

at our house in the evening and had a considerable trial. 5th day so few attended church meeting nothing material was done, except by prayer. After meeting I felt very melancholly thinking of many things, particularly how rulers, false teachers, professors and people in this land, are covering gross sins under the meer outward performance of yearly Thanksgivings; see Luke 16:15.

6th day (it rained steadily and snowed some 'fore morning) I was very busy mending windows, both in house and meeting house. (Wife went to J. Gifford's and returned.) Yesterday, being the Sabbath, rested as usual (only wrote a little to John Weeden). Young Tripp and Sarah Sawdey visited us in the evening; we had much conference, and today have been preaching once more (I think with but little life and power) upon Ezekiel 17:24 (And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree). Since which conferred with Brother Zuriel Fish and his wife, Sister Borden, and meant to attend a conference meeting of brethren at Lillis Wate's, but the appearance of a storm made it necessary for me to go to cutting wood. Besides, I feel very hoarse and feeble having much exhausted my strength of the lungs in preaching today.

1785-12 Mo.-4 Day. First day evening. Last 2nd day had several brethren to help me cut wood. (Killed 3 pigs, weight 243.) 3rd, 4th and 5th days Brother Hart and son worked some on new closet. On 5th day I preached with freedom at the house of Robert Fish on James 2:5 (Hearken, my b. brethren, hath not God chosen); Sister Fish seems to be coming out of her bewildered state. 6th day worked hard backing wood, not being able to find a team at leasure in the whole neighbourhood; toward night visited Brother Job Taber, in trouble, and with him and others had a comfortable conference and time of prayer at Widow Wate's, from whence I returned home yesterday, after visiting Wm. and Jno. Wood's afflicted families, by the way. It hath snowed some both nights past and rained much today, so that only 4 brethren and 2 neighbours came to meeting, yet thro' mercy we have had a comfortable time of prayer, conference. Lydia Shearman hath been with us all the week past; Brother D. Round came yesterday and carted us 4 load of wood, else it seems we should have been today in great distress, but praised be the Lord for all his mercies temporal and spiritual. Amen.

11. Last 2nd day (L. Shearman left us) was obliged to hire help for out door work, being in great pain myself, suppose of the rheumatism, nevertheless wrote a deed and lease for a neighbour. 3rd day rode to Robert Miller's and got horse shod, then visited many families (C. White, W. Brown, T. Brown, J. Davenport). 4th day journeyed to Newport to see my dear aged and sick father; found and left him very poorly in body (with putrid feaver) but comfortable in mind, strong in faith, hope, blessed be the Lord. Spent one evening in a covenant meeting of a church, the other with Father, and reached home 6th day evening, poorly myself; was informed that beef was brought that day. Took physick, and tho' it rained much in the night and was very wet travelling yesterday, yet having appointed it, I attended a meeting at old Widow King's and was marvellously assisted while I spake on Luke 9:60 (Let the dead bury their dead). This morning felt my rheumatic pains again, however went to meeting and with pleasure heard Brother Brownell preach upon Luke 19:6, and spake a few words after him on the same subject. Now find myself and family a feeble flock; our child Mary very poorly with purging. Much rain fell last night; weather today is cloudy, foggy, very warm for the season.

18. Last 2nd day, towards night (being sent for) rode to the house of Caleb Cory and preached on Luke 9:11, his daughter being very sick. Confered with one Lovell of Barnstable, and tarried at Joseph Durfey's. 3rd day, preached at old Bn. Hambly's on Acts 11:13, 14, and returned home, visiting Jno. Round by the way. 4th day, a number of brethren and neighbours with 2 carts and 4 pair oxen drew me 12 loads of wood, in working on which I overdid myself and felt much pain in back, yet visited Sister R. Burrington, poorly, in the evening. 5th day, with wife attended the marriage of our beloved Brother Deacon Noah Palmer; Brother Job Taber came and tended my shop. On 6th day evening I preached at his house on Mat. 13:40 to 43 inclusive, and returned in the night, and 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 Joseph Manchester's only son. And today (being exceeding fine weather and 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 kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom). Jno. Weeden visited us; brethren meet this evening at Joseph Hart's.

1785-12 Mo.-26. 2nd day evening. Last 2nd, 3rd and 4th days (warm for the season) spent in a variety of business, chiefly at home, only 2nd day towards night visited Lemuel Taber's wife, sick, to accompany my wife home; found Comfort Brigs and R. Grinnell's b[lack] girl at our house. 3rd day, towards night went to Osborn's and returned. 5th day visited Joseph Hart, Wm. Gray. 6th day spent at home; 7th day rested as usual. (Was a snow storm.) Yesterday, after preaching in the meeting house upon Mat. 25:13 (Watch therefore for) went to Peleg Potter's, and preached again in the evening upon Mat. 24:14 (And this gospel of the kingdom shall be). After meeting had some pain of the cholick; tarried all night, and today (tho' very cold) visited Job Taber, Wm. Hicks (of whom I bought molasses) and Taber the miller, in my way home.

1786-1 Mo.-1 day. First day of the week, month and year, evening. Last 2nd day night suffered considerably with the extream cold. 3rd day it moderated, rained a little; I did much business. (Evening made candles.) 4th day (was extream cold again) visited Sister Burrington, sick at Capt. Manchester's, and after much conference and reading, fell into a muse and perceived duty to lay hands on her and pray, and after some conflict, was enabled to perform it, I trust to the glory of God! Had some peculiar thoughts and exercise of mind the residue of the day. 5th day, was very full of business in the way of selling goods (more than ever here in one day before) yet attended church meeting and 'twas a comfortable and joyful yet mournful meeting too. We received a new member (Prudence Potter), rejected Job Briggs; several tarried the evening til late at our house, 3 of whom (Job T., Joseph H. and Peleg Potter) were active in prayer at different times. We sang, exhorted, all glory to the Lord.

6th day (was hail snow and much rain) I had writing, teaching children 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 extream cold, slippery travelling, distance they live, I let them have what they needed, desireing them to come no more on the Sabbath. Towards night Brother Jno. Weeden visited us, with whom I had several hours conference, but did not obtain the point I laboured hard for; he tarried with us. By reason of extream cold, I had

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3- much to do of bodily labour this new year morning 'til meeting
4- time; greatly desired retirement, time for meditation, but could
5- not obtain it. However, was enabled to preach with much more free-
6- dom than unbelief could possibly expect (to the 30 or 40 who came
7- together) upon Eccles. 8:6 (Because to every purpose there is time)
8- and since meeting conferred with Brother Edes, and others in my
9- dwelling. Brother Job Taber prayed (I had a special word of ex-
hortation for Deacon Earl); all glory to the Lord.

10- 8. Late in evening. Kept the week past most entirely at home,
11- tending my shop (weather being often stormy). On 5th day old
12- neighbour Jno. Taber paid me a long visit, and we had much loving
13- conference, but still "That which is wanting cannot be numbered."
14- Oh! I visited neighbour Ladd, and in the evening Eneas Gifford
15- visited us. 6th day (tho' stormy) Brother Smyton Hart Jr. visited
16- us. (In searching Entick's pocket dictionary on the word bishop,
17- I find his words of explanation to be "The spiritual head of (a
18- diocess); the jurisdiction or legal authority cirquit of a bishop."
19- Note: What nonsensical terms are these! But the confounding of
20- church and state together has made wise men talk like fools, in
21- innumerable instances of more importance than this. Yet the
22- scripture hereby and in the reformation of this matter is and will
23- be fulfilled which saith, "I will destroy the wisdom of the w. and
24- bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Amen.) Yes-
25- terday I rested as usual; Job T. and wife visited us. Today have
26- been enabled to preach on Rev. 1:8 (I am Alpha). Since meeting
27- versified 149th Psalm, and have spent the evening agreeably with
28- my wife, Samuel Taber, Job T. and wife, at the house of Thomas
29- Taber.

30- 1786-1 Mo.-15 day. First day evening. Last 2nd day being called
31- down to Almy's ferry to receive a number of goods from Newport,
32- visited Jno. Davenport, Col. Cook, Philip Cory, Jacob Taber. 3rd
33- day was exceeding busy at home (weather very moderate). 4th day
34- attended the funeral of the wife of Aaron Hart (at the house of
35- Peleg Simmons); preached a short discourse to the people (on no
36- particular text). Visited the blind and deaf Widow Willistone,
37- Widow Burrington. Afterwards, towit in the evening, went to mill
38- and visited Stephen Brownell's wife, very poorly. 5th and 6th
39- days was at home. 6th day afternoon was visited by 3 sensible
40- young men (cousins, all of one name) one of which was Doctor Will-
41- bur's son of Hopkintown. In the evening I preached with much
42- freedom on Isaiah 48:10, 11 (Behold I have refined thee) at the
43- house of Samuel Simmons. Rested yesterday as usual (wife visited
44- Widow Burrington) and this morning, tho' it snowed, a considerable
45- number assembled, and I have been enabled to preach once more with
46- great freedom on Mark 9:51 (What wilt thou, that I should do unto
47- thee?). Since meeting Deacon Palmer visited us (snow storm con-
48- tinues); I wrote to my brother Green.

49- 22. Late in evening. Last 2nd day, went down to the ferry to
50- carry letters; visited Stephen Taber's family, Jno. Davenport's.
51- Preached with great freedom in the evening at the widow Macomber's
52- (where Susa. Hart's daughter lay sick) on Heb. 12:11 (No chasten-
53- ing, joyous). 3rd, 4th and 5th days was extream cold, yet on 3rd
54- day I walked as far as Widow Brownell's with Joseph Hart who went
55- to drive my cow to Joseph Brownell's; visited Adam Hunt as we re-
turned. 4th day spent at home (Job and Earl Taber at our house).
5th day nearly froze while journeying to the house of Rufus Tripp
(sick) where a large number of us had a blessed meeting, at which
I preached on John 5:6 (Wilt thou b. m. whole); Brother Job Borden

spake after me. We had also another large meeting in the evening, by request of the poor of the town, at Samuel Lamonyon's where the presence and power of the Lord was greatly felt and enjoyed 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 and old Sister Coggeshall, Job T. and wife all tarried at D. Dwelley's. 6th day morning visited and prayed with Trip again; visited others by the way home. (Went to mill.) Yesterday, being the Sabbath, rested comfortably, then was a very great thaw, much rain. Today also it hath rained much, nevertheless about 15 assembled for worship, and I had a marvellous comfortable time while speaking on 1 Peter 1:24, 25 (The grass withereth). After meeting, being in necessity, went to mill in the rain, and have enjoyed a happy evening with my friends Samuel and Job Taber, and Joseph Hart who visited me; prayed, sang. Also (I forgot to note in its place) Deacon Earl's exhortation and prayer in public assembly was very refreshing to me, all glory to Jesus, forever.

29. Late in evening. Last 2nd day was very windy, and about noon, our well crotch, sweep etc. all fell down and broke in a heap, on which account I have been the more confined at home all the week. 3rd day wife visited neighbour Brownell, sick. 5th day held church meeting in our chamber; nothing material done. (Earl Taber sent a request.) On 6th day was very busy trying to get up a new crotch; in the way of business visited Job Briggs, Jonathan Gifford, Jno. Gifford. In evening had a comfortable meeting of brethren at our house; Joseph Hart, Job Taber and self prayed; an Indian woman (deaf) tarried with us. Yesterday rested as usual, only towards night visited neighbours Brownell and R. Hart, and today have been marvellously assisted, notwithstanding my great cold, to preach twice, first on Numb. 14:11, this evening on Isaiah 42:18 at old Deacon Sawyer's, D. Tilly with us; prayed at Jno. Borden's.

1786-2 Mo.-5 day. First day of the week. Last 2nd day (was very much rain yet) Jonathan Brownell, Joseph Hart and Ruth Taber (wife of Stephen) visited us; the last tarried all night. 3rd day Deacon Tilley in his way to Newport visited us, by whom I sent 2 letters (to G. and Rebekah), 60½ dollars to my creditors. Afternoon I visited neighbour Margaret Brownell again and had blessed freedom and assistance in speaking to her, praying for her and others present, and towards night Baley, a public speaker, visited us with one Hathaway. 4th day was very busy about many things (towards night neighbours put up my well crotch); Job Taber and Lillis Wate spent evening with us. 5th day one Divol and Sisson were married at our house. I was so unwell with a violent cough and rheumatism, could not attend meeting at Philip Gray's; Lydia Taber wife of Job, tarried with us. 6th day evening had a blessed meeting at our house at which brothers Baley and Bosworth both spake. Yesterday, Elder Lewis visited and prayed with us (towards night I visited Brownell's wife again) and today tho' stormy and my cough is very racking, I assembled with a goodly number for worship, and had blessed freedom in prayer. And as there were 2 other publick speakers with us (Brownell and Baley) was in hopes I might sit and 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, Brother Baley also spake with blessed freedom.

12. Last 2nd day (in my way to see about a barrel of sugar) visited Jno. and Joseph Gifford. In the evening, after Brother Baley had spoken at a meeting at Joseph Hart's on Judges 7:13 (Lo, a cake of b. bread), I spake a few words after him and prayed. He and Brother Davenport (who had been tayloring at our house) tarried with us all night. 3rd day about noon they departed. (Wife visited Isaac Manchester's wife, sick.) Evening I heard Baley again at Davenport's on Acts 12:8 (Bind on thy sandals); we tarried there all night and spent chief of 4th day forenoon together at Philip Gray's. After which I visited Wm. Gray, Joseph Taber, in my way home; felt much engaged in conference and prayer at Joseph Hart's, evening. 5th day did a variety of business; wife was very poorly with teeth ake; sent son Samuel to carry my beast for Brother Baley to ride. 6th day sold much. (Philip Taber visited us.) Rested yesterday as usual, except another short visit to neighbours Brownell and Wood; evening Job Taber, Prudence Potter and Sarah Sawdey visited us. I felt myself in somewhat of a cloudy and confused state of mind both last evening, this morning and chief part of meeting time, as also much weakened in body with my violent cough, yet was enabled to preach with some freedom on Isaiah 5:4 (Wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes.)

19th. Weakness of body and cloudiness of mind hath been my experience the week past and yet continues, nevertheless on 2nd day had some more conference with Baley, the speaker, who came to see me, and spent evening with him at Isaac Manchester's. 3rd day was a great snow storm. 4th day I rode to Gray's, lent Baley my horse, had much talk with Davenport. 5th day at home. 6th day evening heard Brother Bosworth at Lillis Wate's speak upon Luke 19:5; spake a few words after him and tarried. Walked home yesterday morning and spent the day as usual, and preached today with no great freedom or sense of truth on 1 Cor. 8:1 (Knowledge puffeth up). Evening had much conference with a few brethren; a wedding (Pardon Gray etc.) at our house.

26. Late in evening. Last 2nd day much snow and hail. 3rd day spent at home. 4th day 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 brought my horse. 5th day very cold, yet journeyed with wife and Job Taber; preached forenoon at Mary Borden's on Rev 2:9, I know thy tribulation and poverty, but thou art rich; afternoon at old Gershom Woddle's on verse 10 (Be thou faithful unto d.); evening married Job Sowle to Abigail Tripp at Bn. Jencks's, where I also preached next day with marvellous freedom on 2 Cor. 4:18 (For the things which are seen are temporal). From thence we proceeded to the house of Bn. Borden and had a happy evening. Yesterday preached there with astonishing power 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 stoping at Philip Gray's to warm. Today I have been enabled again to preach with great freedom on Rom. 15:4, For whatsoever things were w., aforetime, after which had conference with brethren, prayed particularly for Brother Davenport. Celebrated a marriage between Caleb Tripp and Abigail Lake at our house this evening, since which a remarkable gale of divine influence has blown upon us. Brother Job Taber prayed; we have had much edifying discourse.

3 Mo.-5. Late in evening. Last 2nd day visited round the 4 Corners; had a remarkable time of conference and prayer at Stephen Taber's, and tarried at Davenport's. 3rd day went to Newport; did much business, preached to the new church on Luke 16, last (If they hear not Moses). 4th day returned in company with Elder Lewis as far as Philip Gray's where he preached an excellent discourse to us in the evening on 2 Cor. 5:20 (We pray you). 5th day came home expecting to attend a church meeting, specially called, but the storm prevented many's attending; Job Taber, Joseph Hart, Jno. Davenport and Jno. Weeden were with us. (Davenport tarried with us til yesterday morning.) 6th day was very busy in things temporal; Baley came and 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 church) breathe her last breath at Capt. Manchester's. (Thus the Lord is calling us to prepare to meet him.) Last night and this day has been violent stormy, nevertheless Job and S. Taber, Joseph Hart, Jonathan Lake, assembled for worship and we have had a very comfortable meeting; I spake at 3 several times, once and chiefly on John 3:8 (The wind bloweth where).

12. Last 2nd day, preached at the funeral of Sister Burrington on Mat. 13:43 (Then shall the r. shine forth as the sun); Baley spake and prayed after me (and attended a meeting at P. Cook's in the evening). 3rd day did much business; visited Margaret Brownell. 4th day visited Jno. Earl, Deacon Earl, W. Willcox and Thomas Cory. 5th day, towards night visited Capt. Manchester's family. 6th day, besides usual business, had wood to back from some distance. Yesterday visited, preached the gospel to, and prayed for old neighbour Church, her husband; also visited Amy Hart, sick. And today have been enabled to preach with much freedom (tho' on no particular text), Brother Brownell and many people present. (Celebrated marriage between 2 couple: A. Hart, Humphrey White.) Forgot to mention that Mary Hart was in a distracted state at our house 2nd night and 3rd day, left us 3rd day evening.

1786-3 Mo.-19. First day evening. Last 2nd day, besides a variety of business (backing wood) visited old Widow Briggs, sick at Thomas Taber's, and Margaret Brownell; a number of young women came to spin for my wife. 3rd day was also very busy; Deacon Earl and Brother Willcox came and carted me 7 load of wood. Towards night Elder Lewis came, and we both preached at Thomas Taber's in the evening, I first on Psalm 71:9, he on 1 Peter 4:18. On 4th day I accompanied him as far as Job Taber's; visited Anna Wood and Philip Taber; went to mill. 5th day a great storm of rain prevented my going to Joseph Brownell's where I was to preach in the evening (myself and wife both poorly with rheumatism). 6th day, Baley, Exccen [?] were at our house; Davenport, with Philip Cory's team, brot me some hay (from Philip Gray); I had blessed freedom to preach the gospel to him and old Mary Manchester in my house. Yesterday I rode to the meeting house in Little Compton and heard Elder Benjamin Foster (from Newport) preach upon these words "Who is on the Lord's side?" Today I have been enabled to preach twice more: first in the meeting 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 and 7 (Why s. ye here all the d. idle?). Came home this evening much spent; M. Sawdy with us.

27. 2nd day of the week (evening). Spent this day sennight in a variety of business. 3rd day (tho' it rained some and looked as if there would be a long N.E. storm) accompanied by Brother Job Taber, I journeyed to [New] Bedford. First house I entered was George East's, where I found Elder Daniel Hicks and Brother 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 26:17, 18 (To open their eyes). At the same house there was a large meeting again in the evening, which continued 'til near midnight, for after Elder Hicks had preached an excellent discourse on Isaiah 12th and the meeting was apparently dismissed, not one of the people would go away. Whereupon Brother Baley began to speak upon these words, "Go and learn what that meaneth" and continued his speech 'til the people appeared much affected, then prayed and exhorted again near half an hour, after which Elder 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 and go to our lodging at East's. Next morning (after visiting Sister Blackmore and she that was Deborah Price, whose child lay sick) I met the people again at 9 o'clock and preached on Acts 18:11 "And he continued there." After meeting dined with J. Langworthy, visited Sister Hannah Richmond that was; left town and preached afternoon to a great assembly at Arnold Bliss's on Heb. 4:7, "Today, if ye"; tarried all night.

5th day forenoon preached (to Quakers so called) at the house of Philip Shearman with blessed freedom on 1 Peter 2:7, "He is precious"; afternoon to a number of stupid ones at the house of a Negro man called Pero Russel on Acts 20:24, "So that I might finish my course with joy." (Had great freedom in prayer at Barna. Shaw's) and reached my habitation in the evening. 6th day did a variety of business; rested (7th day or the Sabbath) as usual yesterday, after exhausting all my strength in preaching in the meeting house upon Isaiah 61:2, "To comfort all that mourn." Took dinner in haste and rode near 6 miles to the house 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 stiffnecked" and was glad to see their clost attention. Had conference with several after meeting and tarried at Wm. Brown's, from whence I returned home this forenoon, after visiting the old widow Grinnell, by the way; found C. Briggs at our house. Since which Thomas Brown, Job Taber, Joseph Brownell, have visited me, and I am so full of meditations and thoughts of many things, that I just now wrote a poem and should be glad to write some observations and reflections, but must break off.

4 Mo.-2. First day (evening). Last 3rd day spent at home in much business (wife at Doctor Whittredge's). 4th day very busy also til afternoon; rode on errands as far as Philip Gray's; was in at Wm. Gray's and G. Willcox'es (prayed with Davenport in a shocking case). 5th day at church meeting every one present declared that I should not offend or burden them (on their own account) if I took the liberty I have so long desired in my travels to break bread unto, and commune with, any religious society or body of Christian people who desired it, and who in my own opinion were essentially professed of the marks and character of a true visible church of Christ. But some present had rather I would take the minds of this church more universally, before I practice. Wm. Cory was excluded our fellowship for applying to a fortune-teller. 6th day was rainy, yet I did much business, visited Joseph Hart.

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3- Yesterday, last night and today has been violent stormy; wind at
4- N.E. very high, snow and hail near knee deep on a level, however
5- S. Taber and Joseph Hart came to meeting today and we read, prayed.

6- 9. First day, late in evening. Last 2nd day spent in fasting and
7- prayer, as I suppose a number more of this church did (according
8- to agreement) on account of Brother Davenport; Brother Job Taber
9- came and united with me. In the evening I had a remarkable com-
10- fortable time in meditation. 3rd day visited Davenport (and found
11- him apparrently much more composed), Deacon Palmer, Philip Cory,
12- P. Cook. (C. Brigs tarried with us.) 4th and 5th days at home;
13- Jacob Taber visited us. 6th day, after much hard work, visited
14- Brother Job Taber, sick. Rested as usual yesterday, and today
15- after hearing Brother Brownell preach among us on Prov. 29:1, I
16- walked to the house of Stephen Manchester, accompanied by Deacon
17- Tilly where, tho' very weak in body, I was strengthened to preach
18- with great power on Rev. 22:20, Surely I come quickly.

19- 16, evening. Last 2nd day, Elder Bliss and daughter, with D.
20- Tilley, in their way to Bedford gave me a refreshing visit, after
21- which wife and I visited Job Taber and Anna Wood. 3rd day (being
22- sent for) rode about 14 miles by the way of the mills, and preach-
23- ed at the funeral of the wife of old Ebenezer Pettis. Several
24- Friend speakers were present; Elder Hicks and Brother Bosworth
25- spake a few words. In the evening, preached and tarried at old
26- Widow Cornel's. 4th day visited many in my way home thro' Cram-
27- bury Neck; wrote letters to the church in Newport and Brother
28- Jones. 5th day visited 2 Negro men, sick; accompanied E. Bliss
29- and D. Tilley to Newport and preached there on 1 Cor. 2:11. 6th
30- day did much business, visited old Doctor Jerret and returned.
31- Yesterday preached to the blacks at Jack Almy's on Heb. 1:1,
32- visited Widow Willcox; and to day preached on Rev. 17:3; had con-
33- ference with Alfry Pearce and a black woman, concerned.

34- 1786-4 Mo.-23rd. First day, evening. Last 2nd day, after morning
35- work and visiting Widow Wate, P.P., took Brother Job Borden with
36- me and attended the funeral of a child of Zecheus Dyre, where we
37- both spake with freedom (the ss. must be fulfilled), after which
38- we visited the wife of Preserved [Dyre?]. 3rd day spent at home.
39- 4th day visited Elder Round, sick; preached with marvellous free-
40- dom at D. Grinnell's on Isa. 55:1 and returned. 5th day planted
41- pease in garden. 6th day and yesterday spent at home near as
42- usual, and today after preaching with great freedom on Rom. 3:31
43- (Do we t. make v. the law) Brother Job Borden exhorted sweetly,
44- and Brother Brownell prayed. We attended another meeting at
45- Brother Job Taber's (sick) where first Brother Brownell prayed,
46- then I was wonderfully assisted to preach on Rom. 8:18 (For I
47- reckon, that the sufferings of t. p. t.). Then Brother Borden
48- sweetly exhorted and prayed and meeting was dismissed; but as none
49- of the people would go away, I had freedom to speak a few words
50- more, we prayed again, sang, and I returned home just now, with
51- some pleasing hopes (tho' my poor body seems almost wore out) that
52- I shall yet see a revival of religion in our parts. (The natural
53- sun has scarcely been seen all the week past; even today it has
54- rained considerable.) Praised be the name of the Lord forever.

55- 5 Mo.-1. 2nd day evening. This day sennight (very rainy yet) to-
56- wards night I visited Davenport, and Philip Gray. Was taken very
57- poorly at my stomach, yet being soon relieved, had much talk and
58- tarried all night. 3rd day forenoon (tho' very weak and feeble
59- myself) visited Jack Almy and saw him breathe his last, and expire.

Exhorted those present, went to mill, and returned home; afternoon preached at the funeral of a child of E. Divol's; D. Sawyer prayed. 4th day (after much worldly business and visiting Thomas Taber's family) went and spake to the white and black people assembled to the funeral of Jack Almy in the other meeting house, and returned to hard work in my orchard. 5th day after prayer and speaking sharply and solemnly to the few brethren who came to hold church meeting, I left them together and went and preached with great freedom to the people assembled to bury a child of Isaac Manchester Jr.'s, then visited his father's family. Near sunset went about 2 miles further to celebrate a marriage and returned in the evening.

6th day (accompanied by Job Taber) journeyed as far as Arnold and Jno. Bliss'es, where we arrived after sun set and tarried; found death had entered the house just before us and suddenly fell upon Arnold's only son William aged 10 months. We exhorted and prayed with the families, having also visited the widow Gifford (Friend speaker), Doctor Marcy, Shearman, in our way. 7th day or Sabbath, visited several in Bedford, and preached at the house of one Blackamore, with considerable freedom, but in great weakness of body, on Psalm 85:8 (without naming the place, for I knew not then where the words were written). Confered with many in the evening and lodged at George East's. Yesterday forenoon preached there to a great assembly on Prov. 3:35 (The w. shall inherit glory). Afternoon at the funeral of Arnold Bliss's child (to a larger assembly with amazing freedom of utterance) on Mat. 24:44; found many heavy laden sinners there to exhort and pray with, in the evening and this morning. Left almost all the family in tears, visited several families (Shearman's, Doctor Marcy's, Widow White's) by the way, and came to my own in peace before sun set. (Found widows Hart and Macomber at our house.) Was informed that Brother Brownell preached yesterday (to this church I have the care of) on Psalm 3rd, last verse. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

1786-5 Mo.-7 day. First day evening. Last 3rd day did much business at home and visited Joseph Wood. 4th day (being general election) rode down to the ferry to meet friends from Newport but they came not. Visited Jeremiah Cook, Jno. Almy, Philip Gray (Neck), Davenport, W. Gray. 5th day rode and walked near 7 miles on the shocking, awful, and melancholy occasion of attending the funeral of Joseph Fish (aged about 27) who on 3rd day morning hanged himself, apparently because he could not get this world's good fast enough, but the more hidden cause, doubtless, was his believing the devil's lies rather than the truth of God! On this occasion it seemed for a long time as tho' I could not speak; however, after siting 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, was enabled to preach the gospel with great freedom to the living; spake much to the poor distressed widow who is left with 3 children. 6th day did a variety of work, visited Davenport; Sister Abigail and Mary Green visited us. Rested yesterday as usual (had the pleasure of hearing and joining my young friends in prayer in my family). And today (tho' very rainy as 'twas yesterday) preached twice in the meeting house to few hearers, but with much freedom and solemn sense of truth on Isaiah 51:3 (The Lord shall comfort Zion) and James 3:10, "My brethren, these things ought not so to be." Spake against many wrong things and abominations now in the land (slave trade) among professors and others. Since which went to S. Simmons's to attend a marriage, and returned just now.

