

Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, 1759

1758 January 1 (Sunday). Surely great is the Mercy and Goodness of God that not only continues my Life but the Day and means of Grace. It is yet an Accepted Time and Day of Salvation. O might I know and improve the Things of my Eternal Peace before they are hid from My Eyes! Blessed be God for another Christian Sabbath! Read 1 *Chron.* 23. Having had no Time at all to prepare, repeated Sermon on 2 King. 20.1 which I composed in the Year (26). I chose this Subject partly on Consideration of the New Year, and partly Mrs. *Maynards* Death. P.M. read Luk. 12 -- v.30.

1758 January 2 (Monday). Capt. Wood here -- recommends an Horse of Ensign Willards of Grafton -- and he goes for him. At Eve *Billy*, from Brookfield.

1758 January 3 (Tuesday). Capt. Wood brings the Horse and leaves him for me to try him, would have me keep him a Week or fortnight.

1758 January 4 (Wednesday). I rode to Mr. Jonathan Bruce's and I hire of him 30£ old Tenor to Send to my son Baldwin to whom I owe so much upon Note. I proceeded as far as Mr. Martyns. N.B. his sons Wife is in Travail. I also went to Lt. Maynards to visit him in his Sorrows -- but he was not at home.

1758 January 5 (Thursday). Mrs. *Anne Brigham* came from Marlborough. I payed her 20£ old Tenor. Judge Ward here. P.M. I preached at the Widow Joanna Forb. on Ps. 51.11 from page 9 to 16. Sarah with me. Visited at Mr. Hammonds in my Return. N.B. I had Sent an Earnest Note to Mr. Ebenezer Forb. the Collector for money, while Mrs. Brigham was here; but without Success. But at Evening when She was gone he came and brought £22.10. old Tenor.

1758 January 6 (Friday). Sent Billy to Capt. Eagers to try to Send Money to Brookfield both to Ebenezer and to Baldwin -- but in Vain, except that my Letters to them were left. At Eve gave my old Mare to Lt. Rolf.

1758 January 7 (Saturday). Sent Breck with the old Mare to Lt. Rolf. Mr. Batherick, who takes Care of the New Horse comes on purpose to acquaint me with the Character the Horse has for a breachy and troublesome Creature. Neighbour *Barney* Newton has brought up Word that my dear Brother is living, and like to recover. Mr. Tim *Warren* here with Wood, and tells me a grievous Story of his Disquietment with the School-Mistress, Mrs. *Mary* -- but I am not willing to take any further notice of it at present, though, it Seems, it makes a great Noise in their Neighbourhood. N.B. Mr. Cornelius Biglow junior here to acquaint me he is going to carry Mrs. *Grace Barns* 50£. And I wrote to her by him.

1758 January 8 (Sunday). Read 1 *Chron.* 24.1-19 and gave a general Account of the rest without reading it. Preached a.m. on 2 *Cor.* v. 4. P.M. read Luk. 12 from v. 31. Preached on 1 *Cor.* 1, former part of v. 23 and latter part of v. 24. Used chiefly Sermon on this latter v. made in 1746/7.

1758 January 9 (Monday). I have Still Ensign Willards Horse in keeping; and rode him to Mr. Tim Warrins where I left him, and took a Young Mare of his to ride upon Trial to Marlborough. Went to the *Widow Barn's*, and hired money of her, viz. the 50£ Old Tenor of which I wrote to her on the 7th. When I returned home Mr. Joseph Gilbert of Brookfield came with an Horse he led down (viz. Mr. Forbush's) to wait upon Mrs. Lydia Champney -- whereas She has not been conducted here yet.

1758 January 10 (Tuesday). I delivered to Mr. Joseph Gilbert 56£ 5 S. in one parcell: 50£ in another -- both old Tenor for my son Ebenezer and 10 Dollars more for my son Baldwin. When he left us, he left Mr. Forbush's Horse here, for Thomas to go to Boston and wait upon Miss Lydia Champney. I rode to Mrs. Mary Stewards, and dined there -- to Mrs. Dunlops and engaged Mrs. *Patty* to nurse my Wife. Visit old Mrs. Wood who is confined by reason of a Fall from her Horse. Visit Mrs. Miller who is also Sick. Returned in the Evening in a snow Storm.

1758 January 11 (Wednesday). Sent back to Capt. Wood the Young Horse which he bought of Ensign Willard of Grafton; having understood that he was too breachy for me to keep. Mr. Smith of Marlborough came up to See us though it rained -- and knew not of our Lecture. Mr. Stone and his Brother *Thatcher* came also. They dined with us. Mr. *Thatcher* preached on *Luke* 13.3. This Lecture was appointed as a *Special* -- on Account of the peculiar Situation of our Public Affairs both in *Europe* and *America*: For we may now apprehend the states and Powers which have the management of our public Affairs, are engaged in their Consultations; on which the important Events of the Ensuing Year will, under God, depend. We ought therefore to wait upon God in the way of Devotion and Endeavours of Reformation. And To be sure it is not unapposite in me to promote these Things, when my lately printed Discourse is about this Time more generally in the Hands of people. May God Himself be pleased to quicken and assist and Succeed me a poor worthless insufficient Creature! And prosper his Ministers and all His Servants engaged in this great Work! Particularly what we heard this Day in the Serious, pungent Sermon delivered by his Servant Thatcher! The Rain prevented the Ministers returning home till past nine at night. Mr. Thatchers Horse had broke away to Southborough. He therefore rode Mr. Smiths, and Mr. Smith lodged here.

1758 January 12 (Thursday). Thomas obtained Mr. Benjamin Tainters mare, and on Mr. Forbushs Horse Sat out for Cambridge or Boston to wait on Miss Lydia Champney up here. I was very much engaged in my preparations. Billy is cyphering. The Lesser Boys write. *Sarah* begins to cypher. My wife in daily Pain.

1758 January 13 (Friday). I was glad to See Mr. LeBlanc and his Son Joseph (from Cambridge) who made us a Visit and dined here, but it was so great an Interruption through the principal part of the Day that I could heartily wish that they had taken another Time. Old judge Ward, also came. Billy undertakes Something of building a Stable in the Barn.

1758 January 14 (Saturday). Billy at the Stable -- putts up the Rack and boards up the Partitions. Thomas returns from Boston (having lodged at Framingham last night) but with an

Empty Horse as he went, his Aunt Lydia being too ill to ride. But if She had been ever so well had sent word to Brookfield that She could not ride on Horseback.

1758 January 15 (Sunday). A Cold Day. Read 1 Chron. 25.8 or 9 v. and gave account of the rest, making Some Remarks on what was read. P.M. read Luk. 13. Preached a. and p.m. on Prov. 1.28. And may God be pleased to add his Blessing! At Eve my wife in much pain -- drinks an infusion of wild Cherry Tree Bark.

1758 January 16 (Monday). Billy finishes at the Stable a.m. A great Snow Storm, But through Gods Goodness we are favoured with Health and with all Necessarys and many of the Comforts of Life. All Hearty Thanks to Him. May it please God to appear for all that are in Distress, and that are indigent at this Time!

1758 January 17 (Tuesday). Stormy Still and there having been rain sometimes as well as Snow, the Snow is very compact and close. Capt. Taplin here to desire me, in Mr. Stones Name, to preach a Special Lecture at Southborough tomorrow. Billy cyphering. N.B. The Storm goes over.

1758 January 18 (Wednesday). I rode on my son Forb.'s Horse to Southborough and preached on Jer. 7.2. N.B. This a further carrying on the Subject of my printed Discourse: not having preached at Southborough I think, since I delivered that. I returned at Eve and yet it was exceeding bad travelling by reason of the Snow.

1758 January 19 (Thursday). Rode to Grafton to See an Horse of Mr. Nat. Flagg. Dined at Mr. Hutchinsons. Visited *DuGas*, the French mans Family. And Mr. Hutchinson and I visited Mr. Prentice. Mr. Flagg (being Sent for) brought his Horse, and Charles Brigham Esq. came with a Mare of his to be sold. Supped at Winchesters and returned home. N.B. visit widow Grout and Mr. Jonathan Fay.

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

1758 January 21 (Saturday). At Eve came Dr. Gott and William Wood from Brookfield who bring me Letters from my Son Ebenezer who tells me he has received the Money which was sent by Joseph Gilbert; that he has bargained for the Gilbert place and received a Deed of it. I was greatly perplexed about my preparations and obliged to give up my attempts on the 2d Sermon. Went to bed in much sorrow and Grief under So unsupportable a Burden. Was grievously exercised in my Sleep -- especially in a Dream of the assaults of Satan. N.B. My Wife in great pain.

1758 January 22 (Sunday). Another Snow storm, and Cold. Read part of Ch. 26 of 1 Chron. Preached on *Rom. 8.28*. Those words especially -- *The Called according to His purpose*. P.M.

read Luk. 14 and preached on 2 Pet. 2.4 of Evil Angels. Used the sermon on Ps. 2.6 in the Discourses of the Government of Christ begun on Isa. 9.6. O that God would pardon my great Defects, and accept and Bless my broken and imperfect Endeavours!

1758 January 23 (Monday). Snow storm continues -- a very difficult and distressing Time about Hay. Finished the Earl of *Orrery's* Life of Dean *Swift*. Capt. Wood here at Eve and Supps with me. N.B. Took some View of the Moons Eclipse, in my Telescope. I would magnifie the Works of God which men behold! Cold Night.

1758 January 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Zebulun Rice works here, laying the West part of my Kitchin Chamber Floor. Mr. Robert Cook here with a Confession. They both dined here. At Night Mr. Rice took his Brother Forb.'s Horse home -- for I have kept him now a Fortnight. My wife still greatly exercised with Pains.

1758 January 25 (Wednesday). Billy left us to go to Brookfield. He rode up Mr. Forb.'s Horse. His Company were Thomas Hardy and William Wood. We had the sorrowful Tidings of the Death of Mrs. *Margaret Miller*, wife of Ensign James Miller. She was heretofore the Wife of Mr. *Nehemiah How* of Grafton, who was carried away Captive from the great Meadows. Her maiden Name was *Willard*, Daughter of Capt. Benjamin Willard. A Woman of many Vertues. Her Death is not only a great Loss to me and mine, but to all the Place. May the god of all Grace Sanctifie it to me and mine, to the bereaved Ensign (who is under great Infirmitys by the Palsey) and to all the Relatives and Neighborhood! Mr. *Oliver Carter* from Leominster dined here. He wants Copys of Several Papers, brought into our Council, viz. Number 9 and 14.

1758 January 26 (Thursday). [No entry.]

1758 January 27 (Friday). I have been daily engaged in my preparations for the Sabbath and with some Success. D.G. I dined early and walked to Capt. Wood and rode with him in his Slay to Ensign Millers, to the Sorrowful Funeral of his Wife. May God Sanctifie to us these His holy Dispensations that all Survivers may be in a suitable Readiness for His Sacred Will. Received a Letter from Robert Cook.

1758 January 28 (Saturday). Have heard from Boston that my dear Friends there are variously exercised. My eldest Brother Still in a low Condition. My Brother Samuel has married his Daughter *Elizabeth* to Mr. *Job Bradford*, Mariner. P.M. Esq. *Charles Brigham* here with his mare -- but a Bargain is still postpon'd. My wife much exercised with pain and greatly distressed.

1758 January 29 (Sunday). Read 1 Chron. 27 and p.m. *Luk.* 15. Preached a. and p.m. on Rom. 8.28. O that we might be truely apprehensive of the distinguishing Favor and Privilege of the *External Call!* And may we be obedient to it! Above all the Dispensers of Gods Word are under peculiar Obligations to conform thereto *them Selves*. May God grant me the Grace that I may! N.B. On drawing near the Time of Travel desired Prayers. Granny *Maynard* dined with us -- and was here at Evening and lodged here. *Robert Cook* here at noon and delivers me another paper. At Eve stopped the Church and read it to them -- he being present.

1758 January 30 (Monday). Mrs. Maynard here through out the Day and lodges here, Mrs. P _____ being in much Pain and Distress. P.M. Mr. Eleazar Whitney comes with a Whirrey and carries me to Deacon Tainters where a Number of the Brethren Meet with *Robert Cook* to confer with him about his Confession. There were present Deacon Forb. and his Son Daniel, Mr. Nathaniel Whitney, Lt. *Jonas Brigham*, Messrs. Samuel and David Hardy, Mr. Solomon Woods, Mr. David Maynard, Mr. Eleazar Whitney, besides Deacon Tainter and his son; Mr. William Pierce was also there. *Cook* was Seemingly very earnest in asking Forgiveness yet when some particulars were mentioned he had always reserves and alleviations. When I came home, Mrs. Maynard here, Capt. Wood and his Wife and Deacon Bond here; my Wife in great pain and yet not near her Delivery.

1758 January 31 (Tuesday). Mrs. Maynard carried away by Mr. Moses Brigham. A Cold Day especially p.m. At Eve Mr. Daniel Forb. and Mr. Solomon Woods here to ask my advice about a Case which they put; not suffering me to know either person or particulars. My Wife full of pain, but not so much of travail pains -- as of other kind.

1758 February 1 (Wednesday). My Wife has had so very ill a Night I was up with her till one -- got up again between 3 and 4 to wait on Mrs. Maynard who then returned from Mrs. *Hitty Brigham*. It was the more tedious to me as it was So Severe a Season. But we would Humbly put our Trust in God. I returned to my Bed about 4 and rose at Sunrise -- my Wife being Still in much the Same kind of pains, but they are both more smart and She is much more worn out and dispirited by means of them. But Mrs. Maynard being here. *She* (the Granny) will have some women brought to her help. Accordingly Capt. *Wood* kindly brings his Wife; the widow Newton also being requested, comes. They dine here. And there is no great Difference with my Wife all Day. We are waiting for thy Salvation, O Lord! Women go home again at night except Mrs. Maynard.

1758 February 2 (Thursday). Mrs. Maynard returns home by the Help of Capt. Wood and his Slay; but comes back again at Eve. My Wife was so comfortable that with her Consent I went to the private meeting at Deacon *Bonds* and preached on Ps. 51.11. When I came home at Eve Capt. Wood and Neighbour Pratt had gathered women together there being hopeful prospect that all would soon be over. But throughout the whole Night there was nothing further. The Company were (besides Granny Maynard) Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Anna and Abigail Rice, widow Newton, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Beeton and Widow Thankful Rogers. N.B. Esq. Charles Brigham here with his Mare. I offer him sixty pounds, half to be paid the first of next September and the rest, this Day twelve month (without Interest).

1758 February 3 (Friday). The women still with us without Effect: except Mrs. Rogers, who went away: and Capt. *Wood* brought his Wife: and then went with a message to Dr. *Crosby* for Advice and Medicines. But yet no Effect nor success as to Travail Pains. After Supper several women went home, viz. Mrs. *Beeton* -- Capt. Wood carried home his wife and widow Newton. The rest tarried. Inexpressible Distraction in my studys, in the middst of so much Company; together with the Difficultys of the Storm.

1758 February 4 (Saturday). The Company chiefly goes off early in the morning, my Wife remaining as She was. At 9 or 10 a.m. Mrs. *Maynard* also rides home in Mr. Nurse's Whirry: Mrs. *Hammond* only stays and helps us, and dines with us. A variety of other Company Succeed the other. Messrs. Ebenezer and Aaron Nurse; Mr. Hammond, Mr. *Beeton*, who mends my broken Key gratis -- etc. Deacon Tainter and Esq. Brigham with his Mare again -- who goes away desiring still further Time to Consider my offers.

1758 February 5 (Sunday). Mrs. Maynard having Returned last Eve and lodged here, is with us over the Sabbath. My Wife so distressed with Pain desires continuance of publick Prayers for her. Omitted public Reading a. and p.m. Preached a.m. on Rom. 8.28. P.M. delivered part of Sermon on Rev. 22.16 -- the Bright and Morning Star. Mrs. Hannah Maynard dined here. After meeting Dr. Crosby (having been desired) came in to see my Wife. In the Eve Mr. Edwards Whipple came to bring Some Medicines from the Doctor. Mrs. Maynard Still lodges here.

1758 February 6 (Monday). An exceeding Cold Season. Mrs. Maynard with us. My Wife's Pains dont leave her. At Eve my son Ebenezer and his Wife came to us from Brookfield.

1758 February 7 (Tuesday). My Wife Still lingering. Mrs. Maynard goes home. P.M. Mrs. *Harrington* here. Her Conversation Serious and spiritual. At Eve came Deacon Tainter, his wife and Daughter in Law. They Supped here.

1758 February 8 (Wednesday). The Weather is much more moderate and pleasant. But my poor Wife in great Pain and Distress. P.M. She thinks greater than ever. She seems almost discouraged: they are Still of Cramp kind. But at Eve especially they were extremely great. She knows not what to do with her Self, her anguishes so great. Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Abigail Forb. (my Neighbour Zebulun's Wife) here.¹ In the Eve Capt. Fay. I was in deep Concern for my dear Wife whose sufferings are inexpressible. We prayed with some Fervency, resigning the sorrowfull Case to our most mercifull, Covenant God in Jesus Christ our Lord. N.B. she told me a while after that her pains were altered, and She had Travail Pains upon her. About midnight I sent Thomas for Mrs. Maynard again and a few Nighest Neighbours. Mrs. Newton, Beeton, two Rice's, Mrs. Baker, there being good Road to them.

1758 February 9 (Thursday). Time of prayer. About forty minutes after two o'Clock a large fat Child was born! Glory to God who appeared for her Help! She is now in a comfortable State as is the Child also. May we never forget the divine Benefits! Inst. after Day all the women went off Home; except Mrs. Maynard and my Daughter Elizabeth who is happily here with us. In the morning Exercise, we read Ps. 116 and Sung part of 139, v. 14 etc. in Tate and Brady's version. Mrs. Maynard went home a.m., my son Thomas waiting upon her with Capt. Woods Horse. We had also Benefit by a Colt which *Ebenezer* rode from Brookfield. At Eve Mr. *Hammond* brought our Nurse, Miss *Martha Dunlop*.

¹Zubulon Rice mar. Abigail Forbes, Jan. 7, 1737. Parkman used her maiden name.

1758 February 10 (Friday). My Wife very Comfortable; Thanks be to God and the Child flourishing. Master Billy Buckminster, his Sister *Fanny* and Miss Patty Rice of Framingham here. Deacon Tainter goes to Boston and carries the Genealogical Account of our Family (contains the Account of my fifteenth child, *Hannah*) to my eldest Brother. At Eve Capt. *Wood* here.

1758 February 11 (Saturday). Ebenezer and his Wife ride to Watertown. My wife more Comfortable and has the Blessing of her Milk come to suckle the Child. A fresh divine Favor. D.G.

1758 February 12 (Sunday). Omitted public Reading both a. and p.m., it being Still a rigorous Season though the Afternoon was pleasanter than of late has been usual. Preached a.m. on Rom. 8.28. P.M. on Ps. 62.5. Read v. 8 also, and the intermediate verses. This Sermon was much too hastily thrown together. May God most Compassionate overlook my Defects! P.M. I dedicated to God in the Ordinance of Baptism, my dear Daughter *Hannah*. I desire humbly to wait on God respecting her that She may be truly Gracious! My wife was got up. Brother Forb. and Granny Maynard dined with us.

1758 February 13 (Monday). My Wife has Sore Nipples to her great Distress. Pleasant Weather. Am grieved at my own Dullness and Deadness. Deacon Tainter, Capt. Fay, Mr. Biglow here. The two last pay me their Rates, with what I owed 'em.

