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An Hymn composed by Elder Elhanan Winchester.
or Elder ~~that lived in~~ ~~the~~ ~~year~~ ~~1734~~ as I was told

When John tho' a man
Baptizing began

Believers in Jordan
Confessing their sin

2
The Pharisees came
In Abrahams name
For to be baptized

And lay in their claim

3
You vipers said he
Who warn'd you to flee
Bring forth your repentance
That fruit we may see

4
And think not indeed
You are abrahams seed
And so for my baptism
A right have to plead

5
By this we may see
Our Baptism to be
For none but believers
A priviledge free

6
From Galilee came
Christ-Jesus by name
For to be baptized
And was not ashamed

7
John to him did say
Why comes thou to me
When I have need to be
Baptized of Thee

8
O suffer it so
It becomes us to show
All righteous obedience
Where ever we go

9
The rights were perform'd
And Jesus return'd
The Blessing of the Father
Came down on the son

10
The Spirit of God
Descends like a dove
And lights on the Saviour
In tokens of Love

11
By this we may see
The whole Trinity
To honour our Baptism
Doth jointly agree

12
We'll not be ashamed
Where Jesus is nam'd
He's precious unto us
Tho' sinners blasphem'd

13
We'll follow him down
To the water we're bound
O sinners see what an
Example we've found

14
Join Angels and men
In praise to him then
Sing Glory, sing Glory!
To Jesus Amen.

26 Fourth day of the W. this day I suppose has been observ'd as a day
Fasting, &c. by many People throughout these united States of America
And altho' I could not see duty to regard the day for the ^{reasons} mention'd
Hon^{ble} civil Rulers: yet having thought some time of Fasting on ^{my} hearts of all
Of my own: & the low state of Religion amongst us: I have by ^{what I have seen}
Day: & O! that it may remaine the 3rd day of God & my neighbour

Another Hymn by an unknown Author.

1
O tell me no more,
Of this world's vain store:
The time for such trifles
With me is now o'er.

2
A country I've found,
Where true joys abound,
To dwell I'm determin'd
On that happy ground.

3
The souls that believe
In Paradise live:
And me in that number
Will Jesus receive.

4
My soul dont delay
He calls thee away,
Rise, follow thy Saviour
And bless the glad day.

5
No mortal doth know,
What he can bestow,
What light, strength & comfort:
Go after him, go.

6
So onward I move,
And put Christ above
None guesses how wondrous
My journey will prove.

7
Great spoils I shall win
From Death Hell & Sin!
'midst outward afflictions
Shall feel Christ within!

8
Perhaps for his name,
poor dust as I am,
Some words I shall finish
With glad loving aim:

9
I still which is best,
Shall in his dear breast,
As at the beginning
Find pardon & rest.

10
And when I'm to die,
Receive me I'll cry:
For Jesus hath lov'd me!
I cannot say why.

11
But this I do find,
We two are so join'd,
He'll not live in glory
And leave me behind!

12
Lo! this is the race
I'm running thro' grace
Henceforth, 'till admitted
To see my Lords face.

13
And now I'm in care,
My neighbours may share:
Those blessings: to seek them
Will none of you dare?

14
In bondage (O why)
And death will you lie!
When one here assures you
True grace is so nigh.

1
Second Day of the W. This day sun night I paid a refreshing visit to Deacons
Lawyer & worked hard at home. next day spent in hard work & writing letters
for neighbours (next day Tasted &c) was obliged to work hard again on 5th day
6th day I rode down to the point: went over the river to ponegansett, visited & had
much talk with the old widow Judith Willcox, & some of her stupid neighbour
bro's. the River again, & Preached & sang in the evening with much freedom
James Soule's. (In 3.3.) next morning at 9 o'clock attended another meeting at
Jonathan Taber's at the Point & spoke with much freedom (from Prov 9.1-6) but still
by reason of great weakness of Body & then return'd home (visiting some families
by the way. Did also going) sat off again in a few minutes, visited, talk'd
and Prayed with one Caleb Shrieve an old man at the House of Zachew Dym
came here from Petuchet, was taken sick & sent for me while I was gone
& ever felt myself weak in Body while able to go out or work

1
Than yesterday at meeting time: however, after Brother Round had been
to a mouth for us in Prayer, I was enabled to preach from Psalm 127. 1.
(Except the Lord build the House they Labour in vain that build it, &c) with
some reflections on the foregoing Psalm: with great freedom of utterance, and
enlivening sense of Truth (tho' with very low voice) and rather longer than
Common: tho' the subject appear'd so copious, could not half exhaust it. and
felt stronger in Body when shut, was done, than at the beginning thereof! so
that I rode down to John Davenport's, & Preached again towards night from
Jonah 3. 10. (God saw their works, that they turned, &c) The Lord seem'd to af-
ford his special presence I thought both to speaker & hearers, so that after
Bro. John Weiden had Prayed & time came that meeting should conclude
as usual, The People seem'd to have no mind to depart: whereupon we
sang 2 Hymns — (who can describe the joys &c — O tell me no more, &c)
Then I was enabled to speak a few solemn words more to them: & finally
The people departed as it were serious & wondering: & left me also wo-
ndering at the Miracle as it were for I could hardly call it less: that
I should be enabled to go thro' so much Labour & yet feel stronger in Body at
The end of all, than at the Beginning! I tarried at Davenport's all night, & have
been confin'd there ^{at Stephen Taber's} most all day by rain: from whence I just now return'd home

11
S.D. of the Week. This day week we had a most loving & lovely Church
Meeting (tho' J. & C. Taber, & a few others were absent) and all agree'd to set
down together to the Lords supper. last first day, after Preaching with
great freedom (from Mat 22. 42.) and singing; I spoke a few words my
chiefly to the young People & concluded my address to them in a few
Lines of Poesy (compos'd by S. Duell I think) ye wanton youth, &c
Then had astonishing freedom & nearness to the Lord in Prayer: sloped then
Church & had conference with them who were absent from C.M. on 5th Day
Some of them appear'd ready to go on with us in Duty: & some declined: P.
& T. &c — after this I attended another M. at J. Davenport's & was favour'd
Again with wonderful assistance in speaking upon Acts 8. 3. & there was
great joy in that City. J. Weiden also spoke something, &c I walked home
Same evening: and next day accompany'd by Parson Taber, went at short
Journey; & return'd last night: having attended 5 meetings (one a funeral)
Heard Elder Jacob Hicks Preach twice, & many other Christians speak of the
Things of God; saw 8 persons baptiz'd: Preach'd thrice myself, &c, &c! O!
How beautiful for situation, & the joy of the whole Earth is mount-tabor.
The City of the great King, &c: & how would it ravish the Hearts of all
Christian readers, if I could but particularly write what I have seen, &
heard, & experienced! only in the 3rd days part, but I must stop my neighbour

First Day of the Week. This day have been enabled to Preach once more
 With great freedom of Utterance upon Song 2. 10-15 (my beloved spake, &c)
 After Prayer, a few of us sang a few verses of my own composur - (Come
 Brethren, let us all unite, &c) Then read 2 Chap. of 2 Thess: - then Preached
 as above said Then Bro. David Round Prayed - then I spake a few solemn words more to the
 Departing congregation - then sat down with the Church & was enabled
 To administer & partake of that precious ordinance of the Lords-supper
 Trust I was baptised as it were ^{afresh} into the Death & Love of Christ - felt great
 Love also to the Brethren (tho' I can't help having somewhat against them
 yet, as I believe the redeemer hath; on account of the many omissions of
 Duty among them, their want of zeal, &c): my own labors also are many
 And burdensome to me: O! for quickening grace to us all) had much talk
 Before meeting with J.T. who acknowledged his answer to my question some time
 Ago to be wrong: taking great joy, &c: Bro. Round spake a few comfortable
 Words after supper: we then sang a Hymn & went out (Deep in our hearts
 Let us record - The deeper sorrows of our Lord - &c) taking leave of one
 Another with abundance of Loving words. a number came up to my place
 Of abode, where we sang again with much freedom: (O tell me no more, &c)
 And on the whole have enjoy'd a very comfortable day, til just now 'twas
 Alloy'd with a shocking report, concerning one of our Sisters (M.C.) who
 Lives (or rather is Dead) about 10 miles off. Lord! sanctify all things to us!

21 First E. evening. last 2 day, went down to the point upon business: spent the
 3 following days in a variety of Business, temporal & spiritual, at home and
 Abroad: on 6th day 'twas cloudy: and such an uncommon darkness began
 About noon & continued so long, as seem'd to be exactly parallel to what
 We read, Mat. 27. 45. Mark 15. 33. & Luke 23. 44. Yesterday I was enabled
 To compose a Hymn in commemoration thereof: and another to be sung
 (Both which may be found written in my memorandum Book of school acc.)
 To day have been enabled to attend 2 publick meetings in the Meet House
 And after Prayer & reading ^{3 Chap. 2^d Thessalonians} in the forenoon; sat long silent: giving time to the
 Brethren to proceed in acts of Worship: but as none proceeded; I rose & spake
 Sometime to the purpose of encouraging each one to the use of his gift,
 And Bro. Round concluded meeting by Prayer. afternoon, after Prayer
 Sang: (O the delights, &c) Then Preach'd upon Job. 37. 14. (Hearken unto this
 At the close of the meeting read the first Hymn above mention'd - (twas
 The nineteenth day of May - the Sixth day of the week, &c) and sang
 Latter: (Come Brethren rejoice - And lift up your voice, &c) since
 ing & this evening have had much company, & join'd with 2 Brethren & a
 Prayer, &c.

First Day Evening. last 2, 3, & 4th days I spent in gardening planting & visiting
 Neighbors: had some also to visit me. 5th day afternoon heard a charming gospel
 Discourse read or Preach'd (I don't know which) by Bishop (or Elder) Ezra Stiles
 In the other meet House: spent the residue of the day in writing a Will for old
 Philip Taber: on 6th day visited him, & spake much on divine things, after doing
 Much hand-work (for me) & talking with the widow Briggs & Tho. Taber's wife, who
 came to see us. - yesterday afternoon I was taken with the Colick: and
 Was In such pain to day, when I went to meeting, that after kneeling & praying
 With low voice, & reading 1 Tim. 2. I mentioned the freedom & Liberty I felt in my
 Mind, that any who profess to Love & fear the Lord, of whatever denomination (as
 There was a large & mixed assembly) might proceed in improving the present
 Opportunity: & particularly said to the Brethren of this Church; if you ever
 Intend to be visibly active in the publick worship of God, there is now a spe-
 cial occasion, as I feel so afflicted with pain & infirmities of Body (or to
 that effect) and after sitting long silent & no body proceeding! I thought duty
 To rise: & after telling them I was willing to improve what little strength I had
 To wear out & die in the blessed cause of Jesus: - I was enabled to speak a consider-
 able while upon John 7. 37. (In the last day, that great day of the feast, &c) I attended
 The afternoon meeting with fresh strength (having been much comforted & refreshed
 In the inner-man between meetings, by hearing 2 Burdened sinners speak with man-
 Tears about their awful case; and hearing ^{Subanna Flout} 1st profess to have found Peace in believing
 Hearing the fervent Prayer of Brother John Weedon & perceiving how affected many
 Others were in my House, &c! Glory! Glory! Glory, be to God forever) so that
 I was enabled to Preach again with much freedom, upon Luke 8. 16. (no man when he
 Hath lighted a candle, &c) & sang (who can describe the joys that rise, &c) since
 ing even until just now have had several Brethren, &c to visit me ^{pray? twice together.} & have discover'd
 conversed with one more distressed soul (a young woman) & heard another young woman
 Ailse Hambley. profess to have received Peace & comfort thro' Jesus Christ our Lord
 Thus the saying is again come to pass - "at evening time it shall be light. Dech 19
 11. for but one or 2 evenings before, I was almost ready to faint, & give over praying as
 I had done, for the conversion of sinners in this town in particular: fearing they were
 To be pass'd by: but Glory to God! I hope I may call what I have seen & heard to day -
 (Within, as well as outwardly) the birds of a spiritual spring, & dawning of a glorious
 Day! Amen. come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen, & Amen. Hallelujah!

31 4th of the W. late last first day night my pain of the Colick increas'd to a great degree
 And is not yet quite removed: But, being just able to rise, I spent the 2 days past in
 Visiting many, both southward & Northward to the great benefit of my Body, & of many souls
 I hope: having found several more, under deep concern &c. had friends to visit me yesterday

1780-6-14 First Day of the Week. Last 5 day we had another Loving & lovely Communion
 At which Bro. Job Briggs made humble acknowledgement of All the faults for
 which he was censured by the Church sometime ago & professing his repentance
 Had his admonition taken off & was restored to his place with exhortation, &c. there
 We attempted to remove the Quakers of those who went not forward with us in the
 Last communion, or celebration of the Lords supper: one said his was removed, (C. F.)
 But P. F. remains much as he was. I was then enabled to make a lengthy
 Speech on the signs of the present times: & concluded with desiring the Church
 To consider the Institution or ordinance of washing one anothers feet: or proceed
 In any thing which appear'd duty: whereupon Sister Rebekah Burrington
 Knelt down & went to Prayer. after that John Davenport offer'd to join
 The Church but was deferr'd til enquiry might be made whether the Church he
 first join'd had any thing to allidge against his moral Character. then John
 Weiden assay'd; also to find his way clear to join us, by many enquiries, &c. finally
 I was oblig'd to leave them ^{speaking upon} some temporal things; and came into my
 House, and join'd Edward & Elisabeth Burden together in Marriage.
 6th Day I visit'd Brother Constant Hart & the widow Susa. Hart. yesterday
 (Being the Sabbath) after spending the forenoon at home, I rode as far as Brother
 Weidens, where I was enabled to Preach, I trust with Power! to many People: who
 seem'd loth to go away when meeting was done: several appearing under great
 Concern & distress about their souls, &c. all Glory to the Lord! And to day
 Have been enabled to Preach twice more with great freedom to a large assembly
 Upon 1 Tim. 4. 8 (but godliness is profitable, &c.) Acts 26. 26. (for this thing
 was not done in a corner) between meetings the Church receiv'd Schewance
 Cook ^{who was this day published to B. Jennings!} under their care & gave fellowship to the widow Susa. Hart. since met
 Benjamin Hamblly's Wife conversed with me under great concern of soul: as did
 Benjamin Jencks's Son & Niece before meeting having obtained comfort, &c.
 Blessed be the Lord, from Everlasting, unto Everlasting: Amen, & Amen.

11 First D. of the W. Last 2 day I was oblig'd to work hard: yet was strengthened
 And enabled on 3 day to Preach from Heb. 6. 1, 2. And baptize, & lay hands
 Susanna Hart. a young man named Davis also deliver'd a good exhortation
 4th Day it rained. 5th Day I visit'd Old Philip Taber (sick) Read & talk'd much to
 Him & Prayed for him: also visit'd Brother Philip Taber & conversed much with him
 6th Day visit'd Lillis Wate, Stokes Cotters Family, where I heard Benjamin Drowning
 Give a long narrative of Femima Wilkenson, &c. then visit'd Wm Woods family
 where I met with Bro. Dan Rogers: from thence I came home; but soon sat off
 Again & visit'd S. Simmons, & C. M. Families: where I found wonderful assistance
 In Prayer, &c. soon after I came home, my dear Wife was taken in travail
 About midnight (I think 20 minutes after by my Watch) brought forth a Son
 Being well put to bed, I sat off early yesterday morning & rode about 12 or 14 miles
 The House of Simon Chase: where I was enabled to Preach twice to day & Baptize
 The S. Man; & got home just now before sun-set! I visit'd several by the way
 and coming. All Glory to the Lord.

18 First Day evening. having spent the chief part of the week past at home, but
 very faint & weak in Body some days, & having much temporal business on my hands:
 I sat off the day before yesterday, & visit'd Walter Taber, J. Manchester's W. D. Bond
 Ben. Hamblly's Wm Osborn's and Joel Lake's families: tarrying all night at the
 Latters: having enjoy'd the presence of my dear Lord Jesus to a very wonderful
 And remarkable degree in my visits! and as far as I could judge, seen 6 new
 Born Spiritual Babes in Christ! with whom & others, I had purposed a meeting
 yesterday at 2 Clock afternoon: But a messenger came to the House where I
 Lodged, before sun-rise with tidings that my Beloved Wife, having taken cold
 Was in extreme pain & distress of Body, and desired my return home
 Whereupon after calmly meditating & putting up my petitions to the Father of
 Mercies for her, & that he would direct my steps, & make my duty plain; I
 Return, with the Messenger: & after spending some hours at home, & my Wife
 Appearing somewhat easier, I return'd, and attend'd the Meeting afore mention'd
 Spoke to the People from Isaiah 3. 10, 11. ^{with great assistance & many tears: people also much affected} (say ye to the Righteous, &c.) & was home
 Again some times before sun-set: found 2 Sisters (Lawton & Bliss) from Rhode Island
 And to day have been enabled to Preach with great freedom & assistance upon Acts 8. 37
 (And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest:) after I had
 Done Preaching, 4 Women & 2 Men presented themselves before me & the Church
 And all made very free, clear, & affecting declarations, of their experience of
 A good work of God in their Hearts, professing Repentance & faith in Christ
 Desiring to be Baptized, &c! whereupon we immediately repaired to the water
 And I was enabled with great composure & comfort of mind to Baptize the 2 young
 Women ^{Eliza Osborn & Alice family} (the others not being provided with cloaths are deferr'd til next day after
 Tomorrow) then return'd to the meeting House; and after spending some time
 In Prayer, laying on of hands, singing, exhortation, &c. met. Broke up
 And when I got to my dwelling House door, a woman ^(one Sunday) appear'd in such a condition
 Of mind, & address'd me in such language, as made me think of the jailor
 Spoken off in Acts 16. to whom I therefore spake many words; & in short, I
 Have seen & conversed with many since meeting in a variety of cases: obtain'd
 God satisfaction of one's having pass'd from Death to life ^{at least} & partly of another:
 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell all the
 Evidences which now appear that a glorious work of God is begun and
 Going on among us, who have so long been like dry bones, & a barren wilderness.
 But O Divine Master! & ever Blessed Redeemer! I must praise thy name &
 Record thy Goodness; who hast heard my cries & groanings, & seen my tears &
 The tears of other mourners in Zion, and art now causing ^{just} to reap in joy, what
 We have long sown in Tears! Glory, Glory to thy name forever. Amen.

180. 6. 25th First Day Evening. — last 2 day — I visited Weston Soule's son William (Aged about 15 years) very sick in Body and concern'd in mind about his future State: was enabled to Pray for him & the rest of the family 3 times vocally with much fervency of spirit: read, exhorted &c: went to the point & to J^r. Soule's And in my way home stoped at a House (J^r. E.) where a woman told me she had that day been Praying to the Lord that I might come to visit her! also stoped a few minutes to see Old Philip Taber again: was glad to see his stupidity; yet found much freedom to Pray mentally, but not vocally. next day, being 3rd of the W. Meeting began about 10 o'clock, and I was enabled to Preach with great freedom Upon John 1. 31. (but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come, baptizing with water) and was so surprisingly strengthened to go through the rest of the Labours of the day (Baptizing David & John Round & their 2 wives; lay on hands &c) that I wanted every body to help me praise the Lord, & thought I could never praise him enough. After this I visited W^m Soule again, & got home in the evening, having had much converse with Doct. Whittridg by the way. 4th day afternoon I attended the funeral of a Child at Old Brother Thomas Manchester's: after which seem'd oblig'd (but 'twas sweet work) to hold 2 other meetings administering exhortation & going to Prayer with awakened Sinners, &c at Brother David Rounds (the Elder) and at the house of mourning: then paid 2 short visits at the 4 Corners & return'd home. 5th Day visited & Prayed with Samuel Briggs at the Point; then with W^m Soule again: then visited the woman above mentioned, & obtained good satisfaction of her having experienced a saving change: then visited Bro. Philip Taber, where I left my Horse & walk'd home — 6th day visited John Taber & had much free conversation with him on singing, laying on of hands, &c also conversed much with his Wife & son; also with Bailey's family as I return'd home. Yesterday I rested at home: and to day have been enabled to Preach twice more with much assistance & feeling sense of Truth: from Zechar. 13. 1. (a fountain opened to the, &c) 2 Kings 5. 13. (if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, &c) sang in the forenoon, and when I had done speaking a woman Professed Faith to the satisfaction of me & the Church: Since meeting have had much conversation with Brother Wiley: & this evening have Married Brother Benjamin Jencks to Sister Deliverance Cook. Praise be to the Lord for carrying me through the Labours of this day: & all glory to his name forever.

27 3rd Day of the Week wrote the following Letter ^{No} 2. To A & H Utter in Hopley
Beloved Bro. & Sister) We rec^d. a letter from you dated April 9th — by which we were inform'd that you were all in health: that a number of People had a desire we should come to live at Coulchester, &c: since that, we have heard nothing from you. But doubtless you have heard before now, of some of the great works which have lately taken place amongst us. about 5 months ago, I was brought down as it were to the gates of death, with the Billious Collick: which affliction, I trust, has been sanctified by the Father of mercies, both to me, and this Church & People: for ever since my recovery, the work of reformation I think has been going on among us; & has advanced to a great degree in this Church: (on the 13th of April, &c) A remarkable spirit of Prayer was given to some, if not many of us, about the beginning of Spring, to cry for the return of Backsliders, & the conversion of Sinners.

Our patience was so small (O what poor creatures we are) that some of us had well nigh fainted and given up! just as the Lord began to shew his Power & carry on a glorious work! on the 28th of last month we had a Powerful, visible manifestation, that the Lord was opening the blind eyes of sinners: on the 6th day of this month, one was Baptized: and between that & this I have Baptized 8 more: 1st this very day & ^{Benjamin Hambley's wife} (Preached upon the Words in Mat. 11. 3 last verses) they tell very clear experiences of a work of grace: and some that have long been professors among us, now tell their experience of something like a new conversion: many sinners seem to be powerfully awakened all round us: & the language of some has made me think of the Jailor we read of in Acts 16. several have found Peace in believing, which have not yet publickly professed Christ: & the concern of many others is so great, that I was lately constrain'd to attend 3 meetings in one afternoon: In short, that good word is again fulfilled, — At evening time it shall be light — Glory! G! G! be to God forever. O my dear Brother & sister; I call upon you & all Saints in the language of our ancient Brother David — O magnify the Lord with me, & let us exalt his name together: O praise ye the Lord for he is good for his mercy endureth forever. We are well able to go in & possess the heavenly Canaan. We are well able to rise & build the walls & restore the old waste places of Zion; to conquer every enemy of our souls; yea, & to do all things thro' the Grace & Power of our heavenly Captain. — let us therefore stand girded for the Battles of the Lord; fight the good fight of Faith; & we shall presently Possess Eternal Life! Amen. — The goodness of our heavenly Father is Great to us, in respect of Temporal things also: tho' some would think themselves miserable, if they had no more of this World's goods than we have; yet we bless & thank the Lord for daily Bread. Rezia has been in a dangerous case; but is now getting well fast: she walks the room some; & we hope will speedily be able to go out doors. O help us praise the Lord for all his mercies, And remember us in all your Prayers: give our Love to all friends: we want some of you to come & see us: if not, write often. may Zion Prosper Among you, & become the praise of the whole Earth! Amen & Amen. We want Letter to write her experience to us, if she can't come & see us; that we may know & feel for ourselves, that we are related in the Lord, As well as in the flesh. and we earnestly desire the Salvation of All our Relations there if it be the will of God & remain your Loving Brother & Sister
Yesterday I had much talk with David Cook's Wife, Deborah Woodman & others

First Day of the Week: yesterday I spent the day chiefly at home
Only visited (towards night) Sister Wood & Sister Brown: and
Notwithstanding I was taken with pain of the Cholick, last 4th Day
At Fall-river which has continued til now in some degree: yet
I have been enabled to Preach this day to a large assembly, upon
2 Cor. 5. 17. (Therefore, if any man be in Christ, &c) and Baptize
4 Persons: to wit, Thomas Springer, Gideon Taber ^{son of Walter, aged about 18}, Anna (Donnat)
Wife of John Borders, and Abigail Corey. (aged about 18) had a
Very comfortable day to the inward man; Glory to God forever. Amen.

30 First D. of the W. last 2 day visited & had much talk with Daniel Earle
And his Wife. &c: 3rd day visited a sick Indian Woman, & spoke much
On Divine things to a number of Blacks that came in: there visited
Parson Gray's Philip Grays & some other families in my way home
4th day towards night, journeyed as far as W^m Osborn's, & tarried there:
5th day attended a meeting at Nathan Bowens: heard Elder Charles Thompson
And Elder William Williams (2 of my old acquaintance) Preach: spoke
A few words after them & Prayed then heard 3 young Persons make a
Good Profession of Religion & saw E. Thompson Baptize them (John
Luther, Tanny News & Elisabeth Bowen) after that I went to John
Perry's & joined Thomas Cook & his daughter Mary in Marriage
Then visited Old Peter Tallman's Family, & laboured with several distressed
Souls: in the Evening Married John Bowen Jul: to Martha Corey and
Tarrid with the old folks all night. 6th day afternoon Preached at
Bro. Benjamin Jenks's from John 12. 26. (if any man serve me, &c)
Baptized & laid hands on James Warren, (alias Cole) Susanna Borden (Dof
Joseph) and Abigail Tibpp (D of Samuel) also laid hands on Ebenezer
Cowing & Deborah (Waste) Wife of J^r Black ^{mer} Who have been members of the Church
In Watown under the care of Elder Abner Lewis for some years & yet
Chose to abide as members there; but saw duty to come under hands by me
Yesterday in my way home, visited several, sick & well in Body & mind & Preach
With much freedom at Joshua Dwellays upon these words, will ye also be his Disc
And to day have been enabled to attend 3 meetings more: Preached at the 2nd first
Upon 2nd ^{to (sing the grace of God that bringeth salvation)} ~~Thos 11. 14.~~ Song 2. 3. (as the apple tree, &c) 3rd meeting was held at J^r W^m
Where Mary (Soule) wife of John Wait, & Barbara Soule (Daughter of Weston) made
Profession of Faith & were immediately Baptized & came under hands: after
Which the Brethren improv'd their gifts some time & at the end of the meet
2 Sisters (A. D. & H. Richmond) went to Pray: much to my comfort, &c.

First day of the Week. - last 2nd day I visited many of my neighbours
Northward & was enabled to Preach with much freedom at the House of
Recompence Gifford upon Rom. 8. 35. & 37 verses (who shall separate us, &c)
His Wife, our Sister Susanna being very sick - after meeting I went to the
House of Gideon Dursey to celebrate a Marriage between Humphry Shearman
And Mary Dursey: while there a messenger came in great haste to request my
Immediate return to the place where I had been Preaching, to talk with a young
Woman named Lucey Covil who had been brought into such distress of Soul
While at meeting that it seem'd she could hardly live under it: I returned
quickly: But she had found great relief & comfort before I got there: & upon
Close examination of the exercises of her mind, hearing her confess & aggravate
Her sins; Profess repentance & Faith in Christ &c I was much surpris'd &
Obliged to believe that something had taken place similar to what we read
About the first ages of the Gospel: to wit, that the great work of regeneration
Had been wrought & she was turned from darkness to light that very afternoon
Without discovering any symptoms of such a thing before hand! Glory, to
Jesus for the displays of his all conquering Power & Grace, forever Amen.
After perceiving this we laboured some time (Bro. Weeden being with me) in
Prayer, Singing, & exhortation to the effectual awaking of many other
Souls (I hope & trust thro' divine power) who were present: & gained the
Witness of an aged steady man ^{as I understand} (a member of the Friends meeting) that God
Was with us of a Truth; enabling me to Preach sound Doctrine & operating
By his Spirit upon the People. after meeting we tarried all night at J^r Perry
3rd day I accompany'd Deacon Joseph Taber as far as one Goff. in Rehoboth as
A Witness to prove a Will: (But I could not, nor did not swear as the others) I visited
Several Christian friends, going & coming: tarried that night at G. Brightmans and
4th day evening reached my own Habitation: wher I found my Sister Rebehal
And Wifes Sister Esther, who had come to visit us, &c: on 5th day a most lovely
Church meeting was held (notwithstanding the confusion of the times & people's mus-
tering to go on Rhode Island to War, &c) Mary Wate & Barbara Soule gave full satis-
faction to the whole Church (present) and were receiv'd as members: also J. Davenport
And John Weeden after some Labour were receiv'd. Martha Corey (now Bowen) was
Reproved, admonished & rejecte; for Fornication, &c - altho she gave some signs
of Repentance: til it should be further manifest. the precious ordinance of
Christ, called washing of feet, was practis'd. many exhortations were delivered:
We Prayed, sang Praises, &c! Glory to God forever. on 6th day it rained: yet
I attended a meeting (a glorious meeting!) at W^m Osborns: spoke upon Rev. 11. 7. &c
Yesterday I rested at home: and to day Preached upon John 21. 22. Follow thou me. This
Afternoon a Disciple from Middleborough deliver'd a charming exhortation: I spoke a few
Words, after him & he went to Prayer. Glory to God, that the means of Grace is yet afforded to
us. Amen.

First Day of the Week. last 2 day Breached twice in my way to Newport: first in an Orchard at the 4 corners upon John 3. 3. (except a man, &c) then by the Shore or water side: after speaking to about 50 People; huddled down & Prayed: crossed the Water, and got to my Hon. Fathers in Newport (with Sister Abigail) before sun-set. Next day, did considerable worldly business, visited Elder Thurston & several other friends. And Reached twice: Afternoon in Eld. Blipes meet House upon Rev. 14. 7. evening At my Fathers, upon Psalm 119. 165. (great Peace, &c) 4th day morning Breakfasted At Elder Blipes; and had an agreeable conference with him & Eld. Lewis & E. Hunt; Visited several others by the way, & got home to my Family in the evening. 5th day visited 2 sick injin Women & several other poor & despised neighbours in the Woods, northward & southward, (Jonathan Soule, &c) & walked home in the evening from the Woods. 6th day afternoon had a refreshing visit from, & charming meeting with my beloved Brethren, Elder Lewis & Eld. Hunt: who Preached & spoke a word in season, upon Acts 11. 23. (who when he came, &c) yesterday rested at home; except a short visit to S. Simmons's; and to day have been enabled to Preach: first in the mill House Upon Titus 3. 8. (this is a faithful saying, &c) secondly, under the Trees (out doors by Reason of the multitude of People) upon Psalm 85. 8. (I will hear what God the Lord Will speak, &c) This was a Powerful meeting, several exhortations & Prayers were Made (By Bro. Daniel Rogers, Schabod Davis, &c) we sang 3 times & 3 persons made Profession of Faith: meeting held near 3 hours, &c. after this we had a 3rd meeting At Sam. Simmons's; where I Preached upon 1 Pet. 3. 18. (for Christ also hath once Suffered for sins, &c) and walked home in the evening. all Glory to the Lord.

20th First Day of the Week. last 2 day, visited Jo. Wood, Silis Wate, &c: 3 day visited Philip Gray, &c, tarried all night at Brother Davenport's & next morning saw the Power of God wonderfully display'd in enlightening the minds of a young woman (Phile Willcox) and a Boy about 9 years old (Jere. L. D.) after much talk with them came home & then visited others. 5th day visited J. Briggs, Clark Brown, &c. 6th day visited S. Earl, Widow Rogers, 2 sick injin women, & Tishas Wife, widow Springer, (both sick) and tarried at Bro. Rounds; and yesterday, after visiting the widow Springer again, Bro. Manchester, Bro. T. Springer & B. J. Lohr had a meeting in Bro. Rounds Orchard where I trust we enjoy'd the Divine Presence to a remarkable degree, and after I had done speaking, upon Mat. 5. 25, 26. (agree with thine adversary, &c) 2 persons professed Faith, &c. After meeting (accompany'd by Bro. E. Taber) I stop'd & Prayed once more for the widow Springer; & was home before sun-set. To day we have had another Feast of Fat things, & I hope we shall never forget the Goodness of Our God which we have experienced: after I had Preached with great freedom Upon the 2^d Chapt. of Acts; chiefly on verse 38. (repent & be baptized, &c) Several persons made profession of Repentance & Faith in Christ to the Satisfaction of myself & the Church whereupon we repaired immediately to the Water & I Baptized 6. to wit, Isaac Luther, Fortune Gray, Jacob Soule, Hannah Wood, & Lucy ~~Luther~~ Covil: after which 4 more made profession, &c. all Glory to the Lord.

3rd Day of the Week. first day towards night I rode down to Philip Gray Spent the Evening in company with many friends talking about Soul concerns And the case of Bro. Fortune Gray who is servant to Philip: staid all night And came home yesterday after visiting A. Brown (sick) Silis Sanford, &c This day wrote the following letter N^o 3 To John P. Jones, Killingly

Pelez Burroughs a Servant of Jesus Christ in the Gospel To J. P. J. my dearly B. B. & I trust also now a fellow Labourer in y. G. As thou hast been my companion in T. & in the P. of Jesus Christ Our blessed Lord & Master (John 13. 13, to 17. inclusive) Grace & P. Be multipli'd unto thee. — Dearly B. I rec'd thy Epis. dated about 2 months ago & have also seen that to E. Thurston to which I was refer'd & On the whole cannot help hoping that the Great L. of the Harvest has thrust thee forth as a L. into the H. more especially as I saw the necessity of more L. & was much exercis'd in P. for it both before & since I rec'd thy E. I have nevertheless felt some sorrowful fears whether thou didst begin altogether accord. to the Gospel method & had that cleanness & Satisfaction of a call within which next to the constant presence & immediate Assistance of our Divine M. is absolutely necessary to carry us B. & cheerfully on & thro' so great a work. however there being a variety of D. As to cleanness in this as well as in the Exp. of Christians in G. I desire to speak encouraging to T. & I pray the L. would strengthen T. hands & E. thy H. Lead & G. T. by his blessed L. — succeed T. Labours — make T. abundantly Useful to his C. militant & bring T. safe to his C. triumphant with many D. which may be as T. crown of R. forever & E. Amen. I might here stop. But I must cry Glory! Glory! Glory to God in the highest & forever! for what He hath lately wrought in many places & Particularly among us! O my B. B. help me praise the Lord — for these D. B. have been made to live! & God Is with us of a T. the Fig Tree, &c — since the 5th of the 6th M. I have Baptized 38 persons & 5 more made, &c — many remain under Soul concern in A greater or L. degree — & which hath met with the greatest change among us, Saints or Sinners or myself in P. tis somewhat hard to D. But B. be G. Thou mayest read what we have met with in Psalm 126. & we are fully convicted of the Truth of the first verse of Psalm 127. may the Lord D. thee to come And labour among us & gather fruit unto L. E. for the fields are W. & there Is room for more Labourers, my time being so taken up in Public Labour hath P. my writing to T. before: and my attention is now call'd to so many things I must only add, that Daniel Earls Wife desires a letter of Dismission from y. or Church in order to her joining here, &c — B. B.

780. 8-27

First D. of the W. Last 3 day afternoon I sat off on a short journey: stay that night at the widow Boddens: 4th day proceeded early; left a great at Tall river mill & went to Swansy where I saw & heard Elder Winchester Preach, & tarried all night at Elder Masons: 5th D. in my way home Preach, At John Shriever's upon Acts 10. 43. (to him give all the Prophets witness, &c.) 6th D. visited several Families by the way (particularly Philip Gray) & got home About sun set: having seen & heard several remarkable things which I have Not time to record. Yesterday Preached at Robert Fishers on Rom. 5. 1. And to day have been strengthened & enabled to Preach with great freedom & The gift of Utterance upon Acts 2. last words: (and the Lord added to the Ch. &c.) Was led to describe the true Church of God & trace its travel from its first Appearance in the World in the Days of Adam unto the present day distinguishing between its Essential & Circumstantial appearances in all Ages, &c. After I had done speaking 6 Persons made good professions of Faith, &c; in Addition to those who professed the last first day: we then repaired to the water (Eastward of Joseph Woods) and I Baptized (of the 10 who had professed: Aaron Hart, E Sanford, Smyton Hart, Mary Sursey, Elis Sanford, R. Luther, & J. Woodman) Then returned to the meeting House & laid hands on them, Pray'd, Sang, &c: after which 1 more made profession. the congregation then withdrew; & the Church spent some time in conference upon the case of Brother Fortune Gray: which til just now near night I have had enough to do to converse with Friends & burdened Souls in my House & could hardly find leisure to eat! Blessed be the Lord, from Everlasting unto Everlasting Amen. & Amen.

9th 3

First D. of the W. Last 2 day was poorly with the Colic: yet attended The meeting of a few Brethren (in my House) to converse on the case of one who had been some years ago set aside from the Church. 3 day carry'd my wife as far as W^m Woods: from whence (accompanied by Cardon Taber) I went to Poneganet & Preached at the House of the old widow Judith Willcox - with great freedom (tho' to few hearers) upon Rev. 14. 7. 4 day forenoon Preached again at Samuel Willcox's upon Mat 9. 13 (I am not come to call the R. &c) more People attended, & requested Me to come again, &c: after meeting visited John Carl's & W^m Woods's Families and got home in the evening, having been in pain in my Bowels all the time I was gone, & heard the awful news, that my Beloved Brother, Elder Abner Lewis, with several other persons were drowned that 6 day before, (or 25th Oct) as they were going to the vineyard! 5th day Church meeting was ~~held~~ held: but by reason of Rain several did not come: so I tarried with the Brethren only while they acted in the case of Bro: Fortune (wrote a Letter to Priscilla C.) & then went as far as D. Swellings, & Married Aaron Davis to Prudence Brightman & 6th day Preached at B. Hamblin's upon Psalm 107. 31. (O that men would praise, &c) Married John Manchester to M. & stay'd all night at Bro. Davingports. Prested yesterday at home: being poor in the run of the day with the company of several Brethren (in my House

Contradicted, or proved otherwise: Thanks be to God.

800 9th

Benjamin Jencks, Kingston Pease & Primus Smith from Rhode Island, &c Besides one Pather & his Wife whose maiden name was Mary Servanton & Of whom I thought I took knowledge that she had been with Jesus. To day there has been abundance of Rain: notwithstanding which, the Meeting House seem'd almost full of People; and after I had done Preaching Upon 1 Cor. 13. 13. (and now abideth Faith, hope, Charity, &c.) E Macomber Made Profession of Religion: & I expected to Baptize 5 persons: but the Brethren thought it best to defer it til another Opportunity: & as it Rained hard we proceeded in acts of Worship til we had spent about 4 Hours in the whole; when meeting broke up: Since which, I have convers'd with many, in various cases: one told me that the first means of Her conviction was seeing & thinking of the wickedness of others, from whence she was led to see her own, &c! another said, that her first disturb of Mind arose from seeing me Ride by one day & hearing some noise from me (like a Prayer or groan) on which she said within herself, how much Pain that man takes & has taken to visit People & do them good & yet How little we mind it, how much we slight it, &c upon which such a sense of Sin & guilt immediately seiz'd her mind: that she resolv'd to go the next first day to meeting (which she had not done but 2 or 3 times in many years) but she was so afraid she should never see the day of meeting, that she made it her Practice to rise in the dead of the night and go out doors to some by place on Purpose to Pray for that among other things; which she says she did with great Fear & trembling, &c!! The Lord can accomplish his purposes by what means he pleases: Since meeting I have been inform'd by 3 credible witnesses that Brother Fortune Gray & Katharine Almy appear'd before them & others at the House of Brother Sam Taber & solemnly took each other in Marriage (as the friends do) went to Pray, &c He had been lawfully published, but as his Master would not consent to his being Married by an authorized person, our Church express'd their consent at last Church meeting that he might marry himself as above mention'd: tho' myself And 1 or 2 more could not see our way clear either to oppose or act with them In the affair.

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First D. of the W. Last 2, 3, & 4 days spent at home, at work on fence With many Brethren: 5th d. visited Jacob Taber, &c: 6th d. visited B. Philip J. And his Daughter, sith: Saml. Simmons &c: (not well myself) yesterday Preach'd twice: 1st at the funeral of W^m Nichol's grand-child: then at Jⁿ Woodens Jn 3. 36 And notwithstanding I have been poorly with the colic all the week past I have been strengthened to day to Preach to a great assembly upon Isaiah 43. 21. (This people have I formed for myself: &c) and Baptize 7 persons, J Shriever, B Saudey Jr, J Round, E Macomber, J Hart, Mary Cook, & Mary Manchester: wife of Philip. then attended a conference Meeting at Jo Woods with Bro: Tilly, Bro. Green, Curro, &c. Glory to God forever.

First D. of the W. last 2 day accompany'd by Bro. Tilly, I visitd Amy Hart (Wife of Joseph) in great distress of mind - then Jonathan Davis, & P. Taber's Families: from whence I carry'd a small grist to the tide-mill, & terrice All night at Phil. Corey's. 3 day in my way home overtook Brother William Bliss: visitd some neighbours, & spent the residue of the day at home -

4th Elder Bliss Preach'd (a most charming discourse to me) at Jacob Taber's Upon Acts 2. 42. (and they continued, &c.) I spake sometime after him & then rode down to the ferry with him: where I met Bro. Caleb Carl & his wife, who accompany'd me home. 5 day we had a lovely Church meet. on many acct^s 7 distinct Acts being pass'd by the Church in great Love & unity: Susanna (Church) wife of Dan. Carl, & Sarah (wooden) wife of John Savenport were Receiv'd into fellowship: Bro. Caleb Carl Chosen Deacon for the present, til Deacon Philip Taber's difficulty's if possible be remov'd: Carl Taber Chosen To assist his Father ^{John Taber} in the Deacons Office (as a help 1 Cor 12. 28.) The Church Agreed to make contribution once a month to raise a Church Stock for the relief of poor members & requested me to call a publick contribution of the whole Church And Congregation to supply my needs as often as I thought necessary; & gave me Liberty also to call a Special Church meeting as often as I might see occasion. Altho' the time of Meeting in common to the last 5th in every month: & agreed to set down to the Lords Supper the 24th day of this month. 6th I visitd the Widow Cook, Jerem. Cook's sick family & some others; and tarried at T. Brown's Where I had a precious meeting yesterday, spake upon John 9. 27. (will ye also) Several People seem'd much affected, & all loth to depart the House: so that I reasoned, exhorted, & Pray'd again, after meeting was concluded! overtook My Hon'd Father at Brother Savenports, lent him my Horse & walk'd home: Had much talk in the evening with a Stranger who came in for a lodging, &c.

This day I have been strengthened & enabled to Preach, & Baptize 1 woman Abigail (Bordin) widow of Joseph Surfeys (my Father also spake several times who had been a member of the friends society) And in the close of the meeting, heard Mary Springer make a good Profession Glory be to the Lord forever & ever. Amen. saith my soul.

24th First D. of the W. last 2 d. went with my Wife & child to see Philip Grey, sick (and other neighbours) were confin'd all 3 day by rain, & came home 4th morning: Then went to Poneganset, accompany'd by my Father: & Preach'd with wonderful Freedom & assistance, at the House of the widow Willcox upon Rom 8. 13. (if ye love) 5th D. Preach'd again with as much freedom, &c (at the House of Sam. Willcox) on Jon 9. 27. The word seem'd to be attended with Power: all Glory to the Lord! was home at sundown 6th & 7th days spent chiefly at home, in self examination & Prayer, instructing my children, &c: (unlike Tho. Green came to see us in the evening.) and to day have been enabled to Preach with much freedom on Col. 3. 11. (But Christ is all) Then Baptiz'd Mary Springer & laid on hands: then administered & partook of the Holy ordinance of the Lords Supper, had much talk with 2 Burdons ^{after which was a Contribution} and distiched souls, near sun set Father & unlike Green departed; & in the evening I Married Abraham Hathaway to Mary Brown.

First D. of the W. last 2 day spent at home: 3^d visitd Geo. Wood & several other neighbours sick & well: 4th Day Preach'd with wonderful sense of truth at the Funeral of Michael Macomber's Child, & tarried all night at Wm Osborn's 5th D. it Rained: yet I rode up to Jn Negus's & Married Edward Baley to Sarah Borden Then visitd the widow Parker & others in my way home: heard that but few came To Church Meeting: yet those that came confer'd, Pray'd, &c (all Glory to the Lord) 6th day (accompany'd by my wife & child) visitd several families & tarried at Bro. Wm yesterday Preach'd at John Earls from Philip. 1. 6. (he that hath begun a good work, &c) came home in the evening: and to day Preach'd, forenoon upon 1 John 3. 8. (for this purpose the son of God was manifested, &c.) afternoon, after Pray' & reading 5th & 6th of Hebrews a young woman named Hannah Taber made a very clear And good profession of Faith to the satisfaction of all the Church, then Brother Davis deliver'd a charming exhortation: I waited for others; but as none proceeded, I rose & Preach'd sometime, & concluded meeting: after which there was A contribution: & since that a matter of difficulty between 2 Brethren has been brought to a happy issue & settlement. all Glory to the Lord.

8th First D. of the W. last 2 day visitd several families by the way & Preach'd in the afternoon with great freedom at the House of Bro. John Hathaway in Trectown Upon 1 John 3. 7, 8. (little children let no man deceive you, &c) tarried at B. Jencks: 3^d D. Preach'd (& tarried all night) at Stephen Tallmans: This was A Powerful meeting: many people, tho' a rainy day: I spake upon Heb. 6, 7, 8. (for the earth which drinketh in the rain, &c) at this meeting 2 young Men made profession of Religion, &c. 4th D. Preach'd to many People, at Bro John Shriever's: on Rom 8. 14. (for as many as are led by the spirit of God, &c) 5th D. was confin'd at Shriever's by Rain, & taken with the Colick: came home 6th D. in great pain which continued until this day near noon & then was taken off! so that I've been enabled to Preach with great freedom Upon 1 Kings 18. 21. (how long halt ye, &c) and Baptiz'd 4 persons: to wit. Israel Brightman, William & Thomas (sons of old Thomas) Corey. & Hannah Taber (Daughter of Walter) return'd from the water to the meeting House: laid on Hands &c: after which Thomas Simmons & Elizabeth (Springer) wife of Sam. Sawday Made good confessions of Faith: Eld. Round Pray'd, gave thanks, &c Thus I have been enabled to spend near 5 hours in Publick service to day And return'd to my habitation in Better Health of Body than I was when I left it! All Glory to Jesus, Who dy'd on the Cross: yet liveth forever, Believers to Bless.

Bless'd be the Lord!
From Everlasting unto Everlasting!
Amen. & Amen.

780-10-15 First day of the Week. Last 2 day spent at home in hard work, &c. 3rd day visited John Carl's wife, sick: went to Brother Williams of an errand &c. & in company, by Brother John Wreden &c. I visited Poneganett the 3rd time. Preached at Constant Macomber: tarried at the widow Allens: & having by publick & private speaking, cleared my conscience & my garments of the blood of this People (I took no bodily supplies of them tho' urged except my meat) left 3 or 4 of them (if not many more) under concern about their souls: I return home in Peace on 5th day, visiting most all my Brethren that live by the way: & in the Evening, Married Samuel Eldrid to Rebekah Willbur, & enjoy'd much comfort. Afterwards in Religious duties with 2 Brethren & 1 Sister who came to visit us: 6 & 7 days spent chiefly at home: and to day have been once more wonderfully assisted & enabled to preach upon Prov. 23. 26. (my son give me thine heart, &c.) After Bro. Gideon Taber had deliver'd an exhortation much to my joy &c. and Baptiz'd 4 Persons: to wit: Thomas Simmons (son of Cole) James Lake Amy (Taber) wife of Joseph Hart, & Ruth (Pearce) wife of Stephen Cook Jr. After returning from the Water, laying on hands, &c. Sarah Grinnell made a very clear & good profession of Faith: and at the close of the meeting 2 or 3 Women appear'd under such burdens & distress of mind as made me think once more of the Jailor: they made bitter outcries, lamentations, &c. on the whole, we had I think a marvellous day of Divine Power: & they Right hand & holy arm (Dear Lord Jesus!) has gotten thee the victory & Trust over several souls. Amen. All Glory to thy name forever.

22 First D. of the W. Last 2 day visited J. W. S. Taber, Jo. Taber &c. on foot: In the evening Married Theophilus Borden & Anna Springer. 3rd visited Jo. Hart, Mary Taber Doct. Philip very sick (Cray) with her &c. John Taber: & had some peculiar talk with his wife. Joseph Taber, where I had much talk with John Borden's wife, & a young woman (Gifford) just found peace. E. Sanford, B. Hart, J. Lake, B. Macomber, & in the evening attended a meeting at John Wate's with my Brethren where I was partaker with 4 of them in Prayer, exhortation, &c. much to my comfort. 4th day spent chiefly at home 5th day Preached at D. Dwelley's (upon Luke 14. 22. and yet there is room) & after meal had much conversation with a number of awakened sinners at Bro. Gifford's. 6th day visited several in my way home: then visited & conversed with the wife of Preserved Dyer: who has a great desire to join our Church, but I could not gain evidence that she yet has an inward work of Grace in her heart sufficiently to qualify her. yesterday I attended the funeral of Bro. Philip Taber's daughter Mary (aged 18) neighbour Ellis being present also, took pains to preach, and spake very well I thought: I spake a few words after him and went to Prayer. And this day have been enabled to preach once more with wonderful assistance & utterance upon John 8. 24. after which 5 persons made good profession's of Faith & one more attempted but was put by not being clear: I Baptiz'd 3. Sarah Grinnell, E. Saundey, & H. Browning, &c. All Glory to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

80-10-29 First D. of the W. Last 2 day afternoon accompanying by 2 Brethren, C. H. And C. E. I visited, and made settlement with one of my neighbour Sisters of this Church whom I had been obliged to charge with a great fault: after which We met with a number of Brethren in the Evening at the House of Brother John Taber, had much religious conversation, &c. & in conclusion Brother Caleb Carl went to Prayer as a mouth for us all, much to my comfort & refreshing. 3rd day afternoon, visited one of those who have lately desired to join our Church but did not give evidence of an inward change, or work of grace: & obtained I think some good evidence thereof (Susanna Dyer) 4th day visited J. Davenport, P. Cook, Wm. Gray, & Philip Gray: whose wife spake much like a Christian: & I endeavour'd to point out to her the way of Duty (while neighbour Ellis was trying (as I was afterwards inform'd) to establish infant sprinkling in our neighbourhood by publicly preaching of it up! O! when will Babylon fall intirely? how much are they to be pitied who thro' ignorance are supporting that mother of Harlots, &c. 5th day we once more had a lovely Church Meeting: at which We heard the confession, & receiv'd into fellowship the Wife of Preserved Dyer: Provided nothing shall appear inconsistent with her profession to the 2 Brethren which we appointed to make enquiry concerning some reports about her, &c. We then Practis'd the washing of one anothers feet: I trust in great solemnity, and in the enjoyment of that spiritual Presence of our Dear Lord & Master. My Belov'd wife then told the Church, ^{with much affection} her present views of her own & their standing: and express'd her desires to join & walk with them in all their present order (except the Sabbath) and was thereupon unanimously receiv'd as a fellow member, &c. The Brethren then agreed to give Bro. Philip Taber another hearing, respecting his difficulty; & Bro. Carl Taber closed the meet' by Prayer: in the evening we had a meeting for general improvement of Gifts at Stephen Harts: Brother Eleazer Read from Newport was with us, &c. 6th day visited J. Wate and several other neighbours northward: found 2 or 3 new-born spiritual babes I think: spent yesterday chiefly at home; only visited Jo. Wood, & should have gone to see a sick man but was prevented by rain: which also prevented many from attending meeting to day: however, the Church in general assembled: & after Prayer I read 10th Chapt. of Hebrews and offer'd a few words of exhortation; then the Brethren sang & Prayed: meeting was then adjourn'd At the water side Eastward of Joseph Woods: where a few words more were spoken to the People. And after Prayer I was enabled to Baptize (or Dip) 4 Persons - to wit William Willcox, Dursley Nichols, Phoebe Saulsbury, & Ruth Gifford: then Return'd to the Meeting House; and after Prayer & laying on of hands upon the aforementioned Persons & also upon my Wife - one person more made profession of Religion, & meet' broke up: & altho I had some pain in my Bowel in the morning, I now feel myself in good Bodily Health & am a going if surmised 7 miles off to see a sick man: while my Brethren hold a meeting in our dwelling House, &c.

First Day of the Week. last 2 Day I visited several families in my way home from Sister Osborns where I tarried first 2. night: (after spending the evening at the widow Barber's speaking to & Praying for one Doctor Babcock, son of Oliver, of Stonington who lay there very sick) 3 & 4th days spent chiefly at home (there being a great storm of rain snow, &c) on 5th D. accompany'd by several Brethren, I went to the House of Gershom Woddl: where I was enabled to preach with wonderful assistance & utterance (upon Acts 18. 8) then Baptiz'd and laid hands on his Wife, & a Black man named Peter Borden. 6th D. came home after visiting a few widows & Fatherless children by the way. Yesterday visited Preserved Tyre's wife once more; & was visited by the widow Hope West (was a windloe) And to day (tho' very cold) we had meeting above 3 Hours: after I had Preach'd about 1/2 an hour upon the 11th Chap Hebrews Hope West & Peter Borden who had been Baptiz'd by me in my journeys Abroad; Told their experience before the whole Church & were receiv'd under the watch & care of the Church: 2 others also made good profession of Faith, &c & were receiv'd: but Baptism deferred til another time: we then proceeded in worship: Bro. Round gave a few words of Ex^h & Prayed And in conclusion of the meeting I made a publick acknowledgment of a fault I lately committed in Publick speaking: after meeting obtained good satisfaction at my House of a Black woman having receiv'd a change so as to become a new creature; & spake much to another in distress of mind, &c.

12 First D. of the W. ... last 2 Day spent at home: in the evening heard Samuel West Preach at the House of Old Deacon Sawyer & 3 day morning had much conversation with him at my own House: Afternoon rode about 9 miles to the House of Joseph Borden and Married William Shearman to (Peggy or) Margaret Stewart: in the evening Preach'd at Benjamin Hambl's to the availing of some (I hope) a comforting of Others. 4th day by sun rise set off to ride home. At 11 o'clock met for Prayer, & Baptiz'd 4 Persons: Noah Palmer, Rebecca Lake, Susanna Tyre, & Elizabeth Hambl: laid hands on them at Joseph Woods. Return'd to the meet^g House & heard Elzar Jacob Hicks (my Faithful zealous and beloved Brother) Preach: accompany'd him to Bro. Gordon Tabers in the evening, & heard him again; spake after him; others spake also, &c: we enjoy'd a very happy evening & as it were heaven on Earth: I tarried all night & 5th day for noon rode down to the 4 corners on Business. — Afternoon had a most lovely & affecting Church meeting all glory to the Lord! at which, after long labour we remov'd the burden & difficulty from the mind of Brother Philip Taber, & became united to him again in Love: Bro. Earl went to Prayer, &c — 6th D. visited some neighbours & wrote a letter to Charity Seranton: spent yesterday at home; except a short visit to neighbour Church: and to day, after Prayer, reading, singing & Preaching upon Heb. 12. 1. One white & one black woman made publick profession of Faith in, & Love to, Jesus Christ: and since meeting a number of us have been as it were wonderfully engaged in travelling in Birth for the formation of Christ in the Heart of a poor distressed Black woman at my House: Bro. Primus, B. Warden & myself also Pray'd by turns, &c.

First D. of the W. — last 2 Day Elder Bliss from Rhode Island visitation. 3rd D. it rained: 4th D. E. B. Bliss call'd again to see us as he return'd from Bedford: But as he did not see his way clear to tarry & Preach as was expected: I walked as far as Philip Grays and Preach'd in the Evening with great freedom upon 1 Cor 2. 2. (for I determin'd not to know any thing among you, save, &c) — Next morning my mouth was opened to speak freely to the Heads of the Family Against the great Sin of Slave-keeping or claiming Property in the persons of our fellow creatures: by reason of rain, could not get home; yet visited Wm. B. Cook. School mistress, Ed. Willcox, Ste. Taber, & lodg'd at J. Davenport's. 6th D. morning return'd home, & spent the residue of the Day: also spent yesterday at home as usual, & to day, altho' it rained very hard, many (considering the rain) attend'd meeting & I was enabled to preach with much freedom upon James 1. 27. (Pure Religion &c) since meeting one of the Sisters of this Church came to me under peculiar Tugh desiring me to Pray for her: whose request I immediately comply'd with //

26 First D. of the W. — last 2 D. spent at home. 3rd D. visited many down to the Point had a meeting in the evening & tarried all night at John Earls — 4th D. was so stormy could visit but few: however got as far homeward as Bro. Philip Taber: with whom had much free conversation & tarried all night. 5th D. return'd home & worked hard, getting wood & cutting up meat. 6th D. forenoon did much hard work: afternoon rode down to Joseph and Nancy Abmy: left my Horse at J. Davenport's & walked home, after visiting Isaac Manchester's family (& having much talk with a professed Christian there) by the way. yesterday rested at home as usual: and to day have been enabled to Preach upon Mat 21, 28, 29, 30, 31. (but what think you, &c) And Baptiz'd 4 Persons — Sarah (Lake) Grinnall, Katharine Gray, Rachel Borden & Jonathan Lake: laid on hands at Joseph Woods, &c. The Church agree that I & many of the Brethren as choose should meet a number of Elders and Brethren next day after to morrow to confer about our members that live at the greatest distance from us, forming a new Church. D. Tilly is us, &c.

First D. of the W. — last 2 D. visited several neighbours & tarried all night at Mary Buidens: next D. Preach'd at Corne Warren's, & in the evening at Old Gershom Woddl's (as new born Babes' &c) 4th D. attend'd the meeting of a number of Elders & messengers of the Churches to confer about settling a new Church: & after meeting rode homeward as far as Job Taber, where I tarried all night. 5th D. came home & attend'd Ch. Meeting: and after some Business done; Baptiz'd Priscilla Earl & Anna Shrieve: laid hands on them at Joseph Woods' &c. 6th D. & yesterday spent at home, til near Sun set; rode down to Constant Woodmans: & spake to him & pray'd for him as a dying man: & came home late at night: and to day have enjoy'd one of the days of Heaven as it were! tho' it has prov'd so hard as to prevent 2 meetings at the point, we had 2 blessed ones at home: I have heard 7 Prayers of my Brethren, &c! all Glory to the Lord.

1780-12-10
Mat. Boomer

First d. of the W. — last 2 d. spent at home: wrote a long letter
To Eld. Thurston which I had not time to copy, &c. 3^d. spent also
At home getting Winters Wood, &c.: Wife's Bro. Lewis came to see us —
4th sat off a little after sun-rise to do as is commanded: Luke 14. 23.
Preached at the House of the widow Rebeccah Pettis (about 9 miles off) and
Baptised her: then went home with Bro. Benjamin Jenks and
Preached there in the evening to many People upon 2 Peter. 3. 18.
5th intended home: but being prevented by rain; Preached again at
Brother Mat. Boomers upon Psalm 106. 1. Heb. 13. 15, 16. tarried
At young Gershom Woddle's: and came home 6th. after visiting
one Shaw, George Wood, & others, in my way. yesterday spent at
Home as usual: and to day, tho' very stormy, have found much
Comfort & refreshment in speaking, & hearing my Brethren & Sisters
Speak & Pray, both in the meeting House & my dwelling House
All glory to the Lord. I spoke to day upon Prov. 27. 1. Mat 24. 44. —
(Bro. Caleb Earl last first day & Bro. Perry Davis to day, who has & Preys in Publick)

19 3^d. of the W. — yesterday week I spent at home. next day visited Brethren
And friends between home & the point: Deborah Hocker sick, &c.: spent the even.
With my wife at wth Osborns. 4th. of last week, visited George Pearce's widows,
David Cook, Jth. Woodman, Robert Brown (whose young daughter is in much
Concern of mind) W. Brown, Tho. Brown, & Jth. Davenport. 5th. came home
And attended C. meet. at which Bro. Phillip Taber was confirmed in the
Deacons office, Bro. Caleb Earl also continued in the same: & after some
Other Business; Bro. Carl Taber concluded meet. by Exhort. & Prayer, much to
My edification: (Bro. Jeffers was to see me while absent, but I saw him not)
6th. after some hard work, & conversation at home with Susa. Hart & Barb. Howle
I visited several neighbours northward, & tarried at Bro. Joel Lanes 7th. Preached
At Bro. David Pounds's (the Elder) with great freedom upon Luke 19. 27. (but
Those mine enemies, &c.) First day, we had as it were 4 glorious meetings: first
I was enabled to Preach with wonderful freedom & Utterance in the Meet. House
Upon Luke 19. 40. (if these should hold their peace, &c.) Bro. John Weiden gave
A charming word of wisdom & Ex^{tn}. after me, & young Bro. Gideon Taber
Was stirred up to be our mouth in Pray: — I then went (in the Spirit) down
To the stupid People at the Point: and Preached in such demonstration of the
Spirit & Power, that it seem'd as tho' the Lord meant by me to compel 'em all to
come into his House: the whole assembly (which was large) seem'd as it were melted
down With the presence & Power of the Lord! after this meeting a number of us
Met at my Brother Williams; where we again exhorted & Prayed: & lastly at
John Carls, where we were yet favoured with the divine presence & Blessing.
From thence I returned home yesterday, after visiting Bro. Simol Brightman
And several others by the way: & being inform'd by my beloved wife that she,
several other Sisters at my House, had been favoured with an uncommon measure
of Divine Influence, while I was abroad, it so increased my joy & comfort, that last night
and to day it seem'd almost as tho' I was in Heaven upon earth! Blessed be the Lord
forever.

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First d. of the W. — last 4th day visited several friends between my dwelling
And John Bowen's (whom I tarried) 5th. Preached at Bth. Borden's to many
People upon Jerem. 6. 16. (stand in the ways & see, &c.) In the evening at Jth.
Dunfee's was taken very poorly; pulsed, &c.: however, next day in my way
Home, stoped & Preached with much freedom & Assistance upon John 9. 16
(I must work, &c.) at the funeral of Old widow Abigail Taber (aged 88) —
After Burying visited & had some close talk with Isaac Manchester. spent
yesterday at home as usual and to day (which is the 4th first day running
It has been cloudy & stormy) felt myself so weak & low both in Body & mind
Should have gladly excused myself from being visibly active in any other
Part of Publick worship, except Prayer: however, after long waiting in silence
I rose and delivered a very weak discourse upon Eccles. 9. 15, 16. (there was
A little City, &c.): then 15th. Gideon Taber went to Prayer: after which Schabod
Davis delivered a very sweet exhortation: then one of the Brethren gave out
A Psalm or Hymn, which was sung: 'twas then urged that every one should
clear their conscience & if any found a further call to duty not to go away
Guilty: and after a minute or 2^d. pause, I went to Prayer & mult. concluded
since which I have had considerable talk with some distressed Souls, visited P.
Saulsbury, sick: and feel much better now in the evening in my own mind

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First d. of the week. Last 2^d. spent at home: (very stormy) Generous
Irish visited us: spent the evening at S. Tabers. 3^d. spent part at home,
visited P. Saulsbury & Amy Hart, poorly: in the evening was uncommonly exercised.
4th. (very cold) spent at home. 5th. at C. meeting, a young Brother (G.T.)
Was found guilty of a very unbecoming & unguarded speech to 2 young men
of the World: he confessed the words, but saw not the sin of them, 'til by some
Labour with, & Prayer for him, he made a full acknowledgment, begged our
Forgiveness, &c. 6th. visited many neighbours: & was much refreshed & comforted in
The evening, by hearing 6 of my Brethren speak at a large meeting, at Stokes P.
tors: spoke a few words after them & tarried all night. 7th. or yesterday, Preach
At Brother John Weiden's upon Act. 4. 20. (for we cannot but speak the things
Which we have seen & heard) 2 Brethren spoke after me, &c. To day, have been
enabled to speak again with much freedom, to a very full assembly, upon Romans
10. 10. (for with the heart man believeth, &c.) Bro. Weiden delivered a most ex-
cellent testimony after me: then Benjamin Hambley Jth. made a good and
Publick profession of Faith: and in the close of the meeting the Church
Made a Contribution: and I am now going down to the Point if I may,
To finish this year by a meeting at my Brethren. And here I must not
omit to Record that on the 10th day of the 10th M^o past (as we have been told)
A most dreadful Hurricane, attended with an Earthquake, Lightning
And rain, was felt in several Islands of the west-Indies, which made
Dreadful Ravage & devastation: particularly, at Barbadoes & Jamaica.
And by which also several thousands of People lost their lives, &c. O! that
The Lord may suitably consider, & lay it to Heart! & especially the
Sprawd inhabitants of those Islands & such among us, who yet practice that
Abominable Sin of Buying & selling, or any way, enslaving their fellow
men!!!

First D. of the Week: (evening) Last first day evening, Preached with
 Wonderful freedom at my Bro. William's upon Mat. 12. 50. (for whom ever
 shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my Brother
 And Sister, & Mother) 2 Brethren (Rogers & Earl) exhorted & Pray'd after me
 And a young woman (Lydia Shearman) who lives at the point & spoke,
 As to give us good reason to think she is a new born Soul: tarried all
 Night at John Earls: next day visited Wm. Macomber, my own Family, Phil.
 Greys & several Others, till I came to William Fish's & married his
 Daughter Ruth, to Joseph Fish: Preached in the evening at John Shriever's
 Upon Mal. 4. 1, 2. (For behold, the day cometh, &c) - After meeting a wonderful
 Scene opened, and I was obliged to talk with distressed Souls & others till near
 Midnight! next day visited the neighbours there, & others in my way home
 Had a precious conference in the evening at Brother Round's & tarried all night
 & visited others in my way was wonderfully engaged in Prayer at Bro.
 Jonathan Sabes, & reached home (temporarily) before night: in the evening
 Enjoy'd a sweet conference with my Family & Bro. Jencks who came to
 Visit us, Pray'd with us, &c. 5th was stormy, I tarried at home: only visited
 Neighbour Manchester in the evening. 6th visited Anna Wood, Pileg Potter's, John
 Weidens, & Lillis Wate's families: attended a sweet conference meeting at Lillis's
 In the evening: heard many exhortations, Prayers, &c: spake much myself & tarried
 All night. yesterday visited 2 families in my way home (W.W. & P.T.) was found
 Fault with by some friends & acknowledged, willingly: blessed be God for it
 To day, tho' it rained & snowed fast: several People assembled for worship: my Hon.
 Father & Deacon Tilly with us: after Preaching with much freedom, (but upon no
 Particular Text) (a few minutes, we went down to the Water, & I Baptized Benj.
 Hamblly Ju:; laid hands on him & Prayed at Jo. Wood; after which some of the
 Brethren improv'd their Gifts, & since meet. until now we have had a sweet &
 Lovely conference at my dwelling: several Prayers, &c. all glory to the Lord.

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 First D. of the W. Last 2^d. accompanied by my Hon. Father I visited Elh. Palmer
 John Willbur, & Mary Rogers, where Old Charles Jarret is confined poorly, &c
 3^d & 4th spent chiefly at home: only visited nigh neighbours (4th being great rain)
 5th visited friends near the 4 corners: was much refreshed at an evening meeting
 At Bro. Savenports, hearing my true yoke-fellow, John P. Jones, Preach: upon
 Psalm 146. 4. (there is a Redeemer, &c) 6th he came home with me, visited Jo. Taber, &c
 And in the evening heard him, my Father & Perry Davis, speak in the meet. House
 After which we had a Heavenly conference, &c in my dwelling House.
 yesterday I accompanied him a little way towards Newport: parted with him
 Affectionately; & spent the residue of the day at home, as usual: and to day have
 Been enabled to do much work for the Lord! notwithstanding it has snowed smart
 by most all day, many People assembled for Worship! & after Prayer, singing, &
 Reading 1 Peter 2. was unexpectedly, tho' agreeably prevented from Preaching, or
 Exhortation, by 4 persons telling their experience, Professing Repentance, Faith
 in Christ, &c: after hearing them, we sang & Pray'd: then repaired to the river
 Side (Preaching in the open air as I want) And Baptized 3: laid hands on them
 At Joseph Wood's, Pray'd, sang, &c: have since enjoy'd a happy evening: at Dursey
 Jo. Taber, Genevieve Irish, &c with us.

First D. of the W. — Last 2^d & 3^d spent at home, teaching my Children
 Wrote a Letter to William Brown & his Wife on a peculiar occasion, & on
 Religious matters: as I did also to Unkle or Bro. Green Rogers last week, but
 Had not time to Copy. 4th Preached at Israel Luther's with great freedom
 Upon Acts 28. (but we desire to hear of thee, &c) after meet. visited widow Dursey, &
 And Lodged at Benjamin Borden's: 5th Preached at Borden's upon Eccles. 3 (A time
 of War, & a time of Peace) after meet. convers'd with several distressed souls,
 Visited several families as a peace-maker, & Lodged at John Shriever's. 6th
 Visited several friends in my way home: tarried a few minutes with my own
 Family! & went abroad ^{again} on worldly ^{spiritual} business, & return'd before night.
 yesterday visited some, & Preached with blessed freedom (& I hope good success) at
 Dursey Fish's, to many People upon Psalm 128. 1. (Blessed is every one that, &c)
 My Hon. Father spake a few words after me & went to Prayer; we sang, &c
 And I tarried all night: from whence I came home this morning, in a violent
 Storm of Rain: & tho' it has storm'd most all day, several Brethren & others
 Met for Worship! & after I had read a Chapter & deliver'd a few words of In-
 struction & exhortation, the Hon'd Father of my flesh went to Prayer, & gave us
 A Choice word of counsel, exhortation, &c: after which, I spake a few words
 More, Prayed, sang, &c: one woman (Alice Fish) told her late experience of Gods
 Mercy & goodness to her; Jonathan Sabes went to Prayer; we have had much conference,

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 First D. of the W. Last 2^d & 3^d spent in visiting, Sarah Woodmaney, Robt. Brown's daughter
 Wm. Brown, Widow Grinnel, Tho. Brown, &c. left my Father at Savenports & walk'd
 Home in the evening: understood that Samuel West was Preaching in the neighbourhood,
 4th Snowed (as fast as it rained the day before) I spent the day teaching my Children,
 5th was to be Ch. Meet. but as not more than 20 or 30 members attend'd; we only
 Confer'd on a few things, Prayed, sang & brake up meeting. 6th forenoon work'd
 Hard, drawing Wood, &c: afternoon accompanied Bro James Talor of Newport &
 Visited Job Taber, & Lillis Wate: from whence, (after visiting several Families &
 The way) I return'd yesterday: and to day (being very pleasant weather) many
 People attend'd meeting: I was enabled to Preach with great freedom and
 Utterance upon Acts 5. 38, 39. (if this work be of men, it will come to nought, &c)
 After Preaching 2 Women made profession of Religion: then 2 or 3 Church Acts
 Were Read: then we repaired to the Water, & I Baptized ^{the 2 Women} ^{Lydia Shearman} ^{the 2 Women} laid
 Hands on them at Jo. Wood's, Prayed, sang, &c: all glory to the Lord
 About sun-set I rode down to William Willcox's & married Abner Crandal
 Son of Elber) to Mary Willcox (D. of John) return'd about the middle of the
 evening and have since been exercised with such a variety of thoughts on
 Many Subjects: that altho' tis very late in the night I have no inclination
 To Sleep and it seems that I shall get as little before morning as I
 Have several other nights lately! altho' my mind is very calm,
 Compos'd, &c! the will of the Lord be Done — and Bless the
 Lord O my Soul and all that is within me, Bless his Holy
 Name: forever & ever. Amen. Hallelujah.