14. Evening. Last 2nd day spent in various business; Job Taber visited us. 3rd day rode down to the ferry to send a letter to Newport; visited Davenport, returned and visited Joseph Wood, and Stephen Manchester; M. Hart visited us. 4th day (rainy) wrote a will (for J.W.) was visited by Job T. and W. and Mrs. Ames of Rochester. 5th day went to Dartmouth on business; visited Jno. Armatage, Job Taber and Anna Wood. Afternoon went to Little Compton; visited Christopher White, Wm. Brown. Drove my cow homeward as far as Davenport's where I conferred with Jacob Taber, James Rogers and others and tarried all night; was marvellously supplied with bread corn for my family. 6th day morning visited Philip Gray's aged mother, sick; had near an hour's conference with Elder Ebenezer Hinds on the road as I returned home (who had been to visit me). Afternoon carried Sister Abigail with me to the funeral of Robert Earl's child; preached with freedom on Colos. 3:2 (Set your affection); left Abigail at Jno. Earl's. Yesterday took Sister Mary Green with me and attended a meeting at old Brother Round's (after being much tried in the forenoon by the conduct of Widow Hart). Preached with usual freedom on 1 John 5:4 (And this is the victory) 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), Acts 28:22, "But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest." Since meeting, with wife, visited Sm. Simmons, Sister Manchester. Praised be the Lord.

1786-5 Mo.-21. First day of the week. Last 2nd day spent in a variety of business at home and near night a poor cripple man came to my house (one Isaac Sanford of Dartmouth, whom to my knowledge I had never seen or spake with before) and told me that E. Taber and Col. Baley had informed him that I had a coat to give away, which he needed. (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 anyone that needed and would call.) Whereupon I freely and cheerfully gave it to him, and afterwards had a very comfortable time of deep meditation on the divine perfections and providences, reading 6th of Luke, prayer, all glory to the Lord. 3rd day (some rain) a number of young women came to spin for my wife. I visited and found something to communicate to a poor and sick family not far from us (J.H.); afternoon went to Newport (visited Deacon Tilley who had just returned from the funeral of 2 young men who were drowned); lodged with Father. Next day intended home, but rain prevented; visited D. Briggs, Unkle Rogers, did considerable business; attended an evening meeting of a church at Thomas Goddard's and tarried. 5th day, came home after visiting old Widow Gray by the way. 6th day (had a pig of Davenport) did much business, visited Wm. Hicks. Yesterday rested near as usual at home (only 'twas a dark and cloudy day with my mind, and more tedious because my sisters A. and M. were with us). Towards night visited Joseph Wood sick, and today have been enabled to preach with more freedom than I could expect on 2 Timothy 4:16 (At my first answer no man stood with me, but all m. forsook me) and 1 John 3:8, "For this purpose the son of God was manifested." (Before and since meeting had much hard work to do.) Let every evil doer be blamed, but the n. of the Lord be praised forever. Amen.

28, evening. Last 2nd day was very feeble in body, yet did much business in my shop, and preached afternoon at the funeral of Rufus Tripp, at the house of his father, with marvellous freedom and power on John 9:4 (I must work); had conference with Abner

1- Brownell. Towards night Sister Abigail left us, as M.G. did ye
 2- day before. 3rd day visited S. Simmons, Sister Manchester and
 3- Joseph Wood, having wrote much for the latter. 4th day wrote a
 4- letter on business to Brother Wm. (worked in garden); visited
 5- Philip and Wm. Gray, Davenport. 5th day forenoon was visited by
 6- Elders Jenckins and Burrows who prayed, exhorted, to my comfort.
 7- Afternoon (in great weakness of body and mind) attended church
 8- meeting with but few brethren; prayed and exhorted; appointed mes-
 9- sengers to visit Martha Irish, Jno. Cook. Davenport with us; D.
 10- Palmer not. 6th day, remained weak and poorly, yet did much busi-
 11- ness; Thomas and Jacob Taber came to work. Preached yesterday
 12- afternoon at the funeral of Jno. Bennet's child (visited the sick
 13- at Peleg Simmons's) and this day twice or thrice more on Deut.
 14- 29:5 (Your cloaths are not waxen old), John 6:12 (Gather up the
 15- fragments). Old Brother Round spake after me, forenoon, and
 16- Brother Brownell this afternoon. O, for another day of power.

17- 6 Mo.-4, evening. Last 2nd day was much rain; old Brother Round
 18- visited me. 3rd day (some rain) yet went to Philip Gray's for my
 19- cow; afternoon worked in garden, while a number planted my orchard.
 20- 4th day was very busy (Davenport with us); visited Joseph Wood.
 21- 5th day was also much hurried with business; visited Deacon Joseph
 22- Taber. 6th day preached (with no great freedom) at the funeral of
 23- Preserved Dyre's wife; visited Quash Almy. Yesterday rested as
 24- usual til near night; visited and prayed with Joseph Wood; and to-
 25- day preached twice more with great freedom on Jeremiah 3:1 (They
 26- say), Rev. 17:14 (Called and chosen and faithful). Church met in
 27- my house between meetings.

28- 1786-6 Mo.-11. First day of the week. Last 2nd day, at morning
 29- work was seized with violent pain (suppose of rheumatism, having
 30- had but little sleep the night before) about my loins, yet in the
 31- run of the day worked considerable spreading boards, carrying sand.
 32- 3rd day spent at home in a variety of business; Philip Gray's oxen
 33- and 3 or 4 men were carting stones and wood for me; towards night
 34- I went to Capt. Ladd's. 4th day was very foggy and some rain;
 35- read much in Salmon's geographical grammer. 5th day visited Widow
 36- Sowle, Davenport, Edes, Deacon Palmer, Sm. Sanford, Philip Corey,
 37- old Widow Grinnell, Thomas Brown, Deborah Woodman. (Had horse
 38- shod at Cory's.) 6th day (whiped bushes) Philip Cory, old W. Wood,
 39- Joseph Taber Esq. and the Brownings were at our house on business.
 40- I rested yesterday as usual, and to day have been enabled to
 41- preach twice more with usual freedom and power on 1 John 2:15 (If
 42- any m. l. the world) Isaiah 2:22 (Cease ye from m. whose breath).
 43- Just before I went to meeting, heard the sorrowful and shocking
 44- report that my dearly beloved brother in the ministry, Elder David
 45- Simmons of Freetown, in returning cross the river (where he had
 46- been visiting some sick people) fell out of the boat (being alone)
 47- and was drowned either 4th or 5th day and was buried yesterday.
 48- Lord support his bereaved widow and fatherless children.

49- 18. Last 2nd day, visited Christopher White whose daughter, the
 50- widow of Cornelius Baley appeared to be in somewhat of an uncommon
 51- case of body and mind. Thought I was enabled to discern the case!
 52- Had a solemn silent sitting with the family, after which my mouth
 53- was opened in testimony, exhortation and prayer. Also visited the
 54- families of Wm. Brown, Robert Miller, D. Stoddard (and spake to
 55- the town's poor) and George Simmons. 3rd day, after much hard
 56- work in garden and whipping bushes in orchard, visited Prudence
 Potter, Peleg P., Job Taber (where I had conference with a Roches-
 ter w.) and En. Brownell. After I came home, a great rain

suddenly began; Israel Browning's wife was confined with us some time by it. 4th day visited Widow Snell and old Mrs. Church; afternoon, whiped bushes, had calf killed, wrote to Unkle Green. 5th day whiped bushes, visited Richard Hart; Mary Hart and Samuel West (lives near Bosworth) visited me. 6th day went near Jno. Borden's to speak with Brother Constant Hart; returned and whiped bushes til dark; Alce B., Ruth T. and Sarah S. with us. Yesterday went to meeting with friends at Coaxet meeting house and with pleasure heard 3 Old England men speak of the kingdom of God; after meeting went and saluted them. Stopped and dined at Job Taber's; returned and found Aunt Rogers from Newport at our house. A black man came with a letter from H. Marchant Esq. This morning had a remarkable exercise of mind (felt much brokenness, tenderness) was enabled to preach and exhort with great fervency of spirit, forenoon (after which Elder Round spake charmingly), again this afternoon on Joshua 1:7 (Only be thou strong). A. Brownell concluded meeting; since which have had much conference with Aunt, worked in orchard.

25. Last 2 day worked with the brethren that came to build me a shop; visited Deacon Earl (to get shingles but was disappointed). Prayed at Brother Brightman's; was in at T. Cory's (mill, Philip Taber). 3rd day went to Joseph and George Brownell's for corn and shingles which I got, and walked back in the great heat; worked til dark. Daughter Anna very poorly in evening. 4th day (with Aunt Rogers) visited Joseph Wood, sick; spake, prayed; was visited by Jonathan Jeffers Jr., a preacher, Abraham Read and Ruth Taber; had another trial with Widow Hart. 5th day carryed Aunt Rogers to the ferry, visited several and returned to hard work; Elisabeth Palmer and Peter Green came in the evening. 6th day worked very hard forenoon turning closet into shop, moving goods; then rode to Davenport's and did a great afternoon's work at writing, figuring. Yesterday rested as usual (except a visit to Joseph Wood, sick); one Westgate came to buy somthing, but instead of selling, I had some clost talk with him on eternal things. Prudence P. came and tarried with us. This morning I felt (and yet feel) very feeble in body. (Heard of the death of neighbour Cainan Gifford.) Found great freedom in public prayer, read Amos 5th, heard Brother Brownell preach on Amos 4:12. Had such a trial between meetings had like not attended this afternoon, however at length went and was enabled to preach with great freedom (after Brother Brownell had prayed) on 1 Chron. 28:9 (And thou, Soloman, my son); many strangers to meeting to day, no singing. B. Jencks.

7 Mo.-2 day. First day evening. Last 2nd day forenoon did considerable hard work; had a good visit from old Benjamin Jencks and his wife. About 2 o'clock afternoon my dear wife sent me for women to assist her in travel. (S. Taber went for Granny Sowle.) Through mercy she was not very poorly but little more than an hour, and at 18 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 and joyful silent sitting with her and the company, in which I trust the Lord was pleased to work in us many inward exercises of his worship, particularly love, gratitude and thankfulness to his most high and holy name. My mouth also was opened to speak a few words to his glory, after which I quietly retired to rest the body. 3rd day (very foggy) rode as far as Thomas Taber's, then visited Margaret Brownell, from whence I carried the granny home (5 miles). In my way back, called at Job Taber's for his daughter Rhoda to nurse my wife. Spent afternoon in taking care of molasses, flower, tea, just received from Newport; Sister Jencks left us.

4th day was exercised with much work and various thoughts at home, also 5th day forenoon. And was much affected with a sense of the power and goodness of my Lord and Master in sending me bodily supplies for the present distress, towit a new hat by the hands of Brother Abraham Reed; meal, cloth, by sister R. Borden; and even 2 baskets by poor Brother James Lake! which I offered him pay for, but he chose not to receive it, they being his own make at leisure hours. Afternoon attended church meeting, had a comfortable time in prayer and conference with those present, but was obliged to lament the absence of many; Martha Irish was utterly rejected for f. After meeting was very busy til late in evening; was wet to my skin with rain. 6th day Patience Manchester came to nurse and Rhoda T. went away; I was full of business (helped Rhoda M. Taylor it a little). Yesterday forenoon rested as usual; afternoon went 5½ miles to visit a sick Indian woman in body and mind (named Martha Tockkamonnah). 2 or 3 white persons came in; I was enabled to deliver much testimony, pray, exhort. Visited Job T., by the way, and home 'fore sunset. Today have been marvellously assisted in preaching, first in the meeting house upon some lines of the 15th Psalm (which J.T. proposed to sing) "He loves his enemies, and prays"; next at Joseph Hicks's (3½ miles off) at the funeral of his father Gabriel Hicks, aged near 88, upon Eccles. 11:3 (And if the tree fall) to many people. Phebe Edes came today to nurse and Elis. Palmer went away; wife seems comfortable.

9, evening. Last 2nd, 3rd and 4th days was exceeding busy about many things at home (weeding garden, hoeing potatoes, gathering herbs, whiping bushes) except short visits 2nd day to Stephen Hart and Joseph Wood. 3rd day to Sister Manchester and 4th day to (Joseph Crandal) Joseph Wood and Deborah Gifford, sick. 5th day rose about an hour before the sun and went to hoeing, then to writing; visited Joseph Wood, where I dined. 6th day journeyed to Newport for merchandize and returned in the evening, a journey I never before performed in a day; received and answered a letter from Brother Jones. Yesterday was visited by a young Christian, Jn. Weeden; wrote to Elder Worden and Ichabod Davis. (Was taken with a purging) and today tho' very weak have preached twice more, on Exod. 14:13 and 2 Kings 22:2 (Stand still; He did that which was right). Arnold Bliss and many people from far at meeting. (Since which have workt in garden.) Phebe Edes departed; S. Sawdy came; wife mends fast, praised be the Lord.

1786-7 Mo.-16. First day of the week. Last 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days was full of business (tending shop, hoeing, making turnip yard, weeding garden; gathering herbs, caraway seed) yea, backing wood, among the rest, so that I could not visit my sick neighbours for want of some help from well ones. O, how lamentable! 3rd day Rhoda and Lois Manchester visited us. 4th day S. Sawdey left us. 5th day (after much work at home, hiring a load of wood drawed) towards night visited Wm. Hicks; bought some rye (and milk pans) and he gave us a piece of meat; his son told me Newport was in great confusion about what is called paper-money, as we are also here. 6th day (whiped bushes) towards night went to Willcox's mill. Yesterday forenoon visited Joseph Wood once more but found not much to say. Afternoon felt poorly myself, yet visited Deborah Gifford, where I was moved to much testimony and prayer (evening, Unkle Green came to see us) and today I've been greatly assisted to preach twice more on 2 Cor. 4th, last verse (The things which are seen), Rom. 13:12 (The night is far spent) after which Deacon Tilley spake comfortably and prayed; since which have had much conference with him and Unkle Green, who (after they had

visited Joseph Wood) returned and tarry with us. Wife continues on the mending hand; I've many infirmities myself. New ink.

23. Last 2nd day, after much conference with Deacon Tilly and Brother T. Green, they departed; I worked in garden and with brethren on hay. 3rd day it rained much, yet I visited C. White, W. and T. Brown (prayed with Aaron Grinnell's daughter Taylor, sick in body and distressed in mind), Stephen Taber, Philip Cory and J. Davenport, returning to my family in the evening with corn and meat. 4th day very foggy and extreme hot, yet I journeyed to Fall River mill (visiting by the way Jno. Stafford, D. Dwelley, Widow Tripp, P. Sanford, Jno. Perry and Jno. Bowen) and returned as far as Bn. Borden's where near sunset we had a precious meeting, at which I spake upon Gal. 6:9 (And let us not be weary in w. doing). 5th day morning was so poorly with cholick 'twas difficult to get home, however I was enabled to do it after stopping and doctoring a little at Philip Gray's by the way. 6th day felt very weak, yet whipt bushes some, but spent time chiefly at my account books. Yesterday rested as usual (being some better); paid Joseph Wood another short visit where I had blessed freedom in prayer. And today have been marvellously assisted in preaching on Rom. 3:1, 2, What advantage then hath the Jew. (Wm. Cornel present, J. Weeden and daughter and other friends.) Abner Brownell prayed. This afternoon I've had 3 several spells of preaching, first near an hour on Heb. 1:1, 2, and John 7:46, joined together, God hath spoken unto us by his son and never m. spake like this m. Then a few minutes to the intent of detecting present rebellion in some; lastly, after meeting broke up, was constrained to speak on the meeting house steps, and 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 and ever. Amen. Wife continues mending, has walked into the other rooms; her nurse leaves her today and Mary Taber is come.

30. Last 2nd day, after doing a variety of business at home, attended the funeral of a child of Rufus Tripp's widow, at the house of Bial Tripp; had blessed freedom in speaking, as also after I returned home (having many visitors, Job T. and wife, Philip Gray's wife) til night. 3rd day had a long conference with Jno. Weeden (whipt bushes before), visited and preached the gospel to several families in Dartmouth (Job T., Timothy Trip's sons and Anthony Tripp who lays with broken leg) especially Theophilus White's, where the poor distressed Martha Tockamonnah now lies (whom I visited once before). Got home at dark, and after supper visited Joseph Wood (on foot). 4th day visited him again (gathered herbs, whipt bushes). 5th day forenoon hoed; afternoon attended church meeting at which the case of Samuel West (who desired to join us) was considered, my circumstances conferred about. 6th day (hoed, whipt bushes) spent part of the day writing for the church and conferring with Samuel West. Yesterday visited and prayed with Deborah Gifford and Joseph Wood again; towards night Sister Rebekah came. Today (forenoon) after prayer and singing, feeling myself very weak within and without, there was long silence; at length old Brother Round spake a few charming words about Jesus and Brother Brownell prayed. This afternoon I was enabled to preach with marvellous freedom and utterance upon Isaiah 43:10, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord"; preached election.

1786-8 Mo.-6. First day of the week. Last 2nd day, spent chiefly at my books, civil and religious; visited Joseph Wood, conferred

with Doctors Turner, Richmond. 3rd day visited Deacon Palmer, Jno. Woodman, and Aaron Grinnell's families; preached with great freedom of utterance to a large and attentive audience at Christopher White's on Isaiah 35:8 (An high way shall be there and a way). 4th day, after some work at home, sat out for Newport, but was prevented by rain; nevertheless paid a long visit to Joseph Almy, a short one to Wm. Gray and returned home. 5th day went safely to Newport (was much affected in conference at George Lawton's by the way); dined at Tilley's and after visiting several families and doing some business, attended a meeting in the evening with the new church and preached on John 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. 6th day near noon, sat out for home; dined at Lawton's, visited Davenport and reached home some hours 'fore sunset. Yesterday rested as usual, visited Joseph Wood, and had uncommon freedom in family prayer. And today have been marvellously assisted in preaching twice more on Prov. 31:6, 7 (Give strong drink) and Habakkuk 2:3 (The vision is for an appointed time); Brother Brownell and old Brother Round were active in prayer. Since meeting Job T. and wife, Phila. Weeden and sister visited us; we prayed, sang, all glory to the Lord; wife feeble.

13. Last 2nd and 3rd days spent chiefly at whipping bushes and preparing ground in garden for turnips, besides which (with wife) visited Joseph Wood 2nd day, and Sister Manchester 3rd day; Rebekah visited Earl Taber's wife 2nd day. 3rd day I heard of the death of Eneas Gifford's daughter; sowed turnips. 4th day visited and dined at Widow Brownell's; preached at Widow Borden's on Jeremiah 23:35 (What hath the Lord answered). In the evening went to Chace's mill and left a grist; rode homewards as far as Job Taber's and tarried. 5th day came home and went to whipping bushes. 6th day finished whipping bushes; visited Thomas Cory (with wife) and returned; conferred with Philip Cory and visited Joseph Wood; saw Jno. Taber. Yesterday endeavoured to rest; passed through a strange exercise of mind about noon, after which visited and prayed with E. Gifford's sick family. Today have been enabled to preach twice more to a very large assembly on Luke 2:14 (Glory to God in the highest) and am now going to a 3rd meeting. Brother Wm. came from Newport with his daughter Hannah to day, time enough for first meeting.

20. This day sennight (towards night) preached at Aaron Grinnell's on Mat. 4:23 (And Jesus healed all manner of sickness); sang and conferred much with sick and well, and tarried all night. Much rain fell, in which I came home 2nd day, after visiting and praying with Christopher White, sick. R. Gifford and L. Shearman with us. 3rd day morning had an uncommon onset of spiritual enemies; sat off for mill, found my meal at Brother Job Taber's. Helped him whip bushes; returned near noon, and whipt in my orchard. 4th day (whipt more) did a variety of work, visited Joseph Wood. 5th day journeyed with D. Earl and Job Taber; preached at the funeral of Hannah Durfey (sister to Benjamin) on Luke 16:2; proceeded to Elder D. Hicks's meeting house and preached again to a large assembly on Heb. 13:6. After the congregation was dismissed, held meeting with the brethren on business til sun set and tarried with Elder Hicks. 6th day morning, preached again on 2 Cor. 4:2; dined at Simeon Chace's, visited and prayed with Samuel West and Martha Tockomonah (sick at Theophilus White's) in our way home. Rested yesterday as usual. Received 3 letters from persons (unknown by face) at Nova Scotia, brought by J. Baley, which were

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3- very refreshing and occasioned a thank offering to the Lord; visit-
4- ed J. Wood, Rebekah visited Davenport. Today I think I've experi-
5- enced as it were a miracle, for tho' I was but just able to stand
6- on my feet in the morning (exceeding weak at stomach) I was
7- strengthened to preach powerfully: first in the meeting house on
8- John 3:30 (He must increase, but I must decrease) and then again
9- near 4 miles off in the open air to a great multitude assembled to
10- the funeral of Robert Fish (son of Robert) a youth of 19 years,
11- who died suddenly. I spake on Job 36:18; one Jno. Divol (called a
12- Friend) and Elder Round spake after me, and I returned home 'fore
13- night, stronger in body than I was in the morning (having now
14- spoken publickly 8 times in 8 days) and have had a happy evening
15- in meditation, prayer. All glory to the Lord. Joseph Sanford
16- Baley came into our meeting house today in time of worship, and
17- spake after me, and therein has spoken again to a few this after-
18- noon, while I was going to the funeral.

19- 27. First day evening late. Last 2nd day, lent Sister Rebekah my
20- horse to journey to Fall River; spent the day myself (being ex-
21- ceeding hot) chiefly in writing, reading. 3rd day did a variety
22- of business; was greatly tried in a conference with Joseph Sanford
23- Baley (who visited me), as also towards night and until late at
24- night with Mary Hart, who in a distracted manner kept round our
25- house. 4th day afternoon she left our neighborhood, Job Taber
26- visited us; I visited Joseph Wood; evening was very sharp light-
27- ning. 5th day forenoon whiped bushes; afternoon had a desirable
28- time of reading and meditation, mostly alone, wife being on a
29- visit to Joseph Crandal's wife. 6th day our crazy sister Hart
30- came again and made such disturbance, I was obliged (I thought) to
31- drive her away with a stick. Was visited by Jno. Davenport Jr.
32- and Jeremiah Weeden; visited and prayed with Joseph Wood; Rebekah
33- came back evening. Yesterday rested as usual; much rain fell, I
34- composed a hymn. (Rebekah went to J. Crandal's.) S. Sawdy visit-
35- ed us in the evening; we had a happy conference, time of prayer.
36- And today I've been wonderfully assisted to preach twice more on
37- Jude verses 14, 15 (Behold, the Lord cometh with 10,000 of his
38- saints), 2 Peter 3:14 (Wherefore, beloved, seeing ye look for such
39- things, be diligent), Daniel Rogers with us (Widow Hart at Samuel
40- Taber's) and we have this evening held a lovely conference meeting
41- at our house, at which Brother Job Taber, Samuel Edes and Sister
42- Rebekah prayed. All glory to the Lord.

43- 9 Mo.-3. Late in evening. Last 2nd day with Daniel Rogers visited
44- Joseph Wood. 3rd day visited him again; confedered with Doctor Tur-
45- ner, who had been taping Wood the 5th time. Afternoon (tho' it
46- rained) visited two other sick neighbours towit, Richard Pearce's
47- wife and old Mrs. Church; had great freedom in testimony, ex-
48- hortation and prayer at both places, and also at home in the evening,
49- friend Z. Smith from the Vineyard being with us. 4th day Jacob
50- Taber's (new) wife and sister visited us; I whipt bushes (with old
51- Brother Wm. Taber) as I have done at times all the week. 5th day,
52- tho' it rained some, a goodly number attended church meeting and,
53- by my desire, each related their late travel and present dispo-
54- sition to fulfil covenant obligations to mutual comfort; wife and
55- Sister Rebekah also spake very affecting. Evening I visited Jo-
56- seph Wood again; 6th day he died. I was full of business: cut
57- down a large tree, backed wood, evening visited Joseph Hart. Yes-
58- terday had a hard spell of wind collick, yet visited Widow Wood.
59- (Wife also visited her; Rebekah and Cousin Hannah went to Jacob
60- Taber's.) Today after preaching in the meeting house on Amos 4
61- (Prepare to meet thy God). Rode to old Wm. Wood's and preached

again to a very large assembly in the open air (at the funeral) on Heb. 9:27, 28 ('Tis appointed unto m. once to die). Tarried long with the family; visited Job Taber, returned and had comfortable evening in conference, prayer, with Jencks.

1786-9 Mo.-10th. First day evening. Last 2nd day (tho' there was great appearance of rain and some fell) I journeyed to Rhode Island. Visited 5 families at Portsmouth (Job Cook, James Bell, Pardon Taber, Doctor Cobb and one Sisson, who's daughter seemed near death with dropsy) and tarried at Elder Bliss's. 3rd day visited Elder Thurston, old Widow Walker and preached in Thurston's meeting house in the evening with as great freedom as ever I knew upon John 15:20, The servant is not greater than his Lord; tarried at Tilley's. 4th day visited more; confereed with Voluntine Whitman Rathbun; attended a meeting at Elder Bliss's where after Rathbun had prayed and Bliss preached to my edification on Acts 10:36, I also was enabled to preach and pray with great freedom. After which saw Bliss baptize a woman named Cahoon, now McDonald, who by her own account was effectually called by a discourse preached by me near Bedford (30th of 4th Mo. past). Evening was a large meeting in Bliss's meeting house at which Brother Rathbun spake upon Zech. 3:9 (Upon one stone); I tarried with him at Unkle Green's, enquired his call to preach. 5th day visited several, and preached in the evening to the new church upon Rev. 3:21 (To him that overcometh). 6th day was conducted safely home. Yesterday preached again with freedom at Widow Macomber's on Mat. 22:1-14 (but was opposed by old Brother King); visited Bennet's daughter. And today have been marvellously assisted to preach twice more to a crowded assembly on 1 Sam. 20:2 (There is but a step between), Hag. 1:4 (Is it time for you). Feel almost worn out in body but comfortable in mind, having again preached 8 times in the 8 days just now ending, all glory to God.

17, evening. Last 2nd day, a small number of this church and congregation assembled to consult about repairing the ministry house and meeting house; I whiped bushes, made stack yard. 3rd day went to Fall River to mill, by the way of Job Taber's who accompany'd me. (Left Sister Lake from Newport at our house.) Preached with great freedom at Sister Elisa. Trip's in the evening and tarried at D. Dwelley's. 4th day (in our way home) preached at the funeral of Phebe Osborn, wife of Weaver; dined at Abraham Brown's. 5th day (whiped bushes) afternoon visited (with wife) Wm. and Philip Gray. 6th day visited Job Taber (had horse shod), confereed with Arnold Bliss and a Negro Christian; had a sweet time of prayer; visited P. Potter, L. Wate, Jno. Taber and Widow Mary Wood. Yesterday rested as usual only felt poorly and stupid; Rebekah visited Jno. Taber; and today, after reading John 14, preached on verse 3rd til my strength seemed all gone, yet after about half an hour's intermission was enabled to administer the Lord's Supper. Since which confereed much with Pru. Potter and her husband; took a ride into the woods for meditation, but am permitted to feel great pain of cholick this evening, and resignation to the will of God. Amen.

24, evening. Last 2nd day afternoon, went with wife to Jno. Dav-enport's; left her there, went to Joseph Almy's (to look at molasses). Visited Gideon Almy and returned home in the rain, which continued all next day, and I was very poorly with cholick. 4th day went for wife, and after visiting widows Brigs and Sowle, Gideon Willcox and Jacob Taber, came home. 5th day (whiped bushes) visited Widow Wood, Constant Hart. 6th day dined at Jno.