1758 February 14 (Tuesday). My Sons Horse, which he rode down being here in keeping, I rode up to Mr. Zebulon Rice's and Capt. Woods. At Evening Ebenezer and his Wife return from Watertown, having been at Boston. My Brother Parkman living, and is better. Brother Samuel gone to *Nottingham*. His Daughter *Bradford* offended that I had not called my Infant *Elizabeth Bradford* -- whereas She never had given Leave nor any way hinted it.

1758 February 15 (Wednesday). Ensign Charles Brigham here with his Mare again. I had wrote a Line to him by my son Thomas who met him on the Road hither. He dined with me as did old Mr. Hezekiah How, and Amon Blanc (besides Ebenezer and his Wife). After Dinner the Squire consented to bring me his Mare tomorrow for 60£ old Tenor to be paid without Interest by the first Day of next September. At Eve Esq. Brigham and Mr. Hale of Sutton here. Esq. Says he'll bring the mare tomorrow. Deacon Tainter, his Son and Daughter in law here.

1758 February 16 (Thursday). My Son and Daughter designed to have gone home to Brookfield but it prov'd very Stormy. It prevails to be a great Storm of Snow: yet by the former snows remaining on the Earth, there is a great Body in the whole. My Wife has Several very faint turns -- and She is kept back, though the Child grows apace. No Squire to Day.

1758 February 17 (Friday). Dull, Cloudy Weather; Sometimes Snowing a little.

1758 February 18 (Saturday). Though it be a very fine, bright pleasant Day, yet is the Snow So deep that it is very difficult stirring. My Son and his Wife Still with us.

1758 February 19 (Sunday). Another very fine Day -- and many more came to Meeting than I expected. Read 1 Chron. 28. Preached a. and p.m. on *Rom.* 8.28. Read p.m. Luk. 16. Lt. *Perez Rice* of Sutton and his Wife dined here.

1758 February 20 (Monday). Rain last Night and this Morning, afterwards very pleasant. Mr. Mason tells me the Ways are so filled with Snow that there has not gone so much as one Horse in the Road to Shrewsbury near him; and there are but steppings over to Mr. *Martyns*. N.B. Esq. *Brigham* brings the Mare, which I have bargained for; and I gave him a Note for Eight pounds L.M., payable the first of next September, and She is put up into the Barn as Mine.

1758 February 21 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter came (and was the means of Abner Newtons coming also) and killed a Barrow for me of 273 lb. N.B. Ebenezer has changed his mare with Abner Newton for *his* and gives him 20£ old Tenor more. At Eve Capt. Wood and a Number more here.

1758 February 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and I settled divers Accounts before his going home. He [and] his Wife Sett out in a Slay for Brookfield. They carry Breck with them. *Thomas* also hires a Horse and goes with them. They are obliged to go out to the Country Road by Mr. *Martyns*.

1758 February 23 (Thursday). I visited old Mrs. *Gaschet* who is in a low Condition, being very Aged and dropsical. Dined at her sons. The Snow so deep, and the Paths so bad I rode in Danger. I visited also Mr. *Chaddock* and his Wife. In returning I was extremely Cold, and did much fear some of my Hands would freeze.

1758 February 24 (Friday). At Eve Mr. *Asaph Rice* who is our School-Master, and keeps at Capt. Fays, came to See me. It much perplexes me to have such visits.

1758 February 25 (Saturday). Mr. Israel Walker here for money in behalf of George Crossman.

1758 February 26 (Sunday). Read 1 *Chron.* 29 and Luk. 17. Preached a. and p.m. on *Rom.* 8.27. A pleasant Day and many were out at Meeting. May God of his infinite Goodness and Mercy grant success unto the Word of his Grace!

1758 February 27 (Monday). A very pleasant Day; I rode out to various Neighbours. At Eve Mr. *Batherick* and Mr. Ebenezer Forbush here. Leaves me only 2 Dollars.

1758 February 28 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter putts my Mare into his Team to teach her to draw. Our Nurse goes away. The Occasion was her sister Elizabeths marriage. Jane *Kelley* comes in her stead. At Eve Deacon *Bond*, [Mr.?] *Hammond*. The former gives me a Dollar towards paying for my Mare; the Latter brings a present of Beef, and Seems to be reconciled.

1758 March 1 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter having kept my Mare comes with her and Another in a Sleigh or Whirrey, to accompany me to Southborough. We called at Dr. Chase's but he was

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

1758 March 2 (Thursday). A rainy, uncomfortable Day. But Neighbour Prat Sledged over a Small Jagg of English Hay from t'other Barn. And p.m. Deacon Tainter comes again with my mare in his Whirrey and we go to the Private Meeting at Mr. *Bradish's*. I preached on Act. 26.22, former part. At Eve Deacon Takes my Mare home Still, to keep and tutor. My Son *Baldwin*, having been to Boston came and lodged here.

1758 March 3 (Friday). Very tedious Day by reason of the high Sharp Winds.

1758 March 4 (Saturday). Mr. *Baldwin* leaves us in the Morning for Brookfield. N.B. before he went I payed him 7£ old Tenor and took up my Note which I had given him for work in building my House.

1758 March 5 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.*1 and Luk. 18. Preached a.m. on Rom. 8.28, my last *Sermon* on those words. May God Himself be pleased to follow it with His Blessing! P.M. on Rom. 13.1, There is no power but of God. Used chiefly preparations on 2 *Sam.*23.3 but with additions. N.B. I had a View to the Elections of Town Officers tomorrow.

1758 March 6 (Monday). Visited Ensign Miller, Deacon Forbush and his sister Steward, Blanc etc. N.B. my wife comes out of her Room.

1758 March 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Daniel Adams works here -- cutts out a passage from my Chamber into the Kitchin Chamber, and putts up a Door. Brother Hicks came to see us; and lodges here.

1758 March 8 (Wednesday). The Foot Company meet (agreeable to Act of Court) to See who are to be Bayonet men. N.B. Mr. Adams works here a.m., is nailing Kitchin Chamber Floor etc. At Eve Capt. Wood and Master Rice.

1758 March 9 (Thursday). Mr. Adams a while here finishing his work of Mending a Table etc. Mr. Stone and his Daughter Miss Judith dine with us. He preached my Lecture on Ps. 63.5. N.B. He gives me Account of what was done at Leominster on Jan. 28 last in dismissing Mr. Rogers. N.B. Mr. Francis Whipple brings me a written Complaint against Mr. Benjamin Tainter and desiring me to forbid him coming to the Sacrament. At Eve I rode with Mr. Stone as far as Lt. Forb. and received of Ebenezer the last that he is to pay me upon the Rates though not the last that is due to me. Viz. the Equivalent money which he would have had to gather, Scil. of Deacon Forbush's year -- but which the Committee to sell the Meeting House stuff have

received into their Hands to pay me. N.B. In deep and distressing Trouble about my son *Thomas*, especially on Account of his Spiritual and eternal State and Condition.

1758 March 10 (Friday). Mr. Solomon Woods here and tells me he is going over to Mr. Whipples with Benjamin Tainter, and tis designed to try for Capt. Wood to go with them to endeavour a reconciliation. P.M. the Widow Ruhamah Newton was carried by, having fallen from her Horse and broke her Legg. I went up to See her -- prayed with her and her Friends who where gathered on that sorrowful Occasion. I waited also upon the Setting of it but Mrs. Parker came so late and took up so much Time in her Apparatus and Operations that it was night before I could return. Another Thing that occurred there to detain me was, the Contending partys above mentioned with the men that had been with them to assist them came to me at Mrs. Newtons; and they having succeeded in Endeavours to compose the Difference insisted upon my writing Mr. Tainters Acknowledgement which therefore I did; and through Grace, they were happily agreed. To God the Glory!

1758 March 11 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1758 March 12 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 2 and Luk. 19. Preached a.m. on Joh. 15.1 and administered the Lord's Supper. N.B. previous to it read Benjamin Tainters acknowledgement which was accepted and he was thereby restored. N.B. a Considerable Number of Communicants of other Churches with us, viz. Capt. Jacob Foster and wife, Ensign Asa Brigham and his Wife and Wife's sister Warrin, Mr. Asaph Rice, Mrs. Abigail Whitney. P.M. preached on Occasion of the annual Election to be on the morrow, from *Tit.* 3.1 and used mainly some sermon heretofore preached on that Text.

1758 March 13 (Monday). Alexander goes over to t'other House to Secure the Corn there, the House being beset by Squirrils. I went over -- got Mr. *Moses* Nurse to go with a Sled and Tumbrill and brought 36 Bushels over here, of Sound good Corn. It was precinct Meeting to choose Officers, and I expected they would Send for me to pray with them, but they did not. Reckoned with a Number of persons -- particularly had a large Reckoning with Deacon Bond; his wife also was here; but N.B. that which was the means of the great Increase of my Debt with them was her Spinning and Whitening linnen Cloth for Setting off my Daughter *Lucy*.

1758 March 14 (Tuesday). Alexander brought over the Hog Corn from t'other House. Rain p.m. Mr. Ebenezer *Cutler* dined here and left 32/ for Mr. *Stone*; [Defi?]ciency in a piece of Gold paid to him in time past. Am Oppressed with a great Cold, and which prevails among most people at this time of great Alteration of Weather. Visit Widow Newton.

1758 March 15 (Wednesday). Mr. Asaph Rice is going to Boston to buy Druggs in order to set up the practice of Physick here among us; and I Send by him the Money which Mr. *Cutler* left for Mr. *Stone*: for I concluded that Since I have heard nothing from him about his Lecture, it will not be this Week. But about 10 o'Clock I received a Letter from him that his Lecture was to be this Day, and this Hour. I was very sorry -- and wrote him an Answer. Indeed it was a very Cold Day and I was much indisposed; yet I had so strong Inclination to go that if I had any Such

seasonable Notice as that I *could* have got there I don't know but that I Should have attempted it. Jonathan Cook here and wants my Other place this Year.

1758 March 16 (Thursday). Very Cold Weather Still. Jonathan Ruggs Son, who married Hannah Pratt, on the same Errand. At Eve Capt. Wood and his wife here and Supp with us.

1758 March 17 (Friday). Mr. John Haven here on Quest of a place to set up Merchandizing in. The Day Warm and pleasant my Wife goes out abroad.

1758 March 18 (Saturday). Cloudy, raw Cold.

1758 March 19 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron 3. Luk. 20. Preached a.m. on Joh. 15.1 and p.m. on v. 5. O that I might be a living Branch of the true Vine!

1758 March 20 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and killed a Sow for me. Weighed 256. I went over to the other House, that Mr. Batherick and I might divide the Scaffold English Hay. I made a Visit also to Lieutenant Maynards -- but before I could have much Opportunity with him, he is partly taken up with Company in the Outer room and does not come to me; and then came and told Me he must go down to Lt. *Bruce's*: and So left me. I tarried Some time Still in the West room, there being Several poor Widows that I might be profitable and comforting to. I also took the Opportunity to charge the Children and Servants of the Family.

1758 March 21 (Tuesday). In great Expectation of Mr. Martyn and his Wife to See us, having Sent to them by Nathaniel Rugg; who assured me he would do the Message. I not only stayed at home for this purpose, but provided an handsome Dinner -- but they did not come -- nor has either of them been here since my Wife's lying in. Mr. Asaph Rice Supped with me. N.B. One Simon Millen here Yesterday and wants to hire my old place. Lt. Maynard and Eliezer Rice go to Boston about Commissions. The Latter here for my place.

1758 March 22 (Wednesday). I dined at Mr. Edwards Whipples, being in my way to Mr. James Maynards, whom I visited -- and his son *John* etc. N.B. I presented to Granny *Maynard* Dr. *Edwards* on Repentence.

1758 March 23 (Thursday). Thomas Hardy is going up to Brookfield this Morning. I wrote to Ebenezer (who keeps School at Deacon Cutlers in Brookfield) to go to Mr. Lull for the Deed I left with him last Oct. 5. I wrote also to Suse. P.M. preached a Lecture to Young people and in Special at the Request of the Society of Young Men; on Luk. 12.5, which I composed now on this Occasion.

1758 March 24 (Friday). *Su Bimeleck* here (with a Bastard Child about a month old) whom I reprove.

1758 March 25 (Saturday). My wife much indisposed by Reason of a grievous Cold.

1758 March 26 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.* 4, *Luk.* 21. Preached a.m. on Joh. 15.5. I delivered about 12 pages (or the Quantity of two short Sermons) although it was all I could prepare because it could not be well divided -- and I was desirous to give as much of it at once as I well could, for the Sake of a Number of Strangers from Hopkinton here, who would be more likely to understand it by these means. Young Mr. Barrett of Hopkinton here at Dinner. Tells me his Father was scalded, and is very lame. P.M. repeated sermon on Ps. 73.24 to p. 14.

1758 March 27 (Monday). My little son Samuel having come up home to be with us over the Sabbath -- now he rides behind me back to Mrs. *Mary's* again. I visit Mr. Benjamin or Jacob Garfield whose Child is sick. Visit old Mr. *Bradish* and his Son Jonas. Afterwards went up to make a Visit to *Esq. Baker* and his Family -- but he said he was very busy in writing, and was sorry it was Such a Time that he could not wait on me: yet we sat down together a little Space -- and there coming a man or two to the Door, who desired to Speak with him -- their Business was So much preferred to mine that I could not with Decency force my self upon him. I had however told him that I was come on purpose to See him and that I had no temporal Bus'ness with him at present. Intimating plainly what my aim and Design was; and reminded him how disappointed I was in Such an attempt heretofore. See Sept. 5th last. Concluded with inviting him to come and See Me; which he partly engaged. N.B. Mrs. Baker up Chamber at her Loom; could not but know I was there, but did not come down.

1758 March 28 (Tuesday). Visit Mr. Williams and his, they having been very Slack in coming to see us. Nigh noon set out for Hopkinton (though a Cold Day for the season) yet the sun had such Power that the Waters flowed by Reason of the last nights Rains, and the wasting snow, to a very great Degree. Brother Barrett very lame, but somewhat better. First Saw young Mr. Barretts new wife. Dined there, though late. Returned at Eve. N.B. Miss Lydia Bowman with me part of the way. Very Cold riding home.

1758 March 29 (Wednesday). Almost all my Family much indisposed with Colds. Mr. Ebenezer Rice having Spoke to me Several Times for my old Place, I consent to his having it this Year.

1758 March 30 (Thursday). Cold but somewhat more pleassant. *Thomas* Suddenly lists and takes the Bounty Money -- but what gives me trouble is, it is at the Instigation and by the Instrumentality, of *John Dunlop*, who I am informed has a *Lieutenant's* Commission. I visited LeBlanc. Samuel *Hicks* from *Sutton* lodges here. N.B. Capt. Fay calls his Company together at his House, at the Desire of Capt. *Stephen Maynard* in order to 'list men. *Thomas* and his Cousen *Hicks* goes there -- and *Thomas* follows the Drum. N.B. Catechized at the Meeting House both a. and p.m.

1758 March 31 (Friday). I think there is Scarce any Article next to the Care of my own soul which lies upon my Spirits like this of my Son *Thomas* -- the Thing *it Self* considering his proneness to bodily Indisposition; and the manner of his 'listing when he might have done it under so many Superior Advantages -- but especially the Frame of mind which I think him to be in whilst Things are thus. But I desire to committ the whole to God!

1758 April 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Asaph Rice* consents to preach for Mr. Barrett but desires me to change with him -- accordingly p.m. I rode to Hopkinton and lodged there.

1758 April 2 (Sunday). I preached at Hopkinton a.m. on Ps. 46.1.10. P.M. on Ps. 78.34.35.36. After meeting Lieutenant Wood acquainted me with the Desires of Mrs. *Bethiah Parminter*, formerly *Tyler*, who lies in a very low Condition, that I would go and see her: which I complied with (taking Mr. *Barretts* Advice and Concurrence) and the said Lieutenant accompanied me. She seemed very low indeed; and fears She shall live but a few Days. I prayed with her -- returned to Mr. *Barretts* -- where I lodged. N.B. very Cold season. While I was at Mrs. *Parminters* it snowed.

1758 April 3 (Monday). Returned home. Mr. *Rice* preached for me yesterday on Ps. 119.155. Capt. *Wood* here at Evening.

1758 April 4 (Tuesday). Closely Sermonizing.

1758 April 5 (Wednesday). The general Talk and stir is about 'listing, but I am close confined to my study.

1758 April 6 (Thursday). Public Fast. A. and p.m. on Ps. 80. Young Mr. Barrett and his wife here at noon. They came to Capt. *Woods* last night, and return to sup and lodge here again. Capt. *Wood*, Mr. *Rice* and Mr. Barrett here at Evening.

1758 April 7 (Friday). Granny *Maynard* being sick and prayed for Yesterday, I went to See her -- found her very ill. Doctors *Greenleaf* and *Crosby* there. N.B. Mr. *Hezekiah Pratt* goes with his Family to the Funeral of his Daughter *Rachel Noyes* -- her Death much lamented especially as it was somewhat sudden -- the Day before yesterday. Mr. *Joseph Bowker* of *Simsbury* here. Mr. *Barrett* and his wife and Master *Rice*, at my Request, dined here, and the former stayed and drank Tea; but returned towards Evening to Hopkinton. N.B. Extraordinary Flocks of Pidgeons. Mr. *Ebenezer Rice* and his sons go over to work on my old place.

1758 April 8 (Saturday). Mr. *Zebulun Rice* comes early in the morning to inform me that Old Mrs. *Gashitt* is Dead and they desire me to go to her Funeral, and I accordingly went. Mr. *Gashitt* burys his mother in his own Ground, about 1/2 a mile south East from his House.

1758 April 9 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.* 5, *Luk.* 22. Preached on *Joh.* 15.5. P.M. repeated on Ps. 73.24, last Clause. N.B. At Eve of the 6th, viz. of the late Fast, Mrs. *Dunlop* came and tarried with us over night, having Some Special Affair, that she desired to speak with me about in the morning. This was about her Husband being rated -- but I referred her to Deacon *Bond* and the rest of the Assessors.

1758 April 10 (Monday). It was Training Day, but they did not Send to me to pray with them though I tarried at home till 2 p.m., then visited *Granny Maynard* -- who is in a low and dangerous Condition.

1758 April 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Ebenezer Rice and two of his sons work over at my other place. They are splitting out Rails. I dined at Mr. Ebenezer Maynards. N.B. *Alexander* goes with Deacon Tainter to Mr. Cutlers at Sudbury and brings home nigh 6 Bushels of Malt. I read *Thompson of the Spring*.

1758 April 12 (Wednesday). I visited Mrs. Ruhamah Pratt. N.B. Mr. Winchester (who dined with me) went up with me. Visited Mr. Moses Brigham and his Wife. Mr. Jeduthun Fay likewise (whose wife lies in). I am grieved for their miserable Condition, living without Gods Ordinances. I went in to See the old People. Mrs. Blanc and her Daughter Mary there. At Capt. Woods, where Alphy Newton gives me a Narrative of the Marriage and Death of the late *Charles Rice* junior.

1758 April 13 (Thursday). Old Mr. Dunlop in my Garden -- Sows Carrot Seed. P.M. rode to Deacon Bonds, paid her [*sic*] the remainder of a Note given him by me for two Dollars which was to pay Mr. George Crossman for a Wigg he has made me a few Months agoe. Visited at Mr. Jonah Warrins. N.B. having my Gown on and thereby my Right Legg prevented extending over the saddle when I mounted, and my Mare briskly Setting out as Soon as I was upon her, I was thrown off to the Ground, but through divine Goodness received not much Hurt by it. D.G.

1758 April 14 (Friday). The newly enlisted Soldiers for the designed Expedition are this Day mustered by Coll. *Williams* at his House in Marlborough. Among those who ride to Marlborough a young man calls here occasionally who says his Name is *Ebenezer Trask* of *Mendon*, Son of Robert, Son of Nicolas Trask. My Son Thomas goes as one enlisted under Capt. *John Ward*. He returns at night, not having been called. His Captain not there; nor Lieut. Dunlop who enlisted him.

