

Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, 1767

1767 January 1 (Thursday). I took some gratulatory Notice of the revolving Mercy, giving myself some Time to think of the Loving Kindness of the Lord towards Me and Mine. But alas! How Soon the Scenes Shift! A Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of *Brookfield* informs that *Jeduthun*, youngest Son of *Ebenezer* was at the Point of Death. This was writ 4 p.m. last Lords Day. At Eve came another Letter from the Same, acquainting Me that the Child dyed half after 6 in the morning of *that Day*, viz. *Dec. 29*. The Lord Sanctify it to all of us! To the more immediate Parents especially! The Child was born *Apr. 2*, 1765. At Eve came Mr. *Moore* and lodged here. N.B. Mr. *Zechariah Hicks* of *Sutton* was come from *Cambridge* and dined (though late) here: Speaks the Extremity of the Cold yesterday -- that Mr. *Winthrop* said, "by the Weather Glass, it was as Cold as any had been these fifteen Years." But last Night and this Morning, I think were colder than yesterday.

1767 January 2 (Friday). Mr. *Moore* goes to Master *Cushing* and brings him. They dine here. P.M. they get Mr. *Andrews's* sleigh, and take *Sarah* and *Suse* with them, though it is exceeding Cold, and design to go to Mr. *Morse's* at *Shrewsbury* -- and tomorrow (if they can stand it) to *Westminster*. A Letter from Mr. *Stone*, inclosing the late Rev. Mr. *Prince's* (of *Boston*) Journal through *England*. A Letter from my Son *Baldwin* of *Dec. 29* informing me of *Jeduthun Parkman's* Death and apprizing us of his Design to send a sleigh for Mrs. P_____.

1767 January 3 (Saturday). Mr. *Tainter* sleds wood hither from Mr. *Jonas Bradish's*. He dines here.

1767 January 4 (Sunday). Omitt Reading in public by reason of the very Cold Weather. Preached a. and p.m. on *Rev. 1.7* and repeated it at Evening. O that divine Grace may accompany it for our thorough awakening!

1767 January 5 (Monday). *Thomas Bond* helps Mr. *Tainter* Sled wood hither from Mr. *Bradish's*. At Eve Mr. *Chaplin* of *Sutton* in his Way home from *Holliston*. He says he was forced to come round by *Framingham* by reason of the ways from *Holliston* to *Hopkinton* being so filled with Snow. He informs that Several Persons dyed by the Cold last week.

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

1767 January 7 (Wednesday). Am reading *Crysal* volume 2. This work is writ with great Spirit and is a severe Satyr against Debauchery, if it be read with due Discretion; but I fear many read it merely as Entertainment, and forget the true Design of it; and then it may rather teach and promote vice, than restrain it. The Political Remarks in this volume appear to be just; and opens the diabolical Projections of the Jesuits, if this Account may be rely'd on.

1767 January 8 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood killed for me the Hog which I bought last year of Mr. Kinsman. It weighed 282. Am informed that Old *Judge Ward* is dead. May it be useful to Me; and Every Instance of Mortality serve to quicken me to prepare for my own Departure! At Mr. *Stone's* Request in behalf of Dr. Stiles of Newport, I am preparing Some Account of *Westborough*. At Eve Messrs. *Moore* and *Cushing* with my Daughters, return from *Westminster*, and notwithstanding our Fears, are Well, having had a good Journey -- for which Thanks and Praise to God! They bring us the bad news that Mr. Harrington of Lancaster has had a bad Fall on the Ice and broke one of his Leggs which prevented his going to Walpole Ordination -- and that Mr. *Bridge* of Sudbury has lost his New-born son; which probably has prevented his Grand father Smith's going to that ordination also. Mr. Moore lodges here. Mr. Cushing after Supper went to his own Quarters.

1767 January 9 (Friday). Mr. *Moore* returns to *Oxford*.

1767 January 10 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1767 January 11 (Sunday). Still omitt public Reading. Preached a. and p.m. on Micah 6, chiefly v. 8, but read also and made observations upon v. 6.7. At Eve, Bolton from p. 194 to 206.

1767 January 12 (Monday). Visit Mr. Silas Hills Wife who is poorly in lying in. Mr. Wheelock has made us a Side saddle. I found the principal Leather and Wool. He asks 20£ old Tenor -- says he could not sell it under 30. Visit Miss Hannah Maynard who fell from an horse and broke her Collar Bone.

1767 January 13 (Tuesday). Preached at Mr. *Daniel Hardy's* on *Heb.* 13.14. May God add His Blessing!

1767 January 14 (Wednesday). Great Complaint has been made of my staying at Home so very much; I therefore undertook to visit my Brethren in the Ministry. Rode to Southborough and dined at Mr. *Stones* and communicate to him what I have writ about Westborough at his Request for Dr. Stiles. And he Communicates to me a MS Sent him to judge of, containing animadversions on Mr. *Mellens* 15 Discourses. Rode to Mr. *Smith* to see him under the various Providences he has lately been exercised by, viz. Marriage of Miss *Suse Low*; and Death of Mrs. *Bridge's* Child. I find him very lonely -- no Housekeeper, none but his servants. Mrs. *Martyn* (*Suse*) is gone to Mrs. *Bridge's*. I lodged there.

1767 January 15 (Thursday). I returned home. Begin the *Visitor*, Volume 1.

1767 January 16 (Friday). Receive the sorrowful News of *Judge Russels* Death in *England*, Nov. 24, AEtatis 54. *Breck* comes from Townsend. Deacon Tainter brings sad news from Watertown of the *Death of Samuel Coollidge*. May God Sanctifie it to Me and all others!

1767 January 17 (Saturday). I met with a violent Blow at the wood Pile. A stick of wood I was cutting off flew with great Force into my Face; Struck my Mouth most directly; beat a large fore

tooth into my Mouth, and filled my Mouth with Blood, Pain, Swelling; and is a great Trouble through the Day. May it prove a Benefit by making me sensible how exposed I am every minute, how dependent upon the glorious God and what Obligations I am under to glorifie Him!

1767 January 18 (Sunday). The Weather still too cold as well as too Short to have long Exercises; and therefore Still omitt the Publick Reading. Preached again upon the S.S. [same subject? Sacred Scripture?] from 2 *Pet.* 1.19. P.M. carryed on the Same subject from Ps. 19.7 and used part of my Exposition of the Catechism p. 17 to 22. Master Cushing and Miss Betty Gott dined with us. At Evening read in Mr. Bolton (in his general Directions for Comfortable Walking with God) from page 207 to 225.

1767 January 19 (Monday). Read the *Visitor* Vol. 1 many good Papers which much rejoice Me. Mr. *Fitch* from my Son Baldwin here.

1767 January 20 (Tuesday). Finished the *Visitor* this morning and Sent it to Mr. *Smith* by Thomas *Arnold*. Mr. Jonah Warrin came to ask me to preach at his House. Mr. Hezekiah Prat came to invite me and my Wife to the Marriage of his Daughter *Ruth*. Read the Account of the *Sandimanian* Churches. Breck (as well as John) to singing school.

1767 January 21 (Wednesday). [No entry.]

1767 January 22 (Thursday). My Wife and I went (according to Desire) to Mr. Pratts, and assisted in Solemnizing the Marriage of Mr. *Edmund Chamberlin* and Miss *Ruth Pratt*. Capt. Wood came to wait upon us, as he also returned here with us. A plentiful Entertainment and a large Company; Many of which waited upon the new Married home to Mr. Chamberlins. The Joy indeed was under some Abatement by Mr. Pratts great Indisposition And I can't but lament the Death of that eminently learned Man, the Rev. Mr. President *Clap* at *New-Haven*, the 7th instant, the News of which I received to Day. May the Lord Sanctifie this Loss! Loss, I say, for though he had resigned his Office of President yet might he have proved very useful and Serviceable otherwise. May it especially quicken me to Prepare for my own Departure!

1767 January 23 (Friday). Some Number of the Family are much indisposed by Colds. Mrs. P_____, *Sarah*, *Suse*, *John*, *Sophy*, and *Elias*: But through divine Goodness, I am well and am closely engaged in my Preparations.

1767 January 24 (Saturday). Breck instead of going to School, is doing various Chores.

1767 January 25 (Sunday). Omitt Public Reading, it being still difficult, cold, cloudy Weather. Preached a. and p.m. on the S.S. -- a.m. on Ps. 19.7 first Clause, and used some part of my Catechetical Exercise, viz. from p. 22 to p. 27. That this is the *only Rule* etc. P.M. preached on 2 Tim 1.13. Mr. Cushing dined here. At Eve read Mr. *Bolton* from p. 225 to 239. Mr. Daniel Cook came up from Marlborough at nigh 9 at Night, to desire me to go down to their House tomorrow to the Funeral of Mr. Israel *Joslin* (his Wife's Son), Mr. Smith designing to go a Journey tomorrow Morning. To which I consent; and he goes away.

1767 January 26 (Monday). A Snow storm. I despatch Breck to Lt. Forbush to See if Mr. Cook lodged there last night, and tell him that I could not go in such a storm. Or if he be not there to enquire whether Mr. Ebenezer would go to the Burial? Or whether he would go with me, if I should go? He returns that *Cook* had not been there -- that he Should not go -- and that he did not believe that they would expect me: that it was Slippery by reason of the Ice in the Road: and the Snow had covered up the Path-- So that, the Storm also prevailing, I did not venture. Nor do I think Mr. *Smith* would stir to go his Journey. Am sorry I said nothing to Mr. Cook about the Weather -- but it was implied in what he said about the Road, viz. that in the Light I might see where it was trod; for otherwise it was too lcy to be safe. Read in Dr. *Watts* of the *World to come*; and can't but esteem that work so far as I have gone in it.

1767 January 27 (Tuesday). Mr. Eleazer How of Marlborough here; and dines. Read in Mr. Bolton -- in Lestranger's *Josephus* etc.

1767 January 28 (Wednesday). Breck having got Mr. Seth Morse's Whirry, goes with his sister *Sarah* to *Framingham*, to see *Alexander*. P.M. I visit Mrs. *Hill*. Have been reading Mr. Prince's (of Boston) Journey through England -- a MS from Mr. *Stone*. Mr. Tainter sledding wood from Mr. Bradish's dines here. At Eve Mr. Kendal, and Daughter Bowker, Mr. John Forb. and his wife from Brookfield and one Mr. *Palmer* with them.

1767 January 29 (Thursday). Wrote by Mr. *Kendal* (who goes with his Wife to Brookfield and Suffield) to my Son Ebenezer who I hear, by Mr. J. Forb. is under grievous Lameness and Confinement.

1767 January 30 (Friday). [No entry.]

1767 January 31 (Saturday). At Evening came (unexpectedly) Mr. *Moore*. His Errand to Westborough is [to] carry Miss Molly Baker to Oxford, Mrs. Bowman being ill. He lodges here.

1767 February 1 (Sunday). Mr. *Moore* preached for me a. and p.m. on Eph. 5.8. N.B. Read *Isa.* 45 and *Joh.* 12 to v. 26. Mr. Cushing dined here. Here after Meeting, Supps and lodges here.

1767 February 2 (Monday). Mr. Cushing to his School. Mr. Moore stays to Dinner. I manifested Freedom and affectionate Faithfulness with respect to preaching the Spiritual and profitable manner of handling subjects etc. Lent him Mr. Jennings on Preaching, and lent him also Mr. William Dunlop's Preface to the Assemblys Catechism. P.M. he left us to go to wait on Miss Molly Baker. I visited old Capt. Forbush and Lieutenant Thomas Forb. At Eve came Mrs. Cotton and Miss Patty Clark. Joseph Joslin waits upon them. Presently after came my Son Baldwin with his sister Parkman, and Mr. Fitch with them. The latter, with their Horses, goes to Capt. Woods to lodge -- and Joslin lodges elsewhere. The rest here.

1767 February 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Baldwin, my Daughter in Law and Mr. Fitch leave us early, before Breakfast. Mr. B. upon his journey to Boston, Elizabeth to see her [Father?]. Mrs.

Cotton etc. dine with us, and return towards Eve. P.M. my wife and I ride to the private Meeting at Mr. Jonah Warrin's. I preached on *Rom.* 8.8.

1767 February 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter with five Teams and a Number of Cutters, sleds 20 Load of Wood from Mr. Bradish's. I am reading *Lediards* Life of the Duke of Marlborough: 2 large volumes in Octavo.¹ Mr. Nathan Maynard here to pay me money -- I received 27£ old Tenor.

1767 February 5 (Thursday). Am Skimming over the Accounts of the Kings of England Since the Conquest. Dr. *Throop* towards Eve. He tarrys with us. Deacon Tainter brings sad News of a Fire in Boston the night before last, which broke out at a Bakers nigh the Mill Bridge and ran down each side the Mill Stream: So that the wind being [NW?] my Brother Samuels Interest has doubtless suffered.

1767 February 6 (Friday). Dr. Throop leaves us to go to Oxford. Two Hicks's of Sutton dine here. At Eve Billy and his Wife came from Townshend.

1767 February 7 (Saturday). Billy and his Wife go to Medfield. At Eve my Son Baldwin and Daughter Parkman. Alexander Oliver also going up to Brookfield with them. Have by B. a true Account of the Fire. Brother Samuel and Loyd escaped.

1767 February 8 (Sunday). Read Isa. 46. Preached again on 2 Tim. 1.13. My son Baldwin and Alexander Oliver with us, but Eliza dined at Deacon Bonds. P.M. read Joh. 12 from v. 27. Preached on Prov. 23.5 on Occasion of the late Fire at Boston. At Eve read in Mr. Bolton.

1767 February 9 (Monday). My son B and Daughter P_____ and young Oliver sett out for Home. I rode in the Sleigh with them as far as Capt. Maynards -- but return and dine at home. *Lediards* Duke of Marlborough.

1767 February 10 (Tuesday). Mr. Ammiel Weeks of Brookfield dines with us. But I [am?] remembering the Wormwood and the Gall; and my Soul is humbled within me.

1767 February 11 (Wednesday). Brother Hicks is here going to Cambridge to see what his Costs are; having lost his Case at the Superior Court. I visit old Mrs. Woods-- and I take up my note of Hand given the Widow Newton, by a note upon Capt. Maynard. At Eve Mr. Hutchinson calls here as he goes home.

1767 February 12 (Thursday). Mr. Josiah Drury of Grafton comes to desire me to go to Mr. John Prentice's, to attend the Funeral of his Child, a new-born Infant. The Reason of sending here was, Mr. Hutchinson was obliged to attend another Funeral to Day, viz. of Mr. Eleazer Flag junior. And seeing my Horse was gone (to *Medfield*) Mr. Drury went and borrowed an Horse

¹Thomas Leidard, *The life of John, duke of Marlborough, prince of the Roman Empire* (3 v.; London : Printed for J. Wilcox, 1736).

(Mr. Silas *Hill* brought me his) and p.m. I went. In returning called at Major Willards and at Cousen *Winchesters*, She being in deep sorrows by the Death of her Daughter *Mary*, and her self also sick of a Fever. Prayed with her. When I came home, found that *Persis Fay* was come to live with us, and I made her Welcome. All of us endeavor to make it agreeable to her.

1767 February 13 (Friday). Although it is cold and Slippery, all four of the Children are fond of going to School from Day to Day. At Eve Deacon Tainter brings his Daughter Baker and her Daughter [*Persis?*]. Asks my Judgment about Mr. *Mellens* Book, there being great diversity of Opinion about it. But did [not] give my Sentiments for I had not read it. Billy and his Wife came from *Medfield*.

1767 February 14 (Saturday). Sent my Mare over to Capt. Maynards to be kept there till Billy has Occasion for her again.

1767 February 15 (Sunday). Read *Isa.* 47. Preached a.m. on Joh. 14.1 -- Ye Believe in God -- from whence I am carrying on my plan on the Principles of Religion. N.B. improved a Catechetical Exercise (with many alterations and Additions) from p. 29 to 35. P.M. Read Joh. 13 to v. 19. Preached on *Eph.* 5.15. Dr. Crosby and his Wife dined with us.

1767 February 16 (Monday). Visit Mr. Jonas Bradish's Wife who is very bad of a nervous Fever. N.B. [*illegible*] there and prayed with her. P.M. Brother Hicks here from Cambridge and Boston. He brings me a Letter from Mr. Toppan of Manchester. My mare from Capt. Maynards.

1767 February 17 (Tuesday). Though Cold, Billy and his Wife sat out for Townshend. They ride Single. *John* is gone before them to bring back my Mare. After they went away, we regretted that we suffered them to set out in so Smart Weather. Sam. Brigham comes from Capt. Maynards to take Care of my Cattle while *John* is gone. P.M. Mr. *Mellen* and Wife, and Mr. [*blank*] Richardson and wife call here in going to Hopkinton. I wrote to Mr. Toppan of Manchester, in Reply to his which I received Yesterday.

1767 February 18 (Wednesday). Walked up to Capt. Wood's to get Samuel Hardy junior to come to work for me in getting out Flax. N.B. He, his Wife and 3 Children were lately brought into Town by the Select men of Marlborough. Mr. Daniel Forbes dines here and pays me 60£ old Tenor. P.M. Visit Mrs. Bradish and pray with her. Call to see Lt. Forbush. At Home find Mr. *Samuel Fay* and his wife, also Mr. Cushing who supps with us; and lodges here.

1767 February 19 (Thursday). Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife and Child. He brings me 4 Bushels Wheat. At my Study all Day, but bring little to pass. At Eve *John* returns from Townshend and informs me that they got up safely, though it was verily a Cold Journey to 'em.

1767 February 20 (Friday). *Jonas Kenny* brought home my Oxen unexpectedly, but the Roads are so very Slippery that they can't work. Send a Load of Ashes to Capt. Wood. P.M. One of Mr. Phineas Hardys sons came to request me to go up to his Brother Noahs Wife (*Rachel*), who is at their House; She fearing she is near her End. I broke off from my Studys (though I was

exceeding busy, and to my great Obstruction), went to her, talked with her, examined her -- prayed with her, and old Mrs. *Byles* present, who is this Month 93 years old.

1767 February 21 (Saturday). Received an Odd Letter from Mr. Hutchinson inviting me to hear an exposition of his at Mr. Nurse's next Monday Evening -- To which I wrote him an answer and lodged it at Mrs. Johnsons for Conveyance. Mr. Nathan Maynard brought 30 L.

1767 February 22 (Sunday). Read Isa. 48 and some expository Observations formed the forenoon Exercise, there being many Things well worthy our Attention. Mr. Cushing dined with us -- p.m. read Joh. 13 from v. 20 to the End. Preached on Rom. 1.20. After Introduction, and Connecting this Discourse with such as have been lately delivered on the Great subject of Believing in God, I used some part of what was formerly delivered on this Text, and then some part of a Catechetical Exercise. At Eve read in Mr. Bolton. O that my Soul might have deep and lively Impressions!

1767 February 23 (Monday). A.M. visit and pray with poor Mrs. Bradish. P.M. Visit at Mr. [Thomas?] Whitneys -- then Mr. Artemas Bruce's Wife, newly lain in, and very low -- prayed with her. Was at Mr. Ezekiel Smiths. Called at Mr. Nurse's; and find that in Truth there is to be a meeting there; yet they none of them have spoke a word to me of it. When I Enquired how it was that they did not consult me, that we might agree in it? They answered that Mr. Hutchinson was to take the Care of it. When I saw their Simplicity, I thought it was better to overlook the undesigned Neglect than to make any more words about it, with them. But when Mr. Hutchinson came, I told him this was not a prudent Method, and if it Should be known among People, it might do disservice, whilst we pretended to walk orderly. As my Letter of last Saturday, was not Sent to him, but I had got it again, at his urgent Request I gave it him-- and by word of mouth mentioned my Remarks upon his Letter, especially his Saying, "I am no Cleaveland." I tarried the Exercise, and prayed before Sermon, or rather Exposition -- which was on Josh. 3. They sung three Times. Finished at half after Eight. They obliged me to Stay and drink Tea. It was late when I got home.

1767 February 24 (Tuesday). I was chiefly employed with *Lediards* Duke of Marlborough.

1767 February 25 (Wednesday). Visit Old Mr. Seth Morse and his Wife at their son Barachias's. Was also at Deacon Forbes's -- at Mr. Thomas Bonds, who gives me a Barrell of Cyder (which he values at 45/). Called at old Mr. Warrins where I bought 17 lbs. and 1/2 of Tallow at 3/. N.B. Mr. Timothy Warrin rides home with me. He finds fault with Mr. Frosts Book lately published, in several respects.

1767 February 26 (Thursday). Took Cold last night -- but p.m. Visit and pray with Mrs. Bradish. And would fain have gone to Mr. Andrews -- but my Indisposition and the uncomfortable high Winds prevented. In returning at Evening overtook Mr. Bunker Gay of Hensdell -- took him in, but he would not tarry. Mr. Thomas Whitney returns from Boston and brought up a Crate of 3 Dozen of Bottles -- (but one broke). Gave him 10/ old Tenor. Mr. Daniel Nurse is with him and one *Kennedy*, who presents me a Compass Seal for my Watch. Capt. Wood visits me.

1767 February 27 (Friday). Went to Mr. Hezekiah Pratts to See Elizabeth Cutter, Daughter of Mr. Samuel Fays Wife, who was yesterday about noon, taken ill suddenly, and became stupid -- continued so till about 9 o'Clock last night, but is, to day, So well as to go home in a sleigh. Mrs. P. to Mr. Martyns.