Peckham's, preached at the funeral of Wm. Brownell's wife (who was a Palmer); visited Robt. Miller (who shod my horse before), George Simmons, and returned. Rested yesterday as usual (was some rain); Brother Green B. and wife came to see us. And today (tho' poorly in body and stupid in mind when I went to meeting) was enabled to preach powerfully at 2 several times (tho' but one meeting) on James 1:19 (Swift to hear) and Amos 2:13 (I am pressed under you). This evening a lively conference has been held at our house, brothers Brownell, Taber and Green B. prayed, all glory to the Lord.

1786-10 Mo.-1. First day of the week. Last 2nd and 3rd days spent chiefly in whipping bushes and finished. Brother Green returned to Newport 2nd day, but left his wife and child; I gave a short visit to Wm. Ladd. 4th day visited Job Taber, dined at Jno. Earl's, visited several at the point, James Sowle. 5th day forenoon wrote to Sister Blackmer; read, meditated (but was too stupid). Afternoon attended church meeting at which Samuel West and Deborah Gifford was received (previous to which we prayed twice in unity); prayed a 3rd time, particularly for Brother West who came under hands; lastly Brother Brownell prayed. Blessed be the Lord for so comfortable a meeting. 6th day carried Sister Sarah and child to the ferry; Rebekah also went. I visited Philip Gray, Col. Cook, Jno. Almy, Isaac Cook, who buried a child 5th day. After I returned, sent son with horse and grist to Job Taber's. Yesterday rested as usual; visited and prayed with the wife of Wm. Sanford, very sick. And today after preaching to a great assembly on Heb. 11:31 (By faith, the harlot Rahab perished not) we removed our meeting to the waterside (Willcox's mill pond) where I spake again to the people, prayed, and afterwards baptized Deborah Gifford, and layed hands on her. (Deacon Earl went into the water with me to assist in raising her as she was uncommon heavy and myself labouring under much bodily infirmity.) Then returned in peace to my habitation; have taken food in haste and am now going by divine leave on Rhode Island to attend a meeting at Brother Pardon Taber's this evening.

8. First day evening. This day sennight, after the labours aforesaid, rode near 7 miles (besides crossing the water). Got to Taber's about sunset; met Deacon Tilley, Unkle Green and a large assembly to whom I preached with blessed freedom on Acts 17:11 (These were more noble); Nathaniel Marsh of Plainfield spake a few words after me. Next day went into Newport; did some business, visited several. Attended meeting among friends, and heard a man said to come from England speak many excellent words. In the evening was enabled to preach powerfully to a crowded assembly in Elder Bliss's meeting house (he and Elder Thurston present) upon Isaiah 1:5 (Why should ye be stricken any more). Tarried at Unkle Green's with Brother Marsh and 3rd day came home, after visiting several by the way. 4th day spent at home writing, figuring, some hard work (gathering quinces); Jacob Taber's wife visited us. 5th day visited Abner Brownell, P. Potter and Wm. Wood. 6th day it rained violently, nevertheless attended and preached at the funeral of Wm. Sanford's wife, after which went to Jno. Wate's. Returned and spent evening in lowness of spirit, tho' Brother Job Taber was with me; prayed. Rested yesterday as usual, but felt very stupid (evening visited Samuel Taber) as also this morning 'til meeting time, yet have been enabled to preach long time on Psalm 12:1 (Help, Lord, for the g. man). Since meeting found my mind much buried up again with worldly cares, I trust not by reason of covetousness, but necessity. O, when shall I be

delivered from chains and fetters, clogs and incumberances, or have more patience to bear, and wisdom to improve all to good purpose!

17. 3rd day of the week. Yesterday sennight (after diging potatoes) went to S. Simmons's on business, from thence to Gideon Willcox's and dined, then to the ferry to see about molasses. Visited both Philip Gray's, and after sunset, as I returned, was overtaken with a violent shower of rain and wet to my skin. Stopt at N. Crandal's; found widows Macomber and Wait, and Lydia Taber at our house when I got home and was very busy til late at night geting up molasses. 3rd day was very busy about many things, and so violently strained myself in lifting a molasses hogshead with sugar in it, that I was obliged to cease from labour some time; towards night rode to Philip Manchester's to fetch wife who had been there on a visit. 4th day was busy about many things; Elisabeth Tilley visited us. 5th day nearly the same; Deborah Gifford, Barney Hicks and Job Taber visited us. 6th day was exceeding busy. Sabbath morning, accompanied by brethren and sisters (Job T. and wife, Widow Wate and S. West) went as far as Arnold Bliss's near Bedford and preached with wonderful freedom and power on 2 Cor. 4:5 (For we p. not ourselves). 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 and power of God, we had a refreshing conference on divine things. Also I preached by way of remarks and observations on several instances of conversion recorded in Acts; also two women proposed themselves to me and 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.

Tarried all night (with Brother Bliss) at George East's, and next day after preaching again with marvellous power to a large assembly, and shewing them that true religion is not only a spiritual, but rational and scriptural thing, consisting of both inward and outward parts. The said East's wife Hannah (who was a Peckom) declared her faith and experience before the whole assembly, desiring baptism, whereupon our meeting was adjourned to the water-side, and the precious ordinance was administered. After which we soon returned to the first place of meeting, where the ordinance of laying on of hands was explained and performed, also preached some time and explained 1 Cor. 1:17. Brother West also was moved to speak to edification, and meeting concluded solemnly. In the evening a number assembled again at East's house (without appointment) and much exhortation, information, was given. (West exhorted, Taber prayed.) I tarried again at East's, and yesterday morning visited several (Ayres) then left town and dined at Pelatiah Hathaway's, visited old Sister Maxfield and Hope West; got to Brother Taber's late in the evening and tarried, and came home early this morning. Bless the Lord, O my soul. And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Am informed Brother Brownell preached clearly to this church in my absence on Rom. 14.

22. First day evening, near midnight. Last 4th day did a variety of business at home, also 5th day, and visited Thomas Cory, paid Wm. Ladd. 6th day (well pole broke) one Holmes, a professed Christian from Rochester, Lydia Shearman, visited us; towards night I sat off for Fall River mill and tarried at Jencks's. Yesterday preached at the funeral of old Nathan Pettis's wife (and returned in the rain) and today, after preaching to very few in the meeting house (but with great freedom) on Isaiah 30:21 (This is the way) rode as far as Deacon Palmer's and preached

again to more on Nahum 1:7. From whence I returned about mid evening, accompanied by Arnold Bliss and Job Taber (who tarry with us), with whom have had much conference, and joined in prayer, praises, all glory to the Lord.

1786-10 Mo.-30 Second day evening. Last 2nd and 3rd days was very busy at home (Mary Hart crazy, wife poorly; made candles). 4th day journeyed to Newport; did much business. Heard Elder Northup preach on the net, tarried with him at Tilley's, and 5th day forenoon came home. Afternoon attended church meeting at which John Round was admonished to repent of his drinking to excess. 6th day had much talk with Davenport who was at work with us; rode as far as Hazard's wharf on business. Rested the Sabbath day as usual. Preached yesterday with marvellous freedom on John 8:46 (Which of you c. me of sin) without naming chapter and verse, for the words came with power to my remembrance and I thought not duty to spend time in looking for them, but to rise and preach. East and Ayres from Bedford were with us, brought me a shocking letter from Hannah Richmond that was. After dinner Brother Brownell accompanied me to the house of Joseph Borden at the north end of the town where a marriage was celebrated. From whence we went to a large meeting at Benjamin Jencks's where, after Brother Cole had prayed, I preached to the people on no particular text and tarried, and to day came home in a considerable snow storm.

11 Mo.-5 day. First day evening near midnight. Last 3rd day spent as usual at home. 4th day was exceeding busy waiting on customers and visitors, piling and cutting wood, while several brethren with 2 teams were getting me (14 load of) wood. Deacon Palmer brought me corn, pumkins; Noah Hart, his bride and her cousin with us. 5th day also was exceeding busy helping my weakly family; had some talk with one Bennet in the road (as I had also the evening before at Capt. Manchester's). 6th day a steady rain confined me chiefly to indoor work but I found much to do; visited Noah Hart and in evening yesterday preached at Widow Brownell's (Dartmouth) on Mal. 3, last verse, then attended a refreshing conference at Ab. 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 today on Exod. 12:11 (And thus shall ye eat it), administer and partake of the Lord's Supper, and take some active part in a lovely conference meeting held at my dwelling house this evening on account of 5 Bedford friends with us (2 of whom towit, Deborah Blackmer and Hannah East, were today received under care of the church) and found much freedom in talk 'til just now with J. Ayres and his wife who tarry.

12th. First day of the week (sunset). Last 2nd day, accompanied by wife, went to Brother Job Taber's where we had another agreeable conference, parting advice, exhortation, prayers, with Bedford friends, who departed mid afternoon, and we returned in evening. 3rd day was very busy about many things, chiefly trying to get salt and sugar carted, on account of which I visited Philip Taber (and Capt. Manchester in evening), was 3 times at High Hill; was requested by letter to attend a funeral in Bedford, but could not. 4th day had much to do. (Lime came.) Was desired at Newport on account of the melancholy news of the drowning of my cousin Jno. Green, son of Thomas; was also requested to attend the funeral of Mathew Boomer's daughter Gifford, but saw not how to comply. 5th and 6th days was very busy at home (cutting up winter's wood); wife poorly with tooth-ake; Alpheus Peirce visited

1- us. Preached yesterday at Widow Macomber's; Brother West exhorted;
 2- I visited D. Bennet. Preached Christ again today and 7th day Sab-
 3- bath, to a large assembly on Psalm 119:6 (Then shall I not be
 4- ashamed). Had much conference since with Philip Gray's wife, R.
 5- Gifford.
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8- 11 Mo.-19th. First day evening. Last 2nd day, after a busy fore-
 9- noon at home, went and dined at Philip Gray's, and about sunset
 10- reached Newport, where tho' I went principally to mourn with my
 11- unkle's family over my late drowned cousin, I found occasion that
 12- very evening (at a meeting of the church) more abundantly to re-
 13- joice over another cousin (the widow Susanna Church) who gave evi-
 14- dence (by a good confession of faith) that she had lately passed
 15- from spiritual death to life. The loving instructions and exhor-
 16- tations of the saints to each other on the occasion, the composure
 17- and reconciliation of my afflicted unkle and daughter to the
 18- divine government, also increased my joy. Next day had a lovely
 19- conference with Elder Bliss, and as a boat was ready to go to Up-
 20- dike's New Town, where Unkle Jno. Green lives, and where I had a
 21- long time wanted to visit, I thought duty to embrace the then
 22- present opportunity and went, accompanied by Cousin Caleb. Tar-
 23- ried and preached there that evening and the next, towit 4th day
 24- evening.

25- And on 5th day, returned to Newport (in a high wind, only
 26- about an hour and half passage) where in the afternoon I preached
 27- upon James 2:20 (Faith without w. is d.) and baptized my aforsaid
 28- cousin Susa. (daughter of Anthony Shaw). We met again in the eve-
 29- ning, when Elder Bliss prayed, Elder David Lillibridge preached
 30- charmingly; I spake a few words after him. One brother and 4 or 5
 31- sisters also spake each a few words, then Elder Lillibridge
 32- preached a little more, and meeting broke up in good order and
 33- good time, having been exceedingly refreshing to our souls, not-
 34- withstanding "certain lewd fellows of the baser sort" had tried to
 35- disturb us. All glory to God for his grace and goodness to us
 36- forever and ever. Amen. 6th day rose early and, after concern-
 37- ing myself about many things temporal and spiritual, came home to
 38- my family in the rain about 1 o'clock, accompanied by young Bliss.
 39- Wrote a letter to Bedford, and was very busy the residue of the
 40- day and until late at night. (Found uncommon freedom in prayer.)
 41- Yesterday rested as usual (only visited Widow Wood) and today tho'
 42- extream cold for the time of year, not only preached with marvel-
 43- lous freedom in the meeting house on no particular text but again
 44- at 3 o'clock at Peleg Potter's on Luke 9:55 (Ye know not what
 45- manner of s. ye are of), from whence I just now returned.

46- 1786-11 Mo.-27 day. Second day of the week (evening). This day
 47- sennight was a great storm of snow, but turned to rain fore night.
 48- (I was very busy patching up house.) 3rd day (was also very busy
 49- cutting wood, puling turnips) Jno. Borden's wife and David Taber's
 50- visited us; evening I visited old Richard Hart and had some clost
 51- talk with Abigail his wife. 4th day (was very busy) R. Gifford,
 52- Job Taber and Joseph Ayres visited us. 5th day was another great
 53- snow storm. 6th day (very cold, R. Gifford visited us again) af-
 54- ter much business (selling) I sat off, near 2 o'clock and, acom-
 55- panied by Job Taber, arrived at George East's in Bedford after
 sunset and preached the same evening with great freedom and power
 at the house of our dear afflicted sister, the widow of Pompee
 Peckom upon Mat. 26:42 (If this cup). Elder Lewis being also
 there, spake a few words after me and we lodged together at East's.
 Next day noon (being the Sabbath) preached again in the school
 house on Acts 18:8 (Hearing, believed) after which Pheebe Cannon

and Sarah Ayres, on profession of saving faith were received into fellowship and baptized. (A solemn word was spoken at the water side to the people, among whom were some called Quakers.) We met again for public worship at East's in the evening, where hands were laid on the aforesaid women and also on Widow Sarah Wait, and I preached on 1 John 2:28 (And now little children abide in him). After meeting was dismissed, many tarried long speaking to one another, singing, and a young woman, Elisabeth Tripp (daughter of Widow) declared the work of God on her mind to the abundant joy of such as know the Lord. Yesterday morning, tho very cold, rose early and were accompanied by 7 of our Bedford friends (8 miles) to the meeting house of Elder Daniel Hicks, where I was again enabled to preach with great power on 1 Peter 2:9 (But ye are chosen g.) 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). Christians seemed greatly affected; I had much conference with Chace and tarried. This morning, when I awaked on my bed, was much exercised with thoughts of my decease. After breakfast sat out for home (clowdy, high wind and some rain) and reached my habitation after sun set; heard a shocking story concerning Doctor Ladd's death by a duel! What is man?

12 Mo.-3 day. First day of the week. Last 3rd day visited and had much conference with Wm. Ladd's afflicted family. 4th day visited and prayed with Sarah Taber (w. of Jno.) very sick, Widow Wood. 5th day attended church meeting at which Brother West improved his gift, Jno. Round was laboured with, Jno. Cook excluded from fellowship for neglecting to hear the church. (Both deacons and many poor members absent; the 2 days before being extream cold, snow in the night, and yet hereby many bass fish froze in the ponds, and the people were taking them for food.) 6th day was exceeding busy 'til late at night. Rested yesterday as usual and today preached to many (being warm for the season) on Mat. 7:12 "What ye would that men should do to you, do ye). After meeting walked with Joseph Hart to Abner Crandal's, and attended a marriage (Sisson and Willcox), then a meeting at Widow Macomber's and returned in evening.

10. First day evening. Last 2nd day had well cleaned out (having had water to fetch about 2 weeks); evening a great snow storm began and continued all 3rd day. (On 4th day I visited 3 nigh neighbours.) 5th day night, more snow fell. 6th day went to mill; evening Mrs. Ames and Job Taber was with us. Late at night another terrible storm of wind, rain, hail and snow began and continued til this morning, by reason of which (and the former) there was no meeting; we have had abundance of troubles.

A general hint of matters recorded in the foregoing pages, by way of index.

1783-3rd Mo. Page 1. Edward Lillibridge & Elder Burrows visited me. I preached at Jno. Earl's, visited Dan. Dwelly. Deacons. Singing school. Jno. Bowen. Funeral Widow Gubbins. Visited Isaac Gifford, baptism Zuriel F., Tilly. Phebe S. very poorly. Andrews, Fuller & Cornel.

Page 2. Peace! M. Crandal died. Funeral Sarah Earl. Biles. Hard work & distressing circumstances. School. Funeral Lemuel P. Communion extending. Journey to Newport with wife. Funeral Jno. Weeden's wife. Z. Fishe's child. Ordained A. Burrows. Visited Sharper Almy.

Page 3. M. Hart left us. Baptism Elis. Hunt. Married Jno. Hicks. Church fasted. Mother. Cornel. Funeral Crawford Snel. D. Shrieve & J. Almy. Father & Tilly. Jno. & Philip Taber visited us.

Page 4. Journey to Newport. Elder Bliss here. Abner Brownell. Fall from horse. Job Borden. Bring ye all the tithes. Funeral Elis. Taber. Tel W. Cornel 3 times. Hard work. Baptized Lydia T. & Theodate P. Letter to W. Cornel. Church act repealed. Gal. 6:15, 16. Journey to Newport.

Page 5. Extra. meetings. Jno. Bosworth, W. Cornel, Lord's Supper. Sprained foot. Fall River. Preached twice. Jonathan Jeffers. Rufus Trip. Sang alone. Funeral Joseph Gifford's child. Baptism R. Trip's wife. Funeral Anna Gifford's son (Ye do err). Preached Jno. Earl's & Thomas Manchester's.

Page 6. Journey to Newport. Saw Elder Northup, Abner B. Hard work. Wife and children Newport. Preached at Philip Gray's. Visited Jacob Taber, Thomas Tripp. Married Jno. Armatage & Clark Johnson.

Page 7. Preached at Job Taber's. Heard D. Hicks. S. Sweet. Married Cornel. Funeral of B. King. Visited Mary Borden. Thanksgiving for peace. Visited Jno. Taber. Funeral old Jno. Willbur. Jencks. Put away cow. Preached at B. Macomber's.

Page 8. Married 2 couple. Extra. week. Journey to Newport with Sweet. Anointed W. Green with oil. C. Briggs sick. Preached at Philip Gray's. Job Borden visited us. Charming meetings, visits. Funeral Shearman's wife.

Page 9. Visited a church to the northward. Preached at B. Macomber's. Extra prayer meeting (Ancient paths), perplexing circumstances. Journey to Freetown. Funeral Phila. Cook. Doctor's child. 12 days at Newport to the funeral of W. Green. Visited Jno. & Philip Taber. Extra. time of prayer, great trials, Wood.

Page 10. Church dealings, withdrawing from 3 brethren.

Page 11. Visited several sick. Married T. Potter to R. Hart. Funeral Walter Earl's wife. Fiery darts! Wm. More & Cornl. Amos Burrows. Sister Manchester sick. Married Bn. Brownel. Cow. M. Hart. Married B. Allen. Visited Mrs. Simmons, sick, and many others. Deb. Gifford. Abner Brownel. Peace. Funeral Geo. Cook & T. Cory. Council. Westerly man.

Page 12. Preached at Lillis W's. Journey to Newport. Funeral of J. Macomber & Wood's child. Good news from Newport. Preached at An. Grinnel's. S. Simmons. J. Benson. Abl. Hart sick. Baptized Peace Wood.

Page 13. Funeral Jno. Wilbur's wife. Great hail & thunder. Duty to ministers. Journey to Hopkintown. All poorly. Friends meeting. Married I. Potter. Visited Elder Burrows. Asked counsel of the church. Job Borden. E. Lillibridge. Married Joseph Allen to P. Earl.

Page 14. Visited Zuriel Fish. Married Peter Hunter. Lord's Supper. D. Tilley, T. Green. L. to Lucy Covil. Hard work. S. Brownell & Pris. Willcox sick. Ebenezer Gray, Sister Abigail.

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3- Ab. Brownell. Funeral of Indian Boy. Hurt my right knee. Bap-
4- tized P. Potter.

5- Page 15. Wounded both hands. Visited 10 families in 6 hours. A
6- wish that churches would help ministers more! Journeyed to Vine-
7- yard. Washing feet. Widow Hart's strange conduct. 4 brethren
8- from Newport. Visited B. Jencks, D. Gifford, sick.

9- Page 16. Went to Association, visited Samuel West and Timothy
10- Davis. Sore leg. Preached at Portsmouth. Great trials; Sister
11- Smith; Ruth Earl. Funeral Job Taber's daughter. Remarkable con-
12- ference with a Quaker. Funeral G. Hart's child. Journey to New-
13- port. Married Durfey Springer.

14- Page 17. Great trials & necessity thereof. Visited many and
15- preached northward. Earl Taber, A. Brownell & wife. Father &
16- Elder Thurston. Journey to Newport very sweet; baptized 2. Moth-
17- er and Elder Bliss visited us. Funeral of Job Willbur & Daniel
18- Divol's wife. Son Ephraim born.

19- Page 18. Funeral Gabriel Hicks's wife. Mercies & trials.
20- Preached to youth. Job Borden, Mother, Jno. Wate. Funeral old
21- Widow Shepherd. Cloudy mind, hard work. Elder Thurston's wife
22- sick. Edes. Journey to Ponaganset. Winter provisions; some re-
23- vival; cow. Jno. Weeden. Funeral Jacob Taber's wife. Visited
24- Jno. Taber.

25- 1785 Page 19. Trials, son Samuel. Funeral Joseph Almy's child.
26- Extraordinary journey to Newport. Baptized J. Sprague. 2 Injins
27- drowned. Mrs. Church sick. Wounded hand, visited many. Preached
28- at L. Wate's & round ponds. Perry Davis. 2 marriages in a day
29- twice. Deacon Sawyer. Funeral Israel White. Preached at Job
30- Taber's; Priscilla Earl sick.

31- Page 20. Minister Ellis sick. Stormy week; much trouble. Tried
32- for peace at (S. T's) Thomas Potter. Jno. Weeden. Robert Bennet.
33- E. Read; Widow Woodman. Funeral Stephen Brownell. Widow Hart
34- left us. Visited Widow White. Preached at Osborn's. Brown's
35- sick Negro. Strange weakness. Hands on P. Potter, Jacob Taber.
36- Funeral Jno. White. Visited Jno. Taber. Philip Taber visited me.
37- Cloudy Mind. Fire ever burning. Letter to J. P. Jones.

38- Page 21. Peace Wood left us. Uncommon weather & trials. Mini-
39- ster Chace; Amy Hart sick; sundry visits. Funeral Elis. Tompkins.

40- Page 22. Preached at Philip Gray's. Funeral D. Durfey's daughter.
41- Journey Newport [torn]. Patience Osborn sick. Funeral Gray's
42- child & Stephen Cook's. Much preaching at Monyon's, C. Warren's.
43- Visited Abraham Brown. Rebekah came. Baptized S. Edes. Visited
44- Jno. Round, P. Osborn, Jno. Almy.

45- Page 23. M. Hart beside herself. J. Weeden. Funeral P. Osborn.
46- Extraordinary prayer meeting. Visited Elis Cook sick. D. Whit-
47- tredge. Job Borden. Journey to Newport with wife and child; be-
48- gan to merchandize. Sister Burroughs visited us. Funeral Lemuel
49- B's wife. Joseph Hart sick. E. Cook [torn].

50- Page 24. Extraordinary meeting. D. Sawyer prayed. What w. t.
51- babler say. Journey to Newport with son. M. Hart out again. Ab.
52- Brownell. C. Green. Preached at Joseph Brownel's. History of
53- this church. D. for worms. Visited Anna Bennet. Funeral
54- Christopher White's wife. Jupiter Cory's wife.
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Page 25. It is well. W. Cornel. Brother William. Preached up Sabbath. D. Tilly. Jenks. Mary Smith came. Funeral Lydia Irish and Elis. Cook. Children sick. Fall River. Edey ordained. Funeral George White. Signs of a revival. Baptized 2 at Newport. Funeral Jno. Manchester's wife. Son Joseph sick; prepared to fast.

Page 26. Visited Davenport in glomy case. Great trials. Funeral G. Sisson's child & Thomas Armsbury's. Distressed at Joseph Hart's. Mary & Ephraim sick. No singing 2 weeks. James 5:13. Psalm 102:17. Joel 2:12, 13. Church fasted (& had good day). Funeral Jonathan Ellis. D. Rogers. Sister Smith. Genevera Johnson. Death of our son Ephraim. Visits, preachings.

Page 27. Visited many. Journey to Newport. Saw Elder Goff. Laid hands on M. Green. Preached at R. Miller's, Deacon Palmer's. Is. Brownell sick. Hurt hip & shoulder. George Potter. Visited William Almy, Mrs. Tripp. Brother Jeffers & wife visited us. Much business. A deformed man visited us. J. Wood sick. Extraordinary church meeting. Baptized Doctor Jarret. Want of bread. Funeral Z. Grinnel's child. Journey to Newport; found M. Green well! Eseck Carr. Joseph S. Baly. R. Gifford.

Page 28. Baley spake. Lord's Supper. Distress. Funerals. Lydia Shearman. Rheumatism. Visited Father, sick. A. Brownell preached. Caleb Cory's daughter sick. Funeral of child.

1786 Page 29. Comfort Briggs. Suffered with cold. Laid hands on R. B. Tried about Sabbath & with J. Weeden & about preaching; Jno. Taber visited me. Eneas Gifford. Note on the word bishop. Funeral An. Hart's wife. Stephen Brownel's wife sick. 3 young men visited me. Preached at S. Simmons's & Widow Hart's & Ru. Trip's. D. Earl exhorted. (Much business). D. Tilley.

Page 30. Great cough. Baley, Bosworth, Elder Lewis. Cloudy mind. (Spinners.) Marriage at Jencks's. Special prayer for Davenport & Stephen Taber's family. Newport with E. Lewis. Funeral widows King & Burrington. Wood to back. Mary Hart distracted; old Neighbor Church sick.

Page 31. (Spinners.) Elders Foster, Lewis. Journey to Bedford. Preached at Christopher White's. Davenport in shocking case. Storm of hail. Job Taber sick. Brownell preached. D. Tilly, Elder Bliss & daughter. Funeral old Sister Pettis. Newport. Preached to black people at Jack Almy's.

Page 32. Job Borden. Funeral Dyre's child. Meeting at Job Taber's. Very poorly, yet preached 3 days runing at funerals! Journey to Bedford. Joseph Fish hanged himself! Sister Abigail & M. Green visited us. Preached against slave trade. Visited many. Old Widow Gray sick. Elder Hinds. Funeral Robert Earl's child. Luke 3:11. (Two coats.)

Page 33. A small trial. (Spinners.) Journey to Newport. Cloudy mind. Hard work. Feeble body. Funeral Rufus Tripp. Elders Jenckins & Burrows. Funeral Bennet's child, Susa. Dyre. Rheumatism. Much business. Death of Elder Simmons. C. White's daughter. Very busy week (whiping bushes) visiting. Began to build shop. Aunt Rogers. Abm. Reed, Jonathan Jeffers. Trial with Widow Hart.

Page 34. Death of Cainan Gifford. Brownell preached. Great trial. Wife delivered of 7th child. Divine providence remarkably supplied bodily needs. Visited an Indian woman sick in body & mind. Very busy week. Journey to Newport & back in a day! So much work on my hands, could not visit the sick. Joseph Wood, Deborah Gifford, Unkle Green, D. Tilley. Visited Aaron Grinnell's daughter, sick. Fall River mill. Cholick. Jno. Weeden. W. Cornell. Spake 3 times at 1 meeting! Funeral Trip's child. Visited the poor Injin again.

Page 35. Samuel West visited us. Rebekah came. Felt too weak to preach. Preached at C. White's. Journey to Newport; had a feast. (Whipped bushes.) Death of Eneas Gifford's daughter. Journey to Mary Borden's. Brother W[torn] his daughter Hannah. Preached at A. Grinnel's, Elder [torn] Hicks's. Received letters from [torn] experienced miraculous power [torn] Baley visited us. Rebekah. Fall River [torn] D. Rogers. Held conference [torn]. Visited Neighbours Church & Pea[torn]. Smith from Vineyard visited us. [torn] Backed wood, had cholick, funeral [torn].

