

## James Wellman (1723-1808)

James Wellman (1723-1808), Harvard 1744 (*SHG* 11:487-94). Minister of the Second Church of Sutton (Millbury), 1747-1760; Cornish, NH, 1768-1785, and Windsor, VT, 1768-1774.

1747 May 27 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Lodg'd at Dr. Parkmans<sup>1</sup> (who was marry'd some months ago) and his sister Eliza just by it, to one Mr. Cowel, a Cooper. N.B. Mr. Winget,<sup>2</sup> Mr. Chase<sup>3</sup> and Mr. Wellman lodg'd there also.

1747 June 4 (Thursday). Towards night came Mr. Wellman, preacher at Sutton, and lodg'd here.

1747 June 5 (Friday). Mr. Wellman went to Sutton.

1747 June 22 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Wellman from Sutton here and lodges. N.B. Shews me his Answer and Proposals to the people in Sutton that had call'd him to settle with them in the Ministry.

1747 June 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman and Mr. Jenison journey, to Waterton and Cambridge.

1747 September 8 (Tuesday). At Eve came Mr. James Wellman and lodg'd here.

1747 September 9 (Wednesday). After Dinner Mr. Wellman went to Sutton. He tells me that tomorrow is to be a fast with his people in order to gather a Church. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hall,<sup>4</sup> Mr. Webb,<sup>5</sup> and Mr. Maccarty are to assist in it.

1747 September 24 (Thursday). Mr. Wellman of Sutton did not come to preach my Lecture as I had Sent to him to do, but Mr. Martyn came, and he preach'd for me on John 4.10.

1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Conceiving it somewhat probably that I may be call'd to give the Right Hand to Mr. Wellman tomorrow I took a little time to prepare a few Hints.... Mr. Stone and his Delegates here in their way to Sutton, but I was not ready to go with them nor had I design'd to go so soon in the Day, my Circumstances being very pressing and difficult at this Time.... Just at Evening (I suppose Sundown) I set out on my Journey alone. Reach'd to Captain Lelands, and lodg'd there. N.B. Mr. Isaac Glezon<sup>6</sup> of Framingham there.

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<sup>1</sup>Elias Parkman, a physician of Boston, was Ebenezer Parkman's uncle. [Correction: This was Parkman's nephew, Elias Parkman, son of his brother Elias. The nephew married Abigail White, Jan. 1, 1747. *Sibley*, X, 223-24.]

<sup>2</sup>The Reverend Paine Wingate (Harvard 1723), the minister of the West Church in Amesbury, 1726-1786. *Sibley*, VII, 287-89.

<sup>3</sup>The Reverend Stephen Chase of Lynnfield.

<sup>4</sup>The Reverend David Hall of Sutton.

<sup>5</sup>The Reverend Nathan Webb of Uxbridge.

<sup>6</sup>Gleason.

1747 October 7 (Wednesday). We were Somewhat disturb'd by a Crew of Indians with a Violin last night while we were o'Bed. But through Divine Mercy I rose well and rode (alone) to Mr. Samuel Brecks in North Sutton. Mr. Turners<sup>7</sup> Church in Rehoboth did not come. But the following Churches came, viz. of Oxford, first in Sutton, first in Westborough, of Uxbridge, second in Lynn, Southborough, Worcester, Wilmington. Reverend Campbell was chose Moderator and I was Chosen Scribe. N.B. My Brethren Williams and Miller satisfy'd themselves about joining with the first Church in Sutton, by discoursing with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Wellman was somewhat carefully examin'd yet gave the Council good Satisfaction, both praying and delivering part of a sermon before the Council also. In the public Assembly Mr. Chase<sup>8</sup> deliver'd a very good sermon on Rev. 1.20, those words, the angels of the Churches. N.B. Mr. Stone was appoint'd to pray after the Charge, but he not sitting in the pulpit, the Moderator did himself, but (an unusual thing) he did not lay on Hands in said last prayer, and therefore none of us did. Soon after supper (at which Mr. Webb pray'd, and Mr. Stone in returning Thanks omitted to mention what he had receiv'd) we mounted to come home.

1747 October 13 (Tuesday). The Association met at my House, viz. Mr. Loring, Cushing, Barrett, Martyn, Stone, Seccomb, Smith, Morse, Davis, and Wellman. See the Records of the Association.