1758 April 15 (Saturday). An unusually fine, warm Day! Mustering Business is continued. Thomas goes again -- carries a Letter from me to Coll. *Williams* containing a Representation of my sons Case, who has been ensnared in the enlisting by most vain promises, and that he is subject to Such indispositions of Body as render him incapable of the service. Upon which the Coll. excuses him.

1758 April 16 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 61, Luk. 22 to v. 39; preached a.m. on Exod. 31.12.13. Improved chiefly the Exercise on [that?] Text -- but with frequent alterations. The Occasion was, I spent my Time chiefly in preparing a Discourse on Isa. 57.1.2, which I delivered on occasion of the Sorrowful News of the Death of my much esteemed Brother in the Ministry, the Rev. learned and pious Mr. *Jonathan Edwards* -- March 22, last who dyed at *Nassau-Hall*, being lately removed from *Stockbridge* to be President of that College. An inexpressible Loss! The Lord Sanctify it to me for my greatest Quickening! The Lord Pity His Churches, the again so Suddenly bereaved College and Family -- especially His Mournful Handmaids *Edwards* and *Burr*! N.B. Mrs. Steward, the Widow (of Mr. Bezaleel) Smith, and Mr. Noah Hows wife dine with us.

1758 April 17 (Monday). I rode to Mr. Daniel Millers to See his wife under Spiritual Grievs -- and I dined there. Brother Forbush there also. Adam Rice works for me -- ploughed stubble at the Island -- with my Ebenezers Steers, and Capt. Woods Oxen. At Eve *Billy from Brookfield* and acquaints me he *listed* and was *mustered* last Friday under Capt. *Samuel How*, hired by *Lt. Adams*, and is to wait on Lt. Joseph Stone. This throws me into fresh Trouble; but may God Himself Support and direct me! Yet I am easier than in the Case of my Son *Thomas* because he is sturdier for his age; and I can't be utterly Opposite to some one or other of my sons going. But still he is alas too young, and Small: a mere stripling! but most of all, I fear going in the paths of irreligion! The Lord grant he may have a New Heart and lead a New Life.

1758 April 18 (Tuesday). My Son *Baldwin* came here in his Journey from Brookfield to Boston. We ride down the Road together till I turn to Marlborough where is the Ministers Meeting to Day. Present Messrs. *Cushing, Martyn, Stone, Buckminster, and Davis*. Mr. *Davis's* Concio, a good, serious Discourse.

1758 April 19 (Wednesday). Have not time to visit my Wife's Relations. At Meeting was unusually Cold by reason of the wind of the Front Doors blowing fresh upon me as I sat at the Table under the Pulpit. P.M. in returning home called at Mr. *Ephraim Hows* and Settled my Account *of Interest* with him and over paid 20/ of principal -- took up my old notes, but gave him a new one for £10.13.4 L.M. Called at Mr. Joseph Brigham's who is sick, confined by Indispositions. At Evening arrived at Home under Disadvantages for the keeping my Mare: for though I have English Hay enough (as I hope) at my old Barn, and have great plenty of Meadow Hay here, I have now no English Hay at all here.

1758 April 20 (Thursday). Mr. Martyn preached my Lecture on Heb. 13.9 middle Clause -- it is a good Thing to have the Heart established with Grace. He was much indisposed, but delivered a good sermon; which may God be pleased to bless to our great Quickening. N.B. Sent this morning to t'other Barn for Hay for Mr. Martyn's Horses. N.B. Mrs. Miller (*Daniels* wife) here in her Distresses -- chiefly on Account of her prayers. N.B. Mr. Ebenezer *Rice* moves Some goods into my other House and he and his sons are at work there.

1758 April 21 (Friday). Mr. Ebenezer Rice's sons lodged in my House at t'other place, last night; and to Day He carts over more Goods. N.B. had my Sons Steers part of yesterday and the whole of to Day. Mrs. Rice and the whole Family are now moved over and live at t'other House.

1758 April 22 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1758 April 23 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 7. Luk. 22 from 39 -- preached a.m. on Song V.1 and administered the Lords Supper. P.M. repeated Exposition of Mat. 6.24, having no Time sufficient to prepare a Second Discourse for to Day.

1758 April 24 (Monday). I went over to my other House -- dined at Capt. Maynards. P.M. visited old Mrs. *Hannah Rice*, and most of the other Familys that way. Reckoned and Settled with Capt. Maynard. Returned home Wet at night.

1758 April 25 (Tuesday). Adam Rice worked for me -- ploughed etc., only p.m. N.B. In deep plunge respecting money for Mr. *Jonathan Bruce* and Mr. *Moses Brigham*, both of them in immediate necessity of what they have lent me.

1758 April 26 (Wednesday). Rode to *Southborough* Lecture which was a.m. I preached on Ps. 78, v. 34-37. P.M. Mr. *Stone* and I walked to Coll. *Brighams* -- of him I borrowed £32.8.11 old Tenor and of Capt. *Ezra Taylor* borrowed two Guineas to pay as aforesaid. Mr. *Stone* accompanied me to Mrs. *Gordow's*. In the Evening married *Thomas Hardy* and *Hephzibah Rice* and after them went through the service again for *Jonathan Cook* and *Mary Biglow*. N.B. This last gave a Dollar.

1758 April 27 (Thursday). I have several Times tried to move my *Billy* from his purpose of going into the War, if he could get off; or to See whether he would repent of his 'listing -- but he remains fervent. He is also so desirous of my Gun that I yield to please him. Alexander goes with him as far as Leicester with my mare to help him along; he intending to go to Brookfield to Night. Alexander returns well. N.B. I walked to Mr. *Jonathan Bruce's*, and took up my note with him, paying him 30£ old Tenor principal and 10/ (of like money) Interest. P.M. I attended a *Catechetical Exercise to young Women*. Begun the Catechism again and repeated my first Exercise in Explanation of it. N.B. there were 28 young women and Girls there. N.B. *Adam* with his Uncle *Adonijah Rice* work p.m. mending Island Fence.

1758 April 28 (Friday). Paid Mr. *Moses Brigham* 25£ old Tenor. *Mr. Hall of Sutton* here.

1758 April 29 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1758 April 30 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 8. Luk. 23. Preached a. and p.m. on Isa. 57.1.2. Capt. *King of Sutton* at meeting -- I took him home with me to dine here.

1758 May 1 (Monday). Visited *Sarah Smith junior* (Daughter of the widow *Sarah Smith*) who is sick of a Fever. There I dined. Visited at Mr. *Gershom Brighams* -- *Joseph Knowltons*, where was Dr. *Crosby*, who acquainted me with the Frolick which a Number of young People had at *Baldwins Tavern* in *Shrewsbury* last Thursday Night and that he himself wrote a Letter to Mr. *Baldwin* the preceding afternoon, which was the means of breaking it up. N.B. The young Men were partly those who have enlisted into the service: and *Solomon Fay* of this Town was one. I visited at Mr. *Samuel Fays junior*. N.B. his son *Solomon* came in: I therefore talked with him about the above mentioned Frolick. Called at Neighbour *Eliezer Rice's* -- bid farewell to *Thomas Hardy* and his wife, they designing for *Brookfield* in the Morning. When I came home came Mr. *Oliver Carter* of *Leominster* to desire me to assist at a Fast there -- he lodged here.

1758 May 2 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter to Mr. *Thomas Hardy* directed to my son *Baldwin* about *Billys* Affair; and I therein assure him I can't Stand to the Agreement made between them. Presently after came *Billy* himself who lodged last Night at Capt. *Eagers*. Mr. *Carter* dined with us. N.B. It was Training Day to See whether any would enlist, or otherwise to press five Men.

Capt. Fay had desired me Yesterday to be at Hand, that they might Send for me in Season -- and he told me the Time appointed was one o'Clock. I waited for his sending till well nigh 1/2 after 3, then went to the Meeting House my Self (without any Message from him), having Concerns with divers Men, whom otherwise I could not well see, particularly Capt. Stephen Maynard, with whom I talked about admitting Billy into his Company. Which he Consented to -- and told me he would into his Tent. At Capt. Fays Request I prayed with the Company: and then he read his Warrant respecting the raising the 5 men, which were still required out of this Company. N.B. Mr. Oliver Carter still with me -- and till near Night; when he left me to go to Mr. Smith of Marlborough.

1758 May 3 (Wednesday). The last enlisted and pressed men go to Marlborough to be mustered by Coll. Williams. My son *Billy* also goes to enlist under Capt. Maynard. N.B. Alexander with his Brothers Steers, and only the help of the little Boys Samuel and John gets out 7 Turns of Muck, though some of them the Cart not full, and perhaps neither of them So full as if the Team was stronger. Miss Patty Dunlop here -- dines with us and at Evening carries away little *Sophy* to keep her a while.

1758 May 4 (Thursday). Preached at the private meeting at Capt. Woods on Mal. 3.17. My Wife and daughter (*Sarah*) were there, and were decently entertained after the Exercise. But O that God would make us His Jewels, and that we may be His choice Treasure in the Days of Judgment and Trouble!

1758 May 5 (Friday). I was under an unavoidable Necessity of going into the South West part of the Town to look up a Team to break up Some more Ground to plant. Was at Ensign Harringtons, Millers, Bruce's etc. Visit *Blanc* -- pay *Magdalene* in full for spinning and Weaving.

1758 May 6 (Saturday). Interrupted by Company -- Mr. *Campbell* of Oxford. Upon review of the week, find there have been many avocations from my Studys, and great Necessity of Changing; but my Family Circumstances will not well admitt of it, but especially on account of want of Hay; which is a Difficulty also with others as well as with me, this Spring.

1758 May 7 (Sunday). I had prepared one sermon but could not (well) another. But it would be needful the *Second* should immediately follow the first. And therefore I took the Sermon on *Isa.* 9.6 and with many Omissions here and there with proper Additions, under Ps. 145.11, former part, from p. 9 to 29 and part of p. 29 formed the Exercises of a. and p.m. N.B. read a.m. 2 Chron. 9, Luk. 24. I rejoiced to have Granny Maynard abroad; and to dine with us.

1758 May 8 (Monday). Am willing my Sons and Cattle Should work for Others that they may for me. Especially This is necessary in breaking up, and therefore Billy goes with my Sons steers to work for Neighbour Zebulon Rice to Day.

1758 May 9 (Tuesday). Visit Mrs. Garfield (at South East) and find her Husband on the Bed instead of *her*. Very hot in returning back -- found here two agreeable Friends, viz. Mrs. *Dench*

and Mrs. *Buckminster* who came from Framingham and dined here. P.M. they visited Capt. *Wood*, and my Wife and I waited on them and drank Tea there. They lodged here.

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

1758 May 11 (Thursday). I walked out into the South on Various Affairs, and made Several visits. Particularly Sought a Team to harrow my new ploughed Ground. Visited Widow Woods, Widow Forb., Mrs. Mary Steward etc. Was as far as Ensign Harringtons. When I returned found my Kinsman William Bowes Parkman here, in his Return from Fairfield in Connecticut. He lodges here.

1758 May 12 (Friday). I rode a little way with my Kinsman *Billy*: and having been sent for with great Earnestness to go last Tuesday to see poor Mrs. Susanna Allen, I made her a visit. Found her sadly distracted. Prayed and counselled both Father and son. As to her she was So crazy little good could be done with her. I rode to Mr. Martyns, dined there (though after they had done), and hastened home. But then when I most depended upon having Time for study I was Sadly interrupted and disturbed by Company coming in, particularly Mr. Isaac Johnson -- and Mr. Ebenezer *Hammond*. N.B. The last brought me an Handsome Leg of Pork, and I took that opportunity to walk privately with him and told him I could not Shew my Love to him any way better than to tell him of a Vice I had heard he frequently fell into -- he confessed it was So; Said he was obliged to me, and that he thanked me kindly.

1758 May 13 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1758 May 14 (Sunday). Read 2 Chr. 10 and Joh. 1. Preached on Eph. 1.7 both a. and p.m. Old Mrs. *Phillips* dined here. At the close of afternoon Exercises I gave notice of the Association Fast next Wednesday at *Shrewsbury*.

1758 May 15 (Monday). Cloudy. I finished reading Mr. Clarks Book in Defence of the Doctrine of Original Sin. Have the difficult Affair of Leominster Fast under Consideration -- and desire to wait on God for needed Direction.

1758 May 16 (Tuesday). It was so rainy a Day that I was prevented going to Leominster as I designed: but I put my Self into the better preparation against I can go. A number of Neighbours dined here -- viz. Lieut. *Eliezer Rice* (who in the Name of Capt. Maynard; and a Number more who are going out in the service, desired me to preach a Sermon to them), Mr. Zebulon Rice, John Maynard and Joseph How.

1758 May 17 (Wednesday). I having received it from the Mouth of Mr. *Oliver Carter* that the Fast at Leominster is Appointed to be tomorrow (and wrote it down so in his Sight), went to

Day over to Lancaster. N.B. Mrs. *Gamel* (heretofore wife of Dr. Dunsmore) in Company through the worst of the Way. Visited Mr. Harrington. Borrow of him the Historical Accounts of *China*. Visit old Madam *Prentice* at Capt. Abijah Willards; and Mrs. Zipporah Phelps -- and lodged at Mr. *Goss's* in Bolton: but Mr. Goss not at home. N.B. Mrs. Goss's Sister *Pool* there with Cancer in her Lip. N.B. This Day was Fast at Shrewsbury, appointed by the Association and Mr. Martyn preached a.m. Mr. Buckminster p.m. but I conceived it my Duty to go to *Leominster* if the Fast would be tomorrow there; which I could not know without going to Lancaster; for I knew also sufficient Assistance was gone to Mr. Cushing.

1758 May 18 (Thursday). Returned home. Capt. *Maynard* and Lt. *Rice* renew their request by a messenger to me to preach to the Soldiers who are going out.

1758 May 19, 20 (Friday, Saturday). Give my Self to prepare a Sermon to the Soldiers, having agreed to change with Mr. Martyn next Sabbath.

1758 May 21 (Sunday). Preached at the North End a.m. on Heb. 10.31. P.M. on Ps. 46.1 and 10. N.B. no public Reading. Returned home early because I must preach to morrow to the Soldiers. But this Evening Mr. William Winter of Boston came here from Worcester, where he had left his Wife, and lodged here.

1758 May 22 (Monday). Mr. Winter goes to Hopkinton on an Affair of Selling a Tract of Land at Vendue. I was much interrupted in my preparations by his Coming at this Time, though he is a Gentleman I much esteem. Mr. Uriah Brighams wife dined with us. It was the Day of the Town Meeting to choose a Representative if they would Send one: but it passed Negatively. My Exercise to the Soldiers was not till past 3 o'Clock. I preached on Exod. 33.15. Which may God Himself be pleased to accompany with a Saving Efficacy! My son *William* is with them though he has not as yet received his Bounty. N.B. The Company marched to the Meeting House from Capt. *Maynards* where they dined -- and returned there again. N.B. Mr. Solomon Prentice of Grafton attended with us and was here after meeting. At night Billy returns home from Capt. *Maynards* much troubled not having received so much as the Bounty which is Usual at enlisting, Yet is appointed to March with the Company to morrow.

1758 May 23 (Tuesday). I went to Capt. *Maynards*, who promises to do what in him lies for *Billy*; yet when I asked him what I might expect, was too Short with me. I rode up to *Worcester* where they were to receive their Billeting Money. But they could not get it. I proceeded to *Leicester* and to Spencer -- lodged at Mr. Eatons. N.B. here was Mr. Isaac Livermore, a Candidate, and lodged with me.

1758 May 24 (Wednesday). To my son Baldwins to acquaint them that Billy was coming and that tis necessary to provide for him, if they would take the Care of it, otherwise I would my Self. Attended the Ordination of Mr. Nathan *Fisk*. Mr. Jones prayed. Mr. Woodward preached on 1 Tim. 3.3 -- apt to teach. Mr. White prayed before the Charge. Mr. Bridgham gave it. Mr. Swift prayed after it -- and Mr. Eaton gave the Right Hand. N.B. A great Blunder about the

Singing -- Mr. Fisk using Tate and Brady and not advertising the Chorister and Reader of it. Entertained at Capt. *Uphams*. At Eve at *Ebenezer's* but lodged at Mr. Forbush's.

1758 May 25 (Thursday). *Billy* comes up to Brookfield. He has received 5 Dollars of Capt. Maynard and is promised the rest of the Bounty, as well as the Billetting money with the other Soldiers. I dined at my son Baldwins. Have some debate with him about Billy and the fitting him out. P.M. at Mr. Forb. Lt. Rice takes Billy for his *Waiter*. At Eve Capt. Wit came to see me. Lodged at Capt. Baldwins -- because of Billys Case.

1758 May 26 (Friday). *Lieut.* Rice and his men march from Brookfield for *Hardwick*. I take solemn and affectionate Leave of them. And particularly of *Billy*, whom God be gracious to and preserve! N.B. I had yesterday, and did again this morning, take Opportunity to talk distinctly and closely with Lt. *Rice*, especially upon the Head of profaneness -- and he repeatedly promised me that he *would* take heed to himself and those he had Care of -- I talked with the rest also -- and most of them by them Selves most Seriously charging them and instructing them particularly Elijah Rice, Joseph Rice, Joseph How, Constantine Hardy and Samuel Stone (son in Law to the Lieutenant). Brother Joseph Woods was also among them who yesterday gave me a hint about the Lieutenant -- which was the rather the Cause of my going again to him, both on his own Account and that of the men. And thus I committed them to God and parted. N.B. Mr. *Forb.* having received Commission or Warrant from Governor *Pownall* to go Chaplain in Coll. *Ruggles's* Regiment, is preparing for it. I sat out with my Daughter *Suse* with me, about 1/2 after 10 a.m. Call at Mr. Eaton's -- dine at Mr. *Roberts's*. Mr. Billings of Westborough and Mr. David Cutler of Lexington accompanied from thence. Many Companys of Soldiers marching upwards. Did not get home till late. Had a fall from my Horse by reason of starting -- but was preserved from much hurt.

1758 May 27 (Saturday). Was so fatigued with my Journey, that I was unfit for studying -- accomplished but part of a Sermon.

1758 May 28 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 11 and Joh 2. Repeated sermon on Luk. 12.15 a. and p.m. to p. 18. Mr. Thomas Mather, son of Mr. Mather of Boston, practitioner of physick, came here this morning, having been to Lancaster, from Mendon, after his Horse which has run away from him. At Eve Dr. Mather went with Dr. Rice to Capt. Woods. N.B. Stopped the Church on Mr. Wellmans Affair. N.B. I gave Charge to the Congregation respecting riotous Disorders on the approaching Election.

1758 May 29 (Monday). Mr. David Maynard comes with so little Money, that I doubt of my going to Boston. Mr. Daniel Miller and James Bowman come to Clearing north of my Orchard. Mr. Breck and his son Daniel come from Brookfield where the former preached yesterday.

1758 May 30 (Tuesday). Set out for Boston, with Mr. Breck and his son. Dined at Mr. *Woodwards*. P.M. we fell in Company with Coll. Chandler, Timothy Dwight, Oliver Wilder, Murray etc. Put up at Brother Samuels Boston. Mr. Gay also lodged there -- but my Brother is at Casco.

