

## Rhubarb

1742 August 22 (Sunday). Billy grows better by Means of the Medicine I sent him by Mr. Fay. *Rhubarb* and *Callomell*.

1742 December 9 (Thursday). A Fast at Grafton but I was confined and could not go. I took Physick (*Rhubarb* etc.) which worked gently and kindly.

1752 January 16 (Thursday). Another Comfortable Night (through Divine Mercy) yet very faint Morning. I perceive I go down Hill apace. Though Dr. Chase is very faithful and very generous, yet he is young and I am not content without further advice. Sent for Neighbour Pratt, that he might go to Dr. Scammell; he came but could not go for the Doctor. He went to Deacon Newton and he consented and went. He returned at Evening without him, but brought a portion of *Rhubarb* corrected with oyl of Cinnamon. Memorandum. I consumed Number 1.2.3.4.5.6. of Journals from February 19, 1719 through to April 1723 containing numberless puerilities and better destroyed than preserved.

1752 January 17 (Friday). Was not quite so faint. Took the *rhubarb*, it worked once. Dr. Chase here, Mr. Isaac Harrington.... A more comfortable Day in general (through Divine Goodness.)

1752 August 23 (Sunday). By the Morning some Relief. A portion of *Rhubarb* also which I took last Night works to Day, and I am easier of pain, but reduc'd to be very weak and faint.

1756 July 29 (Thursday). Had a yet more distressing night Still, in profuse sweating, and faintness -- had little sleep -- so that I am brought low. Dr. Chase here; he leaves me a portion of *Rhubarb* which I am in doubt about taking.... A little after noon I took the *Rheubarb*, and it worked about 3 times -- hope it had a good Effect.... Toward Night Dr. *Wilson* called in to see me. It was most seasonable and agreeable, for I had tryed to send for him this very Day. He advises to take *Elixir Camphoratum*, 20 or 25 Drops, Early Morn, and 11 a.m. N.B. Esq. *Baker* brought the Doctor for his son *Joseph*; So that riding this way he called in.