*.

1775 November 27 (Monday). P.M. as I was going out of the House to visit Mr. *George Andrews*, came a young man, a Messenger from thence, praying earnestly that I would hasten to him, as they thought he was dying. I went -- he was revived -- Talked with him, instructed, cautioned, and prayed with him. *Hannah* droops again.

1775 December 2 (Saturday). P.M. in going to Southborough visit *George Andrews*.

1775 December 3 (Sunday). I returned home at Eve: but visited and prayed with *George Andrews*.

1776 January 8 (Monday). In returning home I called to see and Caution *George Andrews*....

1776 January 11 (Thursday). After my Return home solemnized the marriage of Mr. *Thomas Andrews* and Miss *Hannah Forbush*.

11776 January 15 (Monday). Mr. *Andrews* here to acquaint me with the Death of the Indian *Esther David* or *Bimeleck* on Saturday night last, and to desire me to attend the Burial tomorrow.

11776 January 16 (Tuesday). One Mr. *Jason Livermore* of *Leicester* was going down the Road in a Sleigh. Mrs. *Wood* desired him to call here and take me in, to go as far as Mr. *Andrews's* with me; where we stoped and dined.

1776 June 21 (Friday). My Kinsman Mr. Ebenezer *Lovering* with his son *John*, came here in the morning (having lodged at *Andrews's*) and broke fast with us.

1776 August 28 (Wednesday). In the Morning Visit Mrs. *Andrews* who is Sick -- and pray there....

1776 August 29 (Thursday). About 6 p.m. was hastily Sent for to visit Mrs. *Andrews*, who was very low and exceeding full of Pain. I went though Evening and sometimes damp and drizzling. Discoursed with her, and found Good Things in her. Prayed among them.

1776 September 2 (Monday). Visited Mrs. *Andrews*. She is now so weak that She can Speak but little. She seems to have Hope in God though Christ. I discoursed to her, and prayed with her.

1776 September 4 (Wednesday). Nigh Evening I visited Mrs. *Andrews*, who is yet alive though very low and unable to speak much: She was not able even to bear much Discourse with her. I prayed with her and took final Leave.

1776 September 5 (Thursday). Mrs. *Andrews* (I hear) expired this afternoon about 3 o'Clock. She was nigh 52.

1776 September 7 (Saturday). Mrs. *Andrews* was buried. I prayed on that Occasion.

1776 September 8 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. on 1 *Cor.* 15.51[57?]. Was led to this by Mrs. *Andrews* Death.

1777 February 3 (Monday). Therefore no body came to get Wood for me as proposed; except Mr. *Andrews* who brought one Load from the Lott.

1777 March 31 (Monday). *Breck* watches with Mr. *Andrews*.

1777 April 1 (Tuesday). *Breck* informs that Mr. *Andrews* has had a bad Night.

1777 April 6 (Sunday). Mr. *Andrews* desires continuation of prayers.

1777 October 27 (Monday). We called at Mr. *Thomas Andrews*.

1777 November 26 (Wednesday). *Sophy* has been at Mr. [*illegible*] yesterday, brings from them the Desire of Miss [*illegible and torn*] of Ipswich, who is at her uncle's, and is very ill, that [*torn*] visit her: for which reason this Morning I [went -- ?] called at Neighbour [*torn*] (who has great pain etc. [*torn*] his Sore). Dr. *Hawes* with me [*torn*] to [*torn*] [found?] him better....Made a Visit at Mr. *Andrews's* -- discoursed and prayed with the [*torn*] woman abovesaid.

1778 August 22 (Saturday). Sorrowful News of the Death of *Samuel Andrews* at *Valley Forge, Pensylv.* in the Continental service, of a putrid Fever. May God Sanctifye it to the Father, Surviving Brothers and sisters!