1758 May 31 (Wednesday). Mr. *Frink* of Rutland preached the Election Sermon on *Isa.* 32.1.2 and was above an Hour and 3 quarters long. I dined in Fanuel-Hall. Attended at the Convention p.m. Dr. Sewall Moderator and prayed. In choosing a Second to Mr. Pemberton, who is for next year, there arose much difficulty -- 3 times a Tie, between Mr. Balch and [blank]. The latter had 25 votes at first trying; Mr. Balch nineteen, the rest Scattering. He that had the 25 went near to the Moderator and said to him and to the Convention that considering his tender Constitution and uncertain Health it might not be so well to have dependence upon him and therefore etc. When the Tie was repeated it looked to him Sutable to drop both of them and try for some other. When it was going upon a 3d time I came away -- and the 3d Attempt proving a Tie, it was putt off till tomorrow morning. I lodged at Brother Samuels. Mr. Gay lodged there and Mr. Cushing with him.

1758 June 1 (Thursday). I did not go very early to the Convention -- but heard that Mr. Balch was chose. Mr. Townshend preached on 3 Ep. of *John* v. 8. Had Contribution but slender. It was a rainy Time and but few at meeting besides the Ministers. A Committee was chose to carry a congratulatory Address to the Governor -- the Number 12. I dined at Mr. Mathers, where were Messrs. Gardner of Stow, Rogers of Littleton, Torrey of South Kingstown, Cushing of Haverhil, Barnard of Salem, Rawson of _____. Stepped in to Mr. Pembertons, where were Messrs. Wigglesworth, Chipman and Stone -- they are projecting to have the ministers of the orthodox side (as we Speak) to meet the Day after Commencement to See if nothing can be done for support of the Truth, against the ill boding aspects of the present Day. N.B. Dr. Sewall had drawn up, and read p.m. to the Convention some proposals concerning a Testimony against the Errors and Vices of the present Day -- but they could not obtain a Vote. At Mr. Foxcrofts with Mr. *Roby* at Tea Time. At Mr. William Winters, where is Mr. *Maccarty*, much indisposed -- he has Several Times vomited Blood etc. Preached at the Family Meeting at my Brother *Parkman's*, on Ps. 46.1.10 and lodged there.

1758 June 2 (Friday). Attended to my Secular Bus'ness (though I could pay but few Debts). Dined at my Kinsman Winters, whose wife is, we hope, recruiting. I rode out of Town near Night as far as to Mr. Potters at Brookline and lodged there.

1758 June 3 (Saturday). Rainy morning -- yet I Sat out for home. The Rain detained me so long that I dined at Mr. Isaac Browns in Waltham. N.B. Monsieur *Villiers* of Hopkinton Company -- got home before dark. After I was in Bed and asleep came my son Forb. from Boston. He lodged here.

1758 June 4 (Sunday). Mr. *Forbush* being here to preach for me, and Mr. Cushings people to be destitute, I rode to *Shrewsbury*, notifying as I went along -- and preached there, a.m. on Prov. 1.28, p.m. on Ps. 20.7. N.B. Capt. *Curtis* and Wife from Worcester. I returned at Eve. Called at Capt. Nat. Allens, his wife being at Boston. Mr. Forb. preached at Westborough on *Isa.* 26.20 a. and p.m.

1758 June 5 (Monday). *Mr. Forbush takes Leave.* N.B. he leaves here Dr. *Doddridge's Family Expositor*, and he takes with him my *Reynolds* on Sacred Zeal, and *Scougal's* Life of God in the Soul of man. He goes to *Uxbridge* and *Sutton* and then home. N.B. Mr. Martyn and his wife came to see us, and dined here. P.M. The Committee of the precinct came, with the Collector Ebenezer Forbush to Settle Accounts with me. Rain at Eve, yet Mr. Martyn and his wife returned home.

1758 June 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Gross came and accompanys my Daughter Suse to Wor'ster where she is to meet her Brother Forb. and So to return to her Brother Baldwins. Mr. Abraham Williams of *Sandwich* came to see us -- the same night an Heifer which we valued was Sick and dyed. N.B. he brought me a Letter from *Billy* who dates it Northampton.

1758 June 7 (Wednesday). I made another visit to Capt. Maynards to talk with him before he goes off -- and in some measure succeeded. Sent some Things by him (checked Shirt, Wafers) to *Billy*. Mr. Hutchinson dined with me and preached my Lecture on Luk. 1.54. Mr. Wadsworth called, and accompanied Mr. Hutchinson.

1758 June 8 (Thursday). Sarah to quilting at Deacon Tainters. Thomas p.m. to Hopkinton. They both tarry over Night. N.B. Ensign Goddard and his sister Adams here. N.B. Moved away my Corn Barn.

1758 June 9 (Friday). More than ordinary Cold. Mr. Maccarty and his Brother Bridge of Worcester here in returning home from Boston by Hopkinton. P.M. Dr. *Willson* also here. Great and Sad Interruptions to me in my Studys. But especially by my Sore disappointments in getting my Corn hoed: Brother Zebulon Rice who had so engaged Adam to me that I relyed upon him, but now has undertaken other Business.

1758 June 10 (Saturday). Daughter Sarah taken off from her Business by Indisposition.

1758 June 11 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.* 12 and *Joh.* 3. Preached a.m. on Eph. 1.7. Administered the Lords Supper. Deacon Tainter and his Wife, Mrs. Whipple (Francis's wife) and her sister Lambson, dined here. P.M. preached on Prov. 22.6, using principally what I had delivered before on that Text. At Eve I was very weary, and tired -- nor did my Sleep Suffice to recruit me.

1758 June 12 (Monday). I had *Adam* Rice to hoe for me. P.M. Mr. *Bellamy* here -- but goes from hence to *Sutton* -- carries with him my [*three Greek words*]. N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin and a number of Youth and Lads, his own and Neighbours to hoe my Corn, and finished it. May God reward 'em for this most seasonable Kindness! I rode to Blanc's and Deacon Tainters. N.B. at Eve Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood here, about Abner Newtons Marriage -- which I can't attend tomorrow because of the Council. N.B. Solomon Baker puts off till next Week.

1758 June 13 (Tuesday). I rode up to *Sutton*, 2d Parish, to Council there. Deacon Tainter and Deacon Bond with me: called at Mr. Hutchinsons. Got up a little before 10 o'Clock a.m. No one of the Council besides came for a great while. Mr. *Gleason* ill and comes not; but the Delegates

only. Mr. Dor and his son came, Mr. Morse also, though he was pitched upon as Second to Mr. Dor, to come if this latter failed. The rest were Mr. Cushing, Mr. Rice of Sturbridge with their Delegates. Mr. Dor was chose moderator. I was elected Second. Mr. Morse Clark: but we were not constituted an Ecclesiastical Church till Repeated strong Efforts were used to persuade the withdrawing Brethren to comply with the Pastor and Standing part to lay their Matters of Difficulty before us, or unite in calling a Mutual Council. At Eve I visited my aged Kinswoman, Mrs. Fuller (who is in her 83d year) and lodged there -- where she now lives, viz. her son Trask's.

1758 June 14 (Wednesday). Council Met at the Meeting House, in the morning. Our Time was chiefly taken up in Searching into the Number of the Church that voted for a Council, because the adverse party said (by a paper Sent in yesterday) that we are imposed upon, for that there were but nine (out of 39) that Sent, whereas there were 12 who Opposed Sending. This was cleared up, and Mr. Wellman was defended as to this. Offers and proposals were made to the agrieved, till nigh Night. I went out once and again as mediating, to perswade them and at length they did comply. N.B. It was to join in calling a mutual Council. I objected against their sending to our Church, but they *would*. N.B. We broke up 1/2 after 10. I complied with Mr. Jonas Bonds Invitation to lodge *there*. Deacon Bond lodged there with me.

1758 June 15 (Thursday). The Council was dissolved about 10 o'Clock a.m. We left Copy of Some of our votes, but no formal Result. Dined Early at Mr. Wellmans. Called at Esq. Hazzletine's Forge -- (N.B. New Wooden Bellows) -- and at Mr. Hutchinsons.

1758 June 16 (Friday). Isaac Woods comes to see me with a Message from his Sister requesting me to go to See his Mother, who is taken with a Lethargy, or Some Such Distemper. I went accordingly -- found her very low, and so much inclined to sleep that it was difficult to converse with her.

1758 June 17 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1758 June 18 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.* 13 and *Joh.* 4 to v. 27. Preached a.m. on Eph. 1.7. P.M. Micah 7.9, former part. Mrs. Foster and her Daughter Twitchel dined here.

1758 June 19 (Monday). Catechized a. and p.m. at Meeting House.

1758 June 20 (Tuesday). It is the Time of Ministers Meeting at Rutland but I could not attend till I had Solemnized the Marriage of Mr. Solomon Baker to Miss Sarah Newton: but then (though half after five p.m.), I rode up to Mr. Buckminsters by 1/4 after nine. I did not stop to bait till I got to Capt. Hubbards in Holden. Lodged at Mr. Buckminsters -- there being besides at this Meeting, Messrs. Cushing, Frink, Stone, Smith, Morse and Davis.

1758 June 21 (Wednesday). Fast at Rutland. A.M. Mr. Morse prayed and Mr. Smith preached. Text Deut. 4.30.31. P.M. I prayed and Mr. Stone preached. Text Deut. 7.10. At Eve a violent Tempest of Wind, Rain, Thunder and Lightning. Mr. Frink, Mr. Smith and I lodged at Mr.

Buckminsters. N.B. It was very much my Grief that the Conversation among the Ministers was So much on the Convention, and the Altercations that arose from thence -- and was not Such as would tend to Solemnize our Spirits, and promote true Repentance and Prayer.

1758 June 22 (Thursday). Mr. Buckminster rode down with us as far as Wor'ster Road. We called at Mr. Davis's, and he rode with us Some Miles. Mr. Smith and I dined at Mr. Cushings. P.M. Called at Capt. Nat. Allens but his wife and sister were gone to my House. N.B. they carryed Veal etc. to make them Selves Welcome. I arrived a little before Sunsetting. All in peace -- to God the Glory.

1758 June 23 (Friday). I visited old Mrs. Woods, who is extremely low. I went also to see Mr. Daniel Millers wife who is in Glooms Still: and greatly dejected. When I returned to Mrs. Woods a fit was come on, and She grew so bad I very much despair of her recovery.

1758 June 24 (Saturday). Mr. Stone (according to our Agreement) came here; and I rode to Southborough. Mrs. Stone and two youngest Children not well.

1758 June 25 (Sunday). I preached at Southborough on Jer. 6.16. Do lament my own dull frames, and the too apparent heartlessness of others -- but my own is chief. The Lord pardon and quicken us! I returned home at Evening. Mr. Stone preached on Jer. 14.3.

1758 June 26 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and invited me and my Wife to dinner. We accordingly dined there. N.B. they had dressed a very large Pigg to entertain us. I rode to visit Mrs. Woods, who is yet alive and able to converse. N.B. She with much Decency and Humility, if not admonished [me] [yet] entreated me concerning that Lords Day Evening which She Spent at our House after a Sacrament Day. I suppose last Fall. (See Nov. 20. 1757.) But She Said She heard afterwards that I began the Sabbath at a different Time from her. And yet she said She could not leave the world without Speaking to me about it, for if it were even so, yet she thought with her self that if we have a Friend that we love and esteem and are much delighted with, we are loath to part with, and wait upon him as far as we can: or if we have been at a great Meeting, where we were about affairs of our Hearts were much set upon, we Should be very like to be full of talk of them all the Evening. She was therefore much disappointed to have me, that Evening (it was after Repeating and reading etc., and when the Evening was come on) discussing of other Things. (I enquired into her Birth, former Marriage etc.) I took it in good part and was heartily thankful to her: was humble and ashamed in my self (Though there was nothing passed but what was not only innocent but useful yet there might have been what was *more* edifying -- and (as She expressed it) a more choice winding up after Sacrament) to think that I her Teacher Should be So far defective and behind hand. I asked forgiveness and may God Himself forgive me through the great Atonement! I resolve also, by Gods Grace, that it Shall be a warning and Instruction to me. It rained very hard, So that I was with her the chief of the afternoon. I prayed with her, and, though in the Rain, returned to Deacon Tainters. My wife was gone to See Mrs. Blanc. It continued raining but we got home in some Comfort.

1758 June 27 (Tuesday). Having been disappointed by the Rains yesterday of visiting Ensign Fay's Wife, I went to Day; but She remains very delirious. N.B. Mr. *Hutchinson* visited her last Evening notwithstanding the Rains. I could not do any Thing to purpose in Conversing with her -- but at her Husbands Desire I prayed with her. Mr. Winchester with me, about his *Will* etc.

1758 June 28 (Wednesday). Mr. Thomas Twitchell came and worked (gratis) for me, hoing and ploughing. N.B. Mr. Zebulon Rice's Wife here -- she wants Advice and Direction respecting her Duty towards a sister of the Church who (She says) was last week the worse for Drink -- about half a Dozen women being able to testify to it. I Suppose it was at the Raising Cornelius Biglow Junior's Barn, which was on the 23d. Mr. Jeduthun How of Brookfield here.

1758 June 29 (Thursday). Mr. Daniel Miller is clearing for me. Samuel Hardy junior with him. N.B. here is *Ezekiel Gilbert* on my son Ebenezers mare. He came from Brookfield yesterday; dines with us. Enoch Rice with his Fathers mare, here to plough in order for a Number of Young Men from the Southward, to hoe, but they did not come. Enoch and Alexander p.m. hoe.

1758 June 30 (Friday). [No entry.]

1758 July 1 (Saturday). Having received lately from Billy a Third Letter, it was necessary to improve an Opportunity by Mr. Artemas Bruce who is to set out on Monday Morning and not to come near here so that I am obliged to write to Day -- and Mrs. *Twitchell* (wife of Jonas) can't be denied, but must have a Letter writ for her, to her Husband.

1758 July 2 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 14 and Joh. 4 from v. 27 -- preached the last Sermon on Eph. 1.7. P.M. repeated on Luk. 12.15, but delivered in part what I did not design, but inadvertently, from p. 16, whereas it should have been from p. 18. I was much troubled at this Oversight -- yet I delivered further on as much as was sufficient for a Common Exercise. This frown of Providence in Permitting this I desire may be matter of humbling and quickening to me! N.B. Mrs. Patty Dunlop dined here. N.B. I gave the Church Account of our late proceedings at Sutton and the rather because now I could acquaint them with the unsuccessfullness of the Church Meeting which the Council had advised to, and that now it is to be expected that they will call a Council -- which is to be mutual and to sit next October. Acquainted the Church and the Congregation with the Associations proposal of a Fast here, next Wednesday and of our desire of their Concurrence. Took their silence for Consent.

1758 July 3 (Monday). My Wife and I rode p.m. to Mr. Moses Brighams; and made a visit to Ensign Fays Wife, who remains in Delirium. News of Some success of our Forces against Cape Briton. Thanks be to God!

1758 July 4 (Tuesday). Daniel Forb. junior works for me, but in the forenoon changed works with Noah Hardy -- So that Noah worked here p.m. with him, but it was Showery most of the Day. We endeavoured Seasonably to prepare for the Fast.

1758 July 5 (Wednesday). We observed this Day as a Day of Fasting and Prayer in this Parish on Account of the present, immediate Crisis of our Affairs, especially at Cape *Briton*. Mr. *Smith* came first, and it grew so late that I engaged him to preach a.m. Mr. *Cushing, Barrett, Martyn, Stone, Goss* and Mr. *Seccomb* came also. Mr. *Martyn* prayed a.m. Mr. *Smith* preached on 2 Cor. 5.11, "Knowing the Terrors of the Lord we perswade men." P.M. Mr. *Goss* prayed, Mr. *Cushing* preached on Ezek. 13.5, "Ye have not gone up into the Gaps" etc. There were several others here besides the Ministers and who Supped with us. Viz. Mrs. *Cushing* and her sister *Smith* -- Miss *Mary Stone* (who tarrys with us for a few Days) and Dr. *Wilson*. There was, in general, a good attendance of the people, and many from Neighbouring Towns. May God most gracious accept our Offerings! Be reconciled and leave a Blessing. N.B. Thanks also were presented to God for the Favors already granted to His people particularly at Cape *Briton*; the good news from the Westward of the army being in good Health and Spirits. That there is Such general Health in the Land, and wonderfull prospect of Plenty.

1758 July 6 (Thursday). Miss *Mary Stone* having lodged here, is now with us. Daniel *Forbush junior* hoes and Adam *Rice* mows here a.m. but the Rain prevailed So powerfully that after Dinner they left me. Mr. *David Maynard* here and pays me in notes and Cash, 7.

1758 July 7 (Friday). My Son *Thomas* (poor Youth!) gives me fresh Trouble by leaving both his own Business, which is much demanded, and my own, which is much behind Hand, especially my Hoing; Alexander being ill with Rheumatism but no perswasions are of any Avail. Indeed his going away is with better Company than the wild and profligate: yet 'tis at least ill Tim'd and (I fear) to vain purposes. He goes to *Hopkinton* and borders of Framingham, with Mr. *Asaph Rice*. Daniel *Forbush junior* mows here; but the Weather not good for Hay. Adam *Rice* p.m.

1758 July 8 (Saturday). Daniel *Forb.* at work here still. Got in the Hay of the largest Piece by the House.

1758 July 9 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 15 and Joh. 5. Preached a. and p.m. on Ps. 62.8. Mrs. *Hannah Maynard* and Mrs. *Garfield* (Jacob's Wife) dined here.

1758 July 10 (Monday). Daniel *Forb.* again -- but it proved very letting Weather. Deacon *Tainter* came and brought from my Kinsman a Mahogany Watch-Case. Some agreeable News from Day to Day, of the Successes of the English Forces both in the westward, and at Cape *Briton*. D.G.

1758 July 11 (Tuesday). Rain a.m. Daniel mowed p.m. at the Island.

1758 July 12 (Wednesday). Daniel worked a.m. Rain p.m. so that he did not work: but *Thomas* and he try my Mare in the Chair, and she proves very turbulent and untoward: as she did also when he mounted her in the Saddle, to my great Trouble -- and I fear the Event of her getting into such Frolicks. More remarkable News from Eastward and Westward. But tis Sorrowful to hear that Lord *How* is Slain by the Enemy.

1758 July 13 (Thursday). Fair Day. Daniel mowing and making Hay. I rode over to t'other House, not having been there of a great while. Visit Capt. Maynards Family; Several of them being ill. Went to old Mr. Hows and to his son Benjamin's. Returned and dined at Home. News from Brookfield that my Daughter Baldwin is brought to Bed and has a Son, and both Mother and Child comfortable. To God most gracious be Glory and Praise! It was on the 10th. But Mr. Barretts Boy Ishmael comes with a Letter to inform that Mr. Samuel Barrett junior's wives Daughter of about 4, is dead -- and they have sent for me and my son *Thomas* to assist at the Funeral tomorrow. Mr. Joseph Chattuck and his wife came at 7 o'Clock at Evening. N.B. Heard that Mrs. Kellog of Grafton had cutt her Throat yesterday.

1758 July 14 (Friday). Daniel Forb. rode over to Hopkinton p.m. to the Funeral of little *Polly Caswell*. *Thomas* was a Bearer, *John Wood* and two more. I prayed -- returned home at Eve. N.B. Old Mrs. More of above an 100 years, buried also at Hopkinton.

1758 July 15 (Saturday). Daniel Forbush and Alexander hilling at the Island. N.B. Thomas tarried at Hopkinton but returns a.m. He had Mr. Williams's Horse.

1758 July 16 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 16 and Joh. 6 to 34th v. inclusive. Preached on Ps. 62.8. Mrs. Mehitabel Rice dined with us. P.M. repeated with some Alteration another Exercise on Luk. 12.15 from p. 26 to 33.