1767 February 28 (Saturday). My Daughter *Susanna* was Examined.

1767 March 1 (Sunday). I rode over to Northborough and preached there, a.m. on Joh. 14.6, p.m. on Rev. 1.7. Read the Act against Cursing and Swearing. This was by means of Mr. Tim. Fay, the District Clerk, who came and requested it and brought the Book for that purpose. But after reading I remarked that the Minister's Reading should be the Sabbath *Succeeding* the Choice of Town Officers. Master *Cushing* there. Mr. *Martyn* preached here a. and p.m. on *Rom.* 8.8. N.B. *Suse* was propounded by Mr. Martyn. I lodged at Mr. Martyns.

1767 March 2 (Monday). Mr. *Michael Martyn* published to Miss *Zilpa Eager* yesterday. He lent me 10 Months of Mrs. Matilda Wentworths Court Miscellany or Gentlemans and Lady's Magazine. I returned home. Town-Meeting -- I prayed with them. N.B. Mr. Moore having preached yesterday at Shrewsbury came here at night, and is here with us. Mr. Cushing at Eve, and Sups with us. Mr. Moore tarrys. Mr. Daniel Forbes Settles with me so far as respected my Note of Hand with Mrs. Elizabeth How of Marlborough. He has now paid me two hundred pound.

1767 March 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore after Dinner attends the private Meeting with me at Capt. *Woods* -- where I preached on Ps. 119.136 to page 6. By reason of the Rain he Still tarrys.

1767 March 4 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* after Dinner returns to Oxford. I read Mrs. *Wentworths* Court Miscellany or Magazine -- but have not the first Numbers. I begin with January 1766 which is No. VII.

1767 March 5 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Joseph Greens and dine there: but my chief Aim is to visit *Elizabeth Cutter* at Mr. *Samuel Fays*. Went, but was a second Time defeated; for She this morning removed to her uncle *Hastings's* in Shrewsbury, which though for the Benefit of the Girl, and to Mr. *Fays* relief, yet he is much disquieted about because She was removed without their giving him notice of. It Seems they feared he would not have consented, although Necessity, and Mercy to the Girl, force them to take these steps. Before Night I went down to Mr. Timothy Warrins to give him (which I did) a Copy of his Wife's Testimony which I read in our Church Meeting last November about Mrs. *Andrews* etc. N.B. He was pretty Sanguine, but I endeavoured to mollifie. He had been with me a.m. to desire the Said Coppy, and Seam'd to be apprehensive of Some Difficulty, I know not what, arising from some Quarter: and said he was going to see about it. And went away South, when he left me in the forenoon. From his Door, I rode to Mr. *Andrews's*, which was my principal Design, to make a Visit there; she having invited me repeatedly, when I saw her about a fortnight Since, at Mr. Bradish's. In this Visit they treated me kindly, and no word was uttered of our Difference. Mr. Cushing, who lodged there,

was present. Mr. Timothy Warrin came there and asked me to call at his House, in the Name of his Wife, who he said wanted to Speak with me. I did so; and told her, I was come at her Request; but she said nothing of special note; her Husband was not returned. So all went over for this Time.

1767 March 6 (Friday). Deacon Tainter came and killed an Hog for me (assisted by Jonas Kenny). Weighed 221 lb. Cornet Brigham here, with whom I settle Mrs. Beemans Affair of seven Dollars which she voluntarily lent me. I have paid him in full thereof, and receive the Memorandum which I gave her of them. Hear from Day to Day that Mrs. Bradish grows better. To God be all Glory! Towards Night the kind Deacon came, as he is wont, to cut out and salt up my Pork; which he with Dexterity and Despatch.

1767 March 7 (Saturday). P.M. and Eve was much indisposed -- but follow my Studys.

1767 March 8 (Sunday). It was a very Stormy Day -- snows fast and winds drive. Few at meeting a.m., fewer p.m., for p.m. was not one woman in all the Gallerys, nor body of Seats. Omitted Reading. Preached on Isa. 48.17. P.M. on *Nahum* 1.3 by reason of the Storm. Deacon Tainter and his Cousin *Jonas Hastings* dined here. P.M. read the Act against Cursing and Swearing. At Eve read Mr. *Bolton* from p. 294 to page 308. I was much wearied, and out of Case. O that I might have Spiritual Revivings and Refreshments!

1767 March 9 (Monday). Am reading the 3d volume of Dr. Edwards on the authority of the Scriptures.

1767 March 10 (Tuesday). Have Mr. Silas Hill's Horse to go up to Mr. Phinehas Hardys to see his Daughter in Law, *Rachel*, who languishes. After I had din'd, conversed with her. She seems to be in a good Frame -- gives Thanks for Gods distinguishing Goodness to her -- for her Birth, Education, the Benefits She had by what I Sometimes dropt in her F's House, and what She met with at Catechizing etc. She said, She was Sensible it was not likely She Should live; and She thought sometimes, She had rather Go, than continue here. She was very thankful for my Visit, desired me to pray with her; which I did; and She desired I would visit her again while she remained. I called to see old Mrs. Grout -- and Moses Brigham, who are confined by their Phthisicks.

1767 March 11 (Wednesday). Expected Mr. Martyn to preach my Lecture but he came not. I was obliged to preach my Self. Text Mal. 3.14, former part. May the Lord confirm and encourage us in waiting upon Him in prayer and in special Ordinances! Mr. Zechariah Hicks returned and dined here. After Meeting Mr. Cushing here, and Mr. Batherick came. The latter apprized me that a Number of Brethren had stopped at the Meeting House, with Mr. Timothy Warrin and his wife -- and that they were very uneasy about her Testimony etc. He asked Mr. Cushing whether she desired him to write it? etc. etc. I related how that matter was conducted (namely on the Day of the Church Meeting last Nov. 6). Dr. Crosby here about Mr. Samuel Fay and his Daughter in Law -- but I did not care to meddle in that Affair. Squire Whipple also here, and Cousin Larkin Williams a[t] Tea with us. Mr. Cushing at Supper and

lodged here. Much Searching of Heart on Account of the Trouble, so stirring up, respecting Mrs. Warrin. May the Lord deliver us out of this snare! I am grieved that it Should be at this Time, to discompose us.

1767 March 12 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing to his School. Deacon Tainter, as he goes to Boston, comes in and tells me the Brethren that were so disturbed went to Capt. Woods last Eve, and that there is great warmth. May God Himself guard, direct and fortifie me against Such unreasonable plottings and attempts! At Evening came Mr. Timothy Warrin greatly concerned about his Wife. He tells me Mr. Cushing Said in the hearing of Several persons, that his Wife did not ask him to write her Testimony. I told Mr. Warrin I was afraid that if he did not take heed, he would Spoil (that is distract) his wife. At which he seemed startled and Said he was doing what he could to the Contrary. This Evening Jonathan Champney was married to Damaris How.

1767 March 13 (Friday). Wrote a Letter to my Son and Daughter Baldwin in Answer to his on the Death of his youngest Child -- to the Care of Rufus Putnam for Conveyance.

1767 March 14 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter returning from Boston brings a Letter from Samuel which informs me that my Aged Brother is So feeble that he chiefly lies on his Bed. May the Great God be His support and prepare him -- and Me! -- for Dissolution!

1767 March 15 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter came to me in my Study, and asked whether considering the Cold Weather, by reason of which he thought there would be few at Meeting, and considering that a number would be like to stay away through Disquietment? Deacon Bond also not returned from Court, it would not be better to put by the Sacrament? I answered on the Contrary -- that the whole Stream of my preparations flowed that way -- my Daughter *Suse* was to be admitted etc.: besides that the putting by the Sacrament Should be most safely by the vote of the Church. Here upon he yielded, and we went on. But by Reason of the Cold omitted the Public Reading. Preached a. and p.m. on *Heb.* XIII.12.13. Admitted *Suse* -- May God accept of her and grant His Grace to so enable her to walk answerably! Administered the Lords Supper. Brethren Daniel Forbes, Zebulun Rice, Levi Brigham and Benjamin Tainter, went out. Mr. Whitney and Capt. Brigham were not at Meeting -- tis said these, and perhaps some of their Wives, absented them Selves because of Disgust with me, on the Score of my Controversy with Mr. Warrin and his Wife. Am heartily Sorry; but they have none of them said a word to me of their Trouble, which is neither kind nor regular. Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here. P.M. on *Heb.* XIII.13. May God teach me these Lessons, and prepare me for His holy Will! In the Eve read Mr. Bolton from p. 307 to 317. O that God would greatly quicken all of us by those searching Truths to a close Enquiry into our Selves! I bless God I had some very serious Thoughts of my self.

1767 March 16 (Monday). Town Meeting to build a Work House. They vote it, and to set it by Mr. Warrins. Visit Lt. Bakers Child, which remains bad yet, under her Scald. Mr. Timothy Warrin here, all in Dissatisfaction. At Eve he is here again to ask me whether I Shall be at home tomorrow Evening and to inform me that a Number of Brethren (if I please) will be here then. I sent by Dr. Hawes (whose wife makes us a good Visit) to Squire Whipple, Mr. David Maynard

and Mr. Gale, to come tomorrow p.m. sun [one?] Hour high. This affair exercises my Mind. But I desire to wait the Will of God!

1767 March 17 (Tuesday). I awoke early with troubled Thoughts on the Warrin Affair. Early Squire Whipple Stept in here, but did not tarry. I have lent Mrs. *Johnson* my Mare for her John [Arnold?] to go with a Cart, to Marlborough and Southborough. Carrys 4 Leggs of Pork to Deacon Woods Malt House, for Bacon. I borrowed Mr. Nurse's Horse, and visit and pray with Mrs. Bradish. Thence to the Warrins. Had Discourse with Timothy Wife -- find her very different from what I ever knew her before. Her Husband came home -- at first was very angry -- at length we came to an Agreement. And I dined there. Master Cushing came in, and I read the Agreement to him. Mr. Warrin assures me I shall find him the same at Even -- I may trust him if there be no writing. I returned home, and desire to Committ my Cause to God resting in His Care, protection, Direction and Restraint! At Eve there came Squire Whipple and his Brother Edwards Whipple, and Mr. David Maynard. There came also Mr. Timothy Warrin and his Wife, and Master Cushing -- and further, Mr. N. *Whitney*, Daniel Forbes, Zebulon Rice and Mr. Tainter, Capt. Jonas Brigham and his Brother *Levi*, Mr. Seth Morse likewise. I acquainted them we had agreed -- whereupon Mr. Whitney Seemed Glad, and encouraged to go on, and to finish the Difficulty so. This was of happy Influence -- and the Agreement which was writ to Day at Mr. Warrins, was read, and I gave my Consent to it. Mr. Warrin had some [Hammissings?] and Questions -- and wanted some alterations in some part of it; but I put him in mind of its being *our Agreement* -- and I was not willing to depart from it. Capt. Brigham, and his Brother and Mr. Tainter, were not fully Satisfyed with it. Mr. Daniel Forbes wanted the word, *Wrong* Should be put in, along with *Mistake* -- but I made no alteration. At length it was So far closed, that we gave up, and Each of the Papers, viz. the Paper writ by Mr. Cushing, and the Copy I gave Mr. Warrin, were both of them burnt. So that (through divine Goodness) we parted amicably, as I hope. Thus had I deliverance out of this Snare. May God be praised and His Name magnified! May I have Grace to be Cautious and Watchful, at all Times henceforward!

1767 March 18 (Wednesday). Visit at old Mr. James Maynards on account of his Daughter *Lock's* sickness at Sudbury; but Mr. Maynard was not at home. N.B. I called at the Mill and at Squire's as I went. Rode to Mr. Temple's and dined there. Thence to Mr. Gleasons -- but my chief Design was to visit Mr. Joseph Knowlton, who is very low -- was [Waiting?] to pray with him, and did so. Would fain see *Betty Cutter* who had had such a Terrible disorder -- but she passed by without my Knowlege. And though I called at her Fathers when I returned back at Eve, and would gladly have seen her -- but She was gone out. This is the 4th Time that I have tryed to see her, but not succeeded. I visited Deacon Miles and his wife. Prayed with them. Went to the Widow Miles's. Found her still in Trouble. Called at Dr. Crosbys when I came back.

1767 March 19 (Thursday). Reuben Pratt works for me, swingling Flax. I confine my self as much as I can to study, self Reflexion, and observing the Providences of God especially among us of late -- etc. etc. May the Lord be with me to teach me His holy will! Support me under such dark Dispensations! And prepare me for what may yet be in the womb of Providence which may be for my Tryal. At Eve was at Mr. N. Maynards who paid me Cash £50.7.6 and in Notes £40.15.9 -- in both £91.3.3 old Tenor.

1767 March 20 (Friday). [No entry.]

1767 March 21 (Saturday). I designed to have gone to Southborough, Mr. Stone having writ to me about Changing tomorrow: and I had agreed and depended (God willing) upon it: But a great storm of Rain prevented it. John went to Capt. Maynards and brought my Mare from thence -- and took Cold.

1767 March 22 (Sunday). Read Isa. 49. Preached chiefly on v. 4. P.M. read Joh. 14. Preached on Joh. 4.24, first Clause, and used Catechetical Exercise *on the Nature of God*, viz. from p. 39 to 46. Widow Bellows and Widow Thurston dined here. At Eve read in Mr. *Bolton* from p. 326 to 336. N.B. I read from p. 317, by my Self. May God bless all these Exercises, for our Saving Good!

1767 March 23 (Monday). My Wife rides with me to visit Miss Belknap who is Sick and I prayed there. We called at Mr. Bradish's. N.B. His Father in Law Mr. Moreton, ill there. Called at Mr. Seth Woods's and at Mr. *Bellows* and Ebenezer Chamb. But we dined at old Mr. Chamberlins. N.B. Mr. Bellows, when we were taking Leave, broke out bitterly, thus, "If you would not forbid our going to hear that precious Minister" -- meaning Mr. *Cleveland*. I Answered that if he was ever so worthy in preaching yet if he walked disorderly, we could not encourage the going to hear him.

1767 March 24 (Tuesday). Visit Lt. Bakers Child and prayed by it. Visit Mrs. Rachel Hardy -- dined -- prayed. Visit at the *Millers*. Was at Mr. Daniel Forb. -- but there was no word of Bitterness.

1767 March 25 (Wednesday). Preached the Lecture at Southborough on Joh. 6.35. Went to Capt. Woods, paid him the Ballance of my Account. Returned at Eve. Dark and Rainy. N.B. My son John ill.

1767 March 26 (Thursday). Dr. Haws visits John and he takes Physic, which works but once upward but many times downward. I Catechized Children. 51 Boys, 29 Girls. May God succeed what I have said to them. Deacon Tainter very bad. I visited, and prayed with him. He tells me that Mr. D. Forb. and Mr. Z. Rice were at their House last night, and very full of Disquietment etc. And that his son was with them in it. Mr. *Temple* met me, and wants me to go to his House to Baptize his new-born Infant. But I was promised to others. Mr. Edmund Rice had come at Noon on the like Errand -- but I was otherwise engaged. At Eve I married Timothy Warrin junior to Thankful How. Mr. Richard Martyn brought home his Wife, as I hear.

1767 March 27 (Friday). Mr. Brewer comes for me to go to Mr. Temple's. They desire baptism for their Child. A Number of people were gathered. I proposed it to them. They consented and advised to it. We prayed but the Child Expired. The Doctor (*Ball*) declaring it to be dead, I desisted from Baptizing, but we prayed again. And having offered a few words in Exhortation I returned home.

1767 March 28 (Saturday). I am obliged again to forsake my study and go to the Burying of Mr. *Temple's* Child. N.B. After the Burial, Mr. Temple's Brother Br[ewer?] rode my mare to Mr. Temple's to be kept there awhile. I have attempted something of Sermonizing; but by reason of many other Employments this Week, could not accomplish my Purpose. I have visited, preached, catechized etc. every Day this Week.

1767 March 29 (Sunday). Read Isa. 50. Preached on the divine Attributes from Job 36.26. Used Catechetical Exercise from p. 46 to 52. Deacon Tainter remains bad. His son Simon dines here. P.M. read Joh. 15. Preached on Isa. 49.8, using the Close of sermon on 2 *Cor.* 6.2, viz. from p. 23 to p. 30. Before Night Mr. Benjamin Tainter brings a sorrowful Letter from Mr. *Morse* of Shrewsbury, dated at Westminster, informing that his Daughter *Rice* dyed this Morning about 7 o'Clock, is to be buried tomorrow at 11 and that my presence there is much needed. 'Tis very Shocking to us! The Lord Sanctifie it to the bereaved Husband, Parents, etc.! I wrote to Mr. Morse in the Evening of the impossibility of my being there etc.

1767 March 30 (Monday). In the Morning wrote to Mr. Rice of Westminster and attended the Burial of Mr. Beetons Infant. P.M. rode to see Deacon Tainter who remains bad yet. Was desired to carry the Agreement between the Deacon and his son Benjamin. I assisted them in some of the Reckonings and Accounts. The Deacon Committs his Bond and mortgage to me to keep.

1767 March 31 (Tuesday). Visit Lt. Bakers Child. At Mr. Nurse's. John is so much better that he goes to Mill (to Mr. *Whipple's*). P.M. Visit Mr. *Moreton* who lies ill at Mr. Timothy Warrins. When I got there, *They* were going to see their Father Tainter who tis thought is near his End. At Eve Mr. Andrews comes to me at my Fence and Demands Satisfaction for what I said at his House when Mr. Cleaveland was there as if he did not live peaceably etc.: and for my Reading a Paper about his wife at Church Meeting.

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

1767 April 2 (Thursday). Enoch Rice works a.m.; he sows Hay seed which I had of Mr. Phin. Hardy on 3 Acres of the Island; and spreads muck. John droops again. Brigham here yet. My dear Friend and Brother Deacon *Simon Tainter* dyed! He expired about 11 o'Clock a.m. May God sanctify this Death in a peculiar Manner to Me and Mine. Though my good Deacon is gone, yet God, who is All-sufficient, lives and is unchangeable for ever. Held a Catechetical Exercise. The morning rainy, and Some Girls who used to attend, are taken up at Deacon Tainters, So that I had but few. 10 of Others and 4 from my House. We began at, What is required in the 8th Commandment, and I delivered an Exposition from my sermon on the Commandments (Exod.

xx.15 from p. 2 bottom to p. 6, then p. 58 to 64, then from p. 6 several pages, and recapitulated much more). Mrs. *Anna Marbel*, wife of Mr. *Jonathan Marble* of *Grafton*, desires that two Children, *Henry* who lives at Neighbour *Newtons*, and *Anna* that lives at Mr. *Daniel Millers*, may be baptized. N.B. I wrote a Paper for reconciliation with Mr. and Mrs. *Andrews*, which I communicated to Mr. Cushing. He lodges here. Have the News of the Act for incorporating *Ashby*.

1767 April 3 (Friday). Mr. Cushing takes the Said paper with him to see whether Mr. *Andrews* will consent to it. *Elisha Forbes* has brought me a Runlet of *Molasses*, containing 6 Gallons and one Quart.

1767 April 4 (Saturday). The sorrowful Day of the Funeral of Deacon *Tainter*! I prayed among a great Concourse of people. Read the Will there to the Heirs and some of their Friends; and delivered it to the Executor Capt. *Baker* of *Bolton*. O that the Impressions by this providence may be deep and abiding!

1767 April 5 (Sunday). I read *Isa.* 51. Preached a.m. on Occasion of the sorrowful Death, on 1 *Thess.* 4.13. Read also v. 14, but could not handle that. Capt. *Tainter* and his Sisters, *Hastings* and *Whitney*, dined here. P.M. read *Joh.* 16 and gathered up from divers parts of sermon on *Isa.* 57.1.2, a Discourse on the same mournful Occasion, and Subjoined some Character of the Deacon. And wish it may be without Offence, and profitable!

1767 April 6 (Monday). Drew up some Account of Deacon *Tainter*, and delivered it to Mr. *Daniel Whitney* of *Watertown*, to carry it to a printer. Delivered to Mr. *Simon Tainter*, at his, and his Brother *Warrins* Desire Sundry Papers of the late Deacon *Tainters* -- which I acquainted the Executor with, and he said he would endeavour that they Should be returned to me again, till the Will was proved etc. Capt. *Jonas Brigham* here, disquieted about the Case of Mrs. *Warrin* -- and about Mrs. *Andrews's*. I assured him it was not my Mind or Desire to say or do any Thing that Should invalidate the Agreement which the *Warrins* and I had made. I owned there might be Some *Mistake*, as the Paper says. I prayed him to join in Endeavours to restore Peace; and particularly that the *Andrews's* and I might make up what was *particularly between us* -- and then when we have accomplished *That*, we might do what is necessary about *Churches* or *Ministers*. I asked him if he would accept of a kind loving Visit -- and he accepted of it readily, and wished me to come -- etc. etc. Mr. *Moore* came from N. *Shrewsbury* and brought a Letter from Mr. *Morse*. Mr. *Cushing* here at Eve and Supps with us.

1767 April 7 (Tuesday). *John* with Cart and Oxen goes to Mill with 10 Bushels of [*blank*] and Six Bushels of [*blank*] to Mr. *Whipple's* Mill. Mr. *Cushing* carries Miss *Bridget* home and *Suse* goes with them. Mr. *Moore* to *Oxford*.

1767 April 8 (Wednesday). Town Meeting to reconsider the Vote about the place of the Work-House, and to Vote to have it stand near the Stables, before my House. Upon discerning men there viewing the Ground I went out and Spoke to them and at the Motion of several I went in

to the Meeting House and remonstrated against it, and prayed them to set it elsewhere. They reconsidered their Vote and placed it where it was voted at first.