1748 February 1 (Monday). Mr. Wellman came and lodg'd here. He is going down to get Mr. Chase's<sup>9</sup> sermon at his Ordination printed. Wants my Right Hand.<sup>10</sup>

1748 February 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman left us.

1748 February 13 (Saturday). Mr. Wellman here, on his Journey to Sutton.

1748 March 3 (Thursday). Mr. Wellman of Sutton came and preached my Lecture. His Text, Mat. 5.6.

1748 March 4 (Friday). Mr. Wellman bought 3 Volumes of Pools Synopsis Criticorum of me viz: on the Haggiographa and on the New Testament<sup>11</sup> (I having duplicates of them) for £3.15, New Tenor, and he carried away one of them with him.

1748 April 11 (Monday). Mr. Wellman came p.m. N.B. our reading Dr. Gauden's Hieraspistes.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>7</sup>David Turner (Harvard 1718), minister of Rehoboth, 1721-1757. *Sibley*, VI, 287.

<sup>8</sup>The Reverend Stephen Chase of Lynnfield.

<sup>9</sup>The Reverend Mr. Stephen Chase of Lynnfield.

<sup>10</sup>[Additional note: Stephen Chase (1705-1778), *The angels of the churches. A sermon at the ordination of the Reverend Mr. James Welman, in the Second Parish in Sutton: October the 7th. 1747. Published at the desire and expence of a number of Reverend ministers and other gentlemen present, unto whom it is humbly dedicated.* Boston: Printed by J. Draper, for D. Gookin, over against the South Meeting-House in Marlborough-Street., M,DCC,XLVIII. [1748]; Evans 6110. Parkman's "right hand" was not printed, although the charge by Campbell of Oxford was printed, [30-31].]

<sup>11</sup>Matthew Poole, *Synopsis Criticorum aliorumque S. Scripturae interpretum*, 4 vols. (London, 1669-76). Additional editions followed.

1748 April 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman (having lodged here) rode with me to the Ministers Meeting at Marlborough early in the Morning.

1748 April 13 (Wednesday). Mr. Wellman rode home with me.

1748 April 14 (Thursday). Mr. Wellman went home.

1748 May 12 (Thursday). My wife and I rode to Sutton and din'd at my Cousen Fullers,<sup>13</sup> and Trasks.<sup>14</sup> Preach'd the Lecture on Rom. 6.13. After Lecture Mr. Wellman rode with us first to Mr. Singleterrys,<sup>15</sup> where we were kindly entertain'd and refresh'd, and then to Mr. Halls<sup>16</sup> -- where was Mr. Aaron Hutchinson (of Connecticut) Preacher at Grafton, who had preach'd the Lecture this Day for Mr. Hall. We all lodg'd at Mr. Halls. N.B. Mr. Hall had had a Church Meeting on account of the Separatists among them.

1748 May 13 (Friday). Mr. Hall and his Wife, Mr. Wellman and Mr. Hutchinson went with us down to Brother Hicks, who also came to show us the way to his House. We all din'd there. In the Afternoon Brother Hicks and his wife mounted and rode with us as far as to Deacon Hall's,<sup>17</sup> whither we all went. My Spouse and I parted from the rest of the Company at Deacon Halls and we rode, with Mr. Hutchinson accompanying to Deacon Whipples<sup>18</sup> in Grafton, where this Gentleman lodges. Our Conversation was chiefly on the Melancholly Subject of the Separations -- both at Sutton and at Grafton.

1748 May 26 (Thursday). [Boston.] At Convention.... Mr. Chase's Sermon at Mr. Wellmans Ordination is now come out of the Press.<sup>19</sup>

1748 July 9 (Saturday). Not only tired with my Journey but interrupted with Company both a. and p.m. Mr. Hall and Mr. Wellman here a.m. and broke their fast here.

1748 August 20 (Saturday). Mr. Wellman came from Sutton and din'd here. I rode up to his Parish and Stopp'd at Mr. Isaac Barnards -- they were very Courteous and I lodg'd there.

1748 August 21 (Sunday). I preach'd at Sutton on 2 Cor. 11.3, a. and p.m.

<sup>12</sup>John Gauden, *Hieraspistes: a Defence, by Way of Apology, for the Ministry and Ministers of the Church of England* (London, 1653).

<sup>13</sup>Jonathan Fuller.

<sup>14</sup>Samuel Trask had come with Jonathan Fuller to Sutton from Salem.

<sup>15</sup>Amos Singletary was a justice of the peace and a representative of Sutton.