1758 July 17 (Monday). My wife has soreness in her Breast. Mr. David Maynard Sends but little money. Yet Sarah and I set out in our Journey for Boston. She has an Horse from Daniel Forb. junior. N.B. Mr. Joseph Manning Candidate our Company. My Daughter and I dined at Esq. Brigham's in Marlborough. We called at Brother Baldwins in Sudbury. Sarah and I lodged at Capt. Tainters in Watertown, he having Sent me his special Request that I would.

1758 July 18 (Tuesday). We rode to Boston. This was the first Time that my Daughter was ever there. Visited William Curtis of Roxbury, to whose Child I am Great Great Uncle. N.B. Most sorrowful News at Eve of the Defeat of our Forces in attempting *Ticonderoga*, on the 8th instant; and 2000 slain, on our side. We put up at Brother *Samuel* who takes Care of both our Horses. We went to Mr. John Welch's, to his Indian, which he had [carved?], and is going to embark with for Great Britain.

1758 July 19 (Wednesday). I rode up to *Commencement*. N.B. The Governor no Express from the Army. N.B. first Commencement Act that was held in the New Meeting House. Dined at Mr. *Monis's*. Now first the Catalogues printed by the 3 graduated Classes. Lodged at sister Barretts. Mr. John Hicks keeps my Horse.

1758 July 20 (Thursday). Returned to Boston. Mr. Maccarty the public Lecture on Ps. 50.15. N.B. they Sang *Worcester* Tune. Dined at Mr. Coopers. Mr. Diman of Salem there also. No Express Still, to our great Amazement. Nigh Evening Brother Samuel and I walk to our Kinsman *Olivers*; but *he* was either not at home or was not to be seen. We expressed, as we could, our

friendly affectionate Concern, to her; and walked down to our eldest Brothers where I lodged. Sarah at Mr. *Procters*, in the Alms-House.

1758 July 21 (Friday). Devote my Self to dispatch my Business; and having dined at Mr. *Winters* (my Horse kept two Nights at Mr. *Lowders*, the other kept wholly at my Brothers Stable) and paid Sundry Debts (£9.7.0 Old Tenor to Mrs. *Stoddard*: Mr. *Winter* in full: for my News at Fleets in full etc.), we took Leave and rode up to Brother *Harringtons* at *Waterton* and lodged there. N.B. an Express is now gone to the Governor.

1758 July 22 (Saturday). We Sat out early upon our Journey. Called at Mr. *Joseph Strettons* in *Waltham*; paid his Wife my Interest money. Broke fast at Mr. *Cushings*. Stopped a while at *Coll. Buckminsters* -- but dined at Home. My Wife has a sore Breast, and it gives her a great deal of Trouble. Expected one of the *Coffins* (young Students at Cambridge) would have come up to make us a Visit, but he did not. N.B. *Alexander* has been so manly as to hill the Corn in the Orchard.

1758 July 23 (Sunday). Sad News that *Joseph How*, Son of Mr. *Benjamin How*, who went out under Capt. *Maynard*, has dyed by Sickness in the Army. Read 2 Chron. 17 and Joh. 6 from v. 35. Preached a.m. on Ps. 119.36, repeating sermon on Luk. 12.15 from p. 33 to the End. P.M. on Micah 7.2 from p. 12. Capt. *Foster*, Dr. *Crosby* and old Mrs. *How* dine with us.

1758 July 24 (Monday). Mr. *Prince of Boston*, and his Wife; accompanied by Mr. *Stone* of *Southborough* here and dined with us. Mr. *Prince* is riding for his Health: designs to be out a month. N.B. I have no haying going forward. Neither last week nor this. P.M. Neighbour *Zebulun Rice* ploughed with my mare, having first sowed with Rye, my new turned up Land, at the Island.

1758 July 25 (Tuesday). Miss *Patty Dunlop* here, and very Seasonably for my Wife's Breast is grown very bad, and *Patty* can tend the Child better than any one; as She also takes a Singular pleasure and Delight in it. Mrs. *Hitty Rice* came p.m. They both tarry over Night, and are very helpful to my wife under her distressing Pains. N.B. *Thomas* hoed with *Alexander* part of the Afternoon at the Island New Ground, but they were beat off by the Rain.

1758 July 26 (Wednesday). They hoed the rest. Those Women returned home; my wife takes Physick. At Eve her Breast easier, but she is weak and feverish. *Rachel Newton* came to help us; and Stays over Night. The appointment of a Fast at *Hopkinton* falls through; but there is one at *Southborough*, on which I attended. Mr. *Cushing* and Mr. *Smith* there also. A.M. Mr. *Smith* prayed and I preached. Text Jer. 50.7, latter part. P.M. Mr. *Stone* prayed and Mr. *Cushing* preached. Text 1 Chron. 21.13. Mr. *Cushing* returned with me and lodged here: for we agree to change Lectures tomorrow. Great Rains in the Night. P.M. *Patty* went home, and *Rachel Newton* here.

1758 July 27 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* here and preaches my Lecture from [*blank*]. I rode to *Shrewsbury*; but was obliged to Stop by the way; a great Storm arose, and it thundered and

rained very hard. I was Sheltered at Mr. Samuel Fay's, Junior -- did not get up till after two, yet I turned out So soon as that I rode in part of the Storm. Mr. Maccarty was come from Worcester to preach for Mr. Cushing; but though Mr. Cushing had Sent to him, he was uncertain whether his Message would Succeed. We divided up the Work between us -- he prayed and I preached from Eph. 1.7. At Evening I returned home. I called a few Minutes at Capt. *Allens*. My Wife weak and confined by reason of her Breast.

1758 July 28 (Friday). There has fallen so much Rain the Days and Nights passed, that all low Grounds are flooded. But to Day was bright. But no Haying nor reaping. My Wife Still poorly. Rachel Newton yet here to help her. P.M. Capt. Woods Wife made us a Visit.

1758 July 29 (Saturday). Our Child so ill with a Cough (which Seems epidemical) that we give her a Vomit. Capt. Maynards Infant ill and near her End as they think. Am sent for to Visit it and go. *Adam* and *Ebbe* Rice reaping in my Field behind the Meeting House; and they, with some Help of Alexander, cutt it all down. The various unavoidable services and Affairs of this Week, together with the Troubles of my Family by my Wife's sore Breast, prevent my preparing a second Sermon for the ensuing Sabbath.

1758 July 30 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 18, Joh. 7. Preached a.m. on Song 5.1. Administered the Lord's Supper. P.M. preached on Eph. 4.12.13. N.B. Miss Judith Stone dined here. N.B. My Wife's Breast so bad that I sent Thomas for Dr. Hemingway -- who came. Dr. Rice here likewise. May God prepare for His holy will!

1758 July 31 (Monday). *Rachel Newton* went home. I rode to Monsieur *Blanc's* and got *Magdalene* (who was going to reap for Joseph Baker) to come and wash: and I rode to Mr. Dunlop's, from whence I brought *Patty* to wait on my Wife and tend the Child. It proved a rainy Time. At Eve had News from Brookfield that Ebenezer His Wife lay in the 20th Instant and has a Boy. She is also in much Comfort for the Time, but *Molly* (who was delivered on Wednesday last) has a Girl; which is poor and weak, and not like to live. She Sends for me to come: wants I Should go up to morrow morning -- but my Affairs do not allow of it. Thus we Sing of Mercy and Judgment.² May God grant the Grace necessary to each of my Children, as their Circumstances are! And prepare us all for His Sovereign Will!

1758 August 1 (Tuesday). My wife in great Affliction and pain with her Breast and am concerned for *Molly's* Infant; nor am I without tender Sympathy with those in the Wilderness -- but otherwise it was a Day of Gladness with me for the Divine Goodness to my Children at Brookfield. I invited Capt. Wood, and his wife and Dr. Rice to Dinner. Only Mrs. *Wood* Came. P.M. Miss *Mary Stone* came for her sister *Judith* who is at Mr. *James Maynards*. I rode to see the widow Rogers and Mrs. Frost -- found neither of 'em at home. Saw Mrs. Frost at Capt. Forb. Mr. Martyn here nigh Sunsetting going to *Hopkinton* Fast. Adam here a little before sun sett to bind and stuke my Rye.

²Psalm 101.1: "I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing."

1758 August 2 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hemingway* came in the morning and opened my Wife's Breast. Dr. Rice was also present. It was no more than a blood-letting, as to the Doctors part. My Wife bore it with a good Spirit. Its issue was corrupt Matter and Blood. The Doctors went to Breakfast with me. Dr. *Hemingway* asked me 40/ old Tenor. I gave him 4 Pissarenes, which was to his Content. About 11 I Sat out for Brookfield. Did not dine till I got to Capt. Curtis's. At 3 1/2 p.m. sat off from thence. Called at my son *Baldwins* to rejoice in the divine Goodness to them -- but lodged at my Daughter Forb. whose Child is yet alive, but is very weak, tender, premature Babe. Rice (Ebenezer) of College, lodged with me there.

1758 August 3 (Thursday). Spent my Time among my Children, rejoicing in the divine Goodness to them. Dined at my son Ebenezers. The infant flourishes. Lodged at Forb.

1758 August 4 (Friday). Dined at my son Baldwins. Visit Capt. Witt. Lodged at Baldwins. Their Child flourishes.

1758 August 5 (Saturday). I rode to New Braintree to visit Mr. Ruggles. My son Baldwin accompanied me. We called to see Mr. Jedidiah How, both going and returning. We called also at Samuel Harringtons junior. We dined at Mr. Ruggles's. In returning called at Lt. Stone's.

1758 August 6 (Sunday). Preached at Brookfield a.m. on Ps. 46.1.10 and p.m. on Gen. 18.19. Dined at Baldwins. P.M. baptized *Darius* Son of Ensign Adams: *Elias*, of Ebenezer and Eliza Parkman; *Jeduthun* of Jeduthun and Lucy Baldwin; *Martha* of Obadiah and Martha Deland; and Adonijah, of Abner How. May God grant that each of mine may keep the Way of the Lord and May He be our Refuge and Portion! I lodged most commonly at my Daughter Forb.'s.

1758 August 7 (Monday). Old Lieut. Gilbert very kindly waited upon me all Day, in visiting as I most inclined. A.M. we went to Mr. Watsons where we had an handsome Breakfast. We dined at Justice Convers's. The Esquire went with us Capt. *Wolcotts* where I lodged a Letter for Mr. Forbush and one for Billy in the Army. I rode also to See the Ministers of the other Parishes, and the forementioned Gentlemen with me -- but Mr. Fisk was not at home so that I did not see him. The Visit to Mr. Parsons was late, about or after Sunsett. My return to my Daughter Forb. was therefore in the Evening. Her Infant remains in the same low state in which I first saw it.

1758 August 8 (Tuesday). I sat out, and my son Ebenezer with me, to ride part of the way, to come home. But Capt. *Wolcott* and his wife met us, with News from Mr. Forb. that he was coming home. One Mr. Forsey had travelled part of the way from Albany with him; but at Kenderhook he missed his Watch and turned back to look it; but it was thought he would be here by the middle of the Afternoon. I therefore went back with them in Company, to my Daughters and we dined there. P.M. Capt. *Wolcott* and I visited Capt. Witt.

1758 August 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush not being come, Dr. Gott and I, and my Son Ebenezer with us, rode up the Road to meet him; but saw nothing of him -- yet heard still of him, that he was coming. I dined at Deacon Cutlers. Went to Nicols's -- where I was long detained by the

heavy Rains. Returned at night very Wet -- to my son Baldwins, where I lodged. N.B. Dr. Munro gave further account of Mr. Forb.

1758 August 10 (Thursday). Am waiting for Mr. Forbush. Dr. Gott and Mr. Uriah Gilbert take Horses and resolve to go till they meet him though they Should go to Springfield. Dined at my son Baldwins. My Daughter Baldwin somewhat feeble, dull and relaxed again. Afraid she shall return into her former Disorders. My Son Ebenezers Wife is troubled with sore Breasts and sore Nipples. At Eve I being at Mr. Forb. and a Number of his Neighbours waiting to See him, he came. And though yesterday he lay by at Springfield, having taken physick there, yet now he was in a Comfortable State. N.B. he found not his Watch; though his going back was So great an inconvenience to him that he was obliged to ride 70 Miles that Day; which proved too hard for him and caused the illness which detained him at Springfield.

1758 August 11 (Friday). I took leave, commending them all, and particularly the feeble tender Infant to a Gracious, almighty God and savior. Dined at Mr. Eatons. Called at Mr. Roberts and Maccartys -- and Cushings -- got home in safety. And my Wife's Breast healing. D.G. But my little Children exercised with the terrible Cough. N.B. Mr. Joseph Dorr junior who was to have preached for me last Lords Day Sent a Letter that he had a Boil so situated that he could not come. My Wife sent to Deacon Tainter to provide somebody: he went to Mr. Asaph Rice, who went to Mr. Martyn and *he* to Mr. Stone who came and preached here.

1758 August 12 (Saturday). I had been gone so long that my Domestic Affairs took up a great deal of my Time. But I wrote part of a sermon on Isa. 45.22 but not finishing it

1758 August 13 (Sunday). I preach two old sermons with Alterations and Additions, viz. a.m. on Mat. 10.29 to 33, p.m. on Mat. 7.28.29. Read 2 Chron. 19 and *Joh.* 8. N.B. Mrs. Mary Stewart Dined here. Master Rice here after Exercises.

1758 August 14 (Monday). Capt. Wood Sent me a good Quarter of Veal -- but his Wife being gone to see her sister Oake, I had the Captain and Dr. Rice to dine with me.

1758 August 15 (Tuesday). It was my Design to go to Marlborough to Day but the Rain prevents; and prevents my having any Thing done in my Meadows. The Waters are so very deep. A most Melancholly Time! A Sore Token of divine Displeasure! May we be properly humbled before God! A number of Neighbours here to hear Mr. Forb.'s Letter which he wrote to Rev. Eaton (of which I have a Copy) presently after the [Retreat.?] the French at Ticonderoga. And Mr. David Maynard Collector delivered me some money.

1758 August 16 (Wednesday). News that Cape Briton is given up to the British Crown. A very rainy Season. Much Grain and very much Hay in suffering State. Neighbours often here to hear Mr. Forb. Letter and hear what he says of our shameful retreat July 8.

1758 August 17 (Thursday). Fair. I rode to Marlborough to Mr. Daniel Wards to pay 50£ O.T. for my son Forbush and took up his Note. Carried with me a remarkable Book which I

borrowed of Mr. Smith, the *History of the Devil*, which I have read and found Some usefull Things in. But heard he was gone to *Stow* -- and therefore did not go. I had designed also to see the widow *Brigham* -- but I sent her Interest money by Mr. Willard Wheeler, School Master. Returned and dined at home. P.M. attended a *Catechetical Exercise to Young Women*. Delivered my Second Exercise on the Assemblys Catechism, which is from page 5 to 10. 24 young women present. N.B. did not sing by reason of my hoarseness -- but read the Stanzas -- viz. Ps. 36.7-11.

1758 August 18 (Friday). The taking of Cape Briton repeatedly confirmed -- the Glory be to God! May we have Grace Suitably to improve this Favour! Mr. Ebenezer Millers Wife here examined. Judge Ward. Such Interruptions very hurtful to my studys. *Thomas* a great Cough.

1758 August 19 (Saturday). It did not rain, but the threatenng Signs urged our getting in the Rye that Stands abroad. *Thomas* a.m. in getting home Rye. It is damp; Some of it grown. N.B. had Mr. Zebulon Rice's Team. Received a Letter from my Kinsman Winter of Boston informing me that the King of Prussia has gained a Complete Victory over Count *Daun*, the *Austrian* General; killed him and 12 or 15000 or more, of his Troops. Thus does God arise, and his Enemies are scattered. We hope to hear further of this joyfull Occurrence.

1758 August 20 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 20, Joh. 9. Preached a. and p.m. on Isa. 45.22. Deacon Forb. dined here and brought me a Letter from Mr. Forb. of Brookfield correcting what was amis in his Letter to Mr. Eaton concerning our Armys Shameful Retreat from *Ticonderoga*.

1758 August 21 (Monday). When I went to Marlborough last Thursday I dropt the Book which I was about to return to Mr. Smith. To Day I rode again to Marlborough in Search after it. Went to Landlord Wards especially but to no purpose -- at length I found it at Mr. Hezekiah Maynards. Was at Esquire Brighams to ask Cousin *Nanny* to Come to Westborough. I returned home at Evening.

1758 August 22 (Tuesday). Wrote to my son Forb. and to Billy, and carryed the Letters to Capt. Bezaleal Eager for Conveyance. Then proceeded to Ministers meeting at Mr. *Morse's*. Where were Messrs. Cushing, Smith, Buckminster and Davis. There was no Concionator -- By Request Mr. Morse delivered an Exercise on [*blank*].

1758 August 23 (Wednesday). At the Public Lecture Mr. Buckminster prayed; I preached on Psal. 4.7. May God bless it to our Saving Good! N.B. Neither Mr. Stone nor Mr. Martyn and Mr. Stone were absent. Mr. Mellin came to Day; brought his wife. A number of other Women there. In returning to *Westborough* called (with Mr. Cushing) to See the old French folks Mons. Pierre LeBlanc, etc. -- and at Capt. Nat. *Allen's*.

1758 August 24 (Thursday). Have had no Stroke of Haying ever since the 15th of July till to Day, p.m. Joseph Harrington mowed in my Newton Meadow. I rode to See my Ministerial Meadow. Was at Solomon *Bakers*; *Whipples* etc. At Night marryed *Solomon Mathews* to *Lydia Bowman*. N.B. Sarah rode to Marlborough -- Dr. Rice in Company. Judge *Ward* here and wants to engage

me in the Affair of *John Maynard* and *his wife*, but I declined it. My Wife also obliged to be under Strict Guard, in the Conversation.

1758 August 25 (Friday). A good Day for Hay and Grain. D.G. Joseph Harrington having lodged here, goes to work in the Ministerial Meadow; and Adam Rice with him. At Eve Sarah returns from Marlborough and with her my Wife's Kinswoman, Mrs. Anne Brigham and her son *Samuel*. N.B. Divers Neighbours very kind in Supplying us with Pigeons -- Mr. Pratt a Dozen and half and Deacon Bond offered as many as we would take.

1758 August 26 (Saturday). Ensign Harrington carted two Jaggs of Hay from Newton Meadow; and Capt. Wood Sent his man p.m. to help. These were gratis.

1758 August 27 (Sunday). Read 1 Chron. 21, Joh. 10. Preached a.m. on Isa. 45.22 and finished the subject though I preached above an Hour, and delivered my whole preparation. P.M. repeated with some Alterations Sermon on *Eph.* 3.10 to page 15, only mentioning the following Heads from thence.

1758 August 28 (Monday). Was exceedingly put to't to get any work, in Haying, done. There has occurred no Such time as this; when people So belated by reason of the Floods, and the War has called off So many thousands.

1758 August 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Zebulon Rice* helped me. He worked partly in the Ministerial Meadow, and partly in my Newton Meadow also. Capt. Wood with his Team brought home two load from the Ministerial -- and both Captain and Neighbour Zebulon from 4 p.m. mowed in Newton Meadow. N.B. the Captain gave me his work. The Hay was so mean he reckoned the Cattle would never eat it. Since therefore the work was worth nothing, he would have nothing for it. N.B. Monsieur *Francis Robishow* and his sister *Nanny* and Son *Jacques* from *Acton*, and his sister *Gordow* with her son *Isaac* from *Southborough*, came here -- and dined with us.

1758 August 30 (Wednesday). No help but Alexander who raked in Newton Meadow -- for Adam Rice is Sick -- and his Father obliged to help Adonijah.