1767 April 9 (Thursday). *Publick Fast*. I preached a.m. on Ps. 51.1 and p.m. Formed an Exercise from sermon on *Rom.* 2.5. After sermon Contributed (in pursuance of the Brief) for the Relief of the sufferers in *Noble-town*, which may God accept!

1767 April 10 (Friday). Capt. *Wood* and Mr. Ebenezer *Maynard* kill an Hog for me, which weighs 225 lbs. Capt. Wood asks me in Mr. *Barretts* Name to assist in a Fast at Hopkinton next Monday. P.M. Richard Temple comes, and offers himself to live with me 4 months for 55£ old Tenor. He dines and goes to work awhile, and I pay him for it. Mr. *Seth Morse* here to talk with me about Mrs. *Warrins* Case. He informs me of Conversation he was in of late at Mr. *Manassah Hows* in *Southborough*, Coll. *Taylor* being also present, etc. etc. This gives Ground for Apprehensions.

1767 April 11 (Saturday). I rode to Southborough, and Mr. Stone hither. We met at Mr. *Gale's*.

1767 April 12 (Sunday). Preached at Southborough a. and p.m. on 2 Cor. 4.18, last Clause. P.M. baptized *Octavia*, Daughter of *Joel Matthews*; and *Charlotte*, daughter of *Asahel* and [blank] *Matthews*. Mr. Stone returned home at Eve. I tarried at Southborough. Mr. Stones Texts were a.m. Ps. 8.1 [blank] and p.m. Ps. 51.17.

1767 April 13 (Monday). Consult Mr. Stone upon the threatning aspects in Westborough. Rode over to Hopkinton to the Fast at the Widow *Gibsons* where a.m. Mr. Barrett prayed and Mr. *Fish* preached on Joh. 11.43. We retired at noon to Mr. Jacob Chamberlins, and were refreshed. P.M. I prayed, and preached on Ps. 62.8. The Occasion of the Fast was, her little son, of 6 years of Age, was delirious. I returned home. From time to Time my Troubles increase. Mr. Samuel Thurston works here for Mr. Daniel Miller -- plowing with my Oxen and Capt. Woods.

1767 April 14 (Tuesday). Deacon Bond came to count the money of the Contribution. It was £17.6 old Tenor. I was informed that some body had made Complaint to the Grand Juryman of Southborough. I rode to Mr. Martyns to talk with him upon my Difficultys. Dined there. Mrs. Wit of Marlborough and Mr. *John Marrett*, there also. Mr. Marrett gave me his Order to pay Mr. Daniel Forbes 13 lb. 6.8 L.M. They have a Church Meeting about Mr. Allen and Mrs. Rice. In coming home called at Squire *Whipples* to consult him. Though he is friendly and comforting, yet The Storm seems to increase more and more. It takes away my rest by night, and fills me with much Distress. The Lord look upon me in my sore Affliction! At Eve was at Capt. *Woods* to solemnize the Marriage of Mr. *Nathan Townshend* and Miss *Sally Putnam*.

1767 April 15 (Wednesday). *Richard Temple* lodges here last night. This morning sows peas for me. I agree with him to come next Monday to live with me four Months for 55£ old Tenor. Mr. *Jonas Bradish*, with old Mr. Rice, Capt. Wood and my son John, goe to the Southermost Bounds of the Pine Field -- and lays out some Land there, to be added to my 13 Acres and 14 Rods. In

Coming home Mr. Tainter overtakes me, and we have Discourse of my present Difficultys and what to do for my Extricating. Says he will be friendly to the utmost he can consistent with what is right and fit. P.M. Mrs. Maynard and her sister Betty here. Mr. *Daniel Forb.* Pays £100 old Tenor by Mr. Marritts Means.

1767 April 16 (Thursday). Visited Mr. Timothy Warrins little son that is sick. At Lt. Bruce's. At Lieut. Forbushs Some time. Mr. Daniel Forb. and his Wife go to see Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, I hope 'tis to mollifie 'em. Mrs. P_____ to Capt. Maynards. Married Jonathan Child to Eunice Smith and Solomon Child to Martha Rice.

1767 April 17 (Friday). Capt. Wood and Mr. Phinehas Hardy view Mr. Bradish's Cedar Swamps for me. At Eve Squire Whipple here and Supped with me.

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

1767 April 19 (Sunday). Read Isa. 52. Preached on Joh. 15.5. It took up my whole Time of Studying to prepare it; but though it was large, I did not divide it. P.M. read Joh. 17, and for the sermon preached on Prov. 15.8, but, with additions, delivered the Exercise on *Mal.* 3.14, from p. 53 to the End, with intermixed Additions. At the Close of the Exercises I appointed the Lords supper and the Lecture thus, "The Time arrives when according to the Custom of this Church, I must appoint the Lords supper; and although there have been Some Disquietment and some Desire to have it deferred, if it could be conveniently; but there has been no formal Request. But it can't be put off without much inconvenience. Therefore I have thought it my Duty stedfastly to attend to this great Work. Accordingly I propose by divine Leave" etc. N.B. Deacon Forbes and his Daughter Kendal dined here, as did a Stranger, one Mr. Thomas Shapley of Thompson in Killingly. In the Eve read in Mr. *Bolton* a few pages.

1767 April 20 (Monday). Wrote to Billy by Mr. Joseph Perry of Ashburnham. Mr. Jonas Bradish here, and I trade with him for two Lots of Cedar Swamp, lying one of them within (as he says) about 40 Rods of his House; containing about an acre and half; for 10£ old Tenor. The other is part of Moskito Swamp containing about 9 Acres, 6 acres of which is *Cedar*, the rest *Ash* etc. for 25£ old tenor. *Richard Temple* comes from *Framingham* to live with me four months for 55£ old Tenor. Mr. Whitney here at Evening and has a fervent mind for peace. Advises me to go to Mr. A. my Self and know what will satisfie him etc. Capt. Maynard here and we Settle the Interest to this Day. And he gives me a [*illegible*] note for it, viz. £144.15.0 old Tenor.

1767 April 21 (Tuesday). Mr. *Whitney* having told me last night that Capt. *Wood*, old Mr. *Rice* and others, understood me to affirm to them that *all the paper* was true (which to affirm, contradicts the Agreement with Warrin) I first went up to them and told them carefully how I was to be understood: and gave Capt. Wood in writing, how I would have it stand. Then rode down to Mr. *Andrews*, but there was little success. His Demands were high. I offered to leave our Difference to Three judicious Men: but he refused my Offer. I mentioned Coming with two Brethren. He said I might come with two, or with Every One. I offered again (Mr. Seth Woods

was by) reasonable and Christian satisfaction and then left him to go to Ministers Meeting. Called at Mr. Edmund Brigham's. Rode in the Rain through Marlborough. Called at Capt. Barnards -- arrived at Mr. Goss's seasonably to dine. There were Mr. Loring, Martyn, Smith and Steward. I could not say much of my Difficultys as the Circumstances of my Case now were: but asked their Sympathy and prayers. Lodged at Mr. Goss's with Mr. Loring.

1767 April 22 (Wednesday). I preached the Lecture on *Heb.* 12.25. O that God would please to add His Blessing! My own Strength is mere Weakness. I am weak and feeble in Body, and much exercised in mind. P.M. Mr. Martyn and I return. I arrived at home Safely. D.G. Temple and John have been plowing.

1767 April 23 (Thursday). Mr. Daniel Forbes here -- very ready to help forward peace. My Heart very full of Trouble, apprehensive of the Event of the Meeting to Day. Hear that Mr. *Eliezer Rice* of Shrewsbury, dyed yesterday. Mr. *Fish* and his wife came and dined with us. He preached my Lecture on *Heb.* 13.1. A very Seasonable, useful Sermon and I hope it had some good Effect upon us. After Lecture I stayed the Church to read the *Warren* agreement. Begun with prayer -- read the Agreement and I added something about my reading the paper. The Church voted acceptance and Satisfaction included in a Vote to have the Communion. Deacon *Bond* asked a Question upon my Answering which, Mr. W. went out, and took his Wife with him. I mentioned to the Church the Electing another Deacon -- and that they would urge the members of other Churches, who dwell among us, to get their Dismissions. *Finally*, we broke up in some Pleasant Harmony. To God be Glory! But Mr. Warrin after Meeting is extremely uneasy, and talks unbecomingly. N.B. Capt. Brigham consents to go with some other Brother to A_____ 's and See if they can mollifie him: and I agree (God willing) to go this Day Sennight. I ask Mr. Fish to go then with Me; who consents. As the Vote at Meeting abovesaid was so general (except Capt. *Brigham*, and I am not certain of any other who did not vote or consent), we were very chearful and amicable afterward compared with what I feared. But God has granted us this Favour! Glory to His Name! May He still restrain, preserve and deliver us!

1767 April 24 (Friday). I am full of Apprehensions about Mr. W's ungoverned Anger; but I keep to my Study -- except while Deacon [Miles? Mirdy?] visited me.

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

1767 April 26 (Sunday). By Reason of Mr. *Cushings* coming yesterday and taking up so much Time upon that Affair; I could not prepare the *designed* afternoon Sermon: for I found, I was too faint and feeble to follow it late and early as it would require, to finish it. Read *Isa.* 53. Delivered an Exercise on *Rev.* 5.9 by help of Some parts of Sermon on *Eph.* 1.7, viz. from page 8 to 22 omitting Several intervening. Mr. *Martyn* is ill, and several of his Family and Flock were at meeting here. Administered the Lords supper. Messrs. *John* and *Michael Martyn*, Mr. *Cushing*

and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. P.M. read *Joh. 18*. Preached on 1 *Pet. 2.9*, former part. At Eve repeated as usual, in the Family, part of the Exercise of the Day.

1767 April 27 (Monday). Had Neighbour Newtons Horse to visit the Sick, particularly his sister *Hardy*, and prayed with her: Mr. Thomas Twitchels Wife and prayed there. N.B. Called at Mr. Elijah Rice's. Proceeded to Mr. Daniel Millers and dined there. To Mr. Thurstons, Mrs. Grows. Called at Lt. Harringtons for Flax seed. At Mr. Kendals who is very low -- prayed with him. Went to see old Mr. *Seth Morse* at Hopkinton. Discoursed and prayed with him. Returned before Night, and drank Tea at home. School moves to the West part of the Town.

1767 April 28 (Tuesday). Walk to Mr. Bradishs -- dined there -- viewed one of the Lotts, the least. Agree with him for the least and 4 Acres and 6 Rod of Moskitto Swamp -- for 24£ old Tenor.

1767 April 29 (Wednesday). Miss Mary Bradish here and says Mr. Martyn has a bad fever. I would fain visit, but am not able for want of an Horse. Mr. Timothy Warrin here and very uneasy -- says I have broke the Agreement etc. Tells me he did save a Copy of the Paper, whereas I thought *all* was burnt. This I judge to be very disingenuous. Talks of having his Wife sworn before squire Taylor. Mr. Wheelock here, and nails a sacking of [Bedstead?] etc. P.M. Mr. Hutchinson and Capt. Brooks from Council at Newbury. Messenger from Mr. *Michael Martyn* to have me go over. They fear his Father will not live out the Night. Mr. Wheelock lends his Horse and I went. Found Mr. *Martyn* extreme bad -- just knew me and called me by my name, but has been delirious ever since yesterday noon. A most sorrowful House! Dr. *Dexter* at night -- gives him over. We prayed. I went to Bed.

1767 April 30 (Thursday). Was called up between one and two. He expired about 1/2 after two. Surprizing, Shocking providence! He was taken ill but last Friday -- dressed to go to Meeting last Lords Day -- but was notable. He was delirious by Tuesday noon and continued so (as was conceived) till he dyed. May we be deeply humbled under the mighty Hand of God! In the Morning I returned home. Mr. *Fish* came -- dined with me. I Sent *John* to Capt. *Wood*, and to Mr. Edwards Whipple to go down to Mr. Andrews's. P.M. Mr. Fish and I accompanied by Mr. Cushing and Mr. Whipple, rode down to Mr. Andrews's. There were and came soon, a considerable Number -- viz. Mr. Whitney, Deacon Bond, Messrs. Daniel Forbes and Gale, the two Brighams, Mr. Batherick, Capt. B. Fay, Capt. Wood. Mr. Fish (at my proposal before the Company and at my Desire, though I think he had mentioned it on the way) prayed -- for we were retired into the Chamber. And then many endeavours were used for accommodation and reconcilment. Mr. *Andrews* gave up the matter of my Saying he was *Quarrelsome*. The Complaint against me, for not answering her Request to lay her Case before the Church, I pleaded against, I suppose with Success, nor would I take any Blame to my Self about it. I think the Brethren were, finally, easy on that Head. As to the Paper of Mrs. *Warrins* Testimony, I told them *first*, that if there was harm to Mrs. A. by that, it could not be laid to me but to Mrs. W. because that which related to Mrs. A. in it, She retained and it was still in its full Strength. But however, Since it came to me so lame, as appeared afterwards although I could not know at the Time of it, I said I was sorry I read it. And with regard to my taking minutes of Conversations, I

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

1767 May 1 (Friday). Busy in preparing, as I was requested, to preach at *Northborough*. Mr. Fish and Cushing return from *Andrews's*, and bring me a Letter from those Brethren respecting a Church-Meeting.

1767 May 2 (Saturday). Mr. Barrett dined with us. My Wife rode with me, Capt. Wood carryed Sarah, and Mr. Cushing *Susanna* to *The Funeral of Mr. Martyn*. A woful Day! Mr. *Loring* and Mr. *Gardner*, Mr. *Barrett* and I, Mr. *Stone* and Mr. *Goss*, were Pall Bearers. The Corps was carryed into the Meeting-House. Mr. *Gardner* Prayed. Mr. *Loring* Stayed to preach and I am, as is fittest, to take my turn in Course: notwithstanding what had been desired of me, for next Sabbath. Mr. *Barthol. Kneeland* assists about the Character and takes the Care of the Printing it. Mr. *Steward* comes home with me -- and lodges here.

1767 May 3 (Sunday). Read *Isa.* 54. Mr. *Steward* preached on Joh. 3.19 a. and p.m. P.M. I read Joh. 19. Mr. Cushing dined with us.

1767 May 4 (Monday). Mr. *Steward* to Marlborough. Read Visitor Vol. 2.

1767 May 5 (Tuesday). Preached at the Widow Newtons on Ps. 119.136. Few attended! I returned home soon, without staying to Eat. My Heart very heavy. May the Lord look upon me, pardon, and prepare for His Will!

1767 May 6 (Wednesday). I rode, though twas somewhat rainy, to *Upton*; dined at Mr. *Fish's*. Preached the Lecture on 1 Cor. 11.20. Which may God bless! Saw the Sorrowful Effects of the late riotous Rage in breaking the Windows, Sashes etc., of the Meeting House there. I rode to *Mendon* to See Venerable Mr. *Dorr* who is now much confined by his Infirmitys and by sickness. Mr. *Fish* accompanied me, but returned home; but I lodged at Mr. *Dor's*. Our Conversation was very much upon the great Difficultys now subsisting in each of our Parishes. But chiefly whether we shall hold Communion with Mr. *Cleavelands*, against so many Testimonys born by a great Number the [*sic*] Pastors of that Neighbourhood, and our own?

1767 May 7 (Thursday). Took leave of Mr. *Dorr*. His *Sage Mot* to me was, that "the present dark Cloud on our Ecclesiastical State portends some very remarkable Event to be coming." Called at Mr. *Fish's*, who rode with me part of the way from thence homeward; but I said no word further about our *Andrews* Affair. Dined at Deacon *Bradishs*, where his Mother now lives. Arrived in safety, and my Tabernacle in peace. D.G. Mrs. P_____ goes with me to Mr. *Solomon Bakers* -- solemnize his Marriage to Miss *Hannah Hardy*. Sup there, with a Number of grave Neighbours and their wives, as well as young people.

1767 May 8 (Friday). Am preparing my Funeral Sermon (or adding to what I had prepared) for my late *Brother Marytn*. Mr. *Moore* p.m. from *North-Shrewsbury*. He tells me Mr. *Frink* has So conducted towards his Friends that they have, in a Body, left him.

1767 May 9 (Saturday). Mr. *Moore*. Mr. *Barrett* in his Way to *Northborough*. Mr. *Steward* going to *Hopkinton*. Returned Mr. *Steward his Visitor Vol. 2*. Master *Cushing* is going to *Southborough*, his Brother and Sister *Stone* being there. Mr. *Moore* to *Marlborough*. Sarah has my Mare and rides with Mr. *John Forbes* to *Brookfield*.

1767 May 10 (Sunday). Read *Isa. 55* and preached a. and p.m. on *2 Tim. 4.6.7.8*. Read p.m. *Joh. 20*. After the Exercises I stayed the Church and read to them a Letter from Seven Brethren requesting a Church Meeting to consider whether Mrs. *Andrews* shall be admitted to transient Communion. N.B. *Richard Temple's* Brother *Josiah*, and old Mrs. *Morse* dined here.

1767 May 11 (Monday). I had writ by Mr. *Moore* to Mr. *Smith*, consider and also confer with Mr. *Stone* about my Case. I hoped also to meet him at *Southborough*. I expected also Mr. *Barrett* to go -- but he did not come here last night (at least in season). He lodged at Capt. *Woods*. I went to him this morning but he went to *Hopkinton*. I rode to Mr. *Stones* and dined there, in Company with Messrs. *Smith*, *Steward*, *Moore*, and *Cushing*, whose Mother and sister *Bridget* were with us. Mr. *Stone* and *Smith* consult and advise etc. etc. Called at Lt. *Nathan Brigham*s. Mr. *Cushing* takes *Elias* behind him, to carry him to Capt. *Jonathan Fays* to board and go to school. My Hay being short, Mr. M_____ takes Care of his Horse himself.

1767 May 12 (Tuesday). Mr. *Moore* carries Suse in a Chair to Mr. Morse's at North Shrewsbury. At Eve Daniel son of Mr. Phinehas Hardy came for me to visit his sister Rachel. She thinks she is dying. I went, conversed, prayed, returned. Abigail Rice returned from *Brookfield* on my Mare.

1767 May 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Zebulon Rice* works for me a.m. and a little while p.m. He puts up the Gate which Deacon Tainter made for me. Am my Self employed upon the *Court-Miscellany* for last Year. Mr. Moore and Suse.

1767 May 14 (Thursday). Temple and John *plant Indian Corn. Court-Miscellany*. Mr. Moore left us. Hear that my son *Baldwins* Case about the Road West of his House in Brookfield is to be tryed at *Worcester* to Day. Mrs. *Johnson* here. Says She hears her Husband is dead. Suse took Physick, and is very ill with it. Paul *Biglows* wife examined.

1767 May 15 (Friday). Am sent for to go to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins junior -- his Wife being in Travail and can't be delivered -- went -- found she was delivered but the Child dead. Prayed. Dr. Ball accompanied me back. Deacon Mellen of Hopkinton (I hear) is to be buried to Day. N.B. Lt. Baker here -- wants my Mare to go to Mendon or rather to *Cumberland*. I complied. T. and J. finish planting Indian Corn. P.M. Temple and John with the Oxen at Mr. Nurse's. Mr. Daniel Miller here and gives up all further Hope of my Oxen. We are still at Times doing something about Gardening.

1767 May 16 (Saturday). Mr. Steward comes to Supply my Place tomorrow. He dined here. P.M. I attended the Burial of Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin junior's Infant. Mr. Daniel Mellen of Holliston has brought from *Monadnock* a Letter from Caleb Winch for Money.

1767 May 17 (Sunday). My Mare is returned; but I rode Mr. Stewards Horse to *Northborough* and I preached there on 2 *Tim.* 14.6.7.8. I remained over Night, that I might look over some Books and [papers?] etc.

1767 May 18 (Monday). Returned home. Visit Mr. Timothy Warrin and prayed there. N.B. Mr. Stewards Text yesterday, a. and p.m., was 2 *Pet.* 2.15, "Yet [*sic*] have forsaken the right way." Town Meet and choose Capt. *Maynard* Representative. Capt. Benjamin Fays old House burnt. N.B. Sent a Letter etc. per Capt. *Wood* to Billy. Received of Mr. Nathan Maynard Six Dollars.

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

1767 May 20 (Wednesday). *Suse* has been worse ever since She took Physick, and evidently grows worse from Day to Day.

1767 May 21 (Thursday). Temple and John digg Stones in the middle Pasture. Elias goes to Capt. Jonathan *Fays* to board and go to School at Mr. William Nurse's.

1767 May 22 (Friday). Visit at Capt. Fays on consideration of the sorrowful Burning of their old House, it having been very useful to them and much was lost in it. Visit Mrs. Pratt (Eleazers wife) who is sick of a Fever. Was at Mr. William Nurse's to see Master Cushing and dined at Mr. Joseph Grouts with him. P.M. at Capt. Jonathan Fays; visit also Mrs. Rachel Hardy, Mrs. Twitchell etc. When I returned at Evening found Brother Breck, and his Son Robert here. They lodged with us. N.B. Mrs. Maynard invites Brother to dine there tomorrow.

1767 May 23 (Saturday). Cousin Robert to Boston. Dined at Capt. Maynards with Brother Breck. Capt. was not there. P.M. Capt. brought me £60.15. My son *Ebenezer* came from Brookfield and my Son *Alexander* from Framingham. Hear that Brother Harrington was bury'd yesterday.