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2-4 First D. of the W. Last 2^d. visited Mr. Hicks - and an Indian Woman sick, name Hannah Simon (aged abt 80) with whom I Prayed: &c. returned home: & afterwards visited Susanna Dyer, & returned in the evening. 3^d. the very stormy was obliged to set off early in the morning to seek help for my Horse: visited Noah Palmer, and several others, & turned at J. Savenports. 4th. returned & tarried at home. 5th. (stormy) visited Susanna Hart (sick) Elijah Devel, &c. 6th & 7th. spent chiefly at home: only visited J. Hart 6th. evening (after the great rain) & William Ladd (very sick) yesterday afternoon (being very pleasant weather). And to day the there has been a great storm of hail, many People assembled for Worship! I Preached upon 1 Pet. 4. 9, 10, 11. after which B. Shabod Davis deliver'd a word of Ex^t: and went to Prayer: & since meeting B. John Round Prayed at my House Bro. Jerub says Father was at his House this day with &c, &c.

11 First D. of the W. Last 2^d. visited & Prayed once more with Wm Ladd: 3^d. visited B. Philip Taber, Sist. Osborn, &c: had a visit of J. Davis, &c. 4th. spent the time at home & in the woods retired; in self examination Meditation & Prayer. 5th. spent in Fasting & Prayer: as it was agreed upon by the whole Church, by way of Sympathy with 21 Churches At the Westward, who had agreed to set apart the day for Humiliation, &c. On Account of the Low state of Religion among them: and as we are told to weep with them that weep, we join'd them without Request; having respect also in our Heart, to the awful case of this nation in general; and the inhabitants of Barbadoes & Jamaica in particular: the case of a few individuals of our Church who have gone astray, &c. we met about 10 o'clock & continued in Publick near 5 hours: 2 Chapters were read, & 3 or 4 exhortations given: 9 Brethren & 1 Sister were mov'd upon to Pray! (myself 3 times) (B. Rogers, J. Round, J. Round, J. Davis, L. Coril, G. King, J. Luther, J. Hart, B. Sawdoy) After publick meet. concluded, one of our stray Sisters, (Susanna Dyer) returned & made such acknowledgment of her Faults as to be restored to our Fellowship: & 8 sisters (besides Brethren) went to Prayer in my Habitation, between that time & candle-light (H. Richmond, Elis. Cook, H. Taber, Dr. B., Louisa G. a negro, J. Irish, R. Elved & M. Spring) Thus it appears that the Lord has again poured out his Spirit both on his servants & handmaids! we had as true a day of Pentecost. And I might perhaps fill some sheets of Paper with a full narrative And a few remarks, on what took place among us only that day! Next day, the extreme cold, I went about 9 m. off (accompanying by Dr. Philip Taber) Preached & Baptiz'd Jacob Sawle's Wife, laid hands on her, And also on Hannah (Booth) wife of George Pettis (who had been Baptiz'd by E. Lewis (22-6-1779) & now desired to join our Church: after Meet we visited several: I staid all night with Dr. Sam. Sawdoy, & B. Taber went quite home (he having a horse, & I being on foot) yesterday was a great storm of Snow yet, I visited Axtell & C. Hart: & got home before night

Before night. and to day altho' the snow is near knee deep, man have attend'd meeting: Our neighbour Ladd (being very sick) sent a note desiring our Prayers - after Prayer & Reading 2 Peter 1st I was long silent At length I was mov'd to speak something of my own Death or decrease as Peter did and gave particular advice & charge to the Church how to behave If they should ever be deprived of their Elder or Pastor til they were re-supply Then Preached some time on those words, (add to your Faith Virtue, &c) After which B. Earl Taber (who married Susanna Brightman abt 3 weeks ago) went to Prayer: & publick meeting broke up without any singing! since that we have had many Brethren in the House conversing, &c: & this evening I have visited Joseph Hart (sick in bed) ^{my} Wife & self also find our selves disordered in Body, But, Blessed be the Lord, from Everlasting unto Everlasting, for the refreshments, the comforts & consolation, wherewith he hath been pleased to refresh & comfort me, and I believe many of his People only, within 4 days just now ending. all Glory to his name forever! amen

2-12-2^d. of the W. spent this day at home, & visiting Richard & Joseph Hart sick. 14 Yesterday Walked as far as Old Benjamin things & had a most marvellous Meet. there last evening: which held with some of us til after mid night! Blessed be our dear Saviour, who enabled us to sit with water with him more than 1 hour: got acquainted with a Disciple named King, who lives at Coventry: visited 11 Families while gone and got home about sun-set ^{to day} since which, I visited & Prayed for Joseph Hart very sick: &c. had I time particularly to record all that I have seen, heard & done, only for 30 hours past; I am confident 'twould be almost incredible! But Glory to God forever: that although I cannot write, I may, at times, speak to the Glory of his grace. The things which he has made me to see, hear, and know. 17 7th of the W. This 3 Days of the Week spent chiefly at home in hard work getting Wood &c (except to day rested as usual) visited J. Hart (sick) every day: this evening had Sarah Grinnel & A. Hart to V. Me: with whom had much refreshing Conversation &c. 18 First D. Evening. This day (tho' very cold weather) was enabled to Preach with great freedom on Prov 28. 13. (he that covereth his sins shall not prosper, &c) After Preaching, Phebe Paulsbury A backsliding Sister was publicly rebuked by me: in discharge of my own Duty, & in behalf of the Church, for her faults: which she so humbly & publicly confessed; that we forgave & continued her in Fellowship - Susanna Borden & Abigail Tripp then put themselves under our care: the Church then sat down to The Lords Supper: since which there has been much religious Exercise at our House Sister Susa. & Abig. stay all night with us

1781-2-25 First D. of the W. last 2^d. was a great storm of Snow & Rain: I was obliged to work hard in it several hours, getting Wood, &c. by which I took cold, & have since had much pain in my bones, sore throat, &c. 3^d. accompany'd 2 young sisters to see Deacon P. Taber: also visited Job Briggs, Wife, & William Ladd (Sick) & some in the Woods: Bro. Macomber from Newport came to see me in the evening. Brought a letter from Elder Thurston, containing some good news, but a sorrowful account of Elder Winchester! went with me to visit Joseph Hart, &c. 4^d. worked hard again in the Woods: but had some refreshing conversation with Susannor or Lucy Covill who came to visit us. 5^d. was so stormy as to prevent Church meeting, nevertheless, about 12 came together and conferred ^{I visited Joseph Hart:} in the evening, myself, Wife, Hannah & B. Macomber went to a conference at Elijah Devols: heard Ichabod Davis & Gideon Taber speak. Spoke a few words after them, & B. Macomber went to Prayer. 6^d. it rained again abundance: B. Macomb: set off for Home: I visited J. H. Tabers. Yesterday was very fair, I spent the Time at home as usual: only Wife & I visited Joseph Hart (who is much better) towards night; Susa Hart and Lillis Wate visited us; we had a happy evening in worship, &c; and to day have been enabled to Preach once more, with astonishing freedom and gift of Utterance, upon Psalm 144. part of 3rd verse. (what is man) Meeting House Crowded with People: & since meeting many have been conferring at our House, Elisabeth Cook seem'd wonderfully engaged in Prayer, &c. Blessed be the Lord from Everlasting unto Everlasting.

3rd - 4th First D. of the W. last 2^d. spent chiefly at home: only visited Joseph Hart, accompany'd by John Wieden. 3^d. Married Silas Cook to Ruth Sawden, visited some Families - wrote a Will, &c for John Shrieve: & Preached at his House in the Evening to many People upon 3 Texts join'd together Mat 11. 5, 6 - 24. 35. Luke 19. 42. (As far as the word, Peace) had conference with many & went to bed sick: however, proceeded home wards 4th. accompany'd by Bro. Round: visited Wm. Fish, Ste Cook, and D. Grinnell and had a most sweet & glorious meeting in the evening at Brother Round's, when I Preached upon Rom. 8. 32. (He that spared not his own son, &c) was engaged in the work of the Lord til near midnight conversing with distressed Souls, joining with Bro. John Round in Prayer & singing, &c: to the forgetting if not almost curing my Bodily disorders! next day came home time enough to attend C^h. meeting; at which, many sweet & pleasant words were spoken Sister Susa Harts case convers'd upon: 2 members appointed to enquire into the Case of Sarah Woodmaney, &c. we expected Elder Silas Burroughs from Groton to Preach to us in the Evening, and there was a large meeting: but as he came Not, the time was improv'd by Earl Taber, J. Wieden, Earl, & Round the elder, Gideon Taber, Perry Davis & myself in Exhortation, Prayer, reading & singing. 6th. it Rained: I visited D. Stoddard, D. Tripp, S. Simmons & J. Hart: & towards Night Eld. Burroughs came, accompany'd by Deacon Smith: Preached yesterday upon Heb 12. 15, 16. and to day (to a great assembly) with amazing Zeal and Engagedness of mind: upon Acts 16. 30. after Dinner we parted: & I have enjoy'd a most happy evening with Bro. Dyer Burdick: tho' very poorly in Body, &c.

1781-3-5 2^d. of the W. this day Susa Hart & her child went from our House: J. Wieden came to work: in the run of the day had some sweet conference upon Divine Things with him & Bro. Burdick (who departed before noon) J. Wieden, & Phebe Taber. Phebe stay'd all night by reason of the Storm: my cold is very great. 6th 3^d of the W. tho' yet very poorly in Body, rode about 5 miles northward, & married Giles Lake to Martha Davis: visited Daniel Grinnell, Rob. Fishes, Card Taber, & Benjamin Macomber; Families being much engaged in Exhortation and Prayers: had some peculiar talk in the woods with Elder Round: obtained some satisfaction that Edward Manchesters wife has receiv'd a saving change, &c. 7th 4th of the W. find my cough yet hard: & by reason of the Storm of Snow am confined to the House (only made a short visit to J. Hart) & feel low spirited. 8th 5th of the W. very poorly in Body & am so going to bed early; tho' Dyer Burdick is with us, &c. 15th 5th of the W. notwithstanding I was so poorly this day week: having appointed - I set off next day on a journey to Newport, & visited about 30 Families; did some Temporal business; was at 3 conference meetings; Preached 5 times; (first in the 7th Day meeting House, upon Rom. 15. 21, 22. - 2nd in the Building called the Church! upon Neh. 2. 3. Gal. 5. 1. - next in Father's House: E. Thurston preach upon Luke 19. 41, 42. last, at Geo. Sawtons, upon Mark 8. 34, to the end) and got safely home yesterday, in better Health of Body than I went away with, accompany'd by Brother Lillibridge, &c. Praise be the Lord for All his mercies Temporal & Spiritual to an unworthy worm. Amen. Elder Thurston (my beloved Father in the Gospel) supplied my place here, last first day: and Preached to the great edification & satisfaction of the People as I am inform'd upon Luke 8. 15. - 2 Cor. 5. 17. 18th First D. of the W. last 5th day rode down to the 4 corners in search after my lost Cow, but found her not: was cast into the House of Jacob Taber by a Shower of Rain (I hope for good) return'd home & spent the evening with Brother Lillibridge. 6th D. found my Cow & calf: spent the residue of the day Teaching my children, cutting Wood, &c: yesterday spent at home as usual, enjoy'd some comfort in the evening with my Brethren E. Lillibridge & J. Hart. And to day, Preached with much freedom upon 1 Cor. 15. 11 (whether it were I or they, so we Preach, &c) Ichabod Davis, deliver'd an exhortation after me, and since meet. Brother Eldred & Sister Elisabeth Cook Prayed in my House, &c. Was obliged to contend this morning once more with friend Lillibridge & testify Against his Practice of claiming property in & buying of his fellow creatures, &c. Gave a Letter of Commendation to Brother John Wieden: by order of the Church, which was signed by Deacons Philip Taber & Caleb Earl, as well as myself. 20th 3^d of the W. yesterday (it rained) after doing some hard work in the Woods, visited and Prayed with much freedom with Joseph Hart: in the Evening went to E. Devols to attend a Conference, but as only 2 Brethren, (S. Taber & S. Simmons) came tho' many other People assembl'd - was oblig'd as it were to Preach to them and Blessed be God who was pleas'd to afford me great assistance while I spoke upon Mat 3. 8. (bring forth therefore fruit, &c) was oppos'd in some points after Meet. by N. Randall, &c.

1781-3rd Mo. 25th

First Day of the Week last 4th D. Attended the funeral of Rich. Dwellly (Daughter of Wm. Hart) Preached with much freedom, to many People, but upon No particular Text: after Burying visited John Hathaway & Nathan Bowen And Preached again in the evening at Benjamin Jencks's upon these words "They that honour me I will honour, &c" 5th day in my way home Visited several friends & Preached again at Dan. Dwellly's upon Mat. 5: 25, 26. (agree with, &c) tarried all night. 6th day it showed hard: I Walked homeward in it as far as Rob. Fishel & finding I could get no further, spent part of the day there, conversing with Ichabod Davis, &c In the evening enjoy'd a happy conference at Samuel Sawdey's; myself & he, B. Sawdey, & G. King being all moved to Pray one after another. yesterday I came home: and on a special occasion Wrote 2 Letters to my Fathers & Brethren in the Ministry, Rufel Mason, & James Manning, which I had not time to copy. John Weeden being with us, &c. To day have been enabled to Preach Once more with much freedom of Utterance & to a great assembly Upon part of the 24th & 25th Chapters of Mat. since which, have Been much refreshed with the conversation of my Brethren & Prayer of John Round at my House; & am now going by divine permission To Preach again at John Davenport's Lord, let thy presence go with me.

4th Mo

First D. of the W. this day sermnight was enabled to Preach with great Freedom at J. Davenport's upon Micah 6: 8. (he hath shewed thee o man, &c) In the evening enjoy'd a sweet conference with friends & join'd in Prayers with Brother Fortune Gray, J. D. & Noah Palmer. next day visited Pely Sanford, Sarah Woodmansy, G. Booth, St. Taber, Soule, P. Cook, St. Gray (where I had some peculiar Talk with his Mother, &c) & Isaac Manchester & got Home in the evening. 3rd & 4th days, spent at Home in hard work & teaching my Children; wounded my leg, &c. 5th D. was a lovely C. meeting, but some solemn Work: we were obliged to censure & admonish Sarah Woodmansy a sister of the Church, for wilfully going into evil company, (where probably she danced & behaved lightly) not taking pains to satisfy, & neglecting to hear the Church, &c Martha Cory (now Bowen) who was put away from among us some time past sent in a confession of her fault in writing with desires to be receiv'd as a Member again: but 'twas thought proper to wait, 'til she comes in Person Hannah (Booth) wife of Geo. Pettis by request & testimony of some Brethren was receiv'd under our care, as a member with us, &c. 6th D. spent at home: yesterday walked as far as Robert Fishel & Preached upon Acts 14: 22. (conform) Solomon an Indian Brother Prayed, &c. & walked home with me To day (tho' poorly in Body & very low in mind when I went to meeting) have been Enabled to Preach with astonishing freedom of utterance & feeling sense of Truth Upon a passage that came into my mind after I rose to speak & had spoken some & I knew not where it was recorded 'til now I find it, Prov. 2: 3, 4, 5. J. Round went to Pray, I then spoke something more; great Assembly, J. Sawyer, Taber, &c Since visiting Fortune Gray & Hannah (Round) Taber, Pray'd in my House, &c.

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Thus it appears, that altho' the work of the Lord as to ingathering into the Church has stoped near 2 months: yet the Church is in prosperity, The Spirit is poured out Both on the servants & on the handmaids, &c. Have reason to hope that almost every number is growing in Grace & in the knowledge of our Blest Saviour! and we are daily enying for his Return to convert sinners, & yet hope to see greater things than we have. All Glory & Honour, & praise is his due; who is the great Alpha, & Omega too. —

4th Mo

8th First D. of the W. - last 2 day was very stormy yet I visited J. Wood, Jona Davis W. Osborn, &c - 3rd D. very cloudy & Rained again: afternoon I visited Susa Dyer, & stay'd all night at Peter's Richmond. 4th D. visited Dr. William Price, &c: especially Lea Langley, who shew'd himself a friend indeed: Blessed be the Lord who stir'd him up to help me in my needy circumstances! 5th D. after selling my Calf, &c. visited many at the Point & tarried all night at Wesson Soule's: he being very sick: 6th D. wrote a will for him: then visited Durfy Hicks John Earl, &c; & stay'd at Job Taber's (Very poorly myself) Yesterday visited John Weeden (poorly) came home before Noon: after noon Elisha Clarke (a pullick speaker) came to see me: I soon told him, that I looked upon a Hypocrite in the Church, & a Traytor to the State, to be the worst of Men: & as he had been something suspected to be the latter; I made strict & critical enquiries: and by written evidences which he had with him, he cleared himself, to my abundant satisfaction: And to day he spoke very well in our meeting upon Job 22: 21. I spake a few words after him: then a Mulatto Woman made a clear profession of Faith: & the Church rec'd Jacob Soule's Wife into Fellowship: we then sang & Prayed, & after worship the Church conferr'd about enlarging the meeting House: I came home very poorly in Body yet perform'd the Ceremony of Marriage just now and join'd Pely Hart son of Constant & Hannah Potter D. of Stokes. Bro Clarke went in my room to attend a meeting at Ephraim Davenport's &c

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First D. of the W. last 2 D. visited J. Wood, Jn Taber, L. Wate, J. Weeden P. Potter Anna Wood, J. Briggs, & P. Taber (shoe maker) obtained evidence of Pely Potter's Wife being new born, &c - 3rd D. worked hard with my Brethren, on this land 4th & 5th D. also did much work in & out doors making Wall, writing A Will, teaching my children, &c; altho' my cold continued very great I was enabled to Preach yesterday with a wonderful sense of Truth at the House of Benjⁿ Macomber upon Heb. 10: 23, 24. (let us hold fast the profession of our Faith, &c) And again to day to a great Assembly with much freedom upon a text mentioned to me by one of the Brethren (C. R.) Isaiah 42: 16. (and I will bring the blind, &c) after Preaching we repaired to the River Side And I Baptized, a widow Woman named Grace (Pegin or) Lewis & laid hands on her at Joseph Woods In my Dwelling House & join'd with 2 Sisters (R. B. & E. C.) in Prayer — all Glory to Jesus who did on the Cross Our health forever, Believers to Bles. Amen.

This was wrote with Laurel ink.

1781-18
22 First D. Evening. — last 2 Day worked hard on this Lot of Land digging stones &c. With about 15 of the Brethren & others. 3^d. had a stiff neck & much pain in my bones yet kept about business in the House visited Ruth Taber (S of S) sick, &c. in the evening My Dear old Friend, Brother & Uncle! Thomas Green came to see me, which caused me so far to forget my Bodily disorders, as to sit talking with him about divine things till Near Midnight! 4th. morning he departed: & I worked hard again all day on this land With 3 men & 3 boys, a cart & 2 pair of Oxen: in the evening enjoyed great comfort of Mind in Prayer, singing, & other Religious exercises in my Family (The Daught^r. Anna Was very sick, &c.) 5th. it rained much: but before it began I did considerable work on My Garden Wall; & afterwards in the House had much religious talk with a stranger Named Merry who came to my House with things to sell: my frame of Mind & religious Exercises that day being much as common. 6th. visited my neighbours, Stoddard, Sawyer And Dennis (the^r was cloudy & some rain) 7th. rested as usual: only was somewhat disturbed & discomposed by 9 Men, being at work on this lot of land with 8 Oxen &c. To day have been wonderfully strengthened & enabled to Preach twice with great Freedom of Utterance, first in the Meet^g. House, upon Mat: 8. 34. (and behold, the whole City came out to meet Jesus, &c.) Then at the funeral of Deb. Potters child about 3 miles off upon these words "if we believe that Jesus died & rose again, &c. from whence I walked home just now. had a conference with Sarah Woodmaney &c. between meetings felt pain of the Cholick while going to Potters, but am now free from it thro' weay &c. Bro. Gideon Taber went to Prayer at first meeting, to day & Dr. E. Taber at the last! Blessed be the Lord from Everlasting unto Everlasting. Amen. & Amen. —

29 First D. of the W. last 2 D. worked very hard on garden Wall 3^d. it rained I was poorly, & 4th. worked again making Wall: In the evening had Job Taber & J^r. Hart to V. me 5th. was to be C^h. meeting: but as only about 15 Brethren & as many Sisters attended, We considered ourselves as only a branch of the Church, or Individual & particular Members, and not the Body, capable of Church Acts: however, we spent several Hours together in Prayer, reading the Scriptures & conference upon the things of the Kingdom; I trust to mutual Edification: laboured considerably with sister Sarah Woodmaney, and sited for the Body in one prudential affair (not a case of conscience) wherein we were well assured the Body would have so acted if present, &c. 6th. Preached with much freedom (but upon no particular Text) at the House of Pt Gray At the funeral of a Child of Willet Briggs's: then visited & had some peculiar Talk With Pt Gray respecting his Servant & got home in the evening (having rode a Horse of Isaac Manchester) (David was gone & Barbary souls with us 2 days of this week.) Yesterday rested at Home as usual: and to day have been enabled to take up a great Cross & Preach with most wonderful & extraordinary freedom of mind & utterance Many truths which have a great tendency to stir up the enmity of mens carnal minds (As well as to root it out) and expose me to Persecution: particularly testified against The many Hypocritical Treats & thanks-givings which in time past have been Observed in this land, &c.: I spake upwards of 2 hours I believe, upon 1 Samuel 15. 22. — behold, to obey is better than Sacrifice, &c. after I had done speaking And some time of silence had passed, I was concerned publicly to Rebuke our Black Brother fortune Gray, for leaving the Service of his earthly Master a few days ^{last week} without His leave, Lying, &c: all which he so humbly acknowledged & desired forgiveness for, As to satisfy the Church & oblige us to forgive, & continue him in our fellowship — Since Meeting, until now late in the evening I have felt uncommon Peace of conscience and freedom of Mind in Prayer, singing, &c: all glory to the Lord alone, forever. Amen.

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23 First D. of the W. — last 2 D. spent at Home gardening, &c. had a Happy Evening yet a most uncomfortable night: by reason of — 2 ac — 3^d. spent partly At Home: after a comfortable mornings work & much religious exercise & conference With Sisters Gray & Osborn who came to see us. I rode as far as Dan. Grinnels (the Blacksmith) And joined Samuel Edes & Phebe Grinnel in Marriage: after Which gave much exhortation to the young People, & came home in the evening & visited a few near neighbours, (Gifford, &c.) Then worked on Garden, while about A dozen Sisters of the C^h. were spinning in the House: with whom towards night Bro Jolly & William More having come to visit us) we spent some time in Prayer Singing, & sweet conference on the things of the Kingdom: Bro. More & 2 Sisters joined & we had a charming evening, 2 Sisters Prayed vocally (S B & R R) and we sat in conference most all night! next morning (5th) I was favoured with Great Divine Influence & enlargement of Heart in Prayer & Singing: after Which Sister L. Covill also Prayed: & we parted with Bro. more with great Affection, mutual advice & Exhortation: after which I travell'd on foot to The House of Obadiah Dennis & preached with much freedom: 2 Brethren gave A Word of Exhortⁿ. & after meeting was concluded (as we thought) Sister S. D. seem'd Constrained by the Power of the Spirit of God to fall on her knees & Pray: I went And tarried all night with Bro. David Round & came home next day having Visited many Families going & coming & had great freedom in speaking to them After I got home, was exercised with great pain of the Cholick about 2 Hours: then finding myself much relieved I borrowed a Horse & rode over to Job Tabers, to see His Son John, very poorly in Body & concern'd in mind: from whence I return'd in The evening, having stoped & had some solemn talk with Hannah Macomber by the way Yesterday rested as usual only found my mind much ^{more} beclouded & stupified my Body Also in some pain made a short visit to Dan. Earl, &c. And to day tho' I went To meeting very weak both in Body & Mind: & felt such a lack of Divine Influence that I could not sing in the forenoon, sat long silent, & desired the Brethren to Improve The time: yet have been enabled to Preach twice, with some freedom in the forenoon Upon Heb. 10. 23, 24, 25. (let us hold fast the profession, &c.) and great freedom this afternoon On Mat 3. 8. (bring forth therefore fruits, &c.) and sang twice: Noah Palmer Prayed, &c. — Here I have 2 notes to make: for by diligent reading the scriptures I have observed That we are told of several Books which we have not in possession — as The Book of the Wars of the Lord: Num. 21. 14. — B. of Jasher. Joshua. 10. 13. B. of the acts of Solomon 1 Kings 11. 41. — B. of Nathan & Gad the Seer 1 Chron. 29. 29. — B. of Ahijah & Iddo. 2 Chron. 9. 29. — 12. 25. B. of Shemaiah — 20. 34. B. of Jehu — 33. 18, 19. sayings of Seers My note upon it is this: perhaps some passages mentioned in the new Testament As being written in the old (& which we cannot find in the books we have got) may Prefer to sayings in some of the above named Books which we have not in possession. I have also observed, that God's People, in the new Testament, stand distinguished from The rest of mankind, by these names (principally) towit: Disciples; the Elect; Friends; The Brethren; Believers; the Saints; the Churches; Christians; The faithful; Flock of God; Sheep-fold & Sheep of Christ; House of God; Israel of God; Kingd^m. of Heaven; Mount Zion; Priests; Strangers & Pilgrims; Sons of God; sons & daughters of the Lord Almighty; &c. from whence I infer, & note; that, the names — Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists, Quakers, & Lights, Sabbitarians; together with, Lutherans Calvinists, Protestants, &c. &c. even the whole innumerable multitude that have been invented, ought to be rejected & laid aside, by all who would Be Christians indeed, or the true disciples & followers of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. —
Arise

last 5. day was appointed by Civil Rulers to be observed as a day of Fasting &c!

4th of the W. (O magnify the Lord with me & let us exalt his name together
 O Praise ye the Lord for he is Good for his mercy endureth forever)
 Last 2nd week I thought I had a special call nothward, on business both of
 A temporal & Spiritual nature: I therefore sat out afternoon: & after visiting
 Several Families by the way, came to the House of John Shivers & tarried all night
 Next day, (3rd of the W. & 8th of the M^o) it rained; yet after Breakfast I visited Bro
 Hambley, at whose House I was taken about 10th Clock with that violent and
 Terrible disorder, the Billious Collick: by 4th night my pain had turn'd, as
 it were to agony, & Life was despaired of: that day my Wife & youngest child
 Came to me, Benjⁿ Jencks & Wife also visited me, & Eld. Round went to Prayer.
 The Doctor (Whittrigg) also, by my Wife's request visited me (tho' I had much rather
 have put in Practice that Direction James 5. 14. If I could; But Alas! how hath
 Unbelief prevailed, even over believers! since the Apostles days) 5th morning
 (My pain being yet extrem hard) I went into an hot Bath up to my neck; and
 soon after, began to feel easier: was repeated afternoon & 6th morning: after
 which I grew easy fast; & thro' the Bountifull Goodness of God on 7th I had a
 Sweet Sabbath of Rest. First 3rd Afternoon, I sat up 2 Hours & was much
 Refreshed in the Inner man, while I join'd in Worship with a number of my
 Dear Brethren who live that way, & by my request met with me, while the main
 Body of the Church were Assembled in the Meeting House for the same purpose
 And Blessed be God! who made them able (as I am told) to edify one another, and
 Improve their various Gifts freely (Eld. E. J. W. D. & Round. J. & J. Sp. spoke)
 the 2nd of this week (that is day before yesterday) I continued mending: many friends
 Came to see me, Sister E. C. Prayed with us, and before night I was enabled to
 Compose the following Hymn, or Song of Praise which I call the 11th

1. Now I am rais'd from deep distress, Dear Lord! accept my Song of praise;
 Inspire my Heart, my tongue & pen, To shew thy wonders unto men.
2. How terrible art thou (O God) In all thy works, thy ways & word!
 All things are of, through, & to thee! And from thy presence none can flee.
3. Blessed be thy name; for thou in Christ, Art to thy People reconcil'd:
 And tho' thou dost them oft chastize, 'Tis for our good, to make us wise!
4. Many a time I've felt thy Rod, And now, once more, O Lord, my God,
 Thy hand hath heavy on the laid, And fill'd my Flesh with grief & pain.
5. But O! how great thy Pow'r & Grace, Which fill'd my Soul with joy & peace:
 Even when my Body was distress'd, I felt almost compleatly blest!
6. O Father dear, & Saviour Sweet! How shall this worthless worm compleat,
 My work begun: - to sound thy Praise; - 'Twill take me more than all my days:
7. Eternity is not too long, To speak thy praises in my Song:
 Glory to Thee on high be given, By all on Earth & all in Heaven. Amen.

Yesterday I was brought home with my Wife & child in a Chaise, & rested comfortably
 Last night: to day I have rode about 2 miles on a Horse, walhed some out doors,
 Had many friends to see me, &c - but feel not so well as yesterday: however,
 Have abundant cause to say, Bless the Lord O my Soul, & all that is within
 me, Bless his Holy name: Bless the Lord O my Soul & forget not all his
 Benefits: who forgiveth all thine Iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who
 Redeemeth thy Life from Destruction, & crowneth thee with loving kindness, &c.

This side finishes my Laurel Ink

First 3rd Evening. Last 5th of the W. left almost well in Body, ^{but went not out on acct of rain} wrote a long Hymn,
 Several friends to visit me, ^{wrote and appointed} Brother J. Weeden Prayed, &c - 6th cloudy: continued
 Better: afternoon being clear, rode 2 or 3 miles, &c - yesterday staid at home
 As usual chief of the day, only made a short visit to John Weeden: where I had
 Great freedom in Exhortation, Prayer & Singing Praises to the Lord: in the evening
 Was comforted with the sight & company of my Hon'd earthly Father; and to day
 Tho' very weak have been enabled to attend 2 meetings: at the first of which, after
 Eld. Round & my Father had exhorted & Prayed - I gave out the 55th Hymn of the
 First Book of Brother Watts's composition for the Brethren to sing: and after ~~the~~ had
 finished that, I sang alone (the Hymn wrote on the other side) then preached near
 An hour (I believe) upon Psalm 118. 17, 18. (I shall not die, but live, &c: the Lord hath
 chastened me sore, &c) Brother Round (the Elder) then spake a few words & Prayed, & in
 Conclusion we sang 102 Psalm 3 part. - Afternoon my Father spake some time:
 Then I was enabled to Pray, & Sing with the Brethren, 23 Psalm short metre: then read
 Chapter of Revelation: after some time of Silence Bro. Round delivered a lengthy Exhort.
 After which there was long Silence: then my Father spake in Exhort. & Prayer near an hour
 And meeting concluded: having been 3 hours long. Blessed be God, who gives, & allows
 Us to spend, so much of that precious jewel call'd Time, in his delightful Service.
 Since meeting, myself & 2 Sisters (E. C. & J. S.) have been favoured with wonderful divine
 Influence, & astonishing nearness of Access to our Heavenly Father's Throne of Grace
 Each being moved one after another to Pray vocally in my House: being stirred up therunto
 Partly, by beholding Martha Irish, a very young Woman under great distress of soul, &c
 All Glory to the Lord - from Everlasting unto Everlasting - Amen. & Amen.

27th First 3rd of the W. Last 2nd (cloudy & foggy) I spent the Time at home, writing verses, teach
 ing my Children, &c: paid a short visit to Joseph Hart: Father left us, to return home, &c.
 Towards night felt as tho' I should relapse into the Collick: however, 3rd felt
 Better again: so as to do some hard work towards night. 4th continuing better,
 visited Anna Gifford & Prot^{ts} Fish's Wife, Sick in Body, but very comfortable in M.
 Prayed & sang Praises to the Lord with them, & with much comfort; made short
 visits also to Sam Swallows, Rufus Tripp, John Stafford, &c, & got home about sun set.
 5th felt not so well, took a Ride round among the Neighbours, forenoon: afternoon
 It rained, & being confin'd to the House, I wrote 2 Letters, to Schabod Davis & J. Jones.
 But had not time to copy them. 6th (very cloudy & some Rain) feeling better
 I spent the day teaching my Children, &c: wrote a Letter to Eld. William Gross
 Of Pomfret in answer to one receiv'd from him a few days past: also compos'd
 Another Song of Praise to the Lord, &c. yesterday afternoon Preached with much
 Freedom at the House of John Weeden (he not at home) upon Acts 4. 12. (neither is there
 Salvation in any other, &c) after meeting convers'd with several awakened Souls; visited
 Anna Wood, Job Fisher, &c, going & coming, accompany'd by my Wife: and to day have
 Been enabled to Preach twice more with wonderful Assistance, Utterance, & feeling
 Sense of Truth: forenoon, upon Luke 16. 9, 10, 11. (and I say unto you make to yourselves
 Afternoon, Rom. 9. 28. (for he will finish the work, &c) sang 119 Psalm 14 part, & an
 Hymn of my own compesure, recorded over leaf: Brethren also Prayed, exhort. & sang
 (Bro. Round, J. Hart, I Father, &c) Trust it's been a Good day to many: all Glory to the Lord!
 Am now going to Mary Weaver Osborn & Phoebe Taber: & then go on my way to
 Newport! if the Lord Will. O that my Eye may be single to his Glory in all things
 Amen.

27 Here followeth ²² Hymn composed ^{by} the ¹⁷ Inst. in short metre.

Lord of the Universe!
How Great! how good art Thou!
Immensely Great: Good, Just & Wise;
Wast: wilt be: and art now!
2. Thou art all Light: Life: Love!
An Ocean unconfined —
Infinite in all Perfection;
And an Eternal Mind!
3. Thou hast reveal'd Thyself,
To be but one; yet three!
One Lord: yet Father Word & Spirit!
O! wondrous mystery!
4. The Author of all things:
Creator of the World;
Preserver & Redeemer too!
We have been often told.
5. And should we once presume,
To comprehend Thy ways;
I would prove us Atheists: void of Faith;
Of Reason, Truth & Grace.)
6. Thy Name is Wonderful!
Thy Nature Holy too:
Thy works are Great: Thy ways are right,
And all thy words are True.
7. O Father Word & Spirit!
Creator of all things:
Thee we adore; Thy matchless Pow'r,
The whole Creation sings.

8. O Father Word & Spirit!
Preserver of the World:
We sing Thy Goodness! let thy praise,
All round the Earth be heard.
9. O Glorious Three in One!
Redeemer of Lost Men!
We sing Thy matchless Love! & hence,
We want to sing again:
10. And sing forevermore,
The wonders of thy Love;
Which rais'd us from the deeps of Hell,
To dwell in Heaven above!
11. Father of all! we praise
Thy Holy, Reverend Name:
Who sent Thy Son to die! & Save
Us, from all Sin & Shame.
12. O Glorious Son of God!
Who gave Thyself for us!
How can we cease to sing thy praise,
And glory in thy Cross.
13. Spirit Divine! we praise
Thy Reverend Name also:
Who sanctifies our Souls, & Saves
Us, from Eternal-Woe!
14. Great Three in One! we take
Thee, for our All in All:
Great One in Three! we on Thy Name
Mysterious, do call.
15. We give our All to Thee;
And Thy Great Name Adore:
All Glory, Honour, Power & praise,
Is Thine forevermore. Amen.

my 13 Hymn: The first song of Praise compos'd on my recovery from the Bilious Collick
14th of this Inst. Abridg'd, & alter'd, from long to common metre: 22 Inst.

1. Now I am rais'd from deep distress, Dear Lord accept my song:
Help me thy goodness to express, With grateful Heart & tongue.
2. How terrible art thou, O God, In all thy works & ways!
Teach me, by both thy staff & Rod, Thy Holy name to praise.
3. Blest be Thy Name, for Thou in Christ, Art reconcil'd to me!
And Thou: Thou dost me oft chastise, Into thy arms I flee!

A. many

4. Many a Time I've felt Thy Rod; And lately, Thine by P. Burroughs
Laid Thy hand heavy on the Lord; And fill'd my ^{of} last month.
5. But O! how great Thy Power & Grace; Which made my stupid Heart & tongue
Even when my Body was distract, Great Peace & Joy Truth & Grace.
6. O Father dear! & Saviour Sweet! How shall this wondrous mystery!
In all my days my work compleat; My solemn vow's to reign Lord of Hosts.
7. Eternity is not too long, To sing Thy Praise Thy Rod;
By every Heart, in every Song, Be Thy great Name Ador'd.
8. All Glory, Honour, Power & Praise, My Soul ascribes to Thee.
Thou Great Three-One! whose Love & Grace, Hath reacht to worship me
Amen.

6th 3rd 1st of the W. Last 2nd day, sat off from ^{28th of last month} the Davenport, with Wife
And 2 Sons to visit friends at Newport: was met with a carriage at the
Ferry by Bro. Jethro Briggs, and reached the House of Bro. William Tilly about
3rd Clock: spent the afternoon (in great pain of Body) in his & Briggs' House;
And tarried all night at my Hon. Father's. 3rd day visited & conversed with many
Friends, (Elder Thurston, George Peckham, &c) attempted to visit John Holmes in
Prison, but was prevented (still poorly in Body) return'd & lodg'd at Father's.
4th day (yet in pain) visited & Prayed with Sister Summers appearing nigh her end;
Bought several articles we needed, & after visiting many return'd to Father's. 5th day
After Breakfast sat out for Home & reached our Habitation about 1st Clock —
Immediately attended Church Meeting; many Brethren & Sisters assembled: Dan
Rogers, & Round, &c present: much Love & unity appeared: we were oblig'd to
Act further by way of Censure of Sarah Woodmanson, & put her away from among
Us for Darning, Lying, &c! many other things were lovingly conversed upon, and
In conclusion, Brother David Round (the Elder) went to Prayer: with whom I joined
Heartily: but as he did not express some things which lay with most weight on my
Mind, I saw duty, as soon as he held his peace, to put up a few petitions further! &
Am now, more inclined to think I was thence led by the Holy Spirit of God, as 'twas
So affecting to the Brethren, &c (note. the Spirit's teaching often crosses our
Warily wise, & self-made forms: & Bless'd are they who follow that infallible leader)
We had a little conversation about The Lord's Supper: but left it for further consideration.

6th day. Intended to visit 2 sick Sisters; but was oblig'd to go to John Almy's, Pt^h Grays, Jo^h
Almy's, &c to seek Bread for my Family! however, the Lord made my journey prosperous
I carry'd the admonition, of the Church to W. W. wrote a letter for J. Davenport was an
Instrument to save the life of a young Heifer, met Holder Almy, &c. home about sun-set
Amos Wilcox stay'd all night with us, as did S. Rogers, the night before: Martha Irish all y^e week
Yesterday visit'd as usual: wrote a Hymn (which may be found the 2nd over leaf) & I have much
Reason to think that in the very hour while I was composing the Hymn, a young woman was
Born again & made a Child of God in our Chamber! All glory to his name. & notwithstanding
ing I have gone thro' much pain the week past, & found myself this morning not so well
As I was a week ago in Body; yet I have been enabled to take much of an active part
in our meetings to day, which has been precious & Glorious: Bless'd be God! we have been

led by his Holy Spirit to day: first, after long & solemn silence
 God, I was moved to Pray; ~~was~~ was join'd by the Church & Sang
 of my own composition - Dear Lord Assist, a feeble worm, (as) between
 prayer & Singing - Sister Lucy Covil was moved to fall on her knees
 and, & made a very humble & engaged Prayer - then, after Singing that
 passage was brought to my remembrance 2 Cor. 6. 11, 18. (wherefore come out
 from among them & be ye separate, saith the Lord, &c) upon which I Preached
 Or interpreted with great freedom: after which Bro. Daniel Rogers gave a
 Word of exhortation & sat down; then rose again & Prayed: meeting then Broke up
 For about an Hour: the Brethren conferr'd, exhort'd & Sang between meetings
 (Or rather many of them continued the meeting while others had an intermission)
 'Til we all came together again: I was first moved again to Pray: then, after
 some time of Silence, read 4 & 5 of Revelation: after some silence again
 Brother Rogers was moved to rise & Preach near an Hour upon 2 Cor. 4. 5, 6, 7.
 (For we Preach not ourselves, &c) he was enabled to deliver an excellent discourse.
 Sat down, rose again & Prayed: sat down; rose again & proposed a Song of
 Praise; (Didst Thou dear Jesus suffer shame, &c) Then I spoke a few minutes
 By way of acknowledging a fault committed in my forenoon speaking; explaining
 some observations more clearly, recommending Bro. Rogers's discourse, &c, and
 then Sang alone (Vain Delusive World Adieu, &c) then had a little solemn Silence
 And not perceiving that any others or myself, were call'd to any more outward
 Acts, the Congregation were dismissed: but the Church stopped to make contribution
 of their outward Substance for the furtherance of the Gospel: when Behold! we
 were hindered from that for a Time, by a very young woman (Martha Irish
 who was Born again as I verily believe yesterday in my House) desiring to
 Profess her Faith, &c: she made a good Profession, & was accepted: (it made
 me think of that word, Acts 8. 12. & that beautiful chain, Acts 18. 8. also of
 what we read, Psalm 119. 59, 60. especially as I had said nothing to her beforehand
 About making a Profession & had rather, (perhaps from some workings of worldly
 Wisdom) that she had delay'd the matter some time longer! after she had done
 James Warren related his experience & Faith, &c: & was receiv'd under our care:
 Then the contribution took Place: after which, I was moved to offer Praise and
 Thanksgiving to the Lord: soon after I had done Sister Hannah Taber seem'd
 constrained to Break forth into vocal Praise, Prayer & Thanksgiving: & after her
 Brother Fortune Gray (a Black man) was enabled by the Spirit to Pray; much to
 My Edification, and meeting concluded near 5 O'clock: since which one person
 Appeard at my House in great Distress, with many tears crying out what shall
 I do to be saved?! and several others have been engaged in Religious Worship.
 Thus, & more I might enlarge, & say; about almost every Meeting we have, but
 Time to write, & a sense of Duty to write much, is but small: I therefore in my
 Journal only hint at things: that it may be ^{as} a remembrance to myself, &c
 I conclude with these reflections - Great & marvellous has been & is the Grace
 of God which he hath bestowed upon us, & let his great Name have all the Glory, forever.
 Amen. for when we have done all that is commanded us, we are but unprofitable
 Servants &c.

18th Hymn: or Song of Praise to God compos'd by P. Burroughs
 According to the Ability which God gave him, 25th of last month

1. Dear Lord! assist a feeble worm; To sing with grateful Heart & tongue,
 Thy wondrous Attributes & ways; Thy Love & Justice, Truth & Grace.
2. Thou art One Lord, yet One in Three: O Great & wondrous mystery!
 O Father, Word & Holy-Ghost; Thou Three-One Sovereign Lord of Hosts.
3. The only wise & living God; Who rules the Nations with thy Rod;
 Thou art the Potter, we the Clay; And in Thy Holy hands we lay:
4. Thy Wisdom, Power & Goodness shines; Thy Love & Grace in fairest lines,
 We see, & hear, & read, O Lord! In all Thy works Thy ways & word.
5. The Father sent the Son to die, To bring us wretched sinners nigh;
 The Son to save us freely came, Evident the Cross despis'd the shame.
6. The Holy-Ghost our Souls to save, Doth on our Hearts the Truth engrave;
 Shews the great things of Christ to us, And makes us Glory in His Cross.
7. O Wondrous Love! amazing Grace! That Adams Hell-deserving Race,
 Should be Redeem'd by Jesus Blood; Mice Sons, & Priests, & Heres of God!
8. What shall we render unto Thee; Thou Great Three-One, & One in Three!
 All Glory, Honour, Praise & Power; I think, both now & evermore: Amen

A Song of Praise to the Redeemer: compos'd yesterday: the 2^d of the
 6th Month 1781. By P. Burroughs; or the Spirit of the Lord in him
 A poor unworthy Creature! call it the 15th since ordination

1. Great is the Love of Christ, To us poor worthless-worms!
 And Glory in the Highest, To Him our Lord belongs.
 Come, let us feast Our Souls on him; His praises sing, Who is our Priest.
2. He is both God and Man: O Wondrous mystery!
 Let Saints and Angels then, Into this wonder pry:
 Shew forth his praise, His Love and Power; Who every hour, Our Prophet is.
3. The Lamb of God was slain; Our guilty Souls to save!
 He did & rose again; To raise us from the Grave!
 His praises sing: For all our tongues, To him belongs, Who is our King.
4. Great Prophet, Priest and King! We give our All to Thee:
 Thy praises would we sing, Through Time and ternity;
 On Thee we call: Thou art the way, The Truth and Life, Great All in All.
 Amen.

10 First 2. of the W. last 2^d visited & Prayed with my 2 sick Sisters, Gifford & Fish:
 Blest be God! I found them in good health of Soul tho' weak in Body: had much
 Spiritual Labour to do with other Souls going & coming: Rufus Tripp Wife, Widows Borden,
 Joshua Dwelley's Family's, Carl Taber & his Wife, Patience Taber's Wife, W. Willistone &c.
 3^d being commonly call'd my Birth Day, ^{completing 33 years} (tho' in reality 11 days too soon) and the
 same day 4 weeks since I was taken with the Collick, occasion'd me some solemn
 Reflections. I spent chief of the day in finishing a Will for S.D. looking over my papers,
 Accounts, &c: while 5 or 6 Brethren were at work on this sort of Land: as were 6 or 7 before
 4th very cloudy & foggy (this day is just a year since I ^{captiv'd} ^{captivity}); & between that & this I have
 Captiv'd 90 Persons, spent some time in study; fog clearing away, I rode abroad; & had much
 Religious conversation at Geo. G. S. Cooke's, Zion Lebeny's, J. Almy's, J. Sawyer's, & Isaac Manches.
 5th (Great Rain) felt thankful for manifold mercies: spent the day teaching children; setting my
 Accounts in Order; Marrying Peres Palmer of Dartmouth to Mary Palmer L.C. &c.

Sabb. D. of the W. (that is the day before yesterday) spent chiefly at home in usual business. And family Duties - visited 2 Sisters at Isaac Manchester - towards night, rode near as far as Job Briggs's - went to Mill - visited Jo^o Wood - Tammy Taber visited us, &c. In the evening, Hannah & Elisabeth, having brought intelligence of some opposition that has been made by some against the Truth: and against our proceedings last first Day: 'twas a means (after some Lamentation) of quickning & enlivening me exceedingly. In Prayer, &c: so that I could but Bless & Praise the Lord who had sent me a Title as it were, to brighten me up! yesterday, rested at home as usual: wrote 2 or 3 Acrosticks, was visited by Constant Hart, Martha Irish, &c: And to day have been strengthened & enabled to Preach with great freedom upon Luke 17-19, 18. (Were there not ten cleansed, &c) Prayed twice; sang, & read 6th Chapt. Revelations. After which we went to the Water (by Willcox's Mill) where I spoke again some Time, Prayed, & Baptized Martha Irish: returned to the Mr. P. House; sang, Prayed, & laid on Hands: sang again: Thus an Indian Brother Prayed: & after some Time of Silence no person ^{but possibly} appearing to be called to further Acts of Worship I rose again & Preached a few minutes upon the opening of the 6th Seal: Colored, and Concluded Meeting: since which, one (Black) person has appeared at my House under amazing Distress of Soul; for whom, a number of us joined in Prayer & Bro. Cornell was with us to day: Bro. Warden absent: had much talk with Bro. Taber wife Lillis Water - Mary Hart, &c. All Glory to the Lord, forever. Amen.

17 First D. of the W. ... last 2 D. I had a fresh view of the nature, &c, of this World, By visiting the very poor, Rich, & middling sort of People round me: viz. Jonathan Lake - Old Penelope Burgis sick in a Wigwam: several Indians and Blacks came in, I spoke to them all & Prayed with much freedom: was much Affected with Old Penelope's talk, who seem'd to have a great sense of the State of Her Soul, &c: from thence I went & visited Fortune Gray's Family: then his Master Philips, where I dined; & after much religious conversation (to rest my Lungs) sat down & compos'd my 16th Spiritual Song: then visited Sarah Grinnell of Haverport, P. Cosh, & Ruth Taber: came home & torried a few minutes; then visited Jo^o Wood, & Jo^o Hart, where I Prayed & sang Praises to the Lord, & also had the Privilege of hearing & joining with a Sister in Prayer, &c. 3^d D. spent At home much as usual: only had a long conference with John Warden on his temporal and Spiritual Estate - also much talk with John & Carl Taber's Wives on Religious Matters: found some cause of lamentation, &c, in the evening enjoy'd great freedom in Prayer, Singing, &c. 4th D. after several hours work at home, writing, &c I rode as far as Benjamin Bordens: where a meeting sat at 3 O'Clock; at which I Preached in great Weakness of Body & want of an affecting Sense of Divine Things: however, I was enabled so to speak upon Prov. 8. 17 (I love them, &c) as to affect others: & there appear'd so many and concern about their souls, that after I had done Preaching, & Bro. Luther had Prayed, and I thought meeting was done: not one of the People mov'd! wherefore, after some time of solemn Silence, I spoke a few words more; Prayed, sang, &c! 5th D. rose early & went upon the Business of Peace making, which was happily affected: all glory to the Lord. After visiting John Bowen, Old Child Tallman &c. returned to Bordens: Married Doctor Elijah Cobb to Martha Brownell, & returned to my Family, visiting several by the way. 6th D. spent at home (it rained much) Teaching Children composing & copying Acrosticks, &c: till late in the afternoon, rode down to the 4 corners to oblige a Friend, & returned fore seen &c. yesterday (being my Birth day most properly when I came to the age of 33 years) I had again some solemn reflections; & found some freedom several times in Prayer, but was very poorly in Body, chief of the Day: And to day, tho' very weak in Body, have been enabled to preach twice. More with wonderful assistance & utterance upon 2 Sam. 11. 14. & Acts 3. 6. joined together. Elder Round went to Prayer twice, & his Son John once: since meeting Bro. Tilly Prayed in My House: I had much conversation with Carl Taber, &c. in the evening had a pleasant sitting in silence with a few friends, & was constrained to conclude the evening with vocal Prayer tho' with very weak & low voice.

My 16th Hymn, or Spiritual Song: compos'd at the House of P. Gray on the 11th D. of this Month.

1. O Magnify the Lord with me; And Let's Exalt his Name: Together let us Sing and Pray, And spread our Saviour's fame.
2. O Praise the Lord, for he is Good: His Mercy never fails! He gives our souls and Bodies food. On Mountains and in Vales.
3. When Sin & Satan us destroy'd, He Lov'd the World so well; He sent his Son to save our Souls, From Satan, Sin & Hell!
4. Christ-Jesus the Great God-Man came! Fulfill'd all Righteousness: Endur'd the Cross, & despis'd the shame; Our guilty Souls He Bless!
5. Not only did, but rose again, Ascend'd up on high; Sends down his Spirit to dwell with Men, And bring the Strangers nigh.
6. Our Souls he doth create anew, By His Almighty Power; Let's keep him always in our views, And serve him every hour.
7. O Father, Son, & Holy Ghost! Our God, the Great Three-One! Who savest to the Uttermost, Poor Souls that were undone!
8. What shall we render unto Thee, For Thy great Love to us! Help us Thy Statutes to obey, And Glory in the Cross.
9. By Thy good counsel, guide us Lord, And bring our Souls to Glor^{or, us safe}! Thy Holy Name, Thy precious Word, We'll praise Forever more.

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First D. of the W. last 2 D. spent at Home in usual Business: afternoon Married Gideon Gifford (son of Cainan) to Ruth Butts (D. of Isaac) James Cummings came from Haverport to visit me, &c - 3^d D. he departed after I had paid what I ow'd him both in a temporal & spiritual sense: I spent the day at home, chiefly attending to affairs of the Church: taking a list of the members, &c I had conference with John Davenport Noah Palmer, Ludsona Earl, Martha Irish & Lowdes George who were to visit me, &c. 4th D. rode abroad to buy something needed in my family: visited Jo^o Wood, W. Osborn, P. Taber, W. & Ruth M. J. Clark, Jo^o Dur. Kubi, & Caleb Earl: conversed freely on divine things with many and got home at night. 5th D. finding myself yet very weak in Body, took a morning ride: visited Mr. Gifford, P. Taber, &c. returned & taught my children, work, a little in the woods, &c: then visited T. boy at Quabert. W. Gray, J. Davenport &c, & returned home. 6th D. (feeling better) I did some hard work, harrowed and Hoing Corn, (besides schooling my children, &c) 8 Brethren 2 pt. Oxen & a Horse were also at work on this land, making Wall: after work I took a Ride: after that, had much Religious talk with Jo^o Taber's Wife, Barbary Soule, Han. Nichol. & the rest of my Family. And enjoy'd great comfort in the evening, in silent sitting, Prayer, & Singing. Yesterday morning Hannah sat out to go to Newport: afternoon, I Preached at John Tins, where the Mother (Tamsin aged 82) a member of our Church is confin'd by the infirmities of her age: visited Smyton Hart, J. Water, Robt. Fisher wife sick, P. Taber, J. Wood, C. Hart, &c going & returning was much pleased on finding the affair settled between P. Taber & his Wife: had much talk with Peter Simmons, &c. This forenoon after Prayer, & reading (7th Ch. of Revelations) desired the Brethren to improve the time, as I was very weak in Body: whereupon Elder Round spoke a few choice & seasonable words & then Prayed: after which there was long silence: at length necessity was laid upon me to speak about 2 minutes very solemnly to the Congregation, & after a while, about 3 minutes more to the Church: after which, Bro. Round (the Elder) again spoke a few charming words, and after him, Bro. Caleb Earl, & went to Prayer: (no singing) afternoon, feeling a little stronger I spent a few minutes in Prayer, then Preached about an hour upon these words - (hear him.) After which a Black Brother (fortune Gray) Prayed - we then sang, & after the congregation departed a young woman (M. Remington) made a good Profession of Faith: & was joyfully Rec^d. by the whole Church. All Glory to Jesus - forever & ever. Amen.

1781-6-25 23. of the Week: spent in a variety of Business at home: chiefly in Reading the History of the life & travels of one of my Brethren in the Ministry: & M^r Butler in Day
 26 3^d after instructing Children & writing an Account for David, sat out to visit sick
 Sickens & go to fall river Mill - but being disappointed of my Horses, only visited
 Sister Wood & returned: afternoon it rained: I read more of that History, visited 3 neigh
 Neighbours; took Another Weidens Boy to live with me, &c
 27 4th it rained hard; being therefore confined to the House, I wrote the following

No 1 To Elder Isaac Barhus - in Middleborough. &c

Beloved Brother / &c
 Inasmuch as there is some lines in the first
 Vol. of thy Reg^d. of New-England, &c, (in the preface) requesting that, "Accounts of
 the rise, progress, & present state of all our Churches" might be transmitted
 to thee for publication in another Vol. - it hath appeared duty to me to
 give the following account of this Church of Christ in Fuxton, which at
 Present is committed to my care & charge

As to its rise, or first settlement & Constitution, I cannot
 Obtain so clear an account as I would: But by conversation with several
 Aged People around us ^(both members & others) I have reason to think 'twas first formed in Dartmouth
 (tho' the Present Members are Inhabitants of 3 Towns at least; towit, Dartmouth,
 Little Compton & Fuxton chiefly the latter) some of our members think 'twas
 first settled ^{about 100 years ago} soon after the first Church at Newport & before the Church of Swaney
 Under the Preaching or care of Hugh Mosier: In its first constitution, holding
 Particularly the Principles of the doctrine of Christ (recorded) Heb. c. 1, 2.
 And having laid these as a foundation for visible building endeavoured to leave
 them and go on unto perfection, in the belief & practice of every other principle
 & Requirement made known to them from the Lord. (I am told that Elder Aaron
 Davis succeeded Mosier, (but how long either of them Ministered, & when they
 Ceased, I cannot find) By records of Church Discipline, &c in the year 1752
 It appears that the Church then consisted of about 52 members: had erected this
 Meeting House in Fuxton; & had been for some years before under the care &
 Charge of Elder Philip Taber: (who had that year or the year before Deceased: &
 Must have Ministered to them near 30 years if not much longer, because by thine
 Own printed account in the first Vol. it appears he was an imprisoned Minister
 About 60 years ago.) ^{at that time} that time (that is the year 52) & the year 1769
 It appears that the travel of this Church was much interrupted by many
 Roots of bitterness, & some uncommon trials & difficulties; so that several times
 They seem'd to come near a total desolation! but by means of the great pains
 taken with them by the Elders & gifted Brethren of the Churches of Newport
 Swaney & Rehoboth, a Body was always kept together & additions from time to
 Time made (tho' not so fast as members died) great part of this space of Time
 Also, they had Elder David Round to administer among them (who yet stand
 As a member & is much revived in his Old Age by seeing the work of the Lord) and
 Brother Benjamin Shelton to teach - by reason of difficulties a Council was
 Call'd; and Elder Round laid down his charge over them ^{about} the year 1769
 From that time to my coming to live with them, the Church consisted of about 31
 Members (16 males) in a measure of unity, kept up their meetings, carried on
 Some discipline & were often visited by myself & other public speakers - But
 Appeard so low in the exercise of grace, & so deficient in knowledge and
 practice

Practice in many points, that I could scarcely obtain evidence of the
 Gracious state of one half of them! & tho' they repeatedly & unanimously
 Call'd; yet, nothing, I think, could have mov'd me to come & labour on such a
 Spot, had not their state & case been open'd to me with great clearness, & laid
 At heart: & I obtain'd a clear satisfaction of a Call from God, to the work of refor-
 mation among them: which I told them beforehand, must take place; or I could
 Not continue among them. with these views, I came over to live with them in the
 Spring of the year 1775 and was enabled to go thro' abundant labours, trials &
 Difficulties, both of Body & mind 'til near 5 years had expired: with so little
 success, that I was many times ready to faint, be discouraged, & depart from them:
 (Yet during this time there was a gradual reformation in the Ch^h. & 10 min. add^d)
 In the Beginning of the year 1780 the Lord seem'd to be about taking me away,
 By a fit of the Billious Collick - But as Life was spared, so also,
 I trust the affliction was sanctified both to me & the Ch^h. & many souls
 found occasion for great searchings of Heart. - a remarkable Spirit of Pray^r
 Was pour'd out on some, if not many of us, about the beginning of the following spring,
 To cry for the return of Backsliders & Conversion of Sinners: But our patience was so
 small - (O! what poor creatures we are) that we had well nigh faint'd & given out,
 Just as the Lord ~~was~~ began to display his Power! &c

On the 15th of the 4th M^o - 1780, I was Ordained, as an Evangelist: with the Pastoral
 Care also of this Ch^h, for the time being; or so far as the Lord might give Opportunity
 (I had been repeatedly call'd to this work, by the unanimous voice of the Ch^h before;
 And as often gave my reasons why I could not comply) - On the 28th of the 5th M^o
 We had a Powerful visible manifestation that the Lord was opening the blind eyes of
 Sinners! (3 persons appearing under great distress of mind & 2 giving us to understand, that
 They had lately found peace in believing, the same day!) on the 6th of the 6th M^o - (80)
 I Baptiz'd 1 person: & between that, & this 90 more - the last, not 3 weeks ago:
 (One more now stand ready: we have had occasion to reject but very few who have
 Offer'd themselves as yet, &c) In short, we have seen as it were (within 13 Months,
 Many Pentecost days! & enjoy'd Heaven on Earth! All Glory to God, for ever!
 The Subjects of this work seem to be of all Ages (from 15 to 60) & circumstances in Life:
 White & Black, Poor & Rich, &c, according to the Commission: They tell clear experi-
 ences of a work of Grace; & some who have been Professors among us several years, can
 Now tell an Expe^{rience} of something like a new conversion. Indeed, I think the 126 psalm
 Doth clearly express what we have lately expe^{rienced}; & I hope we are fully convinc'd of the
 Truth of the first verse of Psalm 127. There are about a dozen, (I think 13) of the subjects
 Of this work, who had been sprinkled in days past, before they join'd us, & 9 or 10 who
 Were educated in or inclin'd to the way of the Quaker Brethren! - and altho' the
 Work seems in a measure ceased with respect to ingatherings into the Ch^h yet the Lord
 Is pouring out his Spirit on his servants & handmaids, whereby they become mighty in Pray^r
 And are made able to exhort & comfort one another: many also are yet under concern of
 Mind, &c - And tho' some few members have gone out of the way; yet such as remain
 Spiritual among us, by proper Discipline have hitherto been enabled to reclaim & restore
 All but one! - In fine, the Church now consists of 134 Members, travelling
 In great love & unity: 105 of whom have been gathered since I labour'd here: &c

After writing the letter, writes
Mary that (wishes) to be in a strange &
wonderful case in her mind &c.

And we desire an interest in the prayers of all the saints, that we may
stand fast in the Faith — Grow like the Corn — & flourish like the C. of Lebanon.
So wishing Grace, Mercy & Peace may be multiplied to you & all the Saints —
That Zion may yet more abundantly & universally prosper, & become the praise
of the whole Earth — And particularly requesting for myself (as the work I'm
Call; to is great: my own wisdom but foolishness — & my strength weakness) that I
May be remembered in all your Prayers; that it may please the Lord to carry me on
And thro' the great work, to his glory & the good of Souls: I subscribe myself, thy
Unworthy Brother in the Gospel — P. B.

P. B. It would be very acceptable to us to be visited by thee when convenient
Opportunity presents — & in the mean time to receive an Epistle

28 N.B. some very few words of the foregoing letter were altered when sent: yet so as to
Retain exactly the same sense & substance, to the best of my knowledge — P. B.
Also this 3^d of the W. At Church Meeting, I read the whole slowly & distinctly to the
Church & had their concurrence & approbation & fellowship in sending of it —
And after long silent waiting on the Lord & solemn vocal Prayer; Martha (Cory) now
Wife of John Bowen, appeared, and made full acknowledgement of the sins for which
She was censured by, & put away from this Church, some time past: when she had done
speaking a solemn pause for some time took place; & after a few searching questions
were put to her, in order to make her repentance more evident; the Church unanimously
Agreed to loose her from the bonds of the Censure, & receiv'd her again into fellowship with
Exhortation, &c — the scandalous report, concerning our Sister Hannah Browning, cohabiting
With her present Husband before lawful Marriage, was next taken into consideration:
And so much evidence appear'd of the shocking truth — that our Sisters, Sarah Sawney &
Lucy Covell were appointed to let her know the judgement of the Church concerning it,
And admonish her to immediate repentance. & the Const. Hart, Earl Taber & myself, were
Appointed to write letters of Love in behalf of the Ch^h to 3 of our members who live at a
Great distance from us — to wit, Pelag Taber, Priscilla Cuninghame, & Patience Masfield
to stir them up to live according to their profession, &c — 5th several Brethren were
Appointed to visit Joel Lake, Thomas Manchester, & Rhoda Taber on the same Labour of
Love. 6th it was thought proper by the Church that a more open & publick testimony be given
Against the Conduct of Sarah Woodmansey (except she immediately repent) — 7th it was
Concluded that the Lords Supper be attended upon next full day fortnight if the Lord will.
Lastly, the Church conferred about worldly things (the very necessary) putting this House in
Better repair, building a Stable for me, &c: soon after they enter'd upon it, I was taken
With such pain of the wind Colick, was obliged to leave them & had great distress a few
Hours: but having been favoured with a good night's sleep — feel considerable well
Over it this 6th of the morn'g, thro' Gods Goodness: praised be his Holy name forever & ever.

29 Spent the residue of 6th chiefly at home: (2 young sisters with us) afternoon, I rode down to
Bro: Davenport & drank Physick Beer: then return'd: rode to J. Briggs & J. Woods, from
Whence I walked home (saw Clark Brown) & enjoy'd a wonderful evening, being made an
Instrument by Prayer & conversation to relieve the distressed minds of L. Covell & E. Cook.

7th Yesterday, Rested at Home as usual; only was very weak in Body: and to day the very feeble
Was enabled to Pray & read, after which, Eld. Round Prayed, & the Brethren sang: we then repaired
to the Water at Willcoxes Mill; where I was enabled to speak solemnly & baptise Mary
Remington (D. of Joseph) & after resting an hour return'd to the Meeting House, Prayed loud
on hands, & Preached upwards of an hour, upon Heb. 6. 1. (Let us go on unto Perfection)
Prayed again & meeting broke up: Geo: Brightman & Wife visited us this morning &
towards evening I took a ride, which seems greatly to my advantage — all glory to the Lord.

3^d of the W. spent in a variety of Business: chiefly in gathering & curing Herbs:
Felt much better in Bodily Health, but met with such a trial in my Mind, could hardly
stand under it; nay, alas! I think I did fall, & sin against the Lord; by speaking
Unadvisedly with my Lips! and tho' it cost me sorrow, yet as one evil seldom comes
Alone — O how shall I speak it? — I got out of the way again in the evening
In conversation with my Dear Wife, & had a most terrible & distressing night!! and
I feel also very far from a proper frame of Mind to day being much tempted or in-
clined to wrangle the Reality of my Religion or whether ever my Heart was right
In the sight of the Lord; to neglect spiritual Duties, &c — Alas! Alas! what shall
I do? yet it seems that I am forbidden to give up my Hope — & do so far retain
It as to venture to speak about the things of God, to some friends at the 4 corners to day
I have also busied myself some about the affairs of my Family, & rode for my bodily
Health as I did yesterday morning, & evening — (J. Davenport & B. Soule were at
Work at our House yesterday, & L. Covell & some other friends visited us) but as I
Feel confused, so I write — Dear Lord! scatter the Clouds, & shew thy recon-
ciled face to one of the poorest & unworthiest of thy creatures; & thine shall
Be the Glory forever.

5th of the W. — 3^d Evening, after reading & sitting some time silent, I opened my
Mind & discovered my condition to my Dear Wife & Sister Elisabeth: whereupon
I trust they were moved by the Spirit of the Lord to Pray for me vocally one
After the other: I found some freedom also in Prayers for myself in secret, and
Soon after was comforted with these words: Whoso confesseth & forsaketh shall
find mercy. yesterday, I still felt better both in Body & Mind: visited S. Ginnell
D. Dwelly, Jm. Stafford & Sister Fish (at B. Maccombers) where I found freedom to Pray
&c — found Jonathan Jeffers Jm. at my House when I return'd & had a comfortable
Evening! This morning lent him my 3^d Journal, then accompany'd him to the
4 corners; parted with him & went down to W^m Browns; from whence I return'd
Towards night with corn for my Family; & have enjoy'd another comfortable
Evening: finding freedom & enlargement of Heart both to Pray & Sing! Blessed
Be the Lord from everlasting unto everlasting: Amen. & Amen.

6th of the W. after busying myself about many things at home in the forenoon, I visited
My friends Anna Wood, Lillie Wate, J. Weeden's & J. Tabers Families, this afternoon
Heard Weeden's Daughter speak something that made it seem as tho' she was born age
Bought some Molasses, & return'd Home just now: feel comfortable this Ev'g. &c

8th First 2^d of the W. yesterday, I rested at home as usual: and to day, have been enabled
to Preach twice with great freedom upon that question 2^d Things, 9. 22. is it Peace?
Read 9 & 10th of Revelations, sang alone — (vain delusive World adieu, &c) publicly read
The Church Censure against Sarah Woodmansey (who was present & made no reply)
Stooped the Church to inform them of the Settlement between 2 Sisters & a Brother — &
Since meeting assisted in trying to settle another difficulty between E. S. & S. Hart.
Wrote a Short Letter to Elder Thurston, who is under Bodily Infirmities, &c
Eld. David Round Prayed in the forenoon, & his Son John this afternoon.

9th 2^d of the W. extremely hot, forenoon; afternoon, was refreshing Showers &c: Bro. W^m came
In to see us a few minutes: I wrote 2 Letters to W. J. Green & Bro. Green Burroughs.

10th 3^d of the W. cloudy, & some rain: I sat off afternoon to visit friends but was stopped by
Rain: Saw Wm. Duffey, & Ab^m Dunnington at Jane Manchest^{rs} &c return'd & enjoy'd
Great freedom in Religious Duties in the evening — E. Cook also Prayed after me, &c

11th 4th of the W. weather the same as yesterday — spent the forenoon at Home: then visited J. Davenport, & W^m
Hart at home, & M^{rs} Abule, where I got liquors, &c home in the evening — 5th of the W.