1758 August 31 (Thursday). Rode to Dr. Chase's to see his wife who is in a weak dejected state. N.B. I there asked the Doctor in the hearing of Mr. Cornelius Biglow, what I was indebted to him, particularly for what he had done with regard to my Wife's Breast? And he answered I was welcome to it. I presently after asked Mr. Biglow whether he took Notice of what the Doctor Said in this and he told me he did. We presently had discourse with the Doctor about his not coming to Meeting, and the Reasons of his Conduct -- but he gave none. I visited *old Mrs. Bruce*, at the Desire of her son Ephraim who was at Dr. *Chace's* (though not when the Doctor Said I was welcome etc.), She having lately broke or much lamed her Arm by a Fall. I visited the Widow of Jonas Twitchell. P.M. Monsieur Francis Robishow etc. (see the 29th) in returning, came here, and I had some Close Conversation upon the Difference of our Religions. O that God would please to Open their Eyes, that they might be convinced of their Errors, and See and embrace the Truth of the Gospel!

1758 September 1 (Friday). To my Grief I am forced to Spend a great deal of my Time in looking up Hands to work, but Succeed poorly -- however, thus far; I obtain a Team of Neighbour Solomon Bakers which *Aaron Nurse* and *John Pratt* go with to the Ministerial Meadow and bring one Load from thence, which is all I have there. N.B. Yesterday I Sent to Mr. Winter, in the Name of my Son Forbush, by the Hand of Barnabas Newton £39.7.0 Old Tenor.

1758 September 2 (Saturday). A.M. Mr. Edwards Whipple came to desire me to visit his Father in Law, Mr. Joseph Green, apprehended to be near his End. I went, discoursed and prayed with him: and I endeavoured to discharge in Faithfulness my Duty to him. The Burden of the Song in all his answers was, *not so well as I Should do* etc. This, I conceive, was owing to his prevailing *Scruples* -- and his fearing he Should speak falsely, if he Said he wished, desired, hoped, etc. P.M. I rode to Grafton; first to Mr. Hutchinson, who had writ to me some time agoe, about changing tomorrow. This he was willing to do, but not to go to [*blot*] nor at Eve, though there was time enough. I rode to Esq. Charles Brighams, to pay for my mare: but notwithstanding I took so much Pains, the Squire being engaged in his Hay, would not come to me to receive his money, but said he would come to my House next week. I returned to Mr. Hutchinsons and lodged there. Adonijah Rice and Noah Hardy mowe in my Newton Meadow.

1758 September 3 (Sunday). Mr. Hutchinson went to Westborough and preached a.m. on Josh. 7.9, p.m. on 2 K. 4.23. I preached at Grafton a.m. on Jer. 50.7, p.m. on *Joh. 14.6*, latter part. After the Exercises, Mrs. Prentice invited me to visit her Husband who was lame. I did so and drank Tea with them. I returned home at Eve as did Mr. Hutchinson.

1758 September 4 (Monday). Mr. Francis Whipple comes and acquainted me that old Mr. Green dyed on Saturday evening, is to be buried to day, and that I am desired to attend the Funeral at 3 this afternoon. Thomas Bond works for me, raking and poling Hay in Newton Meadow. And my son Thomas also assists p.m. N.B. Cousen Brigham rode with me to the Burial of *Father Green*. Monsieur *LeBlanc* was there. One Thing especially was remarkable in *Father Green* in his Life Time, viz. his most reverent manner of attending divine worship. I shall always remember his Seriousness and the Solemnity which was evident throughout his whole man. I wish we might always imitate it.

1758 September 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. Rice (Capt. Woods Mother) and Mrs. *Baker* (Esquires Spouse) make us a visit, p.m. At Eve when they go away there was an heavy Shower. This visit was the more remarkable as the Squire and his Family have been so great strangers here. But Mrs. Brigham (her Neece) is full here.

1758 September 6 (Wednesday). My wife and I rode over to Mr. Martyns -- dined there. I preached his Lecture on *Joh. 14.6*. Delivered the two first sermons on that Text. We returned at Eve. N.B. There has been no body to Cart my poor Hay from Newton Meadow. Went to Mr. Nurses at Night to get Nathan Kenny to go tomorrow to pole and Cart it. An hard Tugg to obtain it.

1758 September 7 (Thursday). Nathan came, but Alexander so full of pain he can't help him. Thomas has Such a Cough, he cant go into the Water. Disappointed also about the Oxen I had bespoke to get the Hay in with. It was the more perplexing because I had no great Reason from what Mr. Martyn answered me when I desired him to preach my Lecture to Day to expect him - - so that I was obliged to prepare, my Self. I hastily went up the Street to get Neighbour *Adonijah Rice*, but he was gone from Home. I went to *Barny Newton* who had an Hand with him -- but could not perswade him in any wise. In this extreme hurry and Confusion, the young man (Nathan) whom I had obtained so difficultly last night, now waiting and nobody to work with him, I saw Deacon Tainter at Mr. Beetons Shop, and hearing him say he had been at Grafton yesterday and heard fine preaching there, the thought of our great Difficultys in this place for want of Help to get in our Hay which was suffering, there being so many sick in the Neighbourhood; more especially my own being obliged to let great part of my Grass, and some of the best of my meadow Grass, stand and die; and *that* I had with much trouble got cutt was in Danger of being lost (the thought of these and many more urgent things pressing upon me), I told the Deacon he should learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice. You Mean says he, Mercy to Your Hay, dont you? I answered Yes -- and pass'd down the Road; for I was in a great Haste to find somebody that would go to work. But not succeeding at Neighbour Newtons, as aforesaid I returned to Beetons shop, and told the Deacon (in Mr. Beetons Hearing) that I would not leave what I had said without adding that I acknowledged he had been so kind and ready to help me, that there was no Man like minded -- what I said had this Effect, that he came down after me and pol'd out a Load of my Hay, with *Nathan*, to the shore. William Stone came from Lt. *Rolfs*, and poled, with Nathan, the rest to gather to be stacked: Thomas with the Boys got up the Load which was poled out (having Mr. Zebulun Rice's Oxen). When the Deacon came up to my House, Mr. Martyn was come. The Deacon invited us to dine with him -- we mounted our Horses and did accordingly. Mr. Martyn preached my Lecture on Ps. 73.28, former part. Thus was I calmed after great Tumult and confusion in my Heart. May God forgive what was amiss in me, at such a Time of Tryal!

1758 September 8 (Friday). Neighbour Zebulun Rice (whom I was obliged to leave my study and go to last Evening) came to Day, and with Nathan Kenny stacked the Hay that was poled together yesterday. And so I have now done Haying, after this Fashion -- there being no Hands to cutt the Rest.

1758 September 9 (Saturday). Thomas waits upon our Cousen Brigham and her son, to her Father Brighams at Marlborough. Mr. John Mead here, with divers interruptions and Vanitys. N.B. We this morning finished Dr. Dodridge's Illd Volume of Family Expositor.

1758 September 10 (Sunday). So many and distracting the avocations of the last Week, I could make but one sermon, taking the Pains with it as my Desire and my Custom of writing is. Nor do I know how to alter it. Read 2 Chron. 22, Joh. 10. Preached a.m. on Song 5.1. Admitted Hannah (wife on Ebenezer) Miller into the Church. Administered the Lord's Supper. The Deacons wives, and Mrs. Hitty Rice (wife of Lt. Eliezer) dined here. P.M. repeated the last part of sermon on Eph. 3.10. Read proclamation for Thanksgiving. N.B. in the forenoon, having forgot Mrs. Millers Relation and the Covenant I took my Hatt, while the Congregation were

singing, came home and got them and returned before they had done. Yet I sat 'em but 2 staves. N.B. My Frame of Heart was much too dull and insensible at first, and my preparation too Slighty; yet it Pleased God (as I hope) to quicken me. Thanks and praise to Him! Whilst I need to be deeply humbled before Him for my great Defects, which the Lord pardon!

1758 September 11 (Monday). Began Dr. Dodridge's 4th volume of Family Expositor. Which may God accompany with His Special Blessing! Esquire Tyler of Mendon here. I wrote to Capt. Maynard in the Army. Deacon Tainter dines here. Alexander begins to cutt stalks. Cornet Sherman and Mr. Aaron Hardy are come back from Visiting their sons at the Lake.

1758 September 12 (Tuesday). Received two Letters from *Billy*, one of Aug. 25, the other of the 28th. Several Women from Hopkinton make a visit here to Day, to my sad Interruption. They are Mrs. Crossman, widow Nicols and Mrs. Gibbs. George Crossman also here, who has lately returned from the Lake, and Saw Billy well, just before he came away.

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

1758 September 14 (Thursday). Day of public *Prayer and Thanksgiving* on Account of the Reduction of *Cape Briton* and its Dependencies; and the present Critical State of our publick Affairs relating to the War. I preached on those words in Ps. 2.11 -- *rejoice with Trembling*. Was not successfull in any of my Invitations or Endeavours to have Strangers or Widows dine with us. Mr. Ebenezer Rice, his wife and divers Children ill.

1758 September 15 (Friday). Visit Mr. E. Rice. N.B. a great Addition to his Trouble is Mr. Thomas Frosts Cattle break in upon the Apples and Rowing. I went to him, and he promised to take effectual Care of them. P.M. Coll. Timothy Brigham was here and desires me to go with him to Mr. James Maynards on the Difficult Affair of the Difference between John and his wife but I did not think it wise to go. He returned at Night here, to me, Supped with me, and gave me Some Account of his Discourse with *John*: and what he (himself) proposed to do if John did not come to See him. P.M. Capt. Daniel Barns of Marlborough here in his Journey to Cornet *Sherman* who has been to the Lake lately (as aforesaid), Capt. Barns having two Sons in the Service. In the Evening Charles Brigham Esq. here, and I paid him 50£ old Tenor for the Mare I bought of him Feb. 20th and gave him a Note of 26/8 L.M. which was the remainder. N.B. I have Striven a great deal to get help in ploughing, mowing, rowing etc. but in Vain. Went to Mr. Williams's this Evening to get help there, but in Vain. So it has pleased the Sovereign God.

1758 September 16 (Saturday). Jejun. and Prec. I perceived Some Company were come to See us. But I did not dare to go down to them lest the work of this important Day Should be obstructed. I afterwards perceived that they were Mrs. My wife's Kinswomen, the widow Brigham and Miss Betty Gott. Abel Chase junior here at Evening with a Letter from Mr. Welman etc. desiring a Council.

1758 September 17 (Sunday). Mr. Martyn preached here on 2 Cor. 3.13-16. I for him on Joh. 14.[blot] a. and p.m. We, both of us, returned at Eve. N.B. Capt. Bezaleal Eager delivered me a Letter from Mr. *Bellamy* with a packet -- containing [*three Greek words*], which I had lent him.

1758 September 18 (Monday). I Sent by Mr. *Ephraim Bruce*, to Lt. Rice and to Billy in the army. Mr. Bruce goes to bring home *Jonas Bradish*. I visited the *Hows* at each House -- and other where. P.M. I went [southward?] to raise a Team to plough the Field behind the Meeting House. Was at Monsieur LeBlanc's, and at Joseph Bruce's. Towards Eve I rode to Marlborough to See General *Amhirst's* Army of 4500 -- they had pitched their Tents some Time before I got there; but I went to them and walked among them. Lodged at Mr. *Smith's*, as did Mr. *Buckminster*. Likewise two field Officers, viz. Coll. *Townshend* (Son of L. Viscount Townshend) and Major Richardson. Heard the Sorrowfull News of the Death of Mr. *Porter* of Sherbourn and that he is to be buried to Day.

1758 September 19 (Tuesday). We rose extreme early, waked by the Officers waiters. Mr. Smith, Buckminster and I, walked to the Camp before the Day broke: tarryed and saw them Striking their Tents and Marching. They were Rangers, advanced Guard of Royal Scotts, Royal, [*Lascells?*], *Fraziers*, and *Webbs* Regiments. Broke fast at Mr. Smiths. Mr. Humphrey of Poquaog came likewise. I returned home, and gave my Horse to Thomas and Sarah who rode up the Road to See the Army, as they march to Worcester. I walked to Mr. Joslins to Catechizing -- had a Number of Young Men and Young Women attending -- great and Small 35. At the Request of the more adult, and of the people of the House we sung. It was part of Ps. 34.11-16. Rode home on Mr. Joslyns Horse. Visited Father Bradish going and returning.

1758 September 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonah Warrin with a Yoke of Oxen, Abiel Chamberlin Sent by Mr. Tainter with 2 Yoke of Oxen, with Mr. Ebenezer Rice's Oxen ploughed my Field at the back of the Meeting House. Capt. Wood helped a.m. John and Mary Melancon (French persons from Lancaster) dined here.

1758 September 21 (Thursday). Mr. Warrin and Chamberlin with like Team as yesterday ploughed again. I rode to the South -- dined at Mr. Martyn Pratts. Visit Mrs. Dunlop, the Twitchells -- Bowmans. N.B. had further Discourse with *Lydia* -- now Mrs. *Matthis*, in order to her making a profession.

1758 September 22 (Friday). Mr. *Gardner* of Stow here, returning from Windham. P.M. attended the buryal of Mr. Ebenezer Maynards Child, *Joel*. Mr. Francis Whipple and his Wife here after the Funeral. Ensign Harrington having driven up two Heiffers of mine to his son *Samuels* at New Braintry, in the Spring, now brought 'em back to me, charging nothing for his Pains in either. Asked 20/ old tenor for his son. N.B. Mr. Edwards Whipple brought me two Books, of *Edwards* on the *Doctrine of Original Sin* from Mr. Kneeland printer in Boston.

1758 September 23 (Saturday). P.M. Seth Woods and [*Reuben?*] Bellows gave me a Short lift in mowing Rowing.

1758 September 24 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 23, Joh. 11. Preached on *Eph.* 4.1 a.m. and p.m. repeated with Some Additions and Alterations Sermon on Coloss. 1.7 on Occasion of the much lamented Death of the Rev. Mr. Samuel *Porter* of Sherbourn; which may God Sanctifie to our Saving Good!

1758 September 25 (Monday). Seth Woods and Reuben Bellows worked for me; mowing Bushes and a little Rowing. Read Edwards on Original Sin.

1758 September 26 (Tuesday). Seth Woods and Reuben Bellows on the Bushes and old Mr. Dunlop thrashing Rye. Much troubled with Cattle etc. breaking into my Corn at the Island. At Eve Thomas Eustis, Carpenter at Capt. *Allens*, here.

1758 September 27 (Wednesday). Seth Woods and Reuben Bellows (who lodged here last night) on the Bushes still. At Times I am on the Life of Czar *Peter* Vol. 3.

1758 September 28 (Thursday). Mr. Francis Whipple and his wife having Some time ago invited and engaged us to visit poor languishing Silas Knowlton, Son of Mr. Abraham Knowlton, my Wife and I rode there to Day. Visit Several Familys upon the way -- dine at Mr. Knowltons -- return at Eve. Found Mrs. Lydia Mathews, lately Lydia Bowman, here on Examination and lodges with us.

1758 September 29 (Friday). Whilst I was closely engaged in my preparations came my Kinsman and Friend Mr. Joshua Winter, with his Wife, whom I greatly rejoiced to see so restored again after her deep illness and Weakness.

1758 September 30 (Saturday). It was not a little difficult to attend to my Studys when there is Company in the House, yet, Mr. Winter repeatedly entreating he might be no interruption to me, I applyed my Self diligently to my Work.

1758 October 1 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.* 24 and John 12. Preached a. and p.m. on *Eph.* 4.1. May a gracious God enable us to conform to these Instructions and admonitions! Mr. Winter and his Wife kept Sabbath with us.

1758 October 2 (Monday). My Kinsfolks ride up to Capt. Allens in Shrewsbury, and my Wife and I wait upon them there. After dinner at Capt. Allens Mr. Winter and [*sic*] rode up to Mr. *Cushings*. We all returned here at Evening.

1758 October 3 (Tuesday). I rode to Sutton Council on Mr. Welmans Affair with his Brethren. Mr. Winter and his Wife return to Boston. Deacons Tainter and Bond accompany me to Mr. Welmans, where we dined. Besides all the Pastors and Delegates, who were all there this session, Mr. Maccarty, who was moderator of the Church Meeting just after the last Council, was there. P.M. went to the Meeting House; the withdrawing Brethren as well as the Standing part of the Church, there. Lodged at Mr. Welmans.

1758 October 4 (Wednesday). Matters are very difficult -- a.m. labouring with the contending Partys. As Mr. Wellman Shew'd what he had done towards Pacification and exhibited a Paper of Offers which he had made to them *So they* in their Turn exhibit proposals -- but they are rejected by the other Side. P.M. Mr. Welman produces his Grievances etc. And we go into the *Hearing*, and at his House (to which we were adjourned in the Evening). I lodged at Mr. Welmans. All is dark and Sad.

1758 October 5 (Thursday). Nothing can be darker and more sad -- the Partys extremely stiff and resolute against one another. Mr. *Welman* and his Brethren urging that we *do* what we came for, and give them a Result: the aggrieved making Offers of a mutual Council, which if rejected, tis thought probable many of the precinct will hear him no more. Thus we have things when we first meet one another in sadness this morning. Our Hearts aking, our Eyes often to Heaven for the divine Compassion. When we were also recollecting what God had done Sometimes heretofore; and to Support our Spirits observing that it was darkest just before morning -- Ensign Goddard and Mr. Daniel Greenwood came with new Proposals and Offers (Perhaps Some of the withdrawing Partys late extraordinary Conduct, being likely to be Severely animadverted upon, might be a Stimulus) in which they are willing to bear the intire Charge of a mutual Council if they may have one. Mr. W. and Ensign Barnard etc. will agree to having a mutual Council, if this Council may be one half, the aggrieved Brethren adding as many Churches hereto, and if they will bear half the Charge of this Council and of that proposed. We ripen this Scheme, and it proves Successful thus far. N.B. Rev. Messrs. Hall, Maccarty, John Brown, and *Phipp*s dine with us. I at night rode to my Kinsman Trasks to See his aged mother Fuller: and lodged there.

1758 October 6 (Friday). Letters missive were drawn (from an original of my draughting) and Signed by the Partys respectively. Then the Council was adjourned to Tuesday the 7th Day of November next a.m. and to the House of Mr. Samuel Buck junior. N.B. Mr. Dorr and his son, Mr. Smith of Marlborough and Mr. Johnson of Mendon, and I, dined at Mr. Hutchinsons in Grafton. When I came home find *Sophy* and *Hannah* have the Fever and Ague. Silas Rice (son of Lt. Eliezer) is come from the Camp and brought a Letter of Sept. 19 from my son *William*.

1758 October 7 (Saturday). Do my utmost to prepare one Sermon though I can no more for the approaching Sabbath. My temporal Affairs must Shift as they can.

1758 October 8 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 25 and Joh. 13. Repeated a.m. on Rom. 10.4. Preached p.m. on *Rom.* 12.2. Sang a.m. on Ps. 80.15-19. Gave the Church in the hearing of the Assembly, some Account of *Sutton* Affairs. Appointed a Lecture to young men to be next Thursday, 2 p.m.

1758 October 9 (Monday). Mr. Ephraim Bruce returned last eve, from the Lake, with Jonas Bradish. Brings me a Letter from *Billy* of Sept. 28. And one from Mr. (who writes himself) *Forbes*, of Sept. 8 and another from him of Sept. 25. N.B. Mr. Daniel Hardy comes here with fresh Claim of part of the Land, Lt. Ward took up for me in the Swamp to the North East. N.B.

Mr. *Putnam* of Pomfret, going down to See his Father at North Reading, who is Sick, calls (in the Rain) and takes a Lodging here. He appears a Serious, modest, agreeable Gentleman.