1767 May 24 (Sunday). Read Isa. 56 and Joh. 21. Mr. *Breck* preached on *Prov.* 1.20 to 23. Which may we savingly profit by!

1767 May 25 (Monday). Mr. Nathan Maynard here and pays me in Cash and Notes 71£ old Tenor. Mr. Breck and Ebenezer Set out for *Boston* and *Watertown*. Mr. Bucknam journeying to see his dying Daughter Clark at Rutland, calls here. I undertook my Journey to Boston. Dine at Mr. Joseph Brighams in Marlborough. Called at Coll. Williams and committed to him the Affair of a small plat of Land to be laid before the Proprietors at their Meeting to Day, and which Plat Mr. Bradish is to deliver. Was at Mr. Smiths -- at Mrs. Baldwins in Sudbury -- visit Mrs. *Lock* (Joshua's wife) in her Distress. Lodged at Mr. Bridge's.

1767 May 26 (Tuesday). Proceed to Mr. Adams's at Roxbury and dine there. Mr. Rand of Kingston and Mr. Hooker of Northampton. At Boston, visit Cousen Procter at the Alms House -- but they have resigned that Trust and begin to move. Brother Samuel is gone to Cases. Deacon Sayward, from York and his Wife lodge at Brothers. My Son Samuel grown wonderfully, in Stature and Thickness. Mr. Loyd very kindly puts up my Horse. I lodged there.

1767 May 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Ebenezer Bridge preached the Election sermon on *Deut.* 33.29. I dined in Fanuel-Hall. P.M. attended the Convention. Mr. Appleton Moderator and Prayed. A Plan was laid before the Convention by the Committee appointed for that purpose a year or two before, for a Fund for the Support of Ministers Widows and Children. This takes up the Time chiefly. N.B. I have taken Opportunity to talk with divers Ministers about what is best for us in Westborough to do about Mrs. *Andrews*. All advise to admitt her as all Circumstances are; bearing Testimony against the Disorders in Chebacco. Visit my Relations. Lodge at Brother P_____s.

1767 May 28 (Thursday). At Mr. Eliots and talk with him and Sundry others, Messrs. *Diman*, Checkley, Tucker -- upon the Andrews Affair. They advise as above. Attend the Convention. Mr. Eliot preached on Jam. 5.19.20. The Collection amounted to [blank]. Dined at Mr. Pemberton. P.M. attended the Convention. N.B. the Corporation for the Fund yesterday was voted to be 15 Lay and 15 Clergymen: to Day 5 More of Each are added; so that the whole Number is enlarged now to 40. Mr. Pemberton Prayed at the Conclusion. At Mr. Meins and McAlpines. Engage the latter to bind for me *Popes* Letters, and Brainards Journal. Visit Mr. Foxcroft and divers Friends. Sup and Lodge at Brother Samuels. *Breck* also is come from *Ashby* and lodges there.

1767 May 29 (Friday). To Roxbury -- dined at Mr. *Adams's* and preached his Lecture on Heb. 12.25. Prosecuted my Journey -- lodged at Mr. John *Stearns's* at Watertown. Mr. Thomas Harrington there, etc. etc.

1767 May 30 (Saturday). Journey home. In my way call at Mr. Nat. Williams who lends me a Number of his Fathers sermons. At Mr. N. Goddards and at Mr. Woodward. Dine at Mr. Browns (Alexander returned home yesterday). At Coll. Buckminsters and at Mr. Stones. Arrive safe and the Family in Peace (except *Suse's* indispositions). To God be all Glory! Am informed that Squire Adams was here in his return from *Ashby* -- lodged here last Night and went home to day.

1767 May 31 (Sunday). Read Isa. 57 and Act. 1. Repeated a. and p.m. on Rom. 8.7. Mr. Cushing dined here; as did Widow Cook and her Daughter Hill. Mr. Cushing gave me the Report of the Committee on the Andrews Affair.

1767 June 1 (Monday). Visit and pray with Mrs. Ruth Chamberlin sick and low. Mr. Moore here from Mendon. *Breck* returns here from Boston. [Mrs. P_____ informs me that on the 26th ult. Mr. *Putnam* of Pomfret was here: on the 27th Ebenezer returned home with 5 Cattle: 28 Temple returned to my work: and 29 Ebenezer went home to Brookfield.]

1767 June 2 (Tuesday). *Breck* returns to *Ashby* and takes with him a Cow and two Young Creatures. Jonas Kenny goes with him and drives Mr. Nurse's Cattle to Billy. Mr. Moore carries *Suse* to Boston. P.M. Our Church Meeting on Mrs. *Andrews* Case. Previous to the Opening the Meeting had some free Conference with those Brethren who were come -- in which I challenged the Liberty to be at least a Member and a Voter, and to be as free as *they*; that is, that As I invaded none of their Consciences, they might not invade mine: and not be thought hard of, if I did not see things in the same Light which they did, and did vote differently from them: that if I did not act according to my Authority yet I must not be faulted if I acted according to my Right as a Brother. Nay, since I am the oldest Member in the Church some respect should rather be shewn me, than that any should abridge my Liberty. This I spoke with reference to the Conduct of Brother Jonas Brigham, and others who I conceive abetted him last meeting. Some other Things I said also in order to promote peace and Harmony among us at this so very critical Time. Then we proceeded. The Report of the Committee was read 2 or three times. Some amendments were made: and then it was voted. We voted also for a

Deacon and Capt. Wood was chose. After Meeting a Number of Brethren came to my House, viz. Mr. Belknap, Cornet Brigham, Capt. Brigham, Mr. Batheric and Mr. Gale. The last, at parting, said they thought they would come in to Shew me Respect and Friendship. N.B. As I moved to have two Brethren appointed to wait on Capt. Wood to inform him of what the Church had done -- so it was moved that two might go to Mrs. Andrews to acquaint her etc. -- which lest there Should be Oppositions and Misconstruction again, I gave way to, though it seemed such a strange overdoing.

1767 June 3 (Wednesday). A Letter from Mr. *Sumner* to preach his Lecture to day turned my Course from otherwhere; and though I took my Mare from the Plow I went: dined there, and preached on Heb. 12.25, with some Additions. Returned at Eve.

1767 June 4 (Thursday). Carryed Elias to board at Mr. Ebenezer Millers, where the School is kept. Visit Mrs. Hardy, who is very low. She desires me to Speak several Things to her Mates, the young People of Westborough, which I took minutes of. Visit the Neighbourhood beyond, especially Mrs. Twitchel, and prayed with her. Returned to Mrs. *Hardy*, and pray with her. Mrs. *Hardy dies* this night.

1767 June 5 (Friday). Old Mr. *Morse* of Hopkinton being very low, requests I would visit him. Went -- discoursed and prayed with him. Mr. Jonah Warrin there and returned with me. Mr. Forbes from Sutton Council. He goes to See his Aged F. and lodges there.

1767 June 6 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes here, and urges that if he stays to preach for me, then I must go and try to get Mr. Maccarty to go to Leicester, and Mr. Conkling must go to Brookfield. Mr. Joseph Bruce is going up with the Messages. I consent and Write by him to Mr. Maccarty. Mr. Forbes also procures me Mr. Ebenezer Forbes Horse. P.M. We attended Mrs. Hardys Funeral; Mr. Forbes being her Pastor, prayed. From thence went up to Worcester; Squire Goddard of Sutton accompanys from Mr. Sumners. Met Dr. Throop and my Daughter *Sarah* from Brookfield. Mr. Maccarty consents, but 'tis not his Custom to go the Evening before. Lodge there.

1767 June 7 (Sunday). Mr. *Maccarty* to *Leicester*. I preached at *Worcester* a.m. on *Luk.* 12.19.20. P.M. on *Dan.* 5.25. N.B. Read each Chapter publickly. At Eve Mr. Maccarty returned. I lodged there.

1767 June 8 (Monday). At Mr. *Swans* -- who mends my Watch-Case, and does it gratis. At Capt. Curtis's, Mr. Sumners, Mrs. Cushings -- dined at Capt. Allens -- and being repeatedly desired, I called at Mr. Moses Hastings's, he being exceeding low and distressed, in both mind and Body. Prayed with him; but despair of Seeing him again. Mr. Forbes to Boston: Dr. Throop to Providence.

1767 June 9 (Tuesday). Attend the Burying of Mr. B. Tainter's premature Infant.

1767 June 10 (Wednesday). Mr. *Smith* from Marlborough makes me a Visit, not knowing of the Lecture. He is not well-pleased with what we have Done, in our Church, respecting Mrs. *Andrews's* Admission. He gives me a Letter from himself about Capt. *Jonathan Goodenow*, who is complained of by Robert Baker. Mr. *Stone* preached my Lecture on *Gal. 1.4*. Mr. Ebenezer Garfield of Shrewsbury acquaints me with the Death of Mr. *Hastings*, whom I was with on the 8th and the Widows desire that I would go up to the Funeral tomorrow. Mr. Moore and Suse return from Boston. Master Cushing also [returned?] -- tarry, Sups and lodges here.

1767 June 11 (Thursday). Elias goes to board at Mr. Joseph Harringtons (with Stephen and Gott Maynard) to go to School at Mr. Ebenezer Millers. Rode to Shrewsbury. Dined at Dr. Crosbys. At the Funeral of Mr. *Moses Hastings*, and prayed. In returning, was at Mr. *J. Knowltons* and at Mr. Samuel *Fays*. Mrs. P. preparing for her Journey.

1767 June 12 (Friday). At Sunrise Mrs. P. in Mr. *Wheelocks* Chair, sets out, *John* waiting upon her, for *Ashby*. Mr. Moore returns to *Oxford*. Mr. Forbes from Boston late at Night.

1767 June 13 (Saturday). Rev. Mr. James *Moreton* of *Blanford* dined here. P.M. Dr. Hawes carries me to Mr. *Andrews's*. I went upon supposition that She designed, by vertue of the late vote of the Church, to come to the Communion. But when she came to understand what the Church had done about her by my Reading the Vote of the Church, etc. She would not accept of it; nor did She give any Reason to suppose She would come tomorrow. Copsys of the Vote of the Church in appointing a Committee and of the Report of that Committee were given them. But She did not appear willing to come to Communion tomorrow notwithstanding all I did to mollifie and Compose her. I told her I was come to make her a Visit as a Pastor would to a Communicant before the supper; and as I had told the Church that I would take a Time (if I could) to examine into her Knowledge and soundness in the Faith, so this was my present Errand, and would have her take it in good Part. This Conduct of theirs I fear will give me new Trouble, as I doubt not those who are prejudiced against me, and deeply engaged in their Defence, will lay even this also to me, as if I were the Cause of her not coming. But tis well I had Some Body (Dr. *Hawes*) with me, to bear Witness of what was said. N.B. My son *Forbes* had come last night after we were in Bed and asleep, from Boston at 4 p.m. yesterday -- acquaints me that the Court has employed him in the Affair of educating four Children of the *Onida* Indians from Six to Ten years old, upon the Warren Benefaction. He also desires me to write to Mr. Mein on his Behalf to Send Magazines to him by Me. He left us for home.

1767 June 14 (Sunday). A.M. Read *Isa. 58*. Preached on *1 Thess. 14.14* and at the Close delivered what the late Mrs. *Rachel Hardy* desired I would just before her expiring. Administered the Lords supper. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. *Andrews* at Meeting. Mr. Daniel Forbes assisted in distributing the Elements. Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here. Several Widows were invited (Mrs. Judith Bellows, Mrs. Tryphena Bowker) but did not come. Mr. Artemas Bruce's Wife here at noon, and ill. P.M. read *Act. 2*. Delivered the latter part of sermon on *Rom. 8.7* and with some peculiar *Pathos*. May God be pleased to accompany with His special Blessing! After Meeting Spake with Mr. Gershom Fay concerning the People of *Northborough's* proceedings in Order to their Re-settlement.

1767 June 15 (Monday). Mr. Gale in the Morning here, and tells me, that the *Andrews's* Seem to be disturbed; but he adds he does not know what they can expect more to be done for the woman. Catechized at the meeting House a. and p.m. 52 Boys, 21 Girls. At Eve Mr. Andrews here. Eats with me. I add the Dates on the Copys of the Church Vote and Report. I told him I thought he had no Reason to be angry either with me or the Church, because we did more for his wife than many of the Pastors and Churches in the Neighbourhood of Chebacco would do, in admitting her if She had moved into one of the neighbouring Towns there. He was moderate. John returned from *Ashby*.

1767 June 16 (Tuesday). Received of Mr. Nathan Maynard 16£ old Tenor. On Mr. Cushings Horse I rode over to *Harvard Association*. At Mr. Goss's were Brothers *Smith and Stone*. We rode by the way of Dr. Martyns to see him -- and the fine Farms at Still River Corner. After Dinner (at Mr. Wheelers) and having gone through the Association Exercise, we complied with an Invitation of Mr. *Bromfields* and spouse (at the Seccomb House) to drink Tea with them. N.B. Mr. Steward and Mr. Peter Whitney, preacher at Northborough, with us. I lodged at Mr. Wheelers. *He* was valetudinary.

1767 June 17 (Wednesday). Attended the Lecture preached by Mr. Smith on Joh. 3.16. Mr. Bromfield and Lady with us at Dinner. In returning stopped at Bolton Lecture. Mr. Whitney preached on [*blank*]. This made me so late I was obliged to tarry over night at Northborough and lodged with Mr. Whitney at Mrs. Martyns -- but she was at Concord. N.B. Mr. Kneeland of Boston there.

1767 June 18 (Thursday). Mr. Michael Martyn sent me yesterday a Ream of Paper which he bought for me at Boston, and for it I have paid him 6£ old Tenor. At my Return, found at my House my Daughters Parkman and Baldwin. One had been to Watertown, the other at Dr. Balls. Here were also Masters Cushing and Biglow, who lodged here last Night. Held a *Catechetical Exercise*, but by reason of the Rain etc. only four Young Women attended. *Sarah* was not well; and *Suse* at Mr. *Morse's* at Shrewsbury, and could not therefore be here.

1767 June 19 (Friday). My Daughters attempted to journey yesterday, but returned by reason of the Rain. This morning they set out; but my Daughter Baldwin proposes only to Dr. Balls. *Eliza* designs to go to Brookfield. Mr. Daniel *Mellen* of Holliston here. When he was here some time agoe, he Shewed me *Caleb Winch's* Order for Eight Pounds Lawfull Money. This Demand of Calebs, I paid accordingly to Rev. Mr. *John Mellen* of *Lancaster*, at Boston, at Mr. Gills, Merchant on May 27, in Trust for his Brother Daniel and had his Receipt. Now Mr. Daniel Mellen delivers me the Order, and endorsed by him: but in his haste he forgets to take his Brother *Johns* Receipt of me, and leaves his Pocket Book behind. P.M. Mr. William Goddard here, and takes up a great part of my Time in his Discourse of the many Difficultys he and his Daughter *Houghton* labour under with Regard to her Husband and the Church of Bolton. N.B. *Joseph Colman* of Stafford here -- sells Whetstones -- when asked about Mr. Fosters Doctrines and about Separates among them answered me, "that his Business was to sell Whetstones," with which Answer I was well pleased -- and bought two of him.

1767 June 20 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1767 June 21 (Sunday). Read Isa. 59. Preached on the Divine Attribute of *Power*. The Text I used was Ps. 62.11 and although I was long, yet I could not divide the Exercise -- and took an old sermon for p.m. (making various Additions and Alterations), viz. on John 17.4. Read Act. 3. Mr. Cushing dined with us.

1767 June 22 (Monday). Mr. Daniel Miller brings with him his Brother Solomon, Neighbour Thurston, Sever, McCulloch, Richard Kelly junior and James Miller junior. And they Clear in my 5 acre Swamp.

1767 June 23 (Tuesday). A.M. attend the Funeral of Mr. [blank] McAllisters infant Child. Mr. Peter Whitney, from Northborough came to see me. Capt. Jonathan Goodenow (to whom I had writ a Letter, by reason of a Complaint against him by Robert Baker of Marlborough sent me per Mr. Smith) came to see me. They dined here. P.M. I rode up to the widow *Smiths*, and at her son Ezekiels Request I preached there, as I had Publicly appointed last Lords Day. My Text was Isa. 12.1. N.B. Mr. Timothy Warrin was on the way as I went, and he soon fell upon the Affair of Mrs. Andrews; and not without Bitterness. May God Sanctifie to Me these Troubles!

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). I have heard so much of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews's representing my Visit at their House on the 13th instant as being opposed to the Churchs proceedings, and as the Prevention of her Coming to the Communion although it was so remote from it, that I went down to Dr. Hawes, to talk with him about it; and he readily declared, that he saw not nor heard any Thing, of that Nature there. P.M. I rode to Mr. Solomon Bakers and bought Cheese of him. Visit Mrs. Lock. Employ Mr. John Maynard to make shooes. Visit at Mr. Temples -- and thinking my Daughter Baldwin is at Dr. Balls, or to be heard of there, I went there; but she was gone home with her sister Parkman to Brookfield. Went to Mr. Michael Martyns -- where I hear from Suse at Mr. *Morse's*. Return in safety. Mrs. Rebecca Warrin of Upton, here and lodged here.

1767 June 25 (Thursday). Mr. Holland of Sutton here; wants the Copy of what the 3 Ministers *Salter* etc. drew up, on their Case. But for the Reason I gave him, namely that I ought to have one for the service of the Association, he left it Still. P.M. At *Mr. Edwards Whipple's Raising of an House*. Temple and John there. N.B. I took occasion to talk a little with Mr. *Zebulon Rice* for his indiscreet talking, to my Defamation and Injury, to a number of persons together concerning my Visit to Mrs. *Andrews*. One that was present, viz. *Constantine Hardy*, informed me that Mr. Rice represented the matter as if I went down there with Design to forbid, or at least to prevent that womens coming to the Communion and to tell her She must not now go to *Chebacco* Church any more. I told Mr. Rice he did very wrong to proceed thus, for if he was affronted with me, he ought to have spoke to me first, and not to Others. ("Debate thy Cause with thy Neighbour himself.")

1767 June 26 (Friday). Temple begins to mowe the large Pasture. Mr. John Forbes of Brookfield brings me Dr. *Fordyce* sermons to young Women, vol. 1, from my Son *Forbes*. Mr. *Joseph Arnold* and his Wife here. *Robert Nugent*, an unfortunate Sea Man, here begging. Miss Hephzibah Maynard has been here some Days, assisting Sarah in Quilting; towards Evening goes home. The Drought very sorrowful. The Lord pity us! And Prepare us all for what He Shall see meet to inflict!

1767 June 27 (Saturday). Temple mows the rest of my large pasture -- and it all affords but nine Cocks -- and it is so dry he carrys it into the Barn; even that which he mowed in the Morning. *Mr. Cushing* comes this p.m. to board here. Mr. Edward Goddard came to preach for me, and lodged here.

1767 June 28 (Sunday). Read *Isa.* 60. Mr. *Goddard* preached on *Numb.* 23.10. Mr. James Maynards Wife and Daughter Lock, also Miss Lois How of Shrewsbury, dine here. P.M. Read Act. 4. Mr. *Goddard* preached on *Isa.* 55.6. Miss *Lois How* here after Meeting, at Tea. At Eve Mr. *Goddard* and Miss *Lois* go to Capt. *Fay's* and lodge there.

1767 June 29 (Monday). They are here a.m. as they return to *Shrewsbury*. It is a very melancholly and Sorrowful Time by reason of the Extraordinary Dryness. The Rays of the Sun Shoot down very intensely, and the Wind, as it seems, contributes to the further drying and parching the Earth. May God extend His Pity towards us! Towards Eve I went up to Lt. Bakers who is confined by Lameness. At Eve a Shower, and in the Night more Rain, through Gods great Goodness. To Him be Praise and Thanks!

1767 June 30 (Tuesday). I visited old Mr. *Morse* at Hopkinton again, and dined there. He asked me to pray with him; but his Temper and Language to his Wife were very unseemly and disagreeable -- which occasioned my dealing plainly with him. It made us all very sorrowful but his Son (*Barachias*) tells me with Tears, that his Mother is very provoking to him. I return home by *Southborough*. Call at Mr. *Stones* -- Mr. Williams the *Sadler* and *Widow Bents*. Meet Mr. Joseph Chaddock of Brookfield and send by him to Mr. *James Parker* at Framingham to preach for me next Sabbath, hoping my Self to be at Ashby. An heavy Rain stopped me at Mr. *Haskills* and at Dr. *Hawes'*. Blessed be God who so abundantly favours us!

1767 July 1 (Wednesday). Omitted that Mr. *Daniel Mellen* of Hopkinton has been here, viz. on the 29th last, and received his Pocket Book which he had left here as he went to Monadnock. I am reading *Court Miscellany* for January and February. Mrs. *Hawes* made us a Visit. Mr. *Batherick* calls, and wants to let me know somewhat of the Conduct of Mr. *Timothy Warrin*, lately with Capt. Burnap of Hopkinton and Seems greatly moved at the Crooked Behaviour of Mrs. *Andrews* etc.

1767 July 2 (Thursday). Am reading Dr. *Fordyce's* Sermons to young Women. Temple is mowing again in my Meadow. At Eve Capt. Wood here. Wants to See the Churches Committees Report concerning Mrs. *Andrews*. He sups with me.

1767 July 3 (Friday). Am thoughtful what Method to take respecting my Journey to *Ashby*; for not hearing from *Lydia* I hardly know how to venture to go for my wife, and yet if I dont go now, I can't go afterwards, to be with them on a Sabbath; nor know I how to go away and leave our own Assembly destitute. But in the midst of these Thoughts, I am eased as to the Latter; Mr. *James Parker* sends me a Line that he is in Town, and can serve me next sabbath. I immediately get ready and ride as far as Mr. *Morse's* at *Shrewsbury*, and lodge there. For *Suse* is still there.