1778 August 27 (Thursday). A.M. Visit Mr. *Andrews* and his Family on Occasion of his son *Samuels Death*.

1778 October 19 (Monday). On the way called to see Mrs. *Hannah Baker* (out published to Mr. *Andrews*)....

1778 November 9 (Monday). At eve Mr. *Andrews* here to desire me to marry him tomorrow.

1778 November 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Went to Widow *Baker's*, according to Mr. *Andrews'* Request. I married them, supped and we sing *Watts' Ps. 128. 6 Dol. 1*

1779 March 3 (Wednesday). Messrs. *Belknap* and *Forbes* here, and acquaint me that the Chief of the Town have expressed their desire that I would revive the public Reading of the Scriptures, and say there were but two (Mr. *Andrews* and Mr. *Hannaniah Parker*), that said any Thing against it: also Messrs. *Chamberlain* and *Whitney*, the choristers, were here that they might see what I had drawn up, to lay before the Congregation, praying there may be a New Choice in their Stead.

1779 March 26 (Friday). P.M. came Mr. *Alexander* accompanied by his uncle *Miller*. Stays not long. Mr. *Caleb Harrington* invites and waits upon him to his House, and thence he intends to go to Master *Moses Brigham's*, who is to be found at his School, or at his Lodging, Mr. *Andrews*.

1779 March 31 (Wednesday). At Mr. *Andrews* -- have not been there since their Marriage till now.

1779 May 19 (Wednesday). I called at Mr. [blank] *Andrews*, newly come to live in the house that was Mr. *Tinney's*.

1779 October 26 (Tuesday). *Stephen Fay* desires to be Married next Thursday, and that the wedding may be at Mr. *Andrews'*, who requests I would go to his House.

1779 October 28 (Thursday). P.M. by desire I rode to Mr. *Andrews'* and married *Stephen Fay* to *Betty Andrews* and *John Warren* to *Anna Forbush*. N.B. A great deal of Company and a plentiful Entertainment. We Sung part of *Ps. 45*. N.B. In administering the Covenant, I made a Mistake in mentioning the Names of the Brides.

1780 January 24 (Monday). Mr. *G. Andrews* there and invites me to dine tomorrow.

1780 January 24 (Monday). [There are two entries for January 24.] Mr. Gale and his wife, also Capt. Edmund accompanying me to Mr. Andrews, where I was kindly rec'd and entertained.... N.B. Mr. Andrews waited upon me home.

1780 January 27 (Thursday). Mr. Andrews and Mr. Gale, generous to them, have got to the crotch of the Road, below Mr. William Wood's.

1780 February 12 (Saturday). P.M. Am called from my study to visit old Mrs. Baker. (Mr. Andrews takes me into a double Sleigh with his wife and with Capt. Jonas Brigham's Wife, who are going also to see their Mother.)

1780 May 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Andrews delivers me a Letter from Mr. Whitney, concerning our Contribution for him, manifesting his Satisfaction in our deferring it, and how gratefully he will accept of what soever shall be afforded.

1780 July 21 (Friday). Mrs. Hannah (wife of Mr. Thomas) Andrews here and passes Examination freely, as to knowledge and hopeful Experience. D.G.

1780 August 5 (Saturday). I was much interrupted by being obliged to go to the Island to mend Fence, that the Cows might not break in upon Mr. Andrews.

1780 August 30 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. David Andrews of Northborough here to request me to visit his little son extremely bad (Mr. Whitney being gone to Northborough). I went, prayed etc.

1782 January 28 (Monday). After which Mr. *Andrews* was here upon the sorrowful Errand that his Daughter *Bettys* Infant is dead, and ask me to the Burial.

1782 January 29 (Tuesday). A very cold season, but I am obliged to exert my self. I rode in my sleigh to Mr. *Samuel Hardys*, an House of Mourning, and prayed with them before their interring their Infant. Thence, at 3 o'Clock, I rode to Mr. *Andrews's*, and apply'd myself to the unhappy Girl. She Seemed somewhat penitent: a good many Neighbours attended. I prayed with them -- and Said what pungent Things I could. I did not go to the Grave.