<sup>16</sup>The Reverend Mr. David Hall of Sutton.

<sup>17</sup>Percival Hall was a founder of the Sutton Church. He was a representative of Sutton.

<sup>18</sup>James Whipple.

<sup>19</sup>Stephen Chase, *The Angel of the Churches* (Boston, 1748).

1748 August 22 (Monday). Heard that My Daughter Molly accompany'd by Mr. Wellman had been at Colonel Wards and with Mrs. Patty,<sup>20</sup> was gone to Mr. Morse's. But they return's at Night.

1748 August 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman went home to Sutton.

1748 December 5 (Monday). When I came home found Mr. Wellman here, on his Journey to Concord to the Ordination of Mr. Lawrence.<sup>21</sup>

1748 December 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Williams [*sic*] prosecuted his design for Concord.

1749 February 20 (Monday). Mr. John Mead here. Mr. Wellman.

1749 August 8 (Tuesday). I expected Mr. Martyns Company but he came not; I proceeded alone to Grafton Fast preparatory to Calling a Minister. I began the Exercises with Prayer, Mr. Hall<sup>22</sup> preach'd on Jer. 8.22. Went to Ensign Whipples<sup>23</sup> at Noon. Mr. Maccarty<sup>24</sup> pray'd p.m. I preach'd on 2 Cor. 11.3. As we supp'd at Ensign Whipples, thither the Church came to take Advice of the Minister what Steps they Should now take. N.B. Mr. Wellman, Mr. Hutchinson and Sir Dodge<sup>25</sup> there.

1750 December 7 (Friday). Mr. Maccarty<sup>26</sup> and Mr. Wellman, came from Mr. Beans<sup>27</sup> Ordination at Wrentham, were here and din'd -- Sent home to Mr. Cushings Father Calmets Dictionary<sup>28</sup> Volume 3.

1751 April 15 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. Maccarty -- after him Mr. Campbell,<sup>29</sup> Maccarty, Wellman and I rode to Sudbury, the Association Meeting to Day at Mr. Lorings.<sup>30</sup> There were besides, Messrs. Cushing, Gardner,<sup>31</sup> Martyn, Smith, Morse,<sup>32</sup> Goss,<sup>33</sup> Davis. Mr. Loring for a Concio read Sermon on Ps. 90.12. N.B. Mr. Campbell and Wellman's Difficulty with Mr. Martyn and Stone, complaining of their Result at the late Council at Sutton. Mr. Stone not

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<sup>20</sup>The daughter of Colonel Nahum Ward of Shrewsbury.

<sup>21</sup>William Lawrence (Harvard 1743), the minister of Lincoln, Mass., 1748-1780.

<sup>22</sup>The Reverend David Hall of Sutton.

<sup>23</sup>James Whipple of Grafton.

<sup>24</sup>The Reverend Thaddeus Maccarty of Worcester.

<sup>25</sup>Ezekiel Dodge (Harvard 1749), later the minister of Abington.

<sup>26</sup>The Reverend Thaddeus Maccarty of Worcester.

<sup>27</sup>Joseph Bean (Harvard 1748), the minister of the First Congregational Church in Wrentham, 1750-1784. *Sibley*, XII, 240-242.

<sup>28</sup>Augustin Calmet, *An Historical, Critical, Geographical, Chronological, and Etymological Dictionary of the Holy Bible*, 3 vols. (London, 1732).

<sup>29</sup>The Reverend John Campbell of Oxford.

<sup>30</sup>The Reverend Israel Loring of Sudbury.

<sup>31</sup>The Reverend John Gardner of Stow.

<sup>32</sup>The Reverend Ebenezer Morse of Boylston.

<sup>33</sup>The Reverend Thomas Goss of Bolton.

present the Affair not heard by the Association as such; but afforded Mr. Campbell and Wellman assistance to effect a Reconcilement between them and Mr. Martyn, which was with success, and they made up all the Matter.

1751 July 1 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Davis<sup>34</sup> of Holden and his Wife. Afterwards Mr. Mccarty<sup>35</sup> and Mr. Wellman, here in their Journey to Commencement.

1752 March 16 (Monday). The Reverend Mr. Wellman and Mr. Amos Case din'd here. Sent by Mr. Wellman to Mr. Prince at Boston, and by Mr. Case to Mr. Wilkins<sup>36</sup> of Souhegan.