1767 July 4 (Saturday). Early ride to Mr. *Harringtons* to Breakfast and Prayers. Dr. *Prentice* accompanys part of the way to *Lunenburg*. Call at Deacon *Haywards* -- dine at Mr. *Adams's*. At *Gibson* in *Fitchburg* have the joyful News that my Daughter is o'Bed. The Child was born yesterday p.m. Thanks to God! I hastened up to them and arrived some time before night and found both Mother and Child in Comfort, and every one in Joy. Lodged at *Billy's*.

1767 July 5 (Sunday). Preached at *Ashby*, in the House of Mr. *Peter Lawrence*, on *Rom. 8.7* a. and p.m. Which may God bless! P.M. baptized my Grandchild, *Lydia*. And O that God would graciously accept the Offering! And that the Sacred Obligations may be fulfilled! [Marginal notation: N.B. Mr. *James Parker* preached for me on the 5th from *Jer. 2.19* a.m. and from *Act. 15 v. [19?].*]

1767 July 6 (Monday). Visit at Mr. *Barretts* (a near Neighbour of *Billys*). P.M. *Billy* goes with me to one Capt. *Adams* (who has bought what is called *Cambridge Farm* in *Ashburnham*) he having offered to go with me in the way to Mr. *Winchesters*. This he did, and I arrived and lodged there.

1767 July 7 (Tuesday). Mr. *Winchester* in his Goodness, to conduct me right, runs before me in the woods, so far as till I could keep the Road; and safely arrived at *Billys*. Before noon Mrs. P_____ and I set out upon our Journey back from *Ashby*. We dined at Mr. *Isaac Gibsons*, where we took Chair. Called at Mrs. *Stearns's* in *Lunenburg*. Stopped during a Thunder shower at Mr. *Goodrich's*. Hastened to *Lancaster* and lodged at Mr. *Harrington's*.

1767 July 8 (Wednesday). Sat out from Mr. *H's*. Dined at Mr. *Morse's*. Preached his Lecture -- on *Rom.6.13*. After which mounted, and rode to Mrs. *Martyns* -- but she was unhappily from home. Yet we drink Tea with them that were there, viz. Mr. *Peter Whitney*, Mr. *Jacob Rice* etc. After which we rode home, and found our Tabernacle in peace. D.G. N.B. As we came to Mr. *Taylor* in *Northborough*, they were newly returned from burying a Child that was scal'd to Death on the [blank] of 2 years old.²

1767 July 9 (Thursday). Temple and John finish getting in the Common Hay of my *Champney Meadows*. A little is left by the Bridge which is not yet grown. Mr. *Steward* (who came last night and lodged here) left us. Mr. *John Wood* brought from *Samuel* at *Boston* 1 Quarter of C of Sugar.

²William, son of John and Jemima Taylor, died July 6, 1767, a. 2 y. 5 m. *Northborough VR*, 150.

1767 July 10 (Friday). One Mr. *Thatcher* of Lebanon, a Candidate, here, by Mistake, Supposing it to be Mr. *Martyn's*; and bears a message from D[r.?] Minots of Concord, to Mrs. Martyn, that her Daughter is comfortable Since her lying in. Temple and John plow in order to hoeing a Third Time. At Eve Mr. Thomas *Fessenden* of Walpole, New Hampshire, and lodges here.

1767 July 11 (Saturday). Mrs. P. begins to be ill. Mr. *Fessenden* p.m. and lodges here.

1767 July 12 (Sunday). Read Isa. 61. Mr. *Fessenden* a.m. on 2 *Cor.* 10.17. P.M. read *Act.* 5. Mr. *Fessenden* on *Act.* 28.4.5.6. He left us at Evening. My Wife could not go to Meeting p.m. being So ill.

1767 July 13 (Monday). Mrs. P. So indisposed I went to Dr. *Hawes* for her. P.M. he visits her and She goes to bed to Sweat. Mr. N. Maynard Sent me £19.10/ old Tenor. Towards Eve undertook my Journey to Commencement. Had Master *Cushings* Horse; and can't well avoid going though Mrs. P's Case is bad. Lodged at Mr. *Bridges, Framingham.*

1767 July 14 (Tuesday). Called at Mr. William *Browns.* At Mr. *Goddards* and paid her for her Cheese except 4/ old Tenor. Dined at Mr. *Cushings, Waltham.* Paid old Mr. *Stretton* 3£ old Tenor Interest for *Billy.* Visit Mr. Thomas *Harrington,* and Mr. *J. Stearns.* Carried my Watch to Mr. *J. Rogers* of *Newtown,* to be mended. Was at Mr. *Hunts.* Lodged at Mr. *Storer's.*

1767 July 15 (Wednesday). At *Commencement.* Dined in the Hall. Was at Mr. *Peter Whitneys* Chamber. Settled with Mr. *John Marritt* and took up my Note to him. At Eve supped at Capt. *Marritts.* Sister *Swain* yet alive, but her speech much hurt by her Palsey. Lodged at sister *Barretts.* N.B. Her son *Thomas* very obliging and generous.

1767 July 16 (Thursday). In the Morning visit Mr. *Wyeth.* Mr. *John Hicks* (where my Horse was kept, and gratis) accompanied me. Rode to Mr. *Adams's* of *Roxbury* thence to *Boston.* Cousen *Proctor* at his new purchased House. Was too late to go to Lecture. Dined at Brother *Samuels.* Horse put up at *Brackets.* Cousen *Bryant* and his Wife and Mr. *Coverly* and his Wife, meet us at Brother William's in order to settle the Affair of Mothers House: but we only signed a settlement made six years ago. I returned to Brother *Samuels* and lodged there. N.B. Mrs. *Boyd* from *Newbury,* Daughter of Coll. *Joseph Coffin,* there. Also Dr. *Charles Coffin* her Brother there. The said Mrs. *Boyd* Speaks of her Husbands Grants or Patents for vast Tracts of Land in the Eastern Country. But what is much nearer and more affecting to me is, *my dear Brothers* deep Trouble, and distressing perplexity, in the Settling of an Estate which was, as far as I understand, chiefly entrusted to him. *Mullikins.* N.B. Neither Mr. *Holbrook,* or *Surcomb,* or their Wives at home.

1767 July 17 (Friday). Gave my Brother the best advice I could: but do exceedingly fear the Event. May God avert the sad Omens! Took leave with very heavy Heart. Called at Mr. *Rogers's* at *Newton.* Received and paid him for mending my Watch 25/ old Tenor. Mr. *Loring* overtook me, and we dined at Mr. *Woodwards.* Called at Mr. *Browns,* Coll. *Buckminsters* etc.

Arrived at Eve in safety, and my Wife and Family in peace. Mrs. P _____ has had a Fever and has not gone down from the Chamber this Week.

1767 July 18 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing takes Dr. *Hawes* Chair and goes to *Shrewsbury* for *Suse*. Temple has got in the New Field by Nurse's. 20 shock of Rye.

1767 July 19 (Sunday). Read *Isa.* 62. I preached on *Lev.* 19.2, a. and p.m. Read *Act.* 6. N.B. in the afternoon used several pages of sermon on *Ps.* 99.5.9. Capt. Maynard and his wife here after meeting to see my wife, who, I hope, grows better.

1767 July 20 (Monday). Mr. *Cushing* brought home *Suse*. Mr. *Fessenden* here -- brings Mr. *Cleavelands* lately published Narrative. I read part of it. Mr. F. dines here. P.M. leaves us. Rev. Mr. *Wyeth* came to see us. Tarrys over Night. I am full of Concern about my Brother *Samuel* but can't relieve him. Wrote to him, but have not success in sending it.

1767 July 21 (Tuesday). Mr. *Wyeth* visits up in the street; dines at Capt. Woods. N.B. Capt. Wood had been here and killed a fine Calf for me. The Quarters weighed 72 lb. The skin 10 lb. P.M. Mr. *Wyeth* offered to go with me to the Funeral of Mr. Artemas Bruce's young Child, and went accordingly. When returned he went in to Mr. Zebulun Rice's, and came not to me again, but lodged somewhere among the Neighbours. N.B. My Neighbours are employed in reading Mr. *Cleavelands* Book entitled "A short and plain Narrative of the late work of Gods Spirit at *Chebacco* in Ipswich" etc. Received 3 *Jo's* from Capt. Maynard per John.

1767 July 22 (Wednesday). I Sent to Mr. Sumner to preach my Lecture yet by reason of the Funeral of Mr. John Brigham of Shrewsbury to Day, I did not much expect him. Have therefore spoke of it to Mr. *Wyeth* -- but he delays coming to me this morning -- and till after Dinner. But he comes at length -- preaches on *Luk.* 23.43. After meeting he leaves us, to return homeward. N.B. He told me he heard Rev. Mr. *Nat. Rogers* of Ipswich Speak of Mr. *Cleaveland*, as having taken in divers of the members of his (Mr. *Rogers's* Church) into their (the Separate-*Chebacco*) Church and that he (Mr. R.) was much offended with him therefor. N.B. Mr. *Sumner* kindly came to preach and attended the worship, though he came after we were gone to meeting. This Evening I delivered two *Jo's* or 36£ old Tenor to Mr. *Joseph Rice* of *Grafton* (which I received with another 18£ piece, from Capt. Maynard) which he is to deliver to my Brother Samuel at Boston. And I delivered my Watch to Mr. *Moses Haden* of *Grafton* to be carried to Mr. *John Rogers* of Newtown to be mended.

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

this very sore Tryal to me; and help me, in so much the Closer and faithfuller self-search! May the Lord Pity this poor unhappy Brother and pardon him! For what a frame he is otherwise like to come to the sacrament in! Mr. Cushing has finished his school and to Day he leaves us and goes to live at his Mothers. P.M. I visit old Mrs. *Byles* and pray with her. She has a Rose Cancer. In the night Mr. *Haden* brings a Receipt from my Brother Samuel of the *Jo's* Mr. Rice carryed to him: but he left my Watch.

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

1767 July 25 (Saturday). John is poorly -- pain in his stomack and Bowels -- keeps House for the most part. Mrs. P. is still in an infirm state, though I hope recovering.

1767 July 26 (Sunday). Read Isa. 63. Preached a. and p.m. on 1 Pet. 2.9. Administered the Lords Supper. Deacon Benjamin Wood first Officiated since his acceptance of our Choice. N.B. Capt. Jonas Brigham was at Communion although he went from me in so uncharitable a frame on the 23. This is to my amazement! Mrs. Maynard at Dinner. N.B. there is a Number of Persons who at noon Time sing in the Meeting House. P.M. read Act. 7. N.B. My Wife was not able to go to Meeting to Day.

1767 July 27 (Monday). *Cleveland* and Journals of the House of Representatives. P.M. Mr. Solomon Bakers wife with presents of Roast Pig and Cheese.

1767 July 28 (Tuesday). Journals of House of Representatives. P.M. *Deacon Wood*. Reckoned with him and paid all by Note to the Constable. Neighbour *Zebulon Rice* here also. The latter asks Liberty for Mr. *Fish* to preach at next Family -- at his House -- I freely consent.

1767 July 29 (Wednesday). Send by Messrs. John Wood, and John Maynard for Kegg of Rum, Box of Candles etc. to be brought in their Waggon. Wrote and sent to Rev. Mr. Dodge of Abington, to be informed about Mr. *Worcesters* proceedings among them this last Spring. Went to Mr. Jonah Warrins -- talked with him and his wife. Mr. *Nurse* sells me for 40/ old Tenor a Barrill of Cyder, out of Mr. *Warrins* Cellar. Mrs. P. wrote what she well remembered about Mrs. Warrens Witness.

1767 July 30 (Thursday). Temple carts in the last of the Rye. 26 Shock from the Island Field. He says there are in all, 80 shock and some Sheaves, from the Several Fields. P.M. Mrs. *Abigail Fessenden* here, under Examination and I consent to propound her. Sarah wrote her Testimony about Mrs. Warrins Consent etc.

1767 July 31 (Friday). At Mr. Nurse's Singular Importunity Temple goes to work there. Lt. John Martyn here with a Letter from the Church and people of the District, to desire me to assist them at a Fast on Aug. 13th.

1767 August 1 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1767 August 2 (Sunday). Read Isa. 64. Preached on Deut. 32.4. P.M. Read Act. 8. Preach'd on 1 Pet. 2.9.

1767 August 3 (Monday). At Eve Mr. *Moore* came from Boston and informs that Brother Samuel is in a low state -- appears to be delirious. Brother William and Mr. *Eliot* Send for me to go down.

1767 August 4 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Martyn* and her Daughter *Suse* visit and dine with us. P.M. Mr. Fish preaches at Mr. *Zebulun Rice's* on *Isa.* 65.1, "I said Behold me, Behold me" etc. Mr. Moore attended with me, but Mrs. *Martyn* etc. did not -- nor Mrs. P _____ but Sophy did. After meeting I rode (upon Neighbour Joseph Bonds young Mare) to Coll. Buckminsters at Framingham and lodged there.

1767 August 5 (Wednesday). Pursue my Journey -- to Roxbury and dine at Mr. Adams's -- to Boston. My dear Brother *Samuel* is confined to his Chamber and mostly to his Bed -- blistered and polticed -- has a Nervous Fever and is (we conceive) delirious -- at least in some Measure so. Shews great Distress, of Mind and Body. I lodged, and Mr. Loyd took Care of my Horse.

1767 August 6 (Thursday). Mr. Aaron Teal, a Milk Man, takes my Mare to pasture in upper part of Charlestown. I attended the public Lecture. Mr. *Blair* preached (and very agreeably) on *Rom.* 7.13, last Clause. Dined with Dr. *Sewal*: where were Messrs. *Quincy, Morehead, Walley,* and *Blair*. Returned to my Brother who is much distressed. I have concluded to tarry over the Sabbath, and write home to have Mr. *Moore* Supply my Pulpit. Lodged at Brother Williams.

1767 August 7 (Friday). Mr. *Teal* complains bitterly of my Horse's breachiness -- send *Bradshaw* to take him away, and with my Consent, he rides to his uncle's at Mistick to keep him there. Mr. Moses *Harrington* brings me a Letter from Mr. *Moore* at Westborough to desire me to Supply his Place at Mr. Coopers at Boston -- so that we are of a Mind. Dined at Mr. *Mathers*. P.M. visit Mr. *Walley*. Buy Several Books of him, viz. Dr. *Moore's* divine Dialogues: *Reyners* Precepts, and Government of the Tongue: and *Capel* of Temptations. Mr. *Walley* accompanys me in a Visit to Dr. Byles. Lodge at Brother Samuels.

1767 August 8 (Saturday). Mr. Whiting watched with my Brother last night. He goes with me to Mr. Jackson's (Thomas) Spring -- where I drink of the Mineral Waters. My Brother grows Worse -- his Mind is in Terrible Tumult -- he is in wofull Despair -- says his Terror is too great to be expressed. I dined at Mr. *Quincys*. His son, Dr. Jacob Quincy there. Continue to lodge at

Brother *Samuels* for I can't leave my Brother of [*sic*] his Chil'en in So great Distress. We pour out our Prayers and Crys to God, the God of infinite Mercy.

1767 August 9 (Sunday). Had a doleful Night, by Reason of my dear Brothers low state. But I was better in the Morning. I last Friday agreed with Mr. *John Lathrop*, Candidate, to change with him this Forenoon, and accordingly I preached a.m. at the Old North where Mr. L. supplys for Mr. Checkley, who is very ill. My Text was *Joh. 17.4*. Mr. L. preaches for me, at Mr. Coopers. I dined at Mr. *Coopers*; Who, with his wife were on their Tour, for his Health. Mr. Gabriel Johnnot and wife dined there also. Preached for Mr. *Cooper* p.m. from *Rom. 6.13*. Return again to the House of Troubles. Brother is weaker every Day. Mrs. [*Boyse?*] watches --

1767 August 10 (Monday). and at two o'Clock in the Morning wakes me to go in and See my Brother for She apprehends he is dying. I went in -- found his Breath laboured very hard, but did not Conceive he was then in such a State, after praying with him (which was at his Motion) I return'd to my Bed again. However it was not two Hours before she called me again, for he was verily departing. I hastened in. He was choaked with Phlegm, and breathed no more. It was at 3 quarters after 3 o'Clock that my dear Brother and cordial Friend gave up the Ghost. May the God of infinite Mercy Pity us, and sanctify His holy Hand to us! O that we might be indeed prepared for this important Hour! That we might be able to Say, after the Example of our dear Lord, "I have glorified Thee on the Earth, and finished the Work thou gavest me to do." May we now "yield ourselves to God as those that are alive from the Dead." And may we ever walk accordingly! I walked to Mr. *Walleys* -- he was going to Mr. Moreheads Exercise after the sacrament. I went with him to Meeting. Mr. Pemberton preached on *Rom. 1.16*. Dined at Mr. Moreheads with Messrs. Pemberton, Wheelock, Walley, Blair, and Lathrop. P.M. Visit Mr. Bowen; where was his Brother Benjamin and well composed. Visit Mr. Surcomb, who is ill. I lodge as usual.

1767 August 11 (Tuesday). Went to Jackson's Spring. Afford what Comfort and direction I can to my Kinsfolk in their Mournful Circumstances. Dined at Mr. Mathers. Visit Mr. Checkley. Go up to *Golgotha*. N.B. A Letter from Mrs. P.

1767 August 12 (Wednesday). At the Spring again. Bought two bibles at Mr. Mien's. Dined at Mr. Holbrooks. Attended the Funeral of my dear Brother and may we all be properly impressed with it! O that I may, in special. The Bearers were, Mr. Maycock, Deacon Grant, Mr. John Kneeland, Mr. [*Blank*], Mr. Jos. Bradford and Deacon Barrett. Gave Mr. Freeman £5.10 for black [leather?] Breeches.

1767 August 13 (Thursday). Drank at the Spring. Another Letter from Mrs. P. Mr. John Wood my Company in Journeying. We dined at Cuttings. Called at Col. Buckminsters. Got home seasonably. Mr. Moore here. Found all well. D.G.

1767 August 14 (Friday). I feel fatigued. Do but little. Mr. Moore returns to *Cambridge* where he has taken a Chamber. Mr. Hutchinson calls and though from his Discourse[s?] some while

ago, I somewhat expected he would insist upon our Changing next sabbath, yet he putts it off to another.

1767 August 15 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1767 August 16 (Sunday). Read *Isa.* 65. Preached on Occasion of the Death of my dear Brother on 1 *Kings* 13.[30?], last Clause, repeating some parts of my sermon on that Text. P.M. read Act 9 and preached on 1 Cor. 15.57. O that I might have an abiding and lively Sense etc.

1767 August 17 (Monday). A.M. Visited and prayed with old Capt. *Forbes*. Was at *Abraham Bonds*, and Richard Barns's. N.B. Mr. Gershom Fay makes me a visit and dines here. P.M. goes with me to visit Mr. Kendal who languishes. Mr. Fays Errand Seems to be this, to pray that the Ministers at their Meeting tomorrow would not advise Northborough People to hear any other Candidate than Mr. Whitney -- for he says they like him so well that they are afraid to hear anybody else lest they Should be divided. Mr. Cushing at Eve -- supps and lodged here.

1767 August 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing goes with me to Marlborough to Ministers Meeting. Messrs. Loring, Stone, Goss, Wheeler and Bridge of Sudbury. Candidates *Whitney, Parker, Caleb* and *Jacob Rice* besides Cushing. Had Difficulty about advising *Northborough* people. Mr. *Stone* and *Smith* for advising them to hear further. I was not. There was also Difficulty in Examining Mr. Cushing because of Mr. *Lorings* extreme hurry to go home -- and he left us -- so did Mr. Goss and Wheeler. We therefore who remained, approbated him. I returned at Eve and found *Samuel* here. He came on Mr. *Moore's* Horse. Here was also Mr. *Josiah Dana* preacher at New Rutland; and Polly *Forbes* -- and lodge. Hear that sister Breck is Dead.

1767 August 19 (Wednesday). *Samuel* waits on his Mother to Mrs. Martyns. Mr. *Dana* and *Polly* to *Boston*. Temple and John with 10 Cattle plow in the further Field. Nathan Kenny and Josiah Newton help 'em. Am Reading Dr. *Doddridge's* Life by Mr. *Orton*. When Mrs. P. returns at Eve, she brings me a sorrowful Letter from Brother Breck of the Death of his Wife last Wednesday, and that She was buryed on Friday. His Letter was Dated on the 17th. May the Lord Shew Pity, Sanctifie this Breach and support him under it! Mr. *Cushing* returns here and lodges.

1767 August 20 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* with us, and Sir *Manning* from *Cambridge*, at Breakfast. *Catechized Children* at the Meeting House as usual. 49 a.m. 22 p.m. May God accept and bless my weak Endeavours among them! Mr. Cushing left us towards night. I am Earnestly desirous of the Eternal Good of those I have under my Care. This young Gentleman now designs soon to preach. May god Sanctifie him and make him a Vessel of Honour fit for the Masters Use!