Page 36. Journey to Newport (5 days). Preached 8 [torn] meeting to repair house. Funeral Phebe [torn]. Negro Christian. Communion. Cholick [torn]. Funeral William Brownel's wife. Extraordinary prayer meeting. Accompanied Brother Green Burroughs & wife. But one meeting a day. Rebekah returned to Newport. William Sanford's wife sick, buri[torn] Deborah Gifford baptized. Journey to Newport.

Page 37. Journey to Bedford & baptized Hannah East. To Fall River. Funeral P[torn]. Holmes & Bliss visited us. Journey to Newport. (Which of [torn] convinceth me of sin.) East & Ayres. [Torn] Hannah Richmond. Married N. Hart. Communion. Bedford friends. Called many w[torn] but could not go either.

Page 38. Seventh Day Sabbath. Extraordinary journey to Newport & N. To[torn]. Baptized Cousin Susa. Church, saw Elder Lillibridge. Extraordinary meeting at P. Potter's. Much snow & business. Journey to Bedford. Baptized 2. Death of Doctor Lad. Visited Sarah Taber, sick. (Many bass caught.) Extream cold. 2 terrible storms of snow prevented meeting. Memorandums overleaf.

[Torn] Mary Hart evening [torn] Worked for self [blank] days equal to [blank] days. (29) went to Sarah's, gone 3 days. 5 Mo. work self. [torn] Dec. 28. Cow went to Joseph Brownell's (5 weeks) 1 Feb. Isaac Cook (2 weeks) Robert Brownell, Fobes Little, Jno. Davenport til 22nd 4 Mo. 1785 brought home with 7 [hundred weight?] of hay. N.B. The above mentioned cow is 5 years old this spring; calved the 17th instant, being dry 4 Mos. 3 days. My other cow is 8 years old this spring, is now farrow. Was dry 4½ months. She calves again 1st of 5th Mo. 1786.

1785-6 Mo.-7th. Lissa Palmer gone 1 day to launching, 2 days to her mother's, 3 days to P. Manchester's. 10 Mo.-5. 2½ days her mother's. (30th). 3 days ditto, 11 Mo.-21 went to Joseph Hart's. 10 Mo.-2. 1786-7 Mo.-3rd. Anna & Hannah went to school; left off 14th of 9th Mo.

1786-12 Mo.-10 day. First day of the week (evening). By reason of the 3 storms of snow which have been the week past (ending about noon today) and hinted at in the foregoing journal, I 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. O, that men would fear the Lord, and turn from their evil ways and live, as 'tis to be feared many lives have been taken away by these storms. D. Grinnell. 11. Was full of business of various sorts; Son Joseph sick with sores and feaver. 12. Visited Joseph Crandal, Doctor Whittredge, where I conferred with S. West, minister and Isaac Manchester; went to bed early sick of the cholick. 13. 4th day. Much trouble in the flesh; melting snow for wife to wash. 14. 5th day. Rainy morning and great thaw; cleared away, pleasant afternoon. S. Taber and Philip Manchester killed my pig (weight 117). I salted it, cut wood. 15. 6th day. (Pleasant) Mrs. Ames (who had been confined a week at our house) went away! Bad travelling, yet I went to mill; led and drove horse and cow to water. 16. 7th day or Sabbath rested as usual in a measure of comfort; Anna sick.

17. (Great thaw) foggy; preached with much freedom in the meeting house to about 20 on Mat. 9:29 (According to your faith, be it unto you) much work since. 18. 2nd day. Much business by way of selling goods, altering stable; in the evening had a lovely conference with Job Taber and wife, J. Hart and wife, J. Taber. 19. 3rd day. Visited Bial Trip's wife very sick, Philip Manchester, S. Simmons, Joseph Hart. 22. This 3 days very busy at home; J. Taber and wife visited us this morning; warm weather. 23. Sabbath day, preached at Lillis Wait's (on Acts 14:22) and returned in the rain; wife's eyes very sore.

24. 1st day, by reason of hail and snow, only 3 persons came to meeting (Sarah Sawdy). Comfortable day. 26. This 2 days very busy at home; (having water yet to fetch) only visited old Mrs. Church, yet sick; yesterday Brother Brightman visited me with token of love; weather clear and cold. 27. After much hard work (went to mill) visited Philip Cory, P. and W. Gray. (Received supplies.) Home late at night. 28. 5th day. Visited Isaac Taber sick, attended church meeting. (J., Philip and E. Taber, Lowdes George, Sabbath) Joseph Almy. 29. 6th day. Worked very hard cutting and splitting wood; feel much tired, pain in bones. 30. 7th day or Sabbath preached with much freedom at Robert Fishe's on last part of Luke 16, and walked back thro' snow; dismal travelling by reason of several days thaw.

31. This day concludeth the year and my 7th journal, and soon will come to the end of all things. Preached today with blessed freedom on Rev. 12:14. All glory to God, forever and ever. Amen.

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and by seeing an epistle of thine wrote to our beloved Elder Thurston on the occasion thought I had fresh and great cause to rejoice (as well as [torn]) in hopes that thou art one of those unto whom all things shall work together for good. and I sincerly wish and pray that the evidence of it may more and more clearly appear to thyself, and that thou mayest yet be kept by the power of God from every snare of the fowler and every path of the destroyer, for I trust I need not inform thee that snares and temptations attend w[torn] every station and sircumstance of life. And dost thou not dwell [torn] where Satan's seat is, as it were? O, how great are the abominations which are now done at Providence, as well (or ill) as at Newport [torn] and in the land in general thro' the whole world! Does not the world yet lie in wickedness, and by far the greater part of mankind give themselves to madness and folly? Hence the truly wise are the world's [torn], while the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. And hence what need have we to watch, that we may not follow a multitude to do [torn] either in things called civil or religious (for some of the greatest abominations done in the land are done by professed Christians in things pretendedly religious) and 'tis to be feared that many souls, each worth more than the whole world, are eventually destroyed for an inconsiderable part of the bubble, even for the sake of company, fashion, and thro' fear of being counted odd or singular etc. Time draws near the other end and obliges me abruptly to break off in the midst of a thousand thoughts suppressed, only this wish yet breaks forth, that we may renew our correspondence by writ[torn] and in every respect do well and farewell.

P.B.

More thoughts break prison and fall into a [sic]. P.S. I cannot recollect which wrote to the other last, but the last I received was dated "Oct 10th, 1786!" on the subject of ministers' support (chiefly) whereon my thoughts agree with thine. But for want of a practical agreement with us among the people here, the case stands much as it has done with me in things temporal, and I'm sometimes much at a loss to understand the dictates of poor old honesty and his brethren (my teachers), justice and equity, concerning my duty to my family. Therefore must intreat my friend to assist me in my petitions and enquiries of the Chief Judge about this and other matters. Wife and other friends desire their respects to be made known. P.B.

Thus the goodness of God hath been manifested to unworthy me, the week past and to day until now late at night, in that he hath given me health of body and ability of mind to do much hard work, attend and preach at 2 meetings abroad and one at home, and to write 4 lengthy letters, notwithstanding [torn] almost constant thought and care on my mind concerning my beloved wife who all the week hath been hourly expecting [torn].

First day of the week near sunset. Last 2nd day was a variety of weather ([torn] snow) and I was employed at home in various things; wrote to Brother [torn]. 3rd day (warm) Asa went away. 4th day (warm) attended the [torn] Jno. Davenport Jr. (who died 2nd day afternoon) and after long silence [torn] about half an hour chiefly on these words, "Remember now thy creator." [Torn] a special

word to speak at the grave, from whence I brought home [torn] with me, and had much talk with her, Ruth Gifford. 5th day (very warm) [torn] much morning work, visited Granny Sowle who, wanting to visit some [torn] neighbourhood, came with me to Job Taber's and dined there, as far as Jno. Gifford's, where I left her [torn] and had much talk with Susa. Bennet, wife of John; evening I visited [torn]. 6th day (clear, cloudy, rain and fog) dreadful traveling, yet Sammy carried Mrs. Edes to [torn]; I visited Granny again, returned and dined. About mid-afternoon wife was taken poorly, and soon after, Granny Hambly came of her own accord to visit us! [Torn] I went and brought Granny Sowle (neighbours Taber and Sanford also came) and through the tender mercy of our God my beloved wife was safely delivered of her 5th daughter (8th child) about 9 o'clock in the evening (2 hours before [torn] first quarter of the moon, sign being in the arms) and having some sense of divine goodness I spake upon Christ's being born of a woman, and (at su[torn]) offered a thank offering. Yesterday Brother S. Taber went to fetch [torn] (Elisabeth Cook) Noah Hart carried Granny Sowle. And wife and child [torn] call Phebe) being as well as usual in their case, Granny Hambly and son accompanied me to a meeting at Widow Macomber's, where many [torn] to whom I was enabled to preach with marvellous freedom on [torn] "The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works." Had much talk in the evening with Alice Burrington, and at meeting time today my beloved brother Elder Bliss (in his way home from Bedford) came and preached to us a lovely discourse on Heb. 7:26, since which he has gone to another meeting at Job Taber's; I had much talk with John Weeden.

23rd evening. Last 2nd day, accompanied Elder Bliss to Jacob Taber's and J. Davenport's; visited and prayed with old Widow Willcox sick. Also in my way home visited young Isaac Manchester and Bn. Crandal; afternoon was very busy at home, also 3rd day. 4th day was much rain; visited old Richard Hart. 5th day preached with much freedom at the funeral of Mary Wilcox (a widow aged 74) on these words, "Why will ye die," after which exhorted and prayed at Davenport's, Job Taber's; dined at Gideon Willcox's, visited Jacob Taber. 6th day visited (on business) several families in Little Compton (Wm. Willbur, Stephen Brownell, Zeb. Grinnell) [torn] came round by the way of Taber's mill; home much fatigued, dissappointed, but behold! just after I got home in the evening, the Lord sent me by Brother Brightman one main article we needed, towit, several pieces of salt pork. Yesterday rested as usual, several friends spending part of the day with us, [torn] Edes, L. Shearman, R. Gifford. But wife had a little ill turn, headache, sore eye; evening I had a free conference with her nurse on spiritual things. This morning very foggy and 'fore meeting time rained (Deacon Tilley came) however [torn] (The wages).

[torn] First day evening. Last 2nd day very blustering and cold. Lydia Shearman at our house poorly; Samuel carried her to Davenport's; wife began to walk. 3rd day (same weather) spent chiefly at home, but visited Pheebe Taber towards night. 4th day carryed Jno. Bennet's wife to the high hill. Visited widows at Noah Gifford's, Eneas Gifford; came home and assisted my family in much business. 5th day forenoon did much work; afternoon attended church meeting at Brother Samuel Taber's (near 20 brethren and sisters came) and old John Wate entered a complaint against Brother E. Macomber, Joseph Lake confessed a fault, Job Taber asked advice. Bn. Sawdy Jr. appeared penitent and broken hearted and, on acknowledgement of all past misdeeds and promise of setting with

1- March and April 1788
 2-
 3- a certain person (E.T.), was restored to full fellowship. William
 4- Divol talked to edification; I mentioned to the church my own
 5- present case. Wife's eye was very sore; Mrs. Whittredge visited
 6- her; evening I had collick. 6th day was an exceeding high wind,
 7- yet necessity drove me abroad. I visited Joseph t[torn] (tanner),
 8- Widow Bennet at the same house; Samuel Edes (Lydia Shearman was
 9- better) had talk with Arnold Bliss at Davenport's, Jno. Weeden.
 10- Dined at Is. Brownell's, was in at Isaac Cook's and Jno. Woodman's;
 11- Deborah came home with me; I wrote to Bedford friend. Yesterday
 12- forenoon Elisabeth Cook (our nurse) went away; afternoon I had
 13- precious meeting with a goodly number at Ichabod Potter's; preach-
 14- ed on Gal. 6:9 (Let us not be weary in w. doing). Visited old
 15- Richard Hart in the evening and today, after preaching with much
 16- freedom to many in the meeting house on Psalm 146:10 (The Lord
 17- shall reign forever), was marvellously assisted to speak again at
 18- 4 o'clock at a meeting at S. Simmons's chiefly on these words, And
 19- he marvelled because of their unbelief (Mark 6:6). And since I
 20- returned home, 'til now, have been exercised with many thoughts,
 21- feel wore out in body with cough; wife recovers strength slowly by
 22- reason of her sore eye, but O! the sweetness of that word, Rom.
 23- 8:28.

24- [torn] 6. First day evening. Late last 2nd day spent in various
 25- work (making soap) til near night; went to see Doctor Whittredge's
 26- sick child (Joshua aged 6 months) but found it had been dead near
 27- 2 hours (ill only 48). 'Twas pleasing to me to hear the parents
 28- speak so much like true Christians on the occasion. I gave them
 29- some exhortation, then visited and prayed with Susa. Bennet. 3rd
 30- day was very busy at home til evening; visited and had much con-
 31- ference with Minister West at the Docter's, then visited Thomas
 32- Taber on business. 4th day forenoon was very busy trying to get
 33- help for my wife; afternoon heard Brother West preach with great
 34- pleasure (at the funeral) on 2 Tim. 1:10, after which was much in-
 35- cumbered, til late at night, with the care of my sick wife and
 36- family, D. Woodman having left us. 5th day morning, Elisabeth
 37- Cook came again, also Brother West by my desire (and others)
 38- visited us, dined with us, and preached to us in our meeting house
 39- a good discourse upon Rev. 8:1-6, after which we had much confer-
 40- ence 'til evening, when he went to tarry at ye Doctor's; Widow
 41- Hart troubled us in the night. 6th day (Oliver Cook visited us)
 42- and yesterday was much rain (which did not clear til meeting time
 43- today) so I rested yesterday at home (Job Taber and wife being
 44- with us about 2 hours) and had a great trial by cause of one of my
 45- benefactors (Philip G.) sending to buy some things. Today after
 46- preaching with great freedom in our meeting house on Psalm 100:3
 47- (Know ye that the Lord he is God), I was enabled to preach again
 48- to a large assembly at J. Borden's with more freedom and power on
 49- Rom. 8:28 (We know that all things work) [torn].

50- 1788-4 Mo.-13 day. First day evening. Last 2nd day morning, after
 51- much hard work [torn] Cook home, visited Widow Dennis, dined at
 52- Deacon Sawyer's; visited G. [torn] where I had much conference and
 53- prayed with Abigail Tompkins in a sho[torn]. My wife having now
 54- no woman help, I was much tending on her in the [torn], our sick
 55- daughter Anna. 3rd day Anna continued poorly, weather cloudy.
 W[torn] I was busy about many things; went to William Divol's, and
 was in at Manchester's or [torn]. 4th day (Anna most well) was
 very busy; evening visited Joseph Hart. 5th day very busy in
 house and garden (diging liquorice), Sister Manchester [torn];
 toward night rode to Col. Cook's to buy a hogshead molasses;
 (stopt only at [torn]) and returned. Wanted to have gone today to

the funeral of one Isaac S[torn] who died as a fool, being drowned at Hicks's bridge late in the night; [torn] he had drowned himself with strong drink. A sad instance of the [torn] depravity of human nature, even mine, and O! that it may stir up [torn] to cry like the publican. 6th day would have gladly attended the [torn] of Jno. Hunt, but family circumstances would not allow (the want of [torn] for my weak wife). Was very busy til near night; went to Nathaniel Pearce's on business. Yesterday rested as usual, Lydia Shearman and S. Edes with us. Heard of the death of old Widow Sarah Lake (not far from us) and one Alsbury on R[hode] Island who also died as a fool indeed (on 6th day) having just a week before [torn] own throat, to get rid of worldly trouble! Another sad instance of the [torn] depravity of human nature and enmity of the carnal mind again [torn]. Lord save us from ourselves, and may we become reconciled to thee, th[torn] Christ. Towards night, being sent for (and tho' it began to [torn]) with me to see Jno. Bennet's wife (in a shocking state) with whom we had much talk and prayed; and as I came home was in at I. Manchester's (for my dictionary). Today (tho' much discomposed before meeting) was marvelously assisted to preach [torn] a midling assembly upon Isaiah 58:6, 7, "Is not this the fast that I have c." After which Deacon Palmer read an account of my present circumstances, and there was a contribution (of 12/4) since which I have preached again to many people at the funeral of Widow Lake, aged 80 on Rom. 5:21 (As sin hath reigned unto death) and visited Susa. Bennet in my way home.

20. Last 2nd day (left Lydia Shearman with my wife and) journeyed to Newport. (In my way, found Davenport in a shocking case.) It began to rain before I got to town; I dined with Elder Bliss, had talk with E. Read and lodged at Unkle Green's. 3rd day, tho' it rained much I visited several (Sister [torn] and Widow Church sick) finished business, was at a church meeting in the evening, and lodged at my father's. 4th day (fine weather) in my way home shed many tears of joy on hearing young Jeremiah Davenport speak about Jesus. 5th day visited Job Taber, G. Pettis, Aaron Hart, Ed. Borden and Mary Borden, where I preached in the evening on Gal. 6:7, 8 (Be not deceived). On 6th day tho' much rain fell forenoon, [torn] came home in the wet and fog, great part of the way on foot, stopping only at C. Hart's to [torn] a grist ground which, with other things, was given me by Mary Borden. In the night was hard thunder; yesterday a thick fog continued. I rested at home as usual [torn]; it thundered again in the night; today it cleared, but a most violent storm [torn] late.

Last 2nd day morning, was a hard frost and the wind blew most all day; I was busy about many things. (F. Slocum washt for us.) 3rd day (forenoon pleasant, towards night it rained) planted pease; Pheebe Cook visited us. 4th day (very cloudy) besides other business read much, visited old Richard Hart. 5th day, after a meeting was held by church and congregation to consider my case (with very little effect) I attended church meeting at which 'twas thought proper to write to our sister churches in Boston, requesting their help. E. Macomber's case refered to neighbours; Widow West desired to [torn] next meeting. 6th day cloudy; rode to William Willbur's to fetch my niece, but she was gone to Newport. Visited Jno. Peckham, Jonathan Davenport, and returned home by the way of the Gifford's in the rain. Yesterday (notwithstanding the cold N.E. wind, heavy clouds and some rain which continues til now most freezing cold!) I went to a meeting (5 miles northward) at the house Brother S. Edes lives in, and preached with

freedom to a crowded assembly on John 8:32 (Ye shall know the truth) and returned about sunset. And today, after preaching in the meeting house on John 3:14, 15 (As Moses lifted up the serpent), rode to Jno. Davenport's at 4 o'clock and preached again on Luke 7:48 (Thy sins are forgiven) from whence I returned just now, finding R. Gifford and L. Shearman at our house.

5 Mo.-4, evening. Last 2nd day (yet cloudy and some rain) I walked as far as Philip Taber's trying to get a team to bring molasses and sugar from High Hill; dined at Jno. Gifford's, was very busy afternoon and 3rd day forenoon; afternoon visited and prayed with widows Macomber and Hart, James Lake and Joshua Dwelly, and tarried at D. Dwelly's. 4th day forenoon visited P. Sanford, Job Durfey's son very sick, and being requested, found great freedom and largeness of heart to preach to a number of people at Joshua Dwelly's (who is very sick) chiefly on these words, "The time is short!" Dined at Daniel's, visited Jno. Stafford, and in my way home had talk with a distressed soul (E. Cook) at Widow Macomber's, whose eyes I had been made instrumental to open the day before. (Also heard that the discourse preached by me at M. Borden's about 2 weeks ago was blessed to the opening of one poor sinner's eyes, all glory to the Lord.) 5th day spent at home in usual business, wife went out door. 6th day worked hard with about 12 men and boys, and 3 pair oxen, clearing a piece of this land. (Philip Taber was expected but did not come.) Yesterday rested as usual, but felt great stupidity; R. Gifford with us. This day but few people met for worship (because of the rain in the morning) and altho' I had much freedom in prayer, yet after it was silent near or more than half an hour, then spake some time on the reasonableness and necessity of our submitting to the will of God, after which Brother Brownell prayed. Since meeting til now, have felt low in spirit; self and wife are both poorly in body, our bodily cloathing is so nearly reduced to rags, and household stuff wore out, that we feel greatly tried, and find ourselves to be too much stubble and chaff. Yet knowing our desert to be everlasting woe, and God to be infinitely gracious, we are convinced we have cause to rejoice forever in the Lord! Amen.

11. Evening. Last 2nd day carried son Samuel to the ferry; visited Job Taber, Jno. Davenport. Found wife very poorly on my return; had but little sleep all night. 3rd day carried wife to Sister Sanford's to take the air; a small shock of an earthquake was felt. Visited S. Simmons; afternoon did much work in garden; wife much distressed in the night with histerickil. 4th day forenoon, wife very poorly, went to Joseph Hart's; grew better towards night. Sister Taber (wife of Jacob) came to see us. 5th day wife yet better; all very busy indoor and out. 6th day morning rode to Davenport's to bring M. Green, but she came not; I returned forenoon. A N.E. storm of rain began 'fore I got home, and continued 'til noon today, yet I tryed to get to a meeting at P. Potter's yesterday, but turned back. At 3 o'clock this afternoon a meeting gathered in my house, and I had blessed freedom in preaching on Rev. 22:14; Deacon Palmer prayed. [torn] Rain since meeting. Job Taber, Mary Green, R. Gifford, L. Shearman present.

19. 2 day of the week. This day sennight (tho' cloudy weather) rode down to the [torn] fetch up my son, but he came not over. Dined at Philip Gray's, Neck, visited J[torn] from whence I came home at night bringing (as I also carried) Lydia Shearman. 3rd day (clear and cloudy) after morning work in garden, carried wife to I. Man[torn]; rode down again for my son, and we all came home

1- together late afternoon. (Cow calved.) 4th day was very busy;
 2- brought Pheebe Taber from I. Manchester's to visit us. 5th day I
 3- may reckon among the most remarkable days of my life (but as I
 4- have only time to hint at matters to refresh my own memory, my
 5- readers can have scarcely any of the ideas that now fill my mind).
 6- Being cast among a great number of people assembled to the funeral
 7- of the wife of John Tripp, I say I was cast or sent among them
 8- and also (after one Stephen Buffington) spake to them contrary to
 9- the desire and will not only of Trip, but also of myself! Buf-
 10- fington spake again after me and also prayed; we divided the house,
 11- had much talk and parted in great love. I visited Lillis Weeden,
 12- J. Taber; had my horse shod and returned to much hard work at home
 13- 'til dark. 6th day we were all very busy and my dear wife so over
 14- did herself as to have no sleep all night, and was very poorly all
 15- next day (and yet continues feeble tho' some better). Y[torn] we
 16- were favoured with a most lovely meeting at our house, afternoon,
 17- in which I was raised to almost an extacy of joy while speaking
 18- upon Heb. 12:22, 23, 24. Brother Edes and M.G. also spake to edi-
 19- fication; after meeting I rode to the house of M. Borden (near to
 20- [torn]) and tarried. Yesterday attended 2 precious meetings at
 21- the house of Cornelius [torn] and a 3rd (more sweet) in the eve-
 22- ning at one Gershom Woddle's which held until near midnight, there
 23- being near a dozen speakers! (3 very young [torn]; another great
 24- reformation begun in that neighbourhood.) After meeting [torn]ed
 25- at the house of Edward Borden and tarried; from whence I returned
 26- home today, after visiting old William Macomber, Jno. Weeden (with
 27- whom had a solemn and distressing time) and Job Taber by the way.

26- 26th. 2nd day of the week. Last 3rd day, visited Deacon Earl,
 27- Thomas and Philip Taber. 4th day (wife being yet poorly) did much
 28- work in garden; was at William [torn]. 5th day very busy in gar-
 29- den. 6th day was much rain, but we had 4 spinners. 7th or Sabbath
 30- day preached at Widow Macomber's (on Ephes. 5:30) and yesterday,
 31- after preaching in the meeting house upon Heb. 11:6, I left meet-
 32- ing before 'twas done and rode about 6 miles to the funeral of
 33- Joshua Dwelly, where I preached again in the open air to a large
 34- number and with great freedom on Philipians 1:21. Rested a little
 35- while at D. Dwelley's and then travelled (3 miles further) to Bn.
 36- Borden's (after visiting Brother Freeman by the way); from thence
 37- I came home this afternoon, having visited Jno. Davenport, had
 38- much talk with his son.

38- 6th Mo.-1 day. First day evening late. Last 3rd day, after much
 39- work in garden, went to meeting at Peleg Potter's; was favoured
 40- to hear much truth spoken by Elder D. Hicks; [torn] a few words
 41- after him and returned. 4th day was very busy, also 5th day fore-
 42- noon (several Bedford [sic] in their way to Newport called to see
 43- us); afternoon settled with self, attended church meeting at which
 44- a subscription was began. 6th day spent in writing, while several
 45- brethren were fencing my field. Yesterday preached with great
 46- freedom at [torn] Grinnell's on Heb. 4, 2 last verses, and after I
 47- had preached today with marvelous freedom on several texts, Jere-
 48- miah Davenport (aged about 17) gave a very affecting declaration
 49- of his experience, faith, and was received by the church. Since
 50- which I have been and preached again at Job Taber's (son of Ste-
 51- phen) on Rom. 10:10 (With the heart); had a lovely evening with
 52- the other Job T. who came home with me; P. Green was moved to pray.
 53- Bless the Lord my [torn]. This has been an extraordinary good day
 54- to my soul.
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3- 8. First day evening. Last 2nd day visited Joseph Brownell and
4- tarried all [torn]. 3rd day, came home and went to hard work with
5- brethren C. Earl and I. Brightman, who were cross plowing my
6- field. 4th day fully planted my orchard myself with son and one
7- more boy, and had calf killed besides. While my work was very
8- wearying to the body, my mind was very comfortable. 5th day morn-
9- ing intended to Newport, but rain hindered; however after Job
10- Taber had made us a short visit, I carried my veal to the 4 Cor-
11- ners; found Jeremiah Davenport poorly. 6th day worked again very
12- hard with 5 other men and 2 boys planting my new field. Rested
13- yesterday at home as usual, but felt very stupid and heavy 'til,
14- near night, was greatly revived. And today after preaching with
15- marvelous freedom to a very crowded assembly on Acts 10:47 (Can
16- any man forbid water) baptized Joseph Brownell and Jeremiah Daven-
17- port. Since which have had much talk with many; P. Green went to
18- Widow Rogers'es. Brother Edes tarries with us; L. Shearman has
19- been here all the week past.

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21- 15, evening. Last 2nd day, after a hard forenoon work, went to
22- the other meeting house to the funeral of Widow Closson; had a
23- comfortable time of silent sitting. Heard Mase Shepherd read over
24- some notes I suppose he had written on Psalm 112:4, which altho'
25- good and true words in themselves, appeared to be hardly good milk
26- which the weakest of babes might digest, forasmuch as it was not
27- even reading the Gospel properly, much less preaching of it, be-
28- cause Jesus Christ and him crucified was left out of the discourse,
29- and he neither pointed out who the upright were, or for what
30- reason light arises to them in the darkness! But God forbid I
31- should thus record it with prejudice, envy, or the least ill will,
32- or from a principle of self exaltation, for doubtless I am as
33- liable to err as he, and if I can preach the gospel clearly, it is
34- not I, but unto God belongs all the praise and glory. 3rd day,
35- after morning work went as far as Widow Rogers'es where I had
36- blessed freedom in prayer and speaking to an old sinner, and after
37- dinner let Mary Green take my horse to ride, and walked home my-
38- self on foot. Had much talk with Liza Cook who visited and tar-
39- ried with us all night, because of rain and thunder, on which and
40- other accounts my wife had no sleep, and was very poorly 4th day,
41- while I was very busy preparing for a journey. 5th day journeyed
42- to Newport with M. Green (having borrowed a horse of Constant
43- Hart). Heard Elder Sheldon, Elder Foster and Edward Clark all
44- speak at a meeting, and spake also myself with much freedom on 2
45- Cor. 3:18. 6th day did much business, then went to the Friends'
46- yearly meeting, after which dined with Green Burroughs and got
47- home 'fore night, having visited Doctor Jarret. Yesterday preach-
48- ed at Job Taber's on Heb. 4:9 (There remaineth) and today after
49- preaching on Acts 2:42 (And they continued) layed hands on J.
50- Brownell, and Job Taber, son of Stephen, made profession of faith
51- to general satisfaction. I now feel very feeble in body, but de-
52- sire to praise the Lord.