1752 March 21 (Saturday). Snow'd a.m. Rain'd p.m. but at 3 p.m. rode to North Sutton.... N.B. Mr. Greenwood of Sutton rode with me at Evening to Mr. Wellman's.

1752 March 22 (Sunday). I preach'd there on Rom. 8.7.... N.B. Mr. Wellman preach'd at Westborough on Gen. 19.14, and Ps. 19.11.

1752 March 23 (Monday). I proceeded to Mr. Hutchinsons where was Mr. Wellman and we din'd together.... N.B. Mr. Wellman tells me that Cousen Nat Parkmans Wife at Boston has the small pox.

1752 September 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman din'd here.

1752 October 30 (Monday). The Reverend and Learned Mr. Clark<sup>37</sup> of Salem Village here, in returning home from Sutton, where he, with two more ministers, Mr. Dor<sup>38</sup> and Mr. Hobby,<sup>39</sup> had been assisting Mr. Wellmans Church and some agriev'd Brethren to a reconcilement and tis to be hop'd with some success.

1754 December 18 (Wednesday). The Reverend Mr. Wellman din'd here.

1755 November 20 (Thursday). Mr. Wellman and his Wife came -- they din'd here.

1755 December 6 (Saturday). It was very Cold, but having appointed to Change with Mr. Wellman I Set out upon my Journey a.m.... I lodg'd at Mr. Wellmans, Lieutenant Tainter at his Sons.

1755 December 7 (Sunday). I preach'd at Sutton for Mr. Wellman, and he for me at Westborough. My Text a.m. was Gal. 1, part of 15 and part of 16. P.M. it was Heb. 11.16. A fine Day, as to Weather; might God grant us divine Refreshment and Joy from His Word and

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<sup>34</sup>The Reverend Joseph Davis.

<sup>35</sup>The Reverend Thaddeus Maccarty of Worcester.

<sup>36</sup>Daniel Greenwood, of the north parish of Sutton. [Additional note: This footnote might refer to the "Mr. Greenwood" in the entry for Mar. 21.]

<sup>37</sup>Peter Clark of Danvers.

<sup>38</sup>Joseph Dorr of Mendon.

<sup>39</sup>William Hobby of Reading.

Ordinances! I baptiz'd Moses Son of Deacon Chase,<sup>40</sup> and having Consulted Mr. Wellman about it, who requested it, I appointed an Exercise in the Evening at Mr. Jonathan Fullers, where accordingly [I] preach'd to a crowded Assembly from Luke 12.36.37. N.B. After Exercise came in two Soldiers -- one of them had Plans of the Forts lately built by our Forces. Fort William and Henry and Fort Edwards. I lodg'd at Mr. Samuel Trasks.

1755 December 8 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Charles Richardsons who copy'd the Plans which I borrow'd last night, for me. Mr. Wellman and Lieutenant Tainter came, and we all din'd there. P.M. Lieutenant and I return'd home, calling at Mr. Wellmans where I borrow'd Henry on the Historical Books of Old Testament<sup>41</sup> and at Mr. Hutchinsons with whom both I and Mr. Wellman are somewhat disquieted that he would not change with Mr. Wellman and go to Westborough in his Stead.

1756 July 12 (Monday). Mr. *Wellman* also here, on his Journey.

1756 July 15 (Thursday). Mr. Noah Rice and his son Bacon here from Commencement. Likewise Mr. Hall. Mr. Wellman the last dined here; and brought me Theses and Questiones.

1758 May 28 (Sunday). N.B. Stopped the Church on Mr. Wellmans Affair.

1758 June 13 (Tuesday). I rode up to *Sutton*, 2d Parish, to Council there. Deacon Tainter and Deacon Bond with me: called at Mr. Hutchinsons. Got up a little before 10 o'Clock a.m. No one of the Council besides came for a great while. Mr. *Gleason* ill and comes not; but the Delegates only. Mr. Dor and his son came, Mr. Morse also, though he was pitched upon as Second to Mr. Dor, to come if this latter failed. The rest were Mr. Cushing, Mr. Rice of Sturbridge with their Delegates. Mr. Dor was chose moderator. I was elected Second. Mr. Morse Clark: but we were not constituted an Ecclesiastical Church till Repeated strong Efforts were used to persuade the withdrawing Brethren to comply with the Pastor and Standing part to lay their Matters of Difficulty before us, or unite in calling a Mutual Council.