1767 August 21 (Friday). Finished reading Mr. *Orton's* Life of that eminent Man Dr. *Doddridge*. I pray it may be to my not only Instruction, but to my great Quickening. I bless God for Such bright Examples: but am utterly ashamed to think how far I am behind: how sorrowfully negligent I have been, and how little good I have done. The Lord forgive me! And O that I

might have the Special Benefits of the Blood of Atonement, and of the Intercession of Jesus Christ! May I be greatly excited to copy Such excellent models! And especially be Strenuous to promote the Glory of God and the Eternal Salvation of the Souls of men! Omitted that *Samuel* yesterday p.m. put Mr. *Moore's* Horse to Mr. Jonathan Grout to keep. Temple and John, with 10 oxen a.m., with 12 Oxen p.m., plow in the further Field. Nathan Kenny and Nathan Maynard help 'em, and *Jacob Foster* is added p.m. My son Samuel is transcribing Some *Rules* etc. from D. Doddridge's Life.

1767 August 22 (Saturday). Mr. *Dana* returns from Boston and dines -- then to Shrewsbury. I go to Grafton, to preach for Mr. Hutchinson. I lodge there.

1767 August 23 (Sunday). Preached at *Grafton* a.m. on *Heb.* 4.2. P.M. on *Joh.* 17.4. Baptized the Child of Mr. *Simon Brooks, Jonah*. At Eve returned by Mr. *Nathaniel Whitneys* junior where I met Mr. Hutchinson who had preached for me a.m. on *Job* 40.14, p.m. on *Joh.* 18.34. Came home in safety. D.G.

1767 August 24 (Monday). *Samuel* in a Chaise that Mr. *Dana* left here, accompanys *Susanna* to *Shrewsbury*, that thence She may go with the Said Mr. *Dana* to Brookfield. *Samuel* returns here, and on Mr. *Moore's* Horse sets out for *Boston*. Mr. *William Pierce* here, about his old Debt to my Son Thomas. Mr. Joshua Bowen of Roxbury here, going to Springfield. Wrote by him to Brother Breck on Occasion of his Wife's Death. P.M. I visit Granny Maynard who is confined to her Bed by a terrible sore on the back of her Head and Neck. Prayed with her. As I went, called at Squire *Whipple's*, he having lately been at Ipswich. I visited also Elizabeth Warrin, sick of a Fever, at her mothers in the District. Prayed with her, and drank Tea there.

1767 August 25 (Tuesday). Mr. Nathan Maynard here, and pays me 44£ old Tenor, £23 of which was Cash, the rest in Notes. At Noon Temple Supposes his Time to be out. I payd 32£ old Tenor in Cash, and 23£ Note of Hand on Demand, with Interest till paid. P.M. visit old Capt. *Forbes* and pray with him. Call at Dr. Hawes. N.B. Mrs. Maynard came and dined here: and Mrs. P_____ went with her to Visit at Mrs. Bakers and Mrs. Newtons.

1767 August 26 (Wednesday). I was but poorly both yesterday and to Day. Am put in mind how frail I am. The Lord grant me His Special Grace! Mr. Roger Bruce here from Brookfield. Acquaints me with the sad divided state of my son Forbes's Parish. At least 10 male members absent from the last Communion. *Temple* came in the middle of the Forenoon from his Brother Thomas's: and he goes to work again. Old Mrs. *Kelly*, Mrs. *Dolly Rice*, Mrs. *Johnson*, Mrs. *Fessenden* (whose relation I alter and write over), Misses *Hephzibah Maynard*, *Betsy*, *Nanny* and *Suse Brigham* and Miss *Polly Baker*, here, and drink Tea (except for Mrs. *Johnson*). *Temple* lodges here still.

1767 August 27 (Thursday). Send *John* early to Mr. *Tainters* for a Barrell of Cyder, which he Sends me Word he will give me if I will fetch it. John has my Oxen and Neighbour Nurse's Waggon. Brings it and a Bag of Apples and Cucumbers. Enoch Rice works here for Lt. Baker. P.M. they draw Stones for Wall. Towards Evening I visit old Mrs. Byles and pray with her. In my

Way met with Mr. *Robert Baker* of Marlborough, who complains of Capt. Jonathan Goodenow's Conduct, and especially of some thing very lately done, which he is to answer for at *Concord Court*. My Wife transcribed her Testimony concerning Mrs. Rebecca Warrins consent to the Minutes I took of what She witnessed concerning Mrs. *Andrews*.

1767 August 28 (Friday). Lt. *John Martyn* here to desire me to assist in prizing his late Fathers Books next Tuesday a.m. with Mr. *Harrington* of *Lancaster*. Wrote to Mr. *Sumner* to come and preach for me next Wednesday. Temple works part of the Forenoon, and grows ill. Leaves the work and goes from the Field to Mr. *Nurse's*. Middle of p.m. comes home. Resolves to take his pack and go to his Fathers. I paid him to his Satisfaction for these two Days, and we bid adieu.

1767 August 29 (Saturday). I have been Somewhat indisposed in Body, and heavy and dull in my mind this Week. Am rather better to Day -- but can't finish my Preparations.

1767 August 30 (Sunday). Had designed to preach p.m. on Deacons, and had told Deacon *Wood* so; but by Reason of visiting the aged and Sick, Company and Indisposition I could not prepare. And a.m. acquainted Deacon W. of it, that is that I could not be prepared. Read Isa. 66. Gave larger Account of it than ordinary. Preached on 1 Cor. 15.57. Read also v. 54. P.M. read Act. 10 with Remarks. Preached on *Rom.* 1.6, using Sermon on *Rom.* [8?].28 from p. 5 to 12. Mrs. Fessenden admitted before the Congregation.

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

1767 September 1 (Tuesday). *John* waits on his sister *Sarah* in Dr. Haws' Chair to Hopkinton. I had Mr. *Beetons* Horse to visit *Betty Warrin* -- prayed with her. Proceeded to Mrs. *Martyn's* expecting Mr. *Harrington* from *Lancaster* to be with me in prizing Mr. *Martyns* Books; but he did not come. Prizers of the Estate were there, viz. Deacon *Livermore*, Capt. *Eager* and Mr. *Timothy Fay*. Squire *Whipple* also was there to swear them. As we were dining came Mr. *Stone* and his sister *Bangs* from *Harwich*. I took a Catalogue of as many of the Books as I could. In returning Visit and pray with *Betty Warrin* again. She is very low. At Eve *Sarah* brought home *Hannah* from Capt. *Clarks* She having been there about Seven Weeks.

1767 September 2 (Wednesday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* here and takes up his Note of Hand -- which he had neglected till now, although he had paid the principal in April and the Interest except a Trifle. But he takes this Opportunity to manifest uneasiness about what the Church acted upon the Committees Report concerning Mrs. *Andrews*. He thinks the Phrase of the Report was wrong in that it did not specify what disorders they were that she testified against. But, said he, *I have no Thought of Complaining of you for it*. I expected Mr. *Sumner* to preach my Lecture; but he did not come. Mr. *Peter Whitney* came, din'd, and preached on *Rom.* 3.28. May God grant us right Understanding of the great Doctrine of *Justification by Faith* and that we may have true Gospel Dispositions!

1767 September 3 (Thursday). The Disquietment among divers principal members of the Church so great that I think it necessary to Spread my Case before the Lord and as it is also the more seasonable for closer Retirement in preparation for the Communion. Jejun. and Hum. and prec. But alas how brokenly and imperfectly! The Lord forgive. At Eve Lt. Brigham of Southborough and his Wife here.

1767 September 4 (Friday). Misses Hephzibah Maynard and Anne Brigham here through the Day assisting by their work. Capt. Benjamin *Fay* here early in the Morning, and Shewed much Anger and Wrath on account of Mrs. *Andrews*, but yet could fasten on Nothing but what was easily answered. He goes away somewhat mollified. Mr. Kimball of Grafton, from Boston at breakfast.

1767 September 5 (Saturday). Mrs. Johnson has turned a black Coat which was my Brother *Samuels* and sends it home. Mr. Samuel || [sic].

1767 September 6 (Sunday). Read Jer. 1. Preached a.m. on 1 Cor. 15.57 and delivered my whole preparation though long. Administered the Lords Supper. The disgusted members present. Mr. Samuel Hardy, Widow Grow, Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. *Stone of Oakham*, at Dinner. The Communion Vessels are carryed to Deacon *Woods*. P.M. It being late I omitted *Reading*. Preached upon *Joh. 12.26* to the end of page 88. May God grant His special Blessing! *John* So poisoned he stays at home to Day.

1767 September 7 (Monday). I carryed to Capt. Maynards The last Year Journals of the House of Representatives and the Laws which he had sent me. Also Mr. Cleavelands Narrative. Visited Elizabeth Warrin and prayed with her. Went by Appointment to Mrs. *Marytn's* to prizing the Books. Mr. *Harrington* there also, to attend that service. But first I have their Leave to comply with the Church of *Northborough* Who meet to Day to choose a Pastor, and have sent to me to desire me to go to the Meeting House and pray with them previous to the Election. I went and prayed accordingly. Dined at Mrs. Martyns. Mr. *Whitney* with us. *He is chose*. 17 votes out of 19 members. We prized the Books, but did not stay to total the Columns. I returned home in the Evening.

1767 September 8 (Tuesday). Visit Mr. Williams and the widow Williams a.m. Old Deacon Forbes and Mr. Kendal p.m. and prayed there. Call at old Mr. Warrins. N.B. He tells me of great Disgusts at *Upton*. A Number of Women Visit here, drink Tea etc. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Eunice Rice and Mrs. Hill.

1767 September 9 (Wednesday). Jonathan Forbes mows Rowing for me part of the forenoon. John still very much Swelled with Poison. Read Court Miscellany for March last. Reckoned and Settled with Neighbour Jonathan Wood, except as to Soap and Ashes.

1767 September 10 (Thursday). Visit Neighbour Barnabas Newtons Wife, who is Sick. At Lieut. Bakers. He informs me my Sheep (9 which he has taken to keep) are come home to his House; and his Time being up, he would have me take them back; but I still committ them to his Care.

He offers me 8 acres of Middle Meadow at £400 old Tenor. N.B. One Capt. *Jameson* there, from Newport. Wants to keep School. [Neighbour?] *Silas Hill* p.m. thrashes Flax seed.

1767 September 11 (Friday). Richard Temple comes and thrashes out Flax seed and Spreads my Flax. Mr. *John Marrett* here. Informs me of Mr. *Fullers* Ordination at Prince-town on the 9th. Certifies me that he has received the Note of Hand from Mr. Daniel Forbes, which I had in Trust for him; and which I sent by my son *Samuel* Aug. 24 last.

1767 September 12 (Saturday). Temple, having lodged here, lays hold of my Thrashing of Rye. *John* is better -- is gone to *Allens Mill*.

1767 September 13 (Sunday). A.M. read Jer. 2. I laid aside what I had very much Spent my Time in preparing, which was about the Office of a Deacon and went on with the Discourse begun last Lords Day (a Repetition with a few Alterations) on John 12.26 from p. 89 to p. 93 and a loose paper. P.M. Read Act. 11 and went on upon the [Happiness?] of Heaven from p. 89. The Employments of Heaven from Rev. 7.15. At Eve read one of the sermons at the Magdalen House, viz. on Luk. 19.10.

1767 September 14 (Monday). *Temple* came to thrashing Rye. Mr. Nurse helps me part of the Forenoon and part of Afternoon, in harrowing and sowing Rye in W. Field. Had Deacon Woods Oxen. Mr. *Moore* came, and dined with us. He preached at old North yesterday. I Understand he is chose *Librarian*. Received a most odd Epistle from Mr. *Hutchinson* containing his Observations upon Mr. *Cleavelands* Narrative: they are shocking!

1767 September 15 (Tuesday). My Kinsman Loyd came to Breakfast here, having lodged at Coll. Brighams last night: Is going to *Blandford*. I get Lt. *Bakers* Chair for him -- he takes up *Sophy* with him as far as to Mrs. *Cushings*, at *Shrewsbury*. *Temple* winnows 20 Bushels Rye. At Eve Capt. Robert *Jamison* here and Lt. *Baker* and Neighbour *Zebulun Rice* with him. They agree with me about the Shop to keep school in.

1767 September 16 (Wednesday). *Vide Natal*. Temple thrashed yesterday p.m., to Day all Day.

1767 September 17 (Thursday). Temple thinks it unprofitable to thrash, it being wet weather and therefore goes to Mr. Nurse. P.M. his Brother Josiah -- and they go off together. Capt. *Jameson* begins to keep school in my Shop, now fitted up for this Purpose. Was at Nurse's and Will [its?]. Held a Catechetical Exercise. Began at the 82 Question. Had but 11, two of which were my own Daughters. I delivered to them some parts of the Discourse on Ps. 119.5. P.M. Master *Jameson* here at Tea, and at the Evening.

1767 September 18 (Friday). Children increase at the new school. Deacon *Wood* made me a Visit. At night Mr. *Moore* came from *Brookfield*, exceeding wet, in the Chair Mr. *Loyd* rode up in. Acquaints me with my son *Ebenezers* having 3 *Mohawk Children* to board. He lodges here.

1767 September 19 (Saturday). Mr. *Moore* to Cambridge. Temple and his Brother Josiah call here in returning home to *Framingham*. T. says he has worked 5 Days (this Time) and asks a pistarene and half per Day. P.M. Mr. Peter Whitney came here. I rode to Northborough and lodged at Mrs. Martyns. Mr. Richards Wife is ill the third Time in the same bad way.

1767 September 20 (Sunday). Preached at Northborough a. and p.m. on 1 *Joh.* 1.3 and Administered the Lord's Supper there. Which may the Lord accept! I was at Eve weary; and Mr. *Whitney's* returning, Induced me to lodge there again Especially as there was Some secular Business to do next morning.

1767 September 21 (Monday). Am somewhat employed further about Mr. Martyn's Books. A difficulty arises about prizing 4 Volumes of Dr. Mantons Works. 'Tis uncertain whether they were all Mr. *Martyns*; if they were, whether the 5th did not likewise. This was to be enquired into because of the Difference there must be in the Price if it is a broken sett. I returned home and din'd here. Caleb *Winch* dined also. We settled and I payd him in full. Mr. Nathan *Maynard* Constable, came presently after Caleb was gone and was displeased because I had not sent him word of his being here, but I had unhappily forgot it (though I had told him I would if I could) till he had been some time here and then when it came into my Mind I could not perswade him to tarry, because he was to go to Boston tonight -- but before he went I obliged him to promise before Mrs. P_____ and me, that he would pay his Rates -- which he did. I visited Miss *Love* Whitney and prayed with her.

1767 September 22 (Tuesday). Visit old Mrs. Byles and prayed with her. P.M. Mrs. P_____ to Capt. Maynards. I am reading *Lt. Gov. Hutchinsons* 2d Vol. of the *History of the Massachusetts*.

1767 September 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Nurse works for me in getting in my Flax (120 bundles) and carting in my stalks. P.M. Deacon Woods sister *Stone* here. At Eve he himself came and his son, to wait on her back to their House.

1767 September 24 (Thursday). [No entry.]

1767 September 25 (Friday). Thomas Temple works here for Richards helping him in the Spring.

1767 September 26 (Saturday). *Suse* comes from *Brookfield* and *Sophy* from *Shrewsbury*.

1767 September 27 (Sunday). I have prepared enough for two Sermons on the Office of Deacons -- nigh 17 pages; but must not divide it. Therefore when I had read Jer. 3 I went on with the Repetition of the pungent and awakening Application of Sermon on the Happiness of Heaven from page 106 to 114, using for a Text *Joh.* 14.2, those words, "I go to prepare a place for you." Might it please God to add His Special Blessing! Many *Upton* people are at Meeting here, Mr. *Fish* being gone to See his Relations. Mrs. Rebecca Warrin dined here. P.M. omitted the Common Reading because I had Such a long Sermon and had so much to read of Text, which was *Act.* 6.1-7 and mentioned also 1 *Tim.* 3.8-13, and which was for the *Introduction of*

Deacon Wood into his Office. At Eve read a sermon in Vol. II of the Practical Preacher, viz. Sermon XII by Dr. Littleton, on Psal. 90.12.

1767 September 28 (Monday). The number of the Scholars are So increased that Mr. Jameson is obliged to change the House. He goes into the sabbath House and keeps his School there. I visit old Capt. Forbush and prayed with him. Get Dr. Hawes Chair for *Sarah* and *Suse* who p.m. ride over to *Northborough* to pay a *Martynian* a Visit. Richard Temple calls here, as he returns home from Killingly.

1767 September 29 (Tuesday). [No entry.]

1767 September 30 (Wednesday). Richard Temple comes from Framingham late in the forenoon, winnows 6 1/2 and goes to thrashing Rye. Coll. Buckminster calls at Eve as does Mr. Joseph Willard from [Haverhill?].

1767 October 1 (Thursday). Mr. Thomas Temple comes to work, joins Richard in Thrashing. P.M. they go to drawing stones for Wall. John fetches 4 Barrel from Mr. Nurse's to put Rye into. Am reading Governor Hutchinsons History and make Collections thence. Towards Eve Visit Old Capt. Forb. and pray with him.

1767 October 2 (Friday). Richard winnows Rye a.m. Clears 13 Bushels. P.M. Thrashes Again. John p.m. gathers in Beans. Richard says we have now carry'd in 50 bushels of Rye, which is cleaned up. Send an Ox which I am fattening, to Mr. Jonathan Grout to Pasture.

1767 October 3 (Saturday). Mr. Thomas Temple thrashes with Richard. P.M. Mr. John Cushing came to preach for me. Mr. *Hawley* also, of *Mashpee*, makes me a kind Visit, but is out of Health and declines preaching.

1767 October 4 (Sunday). A.M. Read Jer. 4. Mr. Cushing preached a. and p.m. on Deut. 32.29. P.M. Read Act. 3. Mrs. Abigail Lock desired something might be said to the Church concerning her Delaying to bring her Child to Baptism and her purpose to bring it as soon as she could. I therefore communicated her Mind to the Church from a written paper, which I framed as near to her Intention as I could. Besides the Gentlemen aforesaid Mrs. Wilson (who was Patty Dunlop) dined here: and R. Temple is with us over the Sabbath. At Eve Read part of a Sermon in the practical Preacher, vol. 2, viz. on Act. 26.28 by Dr. *Samuel Clark* of St. Albans.

1767 October 5 (Monday). Mr. Hawley goes no further. He left us, and returns homeward by Mr. *Stone's*. Two Daughters of Mr. Bucknam, viz. Miss Katey and Miss Sarah, here and dined with us. P.M. I visited Mr. *Daniel Miller* and called at Several Houses -- at Garfields -- widow Grows -- Ebenezer Millers. Temple thrashed, he says, Eight Shock.

1767 October 6 (Tuesday). Temple winnows (as he has counted) 26 Bushel. P.M. preached at Lt. *Bakers* on Ez. 9.4. But this Text was but the Introducing the last Exercise on Ps. 119.136.

May God please to add His Blessing and revive His work among us. Many were absent. At Night was the Marriage of *Daniel Stockwell* and *Rebecca Warrin* junior.

1767 October 7 (Wednesday). Read Mr. Tucker of Newburys Remarks on Mr. Hutchinsons Sermon, and on Mr. James Chandlers late publications. At Eve Mr. *Joseph Willard* and his Brother Benjamin here.

1767 October 8 (Thursday). Mr. John Wood invites me to supper at his House this Evening after their husking in the afternoon. I visited old Capt. Forbush. Followed my studys as usual till Evening and then went to supper at Deacon Woods. Master *Jameson* there. N.B. We Sung Ps. 4 in Mr. Barnards Version. N.B. Richard Temples has finished thrashing my Rye. I think it amounts to 72 shocks. He leaves me at half after 2 p.m.

1767 October 9 (Friday). Richard lodged here, last night. We reckoned. I owe him for both the last turn here, and this; both which amount to 12 Dayes (he throwing in two pieces of Days), @ 13/6 per Day £8.2.0. I payd him four pounds and ten shillings: there remains due to Richard £3.12.0 Old Tenor. P.M. Deacon Wood, Lt. Baker, Neighbour Zebulun Rice, Lt. Baker [*sic*], Mr. Nathan Maynard, Neighbour Seth Morse (who brought a large Cheese) and a Number more (between 30 and 40 in all) got in and husked out my Corn. The Crop proved but indifferent. For entertainment Mrs. P. instead of the usual hot Supper, baked Applepyes and agreeable Cakes, which with Cheese proved an Acceptable [Reflection?] to the Company. N.B. Master Jamison here likewise. We sung part of the 4th Ps. Mr. Seth Morse set the Tune.

1767 October 10 (Saturday). R. Temple and Jonas Kenny came from Mr. Nurse's and pitched up the Husks. John carries up the Hog Corn. Am called to Capt. *Forbush*, but he expired before I got there. Prayed with the Survivers. I rode to *Southborough* (at Mr. Stone's Request), and he hither.

1767 October 11 (Sunday). Preached at *Southborough* on 2 Thess. 111.1 a. and p.m. Mr. Stone went home at Eve. I lodged at Southborough.

1767 October 12 (Monday). I rode to Marlborough to see Mr. Smith -- dined at Squire Brighams. Mr. Smith was not at home -- called at Coll. Williams where I hear that though Brother Breck has been ill, he is recovering. Returned home. N.B. I rode Dr. *Hawes* Horse, he having mine to go to Ashburnham.

1767 October 13 (Tuesday). Am reading Mr. Joseph Fish on *Mat.* 16.18, a useful piece. P.M. Attended, and prayed at, the Funeral of old Capt. *Samuel Forbush* in his 92d year.