1758 October 10 (Tuesday). Mr. *Putnam*, though it Rains, pursues his Journey.

1758 October 11 (Wednesday). Rode to Mr. Ephraim Bruce to Enquire of Affairs at the Camp. There I saw Jonas *Bradish* and I design'd a visit to Mrs. Adams, but found her at Bruce's. N.B. Mr. Benoni Shurtleff is going to the Camp, for Capt. *Aaron Fay* who is an Invalid. I wrote by him to Billy and Sent him a Dollar. P.M. Mr. Joseph Miles of Shrewsbury here; he being in a very gloomy State. His Wife is with him. They have News that their Father, old *Deacon Miles* of Concord is dead. May not only Relatives, but all survivors make a right use of Such a Providence! My little *Hannah*, having the Fever and Ague, turns Yellow also. *Sophy* also grows worse.

1758 October 12 (Thursday). After Dinner but before Lecture came Mrs. Martyn to see us. After Lecture her Daughter in Law, and Grandson Edward came but neither of them went to Lecture. It was to young people from *Mat. 6.5*. N.B. repeated an Exposition with Alterations and Additions. N.B. But few people at Meeting. Am grieved at it.

1758 October 13 (Friday). My son Samuel taken ill, with vomiting and Shaking -- soon after is better and runs about again.

1758 October 14 (Saturday). Thomas rode to Marlborough to wait upon Mrs. Anna Brigham up here; but She was engaged in taking Care of a poor sick woman, one *Mrs. Kitchin*, a Wife of one of the Regulars, who was trying to go to her Husband, but was taken ill upon the way; So that Mrs. Brigham did not come. N.B. One *Edward Lyscomb* of Taunton, a Soldier in Coll. *Doly's* Regiment, was here in his way home: He had been under Coll. Bradstreet at the taking of Catawaqui and Fort Frontignac; and had divers of the Spoils which they had taken from the French. At night Mr. *Bliss* called at the Door, in his way to Grafton, Mr. Hutchinson being gone to Concord. N.B. Mrs. Matthews here with her Relation.

1758 October 15 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 26 and Joh. 14. Preached a. and p.m. on Rom. 12.2. Mrs. Matthews made her profession of Religion, was baptized, and admitted into the Church. N.B. Mr. Martin Pratts Wife, and the Widow Sarah Smith dined here.

1758 October 16 (Monday). An unhappy Morning to me by reason of my hasty Answer to Mr. *Jonah Warrin* -- when he asked me whether I met with any difficulty about my Wood? I answered Yes -- but the manner of expressing it, was with too much Warmth. May God forgive what was amiss! My Daughter *Sarah* rode with Mr. Tainter, his Wife and Sister Forb. to Brookfield. N.B. Sent by her Mr. Roberts Life of *Czar Peter* Vol. 2 and 3 and to my Daughter Forbes 6 Edwards on Original Sin.

1758 October 17 (Tuesday). My own Mare being gone it was with much Difficulty, but I obtained an Horse, and rode to Mr. Hall in Sutton, according to the Appointments made to

attempt something for the Reconcilement of the Ministers and Churches there. Mr. Cushing was there: Mr. Dor soon came and with him Mr. Webb of Uxbridge; who being desired by Mr. Hall to assist in the Reconcilement before us, became one with us. And we had the Happiness to see the two Ministers aforesaid reconciled with respect to their ministerial Rights; and they respectively Signed the Terms. After which we prepared the way as we could, respecting all other Matters. We all lodged there. A stormy, rainy Night.

1758 October 18 (Wednesday). Messrs. Hall and Wellman were, to our great rejoicing, brought to an Amicable Composition, and signed reciprocally a Paper, containing mutual condescensions and Engagements which We all witnessed, and the Instruments were interchangeably delivered. Mr. Dorr also left a Paper of Advice with Rev. Mr. Hall, as Mr. *Wellman* had signed his Consent to what is Called the Uxbridge proposals -- and this last did indeed precede the Paper of amicable Composition abovesaid. So having dined (and the Weather agreeable) we joyfully parted. Called at Mr. Hutchinsons, and at Winchesters (at which last I left what I had drawn up for his *Will*). When I got home aged Judge *Ward* was here, and desired me to marry him. I rode home the Horse I had borrowed, to Mr. *Nurse's*; the Judge returning there (for there the widow *Smith*, his Designed Bride, Sojourned) and I married them in presence of Mr. Aaron Nurse, Eliza Pierce and Nathan Kenny. Sad News that Mr. *Solomon Woods* is dead.

1758 October 19 (Thursday). Mr. *Hutchinson* preached my Lecture on Act. 5.31. N.B. Esquire *Samuel Brigham* here after Lecture. Mr. Benjamin *Tainter* returns from Summers and Brookfield, and confirms the sorrowfull Tidings of the Death of Mr. Woods -- that he dyed at *Western* in his returning from the Army. A Sorrowful and wide Breach! The Lord pity his poor Widow and Children -- and his aged Mother and miserable Brother Isaac!

1758 October 20 (Friday). Mr. John Mead here in great Affliction by reason of the Death of his Landlady at Newton. Capt. Foster's Wife here and brings us Several presents. She dines here.

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

1758 October 22 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 27, Joh. 15. Preached a. and p.m. on Song 5.1. Administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Deacon Tainter and his wife, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Steward and the Widow Patience Forbush, dined here. O that God would be graciously pleased to bless Such Opportunities for our Saving Advantage!

1758 October 23 (Monday). Mr. Ebenezer Rice Sent me a Line requesting that I would go over there to Day and divide the Hay and Indian Corn; which, p.m. I complied with.

1758 October 24 (Tuesday). Deacon Burnap receives and pays for one of *Edwards* on Original Sin. William *Dunlop* here being newly come from the Lake and brings me fresh news from my *Billy*. My own Boys are employed about my Corn and have the Assistance of one of Mr. Rice's Twins: thus, *Alexander* goes over in the morning and with Mr. Rice's Oxen and Mr. Pratts Cart,

assisted by Joseph Rice (or rather the Twin with his) my part of Crop of Corn is brought over and laid upon my House; and after Dinner they go to my Cook Field, and cutt up and bring home part of that. Thomas helps them in loading and driving home. Rain at Eve.

1758 October 25 (Wednesday). Boys are husking. P.M. rainy. Nathan and Jonas Kenny husk. At Eve my Daughter *Baldwin* with her little son came. They sat out yesterday from Brookfield; accompanied by the Widow *Gilbert* hither to assist her. They lodged last night at Mr. Baldwins in *Shrewsbury*, where they left my mare, which they brought with them from Brookfield so far.

1758 October 26 (Thursday). A very winter like Face on every Thing. We have the pleasure of my Daughter and her little son here, together with their Nurse. *Alexander* goes to *Shrewsbury* for my Mare and brings her. Am confined by the storm from visiting Several Familys where there have been Bereavements by the War. My sons are husking -- but my own Business succeeds but poorly. Alas, that I am so sluggish! I had need be quickened, for the holy God has awfully smitten us, in taking away a most eminent person, the Rev. Pious and learned Mr. THOMAS PRINCE of Boston who dyed last Lords Day Evening. He was one of the most usefull Men we have had for a great while. Help Lord etc. N.B. Joseph Thurston brought a Barrell of Cyder from Mr. Hezekiah How to whom I had lent one.

1758 October 27 (Friday). Storm continues, and our Wood very short. P.M. Thomas to Marlborough to bring up Mrs. Brigham. At Eve Capt. Wood and Ensign Harrington here, and though I Should prize their Company at another time, yet I cant but regret its robbing me of the Evening I so peculiarly depend upon for my Studying and preparing my sermons.

1758 October 28 (Saturday). My Daughter Baldwin, her son and Mrs. Gilbert go to Sudbury, Thomas having returned with Mrs. Brigham and her Son. P.M. to my sorrow was again interrupted and called away. Mr. John Maynard came for me to go to his Brother Phinehas's little son *Joel* (about 2 Years old) who had fallen into a Kittle of boiling water, and they fear Death is nigh. I went. Returned at Eve.

1758 October 29 (Sunday). Read 2 *Chron.* 28 and *Joh.* 16. Preached a.m. on Rom. 12.2. N.B. Mr. *Hutchinson* being gone to Connecticut many Grafton people are here. Deacon Merriam and his Wife; Mr. Hezekiah Taylor and his son dined with us. P.M. On Occasion of the Death of that Excellent Minister of Jesus Christ, the Rev. Mr. Prince of Boston, I again delivered sermon 1 on Act. 20.28, only with New Introduction, with Alterations and additions, as were requisite. N.B. Lt. Eliezer Rice, Moses Twitchell, and Constantine Hardy are returned from the Army.

1758 October 30 (Monday). This Parish met to See whether they would Settle my Sallery and get me my Wood this Year: and sent a Committee to me, Messrs. David Maynard and Ephraim Bruce, to desire me to go to the Meeting House. They said they wanted to know what would satisfie and Content me. I went and spoke to them to this Effect. That I mov'd for no Addition at present, during this Time of Distress and Trouble with them on account of the public Calamities: for that I heartily Sympathized with them, that Indeed I desired my maintenance among them might not be left at the loose rate that it had been heretofore; it being (as I

apprehended) greatly to the dishonor of God and hurt of Religion, greatly to their own dishonor and the Damage of their own Spiritual Interests -- and the Objection that I know of against settling it of no force -- but since I had understood that *that* was not the point to be laboured, they having got over *that* -- (for so it was represented to me) I would not insist on it. And as to the *how much*, Since the Times were now peculiar they might do this, pitch upon a Medium which might be satisfactory on both sides -- that if they were distressed might be considered on my part but if there should be peace and they Should be prospered and blessed and my Circumstances called for it, they might add to me accordingly. It grew late, there were but few there. When I left them they soon voted to do as they had done -- and so left it as they found it -- 500£ old Tenor including for my Wood, which I might get as I pleased. N.B. Capt. Wood here at Evening. Also Capt. Tainter from Watertown.

1758 October 31 (Tuesday). Have received but slender supply from Mr. Maynard the Collector for my Journey -- but the Necessitys of my Family required it, that I *Should* go. Mr. Batherick helped my son *Alexander*, in Cutting down the remainder of my Indian Corn. Mr. Joseph Chaddocks wife here to be examined. Dined at home. A second Dinner at Mr. Stones. Lodged at Mr. Cushings at Waltham, but he was gone to Ordination at *Andover*.

1758 November 1 (Wednesday). Went to Old Mr. Strattons early and took up of him 20£ old tenor for which I gave him a second Note. Rode into *Boston*, to Mr. Procters at the Alms-House. Proceeded to Visit The Widow of the late Rev. Mr. Prince: and there was Shewn by Miss Sally *Prince* a Letter from Dr. William Shippen of Philadelphia, giving an *Account of the Death of Mrs. Edwards*, widow of late president *Edwards* -- to my great Grief -- my Brother *Samuel* who is in great Affliction by the low Condition of his only Son *William B.* He has been sick above a Month of a Fever; and is now very delirious. Sister Lydia Champney is there to assist them. Dined among my Relations at Mr. *Winters*, but not at Brother Samuels, there being a great many there -- and much Trouble already. My Brother being out of Hay, and Weather rainy, so that tis difficult to get supply; my Mare was kept at Mr. *Lowders*.

1758 November 2 (Thursday). *Billy* (my Brothers son) no better. Visited among my Relations as I could consistent with my Business. Dined at Mr. William *Winters*, after I had attended the Lecture, which was preached by Mr. Mather on Rom. 8.10, a Funeral Sermon for the late Rev. Mr. *Prince*. P.M. at Vendue at Mr. *Winters* -- and at Evening at Mr. Churches Vendue also. At the latter bought 3 yards of Broadcloth @ 50/ old Tenor per yard and 10 yards of Russell @ 14/. Lodged at Brother *Samuels*.

1758 November 3 (Friday). Very much hindered by assisting my Brother *Samuel* in writing Letters to England to the Heirs of Mrs. *Poyutz* deceased. Visit Cousen *Oliver* -- he goes with me to see the Train of Artillery which came from *Louisbourg*. Paid for my Goods at Mr. Church's. Dined at Cousen Nathaniels. Paid Miss *Abiel Page*. N.B. paid for 1/2 a pound of Tea more than I conceive I had of her. It being charged to be in August, whereas I had none at that time, not being then at Boston. At Eve rode out of Town, leaving my poor Nephew in the Same Condition which I found him in. O that it might be a warning to all young Men! I stopped at Mr. *Abiel George Hatter* in Roxbury; took and paid for 2 Felt Hatts for my little Boys. Mr. Potter of

Brookline having solicited me to go there to lodge with them -- I did so: and was most respectfully Entertained there. N.B. she had lately lain in.

1758 November 4 (Saturday). Set out from Mr. *Potters* -- dined at Dr. *Hemingways*. At Mr. *Stows* find they are ripening for a Council. Arrived safely and found my Family well. D.G. N.B. Cousen *Brigham* and her son go home. I met them at Bruce's. Soldiers return home apace.

1758 November 5 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 29, Joh. 17. Repeated sermon on Rev. 22.17. Mrs. Hardy (Samuels wife) and widow Thurston, dined here.

1758 November 6 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton returning from Framingham (where he had been to preach and administer the Lords Supper to the people lately under Mr. Solomon Read) dined here. Deacon Tainter brought me a Second Load of Wood. P.M. I attended the Funeral of Mr. Phinehas Maynards only Child, which died by means of the Scald on Oct. 27. At Eve Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin here. He gives me a Barrell of Cyder and will take Care to bring it or that it be brought. Mr. Jonathan Cook here, being returned from the Lake -- says that Capt. Maynards Company were so Sickly and indisposed, that there were none but what had been at one time or another taken off from Duty except my Son William and two more.

1758 November 7 (Tuesday). It rained -- yet I rode to *Sutton*. Deacon Tainter with me. Deacon *Bond* could not go with us. Mr. Smith and Deacon Woods came to us at Mr. Hutchinsons where we all dined. In Sutton we met at Mr. Samuel Bucks junior. 13 Churches. Mr. *Welds* and Mr. *Beans* instead of Mr. Porter of Bridgwater and Mr. Cook of Cambridge: but the Church of Sturbridge came not at all. We formed into a Council: adjourned to the Meeting House -- Mr. Dorr the moderator prayed. And the Night coming on and we being Wet and Cold, adjourned to tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock. Mr. Cushing and I lodged at Mr. *Simon Tainters*.

1758 November 8 (Wednesday). We had a public Hearing in the meeting House -- both parts of the Day. At Eve adjourned to Mr. Bucks it being very Cold winter like Weather. Lodged as last night.

1758 November 9 (Thursday). Another Day of Hearing -- but at Mr. Bucks; and lasted till past ten at Night. Lodged as before.

1758 November 10 (Friday). In the morning visited Mrs. Fuller my aged Kinswoman; and Mr. Trask. Had our Debates in Council. A very tough Time. Dissenting apprehensions in the Council itself. We were unhappily divided much as we were sent for. Shameful Weakness. The Council continued at it all Night, so that no man of all that great Body went to Bed; but I who was necessitated to retire which I did (with Leave) at about 3 o'Clock in the morning.

1758 November 11 (Saturday). When we were at Breakfast and onward it was Still very dark and distressing, to see how much was before us, and how divided we were. It was thought best to adjourn. The adjournment was to next May. And four ministers were chosen to labour with the people in the Mean time. Messrs. Webb and Fish for the other side, Mr. Morse and I for

the Pastors and standing part. But I refused having been so often and my affairs at home forbidding it. Mr. Dorr was chose in my room; Mr. Cushing if he fails. But we called the people in to try whether some thing might not be done at the present. It had a great Effect. I first of all laboured with Mr. Wellman to acknowledge that in this Day of Temptation he had done amiss in some Things etc. He accordingly made a penitential Speech to them. This had some influence on Deacon *Gould* yet he would defer the reconciliation till he could think further, promising to take pains with himself etc. I was very sorry he was so imperfect in his Acceptance of what Mr. Wellman Said. Squire *Goddard* and Mr. *Greenwood*, with their sons, also stood off. But Mr. Barton and Mr. Richardson were pritty much melted: humbled themselves and asked forgiveness and were restored by Vote of the Church. A great Number of the Standing part, viz. Squire Barnard, Deacon Chase, Capt. Holman, Mr. Kidder and Mr. Tainter expressly and with Tears in their Eyes, having took *Barton* by the Hand and mutually asked and granted forgiveness -- and then removed, with the rest of the Standing part of the Church to the other End of the Room, and compleated the Reconciliation, with those, though Others of the withdrawing members would defer a while. Mr. *Fish* prayed and gave Thanks -- the Council's adjournment was declared; we dined, and returned home. Found my Family well. D.G. Mr. *Jonah Warrin* brought one Cord of wood to Day. This begins his finding wood.

1758 November 12 (Sunday). This morning very Cold. Ink is froze in my standish Jugg, though there was fire in my Chamber the Eve before. A very Winter like time. Read 2 Chron. 30, John 18. Made an Exercise partly out of some of my sermon on *Jer. 3.15*, to which I added some preparations which I made for Leominster, but never delivered. N.B. This was occasioned partly by the Business of last Week, but especially because this was the first Lords Day of our 35th Year Since the founding this Church and my own Ordination. I would give Thanks to God for His Long suffering; pray for forgiveness of my unfaithfullness and unfruitfullness: and beg Grace to Quicken and assist for the future! P.M. repeated part of Sermon on *Rom. 12.18*, occasioned both by the Divisions in Sutton, and the yet more distressing Disquietments in *Southborough*: having a Letter to communicate, and which was communicated, to the Church, from thence.

1758 November 13 (Monday). Still very Cold. This is the more distressing as many people have not got in their Corn -- sawce etc. My Cabbages are abroad and chiefly Spoiled, they being so hard froze. At Eve Mr. Maccarty who is on his Journey to Boston, and lodges here. He informs me that Mr. *Charles* APTHORP of Boston, a principal Merchant dyed Suddenly last Friday Night. Surely Riches profit not in the Day of Wrath. Immensest Heaps of Silver and Gold will not be sufficient to bribe the Kingdom of Terrors! Nor any Discharge in this War!

1758 November 14 (Tuesday). Mr. *Maccarty* pursues his Journey. My Son *Thomas* takes an Horse (Daniel How's) with him to Brookfield to bring down *Sarah*. Judge *Ward* asks for his wife to live in my other House.

1758 November 15 (Wednesday). I walked over to t'other House -- to consult Mr. Rice about Mrs. *Wards* living there. Visit Mr. John Frost, and the widow Elizabeth Rogers. Judge *Ward* and his wife and Mr. Moses Twitchell dined with Mrs. Parkman -- but I went to Capt. *Woods* to the Marriage of his Daughter in Law, Miss *Patty Death*. My wife also at the Solemnity and

Entertainment there. At Eve she returned home because of the Child, but I went with the Company to Esq. *Bakers* and supped there. To my great Grief I was detained there till it was nigh or quite Midnight. Yet I broke away before the Second Table rose from Supper; and So had no Singing *there*. N.B. Capt. *Maynard* at the Wedding.

1758 November 16 (Thursday). Fine spring-like Weather. Deacon Tainter, and afterwards Judge *Ward*, dined here. My wife and I were invited by the Bridegroom, Mr. Baker to dine with them. My wife went, but I did not, though they Sent an Horse for us. At Eve I went up and waited on her home. *Thomas* returned from Brookfield and brought *Suse* and *Breck* with him, and left Sarah in *Suse's* Stead. N.B. Widow Twitchell tells me (Mr. *Ebenezer Nurse* and Mrs. *Rebecca Warrin* present) that Judge *Ward* may go into her House if he will fit it up at his own Cost, and engage to leave it next spring when Mr. Jonathan Cook will want to have it. Which I Acquaint the Judge with.