781 - 7th 15 First D. of the W. last 5th day, after doing much Business at home visited Job
Had much talk with a Man named (I think) Tho. Shearman & a Woman
Named Macomber: Taber's son went to Lawton's Mill for me while I went
Down to Wesson Soules, Jos. Earle, &c - return'd home in the Evening -
6th D. spent at home very busy, hoeing Corn, Weeding Garden, drying Herbs making
Liquorice Ball out of the roots, &c: towards night took a ride, visited Jo. Wood, &c
In the evening Mary Hart visit'd us - & we enjoy'd a pleasant evening
Yesterday, rested at home as usual: in the evening my dear Wife, & Eliza C.
Prayed: after which I sang with much freedom & enjoy'd much comfort:
And to day, join'd Job Taber & Merry Pearce in Marriage: and have since
been enabled to Preach twice with great freedom upon Rev. 11. 8. forenoon,
Rev. 12. 1. this afternoon. Eld. Round Prayed twice, Brethren sang, &c
Should have celebrated the Lord's Supper - had not the Rain prevented B. coming.
Since Meeting to oblige a Wealthy young Woman, (Purth Taber) I carried her
on my Horse as far as John Earle's, visited Sister: Cory & Osborn, and
Got home just now, very weary in Body, & almost worn out

22 First D. of the W. last 2nd D. felt not very well in Body or Mind: Bro. Green
Sister Rebeccah, & S. Killey came from Newport to see us: towards night I rode as
far as the 4 Corners to see my Friend, the Wife of Cleg Cook who is Sick, &c
3rd D. afternoon visited her again, also Tho. Brown, Old Widow Grinnell, &c: had
Much religious conversation, and return'd in a shower: found my little grass cut, &c
4th D. exceeding hot, (Wife & Sister went abroad) I worked very hard, making Hay, &c
5th D. worked hard again, on my Hay or grass; cutting Wood, &c besides teaching children
Was cloudy all day - rained afternoon - I had some solemn thoughts meditations, &c
6th D. worked very hard again, Making my Hay, which had been wet, &c
Rested at home as usual yesterday (being the Sabbath) & to day, tho' I had
Much necessary hard work to do (in the morning! hatching Wood, &c!) -
yet have been enabled to Preach twice with wonderful freedom upon
Song 2. 2. (as the Lilly among thorns, &c) and Heb 12. 2. (who for the joy, &c)
Then administered & partook of that sweet & precious ordinance of the
Lord's Supper: think we have had a wonderful & affecting Season, all Glory
to the Lord. I feel the strength of the outward man almost exhausted,
yet, as tis in wisdoms ways, my Soul feels Peace & comfort. O. Cook's Wife,
And Patience Tallman commended with us to day, &c

29 First D. of the W. ... last 2nd D. after doing much hard work (for so weak a Body)
Spent some time in Reading, writing, &c (Mary Hart mov'd, her goods)
Afternoon rode down to the 4 Corners to see P. Cook's wife very sick: &c
3rd D. took a morning ride, went to Mill, &c - was taken with pain in my Bowels,
vomited, & took a little sleep - then went to hard work, visited B. Mac. C. Hart, &c
4th D. felt poorly; yet did a variety of Business in my garden, visited J. Wood, &c
5th D. morning did much work: sowed Turnips, &c: Married Eliza Gifford to Ca. Cornell
Afternoon was to be C. Meet. but too few came for C. business - we spent several
Hours in Pray. reading, & Loving conversation: I wrote a Letter to Ca. Maxfield
In behalf of the C. (said much about my own circumstances) Ray bro, Charles W. away
6th D. did much work gardening &c - then visited Sister Cook: yesterday afternoon
visited her again (with my wife) And to day, Preached twice upon Luke 1. 6. (and
they were both righteous, &c) spake a little upon the duty of People to Ministers & Magistrates
the day end with rain - D. Sawyer with us: I now feel much spent, weak, &c

8. 5 First D. of the W. - last 2nd D. worked very hard, pulling Flax, making
Stacks of Hay, &c. 3rd D. worked more on Flax had Corn, &c - towards night
Hearing of Sister Cook's Decease, visited the mourning Family & return'd
4th D. visited them again & return'd: then visited J. Widen, B. Wate, Job Taber,
Anna Wood, J. Briggs: return'd. & sat out french turnips (among a Bed &c)
5th D. forenoon, attended the funeral: after the Corps was put in the ground
The numerous Assembly seated themselves in Geo. Cook's Orchard - & I
Was enabled to Preach to them with great freedom: Dined at P. Cory.
Afternoon attended Chh. Meeting, at which the unhappy difference between
J. Shrieve & J. Cory was settled. Joel Lake Labour'd with, B. Jenks with us, &c
Towards night felt pain of the Cholick: 6th D. morning vomited much
yet rode abroad to get necessaries, sweating, &c both for self & Neighbours
At Oaly's, W. Wood, J. Traps, John Dennis's &c till aft. sunset
Yesterday rested at home as usual: & to day have been enabled to Preach
Upon Rev. 14. 13. (Blessed are the Dead, &c) - Married Ben. Negus & Hannah
Healy in the morning. - This afternoon felt so weak in Body, that after
I had been enabled to Pray fervently, the Brethren sang: then Bro. Round
Spake a few excellent words; then Bro. Luther went to Prayer - after him
B. Gid. Taber gave a short Ex^{ter} - then I spake a few words & concluded M.
By Pray. - Stopped the Church, & had their approbation in proposing but
One meeting a day for the future while I continue so weak: to be held
about 2^{1/2} or 3 Hours in Common; & longer or shorter as occasion may serve
For the Brethren to improve at the same, &c (Towards night visited Daniel Carl. Sick)

12 First D. of the W. Last 2nd D. morning & evening visited Sister Carl, whose Husband
Daniel Carl) was taken in an Aphorlectick (fit the 6th D. before & lay without
Sense or Reason - the rest of the Day spent in visiting several Families at
The Point got a grist at the Wind Mill, &c - 3rd D. morning very foggy & hot
Sat out with Wife & Child & visited D. Dwelly - Anna Gifford - Old & young
John Bowen (where I cleared up my own Character concerning something that
Had been spoken to my reproach & deliver'd a solemn Testimony & charge to 2
Contending persons) then went to Benj. Jencks's & tarried till 4th D. afternoon:
Pre. much evidence of his friendship - convers'd much with John, & others who
Came in to see us, & sat off to return: was greatly tryed at Nathan Bowens. (but
Blessed be God! all things will work together for good!) stop'd a few minutes at Joh.
Had a Happy evening at Ben. Bowdens, &c - 5th D. visited P. & W. Gray: then
John Davenport & W. Cook: got home before night & visited P. Taber & Sister Carl
6th D. morning worked very hard: then went to the meeting House, & was enabled to Preach
With great freedom, at the funeral of D. Carl. (who died 4th D. near sun set) after meal
Return'd to my work, having so much of necessity to do, could not well go to his Grave!
Yesterday, tho' 'twas the Sabbath - could not rest as usual; having Wood to get out of
The Woods, &c!! (some Hay brought) afternoon visited sick Sister Fish & walk'd home.
And to day have been enabled to Preach (once) beyond expectation upon Rev. 20th -
Since meeting had much company with J. Widen, B. Jenks, W. Cornell, M. Irish, &c.

781-8-19 First D. of the W. - Last 2 D. it rained hard: in the forenoon I had
 A very uncommon conference with my 2 eldest Children; asked them many
 questions respecting the things of Religion & another Word, & heard & answered
 Many of their questions: thought I was guided wonderfully by Wisdom
 From above, to adapt myself to their capacities, & inspire them with
 Some Ideas of the Doctrine of Christ! all Glory to the Lord.
 Afternoon rode to the 4 corners in the Rain & Preached at the funeral
 of Pely Cook's son about 6y. old who had been sick but a few days
 and I heard not of his Death til about 2 hours before I went -
 Spoke chiefly on these words - (Weep With them that weep)
 3, 4, 5, & 6 Days spent chiefly at home & in hard work, getting wood
 Threshing Flax seed - weeding Garden - sowing Turneps - gathering berries -
 burning herbs, teaching my Children, &c - only visited Stephen & R. Hart
 & Exals Widow & other nigh Neighbours - an Old Black Man named
 John Richmond (a good Christian I believe) tarried with us to 8 night &c
 Yesterday morning he went away, Bro. John Davenport paid us a short
 Visit - I rested at home as usual - and to day have been enabled
 to Preach once more with great sense of Truth & wonderful freedom
 of Utterance upon Rev. 22, 9. (Worship God) - Bro. Smyton Hart Prayed.
 Bro. John Round gave out a Hymn; Bro. Jethro Briggs & Wife
 Was with us - since meeting it began to rain, I feel much spent, &c.

26 First D. of the W. last 2 & 3 Days spent at Home in a variety of
 Business, Baking Wood, weeding Garden, &c - 4th D. visited, conversed
 Much & Prayed with Old Thomas Shrieve (aged 84) have some hopes
 He will be Down again now he is Old. after this visited D. & J. Round,
 D. & G. Grinnell where I Prayed again for Sister Fish who was there
 Poorly: stopped a few minutes at John Shrieve's. went & tarried all
 Night a B.ⁿ Borden's: heard a black girl that lives there tell a very
 Remarkable Dream, &c. 5th D. visited B. Hambley, then returned to J.
 Shrieves, where I Married Samuel Peckham to Rebecca Sawday & after
 Much conversation, exhortation, & private talk with Bro. Shrieve took leave
 And came to the House of Gideon Grinnell very poorly: took some
 Theroswort Tea & vomited 3 or 4 times heartily: after which had much
 Freedom to Exhort, Pray & Sing - went to Bed & rested well: much rain
 fell in the night and 6th D. morning I walked & rode home in it:
 spent the residue of the day cutting wood, Reading Doctor Books, &c
 Rested at home yesterday as usual: only visited Sister Earl, the Widow,
 And to day have been enabled to Preach with wonderful assistance & freedom
 of Utterance on Mark 1. last words - (and they c. to him f. every quarter)
 Brethren sang twice in which I joined them: B. Fortune Gray was enabled
 to exhort & Pray to which I added my hearty Amen. Prayed after him &c
 a happy day & all Glory to the Lord.

Doct. Charles Garrison left a number of his books
 in my care the 20th inst. gave me one, call
 Synopsis Medicina &c. See School book 8 page

81-9-2 First D. of the W. last 2 & 3 D. spent chiefly at home cutting wood
 Weeding Garden, &c: only visited Sist. Wood (Mary) for Davenport work
 In my House 2^d forenoon & W. Taber in the field cutting Bushes.
 4th D. Sailed & walked about 10 Miles: visited the Palmers at the Land
 End: had much freedom to speak, & Pray among them, &c
 5th D. held Ch. Meeting: Messengers were appointed to cite Hannah B.
 To appear - Eld. Round & a charming Exhortation: I spak con-
 siderable Time doctrinally to prepare the way for the Brethren
 To shew their judgment about the Bounds of outward communion
 On which there was much loving talk, but no conclusion: Mary
 Rogers (widow) upon desire & request was unanimously received
 Into our Fellowship & under our care questions Exhortation, &c was
 Spoken to her: Messengers, (E.T. & C.E.) were appointed to go with
 Me to our Association or general Meeting of the Churches - &c
 6th D. worked hard at home - yesterday visited Pely Sanford - Old Widow
 Willcox, J. Simmons, &c; found much refreshment: and to day found
 Much freedom in Prayer at Meeting, after which the Brethren sang: I
 Then read 2 Mark: after which sat long silent & felt so far from any
 Fresh openings or feeling sense of Divine Truth, that I began to think
 I should not Preach: entered into a deep exercise of Mind: at length felt
 A motion & clear sense of Duty to Pray vocally again: soon after began
 To Preach with these words - Men, Brethren & Fathers; (Professors of
 Religion or not) I would have you all know assuredly (for I'm oblig'd
 to testify it) that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have Crucified
 Both Lord & Christ. was enabled to go on & speak boldly & Faithfully, to
 The clearing of my Soul from the Blood of all present: after which Bro.
 John Round was a mouth for us in fervent Prayer I then felt constrained to
 Speak a few words more, & much broke up. after which had a conference with
 Brother Tilly, at Isaac Manchester's, &c

16 First D. of the W. - last 2 Day Sennight enjoyed a very happy meeting
 With Eld. David Scamons and Isaac Case at the House of Pardon Taber where
 After one had Preached & the other exhorted, I also spake a few words to the
 People and sang - (come Brethren rejoice, &c) then returned home to hard
 Work (in the evening endeavoured to cure the disorder called the Itch)
 3^d D. kept at home teaching my Children, reading Clarke's Martyrology, &c
 4th D. after doing much work, walked to P. Saffords for my Horse; from whence
 I rode to Mary Borden's & tarried all night: 5th D. went to Mill & returned home
 6th D. journey'd to Newport by way of the upper ferry (on acct. of the high wind)
 Visited Geo. Lawton, Eld. Bliss, Thomas Durrington, sick, & Eld. Thurston, by the way
 And came to my Hon'd Fathers a little after sun set: 7th D. attended Meeting with
 Brother Olish & heard him Preach upon Isaiah 54. 7. next day, (being this day
 Sennight) was enabled to Preach twice myself with much freedom & to a large
 Assembly (in the building which hath been falsely call'd the Church) forenoon

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forenoon upon Job 19. 25, &c (For I know that my Redeemer, &c)
 Afternoon, Job. 33, 27, 28. — (He looketh upon Man &c) Elder
 Thurston attended Meeting and read the Psalms or Hymns that wer sung
 tho' his infirmities have been such, that he has preached none publicly
 Near 3 months: The gaiety of the Assembly & other matters which I saw
 And heard in this Town (the place both of my first & 2^d birth) brought a
 Great weight on my Mind & gave occasion for many sighs groans and
 Tears! I so exhausted what little strength I had in Preaching, that I was
 obliged to go to Bed early in the evening. — 2^d visited many, friends &
 old acquaintance, some sick & some well: had some private & free
 Talk with Elder Thurston; & having seen Prebeah Green from Husack,
 Susanna & Tabitha Pain from the vineyard — Try'd to make peace
 between 2 different couple of Brethren who had fallen out — and bought
 A few articles for my Family: I left the Town, & tarried all night at Bro.
 Blisp's: on recollection, found my conscience clear of the blood of souls at
 Newport: for altho' many particulars which lay on my mind I could not
 Testify publicly for want of Bodily strength; yet they were told that
 Religious outward actions even Ordinances of Gods own appointment
 Aided without a Right temper & disposition of Heart was Sin in his
 Sight as well as actions more openly profane: they were put
 In mind of the many Hypocritical fasts which they had kept &
 earnestly exhorted to keep a right & acceptable fast as the most
 likely means of escaping that impending Ruin which now stares
 them in the face, (I had seen Men Women & Children running about the
 Streets in promiscuous confusion occasion'd by a Report that a British
 Fleet who had made such havoc at New London and burnt that Town
 A few days before, were now coming there for the same purpose.)
 3^d Old Blisp gave me his good company & we visited Parker Hall
 John Weiden, Robt Barber, & John Woodman, after which we parted
 And I was conducted by kind Providence safe to my Family before night.
 4th finding a Boil that had come upon my body very painful
 I did not much work, besides schooling my Children, reading of the
 Martyrs, &c — 5th day finished writing 2 Deeds, spent some time in
 Reading, &c: 6th my boil was so exceeding painful, did no hard work
 Instructed my Children; Married George Tripp & Silvia Durfee, &
 yesterday, endured great Pain: But toward night my boil broke & I was
 Much easier — And to day have been enabled to preach with Great
 Freedom: making use of that question (2 Sam. 20. 9) art thou in Health
 My Brother? as a foundation. after Divine service stoped the Ch.
 And read an Address from the Ch. in Philadelphia concerning
 The dreadful Henry fallen into by Eld. Winchester, &c also a letter
 Giving an account of the conduct of some People of a new sect
 Called Shakers. Lord deliver us from evil. Amen.

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First D. of the W. Last 2^d I visited a few nigh neighbours; Jifford, P. Taber
 Wm Ladd in Trouble (his son Sam. having died this day week) saw Elizer Reed, &c
 (Elizabeth sat off for Newport) in the evening the core of my bile came away, &c
 3^d cloudy weather & toward night much rain. Plashed a little corn, worked on
 Wood & Water, &c having neither Day nor Maid to do an errand, & lame myself
 4th Day attended the funeral of Gideon Grinnels little daughter: Preached with
 Much freedom & so spent my Bodily strength, was taken with the Colic: went
 Into a retired Place. fell prostrate on the Earth & prayed: was soon eased, and
 Return'd home by way of Robt. Fish's — 5th Brought Flaxseed & Apples
 From Stephen Warts — (Corn stocks were brought) afternoon it rained, yet
 Aaron Potter & Judea Macomber — came to my House (with other company
 Unexpect'd from Dartmouth) and were join'd in Marriage.
 6th forenoon it rained hard: afternoon I visited Bro. Davenport and
 Israel Brownings Wife, very sick: instructed, Prayed & return'd home
 yesterday rested at home chief part of the day afflicted with another boil
 yet visited, & Prayed with Sam. Simmons very sick with a fever.
 And to day after Prayer & Reading & Mark spent my strength very much
 In Preaching upon 2 Peter 2. 2. (and many shall follow their pernicious way)
 Am now going to a conference at Job Tabers — expecting Ichabod
 Davis, Earl Taber &c, will attend & improve their gifts.

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7th D. of the W. Last 2^d day (very warm) after visiting Anna Wood &
 Widow Earl: Rode up to quarbet & bought some wool of Tho. Cory
 visited Bro. Davenport (met Hannah there) and return'd home
 3^d went with wife to buy earthen ware at the Point: visited Priscilla
 Earl & return'd — 4th morning was troubled with the confused and
 Distracted words of Dan. Grinnel: after which wife & I visited
 Caleb Earl, W. Willcox, J. Cory, P. Taber & Wm Osborn & return'd.
 (forgot to mention 2 very sweet conference meetings held at my House
 2 & 3^d evenings — S. Taber, J. Hart, P. Taber, S. Laidy, & L. Lovel
 present) 5th forenoon did some hard work: afternoon was to be
 6th meeting, but as only about 30 members came we could not do much
 Ch. business; however, Experience Bowen appearing & making full
 Confession of her late fault: professing Repentance &c; we concluded
 To receive her into Fellowship, ^{again} provided the absent Brethren make
 No objection — several other things were lovingly convers'd upon & Eld.
 Round Prayed in close of the Meeting. after which I visited Brad Brown
 ing's wife very sick, prayed for her, then went to J. Davenports & tarried
 All night — 6th visited Jo. Taber & came home: then carry'd my Horse
 To Peleg Sanfords, & walked home again, & did some hard work
 yesterday rested at home as usual (twas a rainy day) And to day
 have been enabled to preach with usual freedom upon Mat 7. 13, 14.
 (Enter ye in at the strait gate, &c) after which, Bro. Peleg spoke a few
 words & went to Prayer: Ch. made contribution: Priscilla Cunningham w. us
 &c

First 7. of the W. Last 2 D. did much hard work in company with 12 Brethren: (5 p. Oxen & 2 Carts) getting wood casting off stones, &c. Davenport work, in the House: towards night I felt the collick vomited, &c. 3 D. had some religious talk with J^r Macomber. Rushed a little corn - Negro Bashaba came to work, Wife had a sort of P^hysick, &c. 4 D. visited Ruth Tab. D. of Sam. sick. Afternoon (with wife) visited J^r Taber, Priscilla, Susanna, &c. - in My way Home stop'd. at widows Bales & spent the evening in Much free conversation with Adonia Jetson, Minister & Bro^r. To Ephraim (hurt my weak lungs by too much talk) 5 D. poorly: yet dug a few Potatoes & visited some sick neighbours: Willcox, Job Briggs' Wife, &c. - Jo. Hart & Mary Remington spent evening w. us. 6 D. morning saw Ice - dug Potatoes - & towards night felt very sick yesterday - spent at Home as usual, only very weak in Body: and To day was enabled to Preach more than an hour (after reading Mark 7) on Luke 12. 32. (Fear not little flock, &c) after Preaching Noah Palmer Prayed; he & J. Davenport spent the evening With me I have been in Pain and feel now very poorly indeed.

14 First 7. of the W. Last 2 & 3 D. spent at Home in a variety of Business, tho' very poorly in Body & cloudy in Mind. Finished Digging Potatoes, (shut up Hog) - Hannah went to Job Briggs, &c. 2 D. Broke & swingled a little Place visited, old Widow Briggs, sick At Jo. Wood's, Job Briggs' Wife, &c. - Eliza. Tilly came to see us - 5 D. very poorly, yet work'd on Potatoes & Wood: in the evening had An agreeable visit from 2 Brethren, (Norton & Smith & George Hillman) from the vineyard: went to Bed in pain of the Colick 6 D. cloudy & some rain: visited S. Simmons: return'd & found Bro^r Davenport at my House, who had brought several tokens of his Love Spent some time in reading Books of Physick & Dupin's Hist^y of The Church, &c. yesterday wrote 2 Lengthy Letters to Eld^r. William Bliss (Rhode Island) And Susanna & Tabitha Cain (vineyard) And to day, tho' I went to meeting very poorly: hoarse with a cold, & A violent Cough, great Pain in my shoulder & neck: yet after Prayer & reading 8th Mark, was enabled to Preach near an hour And a half with wonderful & astonishing freedom & utterance On the last verse (whosoever is ashamed of me, &c) after holding My peace some time, Bro^r. Round added a few words & Prayers We had a great Assembly, many seem'd affected meeting held Upwards of 3 Hours! Deacon Tilly with us, &c. all glory To the Lord. - yesterday, son Joseph had like to have been Killed by a fall out door - Wife began to wear him, &c.

First 7. of the W. O praise ye the Lord for he is good for his mercy endureth forever & ever. Amen. Last 2 D. sunnigh. I accompany'd Bro^r. Tilly to the ferry Cross'd the water with him (for my health) & return'd: having visited J & G. Army, Davenport, & Jo. Taber. 3 D. after Visiting some nigh neighbours & sharply reproving 2 young Wom. Who came to my House with very high Role's - I rode as far as J^r Shrieves & tarried all night. 4 D. Return'd home (with meal for my family) having visited several by the way going & coming: in the Evening Read Wratburn's shocking account of the Shakers (a new sect) 5 D. forenoon spent at home: afternoon, feeling pain of the Colick, & thinking it only wind: rode as far as Lillis Wate's to shake it off: visited J Briggs And his mother sick. at Jo. Wood's, Peleg Potter, &c. & return'd home easier: But about midnight it came on me again, & proved to be the Bilious. Yet 6 D. morning I rode again as far as Job Briggs' & return'd full of Pain, in which I spent the residue of the day & night: Sitt. Lawton from Rhode Island & Bro^r. Davenport came to see me in the Evening, &c. 7 Day My pain continued, yet I had a passage: towards night the Doct. came, &c. Heat day, (being this day sunnigh or last first Day) I was in great Agony: The Church & Congregation met for Worship, and as I have been informed, Had a good meeting: many fervent Prayers aspend'd for me: towards night I went into an hot Bath & found some relief: 2 D. morning went in again, And grew better all day & had a comfortable night. 3 D. continued better Walked a little, &c. 4 D. still mended, ^{as J^r Jencks visit'd me} at night was a great rain. 5 Day, Jencks went away, afternoon my Mother from Newport came, Widow Grinman, &c. Had much talk with Sarah Grinman, & some others who came to Church meeting. Eat a little chicken meat in the evening, &c. 6 D. rose early, seem'd almost well Sat up most all day, fed upon Oister, &c. - yet yesterday felt a little return of Pain, but it went off again, & I had some refreshing religious talk with my Mother & Sister Grinman. This morning felt almost as well as ever: but Having Used my lungs rather too much in talking with many of the Brethren Who came to meeting, Marrying Amos Mosier & Mary Dewell, &c. & perhaps Eating too freely; I had a very poor turn just now, about the middle of The evening: but since I took a spoonful of Castor Oil feel much better Again: my Father from Newport is with us, I have not dared to go out To the Meeting House to day but am informed by some that the Church Have held another good meeting & been engaged in the worship of God. Praise be his Glorious Name from Everlasting unto everlasting Amen. & Amen. } O Lord! do not condemn me: } but shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

taken the 19-10-11 with Collick

First 2 of the W. — last 2 D. Felt as well as could be expected in Body And comfortable in Mind: the weather was so cloudy & wet I could not go out door: spent much time in Reading: had much conversation with 2 men from the vineyard & Hyanners who came to see me: Father left us to return home — Eld. Bliss visited me, &c — 3^d being clear Air I went out door a few minutes twice, forenoon: Afternoon was visited by Noah Palmer, Israel Cornell & Thomas Simmons son of Tho^s with whom had much conversation, &c — 4th Morning waked in great pain felt as tho I should relapse; however, the Air being very clear I rode Abt. a mile, & returned so little eased that I took a Table spoonful of Castor Oil (or Oleum Ricini) which soon work'd for the better and Afternoon had a sweet conference on Divine Things with Eld. Bliss John Davenport & Abigail Cory, who visited me, &c — 5th D. felt better: 'twas a pleasant morning (for Nov. 1) but afterwards clouded up & at night Rained violently: I took a spoon full of Casteel Soap, some Bitters, &c 6th Morning was very Cloudy: I felt yet better, continued to take Soap & Bitters: weather clearing away warm, I rode to the 4 corners: rested there while 'twas clouded over again: & when it clear'd away the 2^d time return'd, having done several errands & felt much better: — yesterday continued better, tho 'twas a very rainy day — And to day tho' very Cloudy & has Rained in the morning yet there came more People to meeting than I expected, And I have been enabled to Preach to them with great assistance in my swelling House upon (Luk. 8. 39.) And he went his way, and Published throughout the whole City, how G. things Jesus had done, ^{unto} ^{them} Since meeting, have been very Busy making lime water, &c

12th 2^d of the W. last 2 D. There was a very raw wind, Clouds, & 2 or 3 flouries of snow: (having taken a little cold perhaps the day before) I was Very poorly all day with sore Throat, shivery fits, Head ake, &c & had a distressing Night of pain with the Wind Cholick: (nevertheless wrote a Letter for Lucy Covil to her Father in Goal) My Wife, 3 Children, & Mother, were also all poorly with colds, & Chishen Pox as we call it, so that we seem'd like an Hospital 3^d Morning was a raw wind & cloudy, but afterwards clear'd: we all continued poorly, Doct. visited me: afternoon feeling better I visited Joseph Hart, came back and went to shelling corn: had much talk in the evening with wife & Mother on Divine things, concluded with Prayer: saw Satan bruised under our feet, &c! 4th Morning felt great pain: but weather being clear, & growing easier: I carried Mother to the 4 corners & return'd, after stopping at 9 Labers. by the way for a Calves skin: Jo^h Round had brought Cider &c to my House: great pain all night. 5th D. being clear, & some easier carry'd Wife to 4 corners: return'd & Married Job Milk to Phoebe Brownell. 6th D. hard frost, Clouds & high wind: felt better but not free from pain: work'd a little out doors on Hog pen, much pain at night, &c yesterday was in pain most all day, but not hard: rode as far as 4 corners for my Health & to see Mother: Ira Washburn visited me in the evening & tarried all night: Pain left me intirely fore bed time, & I still continue free! and have been enabled to go to the Meeting House to day & Preach with great freedom to a large assembly Upon Job 34. 17, 18, 19. (shall ever be that hateth right, Govern? &c) endeavouring principally to show, that

That opposition to the Will of God, His truth reveal'd, or the Dispensations of his Providence towards us, is a most heinous & dreadful sin, & as it were the sum of all Iniquity! because it implies in it a temper of mind & conduct that would dethrone the Almighty: & take the Government to Self: that would condemn him that is most just, say to him thou art wicked, &c, & make ourselves more righteous than him!!! 2^d that our desert for this is ever lasting Woe & Misery. 3^d that by the Goodness, Mercy, & Love of God, his sending his Son to die for Sinners, &c; we ^{may} be delivered from the guilt and punishment due to this great Iniquity; obtain a better temper of mind, &c. lastly, that an intire submission to the Will of God, in all things is both our Duty & happiness — Surely I have need to teach my self, or be taught again & again, just such Doctrine & truth as I have been enabled to Preach to others this day — for I have been in pain every day since this day week 'til to day: am still very feeble, poor & needy: my wife and 3 Children yet continue much out of order, &c — Lord Bow our Wills more entirely to thy Will, & Glorify thyself in us by All thy creatures, forever & ever, Amen. Since meeting, have had conference with sundry Brethren: P. Sister Fish, very low.

18th 2^d of the W. last 2 D. it rained — I was free from pain; spent the day reading Dupins History of the Church &c: 3^d Morning, ground was cover'd with snow towards night it clear'd I rode to the 4 corners & return'd. 4th Morning Wife was very poorly, Children better, felt quite well, myself! rode to the 4 corners, saw Bro. Green & my Mother go to the ferry, & return'd home. 5th D. very Cloudy, a sore that came on my foot painful, not so well otherwise Afternoon a few Brethren met on Church business: heard a shocking report of G. T. &c — 6th D. clear weather, felt some better, visited Widows Briggs, Mill, &c. Yesterday, last night, & this Morning felt great pain of wind Cholick weather was Cloudy, & abundance of Rain in the night, but is now clear: have been enabled to Preach in the Meeting House from Heb. 11. 34. (out of weakness) were made strong, &c) sang 2 Hymns in conclusion of the meeting: Church Stopped & agreed on a Time for the Lords Supper, & did some other business Since meeting had much conference with Sist. Dorden C. Callman, &c And celebrated a Marriage Between Poley Cook & Sarah Grinnell.

25th 2^d of the W. last 2 D. was clear & warm: afternoon it rained. Kill'd Hog: read The Book of Job: was in some pain, &c. — 3^d D. clear: mon pain: yet did a little work in door & clearing Well; while the Men with 2 p. Oxen were making Wall, &c. 4th D. finished clearing Well: cut up Hog: great snow storm began fore night, &c. — 5th D. Aborn filled up 2 Barrels: I burnt Lime, &c — 6th D. fair weather: my foot very sore & some pain in Bowels: yet salted my Pork; Jo^h Round visited us, had much Religious conversation, &c. Yesterday was clear weather: spent the time at home Near as usual: only in some pain of Bowels & sore foot. made my Lime Water Had a pig sent me, &c — And to day have been enabled to speak much of God's Goodness & Satans Devices. upon Chas. 3. 19. as many as I love I rebuke, &c. Read 60 Mark sang twice, &c: had a great trial before meeting: & since have conversed much with Eld. Round, Bro. Davis, &c: feel some pain in Bowels, &c

3 Children yet very poorly

First 2 of the W. - last 2 day it rained: I was in great pain of the wind Colick all day & night: as I had been the night before
 3^d. Clear & cold: felt easier & accompany'd my Wife to visit J. & E. Taber
 J. Wood, Rich. Hart: saw on my foot seem'd well, but another painful one
 came out on the same leg, &c. - 4^d. Cloudy: had much talk with Mary Hart
 visited her & Joseph: she came home with us, &c. in the evening it storm'd
 5^d. altho. it look'd much like storming a goodly number attended
 Sab. Meeting & in great love & unity we acted all as one: & agreed
 that if nothing uncommon prevent we will endeavour to celebrate
 the Lords Supper on the first first-day of every other month for a
 year to come or until a further agreement: after that the cases of
 B. Gideon Taber & James Warren (who have been accused of Drunkenness &c.)
 was considered: and twas agreed to set them apart from our communion
 and Admonish them to Repentance, &c. the case of R. B. or Davenport
 was conversed upon, & left to next C. Meet. lastly, the Church agreed &
 excommunicated or rejected & utterly put away from amongst us, Jonathan
 Taber Senior who was admonished to repentance for neglecting to hear
 the Church some time past, and hath neglected to attend publick worship
 ever since. 6^d. visited P. Taber, G. Carl; went to Mill, bought a Bedstead
 of Stip. Brownel, &c. - in the evening ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~to~~
 yesterday spent chiefly at home only towards night (with wife) visited
 Sam. Simmons's wife, who has been sick: and to day have been enabled
 to preach with much freedom on 1 Cor. 11. 24, 25, 26. (this do in r. of me, &c.)
 Afterward administer'd & partook of the Lords Supper: & on the whole have
 enjoy'd a most comfortable day of Health in Body & mind, all Glory to the Lord.

9^d. 2^d of the W. last 2^d. was cloudy & rain Mary Hart visited us. I moved
 Bedstead, &c. - 3^d. fine weather, visited Peres Palmer, Sicut. Manchester &c.
 accompany'd by my Wife - 4^d. was visited by J. & Rich. Hart: in the evening
 I visited 2 neighbours accompany'd by my Wife, on the peace making business &
 was happily successful; felt much melted in Prayer, &c: all Glory to the Lord
 5^d. the Cloudy visited Gid. Almy, P. Cook, &c. on business. My wife went to
 Tho. Cory's &c. on the same: ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~to~~
 6^d. was a considerable snow storm: spent the time chiefly in reading & teaching
 my children. yesterday towards night visited widow Carl & her Father Church:
 returned, & then visited & spent the evening at Isaac Manchester's (with my Wife)
 And to day tho' it has snow'd most all day, many came to Meeting &
 I have been enabled to preach once more with wonderful freedom
 upon Rom. 2. 20, 21. for the creature was made subject to vanity, &c.
 Read 11th Mark, sang twice - have conversed much with Brethⁿ since
 Meeting, feel great Health of Body, as I have also all the week
 past! comfort of mind, &c. - all Glory to the Lord forever
 This evening the Snow Storm greatly increased: Melodious George
 Tarnie with us: we have had much religious talk, &c.

First 2 of the W. - last 2^d. after the snow it rained & then froze
 I spent the Day teaching Children, &c. in great health of Body for me.
 But late in the evening went to turn my Horse out into the field, and
 tho' I was praying in my Heart for preservation, &c: it pleased a
 Wise & Holy God to permit or order that I should have a violent fall
 which I thought at first put out the bone of my ^{right} Elbow: which, if so
 I immediately set: however, it prov'd a great sprain, or strain, &
 I had a disreeping night in the flesh. 3^d. Lillis Wate, Rich. & Mary Hart
 visited me: & in the evening, Joseph & his Wife: with whom I had much
 Religious conversation & Prayed. - 4^d. my sprain seem'd much better
 But myself & family were in very trying circumstances about temporal
 Things, having no money, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate: Sugar or Molasses, Butter
 or Cheese: hardly any Milk, & quite destitute of many other things -
 But thro' the Goodness of God (having sent a Boy among my friends) reciev'd
 Some supplies before night: Job Taber visited us, wife visit M. Hart
 Rich - considerable Snow here night, &c. - 5^d. was to attend
 A Meeting at John Shriue's; but my sprain'd Arm being worse, & much
 Swell'd, prevent'd it: I sent my Boy to let them know: But a number
 of the Brethren had a very comfortable meeting, notwithstanding they
 were obliged to lament the lack of my company. Ep. Davenport was at
 our House, & seem'd a little more Rational than he has been in the
 Evening I reciev'd a request to attend the funeral of Ep. Taber's Child; made
 Candles, &c. 6^d. felt much better, as to my lame Arm: visited M. Hart
 very poorly, &c: in the evening, Amos Wilcox brought me a very
 Refreshing Epistle from Elder Samuel Waldo, also a letter from Charity
 Seranton: yesterday I spent the Sabbath at home & as usual: and to day
 have been enabled to preach with great freedom to a large Assembly upon
 Isaiah 64. 7. (and there is none that calleth on thy name, &c) But I have
 thought that a number of my dear friends who have held a meeting in
 My House this evening have prov'd my discourse to day not to be true
 with respect to them: for 5 Men & 2 Women have Prayed! 2 Chapters have
 been read & several distinct exhortations, &c deliver'd; twice we sang
 Together, &c - 2 Brethren, Nath. Horswell & Gid. Richmond from Neape
 were with us, & tarry; & we have had a most lovely time
 Besides the Spiritual refreshments I have been favour'd with to day
 My Friend, (Brother & Son) John Shriue has discover'd so much love
 As to tel me he has long been affected with my temporal circumstances
 And will freely give me about 11 Acres of Land including an Orchard
 And build me an House on it (if I will accept it & live in it) and
 that if I survive him I shall possess one half his Estate!!
 To which I answer'd that we are oblig'd by our profession to see that
 whatever we do, be agreeable to the Will of God: that we do not indulge
 A selfish Disposition: that therefore, I need time to consider of it, &c.

A.S. for special reasons I have refused to accept the within mentioned offer.

3^d. of the W. — yesterday Len night, visited the Widows Mary Hart, poor
 Also Rich^d Hart — last 2^d. my spraint arm felt worse & being cloudy
 weather I spent the time in usual business at home: but wife visited widow Hart, &
 A^d. (being fine weather) Preached at the funeral of Philip Lake, to many people
 As I walked home visited Isaac Manchester's family — 5^d. expected to attend the
 funeral of Grace Lewis an Indian widow & member of the Church under my
 care (who departed 3^d. evening very suddenly) But by reason of violent rain
 could not reach the house of Elder Round til the meeting was over: however
 on notice of my coming many gathered together in the evening to whom I
 Preached (upon Prov 12. last verse — in the w. of Righteousness there is life, &c.)
 After which Bro. Round spoke a few words & Prayed — was a lovely and
 powerful meeting: Brethren seem much comforted, refreshed, & a few of
 us entered into a labour of love with Brother Lake, who has stopped his travel
 &c. not without some effect: we conversed til near midnight & retired to Bed.
 Bro^s visited many in my way home: conversed with a heavy laden sinner
 Prayed exhorted, &c. found Sister Susa Hart at my house & enjoyed a happy
 evening. 7^d. D. rested at home as usual: only towards night visited Mary Hart
 & Rich: & had a pleasant evening again in company with our friends
 Tilly & Mary Green who came to see us. First D. was enabled to Preach
 with great freedom to a large assembly upon Job 7. 1. (is there not an appointed
 time to man on earth, &c.) one Bro^s exhorted, another proposed a Hymn, &c.
 In the evening we had another happy & glorious meeting at Bro. Jⁿ Sawyers
 At which, not only myself was enabled to speak with wonderful freedom of
 utterance (upon these 2 passages — why stand ye here all the day idle — and
 Son go work to D. in my vineyard) But 2 Brethren & 1 Sister also exhorted
 And Prayed: after publick meeting a ~~black~~ Brother went to Prayer: a number
 of us sat conversing on Divine things til late at night &c. yesterday
 By reason of the great appearance of a storm, I came home early: but
 After giving some instruction to my children visited & was much refreshed
 in conversation with Joseph Hart & the other professors under the same roof
 Was also greatly refreshed in the evening, having a visit from Job Taber & his
 wife — by reason of the snow storm last night spent this day at home
 Was visited by Bro. P^r. Taber, with whom had much religious conversation, &c.

30 First D. of the W. Last 4^d. being fine weather: I visited Pt. Gray & others
 Mary Green return^d from the corner to our house: had a good evening, &c.
 3^d. D. Cloudy — Snow, rain & hail: however many assembled & we had
 A comfortable C^h. Meet. at which I read Eld^r Wald's Epistle; a letter
 from Gideon Taber, &c. — we staid toward H. Brownell & Joel Lake: Mary
 Green told her experience, & convictions about laying on of hands, &c.
 P^r. Taber & Israel Bright^m spent the evening with us (M^r Hart was Mor. &c.)
 6^d. D. there was great rain: spent the day in study, &c. yesterday, cloudy
 visited & Prayed with Neighbour Church Sick: Rich^d. Hart, &c. in the evening
 Had wind Colic: yet have been enabled to Preach twice to day — first
 In the Meet^g. House upon Amos 3. 3. (can 2 walk together, &c.) 2^d at
 The sick widow Hart's this evening. upon John 11. 3. (Lord, behold he whom
 Thou lovest is sick) Benjⁿ. Jencks & Wife — Mary Green, &c. with us.

First D. of the W. Last 2^d. was great rain: Bro^s Jencks breakfasted
 with us: & administered some supply of our bodily needs: Pt. Gray being
 detained by rain Dined with us: freely conversed on soul concerns, &c.
 3^d. D. (beginning a new year) Heavy Cloud & Air raw: I sat out on foot to
 attend the funeral of Ep^r. Taber's Child, (deest) but gave out: visited D.
 Sawyer, Jⁿ. Dennis, & Bial Tripp: came home & dined. Then visited & spent
 part of the evening with the widows Hart (wife with me &c.)
 A^d. fine weather. — Jⁿ. bro^s my horse. I rode to the corner after W^m. returned
 Car^d a grist to Mill, (W^m. Cloth to Bailey's) visited B^r. Brownell's family
 where I had much religious talk. wife visited Anna Wood: we met in the
 evening at Job Taber's with a number of friends & had much conference on
 Divine things & came home late at night — 5^d. D. Cloudy & rain: being
 confined to my house, thought duty to write three letters to John Warden,
 Gideon Taber & Hannah Richmond. all at Newport. Members of our
 Church here, &c. 6^d. D. Cloudy: spent the time at home in usual employ
 Mary Green & L. Coull visited Jⁿ. Taber — towards night Job Briggs visited us
 yesterday I visited Job Briggs's wife. And old Charles Jarrett, sick: after
 noon walked & meditated in the woods (the weather being uncommon warm
 And pleasant for the time of year ground bare, &c.) To day tho' very
 foggy & look'd like rain, many came to meeting & I was enabled to
 Preach with great freedom upon Mark 13. 33. (take ye heed, W & P. &c.)
 After I had done speaking — an Indian woman brake forth into Praising the
 Lord for what she had heard: spoke a few words of her own experience very
 humbly & Prayed; mixing all together, as it were, so beautifully (yet spoke
 but a very few minutes) that when she had done, I could not refrain adding
 My hearty Amen. Bro^s John Round then Prayed & the congregation departed
 But the C^h. stopped & appointed me to write to Jonathan Taber: after which
 Mary Green (Da^u of Thomas) was enabled to speak to edification: told us her
 convictions about laying on of hands & her desire that I should administer that
 Rite or ordinance — which (after obtaining the fellowship of the Brethren in
 It) I with great freedom perform'd: we then sang praises to God & took
 Leave one of another in much love: since which this evening we have
 Had a lovely conference ^{at our house:} & all of us Prayed — sang Praises to the Lord, &c.

13 First D. of the W. Last 2^d. foggy & some rain: accompanied by wife & Mary Green
 visited Pt. Gray, Brook & Sawney — & return^d in the evening. 3^d. D. very foggy but
 clear'd towards night: visited B^r. Tripp, S. Simmons, & Widow Willcox: in the evening
 Compos'd the following Song — or Hymn the 18th on P^r. Love.

1. How pleasant tis for to behold, The Sheep & Lambs of Jesus fold, Living in love & peace
 Each one engag'd to act their part, For others good with cheerful heart, And so the flock increase
2. The God of Love & peace will be, With Brethren that in unity — And love & peace abound
 Who think & speak & act upright, And serve Him both by Day & night, And much in pray. are found
3. Come Brethren then let's all unite, And seek & strive with all our might, Our dearest Lord to please
 Who for our souls was made a curse! And died for us upon the Cross! That we might feel his grace
4. And since his love to us is such, We've cause to love each other much; This is his new command.
 Let Faith & hope & zeal abound, But mostly love in all be found, So shall we ever stand,
5. Like

5. Like a strong City wall'd about, Terrible as an Army stout, With banners lifted high!
 Our faces will fly before our face, And we shall conquer all thro' grace, Then live above the sky!
 6. With Jesus ever shall we reign, Free from sin, sorrow, grief & pain, His praises ever sing:
 Ascribing all the glory due, To Father, Son & Spirit too, Our great eternal King. Amen.

After writing the foregoing spiritual song I savour'd with a most wonderful, Fresh & soul ravishing view of the Love of Christ! and out of the abundance of the Heart my mouth spake, & praised him upon my bed: I saw what is unutterable & was so fill'd with joy unspeakable, that I could not sleep! all glory to the Lord.

Next day, (1st of the W.) Rode to Bro^r Davenport's, & after an agreeable conference on Divine things, carry'd M^r Green to the ferry; then visited Israel Luther, ^{High Sheriff} Ja^s Durling's Wife & Abner's widows, & tarried all night at B. Borden's. 5th it rained: Nevertheless I was enabled to Preach according to appointment at the House of John Shrieve, upon these words, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God. (being sent for) after meeting I took company & rode about 7 miles (All after sun set & no moon) and came to the House of Old Chris^t Manchester and solemnized a Marriage between his D. Ruth & Abner Simmons, S of Thomas: Came home to my Family at 10th o'clock at night, found them all in Bed, & 6th D. Cloudy: afternoon visited Pt^r Taber, (shoemaker) Osborn & some other Nigh neighbours: came home in the evening & yesterday had thoughts of visiting young William Wood very sick with Bilious Collick: but it began to snow so violently, was obliged to work a little hard to shelter my Cow. Much snow has fallen & some rain, by reason of which not more than 50 People has attended meeting to day: I read & spake upon 1st Co. of Mark: (no singing) since meet^g. have had much conference with Noah Palmer, & & this evening feel very heavy laden, hearing of the strange conduct of one (M^r D) whom I have thought much better things of — Lord Direct our steps.

1. 20 T. D. of the W. last 2^d D. my Boy being poorly went to his father: had much hard work to do, cutting wood in the snow, partitioning new stable, &c. very cold D. 3^d D. cloudy & cold: worked hard again, visited Jo^s Hart & c — 4th D. after some hard work, rode to the 4 corners to buy some necessaries on Return found Thomas Osborn had come to supply W^m's place — Jo^s Davenport & Job Taber visited me, &c. 5th D. visited W Osborn, Pt^r Taber, Thorey, & Carl & Ja^s — W^m Davenport's Wood sick, &c. 6th D. visited W Wood again & Prayed, then visited B^r Wether's wife & Sillis Church where I had some conference with B^r Downing's Wife & returned. yesterday was stormy. I rested at home as usual: & to day, notwithstanding I went to meeting in pain of the wind Cholick & did not expect to Preach yet while I was in silent waiting on the Lord & in hopes that my Brethren would be moved to improve the time — that passage fell with weight on my Mind Song 4.16. Awake o North wind, & come thou S. &c. and finding the Brethren backward was enabled to rise & Preach upon the words near an hour then prayed the 2^d time, after which the Brethren sang & meeting concluded (Const. Taber & wife visited us) since which my pain ^{has} increased: This evening I have vomited & c — nevertheless felt comfortable in the inward Man and have conversed much on Divine things (perhaps more than my part) with Samuel Taber, Widow M Hart & Eliz. Cook who came in to visit us. feel now a little easier, but am still in pain of Body, & O that I could with Perfect Heart say — they will be done.

T. D. of the W. last 2^d D. (very cold & in some pain, yet) necessity obliged me to go as far as Jo^s Tripp's to buy sugar: I visited W Wood Job Taber (where I had some close talk with Bial Tripp, & Jon Davis Job Briggs, Pt^r Tab. & c — 3^d D. (very cold) tarried at home mending Great Coat & c — R Hart visited me. 4th D. snowed violently all day I work'd hard in door patching up the House with shingles, & c 5th D. was very busy making buttons, & c not being able to get thro' The snow to attend a meeting which had been appointed at Ben. Borden's; (very cold) toward night Pt^r Taber brought me some things for medicine, which I bought at Newport. rec. cloth of Baly, & c 6th D. very cold & blustering: I rode as far as Tho^s Taber's to buy Butter & Milk: visited Isaac Manchester; in evening had much talk with Mary Hart who came to our House to make Lucy's Gown; — yesterday was very pleasant weather: rested at Home as usual, & to day Preached with great freedom to many People (considering how much snow lies on the ground) upon Job 38. 22, 23. (Hast thou Entered into the treasures of the Snow, or hast thou seen, & c) Since meeting it began to snow again: I felt some pain of Cholick But being earnestly desired I spent the evening at Sam^l Taber's in such an agreeable conference, Pray: & c, with J Hart, Job T & wife that I now feel in good Health — all Glory to the Lord.

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2...3 T. D. evening — last 2^d D. cloudy & some snow — 4 Brethren came and got me some Wood, after which we confered on Divine things & c 3^d D. (very cold) widow Hart being in distress. I went & cut her a little Wood, then carry'd her in a Slay to the corner after necessaries: come near freezing, & c — 4th D. (extream cold) I visited some nigh neighb^r Swett at work on fence! was visited by Martha Irish & Jo^s Hart In the evening had much talk with Martha: Prayed in great distress & c — 5th D. moderate W. held a lovely Ch^h meeting, but nothing material done, N Palmer Prayed, & c — 6th D. carry'd a Crust to Mill from Pt^r Taber's! afternoon went with wife in a Slay to W Grays, & c Yesterday attended the funeral of Old widow Tamsin Tripp (aged About 83 a member of our Ch^h. she died on 5th D.) after Preaching with great freedom, visited, lay'd hands on & Prayed for sister Fish Wife of Rob^t who has been deprived of Reason: after that stop — Confer'd & pray'd with great freedom at P. Taber's: from whence I sat off in the storm of snow: was obliged by necessity to go to mill for meal and came home in the evening. And to day tho' it has snowed hard near 30 came to meeting & after speaking upon Mark 15th B^r Cook Prayed, I then sang alone (How pleasant tis, & c) & Cook M. Irish & Jeru. Round terrys & c

17 82-2-10 First 2. of the W. Last 2 D. necessity call, me abroad (to J. Briggs on
 A spiritual acct Jona. Davis, Pt. Taber shoe maker temporal) while
 A number of Brethⁿ were getting me Wood, &c. 3^d spent
 chiefly at home, writing teaching children & visited C. Manchester &
 4^d very fine W. visited Pt. Gray J. Davenport, J. & Jacob Taber where
 I had much religious talk. Left 3 sheep skins - &c.
 5^d visited Sam. Sawdy, W. Fisher wife, B. Macomber, &c. in the
 Evening went with wife to J. Hart's on the peace-making business
 Return? late at night without the desired success - 6^d cloudy
 and rain: spent the time at home teaching children, writing, &c.
 In the evening Married W^m Cook (son of Walter) to Ruth Taber
 (D. of Tho') yesterday (clear cloudy & cold) rested at home as
 usual only read ^{the Bible} rather more - examined self, visited widow
 M. Hart &c. and at the my food as to the outward man (for
 several days past has been reduced nearly to Bread & Water! yet
 I felt a wonderful revival in my mind one evening of the
 week past, & to day have found much spiritual food, while
 I Preached upon Isaiah 63.7. (I will mention the loving kindnesses
 of the Lord, &c.) Administered & partook of the Lords Supper.
 All Glory to Jesus forever & ever. Amen.

17 82-2-10 First 2. of the W. Last 2 day was cloudy & cold: I felt poorly in Body, & found
 Myself & Family destitute of more than 10 common & necessary articles of
 this life: yet thro' the goodness of God, my dear companion as well as self
 were kept from murmuring, or complaining: & towards night we reciev'd
 some supplies from our dear Bro. Davenport (who visited us) and others.
 3^d extrem cold: yet did much hard work on House, Cellar, &c. notwithstanding
 the great cold in my Head. 4^d cloudy, spent at Home: sent W^m to J. Tabers
 G. Tripp, Lillis Wates - &c. - 5^d very cold attended the funeral of Pt. Gray's
 Child (near the shore) spake but few words: visited J. Cook &c. in way home
 visited J. & Mary Hart evening & returned with great pain in my right ear.
 6^d pleasant: work at home (Lucy went to coast) Widows Hart & Earl visited us,
 Yesterday rested at Home as usual: only had great pain in my ear which
 increased so, that I had a very distressing night: & continued so hard this
 Morning that I thought I should not go to meeting: however the pain
 greatly ceasing before meeting time, I went, & have been enabled to preach
 with great freedom upon Mark 16. 6. (He is risen) spake I trust a word
 in season concerning how Christians should Love one another: Prayed
 for a well qualified successor or successors in the work of the Ministry
 &c. - after meeting a contribution ^{of 19/} was made for me to supply my
 present need of medicine, &c. And I feel more comfortable
 Both in Body & mind than in the Morning.
 All Glory to the Lord.

82-2-24 7^d evening. Last 2 D. cloudy & wet: had great pain in my ear -
 3 & 4 Days Snowed hard: pain not so great: spent the time Teaching Children
 Reading Books of Physick &c. - sent Dog to the Corner for necessities -
 5^d cloudy & clear: ulcer in my ear much easier - Married Rob. Crocker
 To Lydia Mosier: had much close talk with Pt. Taber (who visited me) on
 Prayer, &c. - towards night visited M. Irish, Jo. Daley (& paid him) had much talk
 6^d cloudy & rain - lent Horse to M. Hart: spent time at home as usual.
 yesterday was extrem cold: nevertheless Rode & walked near 8 miles & preached
 with much freedom to a large assembly at the House of George Earl in
 Littlecompton upon 1 Pet. 3. 18. (for Christ also hath once suffered for sins, &c.)
 Soon after I came home - W^m Tilley & W^m J. Green from Newport visited me
 Tilley soon departed again after leaving a token of Love But Schabod Davis came
 In & we had a happy evening in conversation, Prayer, &c. - And to day
 After I had Preached about half an hour upon Luke 1. 79. (to guide our feet
 Into the way of Peace) William Green spake also, much to edification: since
 Meeting we have had much conversation & just now he & Tilley departed to go
 To Pt. Tabers. I have conferred with M. Irish. H. Browning (that was) &c.

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7^d evening. Last 2 D. (Family necessities calling me to Newport) I went in
 Company of my Friends Tilley, Green & Davenport got there about the middle
 of the afternoon (air extrem cold before we arriv'd, & soon after, began to snow)
 I first went & left my Watch to be clean'd, &c. at Easton's - then visited Tilley Family
 where I saw some old acquaintance Jo. Gardner & Wife, &c. - had much freedom in
 Prayer: visited Jethro Briggs, & my spiritual Child, Hannah R. then went & saluted
 My Hon. Parents & natural Brethren & tarried with them all night. 3^d felt
 A concern on my mind to visit the Prisoners in Goal. Father & Friend Tilley
 Accompany'd me. first spake to, & Prayed for Wait Overil who is confin'd for the
 dreadful crime of Poisoning her Husband: then laboured much with friend John
 Holms who says he is confin'd for conscience sake: but on search I could not
 clearly see 'twas for good conscience: spake to the cases of some others - then
 went & dined at J. Briggs's visited Eld. Thurston, some widows & others & in the
 Evening Preached with great freedom to many People at Father's House upon
 Acts 28. 22. (this sect, &c.) 4^d morning convers'd with my friends J. Hedon & G.
 Taber, G. Rogers, &c. left the Town: visited Eld. Bliss, J. Woodman &c. & came safe
 To my Family: H. R. also came to our House in the evening. 5^d we had a lovely Ch.
 Meeting - Hannah made a humble & quickening speech: & after we had in full
 Unity Admonished Bro. Joel Lake to repent of his sins against Christ & the Ch.
 and convers'd on several other matters, Carl Taber & myself were moved to Pray
 6^d (1 of this month being warm) I visited Con. Hart. then the Widow Martha
 Hart at both which places had much freedom in Prayer. yesterday it
 Snowed hard, however, towards night I went on Peace making Business once
 more & while labouring was sent for to converse with Mary Macomber, D. of
 Michael, a young convert who came from near 10 miles off to Profess her

her faith: accompanied by Rachel Borden & Abr^m Sursey. we had a very comfortable evening - And to day (the very cold & much snow on the ground yet) many assembled for worship considering the weather: & after I had Preached upon Luke 3. 21, 22. Mary Macomber made her Profession of Faith to the satisfaction & comfort of myself & the Brethren: I was enabled to pray with great fervency & affection: after which we repaired immediately to the Water Eastward of Joseph Wood's, into which we both went down & I Baptized her: Laid hands on her & Prayed at the House of Joseph Wood, after which many Friends came home with me - Bro. Thing from a distance Prayed - Stephen & Job Taber visited us this evening we have had abundance of conversation And other religious exercises - All Glory to the Lord, forever Amen.

10 F. D. evening late: last 2^d wanted to visit John Tripp who Child lay at the Point of Death, but was prevented by Deborah Gray's visiting us: with whom I had much close conversation. 3^d Preached at W. Osborns with great freedom to many People on Luke 14. 23. (compel them to come in, &c) was confined there all A. D. by a heavy rain, which prevented my Preaching again at Israel Luther's However, had work enough to do conversing with Job Dorden & other Christian Friends & distressed Souls: exhorted, Prayed, &c. 5th D. very pleasant: visited many by the way & intended home: But my only wise God & Saviour gave me a great piece of work to do at the House of J^r Davenport where I staid All night in company with John Weedon & Noah Palmer. 6th D. came home and was confined with rain: found one John Jenkins at my House: seemed filled with the Spirit & spent the Day comfortably in Prayer, &c yesterday, rested at home as usual - and to day have been enabled to Pr^{ch} With Astonishing freedom of utterance & sense of Truth to a large Assembly Upon Acts 9. 31. (then had the Churches rest, &c) since meeting until now have had much conversation with my friends - J^r Jencks, J. Weedon, Gid^m Richmond Job Taber &c - Blessed be the Lord for all his mercies

17 F. D. of the W. last 2^d D. Tarned at home: lent my Horse to J^r Davenport J^r Gideon Richmond & he towards night sat out in a snow storm for the 4 corners 3^d D. clear weather: I visited Jacob Taber, P^r & W^m Gray &c - 4th D. J^r work At our House: B. Jencks visited us, with whom I went & visited Job Taber whose son John is poorly: returned mid. afternoon, &c - 5th morning After working hard on the Roof of Stable visited Elias Gifford. P. & J. Dyer & she that was Hannah Browning & S. Simmons where my wife had been All day: returned home with her in the evening. 6th D. visited Israel Brightman, S. Hicks, J^r Carl, & Ruth Mahomber: on return found Mary Green at our House & yesterday was strangely exercised in Mind felt a great cloud, &c, Wife dreamt an extraordinary Dream. however have been enabled to Preach with much freedom to day on Luke 4 - to many People tho' stormy as it was all day yesterday: since meeting Job Taber, Mary Wate, J^r & young Eliz. Osborn & melodious George visited us.

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2-3... 24 F. D. of the W. - last 2^d day, being very stormy, spent the time at home in usual Business - 3rd & 4th days accompanied by my Wife visited G & J^r Gray at the sea side (Davenport, &c) intended a visit to Newport but the High wind prevented - 5th D. visited Job Taber, Anna Wood, Lilib Wate: as I returned stoped at Pt. Taber & left the money he was going to send by one to Newport; stoped at W. Osborns for a little salt hay for my cows, &c - 6th D. & yesterday spent as usual: & to day have been enabled to Preach With Great freedom upon these words - we have seen strange things to day. (Luke 5. 26.) since meeting had much conference with Cornelius Warren Fortune Gray, &c - & this evening reconciled J. & M. Hart!

31 F. D. of the W. - last 2^d D. intended to visit friends at the Northward: but early in the day was taken very poorly while doing some hard work which prevented me However, necessity obliged me to ride as far as J^r Davenport: C. Warren visited me &c. 3^d D. felt some pain of the Cholick: nevertheless went & Preached With much freedom of mind at Elder Round's upon Rev. 3. 21. (to him that overcometh, &c) visited several going & coming: confer. with G. Taber, &c 4th D. spent at home in pain - 5th D. the generality of the Brethren And many sisters assembled & held a lovely C. Meeting: after Prayer And reading of Luke, Bro. James Warren was restored: a complaint was Brought by Sister O. against Bro. S. & his wife also a testimony was deliverd By Sister B. & H. concerning them & refer'd to next C. meeting some Exhortations were deliverd against tattling & to promote Brotherly Love The Church enter'd into agreement by Subscription voluntarily signifying How much, each would endeavour to do yearly for the support & furtherance of the Gospel rather than let me go into worldly business as I had purposed, (I was set off to go to Tisburyton) (P. Salsbury, J. Weedon &c with us) 6th D. morning rose early & was enabled to accomplish much business: after Cutting wood &c - rode about 3 miles for a grist: brought & left it at Mill: came home: eat my dinner in haste, then travel'd about 4 miles To the House of Benjamin Thing. where I was enabled to preach with Wonderful assistance & utterance upon that one scripture word Consider. (Lev. 7. 14.) at the funeral of a child of Stephen Thing: After Burying conversed with several with great affection & return'd. rode Down to Mill: preached the Gospel to the Miller: took my grist & came home Yesterday rested as usual: felt a great cloud of Darkness on my mind Last evening, but was relieved before I went to Bed - and to day have Been enabled to Preach with great freedom, (after reading Luke 7) Upon Jerem. 1. 17. (speak unto them all that I command thee, &c) Bro. Luther propos'd a Hymn & went to Prayer: we had a great assembly (many of the other Society) & I trust a good meeting: all glory to the Lord Since meeting I have entrusted my friend John Weedon with a Secret.

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7 T. D. of the W. Last 2^d. visited W. & P. Gray, J. & Noah Palmer had a violent tooth ache, &c. - 3^d. poorly took a purge &c. 4th. went as far as John Shirewell to do some writing: had a marvellous Refreshing meeting at young B. Hamblly's in the Evening - (E. Round & Hursey & Solomon spoke after me) tarried all night. 5th. in Company of Bro. Round visited T. Springer & many others & got home. 6th. visited W. Osborn sick: had much hard work to do; M. Hart moved, &c. yesterday felt not very well in Body or Mind: visited widows Earl, &c. entered upon a deep examination of myself in the woods as I returned: Was stirred up & refreshed in the evening by discourse with Ab. Dursey Hannah Richmond, &c. - And to day have been enabled, after Prayer, singing, & reading 8th Luke to Preach with great freedom upwards of an hour upon no particular Text: after which Noah Palmer went to Prayer: then Abraham Dursey made good profession of Faith, &c.: whereupon I again Prayed & gave thanks unto God: Repaired to the Water, (had a solemn word to speak) Baptized him: Laid on Hands at Joseph Woods, closed all with singing & a solemn Word of Information: since which conversed with one under concern of Soul & several Christian friends, & this Evening joined Barnabas Shaw & Mary Hart (D. of W.) in Marriage, was obliged to omit administering the Lords Supper; not only on account of this other work, but by reason of the heavy rain this morning, which prevented many of our most diligent Brethren from attending.

21 T. D. of the W. — Last 2^d. sennight, (accompanied by my Wife) took a journey to Newport visited several by the way, and tarried all night at Fathers. next day visited many friends & returned to Fathers. 4th. visited many more: & Preached in the evening at the House of Wm Goddard to a crowded Assembly with great freedom upon Heb. 5. 12. (ye have need that one teach you again, &c.) - 5th. tho' it rained, visited many & Preached in the Evening at the House of my Father on no particular text, but much to the refreshing of such humble souls as attended with the rest of the multitude. conversed with John Parker, &c. 6th. visited Elder Thurston, Peleg Parker, &c. to the number of 14 families & returned to my Father's - 7th. or Sabbath Preached with great assistance in the meeting House commonly occupied by Elder William Bliss who then lay at the Point of Death - I spoke upon John 11. 3. (Lord, behold, he whom thou Lovest is sick) Ed. Thurston & another Minister attended, &c. after Meeting went & tarried at William Tilly's, where we had a praying Meeting in the evening. next day, being this day week, Bro. Tilly and my Father, William Green & his wife accompanied me to

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Portsmouth to the House of George Sawton where we had a most lovely Powerful & refreshing meeting - I was enabled to Preach with astonishing freedom of utterance upon Job. 34. 17, 18, 19. (shall ever he that hateth right - govern? &c.) William Green spoke after me & Prayed with great fervency, sinners were made to tremble, I believe, & saints rejoiced greatly - after meeting finding a messenger had come from Elder Bliss to me, I returned with him & spent about an hour with my much esteem'd friend And Brother who was a little revived in Body, in great Health of Soul &c. parted with him affectionately & returned to Sawtons from whence I sat off last 2^d. morning & was conducted safely to our Habitation & Family a little after noon: & finding all well felt a measure of thankfulness to our great preserver, &c. 3^d. having heard of Elder Lewis, es intention to hold a meeting at B. Borden's I thought duty to meet him there: heard him Preach upon Acts 10. 47. A lovely discourse: after which Amy Borden, D. of Joseph, aged about 14 y. and Hannah Bennet, D. of Jos: about 19 - made good professions of Faith upon which Elder Lewis Baptized them: & when they were come up out of the Water I laid hands on them & Prayed: we then sang praises to the Lord: after which Bro. Lewis exhorted some time: we then returned to Borden's House; Ed. Lewis soon departed; but being requested I tarried: and notwithstanding my violent cough, was enabled to Preach in the evening with great freedom, upon 1 Peter. 2. 1, 2, 7. several Brethren exhorted: & sang The room seemed full of the presence of God; & our Souls were fill'd with joy & peace! all Glory to the Lord - 4th. visited several and returned home. 5th. received a great wound in my leg getting Wood: Nevertheless, afterward visited Job Briggs, W. Osborn & P. Taber: 6th. was confined by rain: yesterday also (being the Sabbath) it rained hard: I spent the day as usual: (towards night visited Jo. Hart) And to day (tho' the storm of Rain continues) many Souls assembled. to whom I have been enabled to Preach with usual freedom upon Jerem. 15. 16. (thy Words were found & I did eat them, &c.) I knew not the Chapter & verse til since I came home) After Preaching, sat down with the smallest part of the Church: administered & partook of that sweet Ordinance of the Lords Supper. Lydia Shearman tarried with us to night, &c.

Last evening I was enabled to compose the following Hymn: N^o 19. On the 6 principles of Christi's Doctrine recorded Heb. 6. 1, 2. Come ye that fear the Lord and hear - What he hath done for me: from

From sin, and fears of death & hell — My Soul he hath set free!
 Repentance from dead works, & faith — In Jesus Christ my Lord
 Is wrought within me by his Spirit — And his Almighty word
 3. Baptized by the Holy Ghost! — My Soul rejoices much:
 Christ is my All in All & now. I've union with his Church
 4. My Soul's resign'd to be Baptiz'd — With great afflictions too
 When Jesus sees it best, I should... Such trials undergo
 5. Water-Baptism's very sweet... And laying on of hands
 These things I practice & perform... As my dear Lords commands.
 6. The Resurrection of the dead... And Day of Judgment too
 Are two great points of faith, which I, Would ever keep in view
 7. I own these as first principles... Of the Doctrine of Christ
 And having drank this milk, prepar'd By him, his Lambs to feast:
 8. I'll build upon this Foundation, ... As He may strength afford
 And go on unto Perfection, ... In following my Lord
 9. 'Til I arrive in Heaven above, And stand before the Throne
 To sing incessant songs of praise, Unto the great Three-One.

To Conclude:

1. My Soul depends on Christ alone, As my foundation broad;
 Than which no other can be laid, As saith the holy Word:
2. Yet the foremention'd Foundation, Of visible practice,
 His people as a Church must lay, If they would keep from vice:
3. Thus will the Church of Christ appear, A City strong indeed
 Foundation upon Foundation! The building must succeed.

Amen.

28 Th. B. of the W. — Last 2, 3, & 4 Days (wind at NE) the air was full of Heavy Clouds & much rain fell (as there did also for 3 days before) Was obliged to work hard in the rain every day getting Wood, &c, notwithstanding My sore leg & great cold: also visited J^r. Stephen, & Rich^d Hart, S^r Taber & J^r. Crandal: — went to Mill — to the corner for necessaries, &c —
 5th D. (still cloudy) we were favoured to hold a lovely Church meeting: at which John Cook son of W^m Decead a young Lad not 14 years of age appeared And by Divine aid made a wonderful declaration of a work of Grace on his Heart: professing Repentance & Faith; Love to Christ & his People; desiring Baptism, &c !!! whereupon we went directly to the Water: & after speaking a word of Information & Prayer, I Baptized him with extraordinary freedom of mind, then laid hands on him & Prayed at the Water Side: and as We return'd from the Water, sang, Who can describe the joys that rise, &c In less than an Hour we were all return'd to our places in the meeting House Where we again join'd & Sang the Hymn recorded above: after which I gave out a word of Introduction, & the Church attended to a case of

26th of this Mo. I think was that Day with the People in General

Difference between John Shrieve & his Wife & H^m Osborn's Wife: and after some loving Labour, Shrieve agreed to allow Osborn her demand: we then Entered into consideration of one point of Shrieves conduct respecting his Docking the Estate he now Possesses. In which the Church found him not clear and Thereupon several Brethren with myself were enabled lovingly to admonish Him to look & search into & repent of his conduct in that respect. Next Liberty was desired, for & granted by the Church to — those Brethren who live far from the meeting House (northward) to meet together among themselves when they cannot get down among us & perform the duties of Prayer & Reading the Scriptures, chiefly; and indeed to improve their gifts & edify One another as far as they were fully clear & satisfied of a call from God: And they were strictly cautioned & exhorted not to go beyond their gifts or into that which may not be the will of the Lord or for mutual edification. Soon after that meeting ended with fervent Prayer & we parted in Love Some Brethren Killed my calf — some cut me a little wood, Mary Hart turned 6th D. (was yet cloudy tho' we had a clear night before) I visited Jacob & J^r Taber, Pely Cook, Tho^s Brown, Widow Grinnel, S^r Cook, J^r Woodman & J^r Davenport from whence I came home yesterday morning having had near an hour Conference with Minister Jetson in the Road by the way. spent the residue of the day as usual And to day have been enabled to preach with Astonishing freedom of Utterance upon Luke 11. 21. — (thou hast hid these things from the wise & prudent, &c) am now hastening to go on Rhode Island expecting to preach there again this afternoon if the Lord Please A Woman came to my House this morning and manifested a desire of joining the Church: spake very well in some respects: but not giving sufficient evidence of her experience of the new birth, I desired her to tarry 'Til I could obtain Satisfaction: Lord work effectually on her Heart.

5th D.

First D. of the W. This day denight after preaching here in the Meeting House & dining in haste — I went over to Rhode Island. accompany'd by Deacon Tilly & 12 other persons: met a large assembly at G. Lawtons At 3 o'clock & was enabled to preach to them with much freedom my Hon'd Father & Bro. William Green spake after me & on the whole, trust the meeting will turn out to good purpose: next day visited Elder Wm Bliss, found him far restored to health & I think like melted wax, fit to receive any impression which shall be made upon him by the Spirit of Christ, for which I felt thankful to the Lord: after much agreeable conversation with him, his Dear consort & Children, I rode into Town visited Elder Thurston, Bro. Tilly; a very distressed family from N. York &c — and Lodged at Fathers. 3rd D. visited Mary by the way & came home to my family. 4th D. did considerable hard work getting Wood, &c And visited P. Taber, Osborn & Job Briggs.

5th D.

5th D. Preached with much freedom at the House of Pardon Cook: visited John Bowen, & Lodged at Benjamin Jencks's where I sat til midnight on the Peace making business: which being happily effected I was enabled to Pray with great freedom & fervency — 6th D. it rained hard: however, I visited John Borden, G. Woodalls Wife Hulda - & Hannah Pettis wife of George, Rich (After it held up) had much freedom in conversation & Prayer & came in the evening to the House of Mary Borden: Preached there yesterday: from whence I rode home this morning & have been enabled to preach twice in the Meeting House with usual freedom upon Luke 11. 21, 22. - 24, 25, 26. In the forenoon: this afternoon after speaking a few words & reading Luke 12th - waited for the Brethren to improve some time - but none Proceeding - I preached upon John 13. 33, 34, 35. concerning the Love of Christ to us, & our Loving one another. The Doctrine was so close, that 2 Brethren seem'd to signify since meeting they were cut all to pieces. &c. And indeed I find myself too deficient of that most excellent grace of Love - without which all is nothing.

12th First D. of the W. all the Week past have been very busy, doing much hard Work, at home: (barking Wood, making fence, Gardening, &c) except a few short visits on 5th to John Taber & Joth Woods where I had much free conversation with Quaker Army &c: 6th evening to Rich Hart: & yesterday to Stephⁿ & Joth Harts. 2nd D. David Briggs helped me Garden, & Sister Mary Wate visited me & left a token of Love: 3rd D. Lucy went to Coaxet: 6th D. afternoon Widow M. Hart visited us (& went away the day) yesterday Job Taber & his son John, & Mary Green visited us: 3, 4, 5, 6th Day & yesterday it rained more or less (sometimes very hard in the night) & some thunder: Wife has been very poorly chief part of the Week: my work & family circumstances so hard And distressing to the flesh, I felt almost wore out & discouraged 2 days past: However, through the kind Providence of my Heavenly Father, neighbour Stth Hart came & casted me a little wood yesterday: And to day, tho' I felt very weak in Body & mind in the morning; have been favoured with Marvellous Divine Influence, & enabled to preach twice in demonstration of the Spirit, & in such sort, I trust, as to commend myself to every mans Conscience in the sight of God: yet feel greatly humbled under a sense of the Imperfections which upon a review I find were intermixed in my Discourse, & disposed to give all glory to God for what was rightly spoken I spake in the forenoon upon Luke 13. 24 - 30 verse inclusive: this afternoon upon Luke 14. 33. (whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, He cannot be my Disciple) since meeting have had much conversation with P^r. Taber, & Elisabeth Osborn, &c. Praised be the Lord, forever And ever. Amen.

19th First D. of the W. last 2nd D. spent chiefly at home in hard work: afternoon being sent for, I borrow'd a Horse (my own being at Davenport) and first visited Mary Hart the widow, who was poorly at S. Simmonds's: stoped a few minutes at Home then rode as far as Sam^l. Samunsons & join'd his D. Rebekah in Marriage to W^m. Hart S of Smyton: in the evening visited & Prayed with a Sick Woman nam'd Cook & tarried all night at D. Dwelleys. 3rd D. after breakfast visited Jⁿ Stafford Rec^d. a token of his good will, ^{or regard} stoped at Tabers mill for my girt & got home before Noon, found my wife very poorly, worked hard in the rain putting up Hay &c Towards night having retired to read the Bible, & finding my mind in a solemn frame; I called ^{all} my 4 Children to me, and after giving serious instruction & Advice to the 2 eldest (Samuel & Anna) I trust I was moved by the Spirit of the Lord to lay my Hands on their Heads one after another & pray for each by name, solemnly renewing the dedication of them back to Him who gave them me: was somewhat surpris'd at the great stillness of my youngest (Joseph; not 2 years old) ^{while I was in Prayer giving him up} as he is commonly very active & uneasy or restless.