1767 October 14 (Wednesday). I had a *plad* and *Calamanco* Gown, of Mr. *Moore*s buying, which cost me £13.15 old Tenor and *Suse* has made it. It may be the last. God grant I may be clothed with the Righteousness of Christ -- that I may be ready to put off my Garment of Mortality, and to be enrobed with Glory. P.M. Miss Kezia Adams from Ashby -- and lodges here. Mr. Joseph Harrington at Eve, is Examined -- and I am to propound him.

1767 October 15 (Thursday). A shock of an Earthquake about 11 a.m. I rode to Mr. Joseph Harrington's (his Wife being in such Circumstances that She could not well come here): examined her -- at least in part. Dined there. P.M. after further Discourse with her, left her that She might take further Pains with her self. I called at Mr. Whitneys to see Miss *Love*, who is got about again -- went to Capt. Jonathan *Fay's*, about Cyder. Visit old Mrs. Byles, and prayed with her. When I returned at Eve, was informed that Mr. *Peter Whitney* had been here. He has brought a Letter from the Church and people of Northborough, desiring assistance in his Ordination. Miss Kezia dined here and then returned to Medfield.

1767 October 16 (Friday). Mr. Townsends (Smith's) Shop on Fire this morning about 2 o'Clock -- but was timely discovered and put out.

1767 October 17 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter was lately at Brother Brecks at Springfield, says Brother Breck is so ill as to keep his Room, yet is somewhat better than he had been. John with my Oxen and Deacon Woods and his plough, and Henry Marble (from Mr. Barnabas Newtons) to drive, plows in the hither Part of the Island Field. Mr. John Woods kills a Lamb for me, out of the Flock which Lt. Baker keeps for me.

1767 October 18 (Sunday). Read *Jer. 5*. Preached on Ps. 86.5 a. and p.m. P.M. read *Act. 4*. May God forgive what has been amiss; and graciously vouchsafe His Concurrence and Blessing to what was agreeable to His Will!

1767 October 19 (Monday). Mr. Woodward of Weston and Master Cushing here p.m. At Eve I was at Mr. Williams, Mr. Pratts and Mr. N. Maynards. Received 14£. When I returned Deacon Wood made me a Visit.

1767 October 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Jacob Rice came from his F's, and accompanied me to Hopkinton, it being Ministers Meeting there. Mr. Loring came there, but was taken ill -- was disordered in his stomach, vertiginous etc. Mr. Rice was examined -- delivered an Exercise on *Rom. 6.14*. I lodge with Mr. Loring at Mr. *Barretts*. John brought 53 posts from the ministerial Lot, got out by Mr. Phinehas Maynard.

1767 October 21 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Lorings Discourse while in the Chamber concerning Evidences of Grace. Mr. *Bridge* of Sudbury preached the Lecture on *Mat. 13.39*, "the Harvest is the End of the World." Dr. *Wilson* dined with us. N.B. I last night paid him 4 Dollars. Mr. Rice my Company home -- met my Son and Daughter Forbes who with their *Eli* came last night. *Sarah* is gone to Boston With Mr. Wood and Mr. Jamison though in a Chair by her self to bring up Polly Forbes.

1767 October 22 (Thursday). Mr. More and Miss *Beckky Hill* from Boston; Miss Bridget Cushing and her Brother Jobs Daughter, Mr. Forb. Wife and son dined here. Mr. Forb. preached my Lecture on *1 Cor. 11.28*. May God grant success to this seasonable sermon! Miss Bridget and her neece went home, but the rest lodged here.

1767 October 23 (Friday). Mr. Moore and Miss Beckky leave us to go to Worcester and Oxford. My Daughter *Sarah* has been to Boston to bring up *Polly* Forbes, and they are come. At Eve Mr. Zebulun Rice here, and is very full of Disquietment about Deacon Wood's marriage to Mrs. Johnson. Mr. Forbes and his wife go to the South and return to us at Evening.

1767 October 24 (Saturday). They go to Northborough. By many Avocations, by the Various Exercises of this Week, Company, etc. I am very much prevented preparing my sermons. Am disappointed also of the Help I hoped for. Could get but one sermon ready; and that not seasonably. The Lord pity and pardon and assist me!

1767 October 25 (Sunday). Mr. *Forbes* preaches at Northborough for Mr. *Moore* who engages for *Brookfield*. I read *Jer.* 6. Preached on Ps. 86.5 and administered the Lords supper. All the members who have Shewn Disquietment were there. P.M. I omitted reading. Carry'd on the Discourse on 1 Pet. 2.9, but from 2 Tim. 1.9 and using part of the Discourse on Rom. 8.28, page 5 to p. 18. N.B. Mrs. Maynard and my grand Daughter and little grandson, Forbes, dined with us, as these latter also lodge here. At Eve their Parents return hither from *Northborough*. My son *Forbes* has (in part) inform'd me of the great Troubles he meets with among some of his people, particularly from Lt. Joseph Stone, and Rufus Putnam. We have reason mutually to Sympathize -- the Lord be with us under these bitter Tryals! N.B. Mr. F. Yesterday acquainted me with his F's Desire that he would preach at their House (fearing he shall never have another Opportunity), but Mr. Forbes wants to return on Tuesday; therefore I appoint it on Monday 2 p.m.

1767 October 26 (Monday). A.M. attend the Funeral of the infant Child of *John Kelly* in Northborough and prayed. After Dinner I attend the Exercise at Brother Forbes's. (Mr. *Forbes* and his Daughter go with me in a Chaise.) He preached from 2 K. 20.1, a very profitable sermon. May God bless it to us all. At Eve Mr. Jacob Rice of Northborough here and asks me and Mrs. P_____ to afford our Company at his Wedding tomorrow. Received a Cask with Pewter brought up from Boston by Mr. Nurse.

1767 October 27 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes*, his Wife and Children leave us. He rides my mare and the rest ride in a Chaise. After Dinner Mrs. P. and I rode to Miss *Hannah Maynards* and Solemnized her Marriage in her own Room to Mr. *Jacob Rice*. Thence we rode over to his House in Northborough. Mr. David Maynard and his Brother Nathan -- and Capt. Maynard and his Wife, were the rest of the Company. Supped there and returned in the fore part of the Evening safely. D.G.

1767 October 28 (Wednesday). The Divisions among us and other Reasons induce to jej. and prec. [*illegible*].

1767 October 29 (Thursday). John has brought home with my Oxen, 6 Bushels Turnips from Mr. Elijah Hardys at 7/6 but one Bushel is given: and one Barrel Cyder from Capt. Jonathan Fays (gratis). Mr. *Moore* came at Eve.

1767 October 30 (Friday). Mr. *Moore* dines here, and at Tea p.m., then goes to Marlborough. Lieut. Baker kills another Sheep for me. Mr. Joseph Harrington and his Wife here at Evening with their Relations. John has (with my Oxen and Deacon Wood's) fetched home from Ministerial Lot 500 Posts; being the rest that Mr. Phinehas Maynard has got out for me. Deacon Wood raises (what I am told is) a *Bake-House*.

1767 October 31 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes Sends my Mare from Brookfield by Antipas Bruce (son of Joseph). Deacon Livermore here and Seems to be under much Anxiety about the settling Mr. Whitney. Says he understands he has been questioned about his *Principles*; though he hears nothing but that he is of Sober Life.

1767 November 1 (Sunday). Read *Jer. 7*. Preached a.m. on *Ps. 86.5*. Mrs. Maynard dines here. P.M. read *Act. 12*. Preached on *Gal. 1.15*, last Clause. In the Exercise went on with the Repetition of another part of Discourse on *Rom. 8.28* from p. 18 to the End of p. 27. Admitted Joseph and Ruth Harrington. Read the Petition of Judith Bellows for a Contribution. Gave Warning to people respecting the Ordination next Wednesday, their Behavior etc.

1767 November 2 (Monday). Town Meet on the Affair of my Support. They Vote only 500£. Will not provide my Wood. 'Tis tryed many Times in vain. Some (as I was Informed) would have cutt me down to my bare sallery, without any Support or Wood -- to such a pitch has their unreasonable and causeless Resentment arisen. Mr. *Cushing* dined here. At Eve Mr. *Moore*. The former preached yesterday at *Southborough*, the latter at Marlborough.

1767 November 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore and I rode to Shrewsbury Association Fast for reviving Family Government and Religion. Mr. *Bowman* a.m. on *Prov. 22.6*, "train up a Child" etc. P.M. Mr. Buckminster prayed and Mr. Conklin preached on *Eph. 6.18*. Praying always with all Prayer. I prayed at the Close. May God accept the Offerings and seal Instruction! When we returned at Eve, found Capt. Clarke of Hopkinton and Miss *Patty*, here. Also my Cousen Thomas Barrett and they lodged here.

1767 November 4 (Wednesday). Ordination of Mr. *Peter Whitney*. Mrs. P_____ rode over with me. Deacons Bond and Wood attended. The Pastors, except Mr. *Stone*, and Delegates, met at Mrs. Martyns. I was chose Moderator and prayed. Mr. Smith was chose Scribe. The Chief Debate in Council was, whether Mr. *Whitneys* Confession after it had been read among us, Should be read in public. It was put to a Vote and there appeared 21 against, and 20 for. So that it was not read. The Concourse was so exceeding great that it was much feared the Meeting House was like to give way. [Steps?] abroad proposed to be erected -- but we ventured in. Mr. Morse began with Prayer. Mr. Whitney Preached a good sermon on *Mat. 28.19.20*. The *Charge* with the Prayer preceding was my Part: Mr. Bridge of Chelmsford prayed after it. Mr. Smith gave the Right Hand -- and so ordered his speech as to receive Mr. *Whitneys* Return of the Right Hand to him. This was wholly new to me. Sang *Ps. 122*. Mr. *Morse* sat the Tune. Before the Blessing I spake to the people concerning the Props of the Gallerys -- and concerning Conduct after the solemnity in public. After supper Subscriptions for printing the

sermon etc. Capt. Clark and Miss Patty, Cousin Barrett, Mr. Moore, his sister Sarah and his Cousin Miss Ruth Moore, lodged here. May God grant an happy Issue! And may I retain, and have increased Impression upon my own Heart!

1767 November 5 (Thursday). Some of our Company left us, viz. Messrs. Moore and Barrett for Cambridge; Capt. Clarke and Daughter to Hopkinton. The young Misses, *Moore*s, dine at Capt. Maynards after which they visit at Lt. *Bakers*. Messrs. *Biglow* of *Paxton*, *Willard* (from Haverhil) dined here; and had with them one *Swan*, an House Carpenter. At Eve the foresaid Misses return and Lodge here. John fetches a Barrell Cyder from Mr. Phinehas Hardy's.

1767 November 6 (Friday). They leave us, after Breakfast to go to Oxford. Cousin Samuel Trask, who breakfasts with us, accompanys them I suppose, to *Sutton*. Mr. Aaron Nurse here hooping several Casks. *Sarah* who went to Mr. *Richard Martyns* before Ordination is brought home. *John* goes to Mr. *Jonathan Grouts*, and brings a Barrell of Cyder. At Eve, came Mr. *Jonathan How* to call me to Mr. *Hannaniah Parkers*, one of their little sons being nigh to Death. I went; the Man was gone to Southborough. The Woman was much distressed. All five of the Children were ill with *Fever and Canker*. Little *Winslow* was exceeding low, but was reviv'd from the dying Symptoms it had been under. I prayed. Mr. Parker came home. Coll. Ezra Taylor overtook me, as I returned -- he informed me that Mr. *Frink's* Application to the Quarter sessions for his Sallery since his Dismission, fell through.

1767 November 7 (Saturday). Mr. Ebenezer Maynard came to desire me to go to Mr. *Parkers*. P.M. notwithstanding it was so great an interruption to my Studys, I went. Little *Winslow* dyed in the morning, and Harvey grew worse. I prayed -- and hearing that *Patty Beeton* was ill, I went to see her, and found her very bad. Her Throat much swelled and much Canker, So that She was greatly distressed. I gave her Instruction and solemn Charge. But they did not ask me to pray -- The Man was hurried in the shop, being near night and persons there who belonged to Upton with Team etc. Did what I could to prepare my Self for the Sabbath -- a very distressing Time to my Neighbours! The Lord extend His Pity and Mercy towards us, and prepare us for His Sovereign Will!

1767 November 8 (Sunday). Read *Jer.* 8. Preached on Ps. 34.8. Old Mr. Stratton of Waltham dined here. P.M. read Act. 13 to v. 26 and delivered another Exercise, from the same Text, on Effectual Calling, using the Discourse on Rom. [3?].28 from p. 28 to 33. Funeral tomorrow 10 a.m.

1767 November 9 (Monday). Between 3 and 4 o'Clock in the Morning, came Mr. Thomas Frost and called me up to go to Mr. Parker, for it was feared that little *Harvey* was dying. I arose and went -- the Child was sensible -- I prayed -- returned about Break of day. Attended *Winslow's* Burial, and before that Time *Harvey* dyed. P.M. adjournment of Town Meeting. They refuse to grant money for a legal School. A Sad Spirit prevails, against Government, Ministry, Learning. Some are so bent upon finding Fault, that my going into the meeting House at *Northborough* Ordination has given great Displeasure; and this was because upon hearing that the Galleries gave way I declared that if it was so, I would not go in -- and again said *I would not go in* (taking

it as beforesaid) yet I sent in Lt. *Martyn* and others, to See how the Case verily was -- which Shews the Matter was not absolutely determined -- In the mean time, Rev. Mr. *Whitney* (who was to preach) was consulted. He said he was not able to preach abroad. Mr. *Martyn*, and others, returned and said they had examined the Timbers, Joists and the Supports -- and declared they were safe and secure -- that the Supporter which had given way, and was the Cause of the Alarm, was well fastened -- and that the Report of the joists and the Beam, was not true -- upon which I was hurried in; and the Throng pressed in -- so that I was obliged to go in against my Inclination -- committing the Matter to God, our Great Preserver! So that I could not be charged with any unfairness in any of this Conduct, and it must be owing only to prejudice and ill will that Such fault is found with me for it. May the Lord guard and help me under such unreasonable and injurious Treatment! This is the last Day of Mr. *Jamison's* School.

1767 November 10 (Tuesday). I attended the Funeral of *Patty Beeton*. Deacon Wood and Mr. David Maynard killed an Ox for me. The Weight of the Quarters, was 583 lb. And the Hide was 86. The Butchers dined with me and Deacon Wood asked me to be at his House on Thursday next, to dine there at one o'Clock: but did not say any Thing of the Occasion. P.M. rode though rainy to visit Mr. *Phinehas Hardy*, who lately fell from his Cart, and was sadly lamed. Went also to see his Aged Mother. Prayed there, and returned at Evening. N.B. Mr. Eli Whitney had been here in the Day about his own and his Wife's joining with the Church.

1767 November 11 (Wednesday). Mrs. Elizabeth *Whitney* here a.m. was examined; and dined here. P.M. I went to the Funeral of little *Harvey Parker*. Lt. Ward and Mr. James Parker were there. Richard Temple who by Reason of the Rain, could do but little about my Flax (having cutt out my Beef last Evening), Salted it a.m. and it clearing away p.m. he went to Swingling.

1767 November 12 (Thursday). Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Cushing*; and Mr. P_____ and I, with my Daughters Sarah and Suse, wait upon Deacon Wood and Mrs. Johnson, to solemnize their marriage. Mr. Barrett prays before the Covenant and Mr. *Whitney* after. Sung Ps. 115, 2d Meeter, and latter part. A great Company, and plentiful provisions. May God grant it may be an Abiding Joy! Mrs. *Cushing* and her Daughter (as well as Son) with us and lodge here. *Nanny Beeton* I hear is ill.

1767 November 13 (Friday). Temple finishes swingling my last years Flax, which being so much rotted, wastes away exceedingly. P.M. John and he plow in Rye at the *Cook* field. Mr. *Beeton* in great Trouble requests me to go to his Children -- *Nanny* and little William grow worse. I went, instructed, warned, charged and prayed there. Hear that *Pierpoint Parker* grows worse. Miss Hephzibah Ward (at Parkers) taken -- and it is feared some other Children are. An awful Providence! May the Lord shew Mercy! We Send for the *Marsh Rosemary*, from Cambridge or Brookline.

1767 November 14 (Saturday). By reason of the Storm Temple leaves me. Weighs his Flax which he has dressed -- it was but 19 lb. and 3/4. Asks 52/6 for his work; that is, these 5 Days; part of which was employed in breaking Flax, plowing etc.

1767 November 15 (Sunday). Read Jer. 9. Preached on 2 Pet. 1, latter part of v. 3. With some proper Alterations used sermon on Rom. 8.28 from p. 33 to 40. Old Mrs. Beeman and Temple dined here. P.M. read Act 13 from v. 26. Preached on Eccl. 12.1: A sermon which I have composed on the Sorrowful Occasion of the present sickness and repeated Deaths. At Eve I went to Mr. *Parker* to see *Pierpont*, who remains low and dangerously ill.

1767 November 16 (Monday). Lt. *Baker* and Mr. *Jamison* here a.m. I agree with the former to get me my Years wood for 50£ old Tenor and I have expressly mentioned our keeping 3 Fires, and to have constant Supply for them. Sell him also 7 sheep for 14£ O.T. P.M. visit at Mr. *Beetons* whose Daughter *Anna* is still sick, but better -- but *Thomas* grows worse; and little *Billy* very bad and in a Dangerous state. At Mr. *Parkers*, his *Pierpont* a sorrowful Spectacle. Miss *Hephzibah Ward* ill there also. Prayed with Each Family. N.B. Received 31£ of Mr. *Nathan Maynard* to Day.

1767 November 17 (Tuesday). Capt. *Maynard* came to call me to Mr. *Beetons* to see his little *William* but though I hastened, he dyed before I got there. The House in great Mourning. I prayed with them. Capt. invited me to breakfast there. I complied -- and thence to Mr. *Parkers* and prayed with them. Visited Mr. *Edmund Brigham's* Child which is supposed to have the Distemper. Dined, after I had prayed, there. Thence went to *Ensign Snows* -- to *Beemans* -- *William Woods* -- a Girl sick at this last place. N.B. Mr. *Frost* had sowed some Rye and *John* and *Nathan Maynard junior* plowed it in, at the Island. *John* Waits on his Mother to Mr. *Parkers* to watch there.

1767 November 18 (Wednesday). Am very much taken up with visiting the Sick, and attending on the Dead: for this Day I attend Buryal of little *William Beeton* and at Eve carry my Daughter *Sarah* to watch at Mr. *Parkers* -- but when we arrived there, *Pierpont* had expired. Prayed with them and we both returned. The Lord extend His Pity to that distressed House! My Son *Baldwin* came, in his Journey to Boston. N.B. Lt. *Baker* brings up a Load of my Wood, from my swamp.

1767 November 19 (Thursday). By Reason of the storm my son *Baldwin* tarrys and dines with us. But p.m. leaves us for *Sudbury*. I delivered him £7.10 old Tenor to lay out for a great Coat for *John*. Catechized at the Meeting House, but the weather was so tedious, had but 13 Boys; and but six Girls besides my own -- but 21 in all, a. and p.m. Can attend this Evening to my Preparations.

1767 November 20 (Friday). Neighbour *Jonathan Hows* Wife and Children, and *Grace Lock* who lives with them being ill, as I apprehended from his Discourse with me, and his repeated Desire that I would go to see them, I made them a Visit -- but found them much better than I expected. At their Request I prayed with them. Was also at Mr. *Beetons* to see *Thomas* who had a bad night, but was better this morning. Dined at home, but p.m. abroad again, and my Wife with me to attend upon the Funeral of *Pierpont Parker*. A wide Breach -- 3 out of 5 in so few Dayes! The Lord support my poor distressed Neighbours and teach them true gracious submission and Resignation. My Daughters, at my Return from the Burial, acquaint Me that Mr.

Jonah Warren has been here, and informed of the uncommon Conduct of one McC___ll___ch of U_____n towards his Wife, Children -- and Dog. If it be true, is very shocking: and one might earnestly wish it might be duely Enquired into and if found to be true, properly punished. Tis reported at Evening that Squire Whipple has sent him to Goal.

1767 November 21 (Saturday). Neighbour Newton kindly sows Rye and John plows it in. Received last night a Letter from *Samuel* that he has agreed with Mr. *Loyd* to live with him a Year, and he is to give him *Two hundred Pounds* -- I suppose old Tenor besides his Diet, washing, mending and Lodging.

1767 November 22 (Sunday). So great a Storm I omitted Reading publicly: Fewer Old, but more of young people attended, than I expected. A.M. preached on *Eccl. XII.1*, latter part. P.M. went on with the *Effects of Effectual Calling* from *2 Pet. 1.3*, latter part with a new Introduction etc. but the main of the Exercise was Repetition from sermon on *Rom. 8.28* from p. 40 to 46 or 7. Propounded *Eli Whitney* and his wife, and read the proclamation for Thanksgiving, but by reason of the fewness of the people at meeting this stormy Day, I put off the Contribution for Mrs. *Bellows* until next Lords Day.

1767 November 23 (Monday). Read Dr. *Burnetts Theory* Vol. 2. Am more and more affected with the Authors surprizing stretch of Genius -- but most with the very solemn Subject. N.B. Lt. *Baker* brings a Load of Wood with my Cattle in his Team; it being difficult stirring in the snow. *This Day he begins his Year of getting my Wood*. N.B. Lt. *Baker* tells me Mr. *Beeton* refused to let him go through the place which I sold to Capt. Maynard, although I have reserved the Liberty of Passage through it, for Team or Teams: and it is expressed in my Deed to Maynard. This may breed Trouble.