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

1758 June 15 (Thursday). The Council was dissolved about 10 o'Clock a.m. We left Copy of Some of our votes, but no formal Result. Dined Early at Mr. Wellmans.

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<sup>40</sup>Abel Chase.

<sup>41</sup>Matthew Henry (1662-1714), a noted English dissenting minister, wrote *Exposition of the Historical Books of the Old Testament* (London, 1708).

1758 September 16 (Saturday). Abel Chase junior here at Evening with a Letter from Mr. Welman etc. desiring a Council.

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

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

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

1758 October 6 (Friday). Letters missive were drawn (from an original of my draughting) and Signed by the Partys respectively. Then the Council was adjourned to Tuesday the 7th Day of November next a.m. and to the House of Mr. Samuel Buck junior.

1758 October 17 (Tuesday). My own Mare being gone it was with much Difficulty, but I obtained an Horse, and rode to Mr. Hall in Sutton, according to the Appointments made to attempt something for the Reconcilement of the Ministers and Churches there. Mr. Cushing was there: Mr. Dor soon came and with him Mr. Webb of Uxbridge; who being desired by Mr. Hall to assist in the Reconcilement before us, became one with us. And we had the Happiness to see the two Ministers aforesaid reconciled with respect to their ministerial Rights; and they respectively Signed the Terms. After which we prepared the way as we could, respecting all other Matters. We all lodged there. A stormy, rainy Night.

1758 October 18 (Wednesday). Messrs. Hall and Wellman were, to our great rejoicing, brought to an Amicable Composition, and signed reciprocally a Paper, containing mutual condescensions and Engagements which We all witnessed, and the Instruments were interchangeably delivered. Mr. Dorr also left a Paper of Advice with Rev. Mr. Hall, as Mr. *Wellman* had signed his Consent to what is Called the Uxbridge proposals -- and this last did indeed precede the Paper of amicable Composition abovesaid. So having dined (and the Weather agreeable) we joyfully parted.

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

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

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

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

1758 November 11 (Saturday). When we were at Breakfast and onward it was Still very dark and distressing, to see how much was before us, and how divided we were. It was thought best to adjourn. The adjournment was to next May. And four ministers were chosen to labour with the people in the Mean time. Messrs. Webb and Fish for the other side, Mr. Morse and I for the Pastors and standing part. But I refused having been so often and my affairs at home forbidding it. Mr. Dorr was chose in my room; Mr. Cushing if he fails. But we called the people in to try whether some thing might not be done at the present. It had a great Effect. I first of all laboured with Mr. Wellman to acknowledge that in this Day of Temptation he had done amiss in some Things etc. He accordingly made a penitential Speech to them. This had some influence on Deacon *Gould* yet he would defer the reconciliation till he could think further, promising to take pains with himself etc. I was very sorry he was so imperfect in his Acceptance of what Mr. Wellman Said. Squire *Goddard* and Mr. *Greenwood*, with their sons, also stood off. But Mr. Barton and Mr. Richardson were pritty much melted: humbled themselves and asked forgiveness and were restored by Vote of the Church. A great Number of the Standing part, viz. Squire Barnard, Deacon Chase, Capt. Holman, Mr. Kidder and Mr. Tainter expressly and with Tears in their Eyes, having took *Barton* by the Hand and mutually asked and granted forgiveness -- and then removed, with the rest of the Standing part of the Church to the other End of the Room, and



completed the Reconciliation, with those, though Others of the withdrawing members would defer a while. Mr. *Fish* prayed and gave Thanks -- the Council's adjournment was declared; we dined, and returned home.

1759 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. *Greenw.* of Sutton here. Their Disquietment with Mr. Wellman no less.

1759 March 6 (Tuesday). At Eve Deacon Tainter here. Tells me he has been to Sutton; and to see Mr. Welman who remains very Stiff -- vindicates himself and says he has Done no Evil. Which fills me with much Grief.

1759 April 9 (Monday). When I came home here was Mr. *Wellman* who came from Sutton, Supposing I had sent to him to come. He dined here.

1759 April 16 (Monday). On the 16 Brother Hicks and his Wife from Cambridge here and lodge here. N.B. He is unreasonably set against Mr. *Wellman*, is very bitter -- declares he is a man that will not Stand by the Truth. My son William and *Jemima* were in hearing. I checked him smartly; and desired him to Say no more of these Affairs.