4th D. Wife finding herself better, borrow'd a Horse of Jⁿ Wood & rode to the corner I went on foot til I came to Davenport, where I took my own Horse & a pair of new Boots & accompany'd my dear Wife to W^m. Browns: after a short visit there we visited Tho^s. Brown & P^r. Corey & got back after sun set. 5th D. did much hard work: the some part of the D. it rained (& Thundered) as it did also 2, 3, & 4 Days. 6th D. cloudy: after some hard work visited Jⁿ Davenport Jere Cook & P^r. Gray (in the neck) and return'd with Sauce & other supplies for My Family; was taken sick at the stomach by the way, vomited in y^e evening & yesterday felt very faint; rode as far as Job Tabers to see his sick son John. And soon return'd better myself; & spent the Residue of the D. as usual And to D. have been enabled to attend 2 meetings: read & Preached upon Luke 15th in the forenoon: this afternoon, after Prayer & the Brethren had sang, I read 16th of Luke & sat long silent: had such a sense of the lightness & discomposure of the youth & the drowsiness & stupidity of the more aged I almost trembled under the weight of it for a while at length rose (much affected) to speak of it & give warning: but was constrained first to say, we are fools for Christ sake But ye are wise in Christ, &c & after repeating many texts which I know the Meaning of by the teaching of the Spirit & experience; I told the audience that my eyes had affected my heart; & what a weight I felt on my spirit concerning Religious meetings in general in the Land & our own in particular Not being attended upon with that reverence, gravity & solemnity which becometh such things. when Publick meeting broke up the C^h. stoped & Sister Barbary South now Davis desired to have the fellowship of the Church in ^{her} removing to Woodstock, &c But on examination of her motives & end we could not be all satisfied at present that she had sufficiently considered whether it were the will of God or had proper regard to his glory. since meeting Sister Susanna Gifford (very feeble) came to our house

First D. of the W. Last 2 D. after working hard, getting Wood &c at home
 carried ^{Sub} Anna Gifford to Joseph Woods where I again worked hard taking
 up my Flax &c til near night (suppose I took cold & have had pain
 in my bowels every day since! however) 3^d. visited ~~W. Wood~~ P. Gray (who
 has a child sick) J. Davers, St. Taber, &c: was some rain & Thunder -
 4^d. also rode for my Health (after doing a little hard work) accompany.
 By my Wife, visited W. Richards, W. Wood, Lillis Wate, Job Taber, & W. Osborn.
 5^d. very poorly: yet having no boy was obliged to go on business to Const
 Hart & Isaac Manchester, as also to cut wood, &c: Israel Brightman
 Came to Plow for me, &c - 6^d. no better: but was obliged to work
 As usual: afternoon, for my refreshing, took a Ride; visited J. Lake and
 Const. Hart. yesterday (being the Sabbath) Rested from Bodily Labour, but
 Was in pain: towards night, with Wife, visited Widow Carl &c
 To day, after reading Luke 17. I was enabled to Preach with much
 Freedom upon Psalm 34. 19. (many are the Afflictions of the Righteous, &c)
 And altho' I was partly expected to Preach in 3 other places besides
 The meeting House in the afternoon; to wit at Portsmouth on Pt. Island;
 At Job Tabers (on acct. of his sick son) & at the funeral of Old Tho. Butts;
 I was so spent & full of pain before my discourse was ended, that I was
 Obliged to conclude not to speak any where this afternoon: however,
 I feel now (towards night) greatly relieved from pain, & disposed to
 Sing Praises to the Lord: who is over all, blessed forever more. Amen.

6. 2

First D. of the W. Last 2 D. being free from pain but very weak I visited
 J. Taber son of Job: conversed & Pray'd with him as a dying creature and
 Returned in company of Abraham Dursey: afternoon Rode down to the
 Corner (visited some families) and returned with my Sister Abigail -
 3^d. felt better: cut some Wood, &c & Bro. Henry Bliss & his Wife from Pt. I.
 Dined with me: after which I rode about 2 miles with them & parted:
 Return'd & wrote Letters for Widow Carl; went to seek lost cow, &c
 4^d. cloudy. did much hard work in garden sticking Pease cutting wood, &c
 5^d. a lovely, (tho' in some respects shocking as well as joyful) Church
 Meeting was held: at which, first (after Prayer & reading 18 Luke) The
 Church in full unity all agreed to suspend John Shriebe & his Wife from
 Our communion for Dishing the Estate they now Possess: or rather for their
 Justifying that conduct, &c til they give satisfaction to the Church: for
 which J. or S. Round or both of them were appointed to cite them to next C. Meeting.
 Next Bro. C. Carl & Priscilla Carl were appointed to cite Dursey Richs to next
 C. meeting to give satisfaction for his neglect of the duties of his profession:
 til which he also is suspended from our communion. 3^d. Hannah Davers
 (who was a Brownel) appear'd and made so full & free acknowledgment of
 The faults she had been exclud'd for; that the Church agreed to take off
 The Censure & joyfully receiv'd her again into fellowship. next Lillis
 Wate & Sarah Sawyer or Susanna Carl were appointed to enquire into the case
 of Susanna Lyne the reasons of her absence from Meetings, &c: & cite her to appear

6thly, the Brethren communicat'd or contributed 6/10 Lawful money to
 supply my present necessity of medicine, &c (the sisters before this departed)
 After this several things were lovingly conversed upon & in conclusion
 Ed. Round Prayed, & I spoke a few words exhorting to Love afterwards.
 Cousin John Green son of Thomas visited me and brought news of the death
 of his Sister Mercy: O that we may be all prepared for that solemn event.
 6th. by reason of lending my Horse to J. B. met with many crosses & disappoint-
 ments: worked so very hard gardening, cutting Wood, &c; that I went to bed
 full of pain in my bones &c - Wife was visiting J. Cory, P. Taber, &c and
 Tarned abroad all night: Sister Abigail & Ruth Gifford tarned with us.
 Notwithstanding crosses & weariness, was enabled to wrestle hard in Prayer
 In the evening for a few Lambs of Jesus of whose persecution I lately heard.
 Yesterday, feeling better, after morning exercise I visited J. Taber (son
 of Job) again: as I return'd, stoped at W. Osborns, took my Wife & came home
 spent the residue of the day chiefly retired in the meeting House, reading, &c
 And To day, tho' weak in Body, have been wonderfully assist'd to Preach twice
 (And administer the Lords Supper!) forenoon spake upon a text mention'd
 To me by Bro. Caleb Carl, just as I was going to meeting: Joshua 24. 15. (and if
 It seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day, &c) afternoon
 Upon 1 Cor. 5. part of 7th & whole 8th verse - (for even Christ our P. is S. for us, &c)
 We had a sweet season in celebrating the Lords supper: before which a young
 Woman, named Artemary Gifford (who had been baptiz'd & submitted to the
 Laying on of Hands by E. Simmons some time past) desired to join our
 Church, &c: she repeated her experience, confessed her Faith & was joyfully
 Receiv'd. After Supper we join'd & Sang an Hymn, (O our Arms - friend, &c)
 After which I was mov'd to speak to the Brethren by Singing another Hymn
 of my own composition alone, upon Brotherly Love - (How pleasant 'tis to be)
 And after that another young Woman, Mary Green (D. of Tho') (who was
 Baptiz'd in Connecticut join'd a Church there & came under hands here some
 Time past: having obtained leave of that C. by letter; desired to come under
 Our Care; and was joyfully Receiv'd. since meeting have had much
 Sweet conference with Elizabeth Osborn (W. of W.) Hannah Richmond, &c
 Who mean to tarry all night

I think proper here to say, that M. Aaron Lopez who has been
 A Merchant of the first or highest rank in Newport And was drowned in a
 Pond a few miles from Providence the 28th Ult. has been (tho' a few) a man of
 An Exemplary Life & Conversation; of great fortitude & composure of mind;
 One of the strictest practisers of every moral virtue; and in my judgment as
 Valuable a man as I ever knew, who was not a true & real Christian. As I
 was conversed with him while I was a Merchant, the

4th of the W. East 2^d. near a dozen Brethren & Neighbors
 With 3 pt. of Oxen, we came to Olow & plant for me: with whom I
 Also worked hard, most all day: finished planting, got a little Wood, &
 In the evening, ^{at rain} felt great enlargement of Heart in Prayer, &
 3^d. after morning's work: took my Wife with me and visited Priscilla & Cate
 Carl, Old Caleb Coory (near death with a Cancer & I fear not yet born again
 Ruth Macomber, W^m. Willcox, &c) - was overtaken with rain returning
 which continued by spells great part of the night with much sharp lightning & Thnd
 4th. (or this day sunnigh) Cloudy; spent forenoon settling accounts in order &
 (As I do yearly) Afternoon visited, J^{es}. Cooh, Oth. Gray (nech). W^m. Gray who has
 A sick child: & tarried at J^{es}. Davenport's: 5^d. return'd on foot, was
 Much fatigued making pen for Pig, looking lost Horse, &c - at night
 Had some uncommon talk with Wife & toth. worked hard: 7th rested
 As usual: towards night William Tilly & Mary Green visited us: First
 D. forenoon went to meeting in Pain, yet was enabled to Preach with
 Great freedom upon Luke 19. 42. (the things which make for thy Peace) -
 Bro. Tilly spake a few words in season after me & Prayed: we im-
 mediately took Horse and went on Rhode Island. (it began to rain just
 As we landed) got to Lawtons before 3 O'clock, found a great Assembly
 And my Earthly Father at Prayer among them: joined heartily and
 felt much affected in Prayer; after which, had hopes of hearing
 Elder Bliss Preach: But he, being perhaps weaker in Body than I
 Declined: after a few minutes silent sitting, I was enabled to Preach
 With much freedom upon Acts 10. 42, 43. (and he commended us, &c)
 Elder Bliss being call'd away before meeting was done to visit a sick
 Niece - made a lovely speech to the People & departed: I tarried all night.
 2^d. rode Into Town: visited many: saw unble Green's family Land:
 Had a Great Labour of Love with Old Bro. Lillibridge, and a distressed
 Soul: Saw Pardon Tillinghast; tarried at Fathers, left Town yesterday
 Afternoon: met Mary Green at Lawtons: visited Elasha Cornels
 Wife & heard her tell something like an experience of the new
 Birth - tarried at Lawtons, and was conducted by kind Prov. &
 Safely home to my Family to day - with a weak Body, But
 Comfortable mind, all Glory to the Lord

I feel now a purpose (if the Lord please) by reason of the
 Multiplicity of affairs which call for my attention
 So that I cannot be particular; almost wholly to
 Omit attending to my journal
 Til I have more Leisure

First D. of the W. yesterday I once more visited young Mrs. Taber very
 Was visited by Anna Coorey (D. of St. Thomas) & took knowledge of her that
 She had been with Jesus - to Day, after I had been enabled to
 Preach near 2 hours with great earnestness upon J^{es}. 10. 27, 28, 29.
 My Sheep hear my voice, &c She made a very clear & good con-
 fession of Faith: whereupon we repaired to Willcox's Mill-pond where
 The Brethren sang a Hymn: I was enabled to make a speech to the People
 At the Water side - to Pray - Baptize the Woman - return to the
 Mut. House - speak again to the People - Pray; & lay on Hands in
 A very affecting manner! after which Elder Round made a
 Short & affecting speech & Prayer. & meeting concluded.

23 Since last first D. I have been enabled to Preach Six times: first
 At Newport on 3^d. Evening at unble Tho. Green - upon Isaiah 57. 14;
 (Saw aunt Rogers, home next day, ^{after having & thnd Brethren Preach & seeing a Woman Baptiz^d.} violent tempest in the evening, &c)
 5^d. at Garshom Wooddles (accompany'd by Wife) upon Isa. 40. 1. -
 Lay^{ing} ^{upon} ^{Constant} ^{Wooddles} &
 6^d. at B. Borden's. upon Ecclis. 12. 13. (visited J^{es}. Shrieve try to make
 Peace &c) yesterday in Elder Round's Orchard, the words to Jonah
 Were powerfully impress'd on my mind (Jonah 3. 2.) and we had
 A marvellous Meeting! Likewise to Day we have had powerful
 Meetings I spake in the forenoon upon Collos. 2. 6, 7. - Afternoon
 Luke 20. 25. - Bro. W^m. Weeden a stranger from the Westward, &c with us.
 rain prevents my going to the corner

30 Last 2^d. carried Sister Abigail to Widow Rogers. &c - 3^d. worked hard with
 Brethren who came to hoe out my Corn (J^{es}. D. Round, &c) 4th. visited Mr. Richm
 J^{es}. Carl &c: wife visited J^{es}. Briggs, Osborn, &c - 5th. held a solemn C. Mut.
 J. Shrieve & Wife not present, same Brethren were again appointed to know the
 Reason & cite them to appear. 2^d Dunfy Hicks was utterly rejected & put away
 From among us, for Neglect of the duties of his profession, not hearing the Church
 And positive Immorals! 3^d Sam. Taber & J^{es}. Hart appointed to cite S. Lyre again to
 Appear: 4th a Letter of love by way of Exhortation, &c to be wrote by me to Dr. Eldred
 Who has removed far from us. 5th. Elizabeth Osborn desired to join the Church: but
 I was obliged to make some objections: however, after some Labour she was
 By all received. Lastly a monthly contribution (in publick) for the M. was agreed on
 And meeting concluded with Prayer. 6th. Preached (upon 1 Cor. 15. 21.) at the
 Funeral of Isaac Coory's Child: visited many, & return'd home to hard work. yesterday
 Resided as usual: and to Day, after I had Preached in the forenoon upon Mat. 18.
 6. (but whose shall offend us) Amy & Rhoda Borden, 2 daughters of Joseph & very
 young desired to join our Ch^{rch}. told their experience, & were joyfully rec^d.

† Amy 14th
 Rhoda 11.

Afternoon laid hands on Rhoda: then sang, (I'm not ashamed to own my Lord)
 Preached with great freedom upon Ezra 5. 16. (then came sheeshbarzar, &c)
 was enabled to wrestle hard in Prayer for a blessing on the Word: came home quite
 spent; some pain in Bowels, & as tuxer fit for nothing but bed: got after a few
 Minutes rest, rose & had conference with Christian friends, sang, &c !! all Glory
 to the Lord.

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First D. of the W. last 2^d. spent at home in usual employments, putting up
grain in the barns. 3^d. visited Dr. Cornelius Soule laying in shocking condition with the
Numb. Paley, & afternoon visits for Taber son of Job. 4th. spent at home on papers,
5th. had a little grass mow: visited for Taber, L. Wate, Anna Wood, &c. - 6th. with wife
visited several families round the corners. I also visited Soule again, Ed. Almy, &c.
yesterday tarried at home: in the evening Father came: And to day after Prayer, singing &
Reading 22 of Luke: Father spake to the People about half an Hour. I said
A few words after him & concluded with Prayer: Afternoon Father spake again &
Prayed: then I was enabled to Preach with great earnestness upon Mat 13. 58.
After which Bro. Tilley deliver'd a very seasonable word of knowledge or Wisdom.
And concluded with Prayer: then a contribution of 17/11 was made for me: after this
Several of us were much engag'd in labouring to clear the mind of Tural Irish.
And since meeting many have been conferring at our House, & Taber Prayed, &c.

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1st D. of the W. - Last 2^d. ^{in night} Preached with great freedom at the funeral of Cor. Soule
Upon Isaiah 40. 6, 7. & Ezekiel 33. 11. (all flesh is grass & as I live I have no pleasure, &c.)
3^d. spent at home in a variety of Business: putting Chest of Books in order ^{had some}
4th. D. Hoed in Garden: transcribed verses into my receipt Book: carry knives & ivory tooth to C.P.
5th. D. Hoed some: wrote a letter to J. Jones: Wipe & Lany, Jos. Taber sick: visited Osborn &c.
6th. D. journeyed to Doretown: visited D. Swelley, Ransom Cook, J. Berry, Jonathan Browning, (who
had both his children taken away in one week) &c.; & tarried at Bro. Stillwell's.
7th. D. attended the funeral of Brownings child; Prayed: heard Elder Job Seaman's Discourse
An excellent discourse; for Mason spake after him, &c.: my soul seem'd swallow'd up
In the Love of God; & on close conversation with Brownings Wife, was oblig'd to hope
That God had made the Death of her 2 children the means of spiritual Life to her
Soul: she seem'd to rejoice in God as her portion & could not mourn for the children.
It made me think of Isaiah 28. 29. towards night I went forward to the House of
Philip Hathaway Jr: where I found the son of Peace & tarried all night: (being
About 18 miles from my Family) next day, being this 8. week; met with a great
Assembly & Preached to them upon Isaiah 57. 14. - Afternoon upon 2 Cor. 13. 11.
Towards night return'd a few miles homeward & tarried at Jos. Hathaway's: (heard a very
shocking report of 6 or 7 young People being drowned in Newport harbour (on 7th Day)
As they were sailing on a Frolick! it affected me much, & made me think of Prov. 13. 15.
Ecclesi. 9. 12. & Prov. 27. 1.) 2^d. heard that Samuel Hicks (a Preacher at Swaney.
Who died on 7th also) was to be Buried: Had a Glorious meeting at B. Borden's, where
I was enabled to Preach upon Heb. 4. 7. visited Jos. Borden & Jos. Shrieve, had a solemn &
joyful time at Dan. Grinnell's, &c. - 3^d. Preached again with great freedom at O.
Dennis's upon Prov 19. 20. visited several & reached my Family in safety. 4th. D. work'd
On Hay, &c.: visited several Widows & Fatherless round the corners, Esborn to see us, &c.
The 3 days just past spent at home as usual: studying Physick, &c. And to day have
been enabled to Preach with astonishing freedom, & utterance upon Amos 3. 8. (the
Lyon hath roared, &c.) - 1 Cor. 3. 5. (who then is Paul, &c.) William Green spake after
me in the forenoon, & went to Prayer first this afternoon: Ed. Rowland last. a Black
Brother spake & Prayed, much to edification in my House between meetings: William
Green & his Wife Hannah, & sister Mary: & myself, have all been engag'd in
Prayer & singing since meeting, & enjoy a happy evening. all Glory to God.

How unreasonable it is that any Man should be self-Righteous or self-con-
cited! when it can have no better foundation than ^{our} taking the goods of a fellow
Creature (by his leave) & then Imagining that fellow Creature under obligation
To respect, honour & reward us (without any promise) for ^{our} use of his goods!
For every Man by Nature (or the fall) certainly has the seed of all Iniquity
In him: is Totally depraved; Dead in sin; Averse to good, & inclin'd only to Evil.
And in short nothing can be said too bad of Man in a state of Nature! hence
(As Christ tasted Death for every Man, & is the Saviour of all men in a sense)
All the natural, Civil & moral good things, that may be found in or amongst
The unregenerate, is the Grace of God or its effects to them: as well as all the
Spiritual & Religious good things, which is to be found in or amongst those that
Are Born again. all good then, among all Men, is common, Restraining, and
Special Grace, bestowed on them from God, thro' the merits & mediation of Jesus!
So far then as Men unregenerate, willingly receive, delight in, or do any thing naturally
& Morally good, or submit to the good of Civil Government; it not only argues that
They are so far partakers of the Grace of God, & of Salvation (in a sense) by Jesus!
But it also proves that it is best for Man to be perfectly conform'd to the Law
Or Will of God (to do no evil or sin) even in respect to his own true self interest,
And if there were no other Life & World than the present: hence we may see, that
Every Man dying in a state of Nature, must be self-condemned for the disposition and
Willingness he entertain'd in his Heart to Break the whole Law of God, & for every
Actual Transgression; seeing himself had, in several instances, practically declar'd it
Better to do good than evil, by willingly doing it; tho' from the low motive of temporal
Interest, without respect to which, he had rather done the contrary evil: & seeing that no
Unregenerate Man ever refrains or is deliver'd from any Evil, receives, or does any
Good, but in a way of Grace from God, or aiming at nothing higher ^{or chiefly} than his own
Temporal Interest (And has his full & sufficient reward) How absurd, impious, un-
just & abominably Wicked it is, to place his hopes of Eternal Life on his own
Works! to think of meriting favour from God! or even come to an Interest in Christ
By his own endeavours, &c! yet nothing seems more common amongst men:
Especially that ^{those} who have much natural, civil, & moral good amongst them.
The foregoing thoughts were suddenly persw'd: as they fell on the mind of
P. B.

Should a creature think, speak, or act ever so much good in itself (even Praying, Fasting, &c.)
From wrong, or selfish motives & ends; would not prove him possess'd of a principle of
Spiritual Life, or avail any thing as to his future state: except, if it were done from
A moral sincerity, the degree of his future punishment would be less than if he had not
Done it: but if done only to make a shew, get honour of men, &c.; his punishment must then
by be greatly increased for the great sin of Hypocrisy - But the smallest matter ^{concomitant} done
From a right motive, & directed to the Glory of God as the principal or chief end (even 3
Words of Prayer, &c.) will clearly prove a soul pass'd from Death to Life: one who loves the Breth:
And shall never come into condemnation. Amen.

1st D. of the W. - spent last 2 D. with Wife, W. Green, &c at P. Grays, The Tabern, &c
 3^d D. at Davenport: gloomy evening: turned with Noah Palmer & returned home 4th D.
 5th D. we had a large & lovely, solemn, awful & joyful Church Meeting: at which
 1. Elder Round delivered a most charming Introductory speech & exhortation
 2. I was enabled to speak a few solemn words; & permitted to get near the Lord in Prayer
 3. Sister Ruth Gifford rose & told her late fresh experience of the love of Christ: confessed some faults she had done &c - much to our comfort & edification: as did also Bro. Smymton next in the 8th place
 4. Our chief attention was desired to the 17th Chapter of John: which was read by me.
 5. I read a letter of love, which was approved & ordered to be sent to our Sister Rachel. Closed.
 6. We entered into a loving & lengthy labour with Sister Dyer: after some time spent we were called, to a solemn pause: inward waiting on the Lord, by Prayer, &c: then renewed our labour: in the course of which many Brethren & Sisters spoke powerfully to Sister Dyer And especially Bro. Job Borden is a word of exhortation: but finding the case could not be brought to the desired issue soon enough for us to attend to other matters before a Motion was made to Adjourn it. whereupon we agreed, & closed it for that time by solemn vocal Prayer in which I was the mouth of the Church
 7. After abundant loving labour with Bro. John Shrieve & his Wife: judgment was drawn up by the Church against them: they were most affectionately informed of what we were about to do, expostulated with, exhorted, &c: then a solemn pause took place to the intent & on purpose that if they were disposed they might make confession, manifest Repentance & prevent our proceeding to censure: (before this pause was ended Brother Smymton next seem'd constrain'd to speak as aforesaid) Finally, the Church was obliged in respect to the Honour & glory of God, our own & their good; to reject & exclude them from our Fellowship & Communion, 'til they appear possessed of a better temper & disposition of mind; Repent & give satisfaction to the Church, for their fixed, self-willed Determination not to take more proper pains to ease our minds, respecting Docting the Estate they now possess: for their neglecting to hear us: their long withdraw from Publick worship: rendering evil for evil to some of their neighbours; and neglecting to visit their sick sister Osborn, when desired & sent for by a loving letter! &c &c &c
 9. (after this solemn transaction to which they made no objection or reply) Bro. Fortane Gray (tho' a Black man & destitute of all Wisdom & learning in a worldly sense) seem'd evidently led by the Spirit of God to speak a solemn word of wisdom & Exhortation in great love & Humility to the censured members
 10. Sister Hannah Green (being occasionally present) gave us fellowship in our proceedings: spoke several most important & necessary words of truth (but I thought approach'd through weakness rather too nigh to the Teaching which the Apostle forbids: yet, if it were indeed so, Love ought to cover this, as well as the infirmities we all are more or less subject to even tho' we design them not, but are watchful against them)
 11. & lastly; meeting concluded with prayer & singing praises to the Lord: to whom my soul feels disposed by his Grace to ascribe all Honour, Glory, Praise & Power, forever. Amen.
 6th D. worked hard, & visited Sister Osborn & Bro. Taber, sick: yesterday, the Lord was pleas'd to visit this part of the Earth with a refreshing Rain; and to day I hope visited many souls with showers of Divine Grace: I felt some pain & weakness of Body, yet have been enabled to preach twice upon Prov. 27. 1. (Doast not, &c) Rev. 3. 15. (He that overcometh, &c) Our Brethren J. Luther, N. Palmer, J. Hart, & J. Round have also been active in Publick Worship: all glory to the Lord. since meeting I visited the widow Carl in her Affliction, Prayed, &c - Widow Hart & Elis. Cook tarris with us: have had a Pleasant evening, tho' call'd to mourn over P. S. of whom I heard a shocking report, &c.

1st D. of the W. Last 2 D spent at home: 3^d D. rode in the Rain & attended a Meeting on R. Island. saw Elder Bluff Baptize 2 Women (Widow & Coggshall) visited many & returned home 5th day - 6th D. Preached at the funeral of Job Taber's Son John to many People & returned very poorly in Body: Rested yesterday; and tho' tho' very weak this morning have been enabled to Preach twice with great freedom and enlivening sense of Truth upon Hosea. 6. 3. & John 6. 34. (then shall we know, &c - whose eateth my flesh, &c) And then administered & partook of the Lords Supper in a happy frame of mind - all glory to the Lord
 11. Last 2 D. (being sent for) visited Amos Lewis's Wife distressed in Body & mind: with Pleasure saw, & heard Brother Abner Lewis Preach at Paul Cooks (on Psalm 87. 3 glorious things, &c) tarris at Paul Cooks. 3^d D. visited many and Preached at Paul Cooks upon Mat. 6. 10. (thy W. come, &c) Elder Lewis attended & spoke An affecting word after me: had a most wonderful meeting of conference unexpectedly in the evening at B. Borden's; where some that have been long professors & some young Converts washed one another's feet: exhorted, Prayed, &c in such a solemn & powerful manner it seem'd as tho' the House was full of the presence of God! we had a young Heaven on Earthly ground! & Glory in the bed indeed! as the poet expresses it: We sat 'til near midnight, & then hardly knew how to part! Glory to God forever. 4th D. visited S. Devoe, J. Borden, &c, Preached at Israel Luthers upon Mark 1. 15. (the time is fulfilled, &c) and reached my Habitation in the evening. 5th D. spent at Home finishing a piece of Verse to keep in memory several late important & alarming events Teaching children; some hard work, getting Wood, &c - 6th D. visited J. Gifford, J. B. Osborn yesterday read at home: only made a short visit to S. Simmons: And to day Preached twice with uncommon freedom of utterance: forenoon upon Zechariah 10. 4. (out of him come forth the corner, &c) afternoon upon no particular text - yet made much use of Isaiah 32. 2. Spoke much upon the signs of the times: read my verses on that & other subjects, &c contribution
 18. Last 2 D. afternoon I was taken sick, with wind Collick &c which has hung about me most of the week: caus'd me to Ride much, &c: In the run of the Week visited Lois Manchester sick at Bro Gifford's (several times) Widows Carl, Carl Carl, J. Coy, P. Taber, W. Osborn, Widow Gubbins sick, P. Gray, neeb, Bro Abmy, P. Coy J. Davenport, &c. sent home Sarah Cooks Bed 3^d - saw Deacon Tilly, young Nettle Bro Hubbard, &c 5th D. - had some Wood brought: wrote a long letter for Bro. Hart on 6th D. - rested as usual yesterday - And to day have been enabled to Preach twice I trust with great clearness & sense of the signs of the times: forenoon upon Eccles. 7. 14. (In the day of Adversity, consider, &c) was so exhausted, left meat very abruptly - yet spoke much this afternoon upon Mark 2. 19, 20. (can the children of the Bride chamber fast while the Bridegroom is with them, &c) since meat was obliged to lay on the Bed near an hour in a distressed & exhausted state of Body & under a great & weighty sense of many things in my mind which call'd for Fasting, &c - several sisters seem'd much engag'd in worship at o' House
 25. Last 2 D. before we call'd the Lord Answered us, &c! with respect to Rain; & we hope in due time will grant us much more substantial Blessings: Many of this Church spent the day in Fasting & Prayer: Eld. Amos Burroughs from Winsor Preached to us in the Afternoon upon Malachi 4. 2. (but unto you that, &c)

Several Brethren & Sisters were led forth to Pray & exhort after him & our Fast seem'd to end in a glorious feast of Fat things &c! In the evening, After much other Religious exercise, I felt constrain'd to wash Bro Burroughes Feet: & was enabled to do it under a Powerful sense of the Authority of my dear Lord And Master — 3^d had much religious conference: accompany'd friends as far As Geo: Weggatus: stoped there myself & Prayed with his sick daughter: had a happy Evening at Pt. Grays: & tarried all night: found it sweet to carry the body of Jesus, &c A. D. visited Wm Gray, Gid^o Army, &c (D. Nacher at our House) — 5^d after hard work Visited Jm Taber, &c — 6th worked hard: Joshua Barker, Eld. Round, &c visited me Yesterday Rested at Home: much conference with Eld. Round: towards night Jm Mason And Nath: Cole 2 publish speakers from Swansea visited us: And to day we had 2 Comfortable meetings: at which first Bro: Mason Prayed & gave out a Hymn, Then I was Enabled to take up a great Cross & Preach about 5 or 6 minutes to clear my mind Of a special charge given me from the Lord to this People on the late fast day! the Words that I spake (almost verbatim) I have recorded on a piece of Paper, &c: after that Bro: Cole Preached upon John 10. 14. then I Prayed, & meeting concluded: Afternoon, Bro: Cole seem'd first Mov'd to Pray: I gave out a Hymn (some Brethren rejoice, &c) then Bro: Mason Preached charmingly upon Isaiah 43. 21. (this People have I, &c) after which, I Spake about 2 minutes: then Sister M. G. spake 2 or 3 minutes: after that I Prayed, We sang my Hymn on the 6 principles, & meeting concluded. All glory to the Lord.

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Last 2^d enjoy'd 3 Powerful Conference Meetings: first with Swansea-Friends, &c at B. Maccombers (sick) — 2^d at O Denizes (whose wife is very sick) & 3^d at Tho: Manchesters — 3^d tarried at home; my Wife being very poorly &c 4th attended a Meeting at Jonathan Brownings: heard Elder Thompson Preach (upon Acts 2. 38. 39.) And saw him baptize M. Browning: (bought some necessaries for my family) Preached in the evening at B. Boddens, (whom a young Christian lay very sick: & as Joseph Corden had died last (B. D. spake) upon Rom. 8. 28. (all things work together for good, &c) — 5th visited The Widows B. — Wm Gray, &c And attended C. Meeting in the afternoon at which, after A great deal of free & loving conference on the subject; it appear'd to be the opinion Of this Church (only 4 Men & 2 Women excepted: J. B. W. & E. Taber) That we might, ^{in Immitation} Agreeable to that Scripture Rule; Gal. 6. 15, 16. and Philip. 3. 15, 16. &c ^{those Churches of Christ, &c} hop Communion, and sit down to the Lords Supper occasionally, with our Brethren, who Appear to us Ignorantly guilty of the sin of Omitting the practice of laying on of Hands on every Baptized Believer: which we esteem a precious Ordinance & valuable Rite of the Christian Church: & determine by divine leave, still to hold fast as one Of the Foundation Principles of the visible building of our own particular Church: Altho ^{more} no bar to occasional communion, than the day observ'd as a Sabbath, or the Ordinance of Washing one another's feet: which Christians differ in their understanding of. However, it pass'd not into a C. Act; seeing some were against it, we were Willing to leave it for further consideration: next, I was oblig'd (having taken the 1st & 2^d Steps of the Gospel with P. J. for his sin of omitting the ^{acknowledging} Duty of Family Prayer; to lay the case before the Church: whereupon several members declar'd their grief with his Neglect (as well as myself) and enter'd into a loving Labour with him: but at last Forsook it: & meeting concluded, with a speak of Sarah S. Prayer of P. B. & Eld. Round And a short caution to the Brethren from my mouth. spent the evening at L. Manchester whose Wife seem'd to be under violent hurrying suggestions of the Devil, &c. C. D.

C. D. spent at home in a variety of Business: some new thoughts about the Duty of Christians & Churches, present'd to my Mind in my retirement in the woods, &c Yesterday Rested as usual (only my mind was led into a deeper study than common upon The mysteries of the Kingdom of God: womens place in the C. Laying on of Hands, &c) and To day after publick Prayer (in which I found my Soul much engag'd) and reading 24 Chapter of Luke (which concludes my Publick reading of the N. Testament) I rose to Preach, without any particular treat: yet began with Heb. 1. 1, 2. & 12. 25, 26, 27. And after Preaching some time, was led to dwell more particularly on 2 Chron. 36. 16. (But they Mocked the Messengers of God, &c) on the whole, was enabled I trust by manifestation of the Truth to commend myself to every mans conscience: & the word was so searching, that Some hearers nearly trembled: after Preaching, & Prayer for a blessing on the Word; sang My new composed Hymn concerning the right use, design & end of the Bible — Afternoon Preached upon 1 Cor 10. 31. (do all to the G. of God) spake against Christians Marrying such as give no solid reason or evidence that they themselves are true Christians, &c Since meeting Jm Thurston & Johnson, 2 young Brethⁿ from Newport visited us, &c Lucy departed to J. D. & the Widow Hart tarries in her room

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Evening. Last 2^d spent at home, in hard work. 3^d went to Hall-Driver to visit J. Browning; Preached at Jerehs in the evening, (on Song 3. 1, &c) & returned 4th visiting several sick Persons at D. Dwellay's, B. Maccombers, &c by the way: 5th had much business to do: (lent Widows Hart my Horse) Working with Brethren, getting Wood, making rail fence, &c — 6th forenoon worked hard making stone-wall. Afternoon visited J. Taber, J. Havens, J. Army, Widow Gubbins, &c: much conversation & Prayer Yesterday felt much out of order in Body: yet went to the funeral of Ob. Denizes's Wife (Pratt) & Preached twice; or deliver'd 2 distinct messages to the People (with Power) As they were deliver'd to me! spake first about 5 minutes: next time near an hour Between which Eld. Bro: Round, D. a seasonable & good speech: in conclusion I Prayed. And to day forenoon was enabled to Preach in a very close, searching, & affecting manner upon Mat. 5. 47. (What do ye more than others?) this Afternoon on Mat. 23. 23. (these ought ye to have done, & not to leave the other undone) Between Meetings my dear Wife was taken in Travel: & help being obtain'd, I was not in the least discompos'd in my attention to Divine things in the afternoon meeting; tho' since, have had my mind much exercised about her: & after putting up secret petitions for her, went over to Bro: Tabers & desired him to unite with me in Prayer: soon After, return'd; & found that about half past 8 o'clock this evening she was del. of a Daughter (her 5th child whom we call Mary) And both mother & child being As well as usual in such cases, I found great freedom, in Presence of all the Company present just now to Return Thanks to Almighty God, &c

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15th Evening. Last 2^d after hard mornings work, carry'd Granny Soule home. Visited Jm & Carl. Carl, Pt. Taber, &c: & ended the day with hard work. 3^d visited J. Browning, Jm Army, Pt. Gray, Jo: & G. Army, &c. 4th D. Rain'd: did much work. 5th visited other Pt. Gray (& rec. a large token of love) P. Cook, Davenport, &c: & did some hard work. 6th did much hard Work, clearing Colter, &c: Wife & young child heavily, but Hannah very sick, &c yesterday, last night & to day did much by way of tending & visiting my sick Daught^r: was also Enabled to Preach once to a great assembly with wonderful assistance upon Hosea 2. 1. (Ammi, Reahmah, Deborah, Jilly spake a word after me & pray'd: towards night I rose to the corner & return'd

1782-9-22

1782-9-22 Last evening, last 2 d. (Hannah very sick) did much hard work, & visited R. Peince sick with Billious Collick. 3d. after hard work went out to buy necessaries & visited P. Cory: had much talk with unble J. Green J. Warden &c, at J. Davenp. With Job Taber & his Wife at my own home in the evening. 4d. did much work Hannah being yet very sick, Doct. Whitledge visited her, &c: J. Warden, Elis Cook, &c. Visited, & Prayed with Richd Peince, Widow Earl, &c: 5d. thought to attend the Wedding of my youngest Bro. at Newport: but the sickness of my child prevented: therefore after much hard work, tending her, gathering Beans, &c: I rode to Jo. Almg's for a grist, &c & return'd in the evening. 6d. worked very hard on Wood, Beans, cutting stalks, &c: child better. Yesterday rested at home as usual: only made short visits to R. Peince & widow Earl And to day, after Prayer set long silent: then read 5 Chap. of James & part of the 68. 7 of the 2d of Chronicles (concerning no rain) & spake a few words upon it: then sat silent again some time: at length was enabled to find, & faithfully & Boldly to speak the word of the Lord to the People near half an hour: & after ceasing some minutes had such a fresh opening of Gospel Truth in my mind, I rose again & spake near 20 Minutes (as I suppose, for I measured not the time) then by silence giving others time to speak, if they found a call; but none improv'd time that way; meeting concluded with Pray & being an awful time of judgments, & the word of the Lord to day being uncommonly solemn & Alarming; neither myself or any of the Brethren (to my knowledge) found duty to sing! — since meeting I rode to the corner for a medicine for my sick child, &c

29 Evening. Last 2 d. tarried at home til near noon then visited Fortune Gray's wife sick, his Master Philip, Peace Gray & J. Davenp: return to hard work 3d. worked very hard on Garden-Wall: began to thresh corn, &c. 4d. visited J. & Lad J. Cory, &c — 5d. worked hard forenoon, Afternoon met with a numb. of Br. Not sufficient to make Church acts: however, were favour'd with great Divine Influence in Prayer; Labour'd much on that subject with P. Taber: J. Davenp. Concluded meeting by Pray. &c — 6d. went to Seconnet Point Mill: by the 4 corners: was caught in a Shower: had peculiar reflections on a Rain God Tarried all night at Isaac Balys: yesterday had some peculiar Talk with Minister Ellis: visited Stephen Brown. by the way home, &c. And to day, after Prayer, singing & Reading Jer. 26. 11-15. Preached upon Rev. 11. 6. had freedom to sing (God of the Winds & Rains & Drouths, &c) & to deliver 2 other distinct messages: the last to shew the want of Christian Liberty in the Breth. & to shew them the necessity of Using it! after which an Indian Bro. Labot & Bury's

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Last 2 d. Journey'd to Newport: 3d. (considerable Rain) Preached in the evening at J. Green's upon Jer. 13. 35. (by this shall all men know, &c) visited many (for Shaw, &c) & 4d. return'd home with my Mother: 5d. after hard work visited W. & P. Gray, Pard. Davenp. &c: 6d. after much hard work visited W. who yesterday attended the funeral of Constant Sifons young daughter. & Preached with freedom And to day we have had a feast of Fat things! I was enabled to Preach Upon Acts 2. 42. (And they continued steadfastly, &c) Eld. Round spake & Prayed After me: We then sat down with the Church (many Present: Mother, Talley, P. Fallman, &c) to the Lords-supper: towards the close of which I was made to feel And speak wonderfully about the Love of Christ & the Love we should have one to Another. Bro. Talley soon departed, many young Christians came to our House. &c

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1782-10-13 Last evening. Last 2 & 3 d. much rain fell; & was very refreshing after so long and Pinching Drouth. I was very busy about many things at home: my child being yet very poorly, &c. 4d. after hard work, hushing corn &c, & ~~other~~ felt much unwell. 5d. after usual labour, visited God. Army, J. B. Cook, &c. 6d. morning, self, Wife & Daughter. Hannah was all very poorly: however, afternoon being better visited Job Briggs & towards night a heavy shower fell. Yesterday (the Sabbath) was oblig'd by necessity to do considerable work taking care of my few creatures, a lame hog &c: afternoon visited W. Earl: Put up some peculiar petitions to the Lord by the way in the Woods, &c — And to day After Prayer & Singing, Brother Perry Davis Discours'd some time & spake well upon Psalm 133. 1. (Behold how good, &c) I was enabled to make further improvement of the same words after him, & towards evening attend'd another meeting at J. Davenp. where I heard Davis speak again upon 1 John 4. 19. (we love him, &c) and return'd home just now, leaving my dear Mother there: who purposes home to Newport tomorrow

20 Evening. Last 2 d. was very blustering & some rain (lent horse to J. Briggs) Spent chief time digging Potatoes, took cold & had violent pain in my neck in the night. It rained very hard 3d. forenoon — afternoon rode to the Corner: return'd & Found Eld. Bachus & Bro. Nelson at my House, with whom enjoy'd a precious evening 4d. Afternoon, heard Eld. Bachus Preach 2 excellent & affecting Discourses: 1 in our Meet. House upon Gen. 8. 21. — 2 at P. Grays; on Mat. 5. 4. where we tarried all 5d. being prevented by a great Rain from going on R. Island; Bro. Nelson Preach'd in the evening at J. Davenp. upon 1 Jo. 1. 3. Eld. Bachus spake after him: and After meeting my soul found great freedom & enlargement to Pray & sing, comfort on Washing feet &c. 6d. return'd home: & on being inform'd by my wife that she tho' Our S. Hannah would hardly have lived thro' the night before; I retired, & had a Sweet wrestling time of secret Prayer: obtain'd a resigned Will & great Peace! Yesterday I attend'd the funeral of the 3 & last child of Epi. Taber which has been taken away all 3 in about 10 months! Preach'd with great freedom & affection Upon Job. 1. 21. (The Lord gave &c) spake a few words to Children at the Grave, &c To day after Preaching to a great Assembly in the Meet. House with much freedom on Eccles 5. 1. (heep thy foot, &c) found extraordinary & amazing Assistance & Influence At a second meeting, (at the House of Job Taber where many assembled who seldom attend meetings) while I Preach'd upon Acts 17. 11, & first clause of 12 verse.

27 Late at night. Last 2 d. did considerable hard work, (digging Potatoes, &c) Sill. Wood's died 3d. aft. hard work, carry'd Anna Giff. to Jo. Tabers: then visited Phoebe Willcox (Wife of J. D.) in a shocking condition (Despairing: tempted to do herself mischief, &c.) Child Johnston from Newport visited us: my child very sick, &c. 4d. rose betimes, & accompany'd by P. D. Taber attend'd the funeral of Minda Waddle (wife of young J. Warden) Preach'd upon 1 Thess. 4. 16. with wonderful freedom, & return'd about seven: Lucy Covil J. Wood & Wife spent evening with us. 5d. visited Doct. Jarret, Ned Manchester (who has lately been in a France & saw wonderful things!) & Sister M. Rogers, &c: Evening (it rained) heard Job Taber with pleasure tell what he had met with last Second day. 6d. after hard work at home, walk'd to Th. Tabers, took his horse & visit'd his son P. (who has a child sick) Wm Gray, Phoebe Willcox (with whom had much talk) &c: yesterday Was a steady Rain: (much fall) my child very sick, &c: However, according to appointment I went on Rhode Island to day got to Geo. Lawtons about 11 Clock. found People engag'd in Worship: heard Eld. Bliss Preach, &c: Afternoon I was enabled to Preach upon Jer. 7. 23. (obey my voice) after meal sat out to return home cross'd the ferry in the dark: stop'd to see Phoebe Willcox by the way & reach'd Home just now, near 10 Clock: glory to God for pursuing every & redressing love: forever

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First S. of the W. — Last 2^d. Job & Brandal, helped me hill & salt my hock, &c.
3^d. forenoon worked hard: afternoon rode to the corners for necessaries, & returned in a shower.
Had a most precious evening as to soul affairs, &c. — 4th & 5th 2^d. Rained very hard & prevented
6th. Meeting: I had much hard work to do in the storm, & sat up chief part of both nights with my
Very sick Daught^r. Hannah! 6th. was so destitute of necessaries in the house, took up the great
Crops & went a begging! found supplies through 3 instruments: Job Taber, S. Wate & A. Wood.
Yesterday (being the Sabbath) spent the forenoon in Religious exercises, &c.: but having no boy able
to help me, was obliged to go to the Corner, Afternoon, for Dist^r for my sick child: visited & conversed
once more with Phoebe Willcox: who has obtained some relief from her distress^d condition
To day, (tho in gloomy circumstances) have been enabled to adopt & Preach upon Rom. 8. 18.
(Tho I reckon, that the sufferings, &c.) with usual freedom: Mary Green visited us, &c.

Last 2^d. after some hard work, rode to Davenport for some necessaries, &c.
3^d. (gathered nuts) cut Wood with the Brethren who came to help me: confer^d with Sister, &c.
4th. great Rain: found much to do, in & out: waiting on my sick S. Watched at night: had
A wonderful time in Prayer, &c. 5th. forenoon went to Mill, &c.: Afternoon attended
6th. Meeting (not many present) found extraordinary freedom in Prayer: Lovingly
Exhort^d one another: agreed on some supplies for me: confer^d on the cases of
Sis. Dyre, Bro. Richard Hart, Jacob Soule & Fortune Gray: after meeting I enjoy^d
A happy evening in Religious Exercises: Doct. Richmond visited my sick child, &c.
6th. Nurse Hart went to her Daught^r. To mill & other work: afternoon Jennie visited us: Doct^r
opened S. Hannah's sore Breast; a shocking scene ensued: near a pint (we think) of
Very stinking matter came away before we could dress it, &c. yesterday, tended my
Sick Child diligently, visited C. Manchester (sick) a little while, had much company ^{in that} evening, &c.
To day have been enabled to Preach with great freedom upon Habakk. 3. 2 (revive thy work, &c.)
After which, Sister Mary Green sweetly witnessed to the Truth: then Job Taber came forth and
Made a good Confession of Faith: & in conclusion I was enabled to Pray fervently: all
Glory to the Lord who has begun to answer our cries for the revival of his work. Amen.

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Last 2^d. forenoon worked hard cutting Wood while Brethren carried me a few
Load: Afternoon rode to Bro. J. Davenport for my Beef & returned in the Rain:
Child yet very poorly: however had a comfortable Confer^{ence} in the evening with J. Tab. & Briggs.
3^d. forenoon worked hard: (a few sisters came to spin for us) I was obliged to sit out for
Lawton's Mill (with wheat) call. & got young Job Briggs to go for me: visited Job Tab. & A.
Wood: returned towards night without my Child: had a pleasant evening, &c. 4th. forenoon
Had: Susa. Taber & Lillie Wate visited us: towards night it began to rain fast: left towards
5th. visited P. Gray (dined there & had talk with Rowland Potter) Wm. Gray, J. Davenport, &c.
6th. worked much: Afternoon Wife very poorly, dau. better: Bro. Utter & his Wife and
Job Taber visited us. Yesterday had much comfortable conference with Bro. & Sister Utter
And to day have been Privileged with Hearing Eld. Goff sweetly sound the Gospel
Trumpet he spake upon Rom. 1. 16. when he ceased, Sister Lucy Covil seem^d constrain^d
By the Power of the Spirit to Witness to the Truth & speak a few words of Exhortation
After which I was enabled to speak a few words (Powerfull) about death, Judgment &c.
& say, Why tarriest Thou? arise! &c.: Then repaired to the water, Eastward of Wood
Where I was enabled solemnly & with wonderful freedom & comfort of soul to speak
A word to the People; Pray; and Baptize Job Taber: after which felt most
Remarkable Influence & Assistance to Praise the Lord as I returned to Wood house
And to Pray for a day hands on Brother Job, there; from whence I just now
Returned to my Habitation in great peace & comfort of mind

All Glory to Jesus, Who Dye on the Cross!
But Liveth forever, Believers to Bless!
Amen.

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First S. of the W. — Last 2^d. (Daughter Hannah being much better) Wife & I
Accompany^d Brother & Sister Utter & Mary Green to the ferry: had much talk with
Phoebe Willcox at Davenport: was obliged to stop at Jacob Tabers as we returned, &c.
3, 4, & 5 Days was very stormy: Rain Snow &c.: however, did much work out & in
Door, visited some nigh neighbours; & 5th. afternoon went to the Corner & returned
In the evening having visited P. Willcox, &c. 6th. sent my Horse to Davenport (Jall River)
Had much work to do, &c.: Yesterday Rested as usual: only had near 1/2 a mile to go
For Water (our well being so low) W. Cornell, Susa Hart, M. Remington & Wm. Divil
Visited us: with the last of whom had much conference in the evening by which & his
Prayer I rec^d satisfaction that he has lately Pass^d from death to Life: and to day
After I had Preached with Great freedom upon Prov. 23. 23. (Buy the Truth, &c.)
He came forth before the whole Assembly, & made a very clear & affecting confession
of Faith, &c. & was receiv^d into the fellowship of the Church: after which we sang
My Hymn on the 6 principles, Prayed, &c. — J. Soule, P. Willcox, S. Sawyer, &c. attended.

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Last 2^d. to oblige a Poor Widow carried her a Grist to Mill: visited Aborn
& in the evening S. Taber with J. Hart. 3^d. forenoon Rained hard. hill? Country:
Afternoon rode to the Corner & returned — 4th. did much hard work: cutting Wood & leveling
Before the door, gathering Walnuts &c.: Lydia Shearman visited us: high wind, good evening &c.
5th. very cold: Afternoon we had a lovely 6th Meeting in many respects: but were obliged
To Remonish Sis. Dyre to Repentance for neglecting to hear us, for railing, &c.
We also Labour^d hard to show Bro. Jacob Soule his fault of Preaching the Civil Law
The State in trading with their & our outward Enemies, &c.: Eld. Daniel Pinks, & A. of
His Brethren (Jackson Collins, &c.) attended & confer^d with us: in the evening he preach^d
At Parson Tabers with great freedom & clearness, (upon Psalm 133. 1.) 5 of 6 Brethren
Exhort^d sweetly, & after him: & Glory to God, 'twas a very refreshing time to my soul.
6th. He Preached again in my Dwelling sweetly (upon Rev. 1. 5, 6.) after which we had a
Loving conference & parted: Yesterday I was enabled to Preach with great freedom at
My dear aged Brother Rounds upon Jn. 14. 1, 2, 3. being led to that text by occasion of
His fainting & falling in Prayer time: he so reciv^d as to speak a lovely word of
Exhortation after me: as did also Bro. Job Borden after him. To day have been enable
Again to Preach (upon Jn. 12. 26) And Administer Baptism, &c. to young William Divil
With wonderful & astonishing freedom & Divine Influence: Bro. Borden Exhort^d, &c.

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Evening. — The evening of Last first S. I rode to the Corner to hear my Brethren
Confer, &c. on matters of Religion but when arriv^d, found such a cry for Preaching, was
Obliged & enabled to Preach once more with wonderful assistance & utterance upon
3. 18. after which Bro. Borden & Bro. Noah Palmer sweetly exhort^d, Prayed, &c.
2^d. constrain^d by love, I visit^d, & took up stumbling blocks out of the way of Ab. Divil
And his wife: Dined at P. Gray: had conference with Wm. Wife at Davenport, &c.
3^d. worked very hard on Wood, &c.; while a few friends were cutting & casting for me: rained
Hard at night. 4th. foggy (Will being near dry, obliges me to go near 1/2 a mile for Water)
Visit^d Earl Tabers sick Child — Bro. Lewis & Sister Ethier came to see us, &c. 5th. would
To mill: visited Tabers child again. J. Wood, &c. 6th. severe cold: did much hard work:
Yesterday afternoon (with Bro. Lewis) visited Widow Earl, while Maria & Ester went to Simon
This morning (tho it rained) a young Publick Friend from Swansy came to see us
To wit Michael Eddy (aged 22 yet but about 3 years) & Preach^d lovely upon 2 Tim.
2. 11. I spake a word after him, &c.: This evening I heard him again and after he had spo-
ken upon Mal. 3. 16, 17, 18. (not near so clear as in the day time) I was enabled to Pray fervently
for him as well as myself & others: he goes home to night with friend Davenport, &c.

S. D. was appointed by Civil Authority for thanksgiving: but our duty is to God.

First 2. of the W. Last 23. (very cold) Preached at the Funeral of East Taber's Child upon Rom 5. 12. & Lachariah 12. 10. joined together: spent the evening very agreeably with a number of Christian friends at the House of Joseph Wood: Bro. Wister sat off for Hopkintown in the morning, &c. 3^d. spent at home in a variety of business the much out of order in Body & mind: Daughters most well, &c. 4th. poorly: yet went to Davenport with son Sam: visited Pt. & Wm Gray & return'd in the Rain (with several necessaries for Family) in the evening was visited by Widow Amy Ginn: 5th. 2. (Cloudy) sat out to carry her to Newport (purely to oblige her) Rode my own Horse part of the way: who when I was alone upon him near Pt. Cory: fell in a dreadful Manner & threw me over his Head: But Praise be the Lord, I took no damage! Got S. Simmons's Horse, & arrived in Newport a little after sun set, met wet thro': Visited several Families: Lodged at Father's & Return'd safe home toth Evening thro' violent Wind & cold (was but 15 minutes crossing ferry, &c.) yesterday rested as usual only Read more than common in a new Book compos'd by J. Hart: & urged by necessity Carried home Simmons's Horse - This morning also necessity obliged me to work Hard 'til near meeting time: by reason of which I felt so discompos'd (not being so Perfectly reconciled to it as I should be) that I was tempted to wish I had no meeting to attend: however, the good Lord I trust ~~sent~~ with us: enable me to Pray, & Preach With great freedom, upon no particular Text yet chiefly improving that Scripture Expression - Obey my voice - after which Bro. Noah Palmer Prayed: there was A contribution: &c. all Glory to Jesus forever & ever. Amen.

22 - Last 2^d. (very Cloudy & Cold) did much hard work: In the evening & night Much snow fell, &c. - 3^d. worked hard in the snow making Paths; had Horse & Cow To drive near 1/2 a mile to Water (spelt much) was obliged to use snow water to drink, &c. 4th. went to the 4 corners in Distress: rec'd some supplies: Bro son Sam home, &c. 5th. much work: distress for meal: got a little at C. Carl's, J. Cory's, & Osborn's. V. P. 28. &c. 6th. visited Job Taber, & had much sweet conference: return'd in evening & had much Freedom in Prayer in my Family for this Church. (C. Cook) &c.: yesterday spent at Home as usual: & to day have been enabled to Preach upon Isaiah 9. 6, 7 & Luke 2. 10, 11. joined together: conferr'd with Wm. Cornell since meet. & am now going to Pt. Grays.

30 - 2^d evening. yesterday ^{the} sunnigh in evening Preached at Pt. Grays upon Mat 25. last verse: terrified All night in pain of wind colic: 2^d. being much better (fine weather) left my Horse And came home on foot: visiting several by the way: did some hard work & spent the Evening at Deacon Joseph Taber's on the Peace-making business: 3^d. worked hard at home 4th. did likewise and visited Widow Earl (with wife) J. Mansuet. & Old Rich Hart 5th. morning, Bro. Wm. stop'd a few minutes: Violent rain prevented Church Meeting I Spent the day copying off Hymns, &c.: 6th. (fine Wea) visited & had much conference With Bro. J. Taber & his Wife (Earl & W. not at home) about the Deacon's office singing, &c. Day before yesterday Preached with remarkable freedom & divine Influence to a number of Whites And Negroes (only 5 whites) assembled to the Funeral of Old Onelape Burges aged 83 one of the native Indians of this Country! had a sweet conference at Job Taber's & at home in the evening with my friends Smyton Hart, W. Dival & sundry others: & yesterday ^{was} enabled to Preach again with wonderful Assistance upon Rev. 17. 14. (These shall make War with the Lamb, &c.) Bro. Wm. & Tilly, &c. with us: had sweet conference after Meet. (rec'd a large token of love from B. Tilly) Walked in the evening to Old Fisher, where I heard many Brethren & Sister Pray, & speak of the things of God: tarried with Bro. Sander all night: & to day had a long & loving conference with Wm. Cornell & his Wife, & my Brethren accompany'd me there. (Old Round, B. Macomber & Paro. Taber) from whence I just now Return'd In a snow storm on foot.

First 2. of the W. Last 3^d. had an agreeable conference with my beloved Bro. Tilly (who stop'd to see us in his way from Bedford to Newport) did much hard work: wrote a Letter for Widow Earl, &c. - 4th. very clear & cold beginning of the new year: visited Several nigh neighbours: had a powerful sense of the Divine Presence at John Gifford's: Felt great freedom and largeness of Heart in speaking to each one present: after which I being unparaded of the Lord (and having no power to speak beyond my purposing beforehand!) - well on my knees & Prayed without the man of the House's asking me or shewing freedom by Rising! yet he afterwards spoke so as to discover he liked it & had fellowship! 5th. had a lovely C. Milt. and after a loving & successfull Labour with several Brethren who had stop'd in full travel, &c. - the Church all agreed without one objection To consider the whole Church as ^{except myself} private members, and to look out as soon as convenient 2 or 3 members if such be among us whom the Lord hath fitted for the office of Deacons And given them an Inclination to discharge that work - that they may be solemnly Set apart thereunto. (A live Pig was but eye by firing through the wall!) Wood, Widow Wate, Pily Potter's Wife sick, & Wm. Fisher; Preached at Taber in the evening Upon Heb. 13. (here have we no continuing City &c.) yesterday, accompany'd by Taber Visited Isaac Gifford's Wife ^{Mary} who hath kept her Bed in a strange condition near 23 years! She and her 2 Daughters Elisabeth & Mary talk'd so much like Christians 'twas a very Comfortable visit to me I was enabled to exhort & Pray with them with much freedom. Toward night came home, & visited Amy Hart much distressed with a fellon, &c. To day (the unwell in Body) have been enabled to Preach with much freedom, first Upon the words of a Hymn sang - (now by the Bowels of my God, &c.) then upon Philippians 2. 1-4. (if there be therefore, &c.) after meeting had serious talk with M. Irish - Geneva & Comfort B. tarried with us: ^{Water is again come in our Well, &c.}

12 - Last 2^d. did much work in House: was visited by Pt. Taber, &c.: Visited Job Hart, &c. - 3^d. considerable work; studied Physick some: visited Sam. Taber Jo. Grandale's Wife Mary, sick: & had a lovely conference in the E. with Job T. & his wife L. Wate & Lusa Hart: (extrem cold weather, &c.) 4th. violent cold: visited A. & Jo. Hart, & Edw. 5th. (seem' as cold as ever known) had Wood to cut & back! Visited S. Taber & (with Doct. Richards) Amy Hart: Evening drove my Cow to Jo. Woods: began to snow for I return'd &c. 6th. Violent storm of Snow: was in some pain, yet obliged to do much work in House, visited Amy Hart once more - Job Taber came and tarried all night with us. yesterday was obliged to split some Wood & should have done more work thro' the Sabbath! but a young Men of my kind neighbours came & relieved me: or rather the Lord sent me help by them: towards night returning from a short visit to Old Rich. Hart, was seized with hard Pain of the Cholick, but soon reliev'd! To day only 4 of the C. (Sam & Job Tab. J. H. & J. T.) And 4 other men came to meeting (snow near hinc deep) we spent above 2 hours together In the Meeting House in conference, Reading, &c. I spoke upon Rev. 12. 3 last verses: Bro. D. Prayed &c.: the now unwell in Body & in distressing circumstances, desir'd to praise the Lord.

19 - Evening. Last 2^d. cloudy Weat. & cloudy mind: reliev'd all Pray. at Jo. Hart's, &c. 3^d. out of Wood: sought help of Pt. T. gave him 3 Chapters - was helped by Osborn! work hard sell, &c. - 4th. so eat-rem cold kept House. V. J. Hart, &c. 5th. P. & others got me some Wood - 6th. great thaw: went to Bro. Ezra Luthers. yesterday Preached at the funeral of Tho. Thurston's child; and to day in the Meet' House with astonishing freedom upon Rev. 7. 10 (Salvation to our God, &c.) after which Wm. Cornell made a confession of his Faith desiring to join us: but was refer'd 'til further consideration. E. Prayed & Prayed & this evening had much conference with P. Sautelbury, E. Cook: H. Belmont Pray.

Fifth D. of the W. The 20th of last month I spent at home: much Business was a little while at a few near neighbours, &c. 21st set off with Benj^m Finches (Who came to my House with a large token of love: towel, cloth for a great coat!) To visit my Beloved Bro: Eld^r Amos Burroughs who was very sick & sent for me. The traveling was so dismal, we turn'd in at Pt^h Gray's & arriv'd: next Day, by Reason of the snow storm, return'd Home: sent Cow to Bro Davenport, &c. 23rd (which was this day fortnight) could do but little: by reason of a wound on my leg received a week before getting Wood: however, visited the Widow Earl, &c: since which, till now have been pretty much confin'd to the House, with my sore, and in very distressing circumstances for Wood, Bread, Milk, &c, &c! (have been measurably reliev'd by my dear Brethren Tilly & Davenport, Mary Gordon, &c!) nevertheless went down to the Meeting House both first days past & was enabled to preach with usual freedom the 26th upon Rev. 12-3 last verses (when Tilly & 3 other Newport Brethren were with us) and last first day the extreme cold, upon Psalm 118. 27. (when Jⁿ Wieden, B. Finches, &c, were with us.) This day week, 9 or 10 Brethren assembled to hold C^h. Meeting: but the number not being sufficient by reason of a snow storm the day before: we only had some clost & trying conference, & parted ^{day before} yesterday wrote a letter for Susa Hart was obliged to cut Wood, &c - yesterday was a violent storm of Rain, & to day such a thaw, Rain, snow, &c. that only 5 or 6 came to hold C^h. Meet: we spent some time in conference with G. Tab: &c.

16 First D. of the W. Yesterday week, the 8th Inst^l my sore leg being healed I attended the funeral of Eliza Harts Child & spake with much freedom to many hundreds (B. Finches & his Wife, who had spent the evening before with me, returns home from the P^h) next day, to wit this day week. Preached with wonderful freedom: first in the M^h. St. to a large assembly making use of these words, Joshua 7, 8. (O Lord what shall I say) In the evening at Jⁿ Davenport's (notwithstanding the storm) upon Isaiah 55, 6, 7. - Visited Tho: Taber & Walter Granston's Wives, by the way, & was home on foot bringing Milk &c. 2^d. night - 3^d. My daughter Hannah taken sick again: also son Samuel: a Number of Brethren with Almy's Team got me Wood, Purchas'd me a narrow bed &c. 4th. Visited Jⁿ Wood, got Cloth at Bales for M. Harts gown, &c: 5th. Preached with great freedom at Widow Snells, visited Widow Earl, &c: 6th. Visited Pt^h W. Gray Jⁿ Davenport & Tho: Taber (Came with his Wife) came home with meat, &c &c yesterday rested at home & and to day after preaching with great freedom in the M^h. St. upon Psalm 118. 27. rode as far as Joseph Fiches's and Preached again with wonderful assistance & utterance at the funeral of his dau. Mary, Wife of Stephen Earl: from whence I return'd just now: after stoping and talking clostly with W^m Chadd: Glory to God, for what he is in himself: & for every favour bestow'd on me And my fellow creatures thro' Jesus Christ: who is worthy of Everlasting Praise - Amen.

Here endeth my 6th Journal Book containing a few Letters; & but a few of the remarkable occurrences, Trials And deliverances, Mercies & Judgments I have met with in the space of almost 3 years: I think I may name it The Bright side of the Cloud: inasmuch as it contains a Brief Narrative of the wonderful work of God in the revival of Religion amongst us in the year 1780, &c. P. B.

A general hint of matters recorded in the foregoing pages by way of Index

1. Letter to William Bliss. sundry visits. Bodily disorders. Preached at A. Fisher's & Davenport's, &c. P. to Fitching. talk with w^m niggers a black man Account of my Ordination, J^d. baptism, &c.
2. Mother return'd home. lay hands on J. Davenport. Enjoy much of the spirit of Prayers. sang an hymn of my own composition. Married G. H. &c. An Hymn of E. Winchesters. kept Fast, &c.
3. An hymn - O tell me no more, &c. sundry visits. Preached at J. Soule's, J. Taber's, J. Davenport's, &c. Visited old Caleb Shrieve. remarkable C^h. meetings C^h. Meet^g, & Journey to F. Town, Dartmouth, &c.
4. Administred the Lords-supper. sundry meetings. Uncommon dark day! Heard Bishop Stiles. Visited P. Taber sick had colick, yet much comfort of mind discerning the appearance of a S. spring.
5. Extraordinary C^h. Meet^g & P. Meetings. Married E. B. Baptized Susa Hart & Simson Chace. Wife deliv. of a Son. Baptized Elis. Osborn & Alice Hambley, &c.
6. Sundry visitings & extra meetings. Baptized 4. Married B. Finches, &c. L. N^o 2. to A. Utter, bapt. deliv. Hambley.
7. Sundry visits. Funeral of J. Taber & W. Soule. Extra meet. at Rob. Fishes, & P. Tabers. C^h. meet. Washing feet. most Extra. P. meetings. 11 baptiz'd, &c. An Hymn. visited P. Richmond, Mary Lipp sick, &c. Journey to Fork of River, Baptized 3. widow wat, &c.
8. Baptized 4. (J. Springer, &c) visited a sick injin. Journey: M. Johnson & Thos. Baptized J. Warden, &c. Baptized M. Wait & B. Soule. M. Humphrey Shearman Extra. Meet^g, Journey to Rehoboth, C^h. meet^g, &c.
9. Journey to Newport: preached twice by the way, and twice there. E. Lewis & Hunt, visited us. Sundry powerful Meetings, visit, &c. Baptized 6. P. Luther, &c - L. N^o 3. to John P. Jones.
10. Journey to Swansy. description of J. true Church. Baptized, J. Aaron Hart, &c. conferr'd with Jonath Taber. Preached at Ponaganset. C^h. meeting. Bro. Kingstown, &c. visited us. remark^{ble} meet^g & talk afterwards. Married, 3. Buried 1. Baptiz'd 7. John Shrieve, B. Soudy, &c. sundry meetings, &c.
11. Eld. Bliss P. Church meet. meet at J. Browns. Baptized widow Dursey. extra meet at Ponaganset. Urshule Green. Baptism M. Springer. Lords Supper. M. Abbot's Pathway & Ed. Baley. & J. Davenport's, &c.
12. Visit Ponaganset. Mar. Sam. Eldon & P. W. Gid. Tabers-shoort. 4. Baptiz'd, J. Simson & 2 persons in great distress. M. Thos. Dorr. M. Taber sick. Meet^g of Wates. D. Waller, &c. J. Mary J. Baptiz'd B. Sarah Ginnel & some rejected. settled a difficulty. C^h. meeting My wife join'd. Baptiz'd W. Willson, &c.
13. Visited Doct. Babcock, sick. Baptiz'd Hudson Widdle & Peter Borden. Acknowledged a fault. V. B. West. M. W. Shearman. Pat. B. Hambley's Baptiz'd. 4. Noah Palmer, &c. Eld. Jacob Fiches V. us. extra C^h. Meet^g: P. Taber restor'd, &c. Lion travel'd. E. Bliss's V. us. Pat. P. Gray's & spake against slave keeping. pray'd for a sister, under P. trials. Pat. Jⁿ Earls. Baptiz'd 4: Jonathan Lake &c. conferr'd about settling a new Church. C^h. meet^g: Baptiz'd 2. Pearl & A. Shrieve. Visited Con. Woodman, sick. heard many Pray, &c, &c.
14. Wife's Brother V. us. V. Geo. Wood. extra. Preach'd Brethren exhorted, &c. sundry visits, Preaching C^h. meet^g. J. J. offers V. us. Meetings in a Day. At the Point, &c; enjoy'd Heaven on Earth! Funeral of widow Taber. C. at B. Borden's & C^h. Meet^g for discipline. conference at S. Cotters. Baptiz'd Rebeck Pettes. Hurricane in W. Indies.
15. Preached at Bro's Wm. V. W. Macomber, &c. Mar. J. & N. Fish. Baptiz'd C. B. Hambley, B. Eldon & Father V. us. J. Jones. Pat. B. Borden, B. Fiches, &c. Was to be C^h. meet^g. J. Taylor V. us. Upon Acts 5. 38, 39. M. Abner Grandal. Happy meet^g. 4. &c.
16. Wonderful day of Fasting with the Church! Baptiz'd Meriba Soule. Extra. meetings at B. Kings, &c. Spake of my own decrease. W. Ladd & J. Hart sick. Sarah Ginnell V. us. Phebe Saulsbury restor'd. A. Trip & Susa Borden join'd us. Lords Supper, &c.
17. took great cold. E. Macomber V. us. E. book pray'd. M. Silas Cook to B. D. Preached upon 3 texts at once. Sweet meetings at 2 Rounds, &c. V. Wm. Fish Book, &c. C^h. meet^g. E. Silas Durrows V. us. M. G. Lake to M. D. - Journey to Newport. contention with E. Littlebridge. Commendation to J. Wieden. Preached at E. Sebold, &c.
18. J. of B. Dwelly's Wife. C^h. meet^g. adm. S. Woodman's, Rec. H. Pettes, &c. Pat. A. Fishes. join'd many in C^h. Bro. Richmond. Lea Langley. Welfon Soule. E. Clarke Jacob Soules Wife. talk about enlarging Meeting H. M. Pely Hart to R. P. Baptiz'd an Injin Woman.
19. Hard work with the Brethren. poorly. Tho. Green. Anne M. Morry. Pray'd to depart. J. B. Pettes Child. J. B. J. 30, insufficient to hold C^h. meetings. J. Child W. Bright. P. Gray. B. Soule. To day is B. than S. Fortune J. G. M. Dorr. Des to P. G. Spiching. O. Dennis. Ham. machin'd C. B. H. & P. profission. 2 extra. notes, &c.

Fourth D. of the W. the 17, 18, & 19th Days of this M^o (was cloudy & much rain)
 Sister Osborn was confin^g at our house. I had the Colic the 17th. Edward Lillibridge visited
 Me the 18th - and we should have had a meeting at Eld. Round's but weather, &c., prevented
 We held a Meeting the 19th at night: at J^r. Woods - the 20th I rode to the 4 corners & return
 Visited the Widow Carl, whose dau. seem'd near her end: found several Neighbours there
 Spoke and Pray'd with much freedom. 21st visited P. Taber (Smaker) (had hair cut)
 Quash Almy, The Springer visited me: likewise J^r. Tab. & Wife tarried all night.
 22nd being the Sabbath: rest'd at Home: 23rd (or last first Day) After Preaching with much
 freedom in the Meet^g. House on a Subject, brought to Mind by the Brethren's singing: for I sang
 Not myself; & felt so low in my mind before they sang, thought I could not Quack! of
 1 Cor 3. 6. (I have planted, &c.) Rode about 3 miles and preach'd again at J^r. Carl's
 Agreeable to 2 Cor. 10. 14. yet not naming the text til the end of the Discourse:
 Had a comfortable night at Israel Brightman's: took his Horse 2^d. morning; call'd
 to see my own family a few minutes (had some talk with Gideon Taber) then went
 6 or 7 miles Northward, visited Sam. Dively, David Sherman, J^r. Stafford, &c.: got as
 far back as Taber Mill in the evening (left a Grist there) & return'd & tarried at P. Taber's
 Yesterday Morning came again to my Family: found myself & them in trying circumstances
 Eld. Amos Burrows came to see us: I rode to the corner for necessaries, & all round
 to be a Meeting, which we held last evening in the Meeting House: Bro. Burrows
 Spoke to us upon Jude 21. (a lovely & seasonable word) tarried all night: departed
 To day, having me, my Wife & 2 children not well: yet I visited neighbour Manchester
 My Grandd. sick, &c.