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54- 22. Evening. Last 2nd day, being my proper birth day compleating
55- 40 years, had many thoughts, and spent in a variety of business at
56- home (molasses came; I read some in a shocking book). 3rd day
57- much the same; wife visited Susa. Hart. 4th day there was much
58- rain, yet I was much in the garden seeing to plants, tho' poorly
59- in body; Lydia Shearman went away. 5th day (being yet poorly)
60- necessity obliged me to go as far as Philip Cory's, dine at Walter
61- Cook's; visited Davenport. 6th day was exceeding busy and better
62- in health. Yesterday rested as usual at home, and today after
63- preaching twice in the meeting house (tho' but one meeting) on no
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particular text but with great freedom (tho' Mary Hart disturbed the meeting) I rode to the 4 Corners and preached again with marvelous freedom (at Davenport's to a large assembly) on John 5:11. Baptized Job Taber, son of Stephen, laid on hands at his own house, and returned home in peace, since sunset on foot (leting my children ride), and feel very comfortable this evening. (Am informed that one Huntington attended at the other meeting house.) All glory to the Lord.

1788-6 Mo.-29th. First day near sunset. Last 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days, as also 5th day forenoon, exceeding busy in garden yards, at home. Afternoon had unusual freedom in prayer and exhortation at church meeting, altho' there was so few members present (7 men, 9 women) that no church act took place, only there [torn] about plaistering this house of my abode, and at a time to attend on the Lord's Supper. On 6th day I walked to 5 neighbours' houses before I could borrow a horse (at length had Jno. Gifford's) to carry my wife abroad for the benefit of air, she having been so poorly as to have no sleep the night before; we visited Philip and William Gray. Yesterday rested at home (Brother Edes and R. Gifford with us, weather showery) in the night was much rain. And this morning after much hard work (on wood, leach) went to meeting at the usual hour of 11 o'clock, and tho' there was but a few people, I have seldom known the word of truth run more sweetly and plentifully. I spake upon Isaiah 6:2 (But to this man will I look), Brother Brownell prayed, we sang. And since meeting had some smart pain of cholick, but feel now relieved and comfortable.

7 Mo.-6. First day near sunset. Last 2nd day was exceeding busy at home, also 3rd day (before and after going to Widow Hunt's, C. White's, William Brown's and Aaron Grinnell's for a grist on a borrowed horse). Finished all my hoeing with the help of E.S., T.S., J.H., Jonathan Lake. 4th day Sister Earl wife of Jno. visited us; towards night was very hard thunder (and the lightning struck a large white oak tree about a quarter of a mile eastward of us, renting it from top to bottom amazingly) which caused me deep exercise of heart. 5th day continued in much serching of heart; read much in Bible and some in one Pennington's works; was also busy about outward things. Lydia Shearman and D. Woodman came, also a company in the evening to attend the marriage of George Borden; was taken with a lax in the night. 6th day felt poorly; was much rain, before which I visited old R. Hart, William Sanford. Yesterday I felt very heavy and shaken in mind; there was more rain and in the night [torn] lightning and thunder, yet many people came to meeting today (because there was none at the 2 meeting houses north and south of us). After prayer (no singing) and long silence, I was enabled to preach with some freedom on John 6:57 (So he that eateth me), since which have partook of the Lord's Supper (with a few); not so comfortable in mind as at some times.

13th, evening. Last 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days (very foggy and some rain) did a variety of work at home and visited a few nigh neighbours. 5th day morning the sun shined clear (after being 6 days hid); I visited Thomas Cory, William Almy. (Got some potatoes, wool.) In the run of the day, met with something very trying, but thro' grace it evidently worked well! On 6th day did much work, yet read much; yesterday morning had a refreshing time in the meeting house alone! Forenoon, with wife, visited Widow Trip, S. Simmons and Sister Manchester; afternoon, with Edes, Stephen Manchester, very sick, prayed. Towards night it was so ordered by

1- divine providence that Brother Edes, L. Shearman, and R. Gifford
 2- were all sick at our house; Ruth had the doctor and a watcher, and
 3- today they were all relieved! And after I had preached with much
 4- freedom in our meeting house to a large assembly upon 2 Cor. 6:10
 5- (As p. yet making many rich as n.) I rode (in the great heat) to
 6- the meeting house in Little Compton and was enabled to preach
 7- again with more marvellous freedom (to near 600 people I believe)
 8- upon James 2:5 (Hearken me, O brethren; hath not God chosen the
 9- poor) the design being principally to preach to the towns by their
 10- request. I felt a blessing, saw many affected; came home in
 11- peace; just now it began to rain, thunder. All glory to the Lord.

12- 1788-7 Mo.-20. First day evening. Last 2nd day after much hard
 13- work visited widow of Jno. Hunt (George Simmons), received a grist;
 14- went to mill and got home in evening. 3rd day carried L. Shearman
 15- to Walter Cook's, visited (and settled an affair with) Philip Gray,
 16- W. G. (got wool), Davenport, P. Cory, Jno. Almy and Jacob Taber;
 17- came home weary evening. 4th day intended to Newport, but in
 18- compliance with the request of Sister Genevera Johnson carried her
 19- and her child on my beast to her sister's (the wife of Peleg Brown-
 20- nell) in Dartmouth. Had much talk with old Widow Brownell, visited
 21- Job Taber, got home time enough for wife to visit Pheebe Taber,
 22- sick. 5th day (with Job Taber) visited Jacob and Joseph Taber,
 23- Davenport. 6th day was very busy about many things at home. Yes-
 24- terday with wife went to meeting at Widow Macomber's and preached
 25- to a few on Luke 19:10; Brother Edes spake after me; Brother Taber
 26- prayed. And today after preaching a lengthy discourse on Deut. 8:2
 27- (And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led
 thee these 40 years) had much talk with Lillis Weeden and others
 and sent son to carry Sister Johnson down to Sekonnet.

28- 27, evening. Last 2nd day journeyed to Newport; in my way stoped
 29- and made enquiry concerning Doctor Charles Jarret who died the
 30- 19th of last month and was buried the 20th (just a week after I
 31- had seen him). Elder Bliss preached at his funeral on Rev. 14:13.
 32- It is said in the public print he was upward of 102 year of age
 33- and if so, he was in his 100th year when I baptized him. I dined
 34- at Elder Bliss's, did considerable business 'fore night; had a
 35- comfortable meeting in the evening at D. Tilley's and tarried. 3rd
 36- day, after the great rain held up, did more business and got home
 37- late at night. 4, 5, and 6th day was very busy at home but some-
 38- time full of rheumatic pains (had field plowed, did some hoeing).
 39- Yesterday felt very stupid yet towards night visited and prayed
 40- with Stephen Manchester (S. Sawdey tarried with us), and after
 41- writing a will for Widow Rogers, and other work this morning,
 42- I went to meeting very feeble in body and mind; yet was enabled
 43- to preach with great freedom and power on 1 John 4:20 (If a
 44- man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a lyar (no
 45- singing). Since which visited Job Taber, and came back just now
 46- (with a grist of rye from M. Borden). I think great part of every
 47- day the week past has been cloudy and foggy, as it is now.

48- 8 Mo.-3. Evening, late. Last 2nd day being in extream pain of
 49- rheumatism (carried Lydia Shearman to Walter Cook's) went to
 50- Philip Gray's in the Neck and went into the salt water; dined,
 51- visited many round 4 Corners, and after a heavy shower was over
 52- came home with a grist in the evening wet with another shower.
 53- 3rd day clear and hot, Alice Burrington visited us; I went and
 54- fetched Comfort Davenport to work. Afternoon was in extream pain
 55- again, and 'til late at night; but 4th day (clear and cool) felt
 56- easy and did much hard work (met with a great trial). 5th day

forenoon was very busy hoeing while Deacon Palmer and Job Taber were mowing for me; wrote a letter to Jno. P. Jones. Afternoon attended church meeting (with only 5 brethren and 9 sisters); felt very heavy and dull 'til Brother Edes brake silence and prayed so fervently 'twas reviving to my mind, after which I spake much. We considered a difficulty between E. and R. Macomber; had much conference. 6th day was very busy (hoeing) 'til mid-afternoon; went and met Bedford friends in the way to my house. (Mr. East and J. Proud's son went to Newport.) Sisters East and Ayres, Jno. and Elisabeth came and tarried with us. Yesterday afternoon we had a precious meeting at which after Elder Round had prayed, I spake upon Psalm [blank] (I will p. thee O Lord, among the p.) after which Little Elisabeth spake charmingly; in the evening Caleb Green and my sister R. came, and we had a happy evening. And today after a most glorious prayer meeting, at which Brother Brownell prayed and I spake on Rom. 2:10 (But glory h. and peace to every man), we sat down to the Lord's Supper and had a joyful time. Since which 'til now have had a glorious [torn]. Neither of our deacons at meeting today, but Deacon Tilley served the table for us; Elisabeth East gave herself to the church.

1788-8 Mo.-10 day. First day evening. Last 2nd day, son Samuel went to Newport with S. Sawdy, his aunt Rebekah and C. Green; George East and his wife returned to Bedford. I was very busy about many things, raking hay, thro' the day, as also 3rd day forenoon; afternoon preached at the funeral of Gideon Almy's son (aged 6, a twin who died suddenly). Tarried and had much talk with many; on my return home found son had got back from Newport. 4th day was very busy. 5th day dined at Philip Cory's, visited Davenport, old Widow Gray, poorly at her son Pardon's, Walter Cranston's family. 6th day was very busy; Daughter Anna taken poorly. Yesterday she was sick in bed with kanker, feaver, yet I went according to appointment and preached at Jno. Weeden's on Rev. 11 [torn], and today have been enabled to preach again to a large assembly with great freedom on Rev. 22:17 (The s. and the b. say come). Since which, with wife, visited Sister Manchester, had talk with Widow Hart. Daughter Anna is much better, but son Samuel is taken very poorly, vomiting and purging; Ruth Gifford tarries with us to night. O, that all our circumstances may be sanctified to us for good, and redound to the Glory of God. Amen.

17. Evening. Last 2nd day (after much hard work) afternoon, went as far as Philip and William Gray's to seek bread for my family; came home disappointed, and yet thro' grace in a great measure contented. 3rd day forenoon sent son with some success; afternoon I attended the meeting of a few at Job Taber's on a case of difference which, being happily settled, I returned home in the evening comfortably (found wood). 4th day visited Zeb Grinnell (who gave me a grist), Willbur, Miller (got horse shod), the town's poor; also visited Mase Shepherd the minister, but had not time enough to talk much. From thence I came home late by the 4 Corners, visiting several and calling at the mill, but got no meal. 5th day worked hard; afternoon sent son to mill; wife went with him and visited at Davenport's and Willcox's. 6th day did much work and had much talk with Liza Cook who visited us (with L. Shearman); read her writings. Yesterday wife went with me to the funeral of a young Indian woman called Sarah Succanish (or Mouth). We dined at Widow Rogers'es, then I preached at the Indian meeting house with much freedom to black and white hearers. In our way home, were wet with rain which caused us to stop some time at Sister Hannah Davenport's. Wrote to Liza Cook and today (after much

rain and) after preaching with much freedom on these words (in the meeting house) "Thro' sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth," the church held a religious conference, first time, which I also attended part of the time, and at which D. Palmer, Jeremiah Davenport and Job Taber were mouths in prayer. After which I went to D. Palmer's and preached again with marvellous freedom on Psalm 112:4, and returned just now accompanied by Job Taber and my son. Praised be the Lord forever. Amen. Wind and rain being both withheld makes almost a famine for temporal bread this month.

25th. 2nd day of the week, evening. This day sennight (very foggy) dined without bread, whipt bushes, was called to give advice to old Stephen Hart (wife went there). Towards night I went to mill (at 4 Corners, visited Davenport) and with difficulty got meal. 3rd day went to mill again at L. Compton; visited and dined at George Simmons's and came home in rain, visited Noah Hart's wife. 4th day very hot, began to hoe corn 3rd time and was otherwise very busy; Stephen Hart, Widow Macomber and D. Woodman visited us. 5th day sat off for Bedford, by way of the ponds, accompanied by Job Taber. Heard Elder D. Hicks preach at Widow M. Borden's on Isaiah 55:4; I spake after him on 1 Cor. 15:11 after which he baptized 2 persons (one Hannah Randal, Michal Black's wife) and a young bash[torn] the last of which it had pleased God to awaken by my preaching at J. Dwelley's funeral; after this we had much sweet conference and tarried all night. 6th day we visited Sister Potter, Byal Davis, Widow Cornell, and afternoon I was enabled to preach with great freedom in Elder Hicks's meeting house upon 1 Tim. 4:8 from whence we went to Hope West's, where we were visited in the evening with a few friends and a most wonderful gale of divine influence! Every Christian seemed to enjoy almost perfect liberty, and some of us seemed ready to cry, Lord it is enough! Our weak earthen vessels can contain no more! 7th day (or Sabbath) morning, Brother Samuel West joined us in travel, as Brother S. Edes had the day before, and we all went into Bedford, and had a precious meeting at George East's, afternoon, at which I preached on 2 Tim. 3:12 (Shall suffer persecution). After meeting composed an hymn, and altho' a storm of rain, thunder and lightning arose, we had a lovely meeting at J. Ayres's in the evening, from whence I returned to East's to lodge.

First day of the week (towit yesterday) we held 3 large and lovely meetings, two in the S. house and one at East's, at which there were so many speakers and we had so much comfort, that I cannot particularly record it, and if I could, words would fail to give a full idea of the thing. However, 'twas my lot to preach at every meeting, 1st on Rom. 8:14 (For as m. as are lead), 2nd on John 3:17 (For God sent not his son to condemn the w.), 3rd on two passages joined together, Num. 23:23 (What hath God wrought) and Job 37:14 "Hearken unto this, O Job; stand still and consider the wonderful works of God." After that meeting I felt clear of Bedford, but by earnest request, saw duty to appoint another meeting at 9 o'clock this forenoon at the house of Widow Mary Peckom (mother of Hannah East) where I was greatly helped and comforted by my brethren as instruments, both before and after I had preached upon Psalm 92:13, 14, 15 (Those that be planted in the h. of the Lord). A certain black man named Joseph Niles (formerly servant of Nathan) preached lovely after me, and on the whole I think this last meeting was rather the best, but I hope we shall praise the Lord for all, to the never ending ages of eternity. Amen. About mid-afternoon we ended our mutual exhortations, and I was safely conducted to my family and habitation after candle light, and have had many comfortable reflections this evening.

31. First day evening, late. Last 3rd day, went with wife to visit Philip and William Gray's wives, both sick; had much talk and (tho' 2 heavy showers fel while we were there) came safely home after sun set. 4th day was very busy in things temporal; fine weather. 5th day forenoon, George Booth and Arte Gifford came to our house and were married. Afternoon I attended church meeting (but about 18 present); there was much labour with Deacon Earl and Constant Hart, much free speaking of our late travel; but in the evening I felt very gloomy, heavy. 6th day was very busy, yet read considerable; Eleazer Read visited us; son Samuel went to carry R. Gifford to Widow Borden's. Yesterday rested as usual; was much rain. Brother Edes came and spent some hours with us; at night was hard thunder, wind and lightning. Today (raw wind, clear, cloudy and cold) after I had preached in the meeting house with no great freedom on 1 Kings 8:53 (For thou didst sepearate them from among all the people) I went to another meeting at Jacob Taber's (wife with me) where, after prayer and an uncommon exercise of mind in silence near half an hour, I was marvelously assisted to preach on 1 Cor. 3:18 (without naming the place, for I knew it not then) and came home in great peace about candlelight, and had much talk with my son, returned from the northward, also Job Taber and wife [worn].

1788-9 Mo.-7th. First day evening, late. Last 2nd day had much work to do, but rheumatism had so seized my right shoulder blade, I could not work without great misery, so I sat out to visit Philip Taber. Met him and had a little talk in the road, then went to William Wood's and dined. Then to Job Taber's a few minutes, from thence to William Hicks'; got some apples and came home. 3rd day was very busy at home and had the cholic at night. 4th day, poorly and yet busy. 5th day went to the 4 Corners to meet and accompany my honoured father to our house; had much talk with a wandering man called Bennet. Dined at Jacob Taber's; visited Walter Cranston's wife, and to my great joy found reason to think she had experienced the new birth about 12 days before. Father stoped to see Thomas Taber's wife, very sick, but I came home, carried wife to Philip Taber's, visited and prayed with Deborah Gifford. 6th day cut stalks; wife went to Peleg Cook's and Father visited neighbours. Yesterday carried Anna with me 5 miles to a meeting at Daniel Grinnell's where I preached with great freedom on Isaiah 61:2, "To proclaim the acceptable year." Old Brother Round and Brother Edes spake after me, I hope to good purpose. I got home near sunset, and today, after prayer and singing and my father had spoken a few words, I was marvellously assisted to preach on 2 Cor. 5:20, "We pray you in C. stead"; Brother Edes exhorted and Deacon Palmer prayed. Since which (altho' it has rained hard) a conference was held in my house, and several spake; Father, Brother Job Taber, and Thomas Springer all prayed vocally. After this I rode 1 mile in the rain to the house of Jno. Taber to attend the marriage of Wanton Devol with Sarah Lake, and had much freedom to exhort and speak of eternal things, and came home just now.

15. Second day evening, late. This day sennight (very cloudy) I visited Stephen Hart, very sick. About noon Jno. Davenport came (to make me a coat and jacket out of old ones) and tarried till 5th day, near sunset. 3rd day Jno. Weeden and Elder Round came to see Father. 4th day, E. Round and Father sat out to visit people towards the Point, and came back yesterday morning. 5th day I was very busy with Davenport and cuting stalks, and in the evening visited Stephen Hart. 6th day visited Daniel Dwelley and Joshua's widow; came back to mill with corn. Visited S. Hart again in the

1- August and September 1788
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3- evening, his reason much gone. Sabbath forenoon spent at home;
4- afternoon at Job Taber's with a few brethren. Yesterday, after
5- Father had spoken a few words and prayed, I was wonderfully assisted
6- to preach on 1 Cor. 1:21, "For after that in the w. of God."
7- Elder Round spake and prayed after me, then I went in haste to another
8- meeting at Jno. Earl's, where I was again enabled to preach
9- with marvelous freedom on 1 Cor. 1:23, 24. Came to Deacon Earl's
10- and spent evening in much free talk and prayer (in which we both
11- were mouth) and tarried all night. And today visited Brother
12- Brightman, then William Gifford, who went with me to see an old
13- sick Indian called Deb. Ceaser, and as a number of blacks came in,
14- I preached the Gospel to them and prayed with much freedom. From
15- thence I came to Gifford's again and spake a few words, then to
16- Job Taber's and dined; then visited Isaac Gifford's family (whose
17- wife has lain 20 odd years bed rid) and had a blessed testimony to
18- bear to the truth there. From whence I came home 'fore sunset,
19- and this evening have been once more to visit our dying neighbour
20- Hart, where I delivered some testimony and, being desired by the
21- family, found freedom to pray and came home just now; find Father
22- is gone to Westport.

23- 9-21. First day of the week, evening. Last 3rd day (much rain) S.
24- Hart died; I (was busy mending my own cloathes, yet) visited and
25- spake to the afflicted family. 4th day (fine weather) forenoon
26- did some hard work; after noon, the corps being brought to our
27- meeting house (after long silence) I was enabled to preach power-
28- fully to a large assembly, chiefly on these words, "Thus saith the
29- Lord of hosts, Consider your ways." (My father, Brother Brownell
30- and Deacon Sawyer sat with me, but neither of them spake.) 5th
31- day, after much business and some fiery trials, visited Abigail
32- Tompkins, in a strange case, but found no call to pray for her in
33- words, tho' requested. Then visited Sister Manchester where I had
34- much talk with old Widow Taylor, a lively Christian aged 83! 6th
35- day, felt overloaded with cares and business; went to mill, visited
36- Philip and W. Gray. Yesterday, rested at home as usual, Father
37- and R. Gifford with us; visited Joseph Crandal in the evening.
38- And today after prayer and long silence, I preached about ten min-
39- utes a special word to the church after which my dear father spake
40- near half an hour. I then rose and spake about 15 minutes more,
41- a word of terror to sinners, founded on the words of the prophet,
42- "I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of
43- sheaves." Since meeting have had much talk with John Tobey; and
44- this evening with Susa. Hart and Sarah Sawdey, whose late conduct
45- gave me cause to pray almost in an agony.

46- 28. Last 2nd day, clouds and high wind prevented my journeying,
47- but towards night visited Thomas Taber's wife, sick, then spent
48- the evening with Father in much free talk at Isaac Manchester's;
49- Peter Green came with a letter of request. 3rd day went with
50- Peter to Newport; dined with William Langley; visited Elder Foster
51- who was about leaving his church in a very imprudent and disagree-
52- able manner. Had much talk with Unkle Green, and preached with
53- marvelous freedom to the new church in the evening upon Zechariah
54- 4:6, "Not by might, but by my spirit"; tarried at Unkle Green's.
55- 4th day, did much temporal business, and afternoon 'til near night
56- sat in council with Deacon Baxter and Abraham Reed on an intricate
57- and complex case of difference between Green and Goddard. In the
58- evening preached to a crowded assembly in Elder Bliss'es meeting
59- house on Jeremiah 8:21, 22, "For the hurt of the d. of my people
60- am I hurt"; lodged at Deacon Tilley's. Left town early 5th day
61- morning, and attended church meeting at home afternoon, at which

1- was much labour in a case between sisters Liza and Sarah Sawdey;
 2- but few present. 6th day was full of bodily labours and cares;
 3- yesterday forenoon visited the widow Hart, Noah's family, finding
 4- much to say to them; afternoon held a conference with Brother
 5- Edes, Susa. Hart and R. Gifford at our house. And today, after I
 6- had done preaching with wonderful power on Psalm 97:11, 12 (Light
 7- is sown), an aged woman, wife of Stokes Potter, made profession of
 8- faith to general satisfaction (before which Deacon Palmer spake a
 9- few words in season). Since which my mind has been exercised with
 10- many thoughts, and my body with some hard labour.

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 12- 10. Mo.-5. Last 2nd day, visited and had much religious talk with
 13- Philip Cory and wife, Deacon Palmer and wife, who has just had a
 14- second son whom they call Peleg (left my colt at G. Willcox's to
 15- keep at 6d a week); went to mill. 3rd day rain; I had much to do
 16- at home; sent son to mill towards night. 4th day (dug potatoes)
 17- and had much to do in shop. 5th day went with wife to Jno. Almy's;
 18- dined at his son Sanford's; visited Jno. Woodman's family, whose
 19- wife has the jaundice; saw Susa. Woodman, Lydia Shearman; neither
 20- deacon nor Brother C. Hart at church meeting. 6th day, after much
 21- work, went to the funeral of old Comfort Gifford wife of Jno., and
 22- found some pleasure and advantage not only in silent meditation,
 23- but also in hearing two widow Gifford's speak upon divine things
 24- and pray. Yesterday forenoon rested as usual at home (Ruth G.
 25- with us); afternoon (tho' it rained) visited old Jno. Gifford (and
 26- we told each other some of our experience), old R. Hart. And to-
 27- day, after being enabled to preach faithfully and powerfully (and
 28- as it were my farewell discourse or dying testimony to many people)
 29- upon Gen. 24:49, I was again assisted to speak and pray at the
 30- waterside (eastward of [torn] to baptize Pheebe Potter, wife of
 31- Stokes, aged 65. After which we had a 3rd meeting at Sister San-
 32- ford's house where, after Brother S. West had exhorted, I spake
 33- and prayed, laid hands on the baptized person, sang. All glory to
 34- the Lord.

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 36- 12. First day of the week, evening. Last 2nd day, after morning
 37- work spent the chief part of the day in hearing the wonderful ex-
 38- perience of Elisabeth Snow (wife of Seth) who came from Rehoboth
 39- to visit us. And I think I had a sense of the kindness and honour
 40- my Master had done me in sending such an one under my roof; Elder
 41- Round, Susa Hart and R. Gifford was also with us to hear. Towards
 42- night my son carried her to the ferry, and I went to hard bodily
 43- labour (diging potatoes, cutting down a tree and backing wood) with
 44- pleasure 'til dark; and in the evening found my mind in hard la-
 45- bour upon and about many things, particularly desiring a time of
 46- reformation and day of power (exhorted wife). 3rd day, attended
 47- the funeral of old Abigail Lake (75) wife of Jonathan; had blessed
 48- freedom in testifying the truth; Brother Round the elder spake
 49- charmingly after me. I dined at G. Grinnell's; got home mid-after-
 50- noon (and found much to do) before which it began to rain, and con-
 51- tinued I suppose near all night. 4th day cloudy and blustering;
 52- had much work to do; wife went to see Sarah Sawdey. 5th and 6th
 53- days fine weather, myself and 2 sons did abundance of hard labour
 54- (backing wood, husking corn, and finished geting in near 30
 55- bushels of potatoes).

56- Towards night on 6th day, went to Philip Cory's, who kindly
 57- gave me a live pig, a grist; visited Liza Cook in my way home.
 58- Yesterday was a violent N.E. storm of wind and rain, in which I
 59- was obliged to be much out (with wet feet) tending fattening pigs,
 60- and felt greatly tryed; as also this morning, having wood to back,
 61- I felt a weak temptation not to go to meeting. However, went and

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3- felt freedom in prayer, after which Deacon Palmer read a hymn
4- (108, 2nd book) which I had tried to find in the morning (but
5- could not for want of remembering the first line) because the last
6- half of the 3rd verse had affected me in the night. On the words
7- of the hymn (after singing) I preached with a feeling sense of
8- truth and after some time of silence, rose and preached again a
9- few minutes on Gen. 24:49; then Deacon Palmer prayed, meeting
10- brake up and I was soon to my temporal work among corn and wood,
11- by reason of which, the Lord's Supper was not attended to today!
12- Also towards night, was obliged to go to mill at the 4 Corners,
13- but visited Walter Cranston's wife by the way, with whom (and
14- others that came in) had much talk and prayed. All glory to Jesus
15- forever. Amen. Wife fel off my horse today and bruised her left
16- leg near the knee very much.

17- 10 Mo.-19 day, evening. Last 2nd and 3rd days was exceeding busy
18- with 2 sons husking corn, cutting and backing wood, making stack
19- yard. 4th day also very busy in house, orchard and yard; towards
20- noon oldest son and daughter, with R. Gifford, sat out for Bed-
21- ford; a very high wind arose (I felt poorly thro' the day). 5th
22- day was also windy, I felt some hard pain of the wind cholic,
23- nevertheless did a hard morning's work clearing a piece of ground,
24- putting up stalk stack that was blown down. After which walked as
25- far as Brother Philip Taber's and dined, then took his horse and
26- rode (7 miles) to the house of Gideon Durfey to attend the mar-
27- riage of Weaver Osborn. From thence I came to Samuel Stafford's
28- to the marriage of Thomas Tripp (son of Jno.), and after candle-
29- light sat off for Philip Taber's, from whence I walked home about
30- 8 o'clock, weary but much better of the cholic. However it came
31- on again 6th day hard, and partly went off with a purging, yet I
32- was obliged to do much work, but not all that seemed necessary.
33- Job and Jacob Taber and wife visited us in the evening, also Capt.
34- Gabriel Hicks came with Philip Cory's daughter, without previous
35- notice, and was married at my house. Yesterday morning I seemed
36- well over my cholic and lax, yet in the run of the day felt some
37- hard pains, and was obliged to cut and back some wood, altho'
38- 'twas Sabbath day; in the evening was thunder, lightning and rain.
39- This morning also had wood to back (for I could not hire a team
40- this 3 or 4 weeks) and so many other things necessary to do that,
41- altho I hurried, I could neither get leisure to read nor get to
42- meeting til near noon! However, my mind thro' grace was soon com-
43- posed, and I had blessed freedom in prayer and preaching on John
44- 11:28 (The Master is come) (no singing) and after a short meeting
45- returned to hard work 'til dark. R. G. and my children came home,
46- and Liza Cook spent the evening with us.