1759 May 8 (Tuesday). I rode to the Council at Sutton. Deacon Bond does not go with me but designs to meet me there. Mr. *Smith* of Marlborough and Deacon Wood come. Deacon Tainter also accompany me.... At Sutton we repair to Mr. *Bucks*. Rev. Weld and Delegates absent. Rev. Rice and Delegates came, but not having been there at the former session, were not of the Council because they were not before -- 12 Churches by their Pastors and Delegates constitute this Council. We proceeded to our Business. I lodged at Mr. Welmans, and Mr. Dorr, Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Smith lodges there also.

1759 May 9 (Wednesday). Somewhat unhappy by the divided Sentiments of the Council. The Contending Parties with us. I go to Squire Goddards at Eve and lodge there. Mr. *Maccarty* with me. N.B. Deacon Bond came but by vote was Refused to sit, because he was not with us at the first session last Fall.

1759 May 10 (Thursday). N.B. Contests in Council. Mr. *Webb* and *Fish* very Opposite to Sundry others. The latter breaks out with the Meazles and goes home. Deacon Tainter, with leave of the Moderator, goes home, but N.B. *we vote by Churches*. I go to Mr. Wellman to lodge.

1759 May 11 (Friday). A very dark, distressing Day to the Council, on consideration of what we feel in it. The Council Last night had determined there Should be a *Result*, and the Committee to draw it were *Parkman*, *Dunbar*, the two scribes, viz. *Morse* and *Maccarty*, and young Mr. *Dorr*. To Day they accomplished it -- and about 11 a.m. were ready to present it, but the aggrieved Party sent the Council a Paper Shewing that there were some Evidences which they wanted we should hear, which had not yet been called for. Therefore the Partys were called in, and a great Conference ensued, and hearing of more Evidences. This not only retarded the Council, but much embarrassed us. Nay some of the Members, Mr. *Webb* and Mr. *Gleason*, had hot Contests.

Late p.m. our Result being finished was voted, signed and we published it. Rev. Mr. *Dunbar* prayed after reading it. Then the Council was Dissolved, and I returned home.

1759 August 22 (Wednesday). I dined at Mr. Maccartys. A great Number of Ministers in the Town [Worcester] -- Messrs. *Martyn, Stone, and Harrington* were summoned -- Messrs. *Hall, Wellman, Hill, Davis, Kendall* etc.

1759 December 13 (Thursday). At Eve Deacon Tainter came to see me to discourse about the still sorrowful Condition of the people of North-Sutton; he having been lately at Mr. Welmans and at his sons. The Deacon wants I Should write to him, that he may'nt be stiff with his Antagonist, nor make such sharp Remarks upon their Letters to him. But I fear my engaging in it will make the matter worse.

1760 January 9 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Welman of Sutton from Mendon -- under great Difficultys -- his opposing Brethren having Sent out for a Council of 11 Churches. He lodges here.

1760 January 10 (Thursday). Mr. Welman leaves us. May God grant him Light and Grace and Peace!

1760 January 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbush* from Brookfield and dined here. P.M. he proceeds upon his Journey to Boston. N.B. He informs me that the Council last week at Sutton, were very thorow and effectual as to the Dismission of Mr. *Wellman*; and that he is accordingly dismissed from that people. He will have great Cause to reflect upon the Advice I have from Time to Time given him, that it would be best for him to remove from them, that Surely it would some time agoe, have been best for him to have asked a Dismission; and Especially presently after our last Council, in May last: when he might have gone well recommended. For I was fully persuaded he would not be able to stand what would follow if his adversarys Should themselves get a Council. O Lord how unsearchable are thy Judgments and thy Ways past finding out!

1760 January 30 (Wednesday). I rode to Worcester to wait upon Judge Chandler for Power of Administration of my son Thomas's Effects. I called to see Capt. Allens wife -- dined at Mr. *Cushings*, where were Messrs. *Morse* and *Wellman*. So that we had over the *Sutton* Affair. The Church there have dismissed him; 20 Votes against 19. That is including the Delinquents, or withdrawing members. Mr. Wellman accompanys me to Worcester. I put him in mind how much I have wished and how I have repeatedly told him of it, that he had asked a Dismission, when our Council gave a Result.

1760 February 21 (Thursday). Mr. Simon Tainter and Mr. Benjamin Carter, of Sutton here, and acquaint me with their Present state. Their Parish having of late had a Meeting in which they dismissed (as they who did it supposed) Mr. Welman.