First D. of the W. Last 5th D. 27 Brethren & a number of Sisters held a Church Meeting
 At which, after Prayer & exhortation, hearing Bro. Brightman's report concerning
 Sister Dyer and entirely excluding her from our fellowship, for Profane words, &c.
 We proceeded to a new choice of Deacons in the following method: each Brother
 Wrote, or caused to be wrote on a piece of Paper the names of such whom they
 thought qualified (without knowing each others minds) and handed them in:
 By which it appear'd that Bro. Caleb Carl was clearly chosen: and there were
 An equal number for 6 other Brethren: to wit; John, Philip & Carl Taber, Con. Hart,
 John Davenport & Noah Palmer: objections arose respecting P. Taber & C. Hart,
 (Their Wives not being Professors) the other 4 by the consent of the C^o. were
 Put into an hat, and one name solemnly drawn out, when it appear'd that the
 Lot had fallen on John Davenport: But as he made many objections against himself
 The matter was finally left to be reconsidered at next C^o. Meeting. 6th D. Eld. Round,
 J^r. Thiden, J^r. Taber & Noah Palmer visited me: (brought Hay, &c.) while they were with me
 M^r. Leonard Master of the Singing School came & invited me & said 'twas the
 Desire of the whole School, that I would attend & give them Exhortation, Pray with them, &c.
 After consideration, & much conversation with the Master, I concluded 'twas a reasonable, civil request
 And I would comply: so taking with me 3 Brethren I went: & after their exercise of singing
 Was over, I spoke a few words I suppose not pleasing to any of them & so offensive to one man that
 He try'd to make disturbance; said I talk'd like a half fool, & left the room: because I signified
 That such men as do not fear & love the Lord ought not to sing sacred words, &c.: however, I enjoy'd
 Composure of mind as to Pray with them, wish'd them well & came away. yesterday visited
 The Widows & Fatherly: Carl, M. Rogers, &c. And to day Preach'd to a large Assembly upon
 1 Chron. 16. 34. (give thanks, sing, &c.) since meet. had conference with J^r. Bowen J^r.
 Went with J^r. Taber to visit his sick mother talk'd about Christ's glorious Body, singing, &c.
 also went to the corner

2^d D. of the W. Last 2^d D. J^r. Perry visited me: I visited J^r. Woods, Widow Bailey, &c. 3^d D. was
 cold, yet rode & walk'd as far as J^r. Brown's (on a secret expedition against spiritual Enemies)
 4th D. night returned: having visited B. Border, J^r. Davenport & by the way: 5th D. attended and
 Preach'd with much freedom, at the Burial of the Widow Gubbins at J^r. Woods - 6th D. visited and
 Had much talk with Deacon Joseph Taber on singing, Prayer, Publick Worship, &c. - gave him advice
 And exhortation concerning these things: as also concerning Carl Taber, Deborah, &c. - yesterday
 Rest'd at home as usual (Stormy Day, Widow Hart absent all the week, &c.) And to day have been
 Enabled to Preach once more with wonderful freedom of Utterance, &c. upon Jerem 23. 27. (what
 Hath the Lord answered thee, & what hath the Lord spoken?) after which T. Fish made a
 Good confession of Faith & was rec'd into Fellowship. I visited J^r. Hart, convers'd with J^r. Taber & Wif. &c.

16th Last 2^d D. (extrem cold) spent the day at Home & at Widow Carl's, in hard work, &c.
 3^d D. with Wife & child visited J^r. Taber: he & D. Brightman accompany'd me to Isaac Gifford's
 from whence we return'd: went & tarried at Capt. W. Nichol's. 4th D. visited old Gabriel Fisher
 W^m. Wilcox & Caleb Carl when we enjoy'd a happy evening, & tarried all night: 5th D. in our
 Way home visit'd Thomas Cory. had conference with Eld. Bliss, & towards night I visit'd
 John & Carl Taber & staid most all the evening, returning in a snow storm heard
 That Army Hart was labor sick &c. 6th D. visited Sam. Tommons, &c. yesterday Preach'd
 At Elder Round's upon Rom. 12. 2. Lovely meeting: had wind Colic head in the night
 Nevertheless have been enabled to Preach again to day with astonishing freedom upon
 John 14. 15. (if ye love me, &c.) and Baptize Tawick Fish: lay hands upon him at Woods
 &c: since which have had much conference with him, Elis. Cook & other Christian friends
 And feeling much better in Bodily Health than in the morning; am made to wonder at the
 Power & Goodness of God: to whom be all praise, Honour & Glory, forever. Amen.

Last 2^d D. carry'd Wife & child to J. Davenport: visit'd old Widow Ginnell & Silvanus
 Brown's Wife sick: took a Grist of W^m. Brown & return'd and tarried at Davenport. 3^d D.
 Cloudy & Rain: visit'd P. & W^m. Gray: & towards night came home with meal (Potatoes, &c.) 4th D.
 Rained most all day: however, towards night went to bring Wife home: but was oblig'd to tar
 Again at Davenport. 5th D. very windy - but after visiting P. & W^m. Gray: The Lawton sick, &c. came
 Home with Wife: afternoon visit'd Deacon Sawyer, Silvanus, &c. 6th D. spent chiefly at home cutting
 Wood, &c: sore on my right leg & right Arm so lame towards night visit'd Isaac Manchester's family,
 yesterday rest'd at home as usual: (but was disturb'd with the shocking report of P. C. H. a D. Child.)
 However felt much engag'd in Prayer in the evening & was refresh'd with the company of D. Tilly
 And widows Hart & Wate: violent Storm of hail snow & Thunder in the night & this morning:
 So that but few came to meeting: to whom I was enabled to Preach with freedom about 1/2 an hour
 Since which, have had much conference with Eld. R. Cushman: W. Cornell, C. Carl, J. Brightman & J. Taber.

Last 2^d & 3^d D. felt much disorder in Body: pain in right Shoulder & sore leg, violent Cough, Colic, &c.
 4th D. visit'd young Isaac Man: & J^r. Taber's Wife sick: had a comfortable Even' in Exhor. & Pray. with J. Sawyer & E. Cook
 5th D. felt as poorly as 2^d & 3^d Days: yet attend'd Church Meeting at which the Church, & other Brethren, &c.
 from amongst us, Gideon Taber (son of Walter) & Phoebe Saultsbury: sent mappings to Carl Taber, Jacob
 And James Warren: collected a small matter for Widow Carl, desired me to make record of Church Acts & have
 The principal care of the Church Book: and constant that to be my Assistant therein. reconsider'd the affair
 of Deacons, but adjourn'd it, &c. In the evening Bro. Ebenezer Andrews visit'd & staid with us much to my comfort
 6th D. yet poorly: but was oblig'd to cut wood, &c. (had a new great coal brought) spent some time recording Church Acts
 And at night had more conference with Bro. Andrews: yesterday rest'd as usual (only more poorly) one of the
 Brethren came & exchange'd my Cows: I visit'd widow Carl: Evening Pray. Fuller from Nehoboth visit'd us, &c.
 To day have been enabled to speak with astonishing freedom & Spiritance upon Hag. 1 Chap. (about the growth of
 After Publick Service the C^o. stop'd & had further conference with W^m. Cornell: talk'd about relieving Sister
 Carl, &c: since which have had much conference with Bro. Fuller, &c. All glory to God, forever. Amen.

Peace, Peace!

20th the W. - this day seen night & m. following was full of hard work
Making garden wall, &c. Richard visited me: brought a report of Peace in the Nation
I visited - Capt. Ladd, Stephen & Richard Hart, &c. - 2d. very windy: I rode as far as
W. Gray for Potatoes: got other necessaries at J. H. some Leathers at J. S. Baker's: saw Steph
thing, terribly wounded by a Horse, &c. - 5 & 6 d. worked very hard & steady: of Brethren
were also digging on this both 5 d. - Neighbour Mary Grandal wife of Joseph died on 6 d. &c.
7 d. I rested as usual: only with Wife, visited the widow Earl. yesterday, after Preaching with
Much freedom here in the Meet. House upon John 5. 25. (the dead shall hear the voice, &c.)
I rode as far as Dan. Swellings and preached again upon Isaiah 27. 5. (let him take hold of my
hand all night and return to day: after having visited J. Stafford, P. Taber, Ste. King, B. W.
Constant Hart, &c. in my way - went to J. Woods & returned with pain in my ankle.

13 - First 2. of the W. - ever since my last date & writing above, have been confined to the
House with 2 painful Biles on my right Ankle & Thigh: except going on an
Errand to Elijah Dibble on 4 d. & to Rich. Hart 5 d. being obliged by necessity to stir
More than could be thought Advantageous, &c. This day tho' my Pains were great
And I hardly thought in the morning I should go to meeting: yet did hobble down
And have been enabled to Preach with great freedom & much to my own refreshing
In 2 distinct speeches (and sitting on my seat) first opening the nature of true &
Right Worship: exhorting the Brethren to be active, &c. - 2 upon Psalm 126. 3.
(The Lord hath done great things for us, &c.) spoke near an hour: & towards the
Close mentioned many Historical occurrences respecting this Church: the work of God
In this place, &c.: still find my Mind sweetly & pleasantly exercised, Glory to God.

20 - Last 2 d. tho' yet in great pain went again to the meeting House and
Preached with much freedom (standing) at the funeral of Sarah Earl a girl about 15
Who died 7 d. near noon - Henry Channing a Minister of another persuasion was
Present & sat with me: & repeatedly showed freedom that he should speak, but he declined:
I spoke on the nature of several sorts of Death; the original, of Death Temporal; the
Certainty of the event with regard to ourselves; & the different consequences following
Thereupon to Persons of different Characters: In considering the difference of Characters
The field of the Gospel was opened: & Jesus Christ & Him crucified was freely preached, &c.
3 d. I was again in great pain: 4 d. easier. 5 & 6 d. did considerable hard work. (Ray gone
Woods to Bark, &c.) Davenport visited us with evidence of love: yesterday we visited Widow Earl.
And to day have been enabled to Preach twice in the M. House: forenoon upon no particular
Text, yet chiefly opening or interpreting Psalm 51. 17. (the sacrifice of G. are a B. S. &c.)
Afternoon upon Psalm 84. 10. (for a day in thy Courts, &c.) The Cook spoke after me, &c.
It has been very cold & a hard frost 2 days past & yet continues. - Lord I us: or we perish.

27 - Chief of the week past have been obliged to work hard in garden: cuttin Wood, &c.
(Tho' my 2 Biles are yet running & another coming) I visited some nigh neighbours 2 d.
And Linnal Palmer very sick 4 d. - 5 d. attended Ch. Meet. at which several things
were done: Noah Palmer chosen Deacon, Jacob South restored to fellowship, &c.
6 d. visited Israel Browning, W. Osborn, P. Gray, &c.: try'd to buy Hay, went & tarried
At Job Talers - yesterday visited Anna Wood, returned & rested at home: and to day
have been enabled to Preach twice, upon Acts 28. 24. & Heb. 12. 1, 2. Joshua, Colonel
&c. had conference at our House: Bro. Fortune Gray Prayed in the Meet. House. &c.

5. - Next House & a small School all the W. past: still being very painful 3 d. the other 3
Walked out a little: on 2 d. was visited by Susanna & T. Pain: 3 d. by E. Lock (M. Hart about)
5 d. Noah Palmer with token of love, &c. - to day preached with freedom upon Acts 9. 26.
Gal 6. 7, 8. Bro. N. P. prayed: Church confided on Corneils case & disturbing circumstances
This occasion'd me many thoughts & much exercise of Mind in Prayers, &c. The Week past
about leaving this place, &c.: Lord I us: or we perish.

First 2. of the W. - As to visible state the week past, I have been chiefly employ'd
Keeping a small School & much hard work (tho' my Biles are not yet healed) & riding
on 6 d. far woods to Bark, &c. - on 2 d. I was enabled to Preach with great freedom
At the funeral of Linnal Palmer to a great assembly upon Rom. 14. 9. & in the evening
visited Isaac Hambleton just sick: 4 d. between schools went to the Warrens: 5 d. took
Physick yet was obliged to work out in the high wind: yesterday thro' Mercy a great and
refreshing Rain fell: I rested as usual - and to day hope I was given me to discern
The signs of the times and state of this Church to a wonderful degree: Preached in
The forenoon upon Rom. 2. 4. (the goodness of God leadeth to Repentance) this afternoon upon
Ephesians 4. 4, to 8. one Body, one Spirit, &c.: Brethren held an uncommon conference
Between Meetings: and since Publishd Worship the Ch. after maturely considering and
Weighing the matter ~~upon the text~~ concluded to hold occasional Communion (as
altho' been long talk'd of) with our Brethren who don't see exactly with us concerning
Laying on of hands: - and in answer to a letter of request from a Church to the
Northward of us, concluded to send one, and our 2 late chosen Deacons to assist that Church
in Ordaining or setting apart their Brother Amos Burrows to the Pastoral care & charge
of the Church: After which, I had a very peculiar, long & trying conference with Bro. J. P.
Taber: came to my habitation very weak & with pain in my Bowels: died after 5 days
And have since been trying to borrow a horse to go to Newport, but am like to be disappt.
Lord sanctify all things to us & glorify thy name in us forever. Amen.

25 - First 2. of the W. Last 2 d. seen night I borrow'd Bro. Taber's Horse, & sat off near noon
With Wife & 2 Children (Hannah & Mary) to go to Newport: High wind & rain prevented
Our crossing the ferry that day: so we visited W. & St. Gray, &c.: Wife tarried at Davenport &c.
At P. Gray all night: next day, by the help of George Sautons Chaise, we got to Newport
And tarried 2 nights at Uncle S. Gruns, 3 at Father's & 1 at Deacon Pills: visited & convers'd
With many friends, Eld. Thurston, Eld. Bliss, John Denison &c.: Preached 6 times: 1 at Uncle
Gruns upon Acts 26. 18. 2 at Father's Ch. evening (Thurston present) on verac. 19, 20.
Next day in E. P. Miller's meet. House, on verac. 22, 23. next 3 d. of this day seen night In that large
Building call'd Trinity Church to large assemblies I was enabled to speak with blessed freedom
In the forenoon upon Psalm 111. 10. (the fear of the Lord, &c.) Afternoon, Psalm 93. 5. (thy last enemies, &c.)
Lastly (and the same day) at the funeral of the Wife of John Widdens: after which, near night, I attended
A fourth meeting In Eld. Bliss's Meet. House And heard Bro. Denison deliver a good discourse:
And was also active myself in some part of visible worship: next morning (tho' it last 2 day) we
Left the town and got as far homeward as John Davenport: and 3 d. by kind Providence were
Conducted to our own habitation in safety [Ch. Green, how a half, &c.] after recollecting my
self visited some nigh neighbours, and sat off again 4 d. morning (after some hard work) accompany'd
by several Brethren to assist the Church at the Northward in Ordaining Amos Burrows: their
Pastor, we held a lovely Ch. meeting that day at Samuel Warrens, and on 5 d. at Jonathan Brownings
Bro. Burrows was solemnly set apart in presence of a great Assembly after Eld. Thompson had
Preached an excellent discourse upon 2 Tim. 2. 15. - towards night I was enabled to Preach
With much freedom at B. Boddens upon John 10. 9. (I am the door, &c.) 6 d. I visited many families
Even all the Brethren that are under my care in that neighbourhood: Preached yesterday at the funeral
of Linnal Fish's child, and got home about the middle of the Afternoon very poorly with a violent
Cough &c. notwithstanding which (being sent for) I could not refuse visiting a poor distressed dying
Negro man call'd Sharper Olmy near 4 miles off from whence I returned in the evening and
to day have been enabled to Preach twice more with wonderful freedom of utterance to a large assembly
upon 1 Pet. 3. 8. (Love as I) and Mat. 22. 5. (But the wide light of it, &c.) I d. spoke a few words after
My strength seems all gone, But the Lord is able to renew it, all glory to his name.

183. 6-1
First 2 of the W. Last 2 day (after school) visited the Widow Earl: my Colts seem better
But the wind Collich trouble me toward night & lasted til 4th morning: however
On 3^d I could & prayed with Crawford Snell who seemd nigh unto death: towards night
A young Mare (given to me by Bro. Parker Hall of Portsmouth, for which may the Lord
Abundantly reward him) was brought to me by Bro. Job Taber: to whom I delivered here
again to keep for me a while. 4th I worked too hard (before & between schools) Barking Wood
Making Stone wall, &c. visited S. Taber & J. Hart, took fresh cod, &c. 5th felt very poorly,
yet kept school forenoon, & attended Ch. Meeting afternoon: at which, by reason of impetuosity
Attending our former proceedings about Deacons, and by the desire & to ease the minds of Bro.
Philip Taber in particular (& several others) we came to a new choice: by which it clearly
Apperred to be the mind of this Church that the same Persons before agreed upon (to wit, Caleb
Earl, & Noah Palmer) should be put into that office: A Day of Fasting & Prayer (on many account
particularly the case of Sister Fish, some late Difficulties, the case of M. J. &c) was agreed upon
At the end of which the Deacons are to be Ordained: A Time for the Lords supper was agreed upon:
Benjamin Sunday made confession of Repentance for his late shocking crime & was again vi^{ed}, &c.
on 6th Mary Hart (who had been poorly & in a strange condition all the W. before) departed from
service at our House, and went to Portsmouth: towards night I visited A. C. with C. Snell again
yesterday, tho' very weak & afflicted with the tooth ache (as I am yet) I walked & rode as
far as St. Thomas Manchester and preached, with wonderful freedom upon Psalm 23. 4.
(yea tho' I walk through the valley, &c) And to day have been enabled to preach twice more
Upon Lament. 3. 39. (whomso' doth a living M. complain, &c) & Psalm 148. 12, 13. (young men
And maidens, old men & children &c) - between meetings my tooth ached so hard I thought I could
not attend; but 'twas remarkably abated by meeting time, I trust to the glory of God, & for the good of
Souls, Amen.

N. B. from 2 late News papers I have learnt the following, shocking &
Terrible affair. to wit. That, on the 7th of 3 Month past by Earthquake
And Eruption from Mount Etna, near the whole Island of Sicily, the
Whole Province of Ulterior Calabria, &c, with 200 000 Inhabitants
Was destroyed! so that the Sea now occupies the spot where stood
320 flourishing Villages & 40 Cities!!! Oh how terrible is the Lords
In his works, & doings towards the children of Men.

8
1st 2^d of the W. The whole week past I have been troubled with a violent tooth ache: tho'
By spells twas so easy, that I have tended my school; read the 5 first numbers of the History
of the American War, &c. on 2^d did some work in garden, had wood to get most very 2. &c.
3^d could not borrow a Horse to attend (as I was desired) the funeral of Stephen Gifford: however,
I got me to go as far as Es. Cochs: visited Sharp. Almy sick, &c. on 4th Const. Hart visited us
with token of Love: 5th we had a refreshing Rain, Bro. Davenport came to work, &c.
Yesterday visited as usual except the tooth ache, which left me in the night, & to day I
Have been perfectly free from it, & have been carried through an extraordinary Days work
After preaching with astonishing freedom upon Luke 11. 4. (but deliver us from Evil)
In which discourse I particularly mentioned the Evil that had come upon those Villages & Cities
Above named, the destruction of the World by a flood, &c) Elizabeth Hunt made Profession
of Faith to the satisfaction of myself & the Church: we then had a short Intermission & came
together again: Prayed & sang; read a passage in Joel & spake about Fasting: and after the
People had made a contribution, we repaired to the Water of Willow's Mill-dam where I
Baptized Elizabeth Hunt: laid hands on her by the water side & returned home: since
which I have joined in Marriage John Nichol & Mary Almy. for Weider or present
us to day. All Glory to the Lord, forever & ever. Amen.

15
1st 2^d of the W. (Attended my school in general, the W. part) on 2^d visited several
Neighbours & by to borrow a Horse to go to Wm. Steeds: but could not: 3^d
some work in garden, & towards night went & tarried at Jm. Davenport's: 4th D. being
born by the sea side, visited some sick, &c. returned: went to Mill, &c.
On 5th we were enabled according to Appointment to keep a solemn Fast: not only
On account of things before mention'd (at last Ch. Meet^g) but also on account of the
Awful outburst & destruction of so many Cities & People in the Eastern part
of the World - the Scarcity of Bread among us, &c: Elder Amos Burrows, being
Occasionally among us, Preached: and by desire of the Ch. Assisted in Ordaining
And giving Charge to our Deacons: towards night & by spells ever since
Til now we have had plentiful Showers of Rain: Praised be the Lord.
on 6th (it rained most) I visited Rich. Hart: Mary Green & Comfort B. being in
yesterday I visited Old Samuel Snell & his Grand Son Crawford very sick: where
I was carried thro' a very affecting Scene, much spiritual Labour, &c.
To day have been enabled to preach twice with great freedom upon 2 Cor.
8. 9. (for ye know the G. of our L. Jesus Christ, &c) After which Dominated
And partook of the precious Ordinance of the Lords Supper: have been as
it were Baptized afresh (this evening) into the Death of Jesus, and overwhelmed
With a Sense of His Love & Sufferings! so as to sing & weep much about it:
Mary Green was enabled to Pray fervently: after which I also was moved to put
up a few special requests, particularly for our Bachelors, lame & halting Brethren

22
Last 2^d after visiting Bro. John Taber's sick Daughter (Els) and meeting
With a great trial of Patience & Love; I rode Wood's Horse to Davenport: and brought
My Mother home with me (who had been there several day confined by rain & pain)
Was visited by Anna Gifford, Wm. Cornel, &c. - 3^d After school worked hard in Wood, went
To Pt. Gray for my Saddle, &c. 4th (proceeding hot) did some work in garden: attended
And preached at the funeral of Dyer Shrieve (a young man, nephew to Lecheus Dyer) and
towards night once more visited Crawford Snell &c. 5th worked hard barking Wood: &c.
Newshelp had much free & loving talk with Jm. & Pt. Taber who visited me one after y. other.
6th was very busy in garden, getting Wood, &c. what time could be spared from my small
School: towards night Lillis Wate, & a Cook visited us, &c. (Mary Green School some for me at
yesterday Preached with great freedom at the funeral of C. Snell (upon Job. 7. 1.) and
Towards night Father & Bro. Tilly from Newport came. To day we had comfortable
Meetings: my Father, & Eld. Howard spake chiefly in the forenoon. I trust to god effect
this afternoon I began to preach with great freedom upon Heb. 6. 2. (the D. of Baptism's, &c)
But felt much bellowed before I had done: since Meet^g have had much talk with Father
and Bro. Tilly, who tarry all night, &c

29
Last 2^d accompany' Father & Bro. Tilly to the ferry (sent home Peter Green with
them who had been with me 5 weeks) visited Wm. Gray, Pt. in the oven, Col. Cook, J. Davenport, &c.
(had Molasses, Mal, &c) 3^d visited Job, & the 2 Pt. Taber's Lillis Wate, &c: had much talk with M. Hart
& D. (extrem hot) visited Jm. Almy, son Jm. very sick: Noah Palmer, &c. 5th D. Davenport & Venice
ford sick: Afternoon at Ch. Meet^g laboured hard with 3 quires Brethren: to no purpose except
easing the mind of Wm. Taber in respect to Deacons. 6th worked hard: yesterday Preached upon
Heb. 12. 1. at the funeral of Jm. Almy & to day twice more with much freedom on Psalm 23. 3
& Psalm 80. 19. (was us again, &c) Mary Green spake a few words, Eld. Howard Prayed, &c

83. 7. First L. evening last 2^d. Mother left us to return home: 3^d. was cloudy & rain
I was employ'd both days in my school, Garden, setting out plants, &c. - 4th. visited
several neighbours: took my horse from Little Water; visited J^r. Taber's sick. Son
Prayed, had an agreeable conference with him, &c. - on 5th. journeyed to Newport
Had an agreeable interview with Eld. Bliss by the way, & with J^r. Wood & Son in y^e. town
6th. rode down to the ferry again & Bro. Mother & M. Green to town spent the
rest of the time there visiting Elder Thurston, Wm. Shreve, &c. till this morning
Heard Elder Ruben Peckham preach yesterday & spoke after him) after the smart
& plentiful Showers of Rain were over I left town accompany'd by friends, J^r.
Henry Bliss, &c.: dined at - Coggeshall's, Preached with great freedom at Glaston
Upon John 7. 35. and from thence was conducted safe to my habitation just now. find
My dear Wife very poorly with sick Head-ache, have been inform'd that Eld. Bliss has
Preach'd to the refreshment of the dear Ch^h. here (upon Isaiah 3. 16. - & Heb. 9. 13, 14.)
And that Abner Brownell afterwards read in publick a long narrative concern^g. J^r. W. &c.

13 Last 2^d. Abner Brownell (with Job Taber) visited me & read his narrative: by
which, & conference we had together I rec^d. fresh evidence to my great satisfaction of
his being a child of God: & rejoiced to find him deliver'd from the snare of the fowler:
Wife & I accompany'd him to Job Taber's, from whence we went to visit Hannah Richmond
which with measles, at W^m. Nichol's, return'd to Tab. V. Anna Wood, & came home
3^d. tended school, & visited J^r. Mary, Pt. Gray, &c. (went into the Cold Bath) 4th. visit
J^r. Wood, Eliza Taber sick, & J^r. Brandal (toward night was visited by Job Borden, &c.)
5th. tended school, & spent much time looking for lost Cows: had a touch of the Colic, &c.
6th. 6th. 6th. school & garden. - yesterday In going to Dan Spinnels my horse
suddenly started, by which I fell from him backwards quite to the ground or upon the
stone (for there's a very stony place) & was bruised a little, but nothing to what reason
might suppose: nay, it seems almost a miracle that I escaped with life: hope the stroke
was immediately sanctified! I was carried forward & enabled to preach in demonstration
of the Spirit & with Power, upon Acts 4. 11, 12. (this is the stone which was set at nought, &c.)
Heard Eld. Coggeshall, & had an agreeable evening at home with my friends, Taber & Borden
and have been strengthened & enabled to preach twice more to day, with wonderful and
astonishing freedom, all glory to the Lord: upon 1 Tim. 4. 1. (some shall depart from the F. & W.)
Malacki 3. 18. (bring ye all the tithes, &c.) from these old Testament words preached the
Necessity & importance of Supporting Ministers & improving every spiritual gift in the Ch^h.
According to the Ordinance & command of Christ in the New Testament: Job Borden spoke
Charmingly after me: Eld. Brownell Prayed: a letter of W. Cornell to the Ch^h. was read, &c.
My dear Wife has been very poorly to day: but thro' Mercy I feel very comfortable, &c.

20 Last 2^d. compos'd a Hymn Visit'd Philadelphia Cook sick, &c. 3^d. had
much conference with Mary Hart: 4th. visited & Prayed once more with Eliza Taber
sick. Taber sick, &c. 5th. J^r. Mary, Pt. Gray, Phila. Cook, &c. 6th. got much out of J^r. Mary
& Cook with us: visited Tho. Tab. sick colic. yesterday Preach'd a few minutes
in great weakness both of Body & mind at the funeral of Eliza Taber: after
which had much pain: and to day, tho' very weak in Body, have been enabled
to spend near 5 hours in Publick Labours (Preaching twice with great freedom on
Prov. 1. 23. & Psalm 145. 7.) Confering with W^m. Cornell between & some meetings, &c.

27 had much hard work to do the week past: Dashing Wood, Hoing, tending Leach
Watering Cattle, &c. - nevertheless tended my small school - equal to 6 days instruction
on 5th. (Peter Green came again) I visited & had much pleasing conference with C. Potter &
Job Tab. & their wives: Little Water & S. Hart: in my way to mill. 6th. after School rode
to J^r. Davenport's & return'd. - yesterday read much in the Bible: visited Widow Earl, &c.
& to day have exhausted all my strength: tho' wonderfully assist'd to Preach upon
Psalm 32. 10 (many sorrows, &c.) Luke 12. 8. 9. (Whosoever shall confess me, &c.)
Job Taber's Wife made a good confession of Faith, &c. between meetings & was rec^d. into Fellowship
I had much more conference with W. Cornell before meeting, in presence of J. D. J. D. J. D.
& had he went away displeas'd not attending meeting, &c. -

84. 8. 3. First L. of the W. - I gave attendance to my few Scholars the Week past, equal
6th. Schooling - wrote two Letters on 2^d. one to Esrad Luther: the other for Widow
Earl, to her son: visited Nath. Brandal, &c. 3^d. Prayed: made fence, Lewis Turnips, &c.
4th. was much Rain. & Cook with us, &c. 5th. forenoon Preach'd upon Mark 16. 16.
And Baptized Lydia, the Wife of Job Taber: afternoon attend'd Ch^h. meeting at which
Pelig Potter's wife (Theodate) gave us an agreeable account of her experience, profess'd
Repentance Faith, &c. & was rec^d. into our fellowship: the Ch^h. laboured again on the
point of Communion & were so nearly divided in sentiment about it, that the one part
for the sake of peace & union among our selves gave way to the other & join'd them in setting
aside or repealing the act of the 11th of the 5th past as tho' it had never been: wherupon
The Burdens of 3 Brethren were remov'd, &c. the Ch^h. also concluded to send in writing
to W^m. Cornell: that we are not satisfied to receive him a fellow member, &c.
6th. I compos'd the S. Letter to Cornell; was at Capt. Sads a little while, &c. yesterday
rested as usual: read much in the Bible, visited Joseph Hart, &c. and to day have
been enabled to Preach twice more: Once upon Col. 3. 14. (above all - put on Char^{ty}, &c.)
has no singing. - this afternoon I first (after Pray^r) spoke something about Singing,
then propos'd & sang my new made Hymn on (1 Cor. 13) Love: - then Preach'd
Without any particular text yet with much reference to these words (They will be done)
read the Letter to Cornell, between meetings to the Ch^h: & was desired to sign & send it, &c.

10 Tended School as usual the W. past: besides which, last 2^d. visited
W^m. Cornell, Mary Trish, Providence Shaw (wife of Nath. C.) &c. - 4th. Noel
Taber Wife sick - 5th. morning rode to the Corner & back: several Sisters came
to our House to work - 6th. visit'd widow Earl. did some hard work every day, till
yesterday rested as usual: (was a cold rain) evening J^r. Rogers came to see us
to day after Preaching with much freedom upon acts 22. 16. (A man why tarriest
thou, &c.) Baptiz'd the wife of Pelig Potter (eastw of J^r. Wood's) return'd to the
Mist House, pray'd & laid on hands: then preached again upon 1 J^r. 1. 6, 7.

17 Last 2^d. was much Rain: Widow Earl & Daught. was with us, & we were
unexpectedly supplied with Bread, by means of our friend Davenport. 3^d. rained
In the morning, however I went to Chase's Mill (near 8 miles) & return'd. 4th. went
to Davenport's did some business for him, & in my way home visit'd Tho. Taber. 5th. work'd
Hard with Brethren, whiping Bushes, &c. 6th. cut bushes again, hoed Corn. Gard. &c.
(Besides the foregoing, tended School, as usual) yesterday rested as usual only toward
Night visit'd Widow Earl, & her aged parents: and to day have been enabled to preach
twice more with usual freedom upon Gal. 6. 15. 16. (for in Christ Jesus, &c.) Psalm 120
5, 6, 7. (Was it that I sojourn in mesch, &c.) Eld. Round & Deacon Palmer spoke after
me - Bro. Smith from the Vineyard, & J^r. W. from Newp. with us: Rich Hart sick, &c.

24 Last 2^d. forenoon was much rain: afternoon I went to Newport, got some
acquaintance with one young Rathburn, &c. was sick & vomited much in the evening
At my Non. Father's: felt very weak & poorly on 3^d. yet was enabled to preach to several
hundred People in the evening with astonishing freedom, & I have reason to hope with
some success as the People seem'd so attentive, serious & affected: I spoke upon Mat 25. 46
(Revolting punishment & life eternal) Eld. Thurston seem'd very much engag'd in prayer
After I ceased preaching, &c. 4th. I return'd home: 5th. visit'd Bro. P. Taber, &c. 6th.
was visited by Elder W. Bliss, &c. - yesterday & to day was catnam hot: rested as usual: went into
Water - Preach'd upon Psalm 91. 1. (he that dwelleth) and Rev. 12. 11. (they overcame him, &c.)
Leach & Sibbel, Sawday, & Mary Hart, Han. Nishmen, &c. visit'd us, Cornell came to meeting this afternoon
& went out while I was speaking about the moon under her feet.

First D. of the W. kept school as usual the week past. had Wood to back, many
 Bushes to Burn, &c - 2^d. was much rain. 4th. visited Sanford Almy, lying at his
 Father with a fractured Skull: wife visited P^r. & W^m. Gray, &c - 5th. morning, much
 rain: however, many assembled to Ch. Meet. Sister Hannah Taber made a most
 excellent speech to us relative to her late experience: desired a letter of commendation, &
 the Church rejected a black sister call. Louisa George: suspended H^m. Duffey, Sarah Taber
 (wife of J^r) and Carl Taber: agree upon a time for the Lords Supper. Laboured again much
 to remove every stumbling block out of the way of Philip Taber (& others who were grieved
 with the conduct of the Body) and thought that sufficient was done: when to our astonishment
 Bro. Philip manifested that he could not yet travel without a reacting upon the
 Affair of Deacons! this threw the Ch. into such a dilemma & myself into
 such an exercise of mind, that before much could be said, I desired them to
 join me in Prayer & we made an appeal to Jesus the Great Head of the Ch.
 Who I doubt not will finally work out the matter according to his own will
 After Prayer a long & solemn pause took place: finally, Bro. Philip
 could not or would not manifest himself satisfied with the Church: and
 was obliged to testify, that if he could, I could not see my way clear to set
 Down with him to the Lords Supper til he manifested Repentance for his
 Withdrawal from us (on acct. of our intention to commune with other Brethren!) and til I
 can be better satisfied that he is not a covetous man & one who lives in the breach
 of Christ's new commandment to Love the Brethren, &c - on 6th. I visited
 several of the flock, &c - (Job Tab. Anna Wood) had much close talk with sd. W^m. Wood; a
 Marvellous sense of Divine things at Sister Potters: & in the evening at Lillis Waters, where
 The neighbours assembled & the Lord was in the midst of us & sent one of his young servants
 from Shooney named John Bosworth (aged 23) whose conversation & Prayer was sweet
 and refreshing to us: in short we seem'd to have a foretaste of Heaven on Earth
 yesterday afternoon he spoke to us at Job Tabers upon Mark 1.15. and again this
 forenoon upon Rom. 6.23. - this afternoon I was enabled to Preach with freedom upon
 Rom. 2. 5. last verses: (for circumcision verily profiteth if thou keep the Law, &c) this
 Evening have enjoy'd much comfort & been much edified with the Prayer of Sister E. C. &c

attended my School (& had Wood to back & other hard work) as usual the W. part
 besides which on 2^d visited Lillis Water Job Tab. &c, (in my way to mill) had much talk
 with W^m. Gifford, Mary Hart, &c: evening & 3^d. morning was much rain. towards night
 & 4th. morning visited W^m. Wilcox, Deacon Carl, Dr. Brightman & T. Cory. 5th. visited
 Silvanus Browns wife very sick (at W^m's) J. Brown, D. Woodman, (S. Brown) [S. &c. home
 6th. Sister's Osborn & Liphia Taber visited us; - Rested yesterday as usual only had much
 pain by reason of ulcers in my ears: visited J^r. Hart's daughter in a shocking case: M. Hart
 visited us: To day have been enabled to Preach twice more with marvellous freedom upon
 1 Thes. 2. 12. (that ye would walk worthy of God, &c) Song 5.1. (eat of friends, &c) afterwards
 Dominist & partook of the Lords Supper with great freedom & comfort: Cornet, Liphia &
 14 - Last 2^d. Phoebe Tab. visited us with tokens of love: 3^d. Deprived my foot, &c - 4th.
 many in Grayberry neck, &c, & preached in the evening at B^r. Jencks's on Colles. 2. 6. -
 5th. went to mill. visited many: try'd to make peace: & preached in the evening at B^r. Gordon
 upon Galos. 33. 1. - 6th. visited many more in my way home by Eld. Round's (see) Jonathan
 Bro. W^m. &c had been to visit me. yesterday rested but little: being obliged to look for my lost horse
 To day have been enabled to Preach once more with great freedom & attendance near 2 hours.
 (Though sometimes I preach but a few minutes) upon Mat. 11.30. (The burden) since meeting
 went to Jacob Tabers, to oblige the Widows Hart, &c.

First D. of the W. Last 2^d. (with Wife & child) visited both P^r. Taber's, &c, &
 tarried at J^r. Earle: 3^d. visited W^m. Wilcox, T. Cory & P^r. Taber, in our way home.
 4th. I visited Pely Sanford, Rufus Triggs, &c, tarried at D. Dunlley: 5th. J^r. Stafford
 P^r. Taber, &c, in my way home. 6th. did some hard work & yesterday rested as usual
 (there was much rain) And to day after Prayer, singing alone! & reading 1 & 2 Chap.
 Matthew; resumed the subject spoken upon this day fortnight, & have been en-
 abled to Preach upwards of an hour more upon the first Clause of 1 Thes. 2. 12. that
 ye would walk worthy of God. have been made to groan under a sense of stupidity, &c.

28 - Last 2^d. after much hard work, attended the funeral of J^r. Gifford's child
 (the wife also lying at the point of death) I knelt down & prayed with the People, &c -
 3^d. Preached at Rufus Triggs upon Mat. 28. last verses: & Baptiz'd his Wife, &c: tarried
 At J^r. Dunlley: 4th. (with my wife & child, Mary Wood, &c) visited J^r. Stafford & others
 in our way home: Prayed with Anna Gifford, who was mourning for her son just deceas'd
 At Deacon Joseph Tabers: 5th. forenoon Preached at his funeral upon J^r. 9. 4.
 Afternoon attended Ch. Meet. at which we had a lengthy & trying Labour with Sarah
 Taber wife of John overtaken to a great degree in the sin of Telling & railing
 smypton that J^r: was restored to Fellowship: James Warren cited to appear, &c -
 Carl Taber & Abraham Duffey not being present, their cases & also Sarah Taber, adjourn'd
 Several Brethren finding occasion! left this meeting while much remains to be
 done! those that tarried, taking into consideration their liability of being soon
 deprived of the Gospel Ministry: thought it advisable & expedient to call a
 Meeting of the whole congregation (of males upwards of 21 years of age) to consult upon
 just & proper means for the more proper settlement & continuance of that Blessing in this
 Place, &c. - 6th. I did much hard work (Lydia & Comfort with us) rested
 yesterday as usual (but should have attended a meeting at sd. J. Manchester, had not rain
 prevented) & to day have been enabled to Preach upon Mat. 22. 29. ye do err &c
 and am now going to attend a 2^d meeting at the House of John Earle

10 - 2. This day sermnight - after a Piousful Meet. at J^r. Earle, I visited Carl's
 wife (who has just recovered from sickness) and tarried at Israel Brightman's: next
 Day stoped at Mill, &c, in my way home: (found a number of spinnurs at our House)
 towards night rode to the 4 corners for Apples & returned. on 3^d. visited Job Briggs
 Jonathan Gifford, &c, did much hard work: & in the evening talked much & prayed with
 A distressed Soul (Gifford) who visited me with the Widows Carl. 4th. it rained hard
 I read much, taught my children, visited Steph^r. Hart, &c - 5th. worked hard
 went to Mill, &c forenoon: afternoon Preached with wonderful freedom to a few
 select friends at sd. Thomas Manchester's (going to move away) upon Psalms 92.
 13, 14. visited Joel Lake, tarried at Eld. Rounds, &c: 6th. came home & laboured hard
 Rested yesterday as usual: only after the great rain went to John Tabers to acknowledge
 A fault I had by my faithful brethren been convinced of falling into towards her. and
 To day (tho I had much hard work to do in the morning) have been once more wonderfully
 assisted to Preach the Gospel with such engagedness & affection as to exhaust all
 My bodily strength (as to voice) speaking upon the blindness pronounced in the
 5th of Matthew; after reading the whole Chapt. - L. Covil tarried with us last night
 Honor Brownell attended meeting with us to day: since meet. I had a tooth pull'd
 &c. &c

First 2 of the W. Last 2 d. worked hard, making a place to shut up my pig, cutting & banking Wood, &c. 3 d. journey'd to Newport on temporal business: conversed with Eld. Sprague (and several other Ministers) who had been Preaching & Baptizing a young woman: killed Wm Green very poorly; In the Evening saw my Parents at a Meeting: heard Eld. Northrup Preach: 1 Brother & 3 Sisters spoke something after him: &c. I tarried at Uncle J. Greens. 4 d. morning finished my business & left town: but by reason of a sudden storm of violent wind & rain was prevented getting home: spent the afternoon at Henry Blipes, tarried all night at William's. 5 d. rode in the rain great part of the way; saw friend P. Day & reached home before 2 O'clock: had much hard work to do til 6 d. noon; then washed & went with wife to Meeting at Geo. Brownell's where we heard Abner Brownell speak the truth we thought in the love of it: tho' with the weakness of a babe in Christ: for whom I felt my soul wonderfully engaged in Prayer at Job Tabers, &c. yesterday I rested as usual: & to day have been enabled to Preach once more with wonderful Freedom of Utterance & sense of Truth, to a great Assembly, & with reference to the scope of what's recorded in Mat. 6. & 7. In Hathaway visited us, &c.

19 Last 2 d. spent at home teaching my children, Dashing Wood, &c. Wife went to Deborah Woodmans, &c. 3 d. was at Steph. Brownings & J. Woods: dug Potatoes, salt Hay, &c. 4 d. felt very poorly: yet necessity obliged me to Dash Wood, work among my wet Hay, & towards Night go as far as Daniel Brownings for Corn to feed my Pig, &c. from whence I returned late In the Evening & worked among my Hay, &c. til near 11 O'clock. 5 d. worked hard again getting Wood, digging Potatoes, &c. While Jm Davings & Mary Hart were Tayloring in the House and a number of the Ch. & Congregation were assembled to consider my circumstances in the Meeting House: to whom I presented a narrative or testimony in writing, signifying that I thought necessity would oblige me to depart from this place not long first, except some Attention in circumstances should take place! Bro. Wm. Daw. H. visited us, &c. 6 d. finished digging Potatoes: worked hard with Brethren who came with Cory. Team to Cart me some Wood: recd. a handsome present from Tho. Cory, (Chuse, Potatoes & Pumpkins) &c. yesterday, last Night & even til now it was & is very stormy: violent wind, abundance of Rain, some snow, &c. nevertheless Abner Brownell & a few more Persons, assembled to day had a comfortable meeting in our House: much conversation; & just now pasted.

26 After much hard work Last 2 d. forenoon, I sat off with Wife & 2 children (Anna & Mary) for Newport & Exeter: found we could not cross the Lower ferry by reason of the Damage the Boats had recd. in the Storm: I therefore left them at Jacob Tabers, proceeded to the upper ferry myself, after stopping at P. Grays & got into Town about sun set. Left my Horse at Deacon Briggs's: call, Bro. Tilly to go with me to find a Boat for Exeter & tarried at my Fathers all night, with Deacon Baxter, &c. 3 d. after trying hard & several ways to get to Exeter to the Association meeting; but without Effect - I took Tilly's Chaise & rode to the Ferry: where I found my Wife & Children & brought them to Town: Preached in the Evening with marvellous freedom at Bro. Goddards upon Mal. 4. 1, 2. & tarried at Uncle Greens 4 d. visited many (Eli. Peckham, M. Hoswell sick; Eld. Thurston, &c. and Preached in his House in the Evening upon 1. Thim. 18. 21. Eld. W. Rogers present: tarried at Father's, &c. 5 d. visited more: was at a meeting at Bro. Jm. Waidens in the evening & tarried at Uncle Greens. 6 d. left Wife & children in Newport & came home to the other part of my family: went to Mill, &c. rested yesterday as usual: had a marvellous fresh sense of Divine things in the evening (8 d. & 9 d. Cook with us, &c.) and to day have been enabled to Preach once more with great freedom upon Heb. 10. 24. (Provoke unto love &c.) Deacon Palmer Prayed, in Publick: Bro. Fortunate Has since Prayed in my House, & there seems to be a little revival among us, all glory to the Lord. I am now bound to Newport again, to see friends: carry Samuel with me &c.

2 of the W. Late in the evening. having tarried all night at J. Davingsports yesterday Sun night, I proceeded next morning to Newport: visited Shop for Uncle J. Green that day & the next (till last 3 d.) & Preached in the Evening at Tho. Goddards upon 2 Cor. 13. 11. finally B. farewell, &c. - purposed by the will of the Lord to leave Town on 4 d. but having lost my Horse spent much of that & the 2 following days looking for him: found him on 5 d. about sun set, (I think by a special Providence! which much affected me: as did also the Providence by which I was made Instrumental of finding 2 Beasts for another Man which he had lost.) visited B. Peckhams wife in a shocking case 4 d. evening; & such Minister (Steward) at Samuel Hopkins's, &c. on 5 d. attended a Meeting of a Newly gathered Ch. at Uncle Greens on 6 d. evening: rested there Sabbath forenoon; Preached in the afternoon at Eld. Blips's Meet. House with great assistance upon Prov. 23. 29. (buy the Truth, &c.) Left Town (with Wife & 3 Children) yesterday morning early Intending by the leave of Providence to be at meeting among the flock of my charge. But as there was no Boat ready, we landed not on Twinton side til near noon. Dined at P. Corys, Preached in the evening with great freedom at P. Grays on John 15. 14. (ye are my friends, if, &c.) to day visited Wm Grays & Jm Davingsports Families and came safely to our own about 2 hours before sun set: finding all well & hearing of the awful case of Jacob Taber I soon sat off to visit him; convers'd much, Prayed with him, &c. & return'd about mid evening: since which have had much conference with Sam. Taber, & wife, who visited us - Prayed & gave thanks in my family, &c. The whole time I was last at Newport was either rainy or cloudy, I met with abundance of Cropses, &c. but blessed be the Lord from Everlasting unto Everlasting Amen. & Amm.

9 First 2 evening. Last 3 d. I visited B. Shaw, & J. Brownell at Little Compton In the evening was visited by A. Hart, J. Taber, & J. Briggs: with whom had much talk & Prayed 4 d. worked hard on salt Hay, Wood, &c. evening convers'd with Widow Carl & D. Gifford (M. Hart went to Pard. Tabers) 5 d. visited J. Taber, Isaac Gifford & Tho. Tripp: with whom had much Religious & agreeable conversation: came to the House of W. Hart in the evening & celebrated a Marriage between his dau. Phebe & Jm. Armatage. 6 d. forenoon worked hard on Salt Hay: then visited Deacon Palmer, Step. Taber, Jm. Davingsports, &c. yesterday was obliged to spend some time looking for lost Cows, visited Widows small, S. Simmons, &c. To day I have tried to Preach once more (upon James 1. 25. but whose looketh into the P. & D. but alas! I feel ashamed of my performance: for by reason of the multitude of my cares and incumbrances of a worldly nature, being obliged to work hard this morning, having no time for retirement, &c.; or rather perhaps by reason of my corrupt nature, Satans temptations, &c. - I think I have done nothing to gods purpose to day. But this evening have been obliged to visit 2 or 3 near neighbours to get help about killing my pig, &c. I have been favoured with some more clear & comfortable thoughts on Divine things than in the day time.

16 Last 2 d. had my Hog Kill; visited Jacob Tab. was visited by S. Gifford & S. Cooke. 3 d. cut & salted Pork: made Stalk yard, cut Wood, &c. 4 d. Preached at J. Brownell's: & a storm carried me to tarry all night. 5 d. in my way home visited B. Shaw & Zeb. Ginnell: afternoon attended Ch. Meeting; at which Ab. Duffey was put out of Fellowship: Philip Taber Laboured with, &c. 6 d. worked hard teaching Salt Hay, cutting wood, pulling Turnips, &c. yesterday rested as usual only visited Stephen Brownell & Widow Carl & to day have been enabled to Preach with great freedom & Comfort upon a Text which P. J. lately brot. against the Ch. (1 Cor. 1. 10. Deacon Palmer read my address to the Publick: I proposed a Day of Fasting, &c.; & am now going to Meeting at Job Tabers.

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First 2. evening. — this evening sermone I was enabled to preach with great freedom & clearness at Job Tabers upon these words: "The Lord God hath spoken who can but prophesy?" — Went to bed at the Widow Waters in great pain of the wind Collick: which continued til 3. morning. however, I visited several Members of the Ch. on 2. D. in my way home, did some hard work, &c. & 3. D. rode as far as P. Tabers, where I had the pleasure of hearing Eld. Dan. Hicks preach well upon Heb. 11. 7. — He preached again at our House on Jonah 1. 1. I spoke a few words after him both days, & enjoy'd great comfort both evenings with Job Tab. &c. at my House 5. D. a great storm of rain prevented my preaching as was expected at Elder Proun's 6. D. after hard work visited Poley Cook & others round the 4 corners: rec'd. a considerable Present of Beef, &c. from Pt. Cory, &c. — yesterday I visited 2 aged & sick Brethren (Hing & Macomber) & others I hope to our mutual comfort: & enjoy'd a very happy evening with a number of my young friends, (R. Giff. S. C. E. C. Art. G. & M. Hart) who came to see us: and to day tho' extrem cold for the time & I have been so poorly all the W. past with pain in my back, a sore leg, Collick, Cough, &c.; yet I have been enabled (after Prayer & reading 10th Mat.) to preach with great freedom upon Prov. 13. 10. only by Gods cometh contention. Lord root it out of our hearts. Amen.

30 Notwithstanding the pain in my back & sore leg has been upon me all the week past & yet continues — I have done much hard work! & on 2. D. visited Inat Brightman (sick in Body but well in mind) Wm Willcox (whose son is sick) & Deacon Earl who has been confin'd with sore hand. 3. D. visited Elijah Dival, J. Poley, J. Wood, & the 2 aged Harts. 4. D. got salt Cheese, Apples, &c. at Gid. Almy's. 5. D. Davenport & Pt. Grays. 5th morning had wind Collick hard, yet attended C. Meet. afternoon, & laboured much one more with Pt. & Carl Taber in the close of which, as Pt. had often requested at the Ch. In general consented to lay the case of Difference before the Ch. of Swansea & Newport for Advice & counsel! myself & several others declined acting in this, seeing no necessity — The Ch. suspended Benjamin Saudey Jnr from our Fellowship & cited him to appear to answer a most shocking accusation which was brought against him, &c. in part of this time our Ch. meeting held, I was call'd over to Sam Tabers to Jim Cornet & M. Cowen In Marriage. 6. D. was a considerable Snow storm, & as he that is call'd chief must be Servant of all; I composed the letter to be sent to the Ch. (being desired by Bro. Poley, And others) hardly allowing me sufficient time to attend to my necessary worldly Business. yesterday I went to see him, to show him the draft: visited Pt. Taber who makes very poorly for Gifford, &c. — towards night Bro. Pt. visited me. To day I have been enabled to preach once more with amazing flow of matter: assistance & utterance upon Gal. 5. 7. (ye did run well, &c.) Deacon Tilly with us, gave me a token of love, &c. Bless the Lord O my soul & all that is within me bless his Holy Name. Amen.

12 ... 7 Last 23. through much Pain, I went & preached at the funeral of Benj. Hing: 17. Visited Carl Taber & turned at Sam. Saudey's: 3. D. visited several in the way, & preached at Mary Bodans in the evening on 2 Cor. 4. 2. — 4. D. visited Pt. Tab. B. Macomber, &c. in my way to Mill & home. (while gone Brethren got me Wood, &c.) 5. D. worked hard on Wood, Stable, &c. yesterday had a marvellous, lovely & delightful meeting at Alfry Hings: where I spoke upon Psalm 2. 11. (serve the L. with fear, &c.) and to day have found marvellous assistance again, in speaking upon Galatians 6. 9. (let us not be weary in W. doing, &c.) after worship read the letter to be sent to Swansea, &c.: All glory to Jesus, forever & ever. Amen.

12:14 First 2. evening. Last 2. D. spent at home in hard work, &c. Towards night visited Capt. Ladd: both Philip Tabers, &c. 3. D. visited J. Davenport Pt. Cory, J. Almy, Pt. Gray, rec'd. P. Cook Widow Soule & Eli Cook Dan of Walter Sich. 4. D. did much hard work taught children, &c. 5. D. (As our Civil Rulers had only desired & recommended it by Proclamation, not commanded it.) I thought duty to hold a meeting for Thanksgiving to the Lord for mercies In general Temporal & spiritual: particularly for that he had inclined the late contending Nations to a definitive Treaty of Peace! Favoured us with plentiful Harvest, &c. We first sang, the first verse of the 75th & the whole of the 124th Psalm: then Prayed & gave thanks Then sang the whole 75 Psalm: altering a few words: then after some silence & waiting to see if others would improve time — I was enabled to preach with great freedom upon Ezra 9. 3 last verses and also spoke a little while upon Ephesians 5. 20. Then Prayed & gave thanks again: & lastly sang the 103 Psalm 2 part short metre: and said over a piece of Poetry I some time past composed upon the Peace — after dinner accompanied by Deacon Palmer & Bro. Davenport I visited Elis. Cook again & Prayed Then came to Tho. Tabers (where was my wife & several neighbours) and after spending About half the evening there in singing & Prayer: came home & spent the other part In the same exercise with 3 Sisters who came out of the woods, to see us & several others 6. D. did considerable hard work: & towards night visited Bro. J. Taber, &c. evening Tho. Taber, &c. visited me. yesterday I visited Davenport, Jacob Tab. & Elis. Cook again had much conference & Prayer & walked home. And to day have been enabled to preach once more upon 1 Pet. 3. 8. (finally, be ye all of one mind, &c.) this was the last passage I think which P. T. lately brought against this Church, &c. Deacon Sawyer with us to day: Samuel Taber visited us this evening, &c. &c.

21 Last 2. D. (accompanying with wife & eldest son) Attended the funeral of old J. Wilbur (aged near 93!) at the House of Stephen Brownell: was Enabled to preach upon John 8. 24. I trust in demonstration of the Spirit and with great Power to a very large Assembly of several denominations: Jonathan Ellis, Minister in Little Compton also attended, but spoke nothing tho' desired. In my way home, visited the Widow Snell & was enabled to exercise Charity towards her And her Fatherly children: towards night helped Deacon Palmer drive one of my Cows towards his place, and in my way back stoped & spent the evening in company of B. Jencks &c. at Isaac Manchester's: had a sweet time of worship with my family & pleasant Meditations in the night watches on my Bed! 3. D. (much hard work) B. Jencks visited us, &c. 4. D. Stormy: yet Sister Jencks visited us: I was employed in writing for My Father: spent the evening at S. Manchester, &c. — 5. D. had Colick: pain in back, &c. yet helped Brethren work on Stable a little & finished writing for Father: visited J. M. Tab. &c. 6. D. wrote 2 letters for R. & J. Hart: visited Tho. Taber, Elis. Cook & Davenport — bought some Neapains & rode home: spent evening in Teaching some Brethren the rules of "Bad Music" Yesterday — Wife, & son accompanying me to old Bro. Macomber where I was enabled to preach with great freedom upon Eccles. 7. 1. (A good name — and the D. of Death, &c.) In the evening compos'd an Acrostich for Ruth Gifford — and to day have been Enabled to preach once more with usual freedom upon J. 15. 14. ye are my friends & two P. Deacons, Bro. Weedon, Jencks, &c. attended — after worship C. conferred once more about sending abroad for advice, &c. — a Lord direct our steps.

First D. of the W. — This day & the whole week past has been very cold, cloudy, Snowy &c — Last 2^d. I spent in a variety of Business at home. 3^d. after hard work & visiting Jo^s Hart (poorly with Rheum) rode to Dartm^o & visited W^m Wood & Peleg Pott^o came to Job Taber & tarried: 4th. after he had shod my Horse & I had visited B^r. Brownel. I returned home: but sat off again directly And rode & walked as far as the Widow Surveys, where I joined 2 Couple in Marriage (Rob^t. Baly, Stephen Negus, &c) and went & tarried at Wear Osborn 5th morning visited Br. Hambley Jul^s & several others: Dined at St. Grays (& tho' it snowed a little & was extrem cold) got home time enough to attend C^h. Meet^g. at which B^r. Sawdey Jul^s & Natharine Richmond was deat^h with Jotham Round sent for, the case of a Bro^r. meddling with a Lottery consider^d. A Time for the Lords Supper appointed, &c — great Love & unity appear^d (Such as have heretofore opposed the C^h. travel not being present) many stay^d the evening to be instructed in the Rules of singing: Bro^r Thing Prayed, &c 6th. spent in a variety of Business, visited Jo^s Hart, Hannah sick at night, &c yesterday visited Jo^s Hart again with wife, B^r. Jencks & wife visited us: we Experienc^d the wonderful goodness of God In supplying us in a very needy Time with Bread for our Bodies, &c — To day have been enable^d to preach One more with marvellous freedom (to few hearers) upon 1 Cor. 7. 29. Brethren The time is short — a black sister is taken sick at our House: Elis^a with us.

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First D. of the W. Last 2 & 3^d. Bro^r. Savenpost was at work at my House: mak^g me a new Coat: I worked some with him wrote an Acrostich for him (& since for several others) did a variety of other Business: Deacon Lad drew me a little wood 4th & 5th. (the beginning of this new year) was very stormy: I was employ^d in writing And other usual Business. 6th. D. worked very hard on Wood, &c — was oblig^d also to cut a little yesterday, but rested chief part of the day as usual: To day tho' in very trying outward circumstances, have been enable^d once more especially to find And speak the word of the Lord to this dear Church — Eph. 5. 15, 16. (see them that eye walk, &c: redeeming the Time, &c) since meeting have been oblig^d to bark & cut Wood! that I might go without guilt (as I was request^d) to preach again this Evening at the House of Philip Gray. — Lord direct my Steps —

11 First D. evening: late. this E. sennight Preach^d at St. Grays with amazing freedom Upon Heb. 13. 8. (Jesus C. the same yesterday, &c) tarried all night. 2^d. came home In the rain after visiting W^m Gray, &c, by the way found some Brethren at my House who had been getting me some Wood, &c did that my beloved friend Eld^r. W^m B. Giff & His wife were down with the small pox: Lord spare their lives if tis thy will. 3^d. was a great rain, stomped my 25th Hymn on Rom. 8. 35, Corⁿ. 13. was very poorly at our House, &c. 4th. B. very warm: did a variety of Business: Bro^r. S. Sweet came to see me from Newport with a letter of request from Tho^s. Green, son, &c that I would come and Administer that long neglected ordinance of Christ, James 5. 14. I was gl^d of the Opportunity: and therefore went with him on 5th. and in company with Eld^r. Thurston & several aged Brethren answered their request in the evening, &c 6th. the extrem cold I return^d home in great peace of mind: found Job Borden And several other friends at my House & had a happy evening. rested yesterday as usual: last night much snow fell: yet several assembl^d for Worship to day & I was enable^d to preach once more in my House upon 1 Cor. 1. 23, 24. after which Bro^r. Borden spake charmingly And Deacon Palmer Pray^d this evening we have held a lovely conference at Jo^s Hart, &c.

N. B. Having but little time to spare for writing and intending only to give a hint of my travels, &c; I had purpos^d that what was wrote on the other side should suffice In respect to last weeks affairs: but considering what a precious & important ordinance, Institution, or appointment of Christ, that is, recorded in James 5. 14. and that it is now near 15 years since I was clearly convinc^d it ought to be practis^d. By Christians (at least in some cases) til the end of the World, if occasions cease not. I found I should be inexcusable in speaking of it so briefly: and therefore I further add; that as I trust the Lord has mov^d on my heart for many years to be Praying that His Kingdom may come & Will be done; that the branches in Lions Walls may be repaired, &c: so he having been pleased to give his Holy Spirit to such an unworthy worm to be my inward Teacher and his Holy Oracles to regulate My outward conduct, hath led me without respect to the traditions of my Fathers Not only to see & practice Water Baptism; the Laying on of hands on Baptis^d Believers (as such) and the Lords supper: But also to wash my brethren's feet; to anoint The Sick in some cases with Oil; & sometimes to lay hands on them in Prayer when I anoint them not: & also to observe the 7th Day Sabbath: likewise in the Negative not to swear at all, not to bear arms, &c: and I am the more convinc^d In all these things & others not commonly practis^d, both by the good effects and the Following scriptures — see Judges 5. 6. Eccl^a 9. 9. Isaiah 2. 3, 22. & 3. 12. and 42. 16. & 57. 14. & 58. 12. & 61. 4. Jeremiah 6. 16. & 18. 15. ^{Mat. 23. 19, 20.} Romans 15. 4. &c.

But to conclude — I trust I have a much higher esteem of the exercise of Love to God & Man in myself, & of the genuine evidence of it in Others; than of any or all the Positive Institutions of the Gospel (in a comparative sense) which May possibly be submitted to and practis^d without it: yea, the Apostle sup- posing they may be separated in 1 Cor. 13. prefers Love to a Miraculous Faith; The Gifts of healing; all knowledge; and gifts of Tongues, Prophecies, &c! Therefore let us follow after Charity forever: for it never fails! This Ought we to do & not to leave other things (in their time, place, & as we see them our duty) undone: for altho' it be possible to practice positive Institutions (and Possess great gifts) without Charity! yet where is the Charity of such as wilfully refuse the reception & improvement of any good gift or turn aside from one of the Least of the commandments of the Lord?

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3^d. of the W. yesterday sennight was stormy: I had a comfortable Day with Job Borden who had tarried with us the night before — and that night went to Jo^s Hart: 3^d. return^d to visit us, as did also Lydia Shearman & tarried: 4th. D. I spent at home: friend Borden Visited neighbours: In the evening many assembl^d and we had a most comfortable Meeting at my House: I got as it were on the top of Mount Pizar, &c! but on 5th. Morning the Adversary laboured hard to cast me down to the Bottom among the Rubbish, &c! but Bless^d be the Lord for victory obtain^d! after which I visited & Pray^d with Widow Water, &c — 6th. D. did much hard work (as also on other days) wrote papers &c — Rested Sabbath Day as usual: First Day (being strongly us^d) I rode as far as Jo^s. Shearman's & Preach^d with great freedom to several hundred People assembl^d to the Funeral of his wife — after Burying visited Sisters, Sanford & Trippe & tarried at friend D. Swelleys: where I was confin^d all yesterday by a very violent storm of E. wind & Rain: and to day through the extrem cold return^d home: after visiting Staff and going to mill by the way: found my family in trying circumstances, &c.

First 2. evening. — last 4th D. (as cold as most ever was known we think) spent chief of the Day at Home in hard work: (went to mill) visited 7th Hart, &c. 5th D. (being much more moderate) sat off early in the morning accompanied by Bro. Hart, &c. to attend the C^h. meeting of a C^h. to the northward: Left Horse at Widow Bordens: crossed the Pond on the Ice, & had a good meeting with Eld. Simmons & Eld. Burrows & the C^h. and tho' the C^h. seem'd to be in great difficulties yet Bles'd be God we were made Instruments as it were to remove one great Mountain Return'd to widow Bordens by had a comfortable evenings conference; from thence We sat out for home 6th day morning: visited several friends by the way had a charming meeting at Benjamin Macomber, where I was enabled to Preach upon Rom. 8. 35, 37. & came home in the rain, having eat no bodily food from morning til night. — Yesterday rested as usual: (was a rainy day & snowy night) yet A considerable number assembled for worship to day and I trust the Lord was with us, enabling me to Pray & Preach with wonderful freedom upon Jeremiah 18. 15. (because my People have forsaken me, they have burnt incense to Vanity, &c.) I was enabled Faithfully to testify that the 7th Day sabbath & all other moral duties; anointing the Sck with Oil & all Positive Institutions; spiritual Worship, improvement of every gift, Singing, C^h. Discipline &c. — but more especially, living in Love & Peace, bearing and forbearing being clothed with humility, &c.; to be so many of the Ancient paths which Gods People should now walk in: and that the contrary, were paths & ways not cast up by the Lord: but to be considered as Boggy, miry, thorny, &c. all glory to God.

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2^d. of the W. — last 2^d. found myself in great perplexity (but not despair) concerning things temporal by which means I was prevented visiting Bro. Jⁿ. Taber's Family as I intended, & should also have been hindered from visiting sister Phila. Cook, had it not been in my way to the 4 Corners, where (after much hard work on Wood &c. in the forenoon) I was obliged to go to buy ^{family} necessaries — & so visited confer'd & Pray'd with Her: also visited Poley Cook & J. Davers. & return'd late in the evening — 3^d. was a violent Storm of snow, hail & rain: I was more comfortable inward & outward than I could have expected: Was exceeding busy all day, cutting wood, tending Horse & Cow, Patching up House, instructing my Children, &c.: & was much affected in reading 6th Chapt. of Genesis; in Family Prayer; & in meditating on the case of a poor Sister of the Church, who seem'd obliged to leave our house yesterday on acc^t. of our circumstances tho' I suppose she had much rather tarried longer! — O sad! — sad!

4th D. I was comfortable in mind: but most wore out the Body cutting & backing Wood in the Extrem cold: visited S. Taber, &c. 5th D. had a violent pain in neck & left shoulder: yet was obliged to do some hard work: afternoon attended C^h. Meeting: many present: I read my piece upon discipline: after Prayer, & orderly introducing the case of those few Members who have long opposed the acts of the Body & withrew communion with us; a Motion was made that the C^h. should Censure & withdraw from them: but after much conference (even taking up the whole time of the meeting) was concluded to leave it til next C^h. meet. then to lay them under admonition, except they acknowledge their faults. 6th D. (very cold) Joseph Hart Helped me cut wood, &c. — 7th D. journey'd to Inverton, where I Preach'd with wonderful freedom at the House of Jonathan Browning to many Hearers: upon Jere. 18. 15. Yesterday: & in the evening at B. Bordens upon 1 John 3. 7, 8. Eld. Thomas Burrows present: on his way home from our meeting) This morning I left Bordens: & in my way home Preach'd with much assistance at the funeral of Phila. Cook upon the word "Consider" (Eccles. 7. 14) Then stop'd at Doctor Whitbridges and (After Bro. Ellis) went to Prayer with the people assembled to the funeral of his Child: which was not interr'd by reason of some uncommon Alteration of the Corps! — &c.

I was publicly appear after Preaching at Jonathan Brownings By Jⁿ. Hathaway & Joseph Church — who led Universal Salvation!

3^d. of the W. — after spending this day fortnight at home in hard work (see a Visit from Deacon Earl, a Letter of request from Unkle Tho. Green, &c.) I sat off next day for Newport (extrem cold weather) had a remarkable exercise of mind upon Divine things By the way, and Preach'd with great freedom in the afternoon at the funeral of my dear Friend & Brother W^m. J. Green (aged near 28) upon Eccles. 7. 1. (a good name, &c.) to near 700 People in Eld. Thurston's meeting House. (He & several other Ministers present, &c.) next Evening Preach'd again in Eld. Blif's M. House upon 1 Cor. 3. 17. the love of God, &c. to D. intended home but was prevented by a Storm; and helped my Unkle in his Business next day being the sabbath Preach'd again in E. Blif's M. H. upon Ephesians 4. 14, 15. (be not carried about with every wind of doctrine, &c.) visited E. Thurston, Jⁿ. Widen, Heath, Johnson, &c. tarried All night at Deacon Tilley's: had but little sleep, &c. 1st. morning finding myself very poorly with the emorors or Ciles, I went & took a room at Unkle Greens where I was kindly tended & visited by many friends til 5th D. night, when I was able to go to a conference At Tho. Goddards — Preach'd again on the sabbath upon Jere. 18. 15. Eld. Blif & Shelly present, &c. — next morning finding the extrem cold had measurably abated I thought duty to try to get home: & thro' mery was enabled to accomplish it: and finding my family in better case than I expected, hope I felt a measure of true thankfulness to our great preserver. (found my Son's Father in the neighbourhood who had been with my Family part of 5 days) yesterday (with wife) visited the wife of S. Simmons very poorly; where I had much freedom to Pray & speak of Divine things: Job Tab. Jⁿ. Wood and wife spent the evening with us, &c. — to day Father went to Dartm — I have been busy about family affairs — the weather much moderated, &c.

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First 2. of the W. — last 4th D. Intended to visit Jⁿ. Taber: but necessity obliged me to go to the corners: I visited P. Cory, J. Davers! Deacon Palmer, Jacob Taber, &c. Father and Job Taber spent evening with us. 5th D. forenoon worked hard: afternoon visited & had near 3 hours talk with Bro. Taber & wife (the above mention'd visits to J. & P. Taber were not so satisfactory as I could have wish'd, but, &c.) yesterday rested as usual (Poley & E. Cook visit'd us) in the evening calling to mind that scripture Mat. 18. 19. I mentioned to my beloved wife several particulars which lay on my mind to pray for, & finding she could agree with me, we had a solemn time in Prayer — after which I was much affected in singing, (God my supporter & my Hope, &c.) — however, I have been much tryed again in my mind to day, as I had a large assembly to Preach to, and but little freedom of Utterance: I spoke upon Jere. 8. 21, 22. (is there no balm in Gilead, &c.) lost my voice, &c. But Bles'd be God, that all things will work together for good to them that Love him — Amen.

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2^d. of the W. — last 2^d. I spent the time at home in a variety of Business: Job Briggs, Capt. Richs & his wife, Rich & Mary Hart visit'd us, &c. had a sweet time in secret & family Prayer in the evening, &c. 3^d. took Physick: yet cut much wood At the door, while some of the C^h. & Congregation were casting me 10 Load: also did considerable writing for the C^h. &c. 4th D. was considerably unwell yet necessity oblig'd me to go as far as Tho. Cory's for a Grist — on 5th D. This Church in their meeting for Business were brought to the disagreeable necessity (in respect to the Honour & Glory of God, the Peace and Unity of the Body & welfare of Individuals) to withdraw ourselves from 3 Brethren (who have been highly esteemed among us in days past) and solemnly admonish them in the

the following Letters & words without one dissenting voice.

1. The Church of Christ in Tiverton, &c under the Pastoral care of
Eld. Pelig Currenoughs being Assembled with one accord on the 26th of the 2^d Mo. 1784
And having taken into serious consideration the case of our beloved Bro.
Philip Taber who about 12 months ago withdrew from Communion with us
And still refuses to be reconciled to and travel with us notwithstanding the
Abundant Loving Labours we have had with him & the great condescension &
Tenderness we have manifested towards him even acknowledging some things as
Faults: which were but common human frailties; & burdening ourselves to a great
Degree that we might take off his burdens & remove the difficulty: we are at
length clearly convinced that at present he entertains a disposition to strife debate
And contention & walketh not in that humility Brotherly Love and meekness
Which becometh the Disciples of Christ: & being persuaded that his conduct
Towards us is offensive to the Great Head of the Church & such as our dear Lord
In his last Will & Testament doth require humiliation & repentance for:
As Witnesses for Christ (tho unworthy) and by virtue of that Authority he hath
Granted us as his Ch. & people in the Word of Truth: We do, in the Name of
Jesus Christ our Head & Lord Withdraw ourselves from him as from a Brother
Walking disorderly & contrary we think to the following scriptures: Rom. 12. 3, 10, 13.
1 Cor. 1. 10. Gal. 5. 26. Ephes. 4. 32. 1 Thes. 5. 12, 13. Prov. 27. 1. Peter 3. 8.)
And we do solemnly Admonish him as such speedily to repent of his
Unwarrantable withdraw from us; his neglecting to attend a Fast appointed
partly as a means of removing our difficulties: his neglecting also to ask
the advice & counsel of Sister Churches, when he had so earnestly desired and
Obtained liberty from us! & for his present unreasonable desire or demand
That we should lay aside all we have done in respect to our Deacons & proceed
To a new choice the 3rd time!! our hearty desire is that he may find repentance
for these things, & every other fault the Ch. may justly charge him with and in
The spirit of Love, of Power & a sound mind, in true humility & meekness return
Into unity & fellowship with us. Amen.