1782 May 1 (Wednesday). Was obliged to make a Visit to Mr. *George Andrews*, who is *Treasurer*; and dined there: but he could pay me no money. 1

1782 November 20 (Wednesday). A.M. Mr. P. *Whitney* here. Mr. *Andrews*, Treasurer, here and pays me L 3.0.

References to Eunice Andrews in Westborough Church Records

[*Church Records*] [1766] Oct. 5. The Brethren were stopd and a Letter signed *Eunice Andrews*, dated Oct.2.was read. And agreeable to the Request therein, a Church meeting was appointed to be on the 17th instant, God willing, after Lecture.¹

[*Church Records*] [1766] Oct. 17. Church met according to appointment - Mrs. *Andrews's* Letter was again read. But She not being present it was thot best to adjourn the meeting - It was accordingly adjourn'd by div. leave, to the first Thursday in November (which will be the 6th Day) and Brother *Gale* is desird to notifie Mrs.Andrews that She is expected to attend at that time.

[*Church Records*] [1766] Nov.6. The Church met by adjournment. The Meeting was opend by Prayer - and those passages in ch. X of the platform were read, which Shew the Power of the Eldership and privileges of the Brotherhood, together with the Rules of a Church-Meeting. The Business of the Meeting was laid open - namely 1.to consider the Request of *Eunice Andrews* to be admitted (as Member of the church in Ipsw. of which etc.) to transient Communion with this. 2. to see if the Church will not take some more Special Care, than has been of late years, of the Children of the Covenant and of those who have ownd the Covenant.

As to the *First*, viz *Eunice Andrews's Request*, (which was again read to the Church) - altho the Church was adjourn'd on purpose to have the Woman present; and Brother *Gale*, as sent to her to notifie her, Said he had done it; yet She was absent - so that we could not have her to answer to her Petition - It was declard that She was *designedly* absent, and was gone on a Journey. It was also testified that tho She had requested Communion with us, yet that She said She would not come, if her request was voted by the Church etc. Upon the whole, after much Debate concerning her, and the society She came from, it was put to vote,

Whether her Petition Should be dismissd? It passd in the Affirmative by a pritty full majority.

2. As to the *other article*, it was proposd to the Church and urg'd and pressd upon them - Somewhat was answerd - But it was late - [135-136]

Prayer and the Blessing concluded the Meeting.

[*Church Records*] [1767] May 10. The Church was detain'd so long as to have a Letter to the pastor from Seven Brethren desiring a Church Meeting, to consider whether Mrs. Andrews might enjoy transient Communion with this Church? A Church Meeting was accordingly appointed to be on the 19th.¹

[*Church Records*] [1767 May] 19. The Church met according to appointment - The meeting was opend by Prayer and an Exhortation. [137-138]After debating, reading sundry Letters, etc. the following vote passd, viz.

“That there be something drawn up by a Committee of this Church which the Church might act upon, whereby Mrs. *Andrews* may be admitted to transient Communion with this Church, under her present Situation; and yet so as that it Should not be lookd upon, as if this Church did hold Communion with the society or Church, of which She is a Member; but bears Testimony against the Disorders complaind of among them.” Vot. Aff.

Then a Committee of five Brethren was chose.

Viz, Brother John Cushing,

Brother Francis Whipple

Deacon Bond

Brother Daniel Forbes

Brother Levi Brigham

After a vote for Adjournment to this Day fortnight, at 2 o'clock, p.m. and that the Church might then elect another Deacon, This Meeting concluded with prayer and Blessing.

[*Church Records*] [1767] June 2. The Church Met according to adjourment. After Prayer the Report of the Committee appointed as above, was read - read repeatedly: and Some amendments being made in it, it was voted by the Brethren and as all Circumstances were, the pastor gave consent. See the Report itself. Then the Church elected a [138-139] Deacon instead of the late Deacon Tainter deceased. The vote, by a great Majority, was for *Benjamin Wood*.

Then two persons were appointed by Vote, to acquaint him with it, viz Brothers John Cushing and Francis Whipple (Esq.)

Also two were appointed to acquaint Mrs. Andrews with what the Church had done with regard to her. They were Brothers *Gale*, and Levi *Brigh*.

-----With prayer and Blessing the Meeting finished.