47- 26, evening. Last 2nd day, after I had cut down one tree and
48- backed home some wood, cut up the last quarter part of my corn,
49- and my left fore finger dreadfully. Brother Philip Taber came
50- with his team and brought up my corn, punkins and stalks, and
51- Joseph Hart and S. Taber helped to get me 2 small load of wood to
52- the door. Philip dined with us and talked considerably; towards
53- night a violent S.E. storm began; R. G. stayed with us. 3rd day
54- (cleared away warm) I was very busy husking 'til it rained again.
55- 4th day (heavy clouds and high wind) I finished husking, and to-
wards night, being sent for, I visited the wife of Willet Brigs,
sick in Philip Cory's house, and tarried all night at Davenport's,
where I had a remarkable time in prayer. And after visiting the
sick again, and Philip and William Gray, came home. 5th day
afternoon stacked stalks and sent son to carry R. G. over to Job
Taber's. 6th day was very busy; went to mill, put up flaxseed.

1- Yesterday preached with much freedom at Ichabod Potter's on Heb.
 2- 6:12 (Be followers of those who thro' f. & p. inherit the p.), and
 3- today (after long silence) with more freedom on 1 Cor. 4:20 (For
 4- the km. of God is not in word but in power). After which, accom-
 5- panied by wife, I went to attend a meeting at Walter Cranston's,
 6- where I was marvelously assisted in preaching on Psalm 119:49, 50
 7- (Remember the wd. unto thy s. upon which thou hast caused me hope).
 8- 'Twas indeed a glorious time of love, and the Gospel was freely
 9- preached to the poor. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
 10- within me, bless his holy name. Amen. N.B. This 4 days now end-
 11- ing has been uncommon warm for the season.

12- 1788-11 Mo.-2 d. First day, evening. Last 2nd day (warm for the
 13- season) was very busy at home. (3rd, 4th and 5th days extream
 14- cold.) After much hard work 3rd day forenoon, took up my horse to
 15- go abroad but being in great need of shoe leather, bread corn, and
 16- yet wanting to visit several on spiritual accounts, so many places
 17- presented to my view and at different points of compass, that I
 18- felt like a man whom others were puling to pieces, and stood so
 19- long in my yard studying which way to go that I got a great chill
 20- and was obliged to come into the house to finish my study! At
 21- length that scripture came to mind which saith "Whatsoever thy
 22- hand findeth to do, do it." On which I sat off for Westport, but
 23- after my horse had gone a few steps he turned short about of his
 24- own accord and run fast the way to Little Compton. I let him go
 25- as he would, and he carried me to Philip Manchester's, where I
 26- paid a short visit, I hope not in vain, and after dinner proceeded
 27- and visited An. Grinnell, Jno. Volluntine, and C. White, who gave
 28- me a grist. About sunset I sat off for home, and while my grist
 29- was grinding at E. Davenport's, visited and prayed with the wife
 30- of Willet Brigs. Stopped at Jno. Davenport's and got some apples,
 31- then led my horse as far as Walter Cranston's; stopt and paid them
 32- a short visit, and got home on foot about the end of the evening
 33- (with my beast loaded and) rejoicing in divine goodness. 4th day
 34- forenoon worked hard again, and towards noon visited Job Taber and
 35- Aaron Davis in Westport; dined at Widow Brownell's and visited the
 36- other family (Brigs), Stokes Potter, Jno. Weeden and Gideon Taber;
 37- returned at night. 5th day forenoon had 2 small pigs killed (tho'
 38- it froze all day and extream hard at night); afternoon we held a
 39- lovely church meeting, and in the evening we had a precious meet-
 40- ing for worship at my house, at which I preached a short discourse
 41- on these words in Acts, "The will of the Lord be done." Brother
 42- Job Borden, being with us, prayed and exhorted sweetly, and Sister
 43- Rachel B. tarried with us. On 6th day (cold abated) Brother Job
 44- and I visited Sister Susa Hart; forenoon he and Rachel D. and I
 45- went to cutting down trees (Mary Hart and L. Shearman visited us).
 46- Yesterday forenoon rested at home; afternoon the church held a
 47- precious meeting at Walter Cranston's, whose wife made a satis-
 48- factory declaration of her experience and faith. We rode home in
 49- the rain, and today I found blessed freedom in preaching on Mat.
 50- 15:26 (It is not meet to take the c. bread), after which adminis-
 51- tered and partook of the Lord's Supper.

52- 9th, evening. Last 2nd day was desired to attend the funeral of a
 53- child at James Durfey's, but on many accounts did not, but was
 54- busy at home. 3rd day dined at Jacob Taber's; carried old saddle
 55- to G. Westgate's to be mended, and had a precious meeting with the
 family and Stephen Buffington, visiting Liza Cook in my way home.
 4th day (very warm) was very busy while some friends were getting
 me wood. 5th day did much work at home; was visited by Brother
 Sam Merriot, a preacher. 6th day, after much work, went in haste

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3- to Westgate's and got my saddle; stopt a few minutes at Philip
4- Gray's, Cranston's, and brot L. Shearman home with me, expecting
5- more to visit us, but rain prevented. Yesterday Brother Edes
6- came, Deacon Tilly. T'was very cold in the night and today, yet
7- after preaching on John 8:47, I comfortably baptized Kezia Cran-
8- ston, laid on hands at William Sanford's, and this evening have
9- been to a marriage at Stephen Manchester's.

10- 1788-11 Mo.-16. Last 2nd day forenoon was very busy; afternoon
11- had a sweet conference with Brother Samuel Merriot (aged 45, and
12- George Bliss and others who visited me). In the evening we had a
13- large and precious meeting in our meeting house and Merriot
14- preached to us on Heb. 2:3 (How shall we escape), after which a
15- number in my dwelling house sang and prayed til near midnight.
16- 3rd day morning, friends went away; I spent the day at home in
17- various things. A S. East storm of rain began about noon, and was
18- violent 'til near night, when Deacon Tilley from Bedford called to
19- see us (and I paid him what I owed him). 4th day, sat out early
20- to journey to Newport with D. Tilley and his wife; wind was so
21- high they went to the uper ferry. After visiting Sister Cranston,
22- Davenport, and the families at Fogland, I dined at Philip Gray's
23- and then crossed the ferry. Got to Elder Bliss'es about sunset,
24- where I spent about an hour; then went into town to Brother Til-
25- ley's, but as he had not got home, went to Unkle Green's; from
26- whence I went to a meeting at the barracks (so called), prayed and
27- slept with my honoured father. 5th day, did much business, and
28- preached in the evening to the people that Benjamin Foster lately
29- left (and as it were, ran away from because it is said he could
30- get 200 dollars more a year at N. York than they gave him!) I
31- spake upon Isaiah 2:22, "Cease ye from man," with much freedom,
32- and slept at Unkle Green's. 6th day, meant by divine leave to get
33- home early, but just as I got ready it began to rain. I therefore
34- stoped at Eleazer Read's near 2 hours, from whence I rode to the
35- ferry (tho' it rained great part of the time, and I had a load of
36- merchandize), where I was again detained more than 2 hours. Yet I
37- got over and came home 'fore sunset, and had a busy evening puting
38- up my goods, entering them on book. Yesterday rested as usual;
39- towards night had talk with William Cornell, and felt very low
40- spirited in the evening. But today have been enabled to preach
41- with much freedom, chiefly on the last part of the commission,
42- "Teaching them to," O! Brother Abraham Read, being with us, spake
43- a few words after me. It is now very cloudy.

44- 23, near night. Last 2nd day (Brother Philip Taber brot us a load
45- of sand and a load of wood) I was very busy; sent Sammy to carry
46- L. Shearman to the 4 Corners (who had a fall). Afternoon Daven-
47- port came to work; it rained; Elder Lewis came late in the eve-
48- ning. 3rd day (more rain) forenoon E. L. went away; afternoon,
49- Stephen Brownell came to make mortar. I was busy with him 'til
50- evening when Job Taber came, and John Asplund, born in Sweeden,
51- but now a member of a church in N. Carolina. We had a happy time
52- in singing, prayer. 4th day attended and preached at the funeral
53- of an old native of the land called Deb. Ceser; Asplund spake well
54- after me; we dined at William Gifford's. 5th day spent in usual
55- business. 6th day, dressing a hog (weight 206) and towards night
it rained hard. Yesterday was very warm and the first time I saw
the natural sun since last First day morning. I felt poorly, yet
went and preached at old Bn. Hambly's on James 1:17, "Every good
gift," and returned in ye evening and tho' I went to meeting in
great heaviness today, yet after prayer, long silence and reading
5th chapter of 1 Thess., was enabled to preach with amazing

freedom and power on verse 19, "Quench not the spirit." Since meeting had much talk with Liza Cook; did some hard work; another storm of rain is now begun.

12 Mo.-1 d. Second day of the week evening. This day sennight, attended the funeral of Joseph Allen's child at the Point, and preached with much freedom on the word "consider." In going and returning, thro' fog and rain, got much wet. 3rd day morning (cloudy wind and very cold) went to Jacob Taber's and P. Cook's for leather; visited Walter Cranston's wife. Returned and went with wife to the funeral of old Joseph Church; preached with much freedom and returned to family concerns. 4th day spent at home in a variety of work on stable (very cold and a little snow and rain); Ed. Hall and Uriah Tompkins (a young man in a shocking case) visited us. 5th day was very rainy and prevented church meeting but I was full of work lathing great room, and married Bn. Potter at my house in the evening. 6th day (remarkable clear and warm) journeyed to Bedford with Deacon Caleb Earl; visited Potter and Maxfield by the way, and came to G. East's about sunset. Rain prevented a meeting in the evening and next day forenoon, but afternoon preached in the school house on Prov. 13:20, and at East's in the evening on Rom. 6:13 (W.B.). Yesterday preached twice more to crowded assemblies in the school house on Acts 10:34, 35 and Ezekiel 33:11, and delivered a concluding discourse at East's in the evening on Gen. 24:49. This morning rain for a time seemed to forbid our return home, so we visited James Davis (a Friend Speaker) and others of our friends. But about noon sat off from G. East's, and under heavy clouds and wind came safely home about sunset having visited Widow Potter, Stephen Buffington's family, and Job Taber by the way. Job came with me and we have had a comfortable evening altho' I have been exercised with heavy trials, both inward and outward, for some considerable time, both at home and abroad. Ever bless the Lord, O my soul.

7. First day, evening. Last 3rd day (clear, cloudy and cold) went to carry L. Shearman to Deacon Palmer's, seek bread and leather for my family. Visited George Sanford, Philip Cory, Brigs in the chamber, Davenport, G. Willcox, P. Cook, J. Taber and Sister Cranston; had a good day and returned 'fore night, and had much talk with Fear Slocum in the evening. 4th day was amazing (or dreadful) cold; I was patching house. Afternoon Sister Snow visited us again, and we had a comfortable evening. 5th day, we held a comfortable church meeting (as it fel through the last week) and had a marriage at our house in the evening. 6th day was very busy 'til towards night; walked to J. Davenport's for Sister Snow's things, visited Jacob Taber (and got 3 w leather); spent the evening comfortably at Sister Cranston's. Yesterday rested as usual (but in a cloudy state of mind); afternoon Brother Edes, Widow Macomber and L. Shearman came. In the evening 4 young persons came to visit us (Liza Cook etc.); Brother S. Taber and Edes being also present, we had a lovely meeting, prayed, sang. And today after preaching on John 12:26 with wonderful freedom and power (Sister Snow spake a few words), I baptized Fear Slocum (eastward of William Sanford's) on a good profession of faith, laid on hands at Sanford's, prayed, sang. On return found daughter Mary so sick as to prevent my meeting brethren at Thomas Taber's this evening, but she now seems better.

1788-12 Mo.-14th. First day. Evening. Last 2nd day C. Hart, Joseph Brownell, S. Taber, Bn. Palmer, Sm. and Job Taber came to case posts, lath house; self and son worked hard with them. At

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3- night and 3rd day was much rain, yet myself and son continued
4- steadily at work with only Stephen Taber to help us part of the
5- day. 4th day we continued lathing alone and I plaistered a little.
6- 5th day finished lathing. 6th day Joseph Pitman came to plaister;
7- I went as far as Deacon Earl's to get help. Afternoon two lads
8- and Philip Taber came, and we finished 2 rooms by candle light.
9- Yesterday we had a precious meeting at Robert Fish's where I
10- once more freely preached the gospel to the poor on Prov. 22:4 (by
11- h. and the f. of the Lord). In the evening visited Richard and
12- Noah Hart. Today have preached again to a large assembly on 1
13- Cor. 3:11-15, but to no great comfort of myself, and it happened
14- well (for ought I know) that tho' there was so large an assembly
15- and 'twas contribution day, yet not one farthing was contributed!
16- So I came home to my large family not only under this outward
17- trial, but also very heavy inward ones, and other outward, feeling
18- my bodily strength all exhausted and yet wood to back, and my dear
19- wife almost passed business with pain of a fellow or other effect
20- on the middle finger of her right hand. Yet after dinner I was
21- strengthened to attend 2 weddings in my house, and 'fore night cut
22- and backt considerable wood to my [worn]. The weather has been
23- uncommon clear and warm for 3 days, and I now feel comfortable
24- within and without! Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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26- 21, evening. Last 2nd day, family and self were very busy; Sister
27- Snow and R. Gifford with us. 3rd day had wood to back. 4th day
28- a snow storm began and held violent til late at night (and tho'
29- the 2 days before were very warm, it has been exceeding cold ever
30- since). I cut and wheeled wood in the storm til I was tired, and
31- on 5th day tried to get some carted; went to mill, visited Deacon
32- Palmer. Brother S. Taber came and backt me a little wood, and
33- Isaac Manchester drew me 2 trees before night; wife opened her
34- sore. 6th day cut wood at the door; Brother Philip Taber visited
35- us. Yesterday he was with us at a precious meeting at Job Taber's,
36- where I preached on Mat. 9:9, "Follow me." Meeting was held in my
37- dwelling house today, but few attended because of the extream cold.
38- Yet I had much comfort in preaching on Ephes. 4:15, "But speaking
39- the truth in love," and talking afterwards with Liza Cook (breth-
40- ren confered about getting me wood). This evening, with wife and
41- daughter, have been to a conference meeting at Joseph Hart's,
42- where I had the pleasure of hearing our last received sister, Fear
43- Slocum, pray. This night is like to be the coldest we have had,
44- but every thing is beautiful in its time, and blessed be the Lord
45- forever. Wife's finger is almost well.

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47- 1788-12 Mo.-28 day. First day, evening. Last 2nd day, my hands
48- being in a shocking condition, almost worn out lathing house,
49- cutting wood, I took some pins, handkerchiefs, pepper and almanacks
50- and went abroad to sell them. Visited Sister Cranston, Jacob Ta-
51- ber, Peleg Cook (where I dined and had much talk and prayed with
52- his wife's mother, sick), G. Willcox, J. Davenport, Wm. and Philip
53- Gray. At Philip Gray's it seemed as tho' I should have an ague
54- fit, I was so chilled with cold. Yet after taking hot victuals, I
55- sat off about candle light, and after calling at the mill for meal,
56- traveled on foot in a snowstorm, wind in my face all the way home.
57- 3rd day morning, as I was gitting up, was taken with a vertigo and
58- could hardly stand on my feet to make fire, vomited. Had a dismal
59- prospect to my flesh, as we had no wood at the door (much snow had
60- fel in the night), however after breakfast brethren (Philip and
61- Job Taber, Deacon Earl and W. Willcox) came and drew me near 4
62- cord. I could not get warm til I went into a hot bed, but in the
63- evening felt much better. 4th day forenoon was very busy at home;

1- went and dined with Sister Cranston. Spent afternoon chiefly at
 2- Jacob Taber's, and preached in the evening at Cranston's on John
 3- 1:29, "Behold the lamb of God." Lent my horse to Brother Job Ta-
 4- ber, and walked home on foot; slept in our new plastered room.

5- 5th day (weather more moderate) forenoon (killed the last 2 of
 6- our geese) was very busy. Afternoon a few came to church meeting,
 7- and after prayer and we had put away from amongst us that wicked
 8- person Alice Hambly for fornication, I went and attended the mar-
 9- riage of Stephen Crandal at Bn. Sawdy's, and came home in the eve-
 10- ning. 6th day spent in various things; brought R. Gifford from S.
 11- Simmons's; Mr. Parker from Bedford visited us in the evening. Yes-
 12- terday was so pleasant, wife went with me to a meeting at old B.
 13- Sawdy's, where I preached with wonderful freedom on Prov. 17:16
 14- (Wherefore [torn] a price). Today there has been much snow, hail
 15- and rain (and it is yet very stormy) so that only S.T. and J.H.
 16- came to meeting, but we had a comfortable time in prayer and sing-
 17- ing, and I spake upon Prov. 27:12, 18. 29th, 2nd of the week.
 18- This day being cloudy and warm I have been diligently engaged in
 19- many things, particularly in learning Anna, Hannah and Joseph to
 20- write, the 2 last having never tried before. Elder Bliss (in his
 21- way home from Bedford) came and dined with us; I had some dispute
 22- with him about his attending a certain marriage not long ago.
 23- 30th. Continued teaching children; there seems to be a great thaw,
 24- freshet. 31. This last day of the year have been very busy about
 25- many things. In the evening attended to learn my children to
 26- write; the weather is altering to clear and cold. This work of
 27- changes waxeth old like a garment; the end of all things is at
 28- hand and O, that mankind may be ready.

27- 1789-1 Mo.-1 d. 5th day of the week, fine weather (ground clear).
 28- I had much to do schooling children; Deacon Sawyer visited and
 29- dined with us. I visited old Widow Church and prayed; came back
 30- and visited old R. Hart and Jno. Manchester. Evening Joseph Hart,
 31- R. Gifford and Phear Slocum spent with us in much talk, prayer.
 32- 2. Visited C. White, W. Brown, An. Grinnell; prayed with Jno.
 33- Woodman's wife, sick; came to Davenport's mill after sunset. Went
 34- to supper at Philip Cory's; visited Deacon Palmer and Davenport.
 35- Took grist, visited W. Cranston and came home. 3. Sat off to go
 36- to a meeting at Widow Macomber's, but the snow storm increasing
 37- turned me back; in the evening was hail and rain; R. Gifford with
 38- us, dul fram[torn]. 4. Altho' the traveling was very poor this
 39- 1st of the week, near a room-full assembled for worship; Brother
 40- Thomas Simmons Jr. from Rehoboth with us; but did not preach. I
 41- had some freedom in preaching again on Prov. 17:16 (Wherefore is
 42- there a price). My wife had a severe spell of the sick headache
 43- (vomited) after meeting, yet I had marvellous freedom in preaching
 44- in the evening at old Brother Richard Hart's on Mat. 3:10 (The ax
 45- is laid at the root of the trees.); on my return found wife
 46- better.

47- 5. Wife seemed most well; weather was clear and cold. I taught
 48- children; in the evening Eneas Gifford and Liza Cook visited us
 49- and we had much talk. 6. 3rd of the week, yet clear and cold;
 50- cut and sawed wood, nailed shoes and had much talk with Liza who
 51- stayed again all night; sent son to Deacon Palmer's. This day
 52- just a year ago our well was uncommonly low, but now to our sur-
 53- prise 'tis about as high as it used to be in the 3rd or 4th month;
 54- our circumstances are about the same they were then, taking one
 55- thing with another (hay just gone, no sugar near 2 months, little
 56- milk and wood, pork plenty but no beef or tallow laid in; often
 57- out of candles, butter and cheese, no bread corn at all for

1- winter, but as it comes from time to time with innumerable other
2- mercies. All glory and praise to the Lord, yet some praise and
3- much blame to creatures.) 7. (4th of the week) pleasant weather;
4- did some writing, sent my beast to Philip Taber. Had much free
5- talk with the wife of Doctor Whittredg, and the wife of Doctor Sib-
6- ley (who was daughter of Samuel Hopkins, minister at Newport) who
7- visited us. Evening, schooled my children; Job Taber visited us,
8- R. Gifford went away with him. 8. Fine weather. Did a variety
9- of business; visited Richard Hart and Noah; G. Wesgate visited us.
10- 9. Weather suddenly changed to extream cold, yet I went and was
11- enabled to preach powerfully at the funeral of old Jno. Woodman's
12- wife, aged about 76. In my way back, left my beast at Jacob Ta-
13- ber's and walked the rest of the way. 10. Sabbath day, a small
14- number came to worship with us (Edes and wife, Job Taber, Jno.
15- Weeden, Lydia Shearman, S. Sawdey). I felt great stupidity until
16- evening, when Phear Slocum came and a number of us had a good con-
17- ference. 11. 1st of the week (very cold). In the morning Broth-
18- er Edes went with me to see the old widow Darby, at Widow Snell's,
19- very sick, with whom we talked, prayed. Came back to meeting in
20- my dwelling; many assembled and I had much freedom in preaching on
21- 1 Timo. 4:10, "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach."
22- After meeting, had much talk with one Josslin, a disciple from
23- Vermont.

24- 12. Was exceeding cold; I was busy about many things at home.
25- Hay was brought from friends White, Brown and Grinnell. 13.
26- Preached at the funeral of Widow Darby on 2 Cor. 4:18, "The things
27- which are seen"; after meeting visited old Christopher Manchester,
28- sick. Came home in a snowstorm which turned to hail and rain;
29- wrote a letter to Sister Utter. 14 day, 4th of the week. Weather
30- foggy, warm and clear; Christopher White visited us. 15. (Pleas-
31- ant weather) was very busy at home; Gardner Ladd and Alice Burring-
32- ton visited us. 16. Jno. Earl sent us a turkey; Jno. Willbur
33- (with a present), S. Sawdy, Lydia Shearman and Joseph Brownell
34- visited us; we went and visited Richard Hart (aged 86) in the eve-
35- ning. 17. Sabbath morning it began to snow and continued all
36- day, yet I walked as far as Jno. Weeden's (near 3 miles) and
37- preached to a few with much freedom. Sister Snow spake after me;
38- we had much conference 'til near night. I walked home. 18. 1st
39- day of the week (clear and cloudy, but not very cold), my house
40- being crowded with people, I preached with great freedom on Philip.
41- 1:28 (And in nothing terrified). After meeting had talk with 2
42- Middleborough men; visited Father Hart.

43- 19. Preached at the funeral of William Grinnell's widow (aged 83)
44- with much freedom on the words of the prophet (Mine eye affecteth
45- my heart). Visited Jacob Taber, Walter Cook and I. Manchester in
46- my way home on foot, found B. Jencks at my house. 20. Was a
47- great thaw; after much business at home, took my beast from Philip
48- Taber's and went to mill at 4 Corners, and got back at dark (dis-
49- appointed about meal), after short visit to J. Taber, W. Cook and
50- Sister Cranston, where was Liza and Sister Snow. 21. Thaw con-
51- tinued. Visited and prayed with a sick woman (Simmons, who was
52- daughter of Stephen Brownell). Dined at George Simmons's; went to
53- Robert Miller's to get horse's shoes, new set; visited Zeb. Grin-
54- nell, and was home by dark. 22. Frosty, heavy clouds, wind and
55- snow. After much business sat off in the violence of the storm
56- and carried L. Shearman to Brother Edes's, then proceeded 3 miles
(making about 8 in the whole) to the widow Durfey's, whose daugh-
ter Hope was joined in marriage to Peleg Hambly. After which I
turned out the 5th time in the storm to go and lodge at old Bn.

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3- Hambly's where, after much solemn talk with Alice (administering
4- church censure), I prayed. 23. Rose early, took breakfast, and
5- visited Sister Borden, who with another sister went with me to old
6- Benjamin Jencks's, where we had a precious meeting at which I
7- preached on John 15:14 (Ye are my friends). After this, Brother
8- Jencks went with me to Mary Borden's, where we had another pre-
9- cious meeting in the evening at which, after I had done speaking,
10- Brother Daniel Ward exhorted, Deacon Boomer spake a precious word;
11- a number of us talked til late at night. 24. After much talk
12- with Brother Job Borden and others, took leave, came to the house
13- of Brother Edes, and preached with wonderful freedom on Mat. 24:46,
14- "Blessed is t. servant); got home near sunset, and found all well.
15- 25. Being warm for the season, tho' cloudy, we held our meeting
16- once more in the meeting house (which we had not done before,
17- since the 14th ulto, mo.) and I preached with considerable freedom
18- on Acts 3:23. After meeting received several refreshing letters.
19- In the evening, heard one Mores read a good discourse at Doctor
20- Whittredge's on Acts 20:21; had some talk with him in the presence
21- of many that stayed to hear.

22- 26. 2nd of the week, clouds and raw wind; I went to Philip Gray's
23- for flax and visited several. 27. It snowed, yet I went 7 miles,
24- accompanied by Brother Job Taber, and preached at P. Sanford's
25- with freedom and power on Prov. 1:22, 23 (How long) after which
26- visited and prayed with a young man [blank] Durfey, who had been
27- sick upwards of a year. Then walked cross the pond of ice; visit-
28- ed, talked much, prayed and stayed all night with old Stephen
29- Cook. 28. Preached at Daniel Dwelley's on Ezekiel 9:4; talked
30- with many and came home after visiting C. Hart, by the way.

31- 1789-1 Mo.-29th. 5th day of the week, a great thaw prevented many
32- from coming to church meeting, yet what few of us did meet were
33- comfortably engaged in speaking one to another and solemnly agreed
34- to send for Brother John Davenport. 30. Was very busy at home;
35- in the night it snowed violently and continued til 31 (Sabbath) at
36- noon. Then clearing, I sat out to fulfil an appointment of meet-
37- ing at Ichabod Potter's, but went no further than Job Taber's, and
38- returned with cloudy mind.

39- 2 Mo.-1. 1st day of the week was so extream cold that only 5 per-
40- sons came to meeting, among whom was Deacon Tilly from Newport via
41- Bedford, who seemed engaged in exhortation and prayer. Left us at
42- sunset (with a token of love) to visit I. Manchester. Evening I
43- wrote to Unkle Green and his daughter Mary (excessive cold night).
44- 2. Visited Manchester's family, took leave of Brother Tilly,
45- visited Joseph Crandal and came home to dinner; went to cutting
46- down trees til night (yet very cold). 3. Weather moderated a
47- little, but I had a dismal prospect of being out of wood again;
48- went to get help of Joseph Hart, Philip Manchester (where I dined)
49- and S. Simmons; returned to house. 4. Spent time in splitting up
50- logs, writing; Samuel went to Davenport's; Aaron Trip brot a sled
51- load of wood. 5. Very cold, and we were all very busy about many
52- things. 6. Trip brought me 3 load more wood; weather moderated
53- again. 7. Sabbath afternoon, wife went with me to visit Lillis
54- Weeden, sick; saw Brother Edes.