2 (And) Whereas our beloved Brother John Taber has been from time to time
For several years objecting against the conduct of this Church: refusing to act
Or travel with us in several important matters: finding fault with our singing
The Praises of God, &c: and has withdrawn his communion with us near 12 months
And the Ch. hath had abundant Loving Labours with him shewing a willingness
That he should enjoy his own sentiments if he would not oppose us in our travel
And have endeavoured abundantly to remove his burdens & difficulties even
Burdening ourselves to do it but he yet refuses to travel with us: we are at
length clearly convinced that he doth not at present walk in that humility
Brotherly Love & meekness which becometh the Disciples of Christ; & that his
conduct towards us is offensive to the Great Head of the Church: and as such
We find ourselves bound in duty & in Love Both to the Great Head of the Church
And to our Brother / & to preserve the peace & unity of the Ch. / to Withdraw

our Fellowship from him and accordingly do, in the Name of our
Lord Jesus Christ Withdraw from him as from a Brother walking dis-
orderly: and as such we solemnly Admonish him speedily to Repent of
his unwarrantable withdraw from us: His ungodly jealousies of us & hard
speeches against us and of every particular of his visible conduct in word or
Deed for which the Ch. may justly have ought against him: and so return
Cloathed with humility in the Spirit of Love & meekness into unity & Fel-
lowship with us again. Amen.

(3 And furthermore) The Ch. of Christ in Tiverton, &c
Having taken into serious consideration the case of our beloved
Brother Earl Taber who about 12 months ago withdrew from Communion
with us: but notwithstanding this & the unsteadiness of his walk for a considerable
Time before; we have endeavoured to labour in Love with him: and soon after
his withdraw we were disposed heartily to continue our fellowship with him
had he been willing to have gone on in his fellowship with us: but in the run
of our labours we are clearly convinced that he hath either ignorantly or
Willfully spoken a Falshood before us in denying a speech he made to our
Bro. Caleb East & Sister Comfort Briggs to this purport that he could freely
Commune with other Christians (in the Lords Supper) who dont see with us
concerning laying on of Hands: his absenting himself also 3 Ch. meetings
Running in the midst of our difficulties appears to us as a breach of that com-
mand of Christ Mat. 5. 23, 24. And whereas he appears at present unwilling
to acknowledge these faults - We find ourselves obliged in the Name of
Lord Jesus Christ & by virtue of that Authority he hath granted us as his
Ch. & People in the word of Truth To Withdraw our spiritual Fellowship
from him and solemnly Admonish him to a speedy Repentance for his
Conduct before mentioned and for every other visible misstep which the
Ch. may justly lay to his charge: Hoping & desiring, that, this our solemn
Withdraw & Admonition (as tis an Ordinance of Jesus Christ) may be bless-
ed & sanctified to our erring Bro. for good: that in due time he may mani-
fest sincere Repentance & return to us in the Spirit of Love & meekness
Cloathed with Humility, &c. Amen.

After the forementioned sorrowful transactions, the Ch. considered the cases of
several other members: concluded to pay Bro. Tabers Acc^t: left it to me to appoint a
Time for the Lords supper, &c: and concluded meet. by solemn Prayer.
Next day (6th of the 4th.) I purposed to visit several sick neighbours; but extreme cold &
Family necessities prevented: however, towards night I visited Saec. Manahat^m & spent the
Evening (with my Wife, Job Taber & Wife) at the House of Tho. Taber in much religious
exercise. yesterday (the cold increased) I rested as usual & had a comfortable day: &
Taber & wife visited us, Mary Hart, &c. To day has been we think as cold as ever was here
In these parts! yet near 20 persons assembled for worship, & we have had a good day
Blessed be God, for all the mercies & favours granted to such worthless worms
Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

First D. evening late: Last 2 D. weather continued extreme cold. I washed head cutting Wood, &c. ~~into abate~~ ~~Afternoon~~: wife visited our sick neighbour Chubb, & in the evening I visited & had much serious & close talk with neighbour J. Crandal. 3^d. forenoon worked head again: afternoon went with wife to visit Miss Whittege - 4^d. 2 Brethren named Roworth visited me: with whom I walked most down to the ferry: And after parting with them visited the Wives of Jeremy & Col. J. Cook sick: & being overtaken with a great storm of snow, tarried all night at my friend Davenport's: 5^d. Visited Deacon Palmer, P. Davenport, P. W. Gray, &c: rec. some supplies for my family & returned home (only J. Hart came to sing, &c) 6^d. it continued storming, snow & rain: I spent the time in usual business at home - yesterday (was also stormy) I rested as usual: but was obliged to groan under a sense of stupidity, &c: This morning I felt anxious in secret Prayer, being loth to go to meeting without a greater sense of divine things: & blessed be the prayer answering God who was pleased to meet with me and enable me to Preach once more with astonishing freedom upon John 8. 12. - I am the light of the W. &c) (P. Taber present: but J. & E. absent as they have been 2 or 3 W. before) after Meet. had conference with several Brethren & this evening accompanied by J. Hart walked as far as E. Hart's and joined Thomas Potter (the 2^d) to his daughter Ruth in marriage: visited J. Borden & James Lake by the way: spent the evening in religious conference, Prayer, & singing & returned just now.

14 3. D. of the W. Last 2 D. I was enabled to Preach with astonishing freedom at the funeral of Walter Earle's Wife upon Psalm 85. 8. (I will hear what G. the L. will speak.) Visited Joel Lake & tarried all night with Eld. Round: having a happy evening, &c. 3^d. came home & found J. Davenport at our house: who had brought us meal, &c. my 2 sons very poorly, P. & J. Hart, &c - 4^d. was poorly myself: however, towards night with J. Hart visited Isaac Mansfield & Phoebe Taber. 5^d. spent in a variety of business: went to Mill, &c. Was greatly afflicted with fiery darts of the Devil, or workings of my Devilish nature! In the evening Bro. W. More from Newport visited us & stay'd all night. 6^d. visited J. And Rich. Hart: cut wood, &c: & enjoy'd a happy evening at home in Prayer, &c: E. Cook & R. Gifford with us. yesterday rested as usual & was comfortable till afternoon: when Eld. Amos Burrows came with such a Narrative of the Difficulties between him & the Ch. as made me feel very sad: but in the evening had great enlargement in Prayer for them myself & others: and to day after Prayer & singing Eld. Amos was enabled to Preach a most excellent discourse & very affecting & feeding to my soul upon Ephes. 2. 19, to end. after which I spoke a few words: he prayed, & departed: since Meet. have had much conference with W. Cornet, &c.

21 3. D. evening, late: Last 2 D. - I visited J. Daley, M. Wood & R. Hart: did considerable business at home, and towards night visited J. Davenport, & tarried at P. Gray's: 3^d. visited W. Gray, P. Cook, P. Davenport, J. & Jack Tab. in my way home: found B. Gifford at my House, &c - 4^d. after morning's work (& Glasgow had come to work for me) visited Sister Mansfield (wife of P.) Ceres Richmond, &c: and by a snow storm was obliged to tarried: 5^d. walked the whole way home after visiting L. Dyke, stopping at Mill &c: afternoon joined Benj. Brownell & Abigail Milth in Marriage & had a sweet evening with a number of Friends, in singing & Prayer, &c. 6^d. (Ruth Giff. left us: Mary Hart with us poorly: and Sunday, & Phil. went away: I visited Geo. Cook sick, Davenport, D. Sawyer, Osborn, &c yesterday walked in the snow storm as far as old Bro. Macomber & preached to few people upon 2 Cor. 5. 20. (we pray you in G. stead, &c) and to day have been enabled to Preach more with great freedom upon Psalm 27. 4. (some thing have I desired, &c) P. & E. J. Wesson &c at Meet. since meeting visited old Joseph Church, talked with Nat. Crandal, &c.

First D. of the W. Last 2 D. after morning's work, rode to J. Davenport's took my Cow from thence & drove her to Tobes Little's: visited Israel Browning by the way & dined: afterwards visited old Widow Grinnell & tarried at Thos. Brownell's. 3^d. visited Wm. Brown & Col. Kilyard: wrote 2 letters, &c for Steph. Brownell and tarried there all night. 4^d. returned to my Family with Corn. Flax & Butter from Brownell's: tarried a few minutes at home & then visited Geo. Cook sick: Osborn, Davenport, &c. home. 5^d. (Widow Hart very poorly at our House) I did much hard work, making wall, &c. Afternoon we had a lovely Ch. Meet. being favoured with great Divine Influence in Prayer, &c. the Ch. in great love & unity appointed Messengers to exhort Bro. Lurial Fish to settle affairs with J. Shrew: to Cite M. Macomber, & M. Fish to appear before us, &c - I left the Brethren together consulting on other matters, being obliged to ride as far as Joshua Dwellley's; when in the evening Briaiah Allen was joined in Marriage with his dau. Rhoda: I tarried at dau. Dwellley's all night. 6^d. returned home: and after assisting Brownell & Taber in settling their accounts (not as a Judge but by writing and figuring for them) I visited, spoke freely unto, & prayed for Phoebe Simmons Wife of Sam. appearing very near Death: in the evening R. Giff. & E. Cook visited us. yesterday was a storm of Rain I rested at home as usual and to day have been enabled to Preach once more with great freedom to a large assembly (P. & E. J. Wesson) upon Zechariah 1. 5. (say now Hark ye, where are they, &c.) since meeting conference much with Lurial Fish, Widows East, Deb. Gifford, Abner Brownell, J. Tab. E. Cook, &c.

4-4 First D. of the W. Last 2 D. intended to journey to Newport but could not get ready so I attended a special call to Wm. Woods as a peace maker successfully: & returned to hard work, drawing accounts, &c - 3^d. was stormy: did some writing, &c - 4^d. got ready for Newport but was prevented, by requests to attend funerals: visited, had much free talk, and went to Prayer with Phoebe Simmons: returned with pain in Bowels, &c - 5^d. tho' poorly myself, attended & preached with great freedom & assistance at the funeral of Geo. Cook: upon J. 6. 27. (Labour not for the M. &c) In the night much snow fell: &c on 6^d. I travell'd again in the snow near 7 m. & Preached with wonderful freedom and utterance at the funeral of Thos. Cory (aged 69) upon Amos 3. 8. (The dyon hath roared, &c: had a marvellous time in Prayer at Lurial Fish's & came home as far as Gideon Grinnell's: where I was again enabled to Preach, with astonishing freedom, &c upon Acts 14. 15. (Sirs, why do ye these things, &c) from whence towards Night I came home in the rain: and tho' very weak in Body this morning, have been again wonderfully assisted to Preach to a large Assembly upon J. 14. 15. (if ye love me, &c) And administered the Lords Supper with the feeling of joy unexpressed: &c on the the whole, it has been a wonderful week: my debt to my dear Lord is greatly increased, & I expect to die a Bankrupt; for who can render unto the Lord the glory due to his name!

11 Last 2 D. spent at home in usual business: 3^d. (tho' it rained) I rode as far as B. Sanchez's (stopping at P. Sanford's by the way) and preached with much freedom upon Hosea 6. 1. which I believe is special by the word of the Lord to that afflicted Ch.: next attended a Council (with Eld. Hinds, Thompson, Lewis, Goff, & Simmons) upon their affairs: which I find in a dissolution of the Relation between the Eld. & the Ch. to my great grief! tarried at B. Borden's. 4^d. after visiting Widow Cory aged 85. J. Davenport, his father, P. Taber, P. Gray, &c came home: (found wife wearing dau. Mary, &c) (Eld. Wesson added for J. Davenport & carried it to him several men from Westbury, &c visited us: Debrah Taber & Pham. Heath, &c. yesterday rested as usual and to day have exhausted all my strength Preaching upon 2 Cor. 4. 2. (But by manifestation of the death, &c) since meet. it has grown smartly: B. Digger is now was a contribution to B. & Brownell, &c.

I have to day (Cow Day) to day

2^d of the week evening This day some night accompanied by Wife & Lydia Fisher once more visited the Family of Isaac Gifford (of Dartmouth) whose wife hath kept her bed twenty odd years: had much freedom in conference: Prayed, &c: afterwards visited the Family of Tho. Tripp, in our way to Little Water: where we had a precious & powerful Meeting in the evening; at which I spoke upon Psalm 45. 7. and terrified. next 2^d visited Peleg Potter & Job Taber, & came home early afternoon: wife was very poorly in the evening: Recd. a letter from widow Hannah Green, Mary Hart came, &c: 4th (cloudy & high wind) Necessity seemd to be laid upon me for others good as well as my own to journey to Newport: Where I arrived at 3 o'clock (after visiting Geo. Lawton by the way) and gave diligent attention to the business of settling the Estate of my late deceased friend, W^m Green, till 6th night: relaxing my mind from writing & figuring once in a while, by religious conference with such Christian friends as fell in my way, & Preached at my Fathers 5th evening upon Acts 23. 26. (pray son give me thy Head, &c) on 7th the Sabbath I visited D. Linnear and D. Tilly: Preached in E. Bliff's meet House upon Ephes. 2. 19. to end. had a lovely Conference in the evening with a little number of Friends at the widow Green's; among Whom was my natural Bro^r Green Burroughs, who I have some reason to believe hath lately been made my Bro^r in the Lord; for which may his great name forever be praised. Yesterday I felt much out of order both in Body and mind; however, visited Eld. Thurston in the morning, went to meet with him & heard him once more deliver a good discourse upon Jer 15. 1. He went & dined with Anthony Shaw: and was enabled to Preach to a great Assembly in the afternoon, with a great sense of my own unworthiness, and yet with great boldness & freedom of utterance: upon Psalm 85. 8. (I will hear what the Lord will say) (After which offer'd 119th Psalm 5 part of Bro. Walth's poetry to sing) went to Bro. Tilly's: visited & Prayed with Martha Giles D. of W^m appearing near her end: & was much engag'd in the evening in conference & Prayer at Fathers, from whence I went to Uncle Green's to Lodge: There I have done what I think may call a smart days work to day: taking an Inventory of the whole Estate of his late deceased son, and making a final settlement between the widow & the rest of his Children: and the clouds which have hung thick in the Air (and from which much rain has fell) ever since I set off from home, having cleared away to day; I set off near 3 o'clock this afternoon, and tho' I stoped to confer with Parker Hall: visited Geo. Lawton & Jⁿ. Davenport by the way, had near an hour & 1/2 passage on the Water, & was very weak in Body: yet thro' the conduct of kind Providence, I reached my habitation early this evening: and tho' I find my dear Companion poorly as I left her: and all of us otherwise under several trying circumstances yet think we have abundant cause to praise the Lord for what he is in himself & that he hath made this journey prosperous, &c

25 First 2^d of the W. Last 3^d spent time settling accounts, putting papers in order, cutting Wood musick on my journey to Newport, &c: 4th was a violent N.E. storm: I was again full of business; about my papers, mending Pails, windows, &c: teaching children, &c: towards night wounded my left leg badly: but why said I since all things work together for good, &c: 5th rode as far as Tho. Browns: where I was enabled to speak much on Divine things: tho' I went to buy necessaries: call'd At Small Brownings, St. Gory's, Deacon Palmer, & Jⁿ. Davenport (where I felt freedom to Pray for Phoebe Willcox in a shocking case) in my way home: 6th did much hard work in Garden on wood, &c: Went to Mill: visited Jⁿ. Wood: Eld. Aborn visited us, &c: — Prayed yesterday as usual: and to day have been enabled to Preach with marvellous assistance upon Heb. 10. 37. (For yet a little while, &c) and am now going to a 2^d meeting at Jⁿ. Davenport.

2^d of the W — this day some night Preached at Davenport towards night with great freedom upon John 8. 46. (which of you convinceth me, &c) terrified: & came home 2^d after visiting Bro. Gray, Peleg Potter, Col. Cook, &c 3^d with wife went to the point visited

Several and returned. 4 & 6th Days worked very hard making stone Wall, &c! 5th being very stormy prevented Ch. Meet. & I attended to business in doors — yesterday attended 2 funerals: first of old Jⁿ. Macomber at the Friends Meet. House: where I heard J. Eddy make a short speech & a Woman spoke 3 times: I felt almost constrained to speak also And have some fears that I came away not clear: had conference & Prayer at Job Taber's And in my way home spoke a few words & Prayed at Jⁿ. Woods whose infant was buried towards night sister Rachel Wenden, C. Briggs, &c came to see us: bringing bodily Supplies: — and to day the Lord has greatly increased my Debt of Love & Gratitude to himself by enabling me to Preach with great Power to a great assembly upon Luke 6. 20. (Blessed be ye poor, &c) & permitting me to hear good news from Lion at Newport — by a letter from Bro. Wenden which drew from me many tears of Joy — and now I am cheerfully going to a 2^d Meet. at Aaron Ginnell's: Lord help me!

9 First 3^d of the W. Last 6th afternoon having Preached at Aaron Ginnell's to many People with great assistance upon Luke 22. 42 (Father, if thou be willing let this C. be) I went and dined at W^m. Browns. 2^d visited Gray, White, Robt. & Tho. Brown, (dined at Jⁿ. Tilly's) Woodman, Davenport, &c: in my way home: 3^d put my horse to Jⁿ. Woods, W. Hart went to Gray; Eld. Bliff's children visited me, I made wall, &c: 4th worked hard on wall & garden: as also 5th forenoon: but afternoon attended Ch. Meet. at which the case between J. Shrieve & 2. Fish was considered: the C. concluded Shrieve was greatly to blame, Retain Fish in fellowship, &c we had considerable loving conference and exhortation On many points, Deacon Palmer concluded by Prayer, &c: after sun sett I went to Jⁿ. Woods for my Horse, &c: 6th worked again very hard in Garden &c: note yesterday as usual: and to day have been enabled to Preach twice more with much freedom in the Meet. House: forenoon upon Jonah 2. 8. (they that observe L. vanities) Afternoon upon Acts 14. 15. (Sirs, why do ye these things, &c) after Meet. & resting a little while, went with wife to see Phoebe Linnear's sick: to whom I once more Preached the Gospel freely: pray'd for her, & returned about sunset.

16 Last 2^d worked hard with Dothson clearing meadows of stones M. Wall &c 3^d forenoon also worked very hard: then rode to the 4 Corners for necessaries for my Family All poorly with great cold: visited Peleg Cook &c: 4th after morning work visited with small & Rich. Ginnell (Dined at A. Ginnell's) W^m. Brown, Christo White & Abner & 6th worked very hard, cutting down Trees, Gardening, went to Mill, W^m. Benson visited us: yesterday 1 o'clock we began a Meet. at which he Preached loudly upon Job 22. 21. — To day also he Preached again, forenoon upon 1 Pet. 4. 18. a very moving discourse: This afternoon I have enjoy'd great assistance in speaking upon Psalm 107. 31. (that man words, &c) after which, a young woman named Peace Wood made a good Confession of Faith & experience & was joyfully rec. into Fellowship by the C. Bro. Benson soon departed for Newport: I visited Abigail Hart wife of Rich. sick, &c.

23 Last 2^d. I did a variety of business in door & out (tho' 'twas cloudy rainy &c) 3^d. at the request of Joseph Stott went with him as far as W. Hamble Jⁿ. to a the an Ace — (Phoebe Aborn told me a shocking tale) visited Jⁿ. Duple &c: dined at Pt. Grays. 4th visited Hap. Taber (much hurt with a fall) W^m. Divil, &c: got home to dine thro' the rain Was much exercised in my thoughts about going into the Merchants Business, &c: moved direct my steps to thy glory. 5th was much rain & Thunder: 6th also some rain I did considerable hand work before & after going to Davenport for necessaries: yesterday was a very rainy day, & to day cloudy: yet many assemblies for worship I Preached with great freedom fore & afternoon upon Ephes. 2. 8, 9, 10. Spoke & Prayed at W. Mill Pond & Baptized C. Wood had a very affecting time laying on hands in Willcox's House, &c. All glory to the Lord.

1784-5-30

First D. of the W. Last 2d. Bro. Davenport came to help me make Wall, & I have done much hard work of various kinds every day since till now. This there was one smart shower 2d. and it has rained much some part of every day of the W. 5th. Myself, John Taber & Hannah Wate helped me Plow & plant a row of P. 5th. a number of the C. assembled for Business: but too few for C. Acts by reason of violent Rain & Heavy Thunder about meet. time. 6th. myself & son Long stone & began to plant the South end of my Garden: yesterday about noon came up a most violent Thunder Cloud which emitted a prodigious quantity of Rain & Hail (The biggest of large pease) in less than an hour: after which I rode as far as John Willburts in Little Compton and Preached at the Funeral of his Wife: after which Visited & Prayed with Old Eliphaz Davenport - & the Widows Rogers & returned. This morning worked hard in Garden: & since have been enabled to work hard in the Vineyard of the Lord & Preach with astonishing freedom of Utterance twice to a large Assembly - Upon Philippians 1. 23, 24, 25. (for I am in a strait, &c.) Chap. 1. 9. (not because I desire a gift, &c.) once more (a strait for the last time) took up that Crope of faithfully testifying what the Character & Work of True Gospel Ministers is, & the Duty of People towards them - as far as I have been made to know it: so that I may feel myself clear in this point towards the People. Lord grant us all eyes to see: E. to hear & Hearts to understand & a Will to do thy will forever. Amen. Bro. Jencks told me a shocking story of his natural Bro. which seem to be Gallanied by a very refreshing Letter I rec. from Schobed Davis, &c.

16th

16th of the W. Last 2d. I set off with my beloved Wife on a Journey to Newport Hopkintown, &c; we were returned home to our little ones last night in peace & safety, having been gone 9 days: the 1st of which we visited Isaac Manches. & Jn. Davenport. stoped 2 hours at Almy's Ferry; visited Job Cook sick; Dined at Sautons; got to Unble Green at 11 o'clock & conversed with Mr. Cady, Evanston & Deacon Tilly: appeared as a witness before Officers & lodged at my Father's. 2d. Crope the Tories: had much religious talk in the Boat with one Hazard: Dined at Col. Pennells: at Little Neck: visited Bro. Peckham confed with Bro. Wate and lodged at Wm. Tifts. 3d. visited Wate Rogers, and came to Bro. Ullers in Hopkintown for my. Visited Bro. Tanner sick; who died in the evening: I prayed with the Family, &c. 4th. visited Prandall Wells where Esther lives, who accompanied us to Unble Escheels from whence we went to Father Burdicks & returned to W. Taber's to lodge. 5th. Preached with wonderful assistance at the Funeral of Jn. Tanner: Eld. Davis, West, Clarke & Prandall being also present: 3 of whom & sister Ullers spoke a few words after me: I sang with Amos Lewis's sister visited Eld. Clarke, Jonathan D. & D. Lewis & lodged at Elias Lewis's 6th. (being the Sabbath) Preached again to a large assembly at D. Lewis's upon Rev. 22. 20. after which Eld. Davis & sister Ullers spoke: aft. Meet. had pain of Collics some time, then rode to Bro. Ullers, where had much conference with Eld. Davis, went to lodge with Bro. Dasset. 7th. rode about 14 miles in extreme heat (stopping at one Sashens's Wm. Tifts) coming to Ja. Whitehorns about noon where many were gathered together praying to whom I preached with great freedom upon Rev. 22. 21. after which several Brethren & some sister's spoke: Eld. Wate Daptes & one Green & his wife: laid on hands, pray'd sang praises &c. This was a powerful meet: after which I had much conference with Eld. Wate & lodged at Whitehorns. 8th. he accompanied us to the ferry we got to D. Tilly's in noon, (I visited many in Newport) Preached at his House upon no particular text in the evening, saw Eld. Thurston, Hill, &c. 9th. (stout yesterday) after noon set off for home, was obliged to wait near 2 hours at Cook's ferry, but got home early in the evening, Praise be the Lord. find the Brethren have done considerable work on this place since I went away: so that it may be as a sacrifice acceptable to the Lord I hear there was much Grain hail & Thunder in these parts last first 2. The lightning struck a shop of Bro. Davenport, &c. To day I have done much hard work Planting North End of Garden, &c. Hannah Richmond with whom we left our Children, departed from us this morning, &c.

1784-5-13

First D. of the W. Last 5th. I rode down to Cornelius Whites and took my Cow & left her at Davenport, Bro. Job Taber accompanied me to Pt. Gray; & from thence home to D. once more lived myself at hard work: Planting beans, cutting wood, stick pease, Rested yesterday as usual: only towards night visited & Prayed with old neighbour C. poorly - and to day have been enabled to Preach twice more to many people (Notwithstanding the rain) upon Mat. 3. 10. (and now - the Ax is laid to the R. of the Tree. 25. 25. (as cold waters, &c. so is good news, &c.) since meet. had conference with many, and feel somewhat dull & gloomy like the weather

20th J. D. of the W. Last 2d. ... the bloody, I visited Job Briggs, Job Taber, Widow Taber & Wate, P. Potter, Wm. Wood, & Widows Chase - the 4 following days spent at home in a variety of Business: Schooling Children, falling Trees, splitting Rails making fence, &c. Daughter Hannah spraint her Arm - Mary had Convulsion fits: Wife very poorly one day & myself another: yesterday I walked to the friend Meeting in Dartmouth & (Besides hearing the inward voice of my Lord and Master while I sat in meeting with them) I heard one John Willis of Long Island & 2 other men speak: one of which was greatly to my Edification & satisfaction: the other 2 spoke many good words but it seem'd like jumbling Law & Gospel too much together! I had much conference with Mr. Macomber & Nat. Rising and great freedom in Prayer at Job Taber's, & visited some others in my way: and had a comfortable evening with S. Sawdy & E. Cook in my own Habitation. This morning, after Marrying Schobed & Prudence Potter, conferring with Mr. Brownell, I was enabled to Preach with marvellous freedom of utterance upon Luke 6. 19. (for there went virtue out of him, &c.) and again this afternoon (after Bro. Brownell had been our mouth in Prayer) I think I felt my soul as much enlarged as ever I did in my life - while preaching upon Jonah 2. 9 (but I will sacrifice with the V. of thanks, &c. P. be the Lord from Everlasting unto Everlasting. Amen. & Amen.

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Last 2d. (with Wife) visited The Taber, Jn. Almy, P. Cory & Jn. Davenport. (brought home Cow & Calf, &c.) 3d. (after hard work) visited on foot Isaac Manches, Ja. Lake, C. Hart, & J. Wate: Eph. Macomber sick: (made Peace at S. Sawdy's) Widow Macomber, Hart, &c. 4th. visited Bro. Hamby, & Burden Eld. Burrows, &c. & arrived at Bro. Brownells. 5th. forenoon visited several in my way home: afternoon attended C. Meet. at which Bro. Job Burden, Martha Irish & Genewera were present. The C. withdrew Fellowship from Sarah Taber: Remonstrated her & Excluded her from C. privileges till she manifest Repentance for Tattling & Railing! - I was ordered to write Letters in behalf of the as I had opportunity from time to time. by way of Inform. Instruct. Exhort. &c. to any or all such members whose distance from us, &c. renders it necessary. The C. appearing in great Love & Unity concluded it necessary to attend upon the Lords Supper every month till Divine Providence or some special reason shall prevent: I desired advice and Counsel respecting Merchandising, &c. - 6th. (the very hot) did a variety of hard work, cutting wood, &c. visited Step. Hart & presented a medicine for Prudence's leg - Lydia Shearman Art. Gif. & Comfort B. with us. D. Littlebridge, &c. Yesterday Rested as usual Ruth Gif. C. & L. with us: Sist. Manchester came I had wonderful times of Secret Prayer yesterday & this Morning & have been enabled to Preach with marvellous freedom to day: forenoon upon Song 5. 16. (his mouth is most sweet, &c.) Bro. Burden spoke charmingly after me & went to Prayer first this afternoon: Bro. Brownell last: I preached upon Rev. 1. 18. (I am he that liveth & was dead, &c.) Bro. Burden spoke again after Prayer to which I gave hearty fellowship & approbation: since meeting have performed the Marriage Ceremony between Joseph Allen & Prudence Carl in presence of 15 witnesses brought with them, &c.

Began this side with New-made Ind.

7-4 First D. of the W. Last 2, 3 & 4 Days spent at home in a variety of Business as usual. part of 2 of the days Bro. Davenport was with us making Coat for Tommy Ed. Lillibridge visited us, &c. 5th D. attended a Meeting at Lunel Fisher & spoke with freedom upon Jn. 12. 21. (sic, we would see Jesus) Eld. Round spoke after me, I visited Jn. Shriver & Lodys at B. Hamblis: neat D. in my way home visited Mary: E. Macomber sick son, &c. Rested yesterday with much Comfort in Mind; And to day, after Marrying Peter Hunter & Washba Amos, Indians: I Was enabled to Preach twice with marvellous freedom upon Heb. 13. 20, 21. (now the God of Peace, &c.) 1 Cor 11. 26. (for as often as ye eat this bread, &c) after which Administered & partook of the Lords Supper in a very solemn, Joyful frame of Spirit: while we were partaking, our aged & beloved Bro. Round spoke a charming And affecting Word: Season ^{Abner Brownell} Tilly, our aged friend Jenks, &c with us: also our Dear double Relations, Tho. Green & Wife, were with us & tarry: Lydia Sherman Separated, having been with us all the week past, &c. Bless the Lord O my soul.

11 7-5 2^d D. of the W. Last 2^d morning Noble Green & Wife left us to Return to Newport: I busied myself weeding Garden, making brotch fence, &c: the Lord Was pleased to visit the thirsty Earth with 2 plentiful Showers of Rain each continuing about an hour: Blessed be his name (shall I take it as an answer to Prayer? !!) the Rain gave me opportunity to write a letter for the C. to L. Covil. 3^d D. after much hard work, Rode to the 4 corners for necessaries & return, to work. Han. Richmond E. Cook & 3 other young women at our house: 4th D. had some W. of House, & did much other hard work - 5th D. after having Sauce, &c. visited W. Wood of Taber, & C. Potter: Raked Hay a while & then had a lovely hour of Conference on Divine Things, at Lillis Waters: with Prudence Potter, &c. 6th D. worked exceeding hard Plowing & hoeing a p. W. of House, weeding Garden, buting Wood, &c: having Tho. Job, & Sam. Taber & I March. to help me: yesterday Preached with much freedom At the Widows Macomber upon Judges 19. 17. (whether guest thou, &c) And to day with Marvellous assistance D. 2 Discourses upon 3^d Jn. 1st & 2nd verses: (I have no greater Joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth: Sister Abigail, Caleb & Mary Green, Bro. Brownell, &c with us. Peleg Potter declared his late experience to a Number of us between meetings, which caused us to Sing, &c - towards night, he had Jn. 1st & Job Tab. helped me kill my 2 Calves: since which til now late In the evening we have had a Feast of Fat Things, a heavenly Repast, &c being Much engaged in Christian Conference, Prayer & Singing: all glory to the Lord.

18 Last 2^d Rose very early to send off Caleb Green to Newport with My Veal, but could not find his Horse: so he took mine & departed: return. in the Afternoon, took his own Horse & went back again. In the mean time I had done Much work about home: visited Davenport. P. & W. Gray & return. - 3^d D. did much hard work, Mow'd a little Grass, went to Mill, &c. 4th D. visited St. Brownell (sick) Col. Kelly &c. 5th D. cut Wood, had some, wrote 3 letters for Brownell, &c. 6th D. after mornings work Rode to Davenport for necessaries: on the way was made sensible of duty to visit Priscilla W. distressed greatly in Body & mind: sister Davenport went with me I was enabled to Preach the Gospel to her & Pray for her with much freedom: return. home to much hard work yesterday Rode in the Rain & Preached at Eld. Round upon Job. 28. 28. and to day have been wonderfully assisted to Preach twice more upon 1 Sam. 7. 12. (Behaveer - hitherto, &c) about few People; by reason of Rain: however it has been a very comfortable day to my Soul - all glory to God.

7-5 25 First D. Evening: Last 2^d was cloudy & Rain as it had been 5 days before I spent the day in a variety of Business - 3^d D. Carried Wife to St. Johns and returned with his Horse, on which my Sister Abigail, & Mary Green rode there also I went to making & putting up a little Hay, &c. - 4th D. morning walked down to Grays again worked hard about 2 hours raking Hay, &c. then visited Mary &c. and returned home with Wife: 5th D. spent chiefly in hoeing, &c. also 6th forenoon: afternoon had a sweet conference on Divine Things with Sister Boden (wife of Jn.) & Elis. Cook who visited us: Rode as far as widow Lakes and returned. - yesterday (tho' Showery) being desired, I rode with wife as far as Gedson Abnys & Dined - afternoon Preached with great assistance And joyful sense of Truth at the funeral of Priscilla Willson (D. of Wm) upon Job. 36. 18. (because there is Wrath, beware!) &c. And to day I believe has been a marvellous day of Divine Power; all Glory to God - who has Been pleased to open a great door of utterance & effectual I trust for the spread of the Truth of the Gospel not only here but in other parts in the Regions beyond us - In the Meeting House here, Bro. Abner Brownell was enabled to speak to us many charming truths in the forenoon upon Acts 20. 21. And I was sent to the People in the Afternoon with a very shocking and Awful, & yet glorious message also, upon Psalm 7. 11, 12, 13. (God is angry with the Wicked, &c) after this meet. I took a little bodily food in great haste & then Rode near 5 miles to Preach again (at the House of Job Davis) at the funeral of David Jennings (an injin boy) son of Patience: there was a large gathering of White People as well as Blacks to whom I was enabled to speak with such Astonishing freedom and springings up of Divine Life & Power in my soul that it seem'd to me as tho' I felt the effects of the fervent Prayers of all Saints throughout the World & that every creature I was Preaching to was About to be caught in the Gospel net & even so Amen: if 'tis the Will of God. after this meet. I visited sister Priscilla Cook: tarried til aft. sun set and came home just now rejoicing in the Lord, who is over all, Blessed forever more. Amen & Amen.

8 Last 2^d was cloudy &c. I did a little hoeing, &c. conferred with Corst. Hest & lent him a Vol. of Bunyans books: 3^d D. he & Jn. & S. Taber M. my Grasp: I worked very hard myself; & toward night was permitted to sprain or hurt my Right knee very much by a Fall over garden wall. 4th D. my knee had much pain (as it had kept me awake much of the night before) however I worked some amongst Hay, Rode, wrote, visited Tho. Cory & his son B. - returned and helped Broth. stack my Hay: heard that one Majis Mouth an injin man that had me preach last first D. fell out of a boat in the River & was drowned: O! how much rather should I have heard (had it been the will of God) that he had turned from his evil ways 5th D. forenoon worked harder than was convenient for my sprained knee: went to Mill for Mrs. Taber, S. Cory visited us, &c. - afternoon had a lovely 6th meet. P. Potter made profession Longs that spoke to our comfort - we rec. messages from some sent letters to others, concluded to have but one Publick meet. on Communion Days, adjourn'd my case, &c. - 6th D. went with Wife to visit & write for St. Brownell. had much conference &c: Rested yesterday as usual And to day have been enabled to Preach with great freedom on Mat 3. 15. (suffer it to be so now, &c) then to Baptize Peleg Potter: spoke much & Prayed at the Water then again in the Meet. before laying on of hands. since which have administered & partook of the Lords Supper.

First D. of the W. Last 2^d. did a variety of hard work cutting & whetting had seting up Leach, wounded both hands, &c. Sarah Dennis came. I felt much pain in my knee, nevertheless did much hard work: borrow Horse & Winded Sister M. Water on the business of Peace making: felt great freedom in conference & Prayer at Wrens & Macomber & Geo. Richhams whose son Geo. lies very sick. ⁴⁵ ⁷ continued great in my knee nevertheless necessity obliged me to do much hard work: 5^d visited Job & P. Taber in order to find my Horse which I had lent to my sister Abigail but not finding her at either of these places I gave out looking further, borrow Lab. Man ^{and} Horse & in 6 hours was enabled to ride about 8 miles northward & visit 10 Families! at last Sammons I found 5 persons sick - 1 at Geo. Richhams & 1 at D. Swellays, where I tarried all night yesterday visited Joshua Swellay & Jn. Stafford Families, & held a meeting afternoon at St. Grimwells where I was enabled to speak with great freedom & Power (to many precious souls upon these words (not yet knowing where they are) O Israel, thou hast despised thyself, but in me is thy help - (got home in the evening) and this morning had so much work to do of necessity till meeting time - that I felt very much unprepared to preach, and could not but wish that this dear people would count themselves a little more in helping their minister in things temporal: not because I desire a gift but least their souls should not be so well fed for the Gods Power is Infinite, yet he worketh by means & in a Rational way: & it is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. But glory be to his Name he enabled me in a great sense of weakness & want to wrestle with him in Prayer - then sent us some good food by the mouth of our dear young Brother Brownell: after whom I also was enabled to speak some time on the same subject (1 Thimo. 6. 19.) with considerable freedom. & since meeting have been cutting & backing Wood in duty to my Family in the Lord & that I may yield obedience to him (when his Providence opens the way in visiting and Preaching to the People on the Island called the Vineyard to which I verily believe I am called of the Lord as well as the C^h. there whose messengers is now with us waiting for the present storm of Rain (which began since meeting) to cease: but dear Lord let thy Will be done with us & in us & all the Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen, & Amen.

22 First D. of the W. Last 2^d. O. sunnights near noon I went aboard a Boat at the High Hill accompanied by Bro. Job Taber (Deacon Gov. Norton & B. Benson) and after being about 8 hours on the Water (sailing near 40 miles, being very sick great part of the time by reason of a large Sea) Deacon Norton & myself landed on the Island call the Vineyard near the east end: call at the House of James Luce & refreshed our selves then walked to his House near 3 miles, &c. - the 9 following days we visited 31 Families equal to 48 visits (by reason of repeated ones to several) attended 12 meetings, at 11 of which I was enabled to Preach: twice without any particular text: one was a C^h. Meet. &c.: one I was enabled to Preach with extraordinary Power on that Historical Passage, Acts 21. 1, 2. occasioned by the Assembling of a multitude to the launching of a Vessel: (I think they tell me the Island is about 25 miles long & 7 or 8 wide) the People among whom we travell. Round Holmes Hole, &c. appear to be a humane Loving & Hospitable people who honoured us (as the Historian says) with many honours And when we were about leaving them (last 5^d. D.) laden us with such things as were necessary, & some of them accompanied us unto the Ship or Boat: Bro. Zechariah Smith and his Bro. - managed the Boat - we were favoured with a lovely time, and tho' we stoped by the way & visited one Family on the Island of Naushon we were hardly 8 hours from the Vineyard before I was in my own Habitation. Next day afternoon I rode to the House of John Round to join his Christ Sav. Mary in Marriage to Knight Springs yesterday Order as usual: afternoon Bro. Job Borden, Job Taber, & Lillis Water visited us: Lillis Thombs (a member of Eld. Parkers C^h.) was also with us: and to day I have been enabled to Preach twice with great freedom - upon Prov. 27. 19. (as in water, face, &c.) and Luke 10. 17. - 20 (the 70 returned again with joy, saying, &c.) soon after I went into meeting this afternoon I was led to speak a solemn word of warning to Youth - then Bro. Borden was our mouth in Prayer (after we had sang) then I Preached as aforesaid. All glory to the Lord.

First D. of the W. Last 4th. being sent for early in the morning I once more visited conferred & Prayed with Stephen Brownell (very poorly) spent much of the Day in writing for him and returned towards night. spent the evening at Joseph Harts where I had a lovely time in Prayer, &c. 5^d. D. we held a lovely C^h. Meet. at which near all the Brethren & Sisters present (in distinct couples & classes) did once more (decently & in order) go into the practice of that precious Ordinance, Institution or Command of our dear Lord & Master, Washing one anothers feet: so necessary to increase humility & Love, to shew forth the nature & necessity of Sanctification, &c. - we began with Prayer: were favoured thro' the work I trust with our Master's special presence (as appeared by the affecting speeches he enabled us to make to each other while performing the act) and concluded with singing. - after this, our Black Sister Melicious George made confession of the shocking crime for which we had put her out of our Fellowship some time past, & desired to be received again: but the evidence of Repentance not plainly appearing we could not receive her till further enquiry is made, &c. - after this we conferred about improvement of gifts, &c. C^h. D. self & wife being both too poorly to work at home, we visited Tho. Taber's Farm from whence we rode to Davenport (bought sundry things) and returned home - yesterday we went to Celig Potters where a lovely meeting began at 3 o'clock afternoon at which I was enabled to speak with great freedom upon Luke 1. 6. Tho. Bro. Thing from Coventry returned home with us and tarried: this morning also we were visited by our Brethren (Tilly, Weiden, More, & Goddard) from Newport And notwithstanding the great fluette we met with just at Meet. time by the strange Conduct of widows Mary Hart (& Jn. Round) my wife's fainting away, &c.; yet I was compos'd & enabled to Preach forenoon upon Prov. 27. 7. (the full soul lotheth, &c.) with astonishing freedom & Power: this afternoon spake about 20 minutes more on the same text then gave time for my Brethren's improvements but as no body proceeded I rose again & was enabled to Preach with much freedom on the next verse (as a Bird that wandereth from her nest, &c.) afterwards Bro. More spake a few words the C^h. conferred with Bro. Weiden - I have been to visit widows Hart at C. Marsh, &c.

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5 First D. of the W. Last 2^d. D. visited Widow Hart again & accompanied her to Lillis Water. (Bro. Sarah Dennis came, &c.) 4th. D. worked with 10 or 12 Brethren whetting Brushes, &c. heard the shocking news of the sudden death of ~~one~~ in the Ministry named Williams towards night visited widow Rogers - and Deborah Gifford sick - 5^d. D. visited Widow Macomber, L. Swellay, &c. in my way to Hall: tarried at Jn. Harts & returned C^h. D. having seen Bro. Jordan Dodge, &c. - in the evening several sisters visited us. Preter yesterday as usual only had great anxiety & sort of Agony in my mind out in my meadows about an hour respecting the present state of this Church & my own soul: nevertheless have been favoured with marvellous assistance to day in Preaching upon Mat. 24. 14. (therefore be ye also ready, &c.) & administering the Lords Supper: After which the C^h. appointed me & Bro. Job Taber to go as their messengers to the Warren Association (or gathering of other C^h. Messengers at Middleborough) called for them & Sarah Round, & Margaret Thing from our communion for vain dancing - conferred about helping our sick Sisters, widow Mary Hart & Lydia Shearman, &c. - led straight our steps course & more to thy glory. Amen.

12. First 2. of the W. — Last 2d. in our way to the Association we stopped & dined at St. Timothy's (13 m. from home) then proceeded (5 m.) to the head of Quishmet River visited Samuel West a Minister: proceeded near 5 m. further in a shower & were kindly rec'd. & entertained all night by a preacher I never saw before named Timotheus. 3d. call at Old Hathaways, & proceeded to Eld. Hunt in Middleborough where thro' Mary I saw & had conference with several Fathers & Brethren in the Ministry whom I formerly had acquaintance with but whose faces I have not seen for several years: Eld. Stillman, Eld. Manning, Williams, Gair, &c. & several I had not before seen: to wit, Elders Nathaniel & Tho. Green, Ledit, Ingals, Blood, &c. heard Eld. Thompson preach upon Coloss. 2.5. & Eld. Manning in the evening on Rom. 13.12. to my great comfort & satisfaction — after Meet. rode near 3 m. and turned at the House of (much distressed with a painful sore occasioned by breaking the skin of my left leg last first 2. evening: however) 4d. Both fore & afternoon Attended the Association again did them some service in the writing way, towards night rode homeward 7 m. & Preached at the St. of Old Hathaway on Rev. 14.7. (Fear God, &c.) Eld. Nelson, & Lewis also were present one of whom spoke & Prayed. — 5th forenoon (notwithstanding the painfulness of my sore) was enabled to Preach again at St. T. Maxfields, upon Psalm 2.11. (Serve the Lord, &c.) This seem'd an uncommon Powerful meeting And as the people seem'd loth to leave the House & Eld. Nelson, Bro. Eddy & another speaker were present the 2 former found something to offer I trust for Gods glory & the profit of souls — finally we got away & reached our own Habitations (as we call them) about sun sett: all Glory to God.

6th & yesterday being much exercised with my sore, I could do little else than Read the Bible & Bachus's late History of N. England: however, I have been enabled to Preach to a large assembly to day (without naming a text or taking Book in hand, but) upon these expressions of our dear Lord, "not my will but thine be done" and heard Bro. Bronson this afternoon on Rev. 3.4. And tho' the assembly seem'd much discomf'd by reason of a black Woman fainting away — yet in the close I trust some of us were made wrestling Jacobs, &c.

19 — altho' the sore on my leg has been painful & tedious all the W. past, yet necessity has oblig'd me (as usual) to stir considerably: on 3d. accompany'd by Bro. Job Taber I went by the upper ferry to Portsmouth (on R. Island 12 m.) and Preach'd at Pardon Tabers on Prov. 9.5, 6. Visited Doct. Cobb, Isaac Lawton, &c. & ret. on 4th 5d. Mary that came (went away just now) 6th & yesterday was much morn: I hurt my leg again cutting Wood: otherwise spent time as usual: (heard with great pleasure, while on Andisland last 4d. that my youngest Sister hopes she has lately experienc'd the new birth) — have been enabled to Preach once more to day with great freedom & Power, on 2 Chron. 18.4. (enquire, I pray thee, at the W. of thid. to day) After which Margaret stung freely & fully confess'd her late fault & was rec'd. by the Ch.

26 — The sore on my leg yet continues & has confin'd me all the week past, except 3d. I visited Job Tabers (Best Son) very sick in the sun of the Week (tho' my trials have been what we are apt to call great) I have had many comfortable Hours in my mind & much freedom both in Prayer & Singing: have also read much & wrote 3 Sermons: Jo. Wood & his wife, R. & Jo. that, & Taber Sons, Gifford, Job Taber (his brook) & my Sister, Mary, & Sarah have visited us, & Grace Wood has been with us all the Week. I Preach'd to Day on Luke 15.32. & have since conf'd with 2 Smiths from the Vineyard, &c.

First 2. of the Week — notwithstanding the sore yet continues on my leg — I last 2d. visited Bro. Cory's Family who's Son Shaw was then in a poor case — also with Ead confid with the narrow Group: after much conference with them, Reading & Praying — I went to Bro. Job Tabers (whose eldest Son Mary near 20 had departed abt midnight before) after much conference & prayer there — I went and turned at P. Colters: Where also I had marvellous freedom in Prayer at the conclusion of our evening conference. 3d. was marvellously assist'd in Prayer, & Preaching upon Jm. 5. 28, 29. (at the Funeral of Mary Taber: 'twas comfortable to see so large an Assembly (in Dartmouth) attentive to the Word — and the composure of the Parents of the Deceased, &c.) — I hasten'd home after Praying because I heard my Wife was very poorly: But I found her better & we were visited by Bro. Sampson, Tho. Taber & his Wife in their way home: since that my sore has been very tedious (tho' it is not so much as it was) I attend'd Ch. Meet. on 5th. at which Bro. Job Taber told us some of his late experience and add'd a word of rehortation concerning Family Prayer: 'Abraham Duffay was again Rec'd. to Fellowship: 7th Round Invited our Brethren: the request of Bro. Wierin we concluded to defer answering: Sister Mary Wale having been unguarded in speeches — was solemnly exhort'd: and desired to abstain from our communion till she should be inform'd the way was clear: not that we could positively Censure her; or see sufficient proof that she had done the Crime she was first suppos'd to have done — Bro. Briggs, Improvement of Gifts, Plaiting this House, &c. was confid upon; & towards night a gloom seiz'd my mind; that Evening seem'd to be coming in like a flood; &c. but glory to God I was soon relieved. on 6th. did considerable work: had much conference with David Stafford, an aged professed Friend (or Quaker) who seriously ask'd me that we call (was I thought unnecessary question) whether I thought that all such as are Baptiz'd in Water and said & that all who are not so Baptiz'd are lost! to both parts of which I answer'd No. and perceiving he was so weak as to think my answer an argument against the Practice of Water Baptism; in consideration to his weakness I was oblig'd to ask whether he did not think that all Societies (tho' own as well as others) practis'd many things (plain language, Druff, &c.) which they might do & yet not be said? which brought us to conclude that subject. — he then Enquir'd earnestly for my proof of the continuance of Water Baptism: I told him, I had proof plenty & at hand, but it was not my manner to speak much about outward things (or Ordinances ever so good & necessary in their place) to Persons that I was not Satisfied had experianced an inward work of the Spirit which would end in Salvation. I therefore ask'd him the reason of his hope of Eternal Life? he answer'd, 'twas finding in Him a willingness to do right: and that he was enabled so to live & act as not to be inwardly condemn'd. or to that purpose. we proceed'd in free conference more than an hour I think And I endeavour'd (without taking any advantage of words) to get his real Ideas; But in Conclusion told him I was not so well satisfied as I could wish respecting his experiance of the new Birth — and therefore had not freedom at present to speak as he desired about Water Baptism. so With professed love & good will to each other we parted. (NB in the evening I lent Jo. Wood the 2 Vol. of Bachus's late History) yesterday I writ as usual: Bro. Green (Bro. visited me, &c. And to day has been as remarkable a day both for sorrow & joy in my Soul, as almost ever I knew: I was enabled to Preach with great freedom of utterance & Power upon Lamentations 1.12. (is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? &c.) my affections were uncommonly exercised in Preaching upon the sufferings of Christ; in conference (after meet) with an aged Member of the Ch. who I tho't was covering a iniquity; and in Administering & partaking of the Lords Supper. towards night, my Bro. & his Wife, Sister Smith & her child, & Bro. Jo. Green went out

10. — altho' my sore is not yet healed, I've travell'd much the week past & met with several remarkable things which I've not time to note: Last 2d. Preach'd at the Funeral of Geo. Harts child: 3d. at Pardon Tabers on R. Island: 4th. evening at the meeting of a new Ch. in Newport. 5th. evening at Deacon Tilletts. 6th. same Home: in the evening Mervin Duffay Springers & Desire Lobb. yesterday rest'd as usual. 8th. to day have Preach'd with great freedom on Genesis 16.13. confid with Eld. Rowd: Bro. Deane & his wife, &c.

10-17. 17th of the M. (notwithstanding my sore is not yet quite healed) last 2^d. did considerable work & visited Job Taber's wife & P. Gray who was poorly: confer'd with Eld. Round, &c. 3^d. with wife visited old Mr. Gifford: Old W. Church very sick: P. Tab. 8. 11. & 6^d. spent chiefly in hard work, Baking Wood, digging Potatoes, &c. 5^d. found myself in perplexing & distressing circumstances: rode as far as W. Grays, where my God gave me favour & supplies: visited Sister Cook, poorly, &c.: yesterday rested as usual, only visited Jo. Hart whose child (Hannah) is sick; & old neighbour Tripp: and to day found great heaviness & sorrow in my heart, in the Meeting House, &c.: so that there was long Silence before & after Prayer (no singing) But I was enabled to Preach solemnly, near 3/4 of an hour upon the nature & necessity of Trouble both of Body & Mind: of Repentance Faith in Christ, &c. & after meet. recd. a very refreshing Letter from my youngest Bro. Green, which drew tears of joy from my eyes, &c. spent the residue of the Day, Baking Wood visiting Jo. Hart, S. Simmons, & Geo. Cook (son of Walter)

24. last 2^d. (after some hard work) visited Tho. Corey - (Sister Smith went with me, &c.) & returned to hard work: children all so poorly with colds had but little sleep. 3^d. about sun rise sat off: breakfasted at D. Dwellers & stoped a few minutes at P. Sanfords who were so kind as each to favour me with a Bush. of Grain with which I provided to Fall-River Mill (confer'd much with Carl Taber &c. the way) soon got meal & back as far as B. Dordens a little afternoon where I was enabled to Preach with great freedom & Power in the room of one Joslin who was expected but did not come. Visited neighbours & tarried at Dordens. 4th. in my way home visited one Shearman in great distress of mind & Preached at D. Grinnels upon 1st. 3. 10. 5^d. after much hard work Rode to Savenports for necessaries visited W. Osborn, &c. 6th. D. visited Jo. Wale's wife & old Widow Machomb. sick: & worked very hard til late In the evening Baking Wood, digging Potatoes & shutting up Pigs. Yesterday visited Job Taber & Sister Willcox, & Preached at Jo. Carls - on 1st. 5. 5. - and to day have been enabled to Preach again with great freedom on Prov. 14. 12. not knowing where the words stood til since meet. (Bro. Abner Brownell & his wife present yesterday & to day: had much conference with S. Eves, &c.) am now going to meeting again, &c.

31. This evening sermnight I was enabled to Preach Powerfully & touch on some peculiar points of Truth found in 1st. 3. 11. - Ed. visited Jo. Taber, W. Bick, J. Taber, & Isaac Manshett. in my way home to hard work. 3^d. worked hard with Brotheron who helped me get Wood: had an agreeable visit from my Hon. Father & Elder Thurston, whom (with pleasure) I had Preach at Savenports in the evening: returned. - 4th. a part of 5th. dug Potatoes, &c.: Made C. Meat. at which a Shocking complaint was brought against a Sister, &c. - 6th. D. worked very hard Sister West visited us, &c. Rested yesterday as usual: and to day after Preaching with great freedom in the M. House on Rom. 8. 1. (lost my voice) I have been Preaching again at Job Tabers with marvellous assistance on Prov. 12. last. & returned just

11-17. last 2^d. (was considerable Rain) Intended to work in & out doors. 3^d. visited P. Gray, Davy, W. Divil, &c.: confer'd with P. Gray & his Serv. & returned to hard work 4th. D. after morninge work, carry'd Sister Smith to Newport: and in the evening had think the best meeting I ever had in Newport with the little new C. had a great Congregation before whom my Sister Abigail & the Widow Eliza Church made good Professors of Faith, desiring me to Administer Baptism &c. to them: (I had consulted Eld. Thurston & found it was agreeable to him I should do) accordingly a great Assembly gathered at Father's House on 5th. D. Eld. Niles & Bro. Denson also present

and after Prayer & Singing I was comfortably carry'd thro' the Work of Baptizing them: returned to the House & found marvellous assistance in Laying on of Hands: not only on them but also on 2 others which afterwards offer'd themselves who have been Professors & C. Members some years and Now saw duty to Submit to this Institution to the great refreshing and Pification of some of our Souls - These were Hannah Sweet (wife of Barn. And Abigail Lyndon (Dan of Sam) after this meet. ended, had much conference with Deacon Coggshall (who was present at it) and was enabled to Preach With great freedom in the evening in Eld. Bliss's M. House, on Sat. 26. 16. Blessed is that S. whom his S. when he cometh, shall I. so doing. Eld. Thurston (and 2 other Ministers) attended this meeting seem'd much edified & spake very lovingly to me by way of approbation, &c. - (O how great is the Grace that makes the life of such a worthless worm useful & serviceable to my Generation in general & to the Blessed Generation of Gods children in particular!) having tarried all night at Deacon Tilley's, I had a conference 6th. D. morning at Bro. Green's, & before night was conducted safely to my Habitation, bringing my dear aged Mother with me. Rested yesterday as usual: and to day after hearing dear Elder Bliss Preach with much pleasure, I spake a few words after him & Prayed: Administered & partook of The Lords Supper - all Glory to Jesus, forever & ever. Amen.

11-18. Last 3^d. after much hard work at Home I visited soon Hart where I saw Sit. Potter, Rhoda Taber, &c. sent Cloth to Baly's Mill, & brought a Christ home. 4th. D. was enabled to Preach with great freedom at the funeral of Job Willbur: confer'd with Jonathan Ellis Minister, & Robert Miller: visited Stephen Brownell, sick, & came home in the Rain. 6th. D. about sun rise sat off to do much business abroad at W. & P. Grays, J. Savenports, J. Tabers, P. C. W. Divil, &c.: returned to hard work at home. yesterday Preached at the Funeral of Daniel Divil's wife - Job Gifford's widow spake after me & came home in the Rain which continued violent most all night and by spells to day. yet several came to meeting & I have been enabled to Preach once more with much freedom upon these words - "So ye go work to day in my Vineyard" since which have been cutting Wood, &c.

22. 23 of the W. - last 4th. D. I visited W. Osborn, Widow of Geo. Cook whose dau Deborah (aged 15) seems near her end; D. Browning, Davy, & Divil: had much Religious conference, &c. In the evening Tho. Tab. & wife visited us. 5th. D. toward night attended Anson Grinnel & Rhoda Lake. 6th. D. evening was very happy in conference & prayer, exhort & Singing with Job Taber, his wife & Lillie Wale. 7th. D. Rested as usual til after Midnight was sent out to call Granny Loula & others to assist my dear wife in Travel: who continued with her all day yesterday: notwithstanding which & my great old & other infirmities I enjoy'd Marvellous composure & assistance in Preaching upon Psalm 87. 2. & first part of Lxxv: also in other work temporal & spi. through the day. at half past 5 o'clock this Morning my wife was happily delivered of her 6th child: since which, I have carry'd the Granny Home: and tho' I had the wind colic hard upon me have been enabled as it were to

Treach it away at the House of Joseph Hicks, where a great assembly were gathered to attend the funeral of the wife of Bro Gabriel Hicks, with whom it is said he hath lived upwards of 60 years! I spake upon Psalm 90. 10. — Time at Bro Carl's & return'd home early this afternoon having gone to Mill by the way, &c. — Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his Name together: O. praise ye the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever. — Amos.

28 — First D. of the W. — since last 2 Day I've experienced a multitude of names and trials. 3^d. in about 3 hours Rode near 6 miles went to Mill & did several errands at W^m Osborns, Pt. Coys, Bro Davin^g, Abner Cunduls, &c. 4^d. was marvellously assisted in Prayer, as at Ch. Meeting: at which Bro Job Briggs was suspended, Bro Round's case talk of, Eld. Round laboured with, Bro W^m Taber, & W^m Dool desired to attend next meeting, &c. in the night was a violent storm & next D. blustering. Yesterday rested as usual except a short visit to Bro Water's Family in trouble: where I Prayed, &c. to day have been enabled to Preach faithfully, & chiefly to young People: after reading a great number of Scriptures I spake upon Luke 16. last verse. Bro Job Borden spake a word before me: since meet. Mother went away; there was a Contribution: I've conferred with many: am now going to another meet. My wife has recover'd strength very slowly the week past: by reason of a violent cough, &c.

12-5 First D. of the W. This evening Sennight was enabled to Preach with much freedom at Lillie Waters on Mat. 24. 46. Bro Borden spake charmingly after me, &c. 2^d. was very busy killing pigs (w^o 220) mending Stable going to Cunduls for salt, & getting my meat, &c. yet redeem'd time to visit and pray with old Miss Lake. 3^d. Preached at the funeral of the old Widow (of Nathaniel) Shepherd at the House of Bro Shearman: had conference with many after Burying & return'd. 4^d. (got my Horse shod at Soule's) took up my dear Mother at Davin^g & carried her to the farm: visited Pt. Gray, Col. Cook, &c. 5^d. after much hard work rode to Michael Macomber's: where his son Michael & Edna Boomer consented in the evening, to take each other in Marriage. After supper I went & tarried at James Dursley's: in the night & next day was such a violent Storm, I did not reach home til near sun set (very wet): Rested yesterday as usual: but in a cloudy state of mind: from which I was somewhat delivered in Conference in the evening with Eld. Cook: the remainder of my cloudiness I carried to meeting with me to day, and the Lord suffered it to continue til I had done Preaching upon 1 Cor. 15. 3, 4. (Christ died for our sins, &c) But removed it while I was partaking of the Supper of my Lord: all glory to H. M. My dear wife is yet recovering strength but slowly. S. Sawday leaves her to day, &c.

12 — late in evening. — chief part of the week past I've spent at hard work on Stable work, &c. 3^d. visited Job Taber. 4^d. Bro Bro Round: heard both his Father & he confess their late faults, much to my comfort. 6^d. went to the laborers for necessaries where I rec'd. a Letter from my Sister Rebeccah: informing that Eld. Thurston's Wife had broke out with the small pox the 6th Inst, that herself had taken it of her, &c. I soon began & yesterday finished a lengthy answer to her Letter: and to day after present in the Meeting House upon Psalm 84. last clause (Blessed is the M. that dwells in Thee) I Prayed in my habitation for a Man (Eder) who came to me in great distress of Soul: I rode to Pt. Gray & Preached again with great freedom upon 1 Cor. 13. 12. & return'd just now the time is considerable long on the ground which fell 6th night. Widows Burroughs who has been with us a week left us to night: Wife seems much better, &c.

First D. of the W. Last 2 & 3^d being very cold I spent at home going and visiting Wood, &c. 4^d. accompanied by Job Taber & his Wife I went my long thought of journey to Concord (ab^o 19 m.) Preached in the Afternoon at Barnabas Shaw's upon 1 Cor. 2. 2. in the evening at Bro Osbourn's upon no particular text yet chiefly improving that question 'what think ye of Christ?' 5^d. rose before day break: visited & Prayed with — Majer, a Man sick in Bed: conferr'd with his Bro. & his Bro's 2 Dau^s sick in mind. Rode near 7 to Ichabod Gifford and Preached upon Mat. 9. 24, 25. from whence we came home in the evening. 6^d. Deacon Palmer bro't me a 1/4 of Beef: some meal Apples, Turnips, Fallow, & Pork! I was very busy through the day rec' another Letter from my Sister, &c. — Yesterday rested as usual: in the evening enjoy'd great enlargement in Prayer & exhortation, & comfort in Conference with a number of Brethⁿ & Sisters who came to visit us: 2 of which were obliged to tarry by reason of a violent Storm. And to day (tho' tis extreme cold) after spending about an hour & a quarter in Publick Labours; spent about as much more with a number of the Brethren who tarried in the Meet. House Exhorting one another, Praying, & labouring with Bro Bro Round, &c. to my great refreshing, all glory to the Lord. since Meet. have had conference with Eder, Sarah Sawday, &c. Wife is yet weak but mending daily, &c.

Last 2^d. (after much hard work) visited & Prayed to Jacob Taber's Wife very sick. then went to Davin^g & P. Cochs on business and return'd in the Rain. 3^d. wanted to journey both to Newport & C. Neck. But other business prevented: wrote to my Sister: exchanging Cow with Bro Taber. In the evening it snow'd: (we made candles) &c. 4^d. Snow melted & considerable Rain fell: I was busy about many things. Visited Capt. Ladd, Bro Wood, &c. 5^d. was exceeding cold: I washed on Wood, taught my child, &c. Joseph Hunt: In the evening a company came to our House: 2 of which, — Bro Water & Abigail Triggs were join'd in Marriage. 6^d. visited Clara Manchester & Bro Taber's Families: heard that Eld. Thurston's Wife had the 7th Inst. Eld. Rich. Hunt & S. Taber visited me, &c. Rested yesterday as usual: visited S. Taber & R. Hunt in the evening and to day have been enabled to Preach to many upon Isaiah 9. 6. Bro Widen with us: expect to P. again this E. &c.

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having Preached with much freedom at Bro Davin^g last 1st. I visited Bro Widen & Deacon Palmer in Prayer & heard Bro Lake Exhort: 2^d. in my way home, visited Jacob Taber, &c. 3^d. Preached at the Funeral of his Wife: and had much conference with Bro Pt. Taber as I walked home. 4^d. after much hard work, visited Carl Taber's Wife, his Father (poorly) &c. 5^d. after much work attended Ch. Meet. at which Bro W^m Taber & Job Briggs were Laboured with: many things conferr'd upon; but nothing material done except in the close of the meet. falling into a solemn pause, we seem'd to be made sensible 'twas a time of need with us, so that Deacon Palmer, myself and Bro Job Taber were drawn forth into words of Prayer, exhortation, &c. 6^d. after much hard work, visited Bro Borden's sick Wife. D. Joseph Taber &c. yesterday walk'd & Preached with much freedom at P. Cotton's: and to day in my own House (tho' stormy) on Jeremiah 28. 16. & Palmer Prayed, &c.

I spent the W. before last nearly as
 common: on the 2^d of it I was at the 4th Corners for necessities: on the 4th I was
 At the ferry: but a Snow Storm & smooth Sho' froze prevented my going to Newport
 I left my Horse at Davenport (for South to both) and walked home 5th & 6th of it was
 Extreme Cold, & I had the trial of being near out of Wood: however, I hired & helped
 one of the Neighbour's draw me one Load. on the Sabbath (besides usual exercises)
 I visited Jo^l. & Rich^d. Hart and Sam^l. Taber: had a great trial in the evening in
 disciplining my Son Samuel: after which had much freedom in Prayer, &c
 Last first D. after Preaching with great freedom in the Meet^g. House (to a large
 Assembly for the time of year) upon Genesis 9. 27. I took a little food in haste, &
 then rode to the House of Joseph Almy, where I was enabled to Preach again
 With more freedom & to a larger Assembly gathered to the funeral of his young
 Son: after which I was about an hour & a quarter crossing the ferry
 And yet through kind Providence was so favoured as to be present at a
 Meeting in Newport in the evening where I spoke some, and with pleasure
 heard my Brethren's Improvements: and was Inform^d. that Dear Bro^r. Thurst-
 ton had Preached that D. as the first since his confinement. next D. (with
 Bro^r. Jo^l. Hart who accompany^d me) Visited several Families in the City &
 Preached to a crowded & attentive Audience in the Evening, upon Acts 8.
 37. after which, 2 Brethren & my double Sister Mary spoke, I trust, to good
 purpose: and Judith Sprague (age about 15) made a good confession of
 Faith (as she had done before receiving Baptism, &c) whereupon we open-
 ed the next morning (the 11th Inst^l) about 9 o'clock (on acct. of the Tide) and after
 Prayer we repaired to the Water side (down Honeyman's Wharf) where being
 Surrounded with a Multitude of Men Women & Children of almost all ranks
 And persuasions in the City: many of whom appeared disposed to make light
 of sacred things; the Lord was pleased to send a Word thro' my Mouth, &
 With such amazing Power as to bind the Multitude as it were in Chains
 And effectually still the Enemy, &c. (Psalm 8. 1. 2.) Indeed I cannot say
 that I ever felt the Immediate Influence of the Spirit & Power of God beyond
 what was manifested that day, while I was speaking & Administering Baptism:
 And afterwards Preaching Con. Jn^s. 14. 15. Praying, & laying hands on the
 Baptized Person: after Meet^g. I went with Bro^r. Tilly & Dined: then Visited
 And Prayed with (E. P.) a Woman in a shocking case: Preached again in
 the evening to a crowded Assembly, on 1 Tim^s. 4. 8. several Brethren spoke
 Charmingly after me, and then (without my request) showed their ready
 Submission to that Ordinance of Christ - 1 Cor. 9. 14. by contributing to my
 Necessity in outward things: which I trust was a Sacrifice acceptable to God,
 And Fruit that will turn to their own Account. Amen. 4th D. Visited Dea.
 Tanner & Eld. Bliss: cross^d. the Ferry after sun set and tarried at B^r. Davenport.
 5th & 6th D. spent with my own Family in a variety of Business. Rested yesterday
 As usual: had much refreshing conference in the evening with 2 young Sisters who
 Visited us; & compos^d an Answer for 1 of them: and having heard the shocking news of
 2 young Indian Men's being Drowned this day Week in crossing the Ice near Place
 Ferry, after they had been at a Religious meeting: I was led to think of them words
 James 4. 14. on which I have been Preaching to day with much freedom of utterance
 to a number assembled in our dwelling House by reason of the extreme cold: since
 Meeting had conference with several: visited & Pray^d with old M^r. Church, &c.

First D. of the W. Last 2^d worked hard with P. Potter, J. Taber, J. & Noah Hart, who
 drew me by Load of Wood. 3^d D. (a great thaw) fell & wounded my right hand: nevertheless
 Visited J^r. Davenport, P. Cook & P^r. Corey: dined at Ashburn, & brought her home with me
 to make Milk's gown, and then went in the rain to Dartmouth: visited Anna Wood & Job
 Taber & Preached in the evening with much comfort, at Widow Water's upon Isaiah 54. 13.
 4th D. forenoon had much conference with the Wife of Charles Potter (Sen^r) at Job Taber's: afternoon
 came to my own House (as I call it) took up Bro^r. Coborn & carry^d her home: returned in
 the evening, having visited Tho^s. Taber by the way. 5th D. Rode to Ciley Manchester's, where
 Cely Carl & Mary Springer were join^d in Marriage: from whence I proceeded to Cor.
 Warrens & Preached with marvellous assistance in the evening to a great assembly
 upon 1 Cor. 4. 21. (what will ye? Shall I come unto you with a Rod, or in Love, &c)
 6th D. after visiting Widow Potter & old Bro^r. Jencks, Rode in the great storm of Rain
 &c. to Matthew Boomer's where I Preached to about 30 persons upon Mat. 7. 24. to 27.
 After which I rode again in the Rain to Widow Mary Borden's & Preached again with
 freedom to a few, in the evening upon Isaiah 53. last verse. yesterday also in my
 way home I Preached to a large assembly at the House of Robert Fish, upon Matth
 10. 51. (What will thou do?) And Bro^r. Perry Davis spoke charmingly after me. To day
 I have been enabled to Preach once more to many in our Meet^g. House upon
 Psalm 119. 9. & Bro^r. Davis spoke again after me: and I think I may say I have
 since enjoy^d much Divine assistance in the Celebration of that Ancient & Honourable Or-
 dinance of Marriage: twice in my House (notwithstanding all that Deluded Shakers will say
 against it) wherein first (soon after Meeting) Almy Round (son of David) and Sarah Fisher
 were join^d: and this evening, Gideon Taber (son of Job) & Sarah Hicks' dau^g of W^r.

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Last 2^d. did a variety of Business: had a refreshing visit from Deacon
 Sawyer, who Prayed with us, &c: with him, I visited his blind & deaf Sister, the Widow
 Willstone, J^r. Borden & Stephen Manchester's Families. (I hope to some good purpose
 returned home, & in the evening visited Capt. Ladd's Family. 3^d D. was confined
 by Rain; wrote a Letter for Mary Wood, &c. 4th D. visited David Round, &c. 5th D.
 Meet^g was held in my House: we had much Loving conference, &c; but paper
 no Ch^r. Act. towards evening, 2 Couple with their company came to our
 House and were join^d in Marriage: to wit, W^m. Brightman son of Thomas to
 Elisabeth Shaw, D. of Thomas both of Dartmouth: Isaac Taber, S. of Joseph at this
 Town, & Pease Tripp, D. of J^r. of Dartmouth. 6th D. I attended the funeral of
 Israel White of Dartmouth and tho' I was not invited by the Family, yet blessed be
 the Lord, who was pleased to lay necessity upon me and Marvellously assisted me
 to Preach the Gospel to a great multitude of poor & needy souls: after which
 I visited our sick Sister Carl (wife of J^r) and several other Families, and was
 Wonderfully assisted again to Preach, &c, at the House of Bro^r. Job Taber in the
 evening: after which I went & tarried at Widow Water's, where I had opportunity to
 Hear & join a Sister (Prudence Potter) in that most reasonable, Moral & important
 Duty of Prayer. from thence I came home yesterday in a Snow Storm and
 spent the residue of the day comfortably with my Family, and have been
 enabled to Preach with much freedom to day to many in my dwelling H.
 upon Isaiah 27. 13. (The great Snownet shall be blown (see) Blessed be the
 Lord, from Everlasting unto Everlasting. Amen: & Amen.