[*Church Records*] [1767 December] 13. The Church was detaind, when a petition signd by Twenty one Members, requesting a Church Meeting to reconsider the votes passed about Mrs. Andrews, was Communicated. (It was Dated Oct. 28. but was not offerd till December 9th). In compliance with it a Church Meeting was appointed to be on the 16th at one o'Clock p.m

[*Church Records*] [1767 December] 16. The Church met as appointed and after Prayer the Petition was again read and the Report of the Committee therein referred to as Voted by the

Church. The Matter being debated, the following vote was prepar'd and read over at least three times, - viz.

Whether the Church does now upon Condition of Mrs. Andrews' Resigning the Copys she has in her possession thereof, Reconsider and Disannull the Votes which were pass'd by this Church Concerning her on May 19 and June 2d past.

It pass'd in the Affirmative. [140-141]

Then the pastor made open proclamation offer and Demand, that if there were any who had Exception or Complaint to make against him in his Conducting these Affairs, or any other Matters relative thereto, as if he had been unfaithfull, or had misrepresented Things, they would now manifest it, with the Grounds thereof, that if it could be made to appear, he might see it and humble himself and make proper Satisfaction - which in that Case he was ready to do; but if it was otherwise, he might be properly Vindicated, and that they would be the Guardians of his Reputation.

There was no Reply to it except by one Member who mentioned something about his subscribing against the 2d Church in *Sutton* and the Pastor which was immediately answered - [and after the Church was dismiss'd, another desird the Liberty of private Conference at a suitable Time for it, which was readily consented to.]

After Prayer the Meeting concluded with the Blessing.

[*Church Records*] 1768. Jan. 3. Bezaleel, of Ezekiel and Ruth Smith was baptiz'd. The same Day the Church was Stopped and inform'd that Mrs. *Andrews* had resign'd the Copys etc. (See Dec. 16). Also a letter from Mrs. *Andrews* was communicat'd to the Church requesting, again, the Benefit of transcient Communion. A motion was presently made by Several Brethren that since the Church has been so much worried with it, it might be dropp'd. It was put to vote, and it was a Tie. And the Motion to adjourn, was for a while oppos'd by the Same Number - At length the Pastor was oblig'd to interpose, and with their Consent adjourn'd to tomorrow come sennight, at one p.m. [141-142] (by divine Leave).

The business of the Meeting to be,

First, to see whether the Church will put an End to these Controversies by dropping the Affair? or *Secondly*, will come into any Methods to vote upon Mrs. *Andrews's* Letter which was read to Day? or *Thirdly*, will call in the Help of an Ecclesiastical Council?

[*Church Records*] [1768] Jan. 11. The Church met according to the Adjournment. The meeting was open'd with Prayer.

Mrs. *Andrews's* letter was read again.

The *First* Thing was proposd - vide Supr.

It passd in the Negative 19 to 16.

The *Second* proposd; and after Debating a long Time - Concerning Mr. Cleaveland and the Society he Ministers to, that is, for what Reasons to be admitted, and for what Reasons they might *not*, also the Conduct of Ministers and Churches with regard to them, the Pastor addressd the Church to such Purpose as this, viz.

“That we had better put an End to these fruitless Controversies and Contests, which we have been so long in, about that society, in *Chebacco* (whether it is *one Thing*, or *another*), and the Church Transactions towards them, Laying all this aside therefore, and *without Regard to one Church or another*, Let us take this Matter before us *in General*; thus,

That Mrs. *Andrews* being (understood to be) a professing Christian, and her Lot being cast among us in this place, if She will not countenance Disorders, or whatever is contrary to the word of God, and disallowd by the Platform, whether in the place she came from or elsewhere, and will endeavour to walk according to Gospel Rule.

The Church also hereby testifying against Disorders, whether in *Chebacco*, or anywhere else, are willing, our Circumstances, on each [142-143] part, being seriously considerd, to admitt her to Communion with us.

This was proposd to the Church, and voted in the affirmative, by a great majority. And it was Voted that the Pastor, and the Deacons, *Bond* and *Wood*, carry this Vote of the Church to Mrs. A. and read it to her - but not give a Copy of it.

[*Church Records*] [May] 22 [1768]. Sarah, of George and Eunice Andrews, Persis, of Samuel and Abigail Forbes, Mary, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, were baptizd.