55- 8. 1st day of the week pleasant; after preaching to many in the
56- meeting house on 1 Sam. 30:23, 24, 25, rode to the house of Robert
57- Fish to a wedding. In my way home stoped at a conference meeting
58- at old Stephen Manchester's (where Brother Job Taber prayed);
59- came home in a storm. 9. Wife went with me to visit Deacon

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3- Earl's wife, sick; we also visited Sister Cory and spent the eve-
4- ning at Brother Philip Taber's, who gave us a grist. 10. Pleas-
5- ant weather. A minister named Henry Wight, from Bristol, kindly
6- visited me, with whom I had much talk; Job Taber, E. Macomber,
7- Deborah Gifford also came to see us. 11. Rode 6 miles to the
8- house of Brother Joseph Brownell and dined (after visiting several
9- by the way). Visited William Davenport, at Captain Briggs's with
10- broken leg; and preached at Brownell's to a crowded assembly in
11- the evening on Isa. 45:22 (Look unto me). 12. Brownell accompa-
12- nyed me to visit old Thomas Bailey, also Isaac and John and An-
13- thony Willbur; from whence I came home in the evening, dismal
14- traveling. 13. Was very busy about many things at home. 14.
15- Sabbath. Had a comfortable meeting at home, Brother Edes, Joslin,
16- S. Taber present. After meeting we visited Widow Hart, also
17- Noah's wife, sick, R. Hart and S. Taber.

18- 15. 1st day of the week (very cold), after preaching in the meet-
19- ing house on Isaiah 2:17, visited and had much talk with Susa.
20- Bennet to my comfort; D. Woodman tarried with us. 16. Intended
21- to Newport, but snow and cold prevented, and I was busy at home.
22- 17. Afternoon, visited Jacob Taber, Philip Cory, Willard Briggs's
23- family, Gideon Willcox, and by reason of the extream cold, tarried
24- at Davenport's. 18th vsitied Philip Gray (Neck), Job Taber, P.
25- Cook's wife, sick, Walter Cranston's. 19. Raw, cold; went as far
26- as Jacob Sowle's to attend the marriage of his daughter Sarah.
27- Visited D. Dwelley; came back as far as old Bn. Sawdey's to an
28- evening meeting and tarried. 20. Returned home in a snow storm
29- which was violent til night; had much to do. 21. Sabbath day
30- warm; went to Stokes Potter's expecting a meeting, but only Job
31- Taber and his wife came, notice not having been given by reason of
32- weather.

33- 22. First day of the week only Brother S. Taber came to meeting,
34- by reason of a great rain, the melted snow! Afternoon I wrote a
35- will for B. S.; sent son to Davenport's. 23. Sat off to go to
36- Newport, but was again prevented by a storm of snow, and recon-
37- ciled to it. I visited Stephen Taber, and tarried all night at
38- Jacob's; much snow fel. 24. Came home in the snow to cuting
39- wood. Towards night it cleared away pleasant. 25. 4th of the
40- week, extream cold. Visited and prayed with Brother Smyton Hart,
41- sick; also visited Stephen King, Brother Jonathan Lake, (Joseph
42- Hart with me).

43- 1789-2 Mo.-26th. 5th of the week, extream cold, yet a great num-
44- ber of brethren came to church meeting and there was much labour
45- with Brother Jno. Davenport, and on a case between Deacon Earl and
46- his natural brother Robert, which was finally settled. I was much
47- chilled in going to Ephraim Macomber's to the marriage of his
48- daughter Alice and returning in the evening. 27, early, was
49- seized with very hard pain of the wind cholic which has been
50- lightly touching me near a week; some brethren came and sleded me
51- 8 load of wood. Had much talk with Brother Philip Taber and Thom-
52- as White; Jacob Taber's wife came, and went with mine to see Noah
53- Hart's, sick. Towards night George East and Obediah Kempton, with
54- their wives and a child, came from Bedford; and my pain leaving me
55- immediately after prayer, about sunset, I had a comfortable eve-
ning. 28. Sabbath day, preached with wonderful assistance in my
house, chiefly on the enjoyment [illegible] of the blessed, above;
Brother Edes and Kempton also spake to edification. Towards night
I felt pain again, yet talked much with sisters East and Kempton,
whose husbands went to Deacon East's to lodge. In the night was
a warm S.W. wind and great thaw.

3 Mo.-1. 1st day of the week. After preaching with much freedom to many in my house upon 1 Peter 1:13 (Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind), had much talk with Bedford friends who left us near night (Lydia Shearman tarried). I felt much wore out, pain returning. 2nd. Journeyed to Newport in about 3 hours! Dined at Unkle Green's, had some special labour with his wife and M. Barker, and after visiting my parents, returned to Unkle's to lodge. 3. Did much business, dined at William Langley's, and preached to the new church in the evening (notwithstanding the great rain) with much freedom on 1 Peter 1:13, and lodged with Father. 4. (Being earnestly desired by a number of friends, I became a member of the Providence Society for Freeing of Slaves.) Intended to get home after dinner at William Langley's, but on request, felt great freedom to stay and preach at Portsmouth in the evening. Near 100 people met at the house of one Dyre, and I had 2 spells of speaking to them, chiefly on these words, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." After meeting (Brother Job Taber being with me) we went to lodge at Pardon Taber's, where we had much talk and Brother Job was led out into words of prayer. 5. After visiting Sister Cranston in our way, came safely home 'fore sunset. 6. Spent the time chiefly on my account books, the violent cough I have had about a week growing much worse. 7. Sabbath forenoon much rain fell; afternoon preached at the widow Martha Hart's.

8. 1st day of the week exceeding cold, yet many assembled in the meeting house to whom I preached with usual freedom on Psalm 37:3 (Trust in the Lord and do good). After meeting had much talk with Liza Cook who seemed almost ready, and tarried all night. 9. Being in distress for hay to keep my fallow cow, I went to Deacon Earl's (after I had dined at John's and visited old Widow Manchester, aged 85, sick and concerned about her future state, with whom I prayed). But the Deacon not being at home, after some solemn talk with his wife about their intended remove, came and spent the evening at Thomas Cory's, who gave me a little corn and meal. 10. Went to Philip and William Gray's, Deacon Palmer's, about hay; but came home disappointed, after visiting Sister Cranston, and leaving my horse at Isaac Manchester's. 11. Tho' things appeared dismal to the eye of sense and meer reason, yet having used all the lawful means in my power to get hay 2 days past, I tried to be content and trust in the Lord according to my last text preached upon. Sent my son with my horse to one Divol's in Little Compton; walked myself on foot to see my neighbours Stephen Manchester and his wife in their deplorable case. After prayer, visited Earl Taber's family, came home and borrowed a little hay for my cow. 12. Son returned with horse; I carried wife to Isaac Manchester's, visited Stephen again and found his wife speechless (who died after midnight); paid a short visit to Joseph Crandal's. 13. Was very busy at home 'til afternoon; sat out to go on foot to Philip Taber's about hay, but was so feeble by reason of my wrecking cough, only visited Jno. Gifford, Noah and Richard Hart, and returned. 14. Sabbath forenoon spent at home; afternoon preached at the funeral of Lois Manchester (aged 64) with amazing freedom (tho' pain of the colick was upon me) to a very large assembly in the other meeting house (wife and 2 children at meeting). I spake upon Rev. 2:11 (He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death). Through divine goodness, I came home free from pain, Jno. Weeden and his wife accompanying me; Sister Fish tarried with us.

3 Mo.-15. 1st day of the week (very pleasant weather, as it had been all the week past) morning. The wind colick was again upon

me, but as there was a great gathering of people to the meeting house, I was again strengthened within and without, so as to deliver a lengthy discourse with marvellous freedom and power (tho' I knew not the subject I was to speak upon 'til after I sat down in the meeting house, or after prayer and singing). I spake upon Heb. 12:27, "And this word, yet once more signifyeth the removing of those things that are shaken." After some rest, Job Taber accompanied me to visit our bereived and afflicted neighbour Manchester, and Brother Smyton Hart, sick, where we joined in prayer. And I visited I. Manchester in my way home, and had much solemn talk with him and others, finding Sister Phear Slocum at our house to spend the evening. In the run of which I was astonished at the divine power and goodness which had carried me thro' the labours and sufferings of the 2 days then ending! 16, was very busy at home, some better of my cough; weather cloudy and some rain. 17. Tho' weak and feeble in body, yet being distresst for want of hay, walked as far as Brother Philip Taber's trying to get hay or put my cow out, but he not being at home, I was quite defeated. Dined and then walked back; sent son to Manchester's for my beast and visited Aaron Grinnell (where I had much talk with Deacon William Taylor) and Grinnell's aged mother. Then went to Thomas Brown's who accompanied me, being requested to visit the widow of Richard Grinnell (who was buried this afternoon). I spake much to the family, prayed and returned to Brown's to lodge. 18. Brown gave me a grist and promissed some hay; after talk with a black woman in distress, I visited Fobes Little, who also freely offered some hay, then Jno. Woodman and dined, then Philip Cory, and went to mill. While grist was grinding, visited Davenport, from whence I came home about sunset and found some hay come from P. Gray. 19. Much rain fell the night past and this forenoon; I was instructing children. 20. Whole family very busy, til toward night I visited Sister Cranston, Liza Cook. 21. Sabbath morning, snowed smartly, but soon cleared away pleasant; we had a lovely meeting at Brother Edes', who spake after I had done speaking on 2 Cor. 5:17. After which we held another short meeting with B. Smyton Hart in our way home.

22. 1st day of the week. Snowed very fast again in the morning; since which there has been some hail and rain. I preached to a few in the meeting house with great freedom on Heb. 12:28, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom." 23. High wind and cold. Was very busy 'til mid afternoon; visited N. and R. Hart poorly. 24. Yet cold. Was very busy forenoon; afternoon, with wife, visited Earl Taber, C. Hart. 25. Very cold. Visited and dined at William Hicks's, then went to Job Taber's, from thence to Stokes Potter's, where 6 had been down with the measles; prayed and returned after sunset. 26. Forenoon worked hard (my cough seemed to increase); afternoon many assembled to church meeting and there was much labour with Philip Taber, Deacon Earl. I was called out of church meeting to attend the marriage of London Richmond (a black couple [sic]) in the meeting house; returned to my dwelling house and went thro' much pain of mind in the run of church meeting, but found some relief in the evening. Sister Snow tarried.

27. Abraham Reed paid us a morning visit; I visited R. Hart and spent the residue of the day writing for the church and assisting George Sanford (after much talk with Elder Bliss's son and daughter who dined with us). Wife visited Mrs. Whittredg; Sister Snow went away. 28. Sabbath, preached with great freedom at Job Taber's, Samuel and Hannah with me.

29. 1st day of the week, felt very heavy; after long silence preached about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour on 1 Peter 4:12, 13, without knowing chapter and verse. After meeting parted with Deacon Earl and his wife, then went to Jno. Davenport's (with wife) and was enabled to preach again with marvelous freedom on Psalm 119:126, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work." 30. 2nd day of the week Job and Sm. Taber, J. Hart, D. Round and G. King came to work, but hail, snow and rain caused them to depart after dinner; I felt reconciled to the providence. 31. Raw wind, cloudy, and then fair. (As I had kept the oxen) brethren came again to build orchard wall; self and sons worked hard with them 'til near night.

4 Mo.-1. 4th of the week, some snow and rain; afternoon visited William Sanford and N. Hart. 2. Whole family had a hard day's work; wife took cold, my cough increased. Evening visited Thankful Taber, sick. 3. Pleasant weather, was cumbered with many things, heard that Deacon El. sailed yesterday. 4. Sabbath, fine weather; after visiting Thankful Taber, went as a neighbour to the funeral of the wife of W. Manly in Little Compton, who died after 2 days illness and was buried with a babe in her arms. Mase Shepherd, being requested, went to prayer. After bd. I spake to the afflicted and (having dined at Jno. Willbur's before bg.) returned home to a comfortable meeting of a number of brethren. 5. 1st day of the week, visited Nr. Taber in the morning, very sick, and spake much to her. And after preaching with great freedom in the meeting house on 2 Peter 3:11 (Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved) walked to the house of Walter Cranston (leaving my horse for son and L. Shearman to ride) and preached again on Psalm 34:19, "Many are the a. of the r." Visited T. Taber as I returned. 6. Clowdy and chilly wind, was cumbered, tryed, at home; much rain at night. 7. Rain, cloudy and extra high S.W. wind. Distress for hay again obliged me (tho' my hard cough continues) to go abroad to seek a team. Dined at Thomas Taber's, visited Walter Cook, Philip Cory, Deacon Palmer, G. Willcox; evening, prayed at S. Taber's. 8. High wind continued, which with my own infirmities, wife's very sore eyes and many cares, prevented my visiting one Negus, an aged sick man who sent for me yesterday from near 9 miles distance. And indeed sircumstances are so with us, I cannot visit nigh neighbours in this sickly time. 9. Wind somewhat abated; our infirmities continue, but I went as far as George Sanford's to get pease to plant and a broom. Visited the wife of William Manchester, sick, dined at Israel Brownell's; stoped at Davenport's, and came home with Walter Cook, whose team brought me hay from Thomas Brown and Fobes Little as a present. 10. High S.E. wind and much rain; cleared towards night. Wife's eyes better, child sick; I visited R. Hart, a young woman at Jno. Manchester's, sick; evening prayed at S. Taber's. 11. Sabbath clear but windy; preached at Widow Macomber's on these words, "And they pressed upon him to touch him, as many as had plagues."

12. 1st day of the week. Planted pease and then preached with marvelous freedom and power on Nehemiah 3:5 (And next unto them the Tekoites repaired). Towards night rode near 6 miles to the marriage of Peter Simmons's daughter Mary and Jno. Pettis; from thence went to Peleg Sanford's to lodge. 13th. After visiting D. Dwelley, who gave me some rye, took the cross roads to the house of Fortune Gray and preached with great freedom and power to a number of black people and some whites, assembled to the funeral of Flora Burgis, an Indian. Dined at Philip Gray's; went to mill, and brot R. Gifford home. 26. Have been so hurried with business and visiting since the 13th inst. as to find no time to record any

1- thing, and now can remember but few particulars, none that took
 2- place 14th and 15th except visiting Pheebe Simmons and Thankful
 3- Taber, sick. 16th with wife visited Israel Brightman, sick, and
 4- Jno. Earl. 17th (6th day of the week) journeyed to Bedford alone
 5- (had 2 teeth pulled out by the way at Stephen Buffington's) and
 6- preached at G. East's in the evening on John 14:16, 17, Sabbath
 7- day in the school house (a Negro preacher with me). 1st day fore-
 8- noon was at another precious meeting in the school house and came
 9- home 'fore sunset; found neighbour Taber had died about noon.
 10- Brother Brownell had preached 20th inst. (being last 2nd day).
 11- Visited Zeb Grinnell's son, Jno., sick; tarried chief of the day,
 12- prayed 3 times vocally. Visited the widow Rogers in my way back;
 13- prayed at Sm. Taber's in the evening. 3rd day, 21st, preached at
 14- the funeral of Thankful Taber (aged about 50) to many people in
 15- our meeting house on Deut. 29:29. Weather was very cold: some
 16- snow, rain. 22nd and 23rd very busy making soap. 24th was a
 17- great rain. Yesterday, 25th, was cloudy and cold; I visited and
 18- prayed with William Sanford, confined with a great sore on his
 19- back. At night was a hard frost, and today a strong and cold wind.
 20- After preaching in the meeting house with great freedom on Isaiah
 21- 66:10 (Rejoice ye with Jerusalem) carried daughter Anna with me to
 22- the funeral of Jno. Grinnell (who died 6th day morning, aged 27)
 23- where I felt very poor and empty for some time, but at length
 24- preached with some freedom on Psalm 8:4, "What is man." (A great
 25- multitude of people, Minister Shepherd, present) and returned home
 26- just now, having preached 9 times in 16 days.

27- 27. Weather cloudy and cold, some rain; towards night clear and
 28- warmer. I swet much at work clearing a piece of this Society
 29- land, and while cutting down a tree, the Lord permitted or ordered
 30- a chip to come with such amazing force against my left eye (the
 31- very apple thereof I believe) as to cause me to sit right down on
 32- the ground and make several out cries. After which I examined my-
 33- self clostly whether I was in the way of my duty; prayed fervently
 34- to the Lord to show me. Came home and had much pain til I fell
 35- asleep. R. Gifford and her mother tarried with us. It froze
 36- again in the night! 28. 3rd of the week, my eye much easier, so
 37- as I did some work again in the woods. A. Bliss visited us; wife
 38- and Sister Gifford went to S. Simmons's. Son went afishing. 29.
 39- Was very busy with my family (sent 2 children to school). Brot
 40- Sister Gifford from Philip Manchester's to Joseph Hart's. Eye
 41- much better; had wood to back; cloudy, and cool weather for the
 42- season. 30. Yet cloudy and chilly, worked hard clearing land.
 43- Attended church meeting in my house at which Brother West's re-
 44- quest was considered, Brother B. Sawdy's case and my own; talked
 45- much about deacon [sic].

46- 5 Mo.-1st. (6th of the week) Carried colt to George Sandford's;
 47- visited Philip Cory, G. Willcox and Jacob Taber; got soal leather
 48- and came home forenoon. Afternoon was puzzled to know whether I
 49- should go to Fobes Little's to get some bread-corn for my family
 50- (as we were quite out) or to the funeral of Jonathan Davis's wife
 51- who died 4th day night with the measles, or to visit the wife of
 52- Job Lake supposed near her end, and sent for me. At length I went
 53- and prayed with the sick, and from thence went the cross road to
 54- William and Philip Gray's; got meat at the first, and corn at the
 55- other's. Came to Taber's mill at sunset, but could not get it
 ground by reason of winds failing, so I came home late in the eve-
 ning. Brother Edes prayed. 2. Sabbath (cloudy and cool) a small
 number met in my house for worship and I preached with much free-
 dom on 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit." L.

1- Shearman went away who came 5th day. (M. Hart appeared in a
2- strange case.) Sister Gifford, Ruth and Brother Edes tarried. 3.
3- 1st day of the week (cloudy and cool, had wood to back) preached
4- to a middling number on Rom. fourth, 4, 5, "Now to him that work-
5- eth"; Deacon Sawyer prayed, and after meeting I thought I had evi-
6- dence the word was blesst more than any one discourse for some
7- time, all glory to the Lord. I mentioned Brother West's case to
8- the church, put the public in mind of duty to me. Towards night
9- Brother Edes who came 5th day went away; self and wife visited
10- Isaac Manchester. 4. Weather clear and warm forenoon, cloudy and
11- cool after; I got ready to go to Newport, but being prevented by a
12- request to attend a funeral, carried wife to see Sister Taber
13- (wife of Jacob) sick. I also visited Jno. Almy (and got some
14- wool), Widow Almy sick. 5. (Clouds and fog) afternoon preached
15- at the funeral of Ellery Almy aged about 23, to a numerous assem-
16- bly, on Gen. 18:25. Immediately after burying, crosst the ferry
17- and got to Newport 'fore sunset; visited Unkle Green and my hon-
18- oured parents and tarried at D. Tilley's. 6. 4th of the week,
19- being election day and fine weather. After doing some business,
20- saw a man walking in the middle of the street, neither fast nor
21- slow, of a very grave and settled [blot] and every few steps with
22- a voice midling loud, he would say, "Repent, for the kingdom of
23- heaven is at hand," and sometimes his words would be "Repent, and
24- believe the Gospel." I traveled at a convenient distance after
25- him from Unkle Green's door to the foot of the Parrade, where he
26- made a stand and ceased speaking. Upon which, I drew near him
27- with 2 or 3 of my friends, and a great number of people formed a
28- circle round us. And after some time of solemn silence, I said,
29- "Friend, what is thy name?" He answered "Moses"! Said I, "Hast
30- thou freedom to explain thy testimony?" and "Let us know what is
31- meant by the kingdom of heaven's being at hand?" He answered,
32- "Any person by the Holy Scriptures and influence of the spirit of
33- God, may understand my meaning." Then said I, "Art thou willing
34- to explain what thou callest mankind unto, what is it to repent
35- and believe the Gospel?" He answered, "To turn from sin and obey
36- God." I further asked. "Have mankind power in themselves to re-
37- pent and believe?" He replied, "They may do what God commands
38- them. God doth not command mankind to do that which they cannot
39- do. The drunkard may leave drinking to excess and become a sober
40- man if he will. The thief may alter his course of life, and be-
41- come honest. The liar may cease telling lies, and speak the
42- truth."

38- While we were thus discoursing (or to that effect) the gover-
39- nor and other great men of the state came by us in their proces-
40- sion to the court house. Wherein, after they were seated, this
41- man and I also went in, and after viewing them with great apparent
42- composure near half an hour, he went out of the house and looked
43- round on the multitude of the people, walking a few steps backward
44- and forward, for some time. Then assended the court house steps
45- about half way and with a voice that seemed more than human (and
46- very melodious) sent these words into the ears of the governour
47- and the rest that were in the house (very distinctly saying) "Wo,
48- wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the other
49- voices of the trumpet of the three angels which are yet to sound,"
50- turned himself round and uttered the same again to those in the
51- street. Upon this an officer came out of the court house scolding
52- and commanding the man not to disturb the people, and pushed him
53- away at a distance from the door, but he returned and uttered part
54- or all the words written in Rev. 12:12, whereupon the officer led
55- him away and as I suppose confined him til state affairs were
56- over. In the evening I was enabled to preach powerfully in 2

1- distinct addresses to a crowded assembly with a church, and as
2- soon as meeting was dismissed, the afore said man began to speak
3- (who had sat the meeting thro' with us unknown to me) and spake
4- well near half an hour. After which a Negro woman told her late
5- experience of the new birth to satisfaction, and the church de-
6- sired I would stay and baptize her, but I could not. That man and
7- I went home with Deacon Tilley, where we had much talk 'til late
8- at night, and retired to rest.

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10- 7. 5th day morning, after more talk with the man (who is called
11- Samuel Shatterton, aged about 34, carries a Bible in his pocket
12- and reads much, has a wife living and some children, whom he vol-
13- untarily forsook to preach repentance, but they are provided for
14- by his estate, he having been a great trader and acquired property,
15- appears now dressed in a fine broadcloth coat and good vest, white
16- hat and grey great coat, blue trowsers, but neither stockings or
17- shoes). And doing some temporal business, sat off for home;
18- visited Elder Bliss and George Lawton; and by reason of a high
19- wind that arose was obliged to go round to the upper ferry with
20- Jno. Manchester. Visited Sister Taber, yet sick with cramp, and
21- got home 'fore sunset. 5 Mo.-8. 6th of the week. After some work
22- at home (mending windows) I sat off to visit and carry some tem-
23- poral supplies 10 miles to our sick brother Samuel West, intending
24- to go further 5 miles and preach in the evening at Peter Crapo's
25- where our afflicted sister Blackmer lives. But a smart shower of
26- rain confined me some time at Job Taber's, after which I visited
27- Sister Weeden, waiting for the weather to clear. But as thick
28- clouds continued with some wet 'til night, I rode back as far as
29- Brother Philip Taber's where I left my beast (being myself out of
30- fodder the 4th time) and walked home. 9. Sabbath morning (fine
31- weather) rose early, walked and took breakfast with Brother Philip;
32- proceeded, accompanied by Brother Job Taber, S. Edes and his wife,
33- to Brother West's, where we had a precious meeting with many peo-
34- ple at 2 o'clock at which, after I had preached on Rom. 8:18 (For
35- I reckon) 2 or 3 brethren exhorted. We sat out to return; I left
36- my beast again at Brother Philip's and got home 'fore candle light.

37- 10. 1st day of the week. Preached as usual in the meeting house
38- on Acts 13:12 "Then the deputy." Spent the residue of the day in
39- various business; R. Gifford went away; a chilly wind and rain.
40- 11. Swet much at work clearing land; visited Joseph Hart, whose
41- child is badly burnt. 12. It is yet so cold for the time, that
42- peach blooms do hardly appear, and so many signs of famine appear,
43- that I cannot but think seriously of what the barefooted man in
44- Newport street declared, about dreadful times being at hand (with-
45- in a year or so). O! that we all may prepare to meet our God. I
46- have been this day at home planting a yard; this afternoon has
47- been much rain. 13. Was very busy with my family 'til near noon;
48- sent son to Philip Taber's for my beast and carried wife to Gideon
49- Willcox'es. Dined myself at Philip Cory's, mended saddle and then
50- visited old and young Fobes Little, Thos. and W. Brown, C. White,
51- and Aaron Grinnell. Came back and left corn and barley at the
52- mills (which I had of Little and W. Brown); went to Philip Gray's
53- for my wife, and came home evening. Elisabeth and M. Cook, P.
54- Slocum visited us. 14. Very cold morning, hail and rain by
55- spells all day, yet I went to mill, dined at J. Taber's, visited
56- William Gray. 15th. Was busy as usual at home; sent horse to
57- Jacob Taber's. 16. Sabbath day was a great S.E. storm of rain
58- (prevented meeting at Potter's); had a good evening.

17. 1st day of the week, after much inward and outward exercise and trial, went to meeting and preached with usual freedom on Luke 12:47, "And that servant which knew his Lord's will." After dinner my beast was brot from Jacob Taber's and I went 7 miles to visit old Sister Hambly almost destroyed by a cancer in her breast (talked with Jno. Shrieve and wife and others by the way) and tarried all night. 18. Visited Sister Borden, Ruth Hill and Sister Osborn, sick; dined at James Durfey's. Visited Ruth Gifford at her school, Philip Gray, Davenport, Stephen and Jacob Taber, and W. Cranston, whose wives were all sick or poorly, and got home about sunset; had a good evening. 19. (Is the 3rd day it has been pleasant weather) after some work visited Zeb Grinnell's son William, sick in body and distresst in mind! Had much to say to him, read, prayed. 20. Attended the funeral of Job Lake's wife, and preached with astonishing freedom on 1 Timo. 4:8. After burying, was detained some time by a shower of rain, then carried Widow Hart to Walter Cook's, and tarried 'til near night. Philip Taber came to plow about 9 o'clock and went away soon after dinner, by reason of the rain. 21. Was very busy at home clearing land, sticking pease, 'tho it rained by spells near half the day. Wife sick with a great cold; Deacon Tilley visited us. 22. Was also very busy at home about the same matters, and had also wood to back, and other trying sircumstances prevented my intended journey to Swansy. But Brother Philip Taber came again today and finished plowing about an acre of ground; afternoon 3 brethren made orchard wall. Weather has been clear, but a very strong and cold wind blows. 23. Sabbath day rested at home, but found great stupidity; visited Joseph Crandal, evening. 24. 1st day preached with usual freedom on Isaiah 35:8, "An highway." Afterward visited Jacob Taber's wife, sick; Sister Snow tarries with us.

1789-5 Mo.-25. 2nd day of the week (very cold for time of year). After some hard work, went as far as Philip Cory's to get potatoes to plant; returned and assisted by Job and Samuel Taber, planted near half an acre in orchard before night. 26. Worked very hard all day planting pease, beans; clearing land, backing wood. 27. Was also full of work mending rail fence; towards night, with wife, visited S. Simmons, and 'tho the enemy strove hard for mastery, had a happy evening in prayer at home. 28. Very cool as it has been 3 days past; was an uncommon double circle round the sun. After much work, visited and dined at Philip Cory's; came back to church meeting, at which Elisabeth Cook (daughter of Walter) gave an affecting declaration of her experiences and faith and was joyfully received. After which the church choose Brother Job Taber to be a deacon to stand in the place of Deacon Earl. In a case between Brother Hambly and Joseph Hart the church ordered Brother Hart to pay Hambly's demand and then [sic]. 29. Philip Cory was so kind as to send his son with 2 pair of oxen to assist us in planting about 2 thirds of an acre. Brother S. Taber, C. Hart and S. Sawdey also came forenoon, Job Taber, G. King and William Divol afternoon. Also Cory himself, myself and son worked hard with them all day. We finished planting, drew one load of wood, and finished orchard wall; Sister Snow poorly. 30. Sabbath day wife went with me to Brother Edes', where we had a precious meeting. After I had preached on Luke 1:79, Elder Round, Brother Edes and Elisabeth East exhorted; Sister Cannon and Elisabeth from Bedford came. 31. 1st day of the week, was enabled to preach with great freedom on Prov. 4:20, 21. (J. Davenport of Portsmouth visited us.) Sister Cannon spake a few words at meeting; towards night she and Elisabeth both prayed at a private meeting at S. Taber's. Deacon Job Taber and myself also prayed, sang, exhorted.