15-26 First 2^d of the W. Last 2^d. The extrem cold I visited confer. & pray
 With Brother Jonathan Ellis: Minister in Little-Compton: who had then been sick
 a Week with the 3^d lit of the Numb. Caly: also visit & pray with Stephen Brownell
 long confin'd with Consumption. 3^d & 4th was very stormy: abundance of snow
 & hail fell: also 5th & 6th heavy clouds continued, & some snow fell: I
 was confin'd at home, and had much trouble in the flesh, tending my horse & cows,
 Sizing Wood out of snow, cutting, &c. yesterday (the cold & cloudy) I went and
 Preached once more in Dartmouth, at Stokes Potters, to few People; but with much
 freedom & comfort on Gen. 3. 9. (where art thou?) and return'd in the evening.
 And to day have been enabled to Preach once more to many in the M. House, upon
 Mark. 10. 29, 30. Season Calmer (Pray): Deacons Sawyer & Taber, & many of the other
 Society with us: we united in Prayer for Bro. Ellis, &c. Weather continues cloudy, but it
 very warm for the season. O that a spiritual Spring & Harvest may be hasten'd!

13 Last 2^d. after some hard work, wrote a lengthy L^r
 to my Sister Abigail & Mary Green: then walked to J^r Davenport: took my
 Horse and went to Pt. Coxs. Israel Brownells & Mill: then home: in the
 Evening went to Neighbour S. J^r on the Peace-making business, &c.
 3^d. spent several hours at The^s Tabers in Conference & Pray. Grinding my
 Axes, &c: in the evening his son Job, & The^s Potter visited me. 4th did
 much hard work. 5th morning with Wife visited Sister Amy Hart who had
 lately been deliver'd of twins: afterwards with Bro. Weiden visited several families
 between 4 & 6 miles northward: towards night came to Obadiah Dennises and
 Celebrated a Marriage between his Daughter Susanna & David Clarke son of
 Job. 6th accompany'd Weiden again: visit'd Israel Brightman, Deacon Carl,
 W^m Willcox & Job Taber: Weiden went to Widows Waters & I return'd home.
 yesterday much snow fell: I visit'd as usual, and to day after a short
 Meeting of a few Brethren at my House, at which Bro. Weiden was chief
 Speaker on Psalm 119. 63. we went to the House of Old Robert Bennet: where
 I spoke freely to the People assembled to the funeral of a young child of E. Cockham.
 Visit'd Constant Hart & Isaac Manchester in my way home, and have spent this
 evening in much conference with Bro. Weiden who tarries with us.

20 Late in evening. Last 2^d. after morning conference with Weiden & Pead, I
 accompany'd them to J^r Davenport: visit'd Widow Woodman in a shocking case
 at Pt. Coxs: also W^m Grays Family, &c in my way home. Job Taber & Wife
 visit'd us: he was enabled to Pray with us much to my comfort, and tarried all N.
 3^d. the extrem cold there was a large gathering to the funeral of Stephen
 Browning in Little Compton, and I was enabled to Preach, &c with much
 freedom: when I return'd at night found my dau. Mary very poorly, as also
 My Wife & Widow Hart drooping, nevertheless as Sam. Taber, S. Scauday & E. Cook
 visit'd us, I had much freedom in Prayer &c: 4th. Widow Hart seem unable
 to work & my business was of various sorts at home: 5th Jan. her to J^r Wood's then
 visit'd several Families at Dartmo. 6th. went to Mill: visit'd P^r & W^m Gray, Tab. &
 yesterday visit'd the Widow White, & her 2 sons ^{Jonathan} & John, both very sick:
 Also visit'd the Old Widow Mary Wing; a sick Woman at Widow Almy's J^r
 Wood's Wife, &c: met with a great trial by a neighbour's coming into my House
 late at night &c. however, have Preach'd twice to day with much freedom: first
 to many in the Meet^g. P. upon Rev. 22. 16. and this evening at W^m Dolbors
 upon Mat. 8. 16, 17. from us, we have had home just now in a Snow Storm.

15-27 First 2^d of the W. Last 2^d. after morning wash, and Labouring near
 2 hours at a certain house on the Peace making business; I borrow
 A Horse of Capt. Manchester (mine being from home) and visit'd a Ne-
 gro Man very sick at The^s Browns; from whence I return'd in evening
 3^d. was very busy at home, only towards night visit'd M. Irish at J^r Halls.
 4th. spent much the same at home: visit'd old Rich. Hart: E. Cook spent evening with us, &
 5th. about noon was taken with a strange weakness at Stomach, &c: nevertheless, attend
 ed Ch. Meet^g. at which much Labour was spent upon Jatham Round; Abraham
 Dunsy was utterly Rejected; Letters of commendation were order'd to be given to Bar-
 bara Davis & Peace Wood; Providence Potter (a Member of the Ch. in Freetown formerly
 Under care of Elder Lewis) Submitted to the Laying on of Hands: A great storm
 began fore night, Lydia Shearman tarried with us, &c. 6th. after morning Choe
 and writing for the Chh (the Stormy) was oblig'd to go to the 4 corners for necessa-
 ries, had much conference with Jacob Taber & his Family. Yesterday Rose in the
 Snow Storm, & Preach'd with much freedom at J^r Carls upon Exodus 23. 25. -
 Return'd & spent the evening comfortably: Lydia S. & R. Gifford being with us:
 And to day Preach'd again upon Rev. 22. 11. "thus far the L. has led me on", &c.

16 First 2^d of the W. Last 2^d. spent at home in usual business. 3^d. went
 to a large number of precious Souls assembled at the funeral of John White: upon
 Mat. 24. 41: After Dunsy I visit'd & had some words to speak in several Families
 In one of which this remarkable thing happen'd; a Woman who had been to the fu-
 neral was relating to the Family as a strange thing, what I had been preach-
 ing concerning the end of this World by Fire: whereupon a poor old blind Negro
 Woman (born in Africa) spoke, & signify'd that the same had been reveal'd to
 her in a dream, some years ago! In the evening I Preach'd again at
 Lillis Waters on J^r. 9. 4. with marvellous freedom - after which I had a wonder-
 ful exercise of Mind; thirsted hard for the conversion of Souls; had a special
 Word for Cotten's children, and after much private labour, return'd to Bed.
 4th. visit'd J^r Taber, & J^r Wood in my way as I walk'd home: (Mary brought &
 5th. did ~~some~~ hard work, and had much conference with Pt. Taber, who V. me.
 6th. felt very weak in Body & cloudy in mind: yet help'd Noah Hart get me a load of Wood, &c
 yesterday also, & this morning my disorders of Body & Mind seem great: however, I
 was enabled to Preach with much freedom to day upon Lev. 6. 15. (The fire shall ever be
 burning upon the Altar, &c) and since meet felt more comfortable any way: ally. to J^r.
 Wrote 2 Letters for the Chh & myself - To Ezra Luther & Wife, & Job Davis & Wife.

here followth a L. to J^r. P. Jones: of Newton: 7- 3rd Mo - 1785.
 What shall I now say to my once most intimate Companion, and yet dear
 Bro. J. P. Jones? - my desires are, that our dear Lord & Divine Master
 would be pleas'd to grant as great a measure of the immediate guidance &

the 5th & 6th of this month were 2 great Storms of Snow.

Influence of his Blessed Spirit to me in my present attempt, as is afforded to any of his Servants in the present day! — and why may I not hope for it, tho' the most unworthy, since all is of mere Mercy & Sovereign Grace?!

Who could have once thought, if we had been ever so far apart, that we should have exchanged no more than 2 Letters in 2 years? — Altho' I might urge many particulars in excuse of myself (such a number of concerns lying on my hands and Heart, that sometimes I've hardly leisure to Eat) yet, at present, I would rather ingeniously confess my fault to my dear Bro.: I have injured Thee, by withholding more than was meet, & it hath (no doubt) tended to my Own Poverty. I now turn again to thee, according to Master's command, saying (I think from my Heart) I Repent. — After a too long delay, I now Acknowledge the Receipt of thine, Dated, "Pro. June 30. 1784." And if I Rightly use Mystical or spiritual Arithmetic (without mistake) in casting up the Lines thereof; I find the Sum total to be, that thou wast then (as I & others too often am) much afflicted or tainted with the evil Monster of Unbelief! which Causes to look more to the things which are seen, than to the things which are not seen.

If this still continues to be thy Case (my dear friend) thou canst not be too deeply sensible how much 'tis to the Dishonour of Jesus, and against thy own best Interest and Happiness; nor too diligently attentive to the means of deliverance from so great a Plague! — Take the reproof of our dear Lord, Luke 24. 25. Prayer & Fasting is a wonderful mean: and not less so (in difficult or common Cases) A deep, profound, Silent Waiting on the Lord; or Watching for the Arising of the Light, Life & Power of Jesus inwardly in the Heart: Who is also the Wisdom & Power of God; the Way & the Truth. — And as any soul in Watching, resigns Himself up to Christ, to work in him & for him; and comes to feel & experience this inward Arising of the Light, or Manifestation of the Spirit & Power of Christ (either the first time, which I hope thou experienced long ago or renewedly, after Decays, &c) he therein & thereby comes to be a living, Faithful & True Witness of Christ: and of the Apostles Doctrine: particularly of that Mystery which was hid from Ages & from Generations, but now is made manifest to all his Saints: which is, Christ in you! the hope of Glory. — For as Christ, the Light & Life; Wisdom; Spirit & Power; Way & Truth of God; is Believed in, submitted to, or felt to Arise & Operate in & upon the soul; So Darkness & Death, Tolly & Error, are overcome & Dispeled! Evil Spirits are Subjected & cast out! the Power of the Adversary fails; and by the Power of Christ his Servants do his Works! false ways are seen & forsaken, and Himself, the New & Living Way is travelld, in. Christ then is All & in All. (Christ Or) Wisdom is the Principal thing, therefore get Wisdom: and with all thy getting, Get (Christ or) Understanding. — But if thou hast already received new Manifestations, since thy last Letter to me, as I would hope; then, as thou hast received Christ Jesus the Lord, so Walk in him, the Way: with purpose of heart, cleave fast to Him, the Truth; and rejoice in Him, the Life: view all things in, through, or by Him, the Light: and know, that whatever his Spirit dictates thee to say, or do,

His Power is insufficient to carry thee through; and He, the Wisdom of God By whom his People are Actuated, will finally make manifest & expose the Stally of all Men (whether High or Low, Learned or Unlearned, as to this World) who Dare Oppose Him & his Saints or Kingdom, here in the World: Amen.

The foregoing lines (with the Love of my Wife & many Friends this way) please to accept as the best evidence of Love, that can at present be given thee by him, who has been, is yet, & desires ever to be, thy Friend, & well wisher in the Truth. C. Burroughs

- 12. Third of the W. copy, the above letter: instructed my children: had much conference with Job Taber & Wife, Pease & Abigail Wood, who visited me: visited Amy Start sick in town.
- 13. much hail & rain till last night & to day: I spent the time at home, as usual.
- 14. Last 5th D. (tho' was dismal travelling) I went ^{abroad} on foot: visited Step. Hart, [William, Job, Prigs, Jr & the 2 William Woods, & preached in the evening with much freedom At Job Tabers upon Acts 21. 14. "The Will of the Lord be done". (on occasion of Sister Pease Wood, who was going far into the Country, & desired a muling before she went!) after which I walked in the extrem cold to Lillis Waters where Comfort B. lies sick & tarried to D. Made home (after visiting Jr Gifford by the way) to hard work. — Preached yesterday as usual only visited Amy Start poorly) and to day, Preached with great freedom to a Room full in my dwelling H. Tho' it has both snowed & rained upon Gal. 5. 14. For all the Law is fulfilled in one word, &c: since meet. have conversed, with several, & feel very much spent: But Blessed be the Lord, who can renew my strength.
- 20. 1st D. of the W. — Last 2nd D. was confined at home by a great Snow Storm: had much business to do, in & out doors — 3rd D. (tho' cloudy & high Wind) I went to Lavenport for business: visited both Pt. Gray's, W. Gray, &c: returned and worked hard till dark, then visited Amy Start who was taken in a 2nd fit: returned & found Lillis W. and Elisabeth G. at our House, who tarried 10. 11. 4th D. morning found ourselves surrounded with the 6th Storm of Snow in 12 days! & being almost out of Wood, it looked dismal: however, I was enabled to consider the many Mercies & to enjoy as well as my trials; & to say "the Will of the Lord be done"! went to cutting in the Woods: Walked twice to Stephen Hart's & once to Joseph Woods on Aushup: toward night sister went away that night & 5th D. was extrem cold: I hired 2 Neighbour's to cut & sled me some Wood, & worked very hard with them: (W. H. & S. 5 load) towards night visited & Prayed with Amy Start sick: felt very poorly myself in the evening, &c. 6th D. visited Isaac Manchester Tisbury, Concord. a Grist of Corn (1/2 B) & car. it to W. Mill: had a good visit at The 'boys'; returned to work: in the evening had an agreeable visit from a young Minister of Brethren Society named Chase: who tarried till after 10 O'Clock. Yesterday (was considerable Snow again; but held out many hours) I rested as usual, except 2 short visits to Amy Start, very sick: had much conference in the evening with Prudence Colter who came & tarried with us; and to day, have preached once more (but with little life & Power, sensibly felt) upon 1 Cor. 13. 13. (the 1st of these is Charity.) — In fine weather, tho' much Snow on the ground: many People out to M.
- 28. 2nd D. evening. — Last 2 & 3rd D. there was more Snow & some Rain: (besides usual business) I visited Amy Start (very poorly) both days: as I did also 4th & 5th D., which were extrem cold & windy! yet on 5th D. I also attended the Funeral of old Elisabeth Tomer.

Thompson: heard Deacon Sawyer Pray, &c: after which I visited Col. Kellygan, The Widow Browning, & the Fatherless children: to each of whom I had a special Word of exhortation, Counsel or advice to speak, & tarried all night. b^d was a little more snow: cold abated, &c) in my way home visited Chris. White, Wm. Brown, Seth Shaw, Tho. Brown, Job Little, J. Davers, &c: and having been enabled, I hope, to speak something to the Honour of God in each Family; came to my own in Peace about sun set. 7^d. being the Sabbath, Rested as usual: towards night (with Wife) visited & Prayed with Sister Amy Hart. Yesterday enjoy'd much freedom & comfort in Preaching to a large Assembly in the M. House, upon 2 Tim^o. 2. 20. 21. (But in a great House, &c) was very much spent, yet, being desired, took Wife with me & rode as far as St. Gray's — where we had a precious & large meeting again in the even^g. At which my renewed strength seem'd intirely spent in speaking (upon John 20. 19. &c: tarried all night, and having heard that Isaac Lawton of Portsmouth was expected to Preach to day at St. David's Church, at the funeral of his grand Dau^r. Abigail (aged 14 year) I went in hopes of hearing some good Preaching; But as he did not come, Necessity seem'd to be laid on me, to Preach once more, to a large Assembly: among whom I suppose there were several who never before heard the Word from my Mouth: And Blepsid be the Lord, who carry'd me through the Work comfortably, and I hope to his own Honour & glory. Amen. after this we visited the Family of Wm Gray, And came safely home just now, this evening.

7th of the Week (or Sabbath) last 3 & 4 Days was very busy; chiefly at home on 5th D. was E. Meet^g. but as no Material Business offer'd; we spent the time chiefly in Exhortation & Prayer: conferring about relieving Bro. J. Hart, &c yesterday did much business, and to day visited Army Hart once more, &c

10 First D. of the W. — This day Sun night after Preaching in the Meet^g House with usual freedom upon Psalm 55. 8. — (Parson Taber of New London present) I rode down to Bro. Daversports and Preach'd again towards night on J^o 9. 25. (one thing I know, &c) after meet^g. had conference with 2 or 3 Neighbours, on some peculiar objects, & tarried all night. next day journey'd to Newport: visited Eleens Blish, Thurston, and Foster; Deacon Tilly & Noble Green: where I tarried: and found his Dau^r. Mary some better of the strange Disorder she had been in about a month: next day I visited Doct^r. Eyes, Sister Anderson & many others, & Preach'd in the Evening with great freedom in Eld^r. Thurston's Meet^g. House (upon Jeremiah 6. 10.) to many People and to the clearing of my own Soul of several Abominations now allow'd, in too many Visible Church particularly that of encouraging Vain & light minded youth in Publick Singing. Next day did much business: and tho' there was no appointment of a Meeting, yet so many People crowd'd into the House where I was to spend the Evening (Bro. Waldens) that I seem'd constrained to Preach to them upon Isaiah 34. 8. after which, the Brethren who commonly meet there made contribution to my necessity: other friends also were very kind! (Dear Lord & Master Reward them) I went & tarried with Bro. More. next Day (5th of the W.) visited many in the City & in my way home: particularly say, Blish, Parker Hall, & J^o. Almy's sick Child. b^d. was oblig'd to work in a hard storm of Rain, getting Wood, &c: also a little yesterday, the 4th Sabbath: also this morning had so much hard work to do that I felt much unprepar'd to Preach. however

have been enabled to do it to a large Assembly with some fresh sense of J^o. 6. 10. And since Meeting, a company came to my House, 2 of which, Thaddeus Wait & Susanna Tripp were join'd in Marriage. I must now attend a little to worldly cares, &c. Second D. of the W. — Last 2^d. visited & Prayed with Patience Osborn (Dau^r of Wm) very poorly: call'd at Mr. Corey's: settled some affairs with J^o. Lawrence: visited Wm Gray's Family, &c. 3^d. had wood to back! (Planted Pease in Garden, &c. 4th D. after morning Work, being call'd upon suddenly & unexpectedly, I rode about five miles and was enabled to Preach with much freedom (on Psalm 97. 1, 2.) at the funeral of a little Boy (the Widow Nancy Gray's) who about 4 Weeks ago was terribly Seiz'd: going & coming, visited J^o. Almy J^o. Wm & J^o. Gray & P. Boy. In the mean time a number of Brethren cut & drew me 7 Load of Wood! 5th D. was busy at Gardening, &c: took resting spells to Read Youngs N. Thoughts. &c. 6th D. afternoon (with Wife & child) visited Sister Manchest^r. Biall Tripp & S. Simmons. Rested the Sabbath as usual: and yesterday was enabled to Preach 3 times: first to a large Assembly in the M. House with great assistance upon Acts 7. 26. (Sis, ye are Brethren &c) then took dinner in haste and rode near 7 miles to the House of Stephen Cook where was a larger Assembly gather'd to the funeral of his only child: to whom I spake with greater freedom upon Luch^a. 12. 10. (— and they shall Mourn for him, as one M. for, &c) After this, went near 2 Miles further and Preach'd at the H. of Benj^m. Borden in y^e. Evening to a great assembly with Marvellous Assistance & Utterance! upon Amos 4. 12. (Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel) after meet^g. had much private Labour with the Family tarried all night and came home just now, having visited Abn^m. Brown, Wm Gray and J^o. Daversports by the way: and O how much is my Debt of Gratitude increased to my dear Lord & Master for conducting me so comfortably through these Labours! All glory to his exalted Name: forever. Amen.

24 First D. of the W. — Last 3^d. D. was confin'd at home by a great Rain: except a short Visit to Rich. Hart: Tho' & Job Taber came to our House, &c. 4th. when the Rain ceased I visited Sam. Sawdey, D. Doolley, &c: Preach'd in the afternoon at Sam. Sawdey's upon Mat. 24. 14. and in the Evening at old J^o. Coggeshalls on Psalm 88. 8. — 5th. D. visited & Prayed with the Widows of James Warren, &c: afternoon Preach'd at Cor. Warrens on 1st. 2. 28. and in the evening at Mary Borden's on Luke 9. 40. — 6th. D. accompanied by Bro. Job Taber in our way Home visited Sister Cowle confin'd with a Broken leg: and from thence walked almost all the Way home: my Horse being load'd with Bread Corn by the Rich & Charitable Widow Borden: In my way visited Capt. Manchest^r (p. him, &c) — towards night, some Hay with my Cow & Dalf were brought me, &c. Yesterday I Rested as usual: this morning my Sister Rebecca from Newport visited us: also Abner Brownell, &c: I have been enabled to Preach with Marvellous Wisdom to a great Assembly upon James 2. 18. (shew me thy Faith, &c) after which Samuel Does made Publick Profession of Faith &c to Satisfaction: and after Bro. Brownell had spoken some time and Prayed, we repaired to the Water (Exp^t. Joseph Woods) where I was again strengthened to speak a few words with Power, Pray, & Baptize the s. Does & Lay'd on Hands at Joseph Woods, &c: all glory to Jesus forever & ever. Amen.

1. First D. of the W. — This day Sun night — towards night, rode to David Doughton's & perform'd the Marriage Ceremony between J^o. Manchest^r & Mary Doughton: had a sweet evening's conference and time of Prayer at J^o. Rosins when I tarried: 2 Day visited David Round, Patience Osborn Abner Cook, J^o. Dennis, Deacon Sawyer, & Biall Tripp in my way home. 3^d. myself and whole Family seem'd uncommonly incumber'd with worldly Business: clearing Cellar Making Wall, &c. 4th. D. went to J^o. Almy's for a Gift: visited Col. Cook, & talk'd with J^o. Jacob Labor, &c.

5th forenoon was very busy: afternoon attended Ch. Meet. at which was much labour on the case of Sister Mary White, & a Committee appointed to search further into it. Also a Committee was appointed to order & oversee the labour that should be done on the Ch. Farm, &c. — 6th M^{rs} Whittridge visited us, with whom I had much conference wrote some verses on her child's name, &c. also Job Taber & Wife visited us. I rested yesterday as usual: (weather was cloudy & uncommonly cold) Preached & Etc. visited J^o Taber, &c.) and to day I've been enabled to Preach twice in the Meet. House, to not many People (by reason of the appearance of Rain, &c.) But with great freedom and Power upon 1 Cor. 1. 2. and Luke 12. 2. (There is nothing covered, &c.) Since Meet. had conference with Bro. Edes, & Sister Lydia Shearn. Wrote to Bro. Luther, &c.

8th First 2^d of the W. — Last 2^d after morning Wash, & Writing a Will for Eld. Rowland; took Wife with me & visited P^r Taber (Shoemaker) who I left her and paid a long visit to Tho. Cory (who has been long confined with Sore) in my way back call. to see Jonathⁿ Gifford's Wife, who has lately heard shocking news from her Brother, concerning her Sister, &c. — 3^d before sun Rise, the Widow Mary Hart came to our House to hide herself! — accompany'd with her Father in Law, J^o Hart: who was so usual as to leave her upon us: which try'd me much through the day (and till 4th D. near night, when she was carry'd to J^o Woods) nevertheless I did much work Round the House, building Garden Wall, &c.: and towards night went as one of the Ch. Committee to the Widow Macomber, to search further into the case of Sister Wait. 4th D. Bro. Court. Hart visited us, & went with me to J^o Wood: I work on Garden Wall, &c. 5th D. work'd in Garden: Bro. Widen from Newport, bro't me a request to attend the Funeral of (my Uncle in Law) James Peckham: but being previously engaged, I could not. 6th D. Preach'd with much freedom at the Funeral of Patience Osborn upon Heb. 11. 6. My Sister Rebekah also, (being mov'd I trust by the Spirit of the Lord), spake a few words after me to the youth: after Meet. we visited P^r Gray & J^o Davin^g. Widows Soule, &c. yesterday, notwithstanding the great Storm of Rain, Wife went with me to a Meeting at Ellis Wait's: where we enjoy'd much comfort. Bro. Widen spake after me, &c. And to day, have had another very comfortable Meet. (tho' few People on acct of Rain) at which I found astonishing freedom in Prayer, and after Preaching upon J^o 6. 53. Sent Silent some time: then felt constrained to Rise & speak a few words more: after which Deacon Palmer was enable to deliver a sweet word of Exhortation & Prayed: &c., &c.

15th Last 2^d D. visited J^o Hart (on Labour) J^o Wood, & J^o Hart: then took Sister Rebekah with me & went to the House of mourning. town't W^m Osborns. Bro. Widen took away my Golf, &c. 3^d D. work'd very hard at Gardening, &c. also 4th D. fore noon: Afternoon visited Bro. Whittridge (& Ellis Cook sick) & was visited by Widows Maccomb, & Mrs S. Saundey, J^o Hart & Wife, & Hannah Richm. who comes: 5th D. was (much Rain: I wrote a Ded for J^o Wait, &c. 6th D. was Gardening, &c. Yesterday (& last night was much Rain) Preach'd as usual: only with Wife visited our beloved sick Sister Elizabeth Cook. And to day have been enabled to Preach twice with much freedom upon that one Word (Mark 13. last.) Watch. & (Luke 9. last) No Man having put his hand to y^e Plough, &c. Bro. Job Borden being on a visit to us spake charmingly after me both parts of the day.

22 This day in night after meet. Borrow'd Tho. Taber's Horse and went with wife & child as far as J^o Davin^g. next D. (2^d of the W.) left my own Horse at P^r Gray: had J^o King's & Conny Wife & Child to the ferry: from whence we rode into Newport in a Chaise sent by Deacon Jolly and Uncle Green: Preach'd at Jilly's in the evening upon J^o 10. 2. (The customs of the W.

are pain.) 3^d D. visited Eld. Thurston & many others, and preached to a crowded assembly. In the evening at the place the newly gather'd Church meet in, on these words, "Jesus is Christ." (Act 18. 5.) — Tarr'd at Father's, &c. 4th D. did much worldly business: purchased sundry goods to sell, &c. had a sweet conference with Eld. Bliss, and Preach'd in his M. House in the evening on Malachi 1. 6. if I be a Father where is mine honour? — Tarr'd at Bro. W^m's. 5th D. visited many finished my business and tarr'd at Father's. 6th D. was help'd to the ferry by our friend, and by the good hand of the Lord brought safely to our Family before sun set (having visit'd several by the way, & been made an Instrument to save a large House on R. Island from burning to Ashes) was very busy till dark, selling things to my neighbours: went to J^o Gifford's for tea, &c. Yesterday was sent for early to visit the wife of Lemuel Baly, & immediately went: (5 miles) but she died about 6 minutes before I got there: after much exhortation, reading & Prayer wth the Family, I came to J^o Earls & dined, and soon after got home: where I found Brother W^m's Wife & dau^r. Katharine on a visit to us: had much conference: visited J^o Hart and was very poorly myself in the evening, with a great cold; as also to day: nevertheless, have been enabled to Preach twice with some freedom on Rev. 19. 10. "Worship God." and Jeremiah 12. 5. (If thou hast run with the footmen, &c.) Bro. Borden spake lovely after me this afternoon and Deacon Palmer Pray'd. All glory to Jesus forever & ever.

29th First 2^d Evening, Late. my cold has continued with hard cough all the W. tho' is now some better: and notwithstanding Last 2 & 3^d D. were very Rainy, I rode down to the Point and Preach'd at the Funeral of Sarah Baly (W. of L.) on 2^d D. tarr'd at J^o Earls, & came home 3^d D. on 4th D. did much hard work in Garden visited J^o Hart, &c. — 5th D. forenoon also work'd in Garden: afternoon attended Ch. Meet. at which we seem'd much favour'd with Divine Influence: appointed 5 couple of Brethren as standing Committees & continual Messengers of the Ch. among & unto our most distant members &c. the Ch. repeated their desire (I gave me Authority) that I should write in their behalf to such as I judg'd necessary: Bro. Borden & Sister Rebekah being with us were enabled to speak to our comfort, &c. 6th D. I was full of hard work again: yet took time to visit and pray with Sister E. Cook. yesterday Preach'd as usual; but was called to a Work of necessity & Mercy towards a sick Bro. (J^o Hart) and to day shall I say have been as it were miraculous, assist'd! to Preach not only twice in the Meet. House (upon Song. 2. 10-13. and Eccle. 3. 15.) but to Ride since as far as J^o Rich's & Preach again to a great assembly (on Psal. 148. 12, 13.) from whence I return'd just now.

6th 5th 3^d D. Deacon East came & Pleas'd Orchard: I was busy in Garden, &c. Last 3^d D. hunt myself at morning work: wrote for Tho. Cory who with his son & Israel Brightman came to Plow my yard: help'd plant Orchard, &c. 4th D. visit'd & had much conference with old & young W^m Hood & their Families (Job Taber shod Horse) Preach'd with much freedom & marvellous assistance at J^o Armatage's, &c. 5th D. forenoon, work'd with Bro. Taber & Potter, Planting my Potatoes: afternoon, with wife, visited E. Cook again. 6th D. She was brought to our House: I rode to Fogland, dined at P^r Gray's (Neb) visited P^r Cory, J^o D. Jacob Taber (& Max) &c. Preach'd yesterday as usual: and to day have been enabled to Preach with usual freedom on Song 2. last verse, and Administer the Lord's Supper with great Affection: all glory to the Lord. — Deacon Jolly from Newport Com. with J^o V. &c. &c. It now Rain's: Elizabeth seems much better: Sister Shearn's case is, &c.

18-19 First 2 of the W. — Last 2 D. (was raw wind heavy clouds & some Rain) I wrote a Will for Tho: Cory: (sold considerable) wth some out door: Ery Carl visited us, 3 D. was also cloudy: I work in garden, & visited old Rich: Hart poorly: the 2 Widows Hart came to live near us: Visited us, &c. 4th & 5th D. 2 nights it rained almost incessantly yet I had some out door work to do (getting wood, &c) besides much indoor. 6th D. cloudy & clear: (Planted Potatoes in Samny: Yard & Garden) M^r Whitbridge, P. Taber, &c. V. us. towards night I rode as far as J^r Earls & return: having paid short visits at Ruth Macomber, W^m Almy's & J. Cory's on our sick young sister's account. Yesterday (was more Rain) rested as usual: to day also has been very cloudy much fog & some Rain: I have been enabled to Preach twice with marvellous freedom & assistance: especially this afternoon, tho' I had no particular Text (but began with these words, "and what shall I more say") yet I had a solemn word of Exhortation, Warning & Testimony to all; But especially the Youth: in which I got as it were beside myself (as the Apostle says) spent all the strength I had; desired the Brethren to be active & sat down. after some time of solemn Silence, Deacon Sawyer of the Other Society Prayed: much to our edification & comfort. Amen. all glory to the Lord. (forenoon I spoke upon Isaiah 48. 18. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments, &c.) Elizabeth seems very poorly to day: having been better every other day of the W. past

19 Last 2 D. (Elisa. seem: better: Lydia went away with my Head) I sat off on foot, visited Tho: Taber — P. Taber, Deacon Palmer, Davenport, P. & W^m Gray: & rode back 3 & 4 D. finished planting garden) did a variety of work: besides which, on 3 D. was in at P. Taber's & J^r Gifford's & St. Hart's: & on 4 D. visited J^r Brownell: St. Brownell's Widow &c: on my return rec. a very refreshing letter from my youngest Sister. 5 D. (Elisa. seem: much better) 'twas very hot: I was busy about home: Sister Priscilla Earl visited us, &c. — 6 D. suns extreme hot) N. Hart Card me some wood: afternoon I went to 4 Corners on Business & returned in a Thunder Shower, &c. Yesterday, rested as usual only visited & Prayed with the Widows, S. & M. Hart (Sister Burrington was with us, tending on Liza, &c) and to day have been enabled to Preach with great freedom & Power, on Acts 17. 18. (and some said what will this Babblers say?) — & Deut. 32. 6. (do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish C. & unwise) Since meeting have busied myself in shelling Beans, &c. — see Eccles. 9. 10. —

26 Last 2 D. (was busy at home: mending things, m^{ch} weight schooling Children, putting papers in order, selling things, &c!) Elisa. very sick at her stomach had several Visitors: her Mother, Corst. & Mary Hart, &c: the latter of whom seem: very slightly I had a sweet religious conference in the evening with sick & well, & R. Durrington Prayed. 3 D. besides usual business, hoed some, wed Garden cut in the woods, visited, & had a sweet conference on Divine things with Sister Borden (Wife of J^r Rich: Hart sick, &c: was visited by Widow Williams & Saul: Rhoda M. &c, Hannah Richmond came & R. D. went away. 4 D. journeyed to Newport (carry: Son Samuel) & return: 6 D. towards night: having brought sundry Merchandise; visited Eld: Foster; Preached once in Eld: Bliff's M. House, on Eccles. 7. 29. tarried both nights at Deacon Tilly's; visited Polly Green at Lawton, &c. Yesterday rested near as usual: instructed children, Prayed with Elizabeth very weak, &c. But part of the day had very gloomy apprehensions of many things: O Jerich: V. us, and with him I visited R. Hart. To day, we have had large & good meetings: Bro. Brownell spoke upon Deut. 28. 12. myself on 2 Tim^o. 3. 14. 15. Calah Green V. us, &c

18-19 First 2 of the W. — Last 2 D. was very busy at J^r Davenport's, taking care of Stock for him & Uncle Green: (saw R. D. Bliff) return: in the evening & had a refreshing time of Conference & Prayer with my young sick friends, &c. — 3 D. was very busy taking account of Goods rec. to sell for Uncle Green: rode to 4 Corners for a Load & return: 4 D. accompany'd, by Wife & Bro. Job Taber. Visited Widow Brownell and Dined: then rode to J^r Brownell's & was enabled to Preach with great freedom to many People on Joshua 24. 15. in my way home visited & Prayed with a sick Dau^r of W^m Davenport. 5 D. did much writing, &c: Brethren hoed my yards: afternoon Attended Ch^h. Meet^g at which, many things were in Love & Unity confer: upon & done. 6th D. I did much hard work (hoing, &c) besides selling some goods: Dau. Anna taken sick, ^{with throat ail,} &c. by reason of which I could not rest yesterday as usual; But was obliged to go to the 4 Corners for medicine for her & Liza: Visited sister Osborn, Pierford Dennis, &c — To Day, have been remarkably assisted to Preach twice more, to a considerable number in the M. House upon 2 Kings, 17. 39. & Deut. 8. 2. on this last subject (after Preaching Jesus Christ & him briefly) was led to give An Historical Account (briefly) of the Dealings of the Lord with this Ch^h & People. After meet^g. there was a small Collection made for a distressed Family in Parishley. In the morning & since meet^g I've been diligently engaged in my Garden & yards setting out Plants, &c: Blessed be the Lord, who giveth us Time for, & enableth us to do all things which are lawful & expedient: yea, unto them, the giver of every good & perfect gift (temporal & Spiritual) be all glory, H. & B. forevermore.

10 Last 2 D. spent the Time at home in usual Business of various sorts (selling Goods, teaching my children waiting on the sick, &c) towards night rode to the high Hill on Business: 3 D. much the same employ: had another trial with Widow Mary Hart, &c. 4 D. (it rained much) nevertheless, being sent for I visited old Rob^t Bonnet's Dau^r. Ann, who seemed near Death, &c. I doted my children for Worms with Pink-root & with success: took Physick myself, &c. 5 D. afternoon visited Robert Miller, Christo White's afflicted Wife & son George, W^m Brown, & J. Davenport & return, in the evening. 6 D. worked very hard, (making Turnip yards, &c) Preached yesterday as usual had a sweet conference & time of Prayer with Elizabeth in the evening who is now exceeding weak & low: and to day after Preaching with much freedom in the M. House upon 1 Cor 3. & three last verses; Rode to the House of Chris: White & Preached again with marvellous assistance at the funeral of his Wife to (I suppose) near 500 P. on these words, "Prepare to meet thy God?" (Amos 4.) after which visited confer'd & Prayed with a sick Dau^r. of ^{Sam^l} Irish — Bial Trips wife, &c

17 Last 2 D. did a variety of hard work besides waiting on customers: and towards night visited & Prayed with Jupiter Cory's Wife very sick: & returned in ye rain after stopping at Deacon Earls & Tho: Cory's — 3 D. was also very busy in garden & Shop: besides which went to Mill: (Dost. Silas Mary visited E. the 2^d time, &c) 4 D. visited P. & W^m Gray J. Davenport, &c: returned with wood &c (to Am^l of us) — 5 D. (had much custom: yet) visited Mary

Mary Hart, at S. Simmons's home: then visited Anna Bennett in my way
S. Claudy's where I carry'd a parcel to leave, &c. 6^d. did much business at home.
Yesterday rested as usual: only towards night visited & Prayed with Deborah Gifford sick
Was visited by Newport Carr (a black Bro.) &c. and to day (tho' obliged to work hard all
the morning on Wood, &c.) was Marvellously assisted to Preach upon 2 Things 4. 26. (it will
And Gal. 6. 9. (let us not be weary in well doing, &c.) after Meet. was a small Convent
W. Cornel visited us, &c. — Blessed be the Lord from E. to E. Amen: & Amen.

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First 2^d of the W. Last 2^d. was full of Business: Rode to Aborners & rec'd. a fresh
Supply of Goods from Uncle Green; Dost. Mary visited E. us. 3 & 4^d. besides selling
Goods, did much hard work in garden, visited some nigh Neighbours: M. Hart was, slightly, &c.
5^d. Sowed Turneps &c. 6^d. (was much Rain) did much work in door: N. Hart got me Wood
wrote Letters to Uncle Green & Bro. Green Dorr. Yesterday rested near as usual, considering
the sickness of Elizabeth, &c.: and to day have been enabled to Preach twice more upon
Exod. 14, 13. (stand still & see the S. of the Lord, &c.) Acts 18. 4. (and he reasoned in the S. every
Sabbath, &c.) exhausted my strength very much: Bro. W. was at M. with us, &c.

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Last 2 & 3^d. was very busy, hoing, helping make Hay, &c.
besides which, visited (Jo. Taber, J. Davenport, P. Cook) Geo. White & Irish's dau. sick:
Self & Wife quite poorly 3^d. night: yet fearing that Elis. was dying, I got up & call'd
Sister Wood, Pray'd with all in the Room, &c. 4^d. Liza's Parents & many friends
were in to see her: we continued poorly, but went thro' much Labour, &c. &c.
5^d. forenoon, had considerable - (Liza seem'd better: but much worse after noon) I
Attended C^h. Meet.: few members & nothing material done: except in conference &
Prayer. Newport Carr & Deacon Palmer Pray'd: &c.: when I return'd to the House
Elizabeth desired Prayer, & I had much freedom in offering our desires: worked hard
till dark, &c. 6^d. (tho' much Rain) did much work of various kinds. yesterday
rested as usual: and to day, after speaking with much freedom on 2 Scripture expofi-
ons, (whatsoever thy hand findeth, &c. & without me ye can do nothing: Deacon Tilly, Jo. Jencks &
Sister Smith with us) I rode to the House of Sam. Irish & Preach'd again (on Rom. 6. 23.)
at a great Assembly, gathered to the funeral of his dau. Lydia aged about 15. & return'd
accompany'd by Jo. Jencks near sun set.

8. 7

Last 2^d. was visited by Deacon Tilly. (by whom I sent a Letter
and Money to Bro. Green: work'd in Garden, &c.) — 3^d. did considerable, & flood in Orchard
try'd to find M^r. Brothers' friends & M^r. Charity in our neighbourhood, but could not!
Went to Seconnet Hill - see: evening we thought Liza was dying; but she revived:
she made a most wonderful Prayer for Liza: for me & my Family; her Parents, &c.: & spoke
to admiration. 4^d. she continued to Pray & speak wonderfully: I sat by her much, and
About a quarter after nine in the evening she quietly fell asleep I believe in Jesus: enjoying
Glory to God, Glory to Jesus, &c. till within a few minutes of her last breath! —
5^d. I did but little business: sat much with the Corps & had pleasant views of
Death & Glory! 6^d. Preach'd at her funeral, on the words she desired me
Luke 23. 32. and Acts 10. 34, 35 joined together. yesterday rested comfortably: and to
have been enabled to Preach Faithfully & Powerfully: forenoon beginning with these words
mine eye affecteth my Heart. — This afternoon (on 1 Cor. 11. 30. — After Meet. a black
Woman came to converse with me in great Distress of Mind, &c. all Glory to the Lord.

8. 14

First 2^d of the W. Last 2^d. besides usual Business: visited W. & P. Gray. Davenport
& Step. Taber: Jo. Warden & us: Tommy & Hannah took quite poorly at night, &c.
3^d. R. Amington & us: Well pole broke & I rode several ways to get help to mend it:
had a comfortable confer. in the evening with several friends, (Jo. Taber Prayed, &c.)
4^d. was much fatigued going to Fall River Mill & returning: visited B. Jencks
Luther, &c. — heard that Bro. Eddy was Ordain'd: got home late at night poorly, &c.
5^d. (exceeding hot) was full of Business of various sorts: Robt. Miller visited us: also
Mary Hart on a strange errand. Yesterday Wife accompany'd me to the Funeral
of Geo. White (son of Christo) where I Preach'd to many precious Souls on 1 Thess. 4. 16.
visited Robt. Miller, going; & Widow Brownell returning. and to day have been marvell-
ously assisted to Preach on 2 Tim. 1. 18. & Chap. 2. 11, 12, 13. old Bro. Round seem'd fervent
in Prayer: I confer'd with Bro. Davenport in a cloudy State of mind between Meetings:
think I have seen & felt some symptoms of a Revival among us: all Glory to the L.

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Last 2^d. did a variety of Business: (Wife & Sister visited sist Manchester)
&c. — 3^d. accompany'd by Bro. Jo. Taber & Davenport journey'd to Newport: Preach'd
with much freedom among the Brethren of the late Gather'd C^h. on 1 Cor. 6. 20.
And Baptiz'd James Poole & Ruth Sudder: Blessed be the Lord, who was pleased to
carry me thro' that work (& the laying on of Hands) so comfortably: and to enable
me to speak so powerfully to the numerous assembly of allmost all Rank and
persuasions as greatly to comfort his People & solemnize the light minded: Bro
Benjamin Foster the late settled Minister of another Society in the City attended
the whole meet. &c.: in the evening I met again with that C^h. and assisted them in
their faithful & loving dealings with a Bro. whom they had found to stretch him-
self beyond his measure in speaking in their meetings for worship, &c. next day
Also, I had the pleasure of another Meet. & further Conference with the C^h. and
several Elders & Brethren from a distance who had come to know their state:
besides which I did considerable worldly business, lodged at Deacon Tilly's & 5^d.
came home. 6^d. was full of Business, yet visited the Wife of Jo. Manchester, sick.
yesterday (visited her again and) rested as usual: and to day have been wonderfully
assisted to Preach twice more. on 2 Tim. 2. 14. & these words, "will a Man Rob God?"
After Meet. had much conference with several Brethren: some pain of Collick, &c.

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Last 2^d. had much business: & confer'd with P. Potter who spent
the 3^d. with us. 3^d. it rained some: I visited & Pray'd with J. Manchester's Wife very sick
& D. Kild & P. with her again. P. Gray's wife & us, &c. 5^d. forenoon was very busy: son
Joseph taken with throat ail: afternoon attended C^h. Meet. at which some shocking Cases
(of S. B. J. H. &c.) were acted upon, C^h. agreed to Fast, &c. 6^d. did much business: and once more
visited Manchester's Wife in great Distress both of Body & Mind: in both which she continued (for
ought we know) till yesterday afternoon, when she died! — To day after Preaching wth.
Marvellous assistance in the Meet. House on Isaiah 22. 12, 13, 14. (no singing: A Brownell, &c.
present) I went to the Funeral of M^r. Wife: and spoke again to the People on Jn. 4. 48. Deacon
Lawyer & Sister B. Prayed, &c. our son Joseph is now so sick, we expect watches to night
&c.

George Catlin

First 2. of the W. (evening) Last 2. after much morning work, carry'd Sister Smith to Pt. Gray: visited & had much conference with Bro. J. Davenport labouring under much gloom of mind, &c. - on my return confer'd with Elizabeth's Mother, & spent the evening writing out my last first days discourse. 3. D. morning son Joseph seem'd much better. I had a trial in conference with E. mother & Mary Hart: spent much time in writing, &c. 4. D. morning found myself surrounded with trials: Joseph seem'd worse, M. Hart came flighty. I rec'd a preaching letter, &c.: nevertheless was enabled to go & preach with much comfort and power: at the funeral of Geo. Sisson's child: after which went down to the Point on Basin. And in my way home visited the sick & well at Mr. Lark, S. Brightman's, W. Almy, &c. had much conf. with D. Gifford in the evening & a free time of prayer. 5. D. was full of business: besides which visited black sister Comfort & pray'd with her & others in distress in the house of Mary & J. Hart. 6. D. forenoon finished writing my late discourse: afternoon (tho' a stormy day) rode to John Pichom's and preached at the funeral of a child of Thomas Almsbury's which died very suddenly in convulsions: at night our youngest child Ephraim was taken poorly: yesterday morn. our next youngest, ^{Mary} was also taken with the Throat disorder: yet, having appointed a meet. I rode to the House of L. Wait. And preached with much freedom on the last dying words of Jesus: "it is finished". To day also (tho' children are very poorly, myself & wife inform & many trying & sorrowful things surround us) I trust through grace I've been made to know by experience the truth of that Text, Psalm 102. 17. on which I preached with more ^{after a few words on Psalms 5, 13. in the} willow's presence to the people, forenoon: this afternoon, spake on psal. 2, 12, 13. &c. An extraordinary Crippled Man attended our Meet. - P. Potter watches to night.

11. To. D. evening. - Last 2 & 3. D. our 2 youngest children being exceeding sick: I spent much time tending on them: besides which rode to Const. Kents (2 D.) on acct of a black sister of the C. sick at Widow Hart's: call'd at Borden, Balys, & Woods on business: carry'd Sister Smith to Corey's, visited black sister in the evening, &c. (3 D.) felt much inform myself with a painful boil under left Arm & pain in Back, &c. 4. D. our children continued very sick: (besides usual business) I rode to the House of B. Sunday Jul. and attended the Marriage of his D. Hannah to Dan. Lake. 5. D. this C. according to their late appointment kept Meet: a goodly number assembled to unite in Prayer: and I would humbly hope the Spirit of Grace & Supplication was in great & good measure poured out upon both Brethren & Sisters: so that we united eleven times in Vocal Prayer! Mouths used, were (my own twice) Deacon Palmer, A. B. J. Taber, Deacon Earl, M. S. J. Rounds, G. King, C. Hart & J. Davenport: besides which, I was mov'd to speak a few words at 3 several times and in the close of the Meet. (which held about 4 hours) Read 58. of Isaiah: all glory to the Lord! before night my D. Mary had got much reliev'd of her disorder, &c. 6. D. she continued mending. But Ephraim seem'd more poorly: I thought duty to attend the funeral of (my Bro. & Father in the Ministry) Jonathan Ellis, who has long laboured in Little Compton, & died 4. D. aged about 60. One White, a young M. from Bristol pray'd; - and Bro. Samuel West (of Quishnet) deliver'd (not read as too many do, but preach'd) a lovely & affecting discourse upon Rev. 14. 13. - I visited Bro. White, W. Brown - Miller - Widow Brownell, &c. yesterday rested near as usual: went some distance for a Watcher (R. M.) & visited the distressed at J. Hart's in the evening. To day have enjoy'd marvellous assistance in preaching twice more on Zechariah 1. 5. and Mat. 11. 17. (great assembly, D. Rogers & with us) son Eph. is not exceeding sick: D. W. tarris to Watch - M. Coe, J. Wood & Rogers, &c. have visited us to day: I just now return'd from J. Hart's where I had much conference with Mary Comfort, &c.

18. First 2. of the W. - Last 2 & 3. D. spent at home (only visited a few nights night) Eph. exceeding sick, &c. 4. D. carry'd sister Smith to the ferry: visited & rec'd some supplies for my Family of Pt. Gray & J. Almy! 5. D. had much to do at home: (wood to back, &c.!) afternoon it rained. 6. D. visited Walter Cook, &c. yesterday rested near as usual: J. Weldon & J. Davenport, &c. went late at night to call Sister Wood to assist in with respect to our sick child: there was much lightning, thunder & rain. also this morn. there was heavy showers, so that but few came to Meet. I felt great stupidity among them, yet was enabled to speak with some comfort on these words "Crush the G. to E. under and these 'not my Will, but thine be done" - Bro. Job Taber spake a reasonable word after me, forenoon; & Deacon Palmer pray'd this afternoon: we had a solemn conference between meetings; since Meet. last. Handy visited our child ~~at home~~.

25. Last 2. D. tarrid at home: son Eph. being exceeding sick: 3. D. he seem'd some better: so that I thought duty to visit the Widows Ellis & her Fatherless children in their double affliction: also visited Eph. Simmons sick: Jonathan Simmons, Miller, &c. return'd early afternoon: towards night Doct. Whittridge visited our sick child and thought him a little better, nevertheless it pleas'd the Lord Jesus (near midnight) to take the dear Lamb we hope into his own Bosom: into a place & state of Perfect Holiness & everlasting happiness! leaving us for the present to smart (we hope to our profit) under this new Ord we never felt before. We had lain down to rest our frail Bodies; but rose to see him breathe his last, & blisp'd be God, for the Resignation he giv'd us to his Holy Will & pleasure. on 6. D. we buried the Body in Capt. Isaac Manchester Orchard: Eld. Bliff (my beloved Bro.) from Rhode Island attended & preach'd to us on the solemn occasion upon 1 Cor. 55, 56, 57. my hon. Father also & Deacon Tilly were present, with many other Brethren & kind neighbours. In the evening several friends came in: we had a refreshing conference & join'd Bro. Job Taber in Prayer. - Rested yesterday as usual. (Father & Bond Potter with us: last night & part of to day there was a most violent storm of Wind & Rain: nevertheless we have (a few of us) held 2 comfortable Meetings at the first of which, after I had pray'd, Read 18. of Mat. and spoken a special word with reference to Prov. 17. 16. My Hon. Father made further improvement and Deacon Palmer pray'd. At the 2. Meet. Father pray'd then I was enabled to preach on 1 Thes. 5. 16. (Rejoice, evermore.) after which sang 17. Hymn of 1 Book &c.: Father goes this evening to Dartmouth, &c. (This night 1/2 after 11 o'clock)

10. 2. Last 2. D. spent in a variety of Business: went to Mill: to Job Briggs, J. Gifford: &c. Father dined with us, & then set out for Newport. Job Taber & J. Hart spent evening with us; we were favoured with a blessed Gale of Divine Influence, so that Job & I both pray'd, &c. 3. D. spent as usual: went to high Hill on Business, &c. 4. D. sold one of our Cows to Eph. Potter. Visited Deborah Woodman (poorly) J. Davenport, &c. 5. D. forenoon husked some Corn gathered beans, &c. Afternoon attended C. Meet. at which a different case between C. E. & J. D. was settled, &c. 6. D. was visited by Friend Overnoll & his Wife: a number of neighbours to settle accounts, &c. yesterday rested near as usual: visited J. Hart: was visited by Mary Hart: felt my gloomy great part of the day: yet had a remarkable evening in talking with my children & Pray'd. To day the usual in Body & Mind have preach'd twice with much freedom to a great Assembly of Lovers 2. 10. 11. & Leuba 15. 10. Wife & 2 children is gone this evening to Meet. at J. Hart's, &c.

First 2. evening. Last 2 D. (Jozzy, &c) besides doing a variety of business at home visited Job Taber, Lillis Wate, Anna Wood, had much talk with Rufus Tripp, &c. 3 D. was much tried with (Compt Briggs) Widows Hart, Lashy Wood, &c. 4. D. journeyed to Newport, did much business, and heard Eld. Goff preach in Eld. Thurston's M. House in the evening. An excellent discourse upon Psalm 50. 5. 5. D. finished business: had a trying conference with a few brethren; laid hands on Mary Green & Prayed with much freedom & reached home in the evening: had a sweet conference with Job Taber & his Wife, &c. 6. D. was almost drowned in worldly cares; yet was enabled to preach with great freedom yesterday, at Robt Miller's near the Meet House in Little Compton to many People on Isaiah 26. 20, 21. And to day after preaching in the M. House ^{our own} on Prov 19, 20. I rode (with Wife) to Deacon Palmer & preached again on Prov. 8. 10, 11. after which Deacon Sawyer Prayed, we sang, &c. came home in the evening, & have since had much conference with Han. Richm. &c. I'm inform'd that the Widows M. Hart is at Deacon Earle, in a most shocking case: Oh!

16 late in y^e evening. Last 2 D. (after digging Potatoes, &c) visited Elis. Osborn and Israel Brownell sick: stop'd a few minutes at Sawports, & came home late at night. 3 D. (dug Potatoes) had a great trial with the mother of Elis. Cook: wote Brownell's Will, &c. 4. D. (after morning's work) visited Brownell again: saw the two Grays, &c: came home in much pain by reason of a fall in the morning which hurt my Right hip & Shoulder much; but soon forgot my pain in free & close Religious conference with Geo. Potter (son of Stokes) Pray'd sang, &c. 5 D. my pain & hoarse God was great: yet as it appear'd likely to plain (&c) I helped my Son dig our Potatoes, got Wood, &c. Rec'd a very refreshing Letter from One of my Spiritual Children (Peace Wood) Read considerable Scripture. & in the Evening Married Job Hart, &c. 6. D. being unable to work took Wife with me Left her at Tho. Cory's & visited W^m Davis, Deacon Earle, & W^m Army; came home with Wife for night had conference with Job Taber, &c. yesterday (being the Sabbath) rested as usual only with Wife visited sick neighbour Tripp: (was much tried with a sense of her stupidity) sister Manchester: (Brethren got me some Wood, &c) this Morning I had the pleasure of a Visit from Bro. Jona^s Jeffers & his Wife (sister Brownell, &c) & of hearing him preach a discourse (mainly) weighty & solid upon Jn^s 5. 23. since which we have attended another Meet^g at W^m Osborns; at which I was enabled to speak chiefly with much freedom on 1 Pet. 3. 13 - Bro. Jeffers return'd home with me just now, after stopping at Doct. Whitridge's by the way.

23 late in evening. Last 2 & 3 D. was very busy indoors & out (selling goods getting in my small Harvest, &c) yet went to 4 Cornes towards night (2 D) to bring home my Wife who had gone down behind Pt. Taber on a Visit and 3 D. towards night visited Pt. Gray, and walked home in the evening. 4. D. felt very poorly, yet walked to the High hill & back, to see to my Molasses: and did a variety of other business. 5. D. was full of Business: In Brownell, Job Taber & Wife, Lillis W. Theodull, Ephraim & Jonathan Tripp &c. 6. D. & yesterday was a great Rain: and to D. after preaching with much freedom on 1 Jn^s 4. 6. (we are of God, &c) and Bro. Brownell had spoken well after me & Prayed; I attended a Meet^g at Pt. Gray & spoke upon Eccl^s 11. 7. (truly the light is sweet, &c) from whence I return'd just now, and joined Compt. Peckham & Hannah Richmond in Marriage many witnesses, &c.

30 evening. Last 2 D. worked very hard on Turnips, Potatoes, making Pig-pen, &c. 3 D. was also very busy: visited Job Wood sick in evening. 4. D. spent as usual at home. 5. D. forenoon visited Job Briggs: afternoon attended Ch. Meet^g (13 D. & 14 Sister) took up the time in relating our present state, &c. 6. D. work at home with Job Taber, &c. yesterday, (being sent for) visited doct. Charles Torret sick at Enock Gifford's: and to my surprise found that altho' he was sick in Bed and upwards of 90 years of age his desire was that I should

should Baptize them, &c! on short search & examination I found him remarkable sound in his Intellect & Bodily Senses, ^{for one of his age} he made a good Confession of Repentance, Faith in Christ, &c: and answered all my Interrogations sensibly! - in my way home visited Joseph Wood again, where I confer'd with one Lake & his Wife from Newport. (she belongs to Eld. Thurston's Ch.) In the evening fell into so deep a study upon the peculiarity of my circumstances (called to so much spiritual or Gospel Labours, and yet so much Intertangled with the cares & affairs of this Life) that it seem'd for a time as tho' I felt the weight of a Mountain upon me: that my Heart would break, &c! But it finally issued in a close conference with my dear Wife, and fervent united Pray^r to our Heavenly Father: wherein I felt a sensible answer of Peace to my soul!! To day have been enabled to Preach with astonishing freedom & Power to many People in the M. House, upon Isaiah 45, 21 & 22 verses - (a Just God, and a Saviour, &c) After which, Brethren accompany'd me to Gifford's, and heard Doct. Torret's confession to their own satisfaction & mine: after which I was enabled to speak a word powerfully And Pray: then he was ^{taken out of his Bed and} carried to the water by Brethren in a Chair: myself & our two Deacons carried him into the Water: and I was enabled Decently & Solemnly to Baptize him: return'd to the House; Pray'd; laid on Hands; sang Praises, &c! All Glory to Jesus, forever & ever. Amen. & Hosanna.

11-6 First 2. of the W. Last 2 D. after morning's work wanted to give some religious Visit; but considering my Family was out of Bread, thought 'twas Religion itself to seek some for them: which I obtain'd thro' Henry at Wm Grays. had a lovely conference at Sawports: and soon after I return'd, Deacon Palmer came & brought me near 10 Bushels Corn from sundry neighbours for my pigs, &c. - Lake & his Wife from Newport. S. Taber, &c. visited me in the evening I had much freedom in speak to S. Taber's Family, & Fear Osborn who was there: return'd & sat up late, writing to Peace Wood, &c. 3 D. intended for Newport but was prevented: wife being poorly: I carry'd her (for an airing) to Job Taber, visited both W^m Wood's Families & return'd. Then visited Doct. Torret, &c to our mutual comfort. 4. D. morning had Colic: yet worked hard on Wood, &c: then visited Widows Brownell & sons: Preached with much freedom at the funeral of Leb. Grinnell's youngest child, notwithstanding the disturbance made by his wife (who appear'd to be insane) - 5. D. journey'd to Newport & return'd 6. D. had done much business: had a lengthy conference with Eld. Bliss, Jo^s Sanford Baley (from N. Scotland a speaker) &c: saw my beloved double Relative Mary Green in her right mind! all Glory to the Lord - yesterday rested as usual; only towards night (with wife) visited Jo^s Wood sick: wife came back very poorly, &c. To day, I trust the Lord sent his Servant Esch Carr to us, who was enabled to bring us good Tidings, and Preach upon Jn^s 16. 14. (he shall glorify me, &c) to my great refreshing.

13 Last 2 & 3 D. I spent at home in much business: Wife went with Aunt Giff^r to visit Deacon Earl &c: 3 D. evening (Baley spoke at Pt. Gray) I had much freedom in Pray^r at S. Taber's. 4. D. carry'd Widows Briggs to Jo^s Hart, visited Neighbour Tripp, &c. 5. D. felt very low in my mind, &c: however, got some comfort at a Meet^g at Pt. Gray in the evening hearing Bro. Baley speak about the Prodigal Son: spoke after him & Pray'd, gave him a Letter to a Ch. at Newport, &c. 6. D. was very

very busy: yet went to J^r. Savenport in the evening and once more heard
Ezek Carr. Preach upon Ephes. 3. 10. (to the intent we) spake a few words after
him and came home with Wife, who had tarried the night before at G^r. Grays, we
yesterday (being the Sabbath) Resid^d as usual: towards night visited J^r. Wood
yet sick & H. Day have been once more enabled to Preach with usual freedom
upon Jeremiall 16. 16. (Behold, I will send many Fishers we) to a great
Assembly - who at the close of the Meel. made Contribution we: since
Must have had conference with many, compos'd a Hymn, we; all G. to G.

20 First D. evening (late) - Last 2, 3, 4, & 5 D. spent chiefly at home in
A variety of Business: felt very poorly in Body part of the time: spent
one evening (with wife) at Isaac Manchester where I had freedom to speak of
some of my first experience on Divine Things: visited W^m. Nichs & found much
freedom of Speech: Bro^r J^r. Savenport worked one D. with us in gloomy state of
Mind Deacon Palmer visited us: as also a Black girl in Distress, we, we
6th D. Bro^r Baly visited me and we had much Conference: in the evening heard
him speak again at Grays on Jⁿ. 3. (as Moses lifted up the S. we) spake after
him & Return'd home. yesterday heard him again (in our M. H.) speak
upon Isa. 4. (7 women shall take hold of one Man, we) and to day again
At S. Simmons' (on these words cut it down, we) after I had Preached to a
Large Assembly in our M. H. on Num. 14. 24. (but my servant Caleb, we) &
Bro^r Brownell had Prayed, and I had Admini^r & Partook of the Lord's Supper:
Deacon Tilly with us, and tarried all night: just now Prayed with us, we.
We have had a Love Feast Indeed Both at the Lord's Supper & in our private
Conference: all glory to Jesus, forever & ever Amen.

27 late in evening. Last 2 D. found much hard work to do: among other
things was in a measure distress'd for Wood: but hind some Carded J^r. Bright
Deacon Tilly left us early: Bro^r Baly stoped a few minutes in his way to Belf:
Israel Brownell spent evening with us, we - 3rd D. (cold & cloudy) Deacon Sawyer
visited us in his way to the funeral of Samuel Taber's child (27. old) who very suddenly
died on 1st D. - Won Samuel had a hard spell of the Colick - afternoon I Preached with
much freedom at the funeral of a young child of Jona^s. Brownells son of W^m: at night
we had the first visit of Snow: a Considerable Storm. 4th D. I visited Bro^r Sister King very
poorly, O. Dennis, H^l King, Snyton Hart, Widow Mach^l. we: found Mary Hart at our House
in the evening and had a considerable trial. 5th D. so few attended C^t. Meel. nothing
Natural was done, except by Prayer, we: after Meel. I felt very melancholly thinking
of many things: particularly, how Rulers, and People, in this Land, are covering gross Sins
Under the new outward performance of Jewry than Legivings, we!! see Luke 16. 15.
6th D. it rained steadily: & snowed some fore noon I was very busy mending Windows, we both
in House & Meel. House. (Wife went to J. Gifford's & return'd) yesterday, being the Sabbath
Prested as usual (only wrote a little to J^r. Warden) young Tripp & Sarah Lawdry & us in the
evening; we had much conference, we: and to day have been Preaching once more
(I think with but little Life & Power) upon Ezekiel 17. 24. (and all the Trees of the field
shall know, that I the Lord have brought down the high Tree, we) since which confer
with Bro^r. Simeon Fish & his Wife; Sister Dodson, we: and meant to attend a Conference
Meel. of Brethren at Lillis Water; but the appearance of a Storm made it necessary
for me to go to cutting Wood, we. besides, I feel very hoarse & feeble. having much
Exhausted my strength of the lungs in Preaching to day, we.

First D. evening - Last 2 D. had several Brethren to help me
cut Wood, (Skill 3 Reg. 17. 243) we - 3, 4 & 5 D. Bro. Hart & son worked
some on new Cloist: on 5th D. I Preached with freedom at the House of Rob^t. Fish
on James 2. 5. Preacher my B. Brethren, hath not God chosen, we) Sister Fish seems to
be coming out of her languid state, we. - 6th D. worked hard backing Wood, we
not being able to find a Team at Leisure in the whole neighbourhood: towards night
visited Bro^r. Job Taber in Trouble & with him & others had a comfortable conference
and time of Prayer at Bro^r. Waters: from whence I return'd home yesterday, after
visiting W^m & J^r. Wood, families by the way. it hath snowed some, both nights
past and rained much to day: so that only 4 Brethren & 2 neighbours came to
Meel: yet, thro' Mercy we have had a comfortable time of Prayer, Conference, we
Lyne Shearman hath been with us all the W. part: Bro^r. D. Round came yesterday
and Carded us a Load of Wood: else it seems we should have been to D. in G. Distress;
But praise be the Lord for all his Mercies temporal & Spiritual. Amen.

11 Last 2 D. (S. Shearman left us) was obliged to hire help for out door work
being in great pain myself suppose of the Rheumatism: nevertheless wrote a Card &
Leave for a neighbour - 3rd D. rode to Rob^t. Miller's & got Horse shod, then visited many
Families (C. White W. Brown. J. Brown J. Sawney, we). 4th D. Journey'd to Newport to see
my dear aged & sick Father: found & left him very poorly in Body (with Cutid Treant
But comfortable in Mind strong in Faith Hope, we, & blessed be the Lord. spent one evening
in a Covenant Meel. of a S. the other with Father - and reach'd home 6th D. evening
poorly myself, & both Oxyguch, we: and the 7th it rained much in the night & was very
wet travelling yesterday yet having appointed it I attended a Meeting at Bro^r. Widows
things and was marvellously assisted while I spake on Luke 9. 60. (let the Dead
bury their Dead, we) this morning felt my Rheumatic pains again, however
Went to Meel. and with pleasure heard Bro^r. Brownell Preach upon Luke 19. 4.
and spake a few words after him on the same subject: now find myself & Family
A feeble flock: our child Mary very poorly with Coughing, we: much Rain fell
last night weather to day is Cloudy, foggy very warm for the season, we

13 Last 2 D. towards night (being sent for) rode to the House of
Caleb boy and Preached on Luke 9. 11. In his Dad's being very sick: confer'd with
one Lovell of Barnstable, & tarried at J^r. Dingley's - 3rd D. Preached at Bro^r. Hambley's
on Acts 11. 13, 14. & Return'd home visiting J^r. Round we by the way. 4th D. a number
of Brethren & neighbours with 2 Carts & 4 p^l. Oxen drew me 12 Loads of Wood: in
working on which I overdid myself & felt much pain in back, we got visited Sister
Dr. Burrington poorly in the evening, we. 5th D. with wife attended the Marriage
of our Beloved Bro^r. Deacon Noah Palmer: Bro^r. Job Taber came & tend'd my shop
we: on 6th D. evening I Preached at his House on Mat. 13. 40, to 43. Inclusion, & return'd:
In the night & yesterday was much Rain, as also last night: nevertheless I rode about 2 miles
and Preached with freedom (but on no particular text) yesterday at the funeral of J^r. Warden
ter only son. and to day (being exceeding fine weather, & warm for the season as it has
been 9 or 10 days past) Preached again to many People on Dan. 2. 44. (and in the days of
these things shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, we) J^r. Warden, we: & us.
Brethren met this evening at J^r. Hart's.

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2^d. evening. Last 2^d 3^d & 4th (unborn for the season) spent in a variety of Business chiefly at home: only 2^d towards night visited Samuel Taber's Wife sick to accompany my Wife home: found Com^{rs} Briggs & R. Grinnalls B. J. at our House, &c. 3^d towards night went to Osborns & returned. 5th & 6th at Mr. Hart's W^m Gray, &c. 6th spent at home, &c. 7th Rested as usual: (was a snow storm) yesterday after Preaching in the M. H. upon Mat. 25. 13. (Watch therefore, for ye) went to Cally Potter. And Preached again in the evening upon Mat. 24. 14. (and this Gospel of the P^r. shall be, &c.) After meet. had some pain of the Cholick; vomited all night, - and to d. (tho' very cold) visited Job Taber, W^m Mich^l (of whom I bought Molasses) and Taber the Miller in my way home.

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First d. of the W. M. & year. ^{evening} Last 2^d night suffered considerably with the extrem cold. 3^d it moderated: rained a little. Did much business. (washing made boards, &c.) 4th (was extrem cold again) visited Sister Burrington sick at Capt. Manchester: and after much conference & Reading, fell into a muse and perceived duty to lay hands on her & Pray: & after some conflict, was enabled to perform it. I trust to the Glory of God! had some peculiar thoughts & exercise of mind the residue of the day, &c. 5th was very full of business in the way of selling goods (more than ever here in one d. before) yet attended C^h. Meet. and 'twas a comfortable & joyful yet mournful Meet. too - we Rec. a new Member (Prudence Potter) Rejected Job Briggs, &c. - several tarried the evening till late at our House 3 of whom (Job T. Jo. H. & Cally Pot) were active in Prayer at different times; we sang, Exhorted, &c. all glory to the Lord. 6th (was thick, snow, & much rain) I had writing teaching children &c. to attend to. yesterday to my grief my Rest was several times interrupted by Persons coming to buy articles which I keep to sell (but not on the Sabbath) and considering their necessities; what weather 'twas the day before; the present extrem cold; slippery travelling; distance they live, &c. I let them have what they needed; desiring them to come no more on the Sabbath. Towards night Bro. J^m Maden visited us, with whom I had several hours conference; but did not obtain the point I laboured he'd for: he tarried with us, &c. My reason of extrem cold I had much to do of Bodily Labour this New year morning till Meet. time! greatly desired retirement: time for meditation, &c. but could not obtain it: however, was enabled to Preach with much more freedom, &c. than Unbelief could possibly expect (to the 30 or 40 who came together) upon Eccl. 8. 6. because to every purpose there is time, &c. and since Meet. confer'd with Bro. Ees, & others in my dwelling - Bro. Tobler Pray'd I had a special word of Ex^h for Deacon Carl, &c.) all G. to the Lord.

Late in evening. - Spent the W. part most entirely at home; tending my Shop &c. (weather being often stormy) on 5th did neighbour J^m Taber p^r me a long visit, & we had much loving conference; but still that which is wanting cannot be remembered. Oh! I visited neighbour Cadd, &c. & in the evening Enos Gifford & us. 6th (tho' stormy) Bro. Smyton Hart J^m V. us. (In searching Entick's (What Dictionary on the word Bishop) I find his words of explanation to be - "The Spiritual Head of a Diocese) the jurisdiction or Legal Authority Cingit, &c. of a Bishop! - What nonsensical terms are these! But the confounding of C^h. & State together, has made these Men talk like fools; in Innumerable instances of more importance than this! yet the scripture hereby, & in the Reformation of this matter is & will be fulfilled; which saith, "I will destroy the wisdom of the W. & bring to nothing the understanding of the Proud." Amen.) - yesterday I Rested as usual: Job T. & wife V. us, &c. To day, have been enabled to Preach on Rev. 1. 8. (I am Alpha &c.) since Meet. Verisify'd 149th Psalm: and have spent the evening agreeably with my Wife, J^m Taber, Job T. & Wife, at the H. of Tho. Taber.

1786. 1. 15

First d. evening. Last 2^d being call^d down to Abing's Ferry to receive a number of Goods from Newport, visited J^m Davenport. Col. Cook (P^r. Cory Jacob Taber, &c.) 3^d was exceedingly busy at home (Weather very moderate, &c.) 4th attended the funeral of the Wife of Aaron Hart (at the H. of Cally Simmons) Preach'd A Short Discourse to the People (on no particular text) visited the Blind & Deaf Widow Williston - Widow Burrington, &c. - afterwards, toward in the evening went to Mill & visited Stephen Brownells Wife (&c.) very poorly. 5th & 6th was at home: 6th afternoon was visit^d by 3 sensible young men (cousins, all of one name) one of which was Doct. Willbur's son of Hopkintown. In the evening I Preach'd with much freedom on Isaiah 46. 10, 11 - ("Behold I have refined thee, &c.") at the H. of Sam. Simmons: rested yesterday as usual (Wife visited Widow Burrington) This morning, tho' it snowed; a considerable number assembled, and I have been enabled to P^r. once more with great freedom on Mark. 9. 41. (what wilt thou, that I should do unto thee?) since meet. Deacon Palmer V. us, (Snow storm continued) I wrote to my Bro. Green, &c.