1767 November 24 (Tuesday). Was obliged to leave my study, and go up to the Shops, Wheelocks and Woods, to buy John a stout Jacket for his Winter Business. N.B. Dined at Lt. *Bakers*, with Master Jamison. At Eve send for 2 yards and 1/2 Kersey from Mr. John Woods, and must give 35/ per yard. Pay him £4.1.0. My son Baldwin came from Boston last Saturday -- to Day hither. He has bought Three yards of Broad Cloth for a Great Coat for *John*. Gave at Vendue 51/ per yards. He also bought Buttons 17/. He lodged here.

1767 November 25 (Wednesday). Paid my son B. £1 old Tenor. Have given him in all £8.10.0 for the Cloth and Buttons. He goes to Brookfield. I am much affected with Dr. *Burnetts Theory* -- on the last Conflagration. May God grant an abiding Impression, and suitable Improvement. *John* is so indisposed that I was obliged at Evening to go to the Barn.

1767 November 26 (Thursday). John abroad again. He fetches half a Quarter of sugar which John Maynard has brought up for Me from Boston. Am grievously exercised with Pain in my Back, by a Cold I have taken -- but especially I was taken with a Pain in my Breast, about noon, which for a little space was very strong, and I was obliged to knock for help. It pleased God to relieve me after a little While, to my great Joy. To His Name be Glory. Am taken up pritty much with Variety of Papers from England, as well as our own News Prints. Divers of them sent me

by Mr. *Moore* and Mr. *Mein*. I write to Mr. *Mein*, to Samuel and to Mr. *McAlpine*, by Lt. *Baker*, who with Mr. *Jamison*, goes to Boston. Payd *John* £4 for his two sheep which I have sold to Lt. *Baker*; and *John* trades with *Jonas Kenny* for two and a Lamb to be received next Fall, but Mr. *Moses Nurse* gives the Note to Me of what *John* is to receive for his money.

1767 November 27 (Friday). I am still under the Grievance of my pained Back. Yet, through the divine Goodness I can follow my studys: which I would esteem a great Favour.

1767 November 28 (Saturday). Richard Temple came from *Ashby*. Dined here -- stays and I set him to rebuild my Hovel. I do not get rid of my Pains, but have respite. Am in my preparations.

1767 November 29 (Sunday). Read Jer. 10. Preached on *Prov.* 23.26. May God be graciously pleased to add His special Blessing! Mr. William Nurse's Wife, and Mrs. Maynard dined here. P.M. by Reason of the work before us, and the Shortness of the Day, was obliged to omitt Reading. Preached on 2 Pet. 1.3. Go on with the Improvement of the Subject of last Sabbath p.m. from *Rom.* 8.23 from p. 46 to 52. We had a Contribution for Mrs. *Judith Bellows*. Mr. *Solomon Bakers* youngest Daughter being very bad in the forenoon, of the Throat Distemper, at noon came here for some Wine and desired that I would go over there at Evening. But after Meeting received a Message from him that the Child was Dead. It was taken ill but last Thursday. So swift the Dispatch!

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

1767 December 1 (Tuesday). Richard Temple dresses Flax a.m. but breaks off because of unfit Weather. P.M. Mrs. P_____ and I attend the Burying of Mr. *Solomon Bakers* youngest Daughter. At Eve came my son *William* with his Wife and Child from *Ashby*. Informs me of the Sudden Deaths of Rev. Mr. *Winchester* of *Ashburnham*, and Rev. Mr. *Whitemore* of *Suncook*. That the last dyed in the Pulpit. May it please God to quicken me to be ever ready! And repair the Breaches made on the Flocks and Familys!

1767 December 2 (Wednesday). Billy is not well -- he and his, tarry with us, and defer their going to *Medfield* till after Thanksgiving. *John Maynard* here at Eve, and Supps with us -- relates Particulars of *Thomas Cooks* being taken, Examined and let go from *Harringtons* at *Waltham* plain: the Said *Maynard* being there present.

1767 December 3 (Thursday). *Publick Thanksgiving*. Preached on Ps. 64.4. After Sermon I gave Solemn Caution respecting the Behaviour at Table and in the Evening. Especially Young Persons, etc. My Daughter in Law is earnest to go as far as *Medway* this Evening but I

disswaded -- and my son was not well. They therefore tarry. N.B. I have received from Mr. *Mein* at Boston, Eight Magazines for Mr. *Forbes*: with a Letter for me concerning the Boston Chronicle That I am entered a subscription for it etc.

1767 December 4 (Friday). *John* gets my Mare Shod at Mr. Beetons for Billy to go to Medfield and Boston. The storm of snow prevented their Journeying in the morning as they designed, and got up a great while before Day. But having dined, though it still snowed, both Billy and his Wife with the Child in her Arms, Set out, first for Medway -- and then Purposing to go to her Fathers. I keep one of his Horses whilst he is gone with mine.

1767 December 5 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1767 December 6 (Sunday). Omitt Reading. Preached on Ps. 34.8. Took in the *Whitneys* and administered the Lords Supper. Mrs. Maynard dined here. P.M. Preached with proper Alterations etc. on *Prov.* 13.21. At Eve was sent for by Mr. *Solomon Baker* to visit his surviving Daughter, *Sarah* (in her 8th year), who is thought to be nigh Death by the Throat Distemper. I went -- found her low indeed -- prayed with them in their Distresses. She was taken ill but a Day or two before, and now can hardly fetch a Breath.

1767 December 7 (Monday). Lt. Baker brings the sad news that Sarah Baker dyed between 3 and 4 this Morning. Mr. Stone and Smith made me a Visit and dine here. They very much advise to our having a Council here to Vindicate my Character which they think grievously suffers in the world, by reason of the unjust Reproches which fall upon me. They leave me towards Eve -- Mr. Smith goes to Shrewsbury, and I ride as far as Mr. Nathan Maynards whose son *Nathan* is ill. I prayed with him, and returned. He is in his 17th Year.

1767 December 8 (Tuesday). I visited *Ann Maynard* (Mr. *Davids* Daughter, in her 20th) sick of the Throat Distemper. Dined there. Prayed with them, as their Daughter was so bad as to be confined to her Bed, and has had strong Fever. From thence I went to Mr. Solomon Bakers and prayed at the Funeral of his other little Daughter -- a sore Breach! After the burying Lt. *J. Martyn* here. He presents me with an Hebrew Pamphlet. Rev. Mr. *Morse* of Shrewsbury here. Reckon with him for his Boarding and Doctering Suse. Says 3 Dollars will suffice. He also advises me to call a Council, whether the Church will or no -- there being so great Clamour abroad, as he thinks necessitates it.

1767 December 9 (Wednesday). Visit Mr. *Kendal* who languishes. Deacon Forbes somewhat better. I prayed there. N.B. Mrs. Maynard had come to see us and dined here. Billy and his wife and Child returned from *Medfield*. *Capt. Benjamin Fay* came at Evening and brought to me a Petition for a Church Meeting, signed by 21 Members, desiring the Church would reconsider their late Votes.

1767 December 10 (Thursday). Before Day Billy etc. set out for *Ashby*. Mrs. Mor[se?] sends for me to visit her Child that is Sick of the Throat Distemper. Went -- dined there -- the Doctors, *Wilson* and *Hawes* there. We prayed together, the Child being very ill. The Father is gone to

Marblehead. No body moves for a *Fast*. I therefore spent the chief part of the Day in Exercises of Humiliation and supplication since we are under such awful Tokens of the divine Displeasure, both by the Mortal sickness and the grievous Dissentions among us. O that we might have some proper Awakening sense of our sins and of Gods holy Judgment! At Eve *John* and *Richard* bring an Hive of Bees which Mr. *Parker* makes me a present of.

1767 December 11 (Friday). Am writing on *Prov. 23.26*.

1767 December 12 (Saturday). Was employed in Sermonizing lest I Should be disappointed of the Help which I expected. I am writing on the Same subject -- viz. *Prov. 23.26*. But before night came Mr. Cushing from Shrewsbury to my assistance agreeable to Word he had sent me per Mr. Tainter. He lodges here.

1767 December 13 (Sunday). I prayed first a.m., and last p.m. Omitted public Reading. Mr. *Cushing* preached a.m. on *2 Cor. 9.15*, p.m. on *Joh. 9.4*. May God be pleased to add His special Blessing! Stopped the Church at Eve and read the Petition of 21 Members for a Church Meeting to reconsider the Votes of the Church concerning Mrs. Andrews and appoint next Wednesday, 1 o'Clock p.m. Mr. Cushing, at night, returns to Shrewsbury because of his School.

1767 December 14 (Monday). My Mind is not a little exercised upon the afflictive Providences of God upon us in the unhappy *Divisions*; and the *Throat Distemper*. But 'tis hoped Mr. *Seth Morse's* Child is better. 'Tis so bad Weather that I can't well visit as I designed. At Eve came Mr. *More* in the Snow storm. He informs that his royal Highness the Duke of York, [*marginal notation: Prince Edward Augustus was born March 25. 1739.*] the Kings eldest Brother, dyed lately in Italy. We may "not put our Trust in Princes etc. in whom there is no Help -- His Breath goeth forth etc. in that very Day his Thoughts Perish." He was upon his Tour etc.

1767 December 15 (Tuesday). Exceeding high Gusts before Day. Reading London Magazine and universal Magazine brought from Mr. Woodward of Weston by Mr. Moore. Wrote a Letter to my young Kinsman Bradshaw at College. Many Serious Reflections upon the Troubles in Town: and am endeavouring to prepare for the meeting tomorrow -- in special if the Church Shall not only reconsider the Votes that have been already passed about Mrs. A. But if they Shall vote to receive her to Communion without Proper Limitations, I am determined to propose the Calling a Council, to look into the Case, examine the Churches Proceedings and my own Conduct therein, and give us their Judgment and Advice thereupon.

1767 December 16 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* with us still. Mr. Cushing came from Shrewsbury (where he keeps school) in order to his attending upon the Church Meeting. They both dine with us. *The Church met according to Appointment*. After Prayer the Petition for the Meeting being read -- and the Report of the Committee -- the voting of which and the previous vote of the Church to appoint that Committee being debated upon, it was objected by Mr. Cushing and Squire Whipple, that inasmuch as that Vote (of the Report) contained a Grant to Mrs. A. it could not be re-considered without her Consent, or except there was proof that she refused to accept of it. This last was made Clear. I was my self a Witness of it, and several others (Deacon *Bond* I

think was one) said the like. After it was long talked upon, and repeated urging that it might be put to Vote, and that both those votes referred to Should be reconsidered and disannulled; when it was also promised that the Church should have the Copys of both of them returned to the Church -- it was tryed and it passed *unanimously* (I believe, *universally*) in the Affirmative. After which I very Seriously addressed the Church, to the following Purpose, viz. That notwithstanding I had endeavoured to conduct in Integrity and Uprightness among them yet I had good Reason to fear I have been grossly Mis-represented in divers Neighbouring Towns, I now did desire that if any of them had any Exception, or any Complaint to make as if I had been unfaithfull, or had Mis-represented Things at any Time to them, in my conducting these Affairs which we had been upon, or in whatsoever matter relative thereto, I now desired, and did Challenge, any one upon it, that it might be made known, that if it could be made to appear, I might suitably humble my self and make satisfaction for it, and was ready to do it? Or if it was otherwise, I might be properly Vindicated; and that they might be, as requisite, the Guardians of my Character. To this No Reply was made; although the Demand was repeated; Except what Capt. Jonas Brigham observed, viz. that he thought my signing with others against the 2d Church and Minister in Sutton, was not, he thought, according to Platform. To which I answered immediately that my so subscribing was to Advice which was given in Defence of the Platform against a New Form of Discipline, where they had there set up; but which they had since, themselves, renounced; and had submitted to the Cambridge Platform. We then prayed, and the meeting concluded with the Blessing. After the Blessing, Mr. Daniel Forbes, intimated that he should be glad of Liberty, upon proper Opportunity for it, to have some Private Conversation with me, with some others, which I freely consented to. Thus this Meeting went over. Mr. Cushing came home with me; but returned this Eve to Shrewsbury. Richard Temple worked for me in swingling Flax. John assisted in Breaking. Mr. Moore lodges here.

1767 December 17 (Thursday). Mr. *Moore* dines and takes Leave, for Cambridge. I visit Mr. Phinehas Hardy -- and his Mother and prayed with them. Visit also Ensign Jeduthun Fay and his Wife, whose Father Shattuck lately dyed. He was upward of 80 and had been for 15 Years in a weak and languishing Condition. N.B. I saw, at Lt. Bakers, to Day, two Andover Men whose names were *Holts*, who were ready to Affirm that the Ministers and Churches there would not hold Communion with Mr. Cleaveland of Chebacco, nor with his people.

1767 December 18 (Friday). Richard Temple works for me this third Day in getting out Flax. I was employed partly in reading universal Magazine (Mr. Woodward, left by Mr. Moore) and partly in preparations for the Sabbath. At Eve Mrs. P _____ having visited at Dr. Hawes', I walked there.

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

1767 December 20 (Sunday). Preached at *Southborough* on *Ps.* 1.6 a. and p.m. Mr. *Stone* here a. and p.m. on *Mat.* 23.37. We both returned to our respective homes at Eve, though it was

very Cold, and I feared I Should even suffer the sad Effects of the Frost before I could reach my House. May God be praised for His great Goodness in Supporting Me! And O that the divine Blessing may accompany each of our Labours this Day, to His Glory and the highest Good of the Souls of Men. N.B. saw at Mr. Stones Mr. Jos. Emmersons Account of his late excellent Father,³ of Malden, and can't but esteem it highly, So far as I could read of it.

1767 December 21 (Monday). The Town Met, and one Article was to consider a Paper which the Select Men have received from the Select Men of the Town of *Boston*, with their late Votes respecting the necessity of preventing the unnecessary Importations from *Great Britain*, and recommending our own Manufactures, Oeconomy, Industry and Frugality etc. As it was very Cold many of the Inhabitants came in here, and Shewing me what their Business was, the select men, Town Clerk, Constable and others requested me to draw up what was proper for them to Vote in Compliance with what they had received. This therefore I did and when they repaired to the Meeting House, they readily and unanimously approved of [as?] I Suppose voted to be sent to *Boston*. I am entertained with Several Things in my Reading, viz. famous Mr. *Rutherfords* Letters -- *London Magazine*.

1767 December 22 (Tuesday). Send a Kegg by Mr. Morse to Boston for Molasses. Nathan Kenny here informs me of his taking administration of his Fathers Estate, and has commenced a Law-suit against his uncle's Widow, and wants assistance especially in drawing an Account etc. This I gratifye him in -- but for Advice etc., refer him to Squire *Whipple*. My reading similar to Yesterday, besides my Ordinary Customs.

1767 December 23 (Wednesday). Rode up the Street -- to Lt. Bakers -- Capt. Jameson there still. At Wheelocks first see the *Labrador* Tea. P.M. we try it at Home. *John* to *Northborough*. Read *Rutherford* and new *Universal Magazine*. Send by Mr. Morse of the *Gore*, to Mr. *McAlpine* for my *bound* Magazines for the Year 65.

1767 December 24 (Thursday). Neighbour John Wood and Thomas Arnold came and killed an Hog for me -- that which I bought December 2 last Year of Mr. John Brigham. Rev. Mr. *Putnam* calls at the Door and gives me a Letter from Mr. *Moore* at *Cambridge* dated the 21 and 23 in which he informs me of a sad Riot at College one Night last week, by 3 Scholars and 4 young fellows from Boston etc. etc. Tis matter of great Grief -- May God grant 'em Repentance and Forgiveness, through the great Redeemer! Towards Eve I rode to Mr. *Benjamin How* who is building the Chimneys at the Work House, to get him to rebuild my sleigh. Call at Dr. Hawes -- where Mr. *Stockwell* is at Work as a shooe-Maker. At Eve Mr. Wood is so kind as to come again and cut out my Pork. It weighs but one pound short of 15 score. Mr. Thomas Whitney brings from Samuel a Loaf of Sugar. I suppose it comes from Capt. Bradford. Weighs 8 1/2 lb. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* here and wants to talk with me -- but I find that the Chief is to bear a message to me, which was, "to know whether a Number of Brethren (such as the *Brighams*, Capt. Fay, Gale etc.) might not come here next Monday night to see whether something can't be done about

³ Joseph Emerson (1724-1775), *An Extract from a Late Sermon om the Death of the Reverend Mr. Joseph Emerson...* (Boston, 1767). EVANS 10,608.

those Churches down yonder that don't do their Duty to Mr. *Cleavelands* Church." Thus infatuated are my dear Brethren about this affair! And seem as earnest, after all the Tryals we have made so fruitless and vain, yet to go on as if we were now but newly begun. I told him they might come, but it might be better to think of a Council.

1767 December 25 (Friday). Mr. Isaac Morse of the Gore (by Worcester) brought me divers Letters -- one from Samuel exculpating himself in part and in part relating and owning somewhat that occurred of late at Cambridge, but seems very sorrowful etc. May God forgive him and guard him for the future! He brings me Dr. Chauncys Remarks on the Bishops of Landaff and Gloucester. Also the Volume of Magazines for the Year 1765 bound by Mr. McAlpine.

[1767 December 26 (Saturday). No entry.]

1767 December 27 (Sunday). Preached on Prov. 23.26. Was very fervent. I pray God of His great Goodness and Mercy to give success and Pardon my Defects and Miscarriages. In my Earnest Preaching the Cushion fell down into the Deacons seat and my Mittens into the Alley. P.M. preached on Exod. 34.6.

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

1767 December 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Edward Goddard* begins to keep School. Lodged at Mr. Andrews's. Though it was Cold I sat out to make some needful Visits. Visit Lt. *Thomas Forbush*, who expressed his Desire that there might be no more Meetings upon Mrs. A's Affair. Call'd at Mr. Bathericks, but he not being at home, told his Wife of the designed Meeting tonight etc. Visit Mr. Parker and wife under their sore Bereavement. Called at Mr. Beetons, but did not light. Dined at Capt. Maynards -- but he was gone to Boston. P.M. Called at Mr. David Maynards to see whether he designed to come to night; and found he was determined to. Visit Mr. *Solomon Baker* in his sorrows. Was at Squire *Whipple's*, and his Brother *Edwards's*. Called at Lieutenant *Bakers* and Deacon *Woods*. At Eve came Mr. *Daniel Forb.*, Capt. *B. Fay*, Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Gale*. And 7 Brethren that I had desired -- viz. the Squire and Deacon, Messrs. Maynard, Whipple, Batherick, Joseph Baker, and John Wood. The Conversation was chiefly about Mr. *Cleaveland* and his people. *They* in Vindication. I with the other Brethren on the Contrary, and shewing from his Book that some Number of Churches in that Neighbourhood *disowned* them -- that therefore We at this Distance may with great Reason *suspect* they are not right; and since we have also had the Testimony of so many Ministers from those parts,

against them, may with good Ground, wave admitting any Member of theirs, here, to Communion with us. Capt. *Brigham* mentioned my having *beat up a Challenge* at the Close of the last Church Meeting. I answered I did not know what he meant by *beating up a Challenge* -- but this I did then, and would *now* make this offer, that if any of them, or any body else, had any Thing to lay to my Charge, I was ready to answer it; and I did repeatedly *challenge*, and *demand* it. But there was no thing alleged, nor pretended to be mentioned, there upon, that I remember; although there was much Debate of innumerable Things relative to the *Platform* and Members *breaking Order* etc. However, the Evening was Spent without shewing what was their particular aim in having this Conference -- but it seemed to be in general to Manifest uneasiness at what had been done; and their Desire that the Church would still do something or other. Thus they broke up, and Seven went off -- but Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Gale* tarried for a Copy of the Vote at the late Church Meeting, to reconsider etc., which they wanted in order to their getting those Copys which Mr. A. has. With these Brethren tarried also Mr. *Daniel Forb.* and Mr. *Batherick*. This tarrying gave new Opportunity for them to break forth anew, and insisted upon my consenting to another Church Meeting and to put the Vote whether the Woman shall have leave to Come or no. I expostulated. It did but enrage. I told 'em at length that I would consider of it. Thus we finished this troublesome Conversation. But O that God would pardon us for His Name's Sake!

1767 December 30 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* comes with his Wife in a Sleigh and two Horses, and having dined with us, we rode to Mr. Stone's at Southborough. Mr. Stone was gone, with Mr. *Smith*, to Mr. *Morse's*, there being at this Time a Council there upon the Case of old Mrs. Bush. At length Mr. Stone returned, and I had some Opportunity to confer with him upon my own Troubles. In returning home, it being Cold and Mr. Hemingway (the Carpenter) with us, they drove in to Mr. *Andrews's* and after, that we all went in to Mr. Timothy Warrins to See old Mrs. Tainter. In coming home the Cold was very tedious; but, through divine Goodness, we arrived in safety.

1767 December 31 (Thursday). Exceeding Cold. Spent the Day as I could in abstinence and Devotional Exercises; in Reflections on the Year past; in Humiliations and reading such passages of the Sacred Scriptures as were proper, and Mr. *How* on *Phil.* 1.23 and also Dr. Jer. Taylors Contemplations. May the Lord Pity, Pardon and Accept through the alone Mediator, Jesus Christ! At night came Mr. Daniel Nurse with News Papers etc. from Boston; but the Cold so severe he is almost froze. But now thus closes up this Year also! O that I might be found ready for that all-important Day, and that most weighty Moment, when this frail Life shall Close! And then, instead of these Revolutions, instead of a New Year's succeeding; Eternity, boundless Eternity, Shall succeed!