1758 November 17 (Friday). Receive £57.15.0 Old Tenor, from my son Ebenezer by my son Thomas in trust for Mr. *Thomas Frost*. Accordingly having Sent for Mr. *Frost*, he came this Evening. I paid him all his Demand (which was 57£ 10/) and took up Ebenezers Note.

1758 November 18 (Saturday). Send *Alexander* to carry a Bushel of Indian Corn to Mill, which when Ground I direct him to present to the widow *Elizabeth Rogers* in her lonely Condition. Mr. *James Cordwell* of Sutton dined here. P.M. Mr. *Nehemiah Putnam* my Kinsman, here. William *Stone* going to his sick Brother *Samuel* at *Sheffield*, carries a Letter and stuff for a Gown, to be left at Capt. *Wolcotts* at *Brookfield* for my Daughter *Sarah*.

1758 November 19 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 31, Joh. 19.1-22. Preached a.m. on Rom. 12.2. P.M. on Heb. 12.14. Delivered from p. 9 to 14 of Sermon on Rom. 12.18, with various Alterations. N.B. Capt. *Maynard* and Sundry others who have returned from the War, at Meeting.

1758 November 20 (Monday). Several of our Children are conceived to have the Chicken Pox -- tis Supposed they have taken it from some or other of my Son Baldwins Family who have been here. Miss *Betty Johnson* is here making a Coat for *John*, as Mrs. How (*Noahs* wife) is making one for *Samuel*. Mr. *Joseph Robishow* and his Wife here. I resent to him the Conduct of some Young French people (*Maran Gordow* and two or three with him, and one or more of the *Blanc's*, who travelled by the Meeting House in time of divine Service yesterday). I wrote also a Letter in French (as well as I could) to Monsieur *Le Blanc*, testifying against it. P.M. I rode with my Wife, in the Chair, to See Mrs. Tainter, Benjamin's Wife, who is indeed very Low. Saw Monsieur there, and delivered and read my Letter my self to him. N.B. The Taylor woman lodges here.

1758 November 21 (Tuesday). Mr. Thomas Whitney brought me two Barrells of Cyder, one from himself, the other from Mr. Reuben Maynard. Miss Johnson goes a.m. with Mr. Tainter, as Company to his wife. Mr. Zachary Hicks dines here. At Night we had the Favour to See *Billy* again who came from *Brookfield* on Foot to Day; and is in good Health. To God be Praise and

Thanks for His great Goodness and Benignity! Miss *Johnson* returns here at Night and lodges here.

1758 November 22 (Wednesday). She works till near night, and then *Alexander* goes with her home to Southborough, notwithstanding the Rain. Deacon Tainter comes from Boston and informs that my Young Kinsman is still living, but has been several Times thought to be expiring. Mr. *Amsden* came and presented a young Turkey to roast tomorrow: he having fattened it on purpose for me. May God grant him the Grace of seriousness!

1758 November 23 (Thursday). *Thanksgiving*. Preached on Ps. 48.9. N.B. In the sermon I mentioned the private Family Meeting's dwindling to nothing; For so I was informed by Deacon Tainter, and that there was a proposal of some to meet at my House this Evening. And accordingly the following Persons came Esq. *Baker*, Deacon *Tainter* and Deacon *Bond*, Capt. *Fay*, Capt. *Wood*, Messrs. *Whitney*, *Grow*, Daniel *Hardy*, Daniel *Adams*, Daniel *Forbush*, and they entered into fresh Engagements to revive and attend the Meeting at a better Rate for the future, and agreed that they would meet on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Next meeting to be at old Mr. *Bradish's*, next Tuesday come se'nnight. N.B. No Blanc to Day though I invited him and his wife.

1758 November 24 (Friday). *Alexander* goes for Miss *Johnson* and She comes to work again. I rode to Upton to see Mr. *Elijah Warrin* and his Wife, who has lately lain in, and they have a son. Brother and sister *Hicks* there. In returning, visit Mr. *Samuel Forb.*, Widow *Whitney* -- and Mr. *Grow* goes with me to Mr. *Bowmans*, who is upon the recovery, and was able to converse sensibly and Seriously. *Thomas* carries *Suse* to *Marlborough* and they lodge at Esq. *Brighams*.

1758 November 25 (Saturday). Miss *Johnson* was ill last night and this morning. *Thomas* returns but leaves *Suse*. P.M. rode to *Marlborough* and Mr. *Smith* to *Westborough*. N.B. one Mr. *Treadwell* a soldier goes to Mr. *Smiths*; tarrys there all night -- he is high in Religious Discourse, but by the account given at Mr. *Smith's*, he is not equal in Morals.

1758 November 26 (Sunday). I preached at *Marlborough* a. and p.m. on Prov. 14.9. *Suse* dined with me -- and I carried her home at Eve. Mr. *Smith* preached on *Heb.* 4.11. In his returning he told me, the stir against Mr. *Stone* had risen to a Tumult beyond Imagination. Miss *Betty Johnson* tarrys over the Sabbath with us and

1758 November 27 (Monday). She is at work here still. Mr. *Joseph Rice* yesterday desired my son *Thomas* to acquaint me that a soldier, *Arthur Brown*, was sick and very low, at his House. And he desired me to go and See him this morning. I was accordingly on the Road there, when Mr. *Edmond Rice* met me to inform me Mr. *Brown* was dead -- and I was requested to attend the Funeral in the afternoon. Mrs. *Pratt* (wife of Mr. *Martin Pratt*) and her son *Martin* dined here. P.M. I attended the Funeral of Mr. *Brown*. N.B. his Brother came before the Corps was put into the Coffin. I had ordered the Grave-digger to dig within my Ground, that no exception might be made (as heretofore in the Case of Mr. *Alexander Kelly*) against burying in the burying Ground. This Mr. *Brown* (the Brother of the deceased) took in good part. At Eve Mr.

Hutchinson who had been to preach at *Springfield* (part of Dedham) and Deacon Merriam, who was his Companion in Travelling, were here.

1758 November 28 (Tuesday). Esq. Baker and Capt. Fay, the Delegates came here to go with me to Southborough. I carried Miss Betty *Johnson* to Mr. Timothy Warrins. To The Council at Southborough. Mr. Maccarty and his Delegates in Company. Dined at Mr. Stones. But Eight Churches came. Did not go to the Meeting House till 3 o'Clock -- had the Public Hearing. Lodged at Mr. Stones with Mr. Gardner.

1758 November 29 (Wednesday). A.M. at the Meeting House. Cold and Rain till 11 o'Clock. Dined etc. at Mr. Stone's. While the Council review the Minutes and Papers, Capt. Josiah Richardson improves his Influence with Capt. Ezra Taylor, Mr. *Stones* principal Antagonist -- but to small Effect. Yet Capt. Taylor and a Number of them come into the Council at Eve. After much labouring with them the Council is by them Selves for their Debates and votes. N.B. Mr. *Sheffield* of Mendon dissents very much. Mr. Maccarty and his two Delegates Major Howard and Mr. Brown dissent, so does our Capt. Benjamin Fay, except in the first vote of Capt. Richardson's Scheme of votes. See the Minutes of the Council. N.B. When I saw how Slender the vote was, that the Church and Pastor were to be justified in censuring the young persons who were complained of, I declared my Self amazed and griev'd that the Brethren would shew no more regard to their Pastors, nor would assist them in putting away Evil. All the Council sat up till long after Midnight. I did not go to sleep till nigh 3 in the morning. Four of us are a Committee to prepare a Result.

1758 November 30 (Thursday). A.M. About the Result. The moderator obtains of Mr. Martyn to draw up the Exhortation. N.B. Mr. Belknap chooses a number out of the Council, to sit at a Convenient Time and hear his Affair. N.B. at Dinner Capt. Taylor with us. P.M. published the Result, after which Mr. Stone very affectionately addressed all his Brethren who were of one side and t'other. But to little Effect on the Adverse party. Returned home at Eve; and find all in Comfort. D.G. I Said, *all in Comfort* -- but I am to Except the sorrowfull News we have of the Death of my dear Kinsman, my Brother *Samuels* only Son, *William Bowes Parkman*, who dyed on the 22d. May God most gracious please to Sanctify this Breach to all of us! But especially Support my poor Brother under this distressing Bereavement. And may both his and my own Children have Grace to think Seriously of the Vanity of Life, and prepare for their own Death.

1758 December 1 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* having had my Mare to *Boston* and carryed a Calf for us (for which he got 6£ without the Skin) returns, and brings a Letter and Mourning Gloves for us -- and a Pair of white Gloves for *Thomas*, who had watched with his *Billy* in his Sickness. My son William is under Indisposition and fear what it will increase to. *Alexander* to Mr. *Stones* for the Result -- but comes without.

1758 December 2 (Saturday). He goes again, and meets it on the way.

1758 December 3 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 32. Preached on *Joh.* 19.34. Administered the Lords Supper. N.B. Mr. Jonathan *Burnap* with us -- and he dines here. As does Deacon *Tainter* and his

Wife. P.M. omitted public Reading. Repeated (with Alterations) sermon on Mat. 6.25. The Day being short and Cold, when I desired the Church to tarry, told the Congregation that Such as were o mind to stay were welcome (for it would take a great deal of Time for the Congregation to go out) and then read the Result of Southborough Council. N.B. After Meeting Lt. Whitney of Watertown, and his son were here, and Lt. Tainter and his son Warrin came in with them. N.B. The Discourse chiefly in easing Mr. Warrins Mind about the Proceedings at Southborough. Am sorry there needs so much to be said in Vindication. But the world is full of unkind Reflections.

1758 December 4 (Monday). Tis grown very Cold again. Alexander and Breck thrash Rye. We fear our Children have the *Chicken pox* but they dont lye by.

1758 December 5 (Tuesday). Write and Send an Answer to my Brother *Samuels* mournful Letter. Preached at the private Meeting at Mr. *Bradish's* on *Luk. 9.62*. N.B. The Articles of the Family meeting which were signed Feb. [blank] 1756/7 were read and Consent called for -- or if any body had any thing against either the Meeting itself or these articles -- very little if any thing was said in answer. Esq. *Baker* was desired to keep them and he put them in his pocket accordingly. N.B. The next meeting to be at his House.

1758 December 6 (Wednesday). I visited old Mr. Fay and his wife. Jeduthun not at home. His wife is composed. His Son *Hezekiah*, whose Leggs a loaded Cart run over, is recovered. Dined at Mr. Joseph Grouts where I visited also: at Mr. Jonathan *Fay's*. N.B. Capt. Bezaleal *Eager* and Wife there. Visited at Mr. Joseph Bruce's -- at Monsieur LeBlanc's.

1758 December 7 (Thursday). Dr. *Hamilton* here -- dined with us. I can't recommend this place for him to settle in. He goes to Mr. Daniel Forb. I invited him to return and lodge here: which he did. P.M. to t'other House and to Mr. Noah Hows to gratifie him about some Pine in my Hill; but he was not at Home. At Capt. *Maynards* but neither was he at home. Miss Betty Johnson works for Thomas.

1758 December 8 (Friday). Miss Betty. Dr. *Hamilton* returned to Brookfield. Received a Letter from Mr. *Maccarty* manifesting some Disquiet at my Asking him at *Southborough* Council when the result had been read, and he wanted to go away, whether he was disgusted at the Result etc. P.M. Master *Nathan Stone* with a Letter from his Father to desire me to change. At Eve Master *Charles Coffin* of College; but had been to *Hardwick*, came to see us and lodged here.

1758 December 9 (Saturday). *Coffin* left us to go to Cambridge. Miss *Betty Johnson* here still making a Coat for *Thomas*. P.M. I rode to Southborough. Mr. *Stone* here. N.B. Deacon *Bond* and Mr. *Warrin* are frequently coming with Wood.

1758 December 10 (Sunday). I preached at *Southborough* on *Job 33.27* a.m., former part: p.m. latter part of the v. At Eve I returned home. Mr. *Stone* tarried and lodged here. He preached on Deut. 7.10.

1758 December 11 (Monday). Miss *Betty Johnson* goes from us to the Widow Joanna Forb. Mr. *Stone* goes back to Southborough. My son *William* sets out for *Boston*. P.M. I rode over to see Mr. *Martyn*. N.B. I carried my *Maynard Jacket* to Lt. *Woods* to be dyed.

1758 December 12 (Tuesday). Mr. *Jonah Warrin* and Deacon *Bond* are daily carting Wood. Mrs. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Allen* from *Shrewsbury* make us a Visit. They dine and drink Tea -- and take a Letter from me to Mr. *Maccarty* in Answer to his of the 4th. They return at Evening.

1758 December 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Warrin* has (with his Load of to Day) brought (as he says) 23 Load, Deacon *Bond* 20. And they now determine to desist a while. N.B. Ensign *Harrington* has heretofore brought Two and Mr. *Timothy Warrin* one.

1758 December 14 (Thursday). A storm of Snow last night and troublesome Travelling this morning, but (with Lt. *Rolf's* Horse) I rode over (and alone though I took no Small Pains for Company) to *Upton*, it being Fast there on Account of the Throat Distemper. No Others were sent to than Mr. *Hutchinson* and I -- he came So late that Mr. *Fish* and I were obliged to perform the forenoon Service. I preached on *Micah* 6.9. Mr. *Hutchinson* p.m. on *Mic.* 6.9. It proved a very pleasant Day and moderate Eve. I rode home -- had Deacon *Tainters*, his wife's and Daughter *Forb.* Company. When I came home *Billy* was returned from *Boston* -- and Capt. *Wood* here.

1758 December 15 (Friday). My Boys are cutting Wood and piling it up. At Eve *Daniel Forb.* junior here. He was confined by Fever and ague a great while; and since that has been out hunting and therefore has not been here before. He asks me 20/ old Tenor per Day for his work in the summer. I payed him 3 Dollars.

1758 December 16 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1758 December 17 (Sunday). Read a.m. 2 Chron. 33. Preached on 2 Cor. 4.16. Mrs. *Tainter* and Mrs. *Foster* dined here. I earnestly wish a Blessing on the Word of Gods Grace! N.B. p.m. by reason of the Shortness of the Day and rigor of the Season omitted public Reading.

1758 December 18 (Monday). *Billy* is cyphering, but has but little Instruction from me. At Eve I was at Capt. *Woods*. N.B. a Vendue of *Silas Rice's* Tools etc. Am Reading *London Magazines* for year 56.

1758 December 19 (Tuesday). Am variously employed in reading and writing. At Eve Mr. *Martyn Pratt* here, with a bad Deed of his place. I write him one that I hope is better.

1758 December 20 (Wednesday). Deacon *Tainter* goes to *Boston* and carries divers sorts of Edibles for my Wife to *Markett*. Butter, Fowls -- Mr. *Whitney* receives one of Mr. *Edwards* on Original Sin. P.M. I visit Mr. *Samuel Fay* to talk with him about his withdrawing from Special Ordinances. Our Discourse ended with mutual forgiveness of what was personal, and we give

our Hands and part in peace. Mr. Benjamin Tainter and his Wife came after Dinner. Drank Tea and tarried till Supper: *She* being much recovered.

1758 December 21 (Thursday). Mr. Francis Whipple here most of forenoon. P.M. rode into the Southerly part of the Town. Visit at Mr. Daniel Hardys, the two Bigolows, especially Father *Graves*: Barachias Morse, Arte Bruce, and the two Widows *Woods*. At Eve Mr. Winchester here about his writings for the Settling his Estate all which are writ, viz. a Will, Deed and Bond. Mr. Zebulon Rice also Spends the Evening here.

1758 December 22 (Friday). Capt. Wood killed a sow pig for me, weighed 143 lb. Lieut. *Stone* of Brookfield here and dined with us. Mr. Barachias Morse brought 91 Rails at twice from his place. At Night Capt. Wood, who Supped with me.

1758 December 23 (Saturday). Very tedious Weather. Billy writing and Cyphering. Mr. Brag and his wife going home to Shrewsbury from the Buryal of their mother Burnap. Deacon Tainter brings Sundrys from Boston. *Brick [sic]* has Such Desire to learn Lattin again that he has sent for an Accidence.

1758 December 24 (Sunday). So cold I omitted the Public Reading both a. and p.m. I was afraid while I was in the pulpit, one of my Feet have been touched by the Frost: but through divine Favour I escaped. Preached a. and p.m. on 2 Cor. 4.16. Old Mrs. Tainter and Miss Betty Johnson dined here. The latter tarrys over night.

1758 December 25 (Monday). Bright and Cold but not So cold as it was. Mr. Morse comes with two Teams with Rails from his place. One of the Teams but 3 Cattle. Miss Betty makes Breck a Jacket. She lodges here.

1758 December 26 (Tuesday).

Miss Betty works here a.m. Dines here; as does Miss Patty Dunlop. Afternoon the former goes to Merchant Rice's. The other is upon the Affair of her Fathers Rates. Billy uneasy to be gone to Brookfield. Deacon Bond brings 4 Load of Wood to Day. My pile increased to upwards of 50 Load in the whole. Peter LeBlanc junior of Shrewsbury with *Amon* here. Our Days are a shadow and we have no abiding! But besides their Brevity they are Evil.

1758 December 27 (Wednesday). Tedious winter like Season. Rains and freezes So that it is very difficult stirring. Mr. *Joseph Gamel* dined here: he is come to live in this Town, at the Widow Rogers's. At Eve Mr. Daniel Forb. here. We are full of the News from the *Ohio* -- giving Thanks that *DuQuesne* is in our Hands, though we mourn on account of French Cruelty there.

1758 December 28 (Thursday). Mr. [*sic*] *Betty Johnson* at 10 a.m. making Jacket for Alexander. The Thaw and Flood very remarkable. Bridges flooded etc. Memorable deliverance of my little Hannah. The Cellar Door was left open, and She in her Go-Cart, pitched down, and went to the bottom -- yet without any great Hurt. To God our preserver be all Glory!

1758 December 29 (Friday). *Billy* returned to *Brookfield*. *Alexander* went with him part of the way to bring back my mare. Mr. John Burnap carried away Miss Betty Johnson in the morning. *Alexander* does not return as we expected he would. But we are the Care of Heaven at home and abroad. P.M. Isaac and Josiah Baldwin here.

1758 December 30 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns in safety, having lodged at t'other House. He went to Leicester with *Billy*. N.B. My wife has been for some time exercised with rheumatic pains, and of late her right Knee is greatly Swelled. I desire to wait upon the Sovereign Will of God!

1758 December 31 (Sunday). The God of Patience has brought us along through the Changes of another Year to the concluding Day of it; and, with all our other Mercys, permitts us to enjoy our Spiritual Privileges and Advantages. Our Sabbaths reach to the End of the Year. To His Name be Honor and Glory! And that whilst there have been So many Tumults in other parts of the Christian World, We enjoy our Sabbaths and solemnitys without Molestation. This Day we publickly read 2 Chr. 34 and Joh. 19 from v. 23 -- to the End. Preached on 2 Cor. IV.17 a. and p.m. The Widow Thurston and Miss Betty Johnson dined here. After our Evening Exercises in the Family we read Sir Mathew *Hale's* Contemplations -- particularly the *Great Audit* and Account of the Good Steward. A very Solemn and awakening Subject -- which although I had read I Suppose many Years ago, yet those articles are very moving and I wish we may be favoured with a lasting Impression. I had given to my Family an Affectionate Exhortation and Charge after our Evening Family Exercise -- which may God keep alive in all their Hearts! And now may this concur to raise up and enliven the most serious reflections and Resolutions. That we may end the Year as we would desire to end our Lives. O that it might be in the true, holy Fear of God, and may the Special Grace of God magnified towards us! I go to bed with deep humblings for long unprofitableness -- and deep Concern about how it will be with me at my concluding Hour. But I would in all humility committ my Self to a most gracious God relying on His infinite Mercy, and the Merits of the glorious Redeemer!