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Late in evening. Last 2^d went down to the ferry to carry Letters: visited Mr. Taber's Family, J^m Davenport, &c.: Preach'd with great freedom in the evening at the Widow Macomber's (where Susa Hart's dau^r lay sick) on Hab. 12. 11. (no chastening - joyous, &c.) 3^d & 4th days was extrem cold: yet on 3^d I walk'd as far as Widow Brownells with Jo. Hart who went to drive my Cow to J^m Brownells: visited Adam Hunt as we return'd, &c. 4th spent at home (Job & Carl Taber at our H.) 5th nearly froze while journeying to the H. of Rufus Tripp (sick) where a large number of us had a blessed Meet. at which I Preach'd on J^m 5. 6. (with those W. m. whole!) Bro. Job Dorden spake after me, &c. We had also another Large Meet. in the evening, by request of the Poor of the Town, at Sam. Sammons where the Presence & Power of the Lord was greatly felt & enjoy'd by some of us, while I spake (as the Spirit gave utterance) on Mat. 11. 5, 6. or Luke 7. 22, 23. for I had no Book to open at either of these Meetings) self & Sister Coggeshall J^m V. a wife all tarried at S. Swelleys. 6th morning visited & Pray'd with Trip again: & others by the way Home: went to Mill) &c. yesterday, being the Sabbath, Rested comfortably: there was a very great thaw much Rain, &c. to day also it hath Rained much: near the top about 15 assembled for Worship & I had a marvellous comfortable time while speaking on 1 Peter 1. 24, 25. (the grass withereth, &c.) after Meet. being in necessity, went to Mill In the Rain: & have enjoy'd a happy evening with my friends, Sam. & Job T. & J^m Hart who visit'd me, Pray'd, Sang, &c. also (I forgot to note in its place) Deacon Carl's Catech^{ism} & Prayer in Public assembly was very refreshing to me, all glory to Jesus, forever.

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Late in evening: Last 2^d was very windy, & about noon, our Well Crotch, Looep, &c. all fell down & broke in a heap on which account I have been the more confin'd at home all the Week. 3^d While visited neighbour Brownell sick &c. 5th had C^h. Meet. in our Chamber nothing material done (Carl Taber sent a request, &c.) on 6th was very busy trying to get up a new Crotch &c. in the way of Business J. Job Briggs, Jonathan Gifford, J^m Gifford, &c. in evening had a comfortable Meet. & Brethren at our H. Jo. Hart, Job Taber & self Pray'd, &c. an Indian Woman (Deaf) tarried with us. yesterday R. as usual: only toward night V. neighbour Brownell & A. Hart. and to day have been marvellously assist'd natur^l the Lord my great God to Preach twice first on Mirab. 14. 11. This evening on Isaiah 42. 18. at S^d Deacon Sammons. 7. Billy with us: Pray'd at S^d Deacon's, &c.

25th First 2. of the W. Last 2^d. (was very much rain yet) Jonathⁿ Brownell

Jo^s. Hart & Ruth Taber (W. of Stepⁿ) visited us: the last tarried all night. 3^d. Deacon Lilly in his way to Newport & us: by whom I sent 2 letters (to G. & Rebekah) 60/2^d to my Creditors, &c.: Afternoon I visited neighbour Margaret Brownell again & had blessed freedom & assistance in speaking to her, Praying for her & others present, &c. Towards night - Baley a public speaker & us with one Nathaway, &c. 4^d. was very busy about many things: toward night neighbours put up my Well Crotch) Job Tab. & Lil. Wate spent evening with us, &c. 5^d. one Dool & Sison were Married at our House: I was so unwell with a violent Cough & Rheumatism, could not attend Meet. at St. Grays. Lydia Taber wife of Job tarried with us. 6^d. evening had a blessed Meet. at our House at which Bro. Baley & Bosworth both spake, &c.: yesterday Eld. Lewis visited & Pray^d with us, ^{forward night I visited Brownell's Wife again} and to day the stormy & my cough is (very racking) I spent the with a goodly number for worship: & had blessed freedom in Prayer: and as there were 2 other Publick speakers with us (Brownell & Baley) was in hopes I might sit & be served: but as we all sat silently waiting on the Lord, these words fell with great weight on my mind; "what could have been done more to my Vineyard, that I have not done in it?" (Isaiah 5. 4) on which I was enabled to preach with wonderful freedom of Utterance: after which Bro. Baley also spake with blessed freedom, &c.

12 Last 2^d. (in my way to see about a B. of Log) visited for and Jo^s. Gifford: In the evening, after Bro. Baley had spoken at a Meet. at Jo^s. Hart's on Judges 7. 13. (to, a cake of B. Bread, &c.) I spake a few words after him & Prayed: he & Bro. Davenport (who had been Tayloring at our House) tarried with us all night. 3^d. about noon they departed (wife & Isaac Marchⁿ wife sick) evening I heard Baley again at Davenport's on Acts 12. 8. - (bind on thy sandals, &c.) we tarried there all night and spent chief of 4^d. forenoon together at St. Grays: after which I visited W. Gray Jo^s. Taber, &c. in my way home felt much engaged in conference & Prayer at Jo^s. Hart's, evening. 5^d. did a variety of Business Wife was very poorly with teeth ake, &c.: sent son Sam. to carry my Beast, for Bro. Baley to Ride, &c. 6^d. did much. (St. Taber & us, &c.) Prayed yesterday as usual, except another short V. to neighbours Brownell & Wood: evening Job Taber, Rudence Potter & S. Sawdy & us. I felt myself in somewhat of a cloudy & confused state of mind both last evening this morning & chief part of Meet. time: &c. Also much weakened in Body with my violent Cough: yet was enabled to P. with some freedom on Isaiah 5. 4. (wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, &c.)

19 Weakness of Body & cloudiness of Mind hath been my Experience the W. part & yet continues: nevertheless on 2^d. had some more conference with Baley the speaker who came to see me: & spent evening with him at Isaac Manchester's 3^d. was a great Snow Storm, &c. 4^d. I rode to Grays, sent Baley my Horse, had much talk with Davenport, &c. 5^d. at home. 6^d. evening heard Bro. Bosworth at Little Wate's speak upon Luke 19. 5. spake a few words after him & tarried. walked home yesterday morning & spent the day as usual: and Preached to D. with no great freedom or sense of Truth on 1 Cor. 8. 1. (knowledge puffeth up, &c.) Evening had much conference with a few Brethren: a Wadding (Raidon Gray &c) at our House.

26 Late in evening. Last 2^d. much Snow & Hail, &c. 3^d. spent at home 4^d. a number of young Women came to spin: I had Wood to get in the Snow: cut down two small Trees by leave of S. Brownell: Baley bro. my Horse, &c. 5^d. very cold yet journeyed with Wife & Job Taber: Preached forenoon at Mary Borthens on Rev. 2. 9. I know thy tribulation & Poverty, but thou art Rich. afternoon

at de Gershom Woodde's on verse 10. (be thou faithful unto D. &c.) evening Married Job Bowle to Abigail Tripp at Bⁿ. Jench's where I also Preach^d most D. with marvellous freedom &c. on 2 Cor. 4. 18. (for the things which are seen are temporal, &c.) from thence we proceeded to the House of Bⁿ. Borden & had a happy evening. yesterday Preached there with astonishing Power, &c. on 2 Cor. 12. 10. (for when I am weak, then am I strong! not mentioning (for want of knowing) where my text was: but Blessed be the Lord who caused me wonderfully to experience the truth of it! from thence we came home to our Family after stopping at Gⁿ. Gray's to warm, &c. To day I have been enabled again to Preach with great freedom on Rom 15. 4. for whatsoever things were W. aforetime, &c. - after which had conference with Br. Prayd particularly for B. Davenport: Celebrated a Marriage between Caleb Tripp & Abigail Lake at our H. this evening. since which a remarkable Gale of Divine Influence has blown upon us: Bro. Job Taber Prayed, we have had much edifying discourse, &c.

no 3. 5 Late in evening. Last 2^d. visited round the 4 corners had a remarkable time of conference & Prayer at St. Taber's & tarried at Davenport's. 3^d went to Newport: did much business; Preached to the New Church on Luke 16. last (if they hear not Moses, &c.) 4^d. returned in company with Eld. Lewis as far as St. Grays, where he Preached an Excellent discourse to us in the evening on 2 Cor. 5. 20. (we pray you, &c.) 5^d. came home expecting to attend Cⁿ. Meet specially call^d, but the Storm prevented many's attending - Job Taber Jo^s. Hart Jo^s. Davenport & Jo^s. Warden were with us: Davenport tarried with us til yesterday morning) 6^d. was very busy in things Temporal: Baley came & tarried all night. yesterday he accompanied me to the funeral of Old Widow King, and spake charmingly, after I had spoken on Luke 8. 52. (she is not dead, but sleepeth.) In my way home saw the Widow Rebekah Burrington (another member of our Ch^h) breathe her last breath at Captⁿ. Manchester's (Thus the Lord is calling us to prepare to M. him) Last night & this day has been violent stormy: nevertheless Job^s. Taber Jo^s. Hart Jonathⁿ. Lake, &c. assembled for worship & we have had a very comfortable Meet. I spake at 3 several times: once & chiefly on Jn^s. 3. 8 (the wind bloweth where, &c.)

12 Last 2^d. Preached at the funeral of Sister Burrington on Mat 13. 43. Then shall the Br. shine forth as the sun, &c. Baley spake & Prayed with me at a Meet. at B. Coches in the evening) 3^d. did much business & 4^d. visited for Carl. Season Carl. W. Willcox & Theⁿ. Cory. 5^d. toward night visited Captⁿ. Manchester's family. 6^d. besides usual Business had Wood to back from some distance, &c. yesterday visited, Preached the G. to & Prayed for old Neighbour Church, her Husband, &c. also visited Army that sick. and to day have been enabled to Preach with much freedom (tho' on no particular text) Bro. Brownell & many People present: (Celebrated Marriage between 2 couple, at West. Humphrey which &c.) Last to mention that M. Hart was in a distracted state at our H. 2 night & 3^d. last us 3^d. evening

First 2. evening. Last 2 D. besides a variety of Business (bathing Wood &c.)
 Visited old widow Briggs sick at Tho. Taber's: Margaret Brownell, a number of
 young Women came to spin for my Wife, &c. 3^d. was also very busy: Deacon Earle &
 Bro. Wilcox came & granted me a load of Wood: toward night Eld. Lewis came, & we
 both preached at Tho. Taber's in the evening, I first on Calm 71.9. from 1 Pet. 4.18.
 on 4th. I accompany'd him as far as Job Taber's: Visited Anna Wood, P^r. Taber: went
 to Mill &c. 5th. a great storm of Rain prevented my going to Jo^h. Brownells, where
 I was to preach in the evening (myself & wife both poorly with Rheumatism, &c.)
 C^o. D. Baley, Exeter, &c. were at our house: Davenport with P^r. Cory's Team
 brot me some Hay (from P^r. Gray) I had blessed freedom to preach the Gospel to
 him & old Mary Manchester in my house. Yesterday I rode to the M. House in
 Little Compton and heard Eld. Benjamin Tarter (from Newport) preach
 upon these words "who is on the Lord's side?" To day I have been enabled to
 preach twice more: first in the M. House, on Prov. 1.23. (Turn you at my reproof,
 with no great freedom: second at Widow Macomber's with marvellous freedom
 and sense of the worth of souls, on Mat. 20. latter part of verses 6 & 7. (why loye
 have all the D. idle? &c.) came home this evening much spent, &c. M. Sawdy &c.

27 2^d. of the W. ^(evening) Spent this day sermnight in a variety of Business. 3^d. (tho' it
 rained some & look'd as if there would be a long N. E. storm) accompany'd by Bro.
 Job Taber I journey'd to Bedford: first house I entered was Geo. East's, where I found
 Eld. Dan. Hicks & Bro. Baley: from thence we went to the house of John Lawrence
 Met a large Assembly at 3 o'clock to whom I preached with marvellous freedom
 on Acts 26. 9, 18. (to open their eyes, &c.) - at the same house there was a large Meet.
 again in the evening, which continued 'til near midnight: for after Eld. Hicks
 had preached an excellent discourse on Isaiah 12. & the Meet. was apparently
 dismissed, not one of the People would go away! whereupon Bro. Baley began
 to speak upon these words, "Go & learn what that one meaneth" &c.: and continued
 his speech 'til the People appear'd much affected; then Prayed, & exhorted again
 near half an hour: after which Eld. Hicks was amazingly fervent in Prayer
 and some of the People were so affected as to make an outcry: after which, I proposed
 a question or 2 to the People; and finally we thought duty to leave them & go to
 our Lodging at East's. Next morning (after visiting Sister Blackmore & she that
 has Deborah Price, a child lay sick) I met the People again at 9 o'clock &
 preached on Acts 18. 11. "he continued there" &c. After Meet. dined with J. Langworthy
 visited Sister Hannah Richmond that was; left town & preached afternoon to a
 great assembly at Arnold Bliff's on Heb. 4. 7. "to day, if ye" &c: turned all night
 5th. forenoon preached (to Quakers so call.) at the house of Philip Shearman
 with blessed freedom on 1 Peter, 2. 7. "He is precious" &c: Afternoon to a number
 of stupid ones at the H. of a Negro Man call'd Pero Russell on Acts 20. 24. - "so
 that I might finish my course with joy" &c: (had great freedom in Prayer at
 Barna. Shaw's) and reached my habitation in the evening. 6th. Did a
 variety of Business: rested (7th. or) the Sabbath as usual: yesterday, after
 exhausting all my strength in Preaching in the M. H. upon Isaiah 61. 2.
 ("to comfort all that mourn") took dinner in haste & rode near 6 miles
 to

to the H. of Christopher White in Little Compton where I met a very
 crowded Assembly, and with blessed freedom exhausted my recruited
 strength again in Preaching to them on Acts 7. 51. "ye stiff necked" &c
 was glad to see their close attention; had conference with several after Meet.
 & tarried at W^m. Brown's: from whence I returned home this forenoon, after
 visiting the old Widow Grinnell &c. by the way: found C. Briggs at our house:
 since which Tho. Brown, Job Taber, Jo^h. Brownell, &c. have visited me; & I am
 so full of meditations & thoughts of many things, that I should be glad to
 write some observations & Reflections; but must break off

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28 2^d. (evening) Last 3^d. spent at home in much business (wife at Doc
 Whithredg's) &c. 4th. very busy also 'til afternoon Rode on Er. lands as far as
 Grays: was in at W^m. Grays & G. Wilcox's; Prayed with Davenport in a Sherk case, &
 5th. at Ch^h. Meeting every one present declared that I should not offend or burden
 them (on their own acct) if I took the Liberty I have so long desired in my travels
 to Break Bread unto, & Commune with any Religious Society or Body of Christian
 People who desired it; and who in my own opinion were essentially possessed of the
 Markes & Character of a True Visible Ch^h. of Christ. But some present, had rather
 I would take the minds of this Ch^h more universally, before I practice -
 W^m. Cory was excluded our Fellowship for applying to a Fortune-teller, &c!
 6th. was Rainy: yet I did much business, & yesterday last night & to day has
 been violent stormy: Wind at N. E. very high; snow & hail near hence day on a level, &c.
 however, S. Taber & Jo^h. Hart came to Meet. to do ^{us} Pray, Prayed, &c.

9 2^d. late in evening. Last 2 D. spent in fasting & Prayer: as I sup
 pose a number more of this Ch^h. did (according to agreement) on acc. of B. Davenport
 &c: Bro. Job Taber came & united with me: In the evening, I had a remarkable com
 fortable time in meditation &c: 3^d. visited Davenport & found him apparently
 much more composed) Deacon Palmer, P^r. Cory, P. Cook &c. C. Briggs tarried w. us
 4 & 5th. at home: Jacob Taber visited us, &c. 6th. after much hard work visited
 Job Taber sick - rested as usual yesterday; and to D. after hearing Bro. Brown
 preach among us on Prov. 29. 1. I walked to the house of Steph^h. Manchester
 accompany'd by Deacon Tilly) where (tho' very weak in Body) I was strength
 n'd to preach with great Power on Prov. 22. 20. - surely I come quickly! &c

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evening. Last 2^d. Eld. Bliff & Dan. with S. Tilly in their way
 to Bedford gave me a refreshing visit: after which Wife & I visited Job Taber &
 Anna Wood. 3^d. (being sent for) rode about 14 miles by the way of the Mills, and
 preached at the funeral of the wife of old Ebenezer Pettis: several friend speakers were
 present: Eld. Hicks & Bro. Bosworth spoke a few words, &c. In the evening, preached
 & tarried at old widow Cornells. 4th. D. visited many in my way home thro'. Crambrook
 wrote letters to the Ch^h. in Newport & Bro. Jones: E. Bliff & S. Tilly to Newport & preached
 there on 1 Cor. 2. 11. - 5th. did much business, visited old Doc. Jarrett & returned. yesterday
 preached to the Blacks at Jack Blong's on Heb. 1. 1. visited widow Wilcox, &c; and to day
 preached on Rev. 17. 3. had conference with Affly Carre & a black woman, emacorn. &c.

2786-4-23 First D. evening. Last 2^d. after morning work & visiting Widow Wate, P.P. &c; took Bro. Job Borden with me & attended the funeral of a child of Leche Syre whom we both spoke with freedom (the S. must be fulfilled, &c) after which we visited the wife of Preserved, &c. 3^d. spent at home. 4th. visited E.D. Rowland sick: Preached with marvellous freedom at D. Grinnells on Isa. 55.1. & returned. 5th. Planted Pease, &c in garden. 6th. & yesterday spent at home near as usual. And to D. after Preaching with great freedom on Rom. 3.31. (do we make v. the law) Bro. Job Borden exhorted sweetly; and Bro. Brownell Pray'd; we attended another Meet. at Bro. Job Tabers [sick] where first Bro. Brownell Pray'd: then I was wonderfully assisted to Preach on Rom 8.18. (for I reckon, that the sufferings of T. P. T. &c) Then Bro. Borden sweetly exhorted & Pray'd & M. was dismissed: But as none of the People would go away! I had freedom to speak a few words more; we Pray'd again, sang, &c: & I returned home just now with some pleasing hopes (tho' my poor Body seems almost wore out) that I shall yet see a revival of Religion in our parts. (the natural sun has scarcely been seen all the W. past: even to D. it has rained considerable) Praised be the name of the Lord forever.

5--1 2^d. evening. This D. smight ^{was} very rainy: yet toward night I visited ^{Davenport, &c} P. Gray was taken very poorly at my stomach, &c, yet being soon relieved, had much talk & turned all night. 3^d. forenoon (tho' very weak & feeble myself) visited Jack Almy & saw him breathe his last, & expire: exhorted those present, went to Mill & returned home: afternoon Preached at the funeral of a Child of E. Swols, D. Sawyer Pray'd, &c. 4th. (after much worldly business, & visiting the Tabers Family) went & spoke to the White & Black People assembled to the funeral of Jack Almy in the other Meet House, &c and returned to hard work in my Orchard. 5th. D. after Prayer, & speaking sharply & solemnly to the few Brethⁿ. who came to hold Ch^h. Meet. I left them together and went and Preached with great freedom to the People assembled to Bury a child of Isaac Manchester Ju^s — then visited his Fathers Family — near sun set went about 2 miles further to celebrate a Marriage & returned in the evening. — 6th. D. (accompany'd by Job Taber) Journey'd as far as Arnolds upⁿ Blifs^s: where we arrived after sun set & tarried: found Death had entered the House just before us & suddenly fell upon Arnolds only son William aged 10 months: we exhorted & Pray'd with the family, &c, having also visited the Widow Gifford (sick speaker) Doct. Moxey, Shearman, &c in our way. 7th. D. or Sabbath; visited several in Bedford, & Preached at the House of one Blackamore, with considerable freedom, but in great weakness of Body, on Psalm 88.8. (without naming the place, for I know not then where the word were written) confer'd with many in the evening and Lodged at George East. Yesterday forenoon Preached there to a great Assembly on Prov. 3.35. (the W. shall inherit glory, &c) Afternoon at the funeral of Arnolds Blifs^s child (to a larger Assembly with amazing freedom of Utterance) on Mat. 24.44. — found many heavy laden Sinners there to exhort & Pray with, in the evening & this morning: left almost all the Family in tears; visited several Families (Shearman's Doct. Mary's Widow White's &c) by the way, & came to my own in Peace before sun set: (found windows Meet & Moxey at our House) was inform'd that Bro. Brownell Preach'd yesterday (to this Church I have the care of,) on Psalm 3. last verse, &c. Bless the Lord, O my Soul.

2786-5-7 2^d. evening. Last 3^d. did much business at home & visited Jo. Wood, &c. 4th. (being general Election) Rode down to the ferry to meet friends from Newport but they came not: visited Jer^h. Cook, for Almy, P. Gray (sick) Davenport, &c Gray, &c. 5th. D. Rode & walked near 7 miles on the Shocking, Awful, & Melancholy occasion of attending the funeral of Joseph Fish (aged about 27) who on 3^d. D. morning changed himself! apparently because he could not get this Worlds good fast enough: but the more hidden cause doubtless, was his Believing the Devils lies rather than the Truth of God! on this occasion it seem'd for a long time as tho' I could not speak: however, after sitting with a great assembly in profound silence near an hour, my mouth was opened to speak on that Scripture question, "What is Man." After giving the answer in part, declaring the case of the Dead hopeless, &c. was enabled to Preach the Gospel with great freedom to the living: spoke much to the poor distressed Widow who is left with 3 Children, &c. — 6th. D. did a variety of work, visited Davenport, &c: Sister Abigail & Mary Green v. us. &c. Rested yesterday as usual (had the pleasure of hearing & joining my young friends in Prayers in my Family) &c. And to D. (tho' very rainy as 'twas yesterday) Preached twice in the M. House to few hearers, but with much freedom & solemn sense of Truth — on Isaiah 51.3 (the Lord shall comfort Zion, &c) and James 3.10. "my Brethren, these things ought not so to be". Spoke against many wrong things & Abominations now in the Land (Slave trade, &c) among Professors & others: since which went to S. Simmons's to attend a Marriage, & returned just now.

14 evening. — Last 2^d. spent in various business. Jo. T. V. us, &c. 3^d. D. Rode down to the Ferry to send a letter to Newport: v. Davenport: returned v. Jo. Wood & M. West v. us, &c. — 4th. D. (rainy) wrote a Will (for J. W.) was v. by Jo. T. & M. West. 5th. D. went to Dartmouth on Business: v. J. Moxage Jo. T. & Anna Wood; afternoon went to Little Compton: v. Chris^t White W. Brown &c, drove my Cow homeward as far as Davenport where I confer'd with Jacob Taber James Rogers & others, & tarried all night: was marvellously supply'd with bread corn for my Family, &c. 6th. D. morning v. P. Gray aged Mother sick: — had near an hour conference with Eld. Ebenezer Hinds on the Road as I returned home: (who had been to V. me, &c) Afternoon carried ^{sister} Abigail with me to the funeral of Rob^t. East's child: Preached with freedom on Colos. 3.2. (set your affection, &c) left Abigail at J^r. East, &c yesterday took Sister Mary Green with me and attended a Meeting at old Bro^r. Rowland (after being much tried in the forenoon by the conduct of Widows West) Preached with usual freedom on 1st. J^r. 5.4. (and this is the Victory, &c) — and tho' tried again this morning, have been enabled to Preach twice more with very great freedom to large Assemblies on Luke 3.11. (he that hath two coats, &c) Acts 20.22. "but we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest." — since meet. with Wife visited S. Simmons, Sister Manchester, &c. Praised be the Lord.

Last 2 d. spent in a variety of business at home and near night a poor Cripple Man came to my House (one Isaac Sanford of Darton whom to my knowledge I had never seen or spoke with before) and told me that E. Taber and Col. Caley had informed him that I had a coat to give away, which he needed, &c. (I had indeed in my preaching the day before, lawfully (tho' perhaps not expediently) said that I had 2 Coats (through Mercy) and was willing to impart one to any one that needed & would call) whereupon I freely & cheerfully gave it to him: and afterwards had a very comfortable time of deep Meditation on the Divine perfections & Providence &c; Reading 6th of Luke, Prayer, &c: all glory to the Lord.

3^d. (some Rain) a number of young women came to spin for my Wife: I visited and found something to communicate to a Poor & sick Family not far from us: (J. H.) Afternoon went to Newport: (visited Deacon Jilly who had just returned from the funeral of 2 young men who were drowned) lodged with Father. next d. intended home; But Rain prevented: visited D. Briggs, unble Rogers, &c: did considerable business, attended an evening Meet. of a Chh. at Tho. Goddards & tarried. 5^d. came home after visiting Mr. Widow Gray, &c by the way. 6^d. (had a pig of Davenport) did much business, visited W. Hicks &c. Yesterday rested near as usual at home; only 'twas a dark & cloudy day with my Mind, and more tedious because my Sisters A. & M. were with us) towards night V. Jo. Wood sick. and to d. have been enabled to Preach with more freedom than could expect on 2 Tim. 4. 16. at my first answer no man stood with me, but all M. forsook me, &c) & 1st Jn. 3. 8. For this purpose the Son of G. was manifested, &c. (before & since M. had much hard work, &c to do.) let every evil doer be blamed, but the N. of the Lord be praised forever.

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evening. Last 2^d was very feeble in Body, yet did much Business in my shop, &c; and Preached afternoon at the funeral of Rufus Tripp at the House of his Father with marvellous freedom & Power on Jn. 9. 4. (I must work, &c) had conference with Abner Brownell: towards night sister Abigail left us: as M. G. did. 3^d. visited S. Simmons, Sister Manchester & Jo. Wood: having wrote much for the latter, &c. 4^d. wrote a letter on Business to Bro. W. (work in Garden &c) visited P. & W. Gray Davenport. 5^d. forenoon was visited by Elder's Jenkins & Burrows who pray, exhorted us to my comfort. Afternoon (in great weakness of B. & M.) attended C. Mart. with but few Breth: pray'd & exhorted: appointed Messengers to V. Martha Irish, Jn. Cook, &c. Davenport with us: D. Palmer. 6^d. remained weak & poorly, yet did much business: Ho. & Jacob Taber came to work, &c. Preached yesterday afternoon at the funeral of Jn. Bennett's child (visited the sick at Caley Simmons's, &c) and this day twice or thrice more on Deut. 29. 5. (your cloths are not waxen ds, &c) Jn. 6. 12. (gather up the fragments, &c) did Bro. Round spoke after me, forenoon: and Bro. Brownell this afternoon. O for another d. of Power!

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evening. Last 2^d was much Rain: did Bro. Round V. me, &c. 3^d. (some rain) yet went to St. Gray: for my Cow: afternoon work in Garden, &c, while a number planted my orchard. 4^d. was very busy (Davenport with us) V. Jo. Wood, &c. 5^d. was also much busy with business: V. Deacon Jo. Taber, &c. 6^d. Preached (with no great freedom at the funeral of Greenwood's wife: V. Deacon Amy, &c. yesterday rested as usual till next night V. & pray'd with Jo. Wood: & to day Preached twice more with great freedom on Jn. 3. 1 (the sign Rev. 17. 14. called a charn & faithful) Ch. met in my House between Meetings, &c.

Last 2^d. at morning work was seized with violent pains (suppose of Rheumatism: having had but little sleep the n. before) about my loins, &c: yet in the run of the d. worked considerable quantity boards carrying sand, &c. 3^d. spent at home in a variety of Business: P. Gray, Deen, & 3 or 4 men were carting stones & wood for me: towards night I went to Capt. Ladd, &c. 4^d. was very foggy & some Rain: read much in Salmon's Geographical Grammar. 5^d. visited Widow Sewle, Davenport, Esq, Deacon Palmer, J. Sanford P. Gray, old Widow Grinnell, Tho. Brown, Deborah Woodman, &c. (had Horse shod at Cory's, &c. 6^d. (whipped bushes) P. Gray, J. Wood, Jo. Taber Esq. & the Brownings were at our House on Business. I rested yesterday as usual: and to d. have been enabled to Preach twice more with usual freedom & Power on 1st Jn. 2. 15. (if any M. L. the Word, &c) Isaiah 2. 22. (cease ye from M. whose breath, &c) just before I went to Meet. heard the sorrowful & shocking Report that my dearly beloved Bro. in the Ministry, Elder David Simmons of Treetown, in returning cross the River (where he had been visiting some sick People) fell out of the Boat (being alone) & was drowned! either 4 or 5^d. & was buried yesterday: Lord support his bereaved Widow & Fatherly Child.

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Last 2^d. visited Chris. White whose d. the Widow of Cornelius Caley appeared to be in somewhat of an uncommon case of B. & mine: thought I was enabled to discern the case! had a solemn silent sitting with the Family: after which my mouth was opened in Testimony, Exhort. & Prayer. Also visited the Families of W. Brown, Robert Miller, D. Hodard (& spoke to the Town's Poor) & Geo. Simmons. 3^d. after much hard work in Garden & whipping Bushes in Orchard visited Providence Potter, Caley P. Jo. Taber (where I had conference with a Rochester M. & B. Brownell: after I came home a great Rain suddenly began, J. Brownings wife was confin'd with us some time by it, &c. 4^d. visited Widow Small & old M. Church: afternoon whip'd Bushes; had Calf kill'd; wrote to Unble Green, &c. 5^d. whip'd Bushes &c: V. Rich. Hart: Mary Hart & Samuel West (lives near Casworth) visited me. 6^d. went near Jn. Bodens to speak with Bro. Const. Hart: returned & whip'd Bushes & till garden. A. B. Ruth W. & Sarah S. with us. Yesterday went to Meet. with friends at Coaxet M. H. & with pleasure heard 3 old England Men speak of the Kingdom of God: after Meet. went & saluted them: stop'd & dined at Jo. Taber's: returned & found Aunt Rogers from Newport at our House: a Black Man came with a letter from W. Marchant Esq: &c. This morning had a remarkable exercise of Mind (felt much brokenness & tears, &c) was enabled to Preach & exhort with great fervency of Spirit, forenoon (after which Eld. Round spoke charmingly) again this afternoon on Joshua 1. 7. (only be thou strong, &c) Bro. Brownell concluded M; since which have had much conference with Aunt: work in Barn, &c.

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Last 2^d. worked with the Brethren that came to build me a Shop: visited Deacon East (to get shingles but was disappointed) pray'd at Bro. Brightman's was in at V. Cory's (Mill, P. Taber) &c. 3^d. went to Jo. & Geo. Brownells for Corn & shingles which I got & walk'd back in the great heat: work'd till dark: I. Anna very poorly in even. &c. 4^d. (with Aunt Rogers) V. Jo. Wood sick: spoke, pray'd, &c. was visited by Jonathan Jeffers Jn. a Preacher, Abraham Read, Ruth Taber: had another trial with widow Matt, &c. 5^d. carry'd Aunt Rogers to the Ferry, V. several & returned to hard work: Elis. Palmer & Peter Green came in the evening 6^d. worked very hard forenoon turning about in to

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into Shop, moving Goods &c: then rode to Lavenports & did a great afternoon's work at writing figuring, &c. Yesterday rested as usual (except a visit to Jo. Wood's) one West gate came to buy something, but instead of selling, I had some close talk with him on Eternal things. Providence P. came & tarried with us, &c. This morning I felt (a yet feel) very feeble in Body: (heard of the Death of neighbour Caiman Gifford) found great freedom in Public Prayer: Read Amos 5 - heard Bro. Brownell Preach on Amos 4. 12. had such a trial between Meetings had like not attended this afternoon! however, at length went & was enabled to Preach with great freedom (after Bro. Brownell had Pray'd) on 1 Chron.

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28. 7. (And thou Solomon my son, &c) many strangers at Meet to D. no singing; - Offences &c. First 2. evening. Last 22. forenoon did considerable hard work, had a good V. from old Benj. Jencks & his Wife, &c: about 2 o'clock afternoon my dear Wife sent me for Women to Assist her in Travel (S. Taber went for Granney Soule) through Mercy she was not very poorly but little more than an Hour! and at 12 minutes after nine in the Evening was happily delivered of her 4th Daughter (7th child) and after necessary preparations were made I had a solemn & joyful silent sitting with her & the company in which I trust the Lord was Pleas'd to work in us many inward exercises of his Worship, particularly Love, Gratitude & thankfulness to his most high and Holy Name, my mouth also was open'd to speak a few words to his Glory; after which I quietly retired to Rest the Body. 3^d. (very foggy) rode as far as The. Taber's then S. Margaret Brownell from whence I carried the young Home: (5 miles) in my way back call'd at Job Taber's for his S. Rhoda to Nurse my Wife spent afternoon in taking care of Holigis, Flower, Tea, &c just rec'd from Newport: Sister Jencks left us, &c. 4^d. was exercised with much work & various thoughts at home: also 5^d. forenoon: and was much affected with a sense of the Power & goodness of my Lord & Master in sending me Bodily supplies for the present Distress: to wit a New Hat by the hands of Bro. Abner Reed, Meal, cloth, &c by Sister R. Boden, And even 2 Baskets by Poor Bro. James Lake!!! which I offer'd him pay for, but he chose not to receive it, they being his own make at leisure hours: Afternoon attend'd Ch. Meet: had a comfortable time in Prayer & conference with those present; but was oblig'd to lament the absence of Many: Martha Irish was utterly Rejected (for 4th) &c: after Meet. was very busy til late in evening: was wet to my skin with Rain, &c. 6^d. Patience Manchester came to Nurse & Rhoda I. went away: I was full of Business: (helped Rhoda M. Taylor a little) &c. Yesterday forenoon rested as usual: afternoon went 5/2 miles to Visit a sick Indian Woman in Body & mind: (nam'd Martha Tochemonnah) 2 or 3 white Persons came in; I was enabled to deliver much Testimony, Pray, exhort, &c: V. Job 7. by the way & home fore sunset. 7^d. D. have been marvellously assist'd in Preaching; first in the M. House upon some Lines of the 15th Psalm (which J. D. propos'd to sing) He loves his Enemies, & prays, &c - next at Jo. Nichol's (3/2 m. off) at the Funeral of his Father Gabriel Nichol aged near 88 - upon Eccles. 11. 3. (and if the Tree fall, &c) to many People. Phoebe Edes came to D. to Nurse & Elis Palmer went away. Wife seems comfortable &c.

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evening. Last 2, 3 & 4^d. was exceeding busy about many things at home: (weeding Garden, hoing Potatoes gathering herbs, whipping bushes, &c) except short visits 2^d. to Step. Hart & Jo. Wood: 3^d. to Sister Manchester & 4^d. to Jo. Grandal) Jo. Wood & Deborah Gifford sick. 5^d. Rose about an hour before the sun & went to Hoing, then to writing & visit Jo. Wood: where I dined, &c. 6^d. Journey to Newport for Merchandise & return in the Evening! a journey I never before perform'd in a day: rec'd answers a L. from Bro. Jones. Yesterday was visit'd by a young Christian: J. Warden: wrote to Eld. Warden & S. D. Davis (was taken with a Coughing, &c) and to D. the very weak have Preach'd twice more, on Eccod. 14. 10. & 2 Kings 22. 2. (Stand still &c) He did that which was right, &c) Arriv'd Ch. & many People from far at Meet. (since which have work'd in garden) Phoebe Edes departed: S. Sundry came: Wife mends fast, &c. &c. Pray'd to be the Lord.

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15. Last 2 of the W. - Last 2, 3 & 4^d. was full of Business: (Tend. shop; hoing make Turnip yard, weeding Garden, gathering herbs, Caraway seed, &c) yet, lacking Wood among the rest: so that I could not V. my sick neighbours, for want of some help from well ones! Oh how lamentable! 3^d. Rhoda & Lois March. V. us. 4^d. S. Sundry left us, &c. 5^d. (after much work at home, hoing a load of Wood mow'd, &c) toward night V. W. Nichol's. Brought some Rice, (a milk pail), he gave us a p. of meat: his son told me Newport was in great confusion about what is call'd Paper-money: as we are also here, &c. 6^d. D. (whipt Bushes &c) toward night went to Willard's Mill. Yesterday forenoon visit'd Jo. Wood once more but find not much to do. Afternoon felt poorly myself, yet visit'd Deborah Gifford where I was mov'd to much testimony and Prayer: (evening) Double Green came to see us, and to day I've been greatly assist'd 2^d. twice more, on 2 Cor. 4. last verse. The things which are seen, &c) Rom. 13. 12. (the night I have spent, &c) after which Deacon P. spoke comfortably & Pray'd: since which have had much conference with him & Unble. Green, who (after they had visit'd Jo. Wood) return'd & tarried with us. Wife continues on the mending hand; I've many informations myself, &c.

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Last 2^d. after much conference with Deacon P. and Bro. S. Green, they departed: I work'd in Garden; & with Unble. Green on Hay, &c. 3^d. it Rained much yet I visit'd C. White, W. H. Taber, (Pray'd with Aaron Grinnall & Taylor sick in Body & distress in mind) M. Taber, P. Gray, & J. Sundry: returning to my family in the evening with Corn & meat. 4^d. very foggy & extreme hot: yet I journey'd to Fall River Mill (visiting by the way, Jo. Buff: D. Smalley, Widow Tripp, P. Sanf. Jo. Perry & Jo. Bowen) and return'd as far as B. Borden's: where, near sun set, we had a precious Meeting, at which I spoke upon Gal. 6. 9. (and let us not be weary in well doing, &c) 5^d. morning was so poorly with Cholick 'twas difficult to get home: however I was enabled to do it after stoping & Doctoring a little at P. Gray's by the way. 6^d. felt very weak: yet whipt Bushes some, but spent time chiefly at my account Books. - yesterday rested as usual (being some better) paid Jo. Wood another short visit where I had blessed freedom in Prayer, &c. And to day have been marvellously assist'd in Preaching on Rom. 3. 1, 2 what advantage then hath the Jew, &c (Wm. Cornil present, J. Warden, & D. & other friends) Abner Brownell, Pray'd, &c. - this afternoon I've had 3 several spells of Preaching first near an hour on Heb. 1. 1, 2. J. D. join'd together God - hath spoken unto us by his Son. & near M. spoke like this M. - then a few minutes to the intent of detaching present Rebellion in some - Lastly after M. broke up, was constrained to speak on the M. House steps, & cry as it were, Reformation, or Desolation! came home weeping: and could scarce contain myself within proper bounds in my private Retirements since! all glory to Jesus who Reigneth forever & ever. Amen. Wife continues mending, has walk'd into the other Rooms, &c: her Nurse leaves her to D. And Mary Taber is come, &c.

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Last 2^d. - after a variety of business at home, attend'd the Funeral of a child of Rufus Tripp's widow, at the H. of Bial Tripp: had blessed freedom in speaking & also after I return'd home (having many visitors: J. D. W. Wisp. P. Gray wife &c) til night. 3^d. had a long conference with Jo. Warden (whipt Bushes before) visit'd & Preach'd the Gospel to several Families in Darton (J. D. Jims. Tripp's sons & Anthony Tripp who lays with broken leg) especially Theophilus White's - when the poor distressed Martha Tochemonnah, now lies (whom I visit'd once before) got home at dark: and a day or two visit'd Jo. Wood (on foot). 4^d. Visit'd home again. (gather'd herbs, whipt Bushes, &c) 5^d. forenoon Ho'd, &c. afternoon attend'd Ch.

Met. at which the case of Samuel West (who desired to join us) was considered: my circumstances considered about, &c. 6th D. (had whipt Bushes, &c) spent part of the 2^d Writing for the Chh. & conferring with Samuel West. Yesterday Visited & Prayed with Deb. Gifford And Jo. Wood, again: toward night Sister Rebekah came. &c. — To D. (forenoon) after Prayer & singing feeling myself very weak within & without, there was long silence: at Length Old Bro. Round spake a few charming words about Jesus & Bro. Brownell Prayed. This afternoon I was enabled to Preach with marvellous freedom & utterance upon Isaiah 43. 10. "ye are my Witnesses, saith the Lord." Preached Election, &c.

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8. 6 First D. of the W. — Last 2 D. spent chiefly at my Books, civil & Religious: Visited Jo. Wood, conferr'd with Doct. Turner, Richmond, &c. 3^d D. Visited Deacon Palmer, for Woodman And Aaron Grinnell's Families: Preached with great freedom of Utterance to a large & attentive Audience at Christo. Whites on Isaiah 35. 8. — sun high way shall be there & a way, &c. 4th D. after some work at home sat out for Newport, but was prevented by rain: nevertheless I. a long visit to Jo. Almy, a short one to Wm. Gray & return'd home. 5th D. went safely to Newport: (was much affected in Conference at Geo. Lawton's by the way) Dined at Elly's And after visiting several Families, & doing some business; attended a Meet in the evening with the New Chh. & Preached on Jn. 21. 22. Follow thou me. the Lord was pleased (notwithstanding the confusion of the Times) to send us a Feast of Fat things full of marrow, &c. 6th D. near noon sat out for home: Dined at Lawton's, Visited Davy's, & reached home some hours fore our set. — Yesterday rested as usual. Visited Jo. Wood, & had uncommon friend In Family Prayers. And to D. have been marvellously assisted in Preaching twice more on Prov. 31. 6, 7. (Give strong drink, &c) & Habakkuk 2. 3. (The Vision is for an appointed time, &c) Bro. Brownell & old Bro. Round were active in Prayer: since Met. Job. V. & wife Phila. Weiden & sister V. us: we Prayed, sang, & all Glory to the Lord. W. feable, &c. +

13 Last 2 & 3^d D. spent chiefly at whiping Bushes & preparing ground in Garden for Turnips: besides which (with wife) Visited Jo. Wood 2^d D. & Sister Marchest. 3^d D. Rebekah V. Carl Taber's Wife 2^d D. — 3^d D. I heard of the death of Enas Gifford's 3^d D. &c. 4th D. V. & dined at Widow Brownell's: Preached at Widow Borden's on Jn. 23. 35. (what hath the Lord answered, &c) — In the evening went to Chace's Mill & left again: Rode homeward as far as Job Taber's, & tarried. 5th D. came home & went to whiping Bushes 6th D. finished whiping Bushes: V. Tho. Cory (with wife) return'd: conferr'd with Tho. Cory And V. Jo. Wood: saw Jn. Taber, &c. Yesterday endeavour'd to rest: pass'd through a strange course of mind about noon: after which V. & pray'd with E. Gifford's sick family &c. To day have been enabled to Preach twice more to a very large Assembly on Luke 2. 14. (Glory to God in the highest, &c) and am now going to a 3^d Meeting. Bro. Wood Came from Newport with his D. Hannah to D. time enough for first Meet. &c.

20 This day sinning (toward night) Preached at Aaron Grinnell's on Mat. 4. 23. (and Jesus healed all manner of sickness, &c) sang & conferr'd much with sick & well, & tarried all night: much Rain fell: in which I came home 2^d D. after Visiting & Praying with Christo. White's sick. R. Giff. & L. Kearns with us. 3^d D. morning had an uncommon onset of spiritual enemies: sat off for Mill: found my mind At Bro. Job. Taber's: helped him whip Bushes: return'd near noon, & whipt in my Orchard 4th D. Whipt more: Did a variety of work: V. Jo. Wood, &c. 5th D. Journey'd with D. Carl & Job Taber: Preached at the Funeral of Nathaniel Duffey (sister to Benja. &c) on Monday 10. 2. Proceeded to Eld. S. Rich's M. House & Preached again to a large Assembly on Heb. 13. 6. After the Congregation was dismissed, had M. with the Dutcher on Business till some time & arriv'd with Eld. S. Rich's. 6th D. morning Preached again on 2 Cor. 4. 2. Tarr'd at

Simon Chace's: Visited & Prayed with Samuel West & Martha (to whom I was sick at Theophilus White's) in our way home. Rested yesterday as usual. Recd 3 letters from Persons (unknown by face) at Nova Scotia bro. by J. Baley which were very refreshing and occasion'd a thank offering to the Lord: V. Tho. Rebekah V. Edw. Newport, &c. To D. I think I've experienced as it were a Miracle! For tho' I was but just able to stand on my feet in the morning (exceeding weak at stomach &c) I was strengthened to Preach Powerfully: first in the M. House on Jn. 3. 30. (He must Increase, but I must decrease) and then again near 4 Miles off in the open Air to a great Multitude assembled to the Funeral of Robert Fish (son of Robt) a youth of 19 years who Died suddenly: I spake on Job 36. 18. one for David (call'd a Friend) & Eld. Round spake after me; and I return'd home fore night stronger in Body than I was in the morning (having now spoken Publickly 8 times in 8 days) and have had a happy evening in meditation, Prayer, &c. all Glory to the Lord. — Joseph Samp. Baley came into our M. House to D. in time of worship, & spake after me (and therein has spoken again to a few this afternoon while I was going to the Funeral, &c)

27 First D. evening late: — Last 2 D. sent Sister Rebekah my Horse to journey to Fall River (being exceedingly hot) spent the D. myself chiefly in writing, Reading, &c. 3^d D. did a variety of Business: was greatly tried in a Conference with Jo. Samp. Baley (who V. me) as also toward night, & untill late at night, with Mary Start, who in a distracted manner kept round our House. 4th D. afternoon she left our neighbourhood: Job Taber V. us: I Visited Jo. Wood: evening was very sharp lightning &c. 5th D. forenoon whipt Bushes, &c: afternoon had a desirable time of Reading & meditation, mostly alone: wife being on a V. to Jo. Grandall's wife, &c. 6th D. our crazy Sister that came again & made such disturbance, I was oblig'd (I thought) to Drive her away with a stick: Visited by Jo. Davy's, Jo. & Jene. Weiden: V. & pray'd with Jo. Wood: Rebekah came back evening, &c. — Yesterday Rested as usual: much rain fell I composed a Hymn: Rebekah went to J. Grandall's at Sandy V. us in the evening: we had a happy conference, time of Prayer, &c. And to D. I've been wonderfully assisted to Preach twice more on Jude. 14, 15. (Behold, the Lord cometh with 10000 of his saint, &c) 2 Pet. 3. 14. (wherefore beloved, seeing ye look for such things, be diligent, &c) Dan. Rogers with us: (widow that at Sam. Taber's) And we have this evening had a lovely Conference: Meet at our House: at which Bro. Job Taber, Jon. Eds & sister Rebekah Prayed &c. all Glory to the Lord.

9. 3 Late in evening. — Last 2 D. with D. Rogers Visited Jo. Wood, &c. 3^d D. V. him again: conferr'd with Doct. Turner, &c who had been Taping Wood the 5th time: afternoon (tho' it rained) V. two other sick neighbours, to wit, Richard Pearce's Wife & old M. Church: had great freedom in Testimony, Exhort. & Prayer at both places, and also at home in the evening Friend L. Smith from the Vineyard being with us. 4th D. Jacob Taber (new) Wife & Sist. V. us, I Whipt Bushes (with old Bro. Wm. Taber) &c: as I have done at times all the W. — 5th D. tho' it Rained some a goodly number attended Chh. Meet. and by my desire each Related their late travel & present disposition to fulfill Covenant obligations to mutual comp. Wife & Sister Rebekah also spake very affecting. Evening I Visited Jo. Wood again, &c. 6th D. he Died. I was full of Business: cut down a large Tree, bark'd Wood, &c. evening V. Jo. Hart. Yesterday had a hard spall of wind Collich: yet Visited Widow Wood, &c. Wife also V. her: Rebekah & cousin Hannah went to Jacob Taber, &c. 7th D. after Preaching in the M. House on Amos 4. (Prepare to M. thy God) Rode to old W. Wood & Preached again to a very large Assembly in the open Air (at the Funeral) on Heb. 9. 27, 28. (It is appointed unto M. once to die, &c) tarried long with the Family: V. Job Taber: return'd, & had comfortable evening in Conf. Pray, &c. with Jeremiah's

First evening. Last 2^d. [tho there was great appearance of Rain & some part
I journeyed to Rhoad Island Visited 5 Families at Portsmouth (Job Cook, Ja^s. Bell
Cardon Taber, Jos^{ph}. Cobb & one Wilson who's dau. seem'd near death with dropsy)
And tarried at Eld. Bliff's. 3^d. Visited Eld. Thurston & Widows Walker, &c
And Preached in Thurston's M. House in the evening with as great freedom as was
I knew upon Jos. 15. 20. — the servant is not greater than his Lord, &c
4th. Visited more: confid with Volunstone Whitm. Nathbun attended a Meeting at
Eld. Bliff's where after Nathbun had Pray'd & Bliff Preached to my Edification
on Acts 10. 36. I also was enabled to Pray & Pray with great freedom: after which
Saw Bliff Baptise a Woman nam'd Cahoon now M^{rs}. Donald who by her
own act. was effectually call. by a discourse Preach'd by me near Bedford
(30th of 4th M^o past) Evening was a large Meet. in Bliff's M. House at which Bro
Nathbun spake upon Zech. 2. 9. (upon one stone, &c) I tarried with him at
Unble Green: enquir'd his call to Pray, &c. 5^d. Visited several, and Preach'd in
the evening to the new Chh, &c, upon Rev. 3. 21. (to him that overcometh, &c)
6th. was conducted safely home. Yesterday Preach'd again with freedom at Widow
Macomber's on Mat. 22. 1-14. (but was oppos'd by 2^d Bro. King) Visited Bennett,
Lau^{er}. &c. And to d. have been marvellously assist'd to Pray twice more
to a crowded Assembly on 1 Sam. 20. 2. (there is but a step between, &c) Hag. 1. 4.
(It is Time for you, &c) feel almost worn out in Body, but comfortable in mind, &c
Having again Preach'd 8 times in the 8 days just now ending: all G. to God.

Evening. Last 2^d. — A small number of this Chh. & Congregation
Assembled to consult about Repairing the Ministry House in M. H. S. whys. Bishes made
Task yard, &c: 3^d. Went to Fall River to Mill by the way of Job Taber who accompany'd me:
left Sister Lake from Newp. at our House) Preach'd with great freedom at Sister Lake's in
the evening & tarried at Dr. Swelley's. 4th. In our way home Preach'd at the Funeral of
Phoebe Osborn wife of Weaver; Dined at Ab^l. Brown's, &c. 5th. (whys. Bishes) afternoon
Visited (with wife) W^m. & P. Gray. 6th. Visited Job Taber (had home shod) confid with
Ann's Bliff & a negro Christian: had a sweet time of Prayer: V. P. Potter, L. Water for
Taber & widow Mary Wood. Yesterday rested as usual. Only felt poorly & stupid. Preach'd
V. Jos. Taber, &c. And to d. (after reading Jos. 14. Preach'd on Verse 3 til my strength
seem'd all gone: yet after about half an hours intermission was enabled to Admin-
ister the Lords Supper: since which confid much with Cr. Potter & her husband,
took a Ride into the Woods for Meditation, &c; but am permitted to feel great pain
of Cholick this evening, and resignation to the Will of God. Amen.

Evening. Last 2^d. afternoon Went with wife to Jos. Davenport's: left her there:
went to Jos. Almy's (to look at Molasses) V. Jos. Almy & returned home in the Rain: which
contin'd all next d. and I was very poorly (with Cholick &c). 4th. went for Wife:
and after Visiting Widows Bings & Soble, Eld. Willcox & Jacob Taber, came home
5th. (whys. Bishes) Visited Widows Wood, Const. Hart, &c. 6th. Dined at Jos. Richman's
Preach'd at the Funeral of W^m. Brownell's Wife (who was a Calover) V. Rob^t. Miller
(who shod my Horse before) Geo. Simmons, &c and returned. Rest'd yesterday as
usual: (was some Rain) Bro. Green B. & wife came to see us, &c
And to d. (tho poorly in Body & stupid in mind when I went to Meet) was
Enabled to Pray Powerfully at 2 several times (tho but one meet) on
James 1. 19. (swift to hear, &c) and Amos 2. 13. (I am press'd under you &c)
this evening a lively Conference has been hel. at our H. B. Brownell, Taber & Green B
Pray'd, &c. all glory to the Lord

First d. of the W. Last 2 & 3^d. spent chiefly in Whipping Bushes & finishing
Bro. Green return'd to Newport 2^d, but left his Wife & child: I gave a shot V. to W^m. Ladd, &c
4th. V. Job Taber, Dined at Jos. Cook's, & several at the Point, James Soule, &c. 5th. forenoon
Wrote to Sister Blachmer: Read, meditated, &c. (but was too stupid.) afternoon attend'd
Chh Meet. at which Samuel West & Deborah Gifford was Rec. (precious to which
we Pray'd twice in unity) Pray'd a 3rd time particularly for Bro. West who came under
Hands: lastly Bro. Brownell Pray'd, &c: Bless'd be the Lord for so comfortable a Meet.
6th. carried Sister Sarah & child to the Ferry: Rebekah also went: I visited P. Gray,
Col. Cook, Jos. Almy, Isaac Cook, who Buried a child 5th. &c. After I return'd
sent Son with Horse & Cart to Job Taber's. Yesterday rested as usual: Visited and
Pray'd with the Wife of W^m. Sanford very sick. And to d. after Preaching to a great
Assembly on Heb. 11. 31. (By Faith, the harlot Rahab perished not, &c) We remov'd
Our Meet. to the Water side (Willcox's Mill Pond) where I spake again to the
People; Pray'd; and afterward Baptized Deborah Gifford: and lay'd hands on
her (Season Earl went into the Water with me to assist in raising her as she was un-
common heavy & myself labouring under much Bodily Infirmitie) then return'd in
Peace to my Habitation: have taken food in haste and am now going by Divine
Leave on Rhode Island to attend a Meet. at Bro. Cardon Taber's this evening.

8. 7th. evening — This Day sennight, after the Labours aforesaid
Rode near 7 miles (besides crossing the Water) got to Taber's about
Deacon Tilley, unble Green, & a large Assembly to whom I Preach'd with blessed
freedom on Acts 17. 11. (these were more noble, &c) Nathaniel Marsh of Plainfield
spake a few words after me, &c. great d. went into Newport: did some Business:
V. several: Attend'd Meet. among Friends, & heard a Man S to come from England
spake many excellent words: &c. In the evening was enabled to Pray Powerfully
to a crowded Assembly in Eld. Bliff's M. H. (he & Eld. Thurston present) upon Isa.
1. 5. (why should ye be stricken any more, &c) tarried at unble Green, & 3^d. came
Home, after Visiting several by the way. 4th. spent at home writing, figuring, some
hard work (gathering Quines, &c) Jacob Taber's Wife V. us. 5th. V. Almy, Brownell,
C. Potter & W^m. Wood. 6th. it Rained violently: nevertheless attend'd the Funeral of
W^m. Sanford's wife: after which went to Jos. Water: return'd & spent evening in Company
of Spirit, tho Bro. Job Taber was with me, Pray'd, &c. Rest'd yesterday as usual; but
felt very stupid: (evening V. Sam^l. Taber) as also this morning til Meet. time; yet
have been enabled to Pray long time on Psalm 12. 1. (help, Lord, for the G. Man, &c)
since Meet. found my mind much buried up again with worldly cares! I trust not
by reason of Covetousness, but necessity: I when shall I be delivered from chains and
fetters, clogs & incumbrances, or have more Patience to bear, & Wisdom to improve
all to good purpose!

3^d. of the W. Yesterday (after digging potatoes, &c) Went to S. Simonson's on business:
from thence to Jos. Willcox's & Dined; then to the Ferry to see about Molasses, &c: Visited both
P. Gray's, and after sunset as I return'd was overtaken with a violent shower of Rain
And wet to my skin: stop'd at W. Brandall's: found Widows Macky, & Wait & wife Taber at
our House when I got home & was very busy til late at night getting up Molasses, &c. 3^d

3^d. was very busy about many things: and so violently strained myself in getting
 A Molash' lth. with Sugar on it - that I was obliged to cease from Labour some time
 towards night Rode to Dr. Manchester's to fetch Wife who had been there on a Visit &c.
 4th. was busy about many things: Elizabeth Tilly & us. &c. 5th. nearly the same
 Deborah Gifford, Barney Wicks, & Job Taber & us. 6th. was exceeding Busy.
 Sabbath morning accompanied by Brethren & Sisters (Job T. & wife: Widow White & W. West)
 Went as far as Stroud Bluffs near Bedford and Preached with wonderful freedom
 and Power on 2 Cor. 4. 5. (for us & not ourselves, &c) after which went into Bedford
 Where (in the evening) the House of Deborah Blackmer being filled not only with
 Persons of various Characters but I trust also with the Presence & Power of God!
 We had a refreshing Conference on Divine things: also I preached by way of
 Remarks & observations on several Instances of Conversion Recorded in Acts.
 Also two Women Proposed themselves to me & my Brethren to be Examined
 Respecting their late Experience or travel of Mind; one of which we all had
 a sweet Gospel Fellowship with; but could not obtain it of the other.
 Tarnied all night (with Bro. Bliss) at Geo. East's: and next d. after Preaching
 Again with marvellous Power to a large Assembly and shewing them that
 True Religion is not only a Spiritual; but Rational & Scriptural thing;
 consisting of both inward & outward parts; the s East's Wife Hannah (who
 was a Peckham) declared her Faith & experience before the whole Assembly
 Desiring Baptism, &c: whereupon our Meet. was adjourned to the Water side
 And the precious Ordinance was Administered: after which, we soon returned
 to the first place of Meet. where the Ordinance of laying on of Hands was
 Explained & performed also Preached some time & explained 1 Cor. 1. 17.
 Bro. West also was moved to speak to Edification, &c; & Meet. concluded solemnly.
 In the Evening a number Assembled again at East's House (without appointment)
 And much Exhortation, information, &c was given. (West exhorted, Taber Prayd, &c)
 I Tarnied again at East's, and yesterday morning visited several, (Ayres, &c) then
 left Town & Dined at Pelatiah Mathaway's: visited old Sister Maxfield & Hope West.
 Got to Bro. Job Taber's late in the Evening and Tarnied: and came home early
 this morning. Bless the Lord O my Soul! and all that is in me. B. his Holy N.
 on inform'd, Bro. Brownell Preached clearly to this Chh. in my absence on Rom 14.

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 First d. evening near midnight. Last 4th. did a variety of business at home:
 Also 5th. And visited Tho. Gory: p. W. Mad, &c. 6th. (Will Cole broke &c) one Holman
 A professed Christian from Rochester, Lydia Shearman, &c visited us: towards night I set
 off for Fall River Mill & Tarnied at Jencks's. Yesterday Preached at the funeral
 of Old Nathan Pettis's Wife (and returned in the Rain) And to d. after Preaching
 to very few in the M. W. (but with great freedom) on Isaiah 30. 21. This is the way, &c
 Rode as far as Deacon Palmer's & Preached again to more, on Malum 1. 7. From
 Whence I returned about mid evening accompanied by Stroud Bliss & Job Taber
 (who Tarny with us) With whom have had much conference, & join'd in Prayer
 Praising, &c, all glory to the Lord.

10-30
 Second d. evening. Last 2^d 3^d d. was very busy at home (many Flax
 Crayzy, Wife poorly, made Candles, &c) 4th. d. Tarnied to Newport: did much
 Business: heard Eld. Northrup Preach on the Net: Tarnied with him at Tilly's, and
 5th. forenoon came home: afternoon attended Chh Meet. at which J. Rouse
 was Admonished to Repent of his Drinking to excess, &c. 6th. d. had much talk
 with Saverpost who was at work with us: Rode as far as Hazard's Wharf on being,
 Prested the Sabbath day as usual. Preached yesterday with marvellous freedom
 on Job 8. 16 (which of you C. me of sin, &c) without naming Chap. & Verse
 for the words came with Power to my remembrance & I thought not duty to
 spend time in looking for them; but to rise & Preach. East & Ayres, from Bedf.
 were with us: bro. me a shocking Letter from Hannah Richmond that was,
 After Dinner Bro. Brownell accompanied me to the House of J. Borden at
 the N. end of the Town where a Marriage was celebrated: from whence we
 went to a large Meet. at Benj. Jencks's where, after Bro. Cole had Prayd
 I Preached to the People on no particular text - and Tarnied: and to d.
 Came home in a considerable Snow Storm.

11-5
 First d. evening near midnight. Last 3^d d. spent as usual at home. 4th d. was
 exceeding Busy waiting on Customers & Visitors, Piling & cutting Wood, &c. while several
 Brethren with 2 Teams were getting me (loads of) Wood: Deacon Palmer bro. me Goro.
 Cummins, &c: Noah Stant, his Bride & her Cousin, &c with us. 5th. d. also was exceeding
 Busy: helping my weakly Family: had some talk with one Bennet in the Road (as
 had also the evening before at Capt. Manchester) &c. 6th. d. A steady Rain confin'd
 me chiefly to indoor work; but I found much to do: yesterday Preached at Widow
 Brownell's (Dartmouth) on Mal. 3. last v. Then attended a refreshing Conference at Bro
 Brownell's with friends from Bedford: from whence we came home (wife being with me
 late in evening: and tho' I felt much worn out, have been marvellously strengthened
 to Preach to d. on Exod. 12. 11. (and thus shall ye eat it, &c) Administer & partake
 of the Lord's Supper; and take some active part in a lovely conference Meet. held
 at my dwelling W. this evening on acct. of Bedford Friends with us: (2 of whom
 to wit Deborah Blackmer & Hannah East were to d. rec. under care of the Chh.
 And found much freedom in talk til just now with J. Ayres & Wife who Tarny, &c

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 First d. of the W. (sun set) Last 2^d d. accompanied by Wife went to Bro. Job
 Taber's where we had another agreeable conference, parting advice, Exhortation
 Prayer, &c with Bedford friends: who departed mid afternoon & we returned in
 evening. 3^d d. was very busy about many things: chiefly trying to get salt & sugar can-
 ed on acct. of which I visited Bro. Taber (& Capt. March: in evening) was 3 times at
 High Hill, &c: was requested by letter to attend a funeral in Bedford; but could not.
 4th. d. had much to do: (lime came, &c) was desired at Newport on acct. of the melancholy
 news of the drowning of my Cousin J. Green son of Tho's. was also requested to attend the
 funeral of Matthew Bowers' daughter Gifford; but saw not how to comply! 5th & 6th. d. was

was very busy at home (cutting up winter Wood, &c) Wife poorly with toothache
Alphaus Pearce V. us. — Preached yesterday at Widow Macomber's: Bro. West
Exhorted: I visited D. Bennet, &c. Preached Christ again to S (at 7th Sabbath
to a large Assembly on Psalm 119. b. (then shall I not be ashamed, &c)
had much conference since with P. Gray's Wife, R. Gifford, &c

11-19

First S. evening. Last 2^d. after a busy forenoon at home, went & dined at
P. Gray, and about sun set reached Newport: where, tho' I went principally
to mourn with my Uncle's Family over my late crowned Cousin; I found
Occasion that very evening (at a Meeting of the Chh) more abundantly to rejoice
over another Cousin (the Widow Susanna Church) who gave evidence (by a good
Confession of Faith) that she had lately passed from Spiritual Death to life!
The loving instructions & exhortations of the Saints to each other on the occasion;
The Composure & reconciliation of my Uncle's dau^{er} to the Divine Government,
&c; also increased my joy. Next 2^d. had a lovely conference with Eld. Blif:
And as a Boat was ready to go to Upditch New Town, where Uncle J^r Green
lives, & where I had a long time wanted to visit; I thought duty to embrace the
then present opportunity and went accompany'd by Cousin Caleb: tarried and
Preached there that evening & the next town 2^d. evening, and on 5th. —
return'd to Newport (in a high wind: only about an hour & half passage)
Where, in the afternoon I Preached upon James 2. 20. (Faith without W. is D.)
And Baptized my aforesaid Cousin Susa (dau. of Anthony Shaw) We met again
In the evening: when Eld. Blif Prayed: Eld. David Lillibridge Preached charmingly
I spake a few words after him: one Bro. & 4 or 5 sisters also spake each a few
words: then Eld. Lillibridge Preached a little more: & Meet' broke up in good
Order & good Time; having been exceedingly refreshing to our Souls, notwith-
standing "certain lewd fellows of the Baser sort" had tried to disturb us.
All Glory to God for his Grace & goodness to us forever & ever. Amen.

6th rose early and after concerning myself about many things temporal
& Spiritual, came home to my Family in the Rain at 1 O'Clock accompany
by young Blif: wrote a letter to Bedford, & was very busy the residue of
the 2^d. & until late at night: (found uncommon freedom in Prayer, &c)
Yesterday Preach'd as usual (only Visited Widow Wood) and to D. tho' extremely
cold for the time of year: not only Preach'd with marvellous freedom in the
M. H. on no particular Text — but again at 3 O'Clock at Cely Pottery:
on Luke 9. 55. (ye know not what manner of S. ye are off) from
whence I just now return'd.

11-19 Moon (2) S. of the W. (evening) This 2^d. sunight was a great storm of Snow; but turned to Rain
fore night: (I was very busy patching up Floor, &c) — 3^d. (was also very busy cutting Wood
peeling Turnips, &c) J^r Borden's Wife & David Taber's V. us: — Evening I visited P^r D^r
Hart & had some close talk with Abigail his Wife. — 4th. (was very busy) R. Gifford,
Taber & J^r. Ayres V. us. 5th. was another great snow storm, &c. 6th. B. very cold:
R. Gifford V. us again) after much business, (selling, &c) I sat off near 2 O'Clock: and
Accompany'd by Job Taber, arriv'd at Geo. East in Bedford after sun set & Preach'd the
same evening with great freedom & Power at the House of our dear afflicted Sister the
Widow of Pompey Peckham upon Mat. 26. 42. (if this cup, &c) Eld. Lewis being also
there, spake a few words after me & we lodg'd together at East: — next 2^d. noon (be-
ing the Sabbath) Preach'd again in the School House on Acts 18. 8. (hearing, Believing, &c)
After which Phebe Cannon & Sarah Ayres on Profession of Saving Faith were
Rec. into Fellowship and Baptized. (a solemn word was spoken at the Water side
to the People, among whom were some called Quakers, &c) We met again for Public
Worship at East in the evening: where Hands were laid on the aforesaid Woman
And also on Widow Sarah Wait and I Preach'd on J^r. 2. 28. (and now little child
Abide in him, &c) After Meet' was dismiss'd many tarried long speaking to one
Another, singing, &c; and a young Woman, Elizabeth Tripp (S. of Widow) declar'd
the work of God on her mind to the abundant joy of such as know the Lord.

Yesterday morning, Rose early and were accompany'd by 7 of our Bedford
Friends (8 miles) to the M. House of Eld. Sam^l. Richards where I was again enable'd
to Preach with great Power on 1 Cor. 2. 9. (but ye are chosen G. &c) went home with
David Chace where I was most Marvellously Assisted in the Evening (while I
spake on 1 Cor. 13. 12 (now we see thro' a Glass, &c) Christians seem'd greatly
Affected: I had much conference with Chace & tarried. This morning, when I
Awaked on my Bed was much exercised with thoughts of my Decease, &c. after
Breakfast sat out for home (Cloudy, high Wind & some Rain) and reach'd my
Habitation after sun set: heard a shocking Story concerning Doct. Ladd's
Death by a Duel, &c!! What is Man?

12-3

12-3 First S. of the W. — Last 3^d. Visited & had much conference with W. Ladd's afflic-
ted Family, &c. 4th. Visited & Prayed with Sarah Taber (W. of J^r) very sick: Widow W. &c
5th. Attended Chh Meet' at which Bro. West improv'd his gift — J^r. Round was Labour'd
with: J^r Cook excluded from Fellowship for neglecting to hear the Chh. &c. (both Deacons
& many poor members absent: the 2 days before being extremely cold; snow in the night:
and yet heavy many Bass Fish Bone in the Ponds! and the people were taking them
for food) — 6th was exceeding busy, til late at night. Preach'd yesterday as usual
And to D. Preach'd to many (being snow'd for the season) on Mat. 7. 12. (what ye would that
men should do to you, do ye, &c) after Meet' walk'd with J^r. Hart to Abner Grandale &
Attended a Marriage (Bison & Willcox) then a Meet' at Widow Macomber's & return'd in evening.

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10 2^d. evening. Last 2^d. had Well cleaned out. (having had Water to fetch about 2 weeks)
evening a great Snow storm began, & continued all 3^d. (On 4th. I visited 3 nigh neighbors
5th. night more snow fel. 6th. evening M^r. Jones & Job Taber was with us: late at night a
— then terrible storm of Wind, Rain, Hail & Snow began & continuing til this morning: & was
soon of which (and the former) there was no more. we have had abundance of Snow since

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Dec 20 Cow went to W. Brownells (5 Weeks) 1. Dec. Isaac Cook ...
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A. B. the above mentioned Cow is 5 y. old this Spring: Calved the 7th Inst.: been dry 4 M^o. 3 W^o.
My other Cow is 11 B. y. old this Spring: is now barren: was dry 4 1/2 Months
the Calves against 1000 of 1786

785 - 6th ... 2 1/2 D. her Mother (30) 3 D. ... 11 M^o 21 went to Jo. Hart
10 ...
10. 2. ... 1786. 7th 3 Anna & Hannah went to School. left off 14th of 9th M^o

1786
no. 3
12. 10

First 2. of the W. (wintering) By reason of the 3 Storms of Snow &
which have been the W. past, ending about noon to 7 & hinted at in
the foregoing Journal. This day walked on the Snow over Bars
and Walls. The Snow being about 3 feet deep on a level!
tis a very distressing time among People for Bread, Wood, &
that Men would Fear the Lord; and turn from their evil
ways & Live: as tis to be feared many Lives have been taken away by the
Storms. D. Grinnell.

as full of Business of Various sorts: In P. Sick with sores & fever.
Visited W. Grandall, Doct. Whittidge (whom I lived with S. West: Minister
And Isaac Manchester & was 1/2 day sick at the Church, &
much trouble in the flesh - Melting Snow for Wife to Wash, &
5. 3. Rainy morning & great thaw dead, saw a pleasant afternoon: S. D. ...
And P. Manchester kill my Pig (wt. 117) I killed it: cut Wood, &
6. 3. (pleasant) M. J. Ames (who had been confined a Week at our House) went away
Bad travelling, yet I went to Mill: led a Drive Horse & Cow to Water, &
7. or Sabbath Preachd as usual in a measure of comfort. Anna Sick, &

17 12. (Great thaw: foggy, &c) Preachd with much freedom in the M. H. to about
On Mat. 2. 29 (according to your Faith, be it unto you) much work since.

18 23. much bus. by way of selling goods, altering Stables, &c: in the evening
had a Holy Conference with J. Taber & Wife, J. Hart & Wife, J. Taber, &

19 23. Visited Bial says Wife very sick: P. Manchester, S. Simons, J. Hart, &
22 This 3 Days very busy at home: J. Taber & Wife & us this morning: warm Weather

23 Sabbath. 2. Preachd at Lilibs Waits (on Act 14. 22) returned in the Rain: Wife's eyes very sore, &
24 12. because of cold & Snow only 2 persons came to Meet. (Saw Snow, &c) comfortable D. re.
25 This 23. very busy at home: (having Water yet to fetch, &c) only killed 1 pig, yet sick:
visited by Mrs. Brightman & me, with token of love: Weather clear & cold, &c.

27 after much hard work (went to Mill) Visited P. Gray, P. Gray, &c. (see supplies) home late at Night
30 12. Isaac Taber sick: attended Chh. Meet. (P. Taber, besides George is sick the 10th day
29 12. work very hard cutting & splitting wood: see main text: pain in Bones, &c

30 7. or Sabbath Preachd with much freedom: at P. Fisher: on last part of the day
& walk'd back thro' the Snow &c: dismal travelling because of several days thaw,
31 This day concluded the Year & my 7th Journal: and soon will come the end of all things
Preachd to 2. with Bless'd freedom, on Act 12. 14. All Glory to God, forever & ever