1760 February 25 (Monday). Mr. *Wellman* dined here, but was gone when I returned home.

1760 March 27 (Thursday). Mr. *Smith* came to see Me as I was preparing for the Catechizing. He dined with us, and tarried the afternoon.... With Mr. Smith the Conversation both before and after Catechizing was upon Mr. Maccartys Conduct with the rest of the Council at Sutton, concerning Mr. Welman: and the great Increase of the Troubles in Southborough.

1760 April 10 (Thursday). Mr. *Welman*, going to get another Council, here and dined with me.

1760 April 28 (Monday). When I return many Gentlemen are riding (as we conceive) to Sutton. Mr. Wellman and his Brethren have called a Council there to sit tomorrow.

1760 May 2 (Friday). Mr. Gardner of Stow and his Delegates, returning from the Council at Sutton, here and read their Result; which again setts Mr. Welman upon his Leggs. That is so far as their Influence can extend. Afterwards Mr. Hall called here in his Journey home.

1760 June 5 (Thursday). [Boston.] A rainy Day, yet I ventured to ride home. Mr. *Wellman* my Company. We dined at Coll. Buckminsters.

1760 July 18 (Friday). P.M. Mr. Wellman of Sutton here. Tells me he designs Next week to ask a Dismission from his people.

1760 August 1 (Friday). N.B. Messrs. *Kidder* and *Tainter*, from Sutton here and acquaint me how their Affairs go -- that Mr. Welman has asked the Church to dismiss him: and that the Church, taking in the 13 who were Delinquents, have voted his Dismission. And these men inform me that he can preach for me next Sabbath -- or when it will best suit me. I answer that it will be best on the 17th Day of this Month.

1760 August 18 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Welman preached for me yesterday, on Ps. 2.12 and on 1 Pet. 3.20.

1760 August 20 (Wednesday). At Evening Mr. *Abijah Gale* here -- he manifests Dissatisfaction that Mr. Welman preached here -- but goes away satisfied. I understood by him that some Number besides went to other Meetings -- which I am sorry for.

1760 August 23 (Saturday). Mr. Joseph Bruce here and manifests his uneasiness at Mr. *Welmans* preaching here. He wants to be Examined in order to his joining with the Church -- but I am so engaged in my preparation for the Sabbath that I Can't attend upon it.

1760 August 26 (Tuesday). At noon to Capt. Bakers and Neighbour Zebulun Rice's. Read to the latter, Reasons why no one ought to be offended at Mr. Wellmans preaching here.

1760 August 28 (Thursday). I have heard that Deacon Forb. was under Some Disquietment about Mr. Wellmans preaching here. I therefore, having Business that way, went to him to talk with him about and shew him the Reasons for my employing him.

1760 August 29 (Friday). P.M. Mr. Daniel Forbush here to talk with me about Mr. Wellmans preaching here. I gave him the Reasons: but I told him that I was not aware it would disquiet so

many of my people. If I had, I would not have asked him. We had no roughness of Temper; and he goes away quiet. At Night Capt. Fay came; asks me to preach at his House next Tuesday: but I was obliged to deny him, because I purpose to go a journey next week. He asked me whether it would be agreeable to me that Mr. *Hutchinson* Should preach there? I told him Yes; for I should be glad of all means for their Spiritual and Eternal Good. He left me a present of Cheese and Apples. But no word about Mr. *Wellman*, though he was one that went somewhere else to Meeting that Day he preached here.

1760 August 30 (Saturday). Mr. Batheric Called -- and *he* came upon the Affair of Mr. *Wellmans* preaching but not warm, nor much disquieted -- to what some others are. I observed that his Uncle Thomas Forbush was (by his late Discourse with him) on Mr. *Wellmans* Side and in his Commendation.

1765 June 20 (Thursday). Mr. Wellman, returning from *St. Johns*, calls here. Tells me Mr. *Hobby of Reading* dyed on Tuesday, and is to be buryed to day.

1766 September 26 (Friday). Mr. Simon Tainter of Sutton, and his Wife here. By them I return to Mr. *Welman*, his *Henry* Vol. 1 and to Mr. *Taynter* I return his Pamphlet relating to turning to the Church of England.

1773 August 11 (Wednesday). Mr. *Wellman* of *Cornish* here.

1778 October 15 (Thursday). Mr. *Wellman* of *Cornish* calls to see me and dined here.