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3- 6th Month-1. Sisters went away, and I went to making rail fence
4- in my pasture, til [torn]ing both my hands. I came in forenoon,
5- took wife and child, went and dined at Thomas Cory's. Left them
6- and visited and prayed with the old widow Manchester, also visited
7- Jno. and Robert Earl; left a grist at mill as I came home. 2.
8- Worked hard again on rail fence; had an affecting conference with
9- Elder Bliss who visited and dined with me in his way to Bedford.
10- S. Sawdy visited us; [I] spent part of afternoon writing in the
11- church book. 3. Made a crotch fence across pasture, then visited
12- and dined at Walter Cook's, visited Walter Cranston, Jacob Taber,
13- George Sanford and Deacon Sawyer. Saw the signs of a large fire
14- at night, which did much damage about 20 miles N. and b. E. [sic]
15- from us. 4. Spent part in reading and part in hard work; wife
16- and son went to Deacon Palmer's. 5. Acompanyed by Deacon Job
17- Taber, visited Sister Fish, Bn. Sawdy, widows Dwelly and Trip, Job
18- Negus; dined at Jno. Perry's. Visited Jno. Bowen and Brother
19- Jencks, whose wife appeared near her end, Ed. Borden, and tarried
20- all night at Mary Borden's. 6. Sabbath day spent forenoon re-
21- tired in reading; afternoon preached with great freedom at Daniel
22- Pettis's on Mat. 24:44. Came home 'fore sun set; found my dear
23- wife afflicted with an ague in her face; Eliza and Hannah Cook
24- came.

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26- 7. 1st day of the week, preached with marvelous freedom to a
27- large assembly on Acts 2nd 38 (Then said unto them, Repent, and be
28- baptized). Baptized Elisabeth Cook at the mill pond; returned to
29- the meeting house, exhorted, prayed, laid on hands, sang. The
30- whole week past has been chiefly clear, hot and very dry weather;
31- tho' some clouds yet no rain. A new meeting house is raised near
32- the 2 ponds. 8. Was a refreshing rain forenoon; afternoon I
33- visited Zeb Grinnell, whose sick son professed to have found peace
34- and comfort the day I visited him before; Elder Bliss came in. 9.
35- Was very warm. Spent the day in hard work and reading Clarke's
36- Demonstration; visited S. Taber in the evening and heard of the
37- death of Mrs. Jencks. 10. Was much rain; I read much, and wrote a
38- will for old Brother Richard Hart. 11. Rain continued; afternoon
39- visited and prayed with Jno. Bennet's family and Jonathan Lake's;
40- married William Willcox, and returned in a thunder shower, dark.
41- 12. Went to Job Taber's (and got my horse shod all round) and
42- dined; then visited Widow Brownell, Aaron Davis and David Taber;
43- came home with grist. 13. Sabbath (weather not yet clear) I for-
44- got to mention that I visited Phear Slocum, sick at Doctor Whitt-
45- redg's yesterday morning, and prayed. Got some acquaintance with
46- Col. Cushing (the doctor's wife's father). Today daughter Anna
47- went with me to meeting at Ichabod Potter's (son of Stokes) where
48- I preached with great freedom on 1 Cor. 6:20 (For ye are bought).
49- Brother Edes exhorted and Deacon Job Taber prayed.

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51- 14. 1st day of the week. After preaching a lengthy discourse on
52- 1 Cor. 11:26, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper joy-
53- fully. Spent the residue of the day conversing with friends;
54- George East visited us; weather clear. 15. After hard work,
55- visited Sister Cranston (talked with 2 young converts), dined with
56- Sister Taber, and had a tedious time bringing home my colt from
57- the common. 16. After morning work, wife went with me and dined
58- at Jno. Earl's, from whence we went to the Point and visited
59- Brother Abner Brownell (who is just began merchandizing). To-
60- wards night came home, having had many reflections on this b. day.
61- 17. Jacob Taber's wife visited us. I was obliged to journey to
62- Newport, where I arrived late afternoon (having visited Widow
63- Almy, George Lawton and Elder Bliss, by the way) and having done
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3- some business with William Langley, went to a meeting in the eve-
4- ning. And after Brother Goddard had prayed, spake a few words to
5- the brethren. 18. After much talk with Elder Edey, finished my
6- business, left town about 4 o'clock, and was conducted safely home
7- 'fore dark, having visited several by the way. 19. Was very busy
8- forenoon; afternoon carried wife to see Sister Cranston. Visited
9- and prayed with a sick and distressed Indian named Jenny Robbins;
10- returned to Cranston's. 20. Sabbath day, went with wife to Dea-
11- con Job Taber's; had comfort in talk with A. Wood.

12- 21. 1st day of the week, after preaching twice in the meeting
13- house, forenoon on Ezek. 12:23, (The days are at hand), afternoon
14- on these words (Judge not according to the appearance) went to the
15- house of William Willbur in Little Compton to the funeral of his
16- son Kiah's wife and preached again to a numerous assembly with
17- great freedom on Isaiah 55:6 (Seek ye the Lord). Saw Henry Wight
18- just married; came home about sunset, when a couple came to me and
19- were married. I now feel tired. 22. Sat off early on a journey;
20- preached with marvelous freedom at the funeral of David Edey after
21- a very solemn sitting, which was the more so on account of the
22- heavy thunder and great rain which began about the time of our
23- siting down. (I have since heard the lightning struck a young
24- man, one Alsbury on R. Island, instantly dead.) After burying,
25- visited Jno. Bowen and Brothers Stillwell and Jencks. 23. After
26- visiting Sister Borden (wife of Jno.) Bial Davis, preached after-
27- noon at Matthew Boomer's on these words: And that servant which
28- knew his Lord's w. (Elder Northup, Deacon Tilley and 3 others came
29- in while I was speaking in prayer.) As soon almost as I had done
30- preaching, I left the meeting, not broke up, and got as far as
31- Elder D. Hicks's meeting house, so as to enjoy about half an hour
32- in hearing Elders Jenkins and Silas Burrows. There I met with my
33- faithful brother, Deacon Job Taber, who accompanied me to see Sis-
34- ter Blackmer at Peter Crapo's. 24. Went to a yearly general
35- meeting of about 8 churches for conference and renewing covenant,
36- which was held in Elder Lewis'es meeting house (I dined with him)
37- and after hearing many men and women speak of the things of God,
38- asked a question or 2, went to lodge with Jno. Toby. Spent eve-
39- ning at one Stephen Taber's, whose wife prayed wonderfully after
40- several of us had been engaged in that and other duty's. Toby
41- also prayed wonderfully, and on the whole 'twas a very happy time
42- with us. 25. The churches assembled again for worship; Silas
43- Burrows preached forenoon on Rom. 1:11, William Northup afternoon
44- on Song 6:9. Besides which, many brethren and sisters also spake,
45- they communed together in the Lord's Supper. (I dined again at
46- Elder Lewis's, saw Elder Robinson.) Was much edified with Elder
47- Northup's discourse and other improvements, but burdened with Eld-
48- er Burrows and some others. Before meeting closed, those words
49- fel with weight on my mind, Isaiah 3:12. And after meeting Broth-
50- er Taber went with me again to Peter Crapo's where, with Job Bor-
51- den, we had a very happy evening. 26. Visited Edward Borden, in
52- our way home.

53- 1789-6 Mo.-27th. Sabbath day, carried daughter Hannah with me to
54- a precious meeting at S. E[tern]. After I had preached with won-
55- derful freedom on Rev. 3:11 (Behold, I come), Brethren Taber and
56- Edes also spake, prayed, all glory to the Lord. 28. 1st day of
57- the week (fine weather and great assembly). Preached forenoon on
58- Rev. 5 from 1 to 9th, chiefly on the 9th, with great freedom.
59- Afternoon, so weak in body at first thought I should say but lit-
60- tle, however was marvellously assisted to expound and preach about
61- half an hour on verse 10th to 13th inclusive, and after some time

of silence I was filled with the spirit and power of God. And having said some things very stirring to my brethren, Deacon Job Taber rose and delivered some excellent testimony, after which I spake a few words more. Deacon Palmer prayed, and I was constrained to speak the 4th time, and the people departed to all appearance solemnly. One heavy laden sinner discovered herself to me; several visited me before night and I feel encouraged that a day of power is at hand. Amen. 29. Wife went with me to visit Philip Cory's wife, where I left her and visited and prayed with William Manchester's wife, very sick. Went to C. White's and got a grist, came to the mill, visited Davenport, and came home. 30. Very busy with whole family indoor and out, also several brethren came and hoed for us; towards night visited Bial Trip's wife, poorly.

7 Mo.-1. 4th day of the week, very busy; began to white wash. 2. Very busy forenoon; afternoon, attended church meeting; many members came. We received the old widow Rebekah Healy aged 73, excluded Arte Gifford, had much loving talk. Church concluded to go on with subscription for me; Brother S. West tarried with us. 3. Was very busy again all day at home (took great cold); much thunder at a distance. 4. Sabbath day, cloudy and some rain, yet wife went with me to meeting at Deacon Job Taber's. I preached with great freedom on John 4:34 (My meat is to do); Brother West exhorted; my cough is very hard. 5. 1st day of the week (thick clouds, rain by spells and hard thunder). About 50 came to meeting; I preached with great freedom forenoon on (a text mentioned to me near meeting time by Jno. Grinnell) John 10:27 (My sheep h. my voice) after which Davis Simmons (son of George aged 19) professed repentance and faith in Christ, desiring to join the church and was received. Afternoon (the Lord's Supper being adjourned) preached again with marvelous freedom on Luke 9:59, "And he said unto another, Follow me, but he said"; Brother West spake after me. Towards night, visited Sister Cranston, attended a marriage at Isaac Cook's and came home late at night. 6. Cloudy and much rain by spells; Glasgow Cory came and finished white washing; I whipt bushes, visited Noah Hart. 7. Clear and very hot. Whipt bushes some, read much, sent son to mill for a 2 bushel grist; wife went to S. Simmons's on business. 8. All very busy; towards night visited S. Simmons; got cabbage plants. 9. Visited George Simmons, two Widow Grinnell's, Thomas Brown, Deacon Palmer, Davenport and W. Cranston, having found a young convert (P. Hazard) at Aaron Grinnell's. 10. Self and wife both very feeble, yet were obliged to do much business; an Indian woman came near 10 miles to talk with me in distress of mind; I went to Cranston's. 11. Sabbath day, after dining with wife at Nathaniel Shaw's, spent myself much in preaching at Robert Fishe's on Luke 7:23 (And blessed is he). Walked much of the way home, and lay awake great part of the night meditating, examining myself.

12. 1st of the week (tho' feeble in body) preached to a very crowded assembly on Mark 16:16. Before meeting was done it began to rain, so we waited 'til one shower was over, then proceeded to Willcox's pond, overtaken by another shower, but comfortably went thro' the work of baptizing Widow Healy and Davis Simmons. Returned to the meeting house and laid on hands, prayed, sang, exhorted. Since meeting it has cleared, then rained more; had much talk. 7 Mo.-13. (2nd of the week) was very busy about many things at home. 14. David Round and his wife accompanied me to see our sick Sister Hambly. We also visited several others going and coming; dined at J. Shrieve's. 15, 16 and 17, spent in a variety

1- of hard work at home; visited R. Hart 16th at evening and Job Ta-
 2- ber the 17th. Zuriel Fish visited us; Sister Smith came. 18.
 3- Sabbath day rose early, and by 10 o'clock got to old Benjamin Ham-
 4- bly's to attend the funeral of his wife (a dear sister of our
 5- church). After sitting more than half an hour (with a numerous
 6- assembly) in silent but I hope profitable meditations, feeling
 7- very barren, poor and empty as to anything to communicate, Brother
 8- Samuel Edes rose and spake a few seasonable words, I hope in the
 9- spirit. Soon after which the Lord took me as clay into his hands,
 10- and by me anointed the eyes of some blind sinners I believe! I
 11- spake near an hour with astonishing freedom and assistance on Jer-
 12- emiah 13:15, 26 (Hear ye and give ear). The whole assembly seemed
 13- very attentive and affected, and after going to the grave I talked
 14- with several that appeared labouring and heavy laden sinners.
 15- Dined with the family, and visited Sister Grinnell in my way home.

16- 19. 1st day of the week (cloudy and some rain). Was again assis-
 17- ted to preach twice to but few people, by reason of the weather
 18- and a stranger at the other meeting house, Phebe W., forenoon on
 19- Acts 2:39 (For the promise is unto you and to your children),
 20- afternoon on several texts concerning the nature, companions and
 21- effects of unbelief and faith. Old Elder Round, being present,
 22- made a lovely speech in the forenoon before me, and prayed this
 23- afternoon after me; Brother Brownell also prayed. I made a par-
 24- ticular speech to black people, all glory to the Lord. Since
 25- meeting have felt some pain of the cholick, great weakness. 20.
 26- Self and wife very feeble. Rode as far as Philip Gray's in the
 27- Neck; dined and spent afternoon in talk with Joseph Scott, Bridget
 28- Almy. Wife was taken with vomiting on the horse as we came home
 29- and remained sick some time. 21. Had help to plow amongst corn,
 30- and C. Hart mowed my grass. I worked hard; son carried Sister
 31- Smith to one Seabury's, went to mill. 22. After working hard
 32- among hay til towards night, visited and prayed with Joseph Hart,
 33- sick. Sat off to find a team; went as far as Deacon Job Taber's
 34- and supped, stoped at Philip's in my way home late. Daughter
 35- Hannah was very sick, vomiting many times in the night. 23.
 36- Philip Taber (shoe maker) came early and carted my hay to the
 37- place of stacking; I worked hard all day among the rest and on
 38- other things, visited and prayed again with J.H. 24. Rose early
 39- and stacked my hay; set off after breakfast with Deacon Job Taber
 40- and had a precious meeting at Benjamin Borden's (9 miles). After
 41- speaking a special word and preaching on John 8:36, baptized Ruth
 42- Demoranville and with great freedom, laid on hands at the water-
 43- side. Near sunset, went to Jno. Bowen's to attend a wedding, and
 44- had much labour with the 2 families next morning. 25. After
 45- stoping at Borden's some time, then at James Durfey's (and dined),
 46- had another precious meeting at Sm. Edes', at which he, Brother
 47- Taber and myself had each 2 spells of speaking, and Elder Round
 48- one. Visited Jno. Borden's sick son in my way home. 26. 1st day
 49- of the week. After preaching twice more to a great assembly with
 50- marvelous freedom and power forenoon on Zechariah 1:5, occasioned
 51- by our hearing of the death of my wife's father yesterday, after-
 52- noon on Isaiah 30:21 (This is the way), and Deacon Taber had
 53- spoken a few seasonable words, one Martha Tockemannah, an Indian,
 54- came forth and made a very affecting declaration of the work of
 55- the Lord on her soul, desiring to be received into the church.
 She was heartily received, and since meeting we have visited Sm.
 Simmons, whose child is very sick, Joseph Hart.

1789-7 Mo.-27 day. 2nd day of the week, after much work at home,
 visited Joseph Hart and Sm. Simmons again. Just after prayer at

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3- Simmons's, and while I was speaking the words of Jesus, "Suffer
4- the little children to come," I perceived their little child was
5- breathing its last, and perceiving the woman who held it to be
6- much affected, I desired her to put it into my arms, wherein it
7- died very quietly in a few minutes. I think proper to note in
8- this place that we have great cause to think my wife's father died
9- in the faith of Jesus (aged about 74). He was buried in Hopkinton
10- (where he had lived) the 20th of last month. I would also here
11- note concerning myself that I have observed my memory failing very
12- fast I think near 2 years, and my sight about one. 28. Journeyed
13- to Newport, carrying Sarah Smith with me. Dined at Deacon Til-
14- ley's and after finishing temporal business, preached at his meet-
15- ing house in the evening with great assistance on two passage of
16- scripture, James 4:4 and 1 Cor. 3:18. 29. Rose early and left
17- town; took breakfast at George Lawton's, visited several in my way
18- home. Dined and preached afternoon with much freedom on Job 10:2
19- at the funeral of Simmons's little son; visited and prayed with
20- J.H. 30. Very busy forenoon; visited Joseph Hart again and was
21- taken dizzy headed. Afternoon we held church meeting (about 10
22- brothers and 10 sisters present) and after much labour and serch
23- t'was clear to all but 2 or 3 (and they also expressing some hope)
24- that the widow Sarah Taber had repented of the crimes she was cen-
25- sured for some time past. There was therefore much freedom in
26- some, and consent in all, that the censure should be taken off and
27- she restored to church priviledges. Reid Willbur, a brother from
28- Danby, spake something to us; Deacon Palmer prayed. After sunset
29- I carried Sister Smith to Deacon Job Taber's. Cow lost. 31. Was
30- a great storm of rain with violent E. wind; was obliged to visit
31- Richard Hart to get some milk for babes (as our cow was lost).
32- Both sons had cholick, Joseph bad; I read much, and towards night
33- rode much. Visited Sister Cranston, found cow.

34- 8 Mo.-1. Sabbath day cloudy; self and wife, tho' poorly with a
35- cold, went and had a precious meeting at Sister Prudence Potter's,
36- who mentioned Philippians 3:10 as a text, on which I preached with
37- much freedom (That I may know him). Brother Job Taber (under
38- trial of mind) came 'most home with us, bringing Sister Smith. 2.
39- 1st day of the week, yet cloudy, but after Brother Edes had spoken
40- a few words, and I had preached with marvelous freedom on Heb. 6:2
41- ("Of the doctrine of baptisms,"--first the spirit, 2nd water, 3rd
42- afflictions) we went in the rain to the water eastward of William
43- Sanford's near the widow Baley's where (as it stoped raining just
44- before we got to it) I was enabled with great freedom to speak
45- again and pray and baptize Martha Tockomonnah (who spake some time
46- after she came out of the water by way of praising the Lord). In-
47- tending after laying on hands at Sanford's to return to the meet-
48- ing house to attend on the Lord's Supper, but rain again prevent-
49- ing, we continued our meeting there about an hour. Deacon Tilley
50- delivered an excellent exhortation; many seemed deeply affected,
51- all glory to the Lord! After meeting, we dined at Sanford's; Susa
52- Church came and tarried with us. 3. Yet cloudy; carried Sister
53- Smith to Jno. Willbur's. Visited and dined at Brother Joseph
54- Brownell's; came in the rain to mill. Visited Joanna Willcox
55- sick; came home and carried wife to S. Simmons and returned in a
heavy shower in the evening; much rain fel.

4. Yet cloudy and some rain (sowed turnips) but the sun has
appeared longer than any day of 5 past. After visiting Joseph
Hart, wife went with me to visit the wife of Philip Gray, sick.
From thence I went and preached at the funeral of an Injin woman
named Jenny Robins, and returned to P. Gray's and William's;

1- visited Jacob Taber in a shower and came home candle light. 5.
 2- Clear and cloudy; had various things to do. One Jesse Howard, a
 3- brother from Bridgewater, visited us; wife visited Phebe Taber.
 4- Towards night, I visited Joseph Crandal and Capt. Manchester,
 5- where Deacon Tilley came hurt by a fall from his horse. 6.
 6- Weather mostly clear. Was very busy at home 'til midafternoon;
 7- carried colt to Job Taber's. Visited Sister Lillis Weeden, wife
 8- of John (I hope to good purpose) and Anna Wood. 7. Was busy at
 9- home; went and brought S. Simmon's wife (an invalid) to visit us
 10- and near night carried her home again; visited Joseph Hart now
 11- mending fast. 8. Sabbath day forenoon went as far as Widow Rog-
 12- ers'es and Abner Wood's to fetch Sister M. Smith to our house.
 13- Afternoon, had a precious meeting at Alphry King's, where Brother
 14- Edes and Deacon Job Taber each spake twice. And after I had
 15- preached with much freedom on John 3:8 (The wind bloweth) Deacon
 16- Taber had prayed and meeting brake up, we found several burdened
 17- souls to talk with; each prayed again.

18- 9. 1st day of the week, after preaching with astonishing freedom
 19- and power on Isaiah 27:5 (Or let him take hold of my strength) one
 20- of the distressed souls I talked with yesterday (S.M.) came up to
 21- my dwelling declaring she could not live, and appearing almost be-
 22- reft of bodily life by the weight of her burden! I only said to
 23- her that neither men or angels could help her, but she needed what
 24- God alone could give and testified that Christ came not to call
 25- the righteous but sinners to repentance and retired by myself
 26- alone. And as I was going into the meeting house this afternoon,
 27- she came to me with a smiling countenance and said she had found
 28- peace, and in short made a good confession of faith in words, if
 29- it be so indeed which, O! that the Lord would enable her to make
 30- manifest by good fruit. I was enabled publicly to thank God for
 31- some grounds of hope concerning her, and to pray as it were in an
 32- agony for the conversion of other sinners, a revival among saints.
 33- And after preaching again with marvelous freedom about half an
 34- hour upon the words of Jesus, Rev. 21:6, "I am Alpha," and Deacon
 35- Palmer had prayed fervently and meeting concluded (the whole time
 36- of it being but about one hour) I went 3 miles to another meeting
 37- at Zeb Grinnell's, accompanied by my wife and Deacon Taber, where
 38- I was again marvelously assisted to preach above an hour more upon
 39- Rom. 8:28 and came home in the evening. Deacon Taber fervently
 40- prayed at our house since we came home, all glory to Jesus forever.
 41- Amen.

42- 10. Went to seek Unkle Green's lost horse (children done school);
 43- soon found him and sent him back by my son. Visited Sister Cran-
 44- ston and had much talk with her and daughter; dined at Jacob Ta-
 45- ber's. Visited Peleg Cook, Jno. Davenport, G. Willcox and Walter
 46- Cook in my way home. 11. Extreem hot. Went to the funeral of
 47- Daniel Grinnell's daughter Sarah (aged 15) and preached to a great
 48- assembly on Job 10:2. (Got some acquaintance with a stranger
 49- named Davis.) Self and Brother Edes spake at the grave; visited
 50- several and brot home with me P. Edes. 12. Extreem hot. Spent
 51- time at home in various things; son hoed orchard 2nd time. 13.
 52- Extreem hot yet; sowed turnips in garden (great rain in the night).
 53- Visited Noah, R. and J. Hart, Thomas Taber and Stephen Manchester.
 54- 14, cooler. Was very busy at home 'til towards night; visited
 55- Phebe Taber. Evening was terrible lightning and thunder. 15.
 Sabbath day went with wife (Sammy and Anna) in extreem heat to a
 meeting at Peleg Potter's; preached with great freedom on Jerem.
 23:35, "What hath the L. answered." It began to rain before meet-
 ing was done, but held up 'til we got home mid-evening. But we

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3- came thro' terrible lightning and thunder which increased after we
4- got home. Nevertheless, finding 5 persons at our house besides
5- our own family, towit Brother Edes and his wife, Jeremiah Daven-
6- port, Sister Smith and Hannah Cook, we had much heavenly confer-
7- ence; 3 prayed, sang praises, 'til near midnight.

8- 16. 1st day of the week, was enabled to preach again with marvel-
9- ous freedom on Luke 12:35, 36, "Let your loins be girded about,"
10- (Elder Round and Brother Brownell at meeting), after which Sarah
11- Munyon (who has been a great sinner) made profession of her faith.
12- Many brethren and sisters had something to say, after which we sat
13- down together to partake of the Lord's Supper and had a comfort-
14- able time. Since which, by talk with Deacon Taber, have been con-
15- vinced of a fault I did 18th of 2nd month 1787, in marrying a man
16- to a devo[worn] woman. 17. Being fully convinced by reconsider-
17- ation of Mat. 5:32 and 19:9 [torn] that altho a Christian or any
18- man or woman hath a right [torn] gospel day to put away or refuse
19- to live with a wife or husband [torn] is continually violating
20- the marriage covenant and refuses to [torn] be reformed, yet nei-
21- ther the innocent or guilty party hath a right to marry again
22- while the other is evidently alive in a litteral sense. I was en-
23- abled this day to take up the great cross of going to a couple
24- whose marriage I had consented to as a civil officer 2½ years ago,
25- and confess my fault, and return the marriage fee. [Torn] wife as
26- far as Brother Philip Taber's and dined; visited Deacon Job T.;
27- returned to [torn]. 18. Visited Liza Cook, sick; stoped at 4
28- Corners to have a shoe set on horse, dined at Philip Cory's,
29- sought bread for my familie's bodies, but found none. However,
30- had a great feast for my soul at a meeting at 4 o'clock at
31- L[ittle] Compton meeting house, where I heard a man preach on John
32- 16:8. I never saw him before, but I call him my dear brother
33- Avery of Wrent[torn]. Meeting held til after sunset, from whence
34- I came home praising and thanking the Lord for what I had heard
35- and felt, and contentedly supped on bread and water. 19. Sat off
36- with wife on business; left her at Willcox's. Visited Philip and
37- William Gray. Borrowed a grist at William's and left it at mill.
38- (Philip gave me ½ bushel.) Came with wife, spent the rest of the
39- day with Liza Cook, Sister Cranston, Sister East, her husband.
40- 20. Forenoon very busy, afternoon Sister Smith, self and wife
41- visited Bial Tripp. 21. (6th of the week) Wife went with me to
42- T. Cory's and dined. Afternoon attended the funeral of old Widow
43- Manchester at Ruth Macomber's (age 84); preached to a large assem-
44- bly in the open air; visited Jno. Earl. 22. Sabbath day carried
45- Sister Smith to a meeting at Night Springer's, and preached with
46- freedom on Mark 12:42 (And she threw in two mites which make a
47- farthing). Brother Job Borden spake after me; 2 women professed
48- faith. Was refreshed at Capt. Manchester's in my way home, find-
49- ing my dear sister Rebeckah and Caleb Green on a visit to us; had
50- a happy evening.

51- 23. 1st day of the week. After preaching with marvelous freedom
52- on John 14:15 (If ye love) Sibbil Sawdey and Mary Springer came
53- forth and made clear and affecting declarations of the work of God
54- on their souls. Brother Borden, Caleb Green and Sister Rebekah
55- exhorted. We sang and were almost ready to adjourn our meeting to
the waterside when Ruth Fish publicly opposed Sarah Lamonyon (one
of the candidates for baptism) and Satan tried hard, thro' her, to
hinder the work of the day. But after the church had given her a
patient hearing, and found by clear evidence that the ground of
her opposition was envy and enmity, we proceeded to the water,
where I was again enabled to speak some time (prayed for the

opposer) and baptized the 3 persons afore mentioned. Returned to the meeting house, spake, prayed, laid on hands, sang and concluded meeting. The whole public service took up about 6 hours and to the praise of our kind Lord I record it, that altho the cholic seized me soon after I had done preaching, yet it went off before I had gone thro' the other labours of the day, at the end of which I felt not weary! This evening about 20 have held a lovely meeting in my dwelling house; after 2 vocal prayers, exhortation, most all of us washed one another's feet. Brother Borden, Edes, and Green and several sisters have never done it before, all glory to the Lord. [24. Torn] After a blessed morning conference with friends and [torn] I went with Brother Borden to visit Susa. Hart and Mary Sanford. I returned [torn] with a considerable trial which with others I hope will work for good. [Torn] Smith and Pheebe Edes with us.

[25.] Journeyed to Newport with wife; were detained about an hour at the [torn] for want of wind; then a breeze sprang up which carried us over in about [torn] of an hour. We dined with Elder Bliss, then went into town, and soon after [torn] at Deacon Tilley's it began to rain; but held up so that I went to Unkle Greene's, then to George East's brother's. Drank tea at Brother Anderson's; went to visit [torn] Thurston who was not at home; visited my honoured parents and lodged at Tilley's. There were 2 or 3 fine showers in the morning, after which we visited our parents, dined at Brother G. Burroughs'. Visited Unkle Greene and Brother William Burroughs, besides [torn] I made several other short visits to Unkle Rogers and preached in the [torn] in Elder Bliss's meeting house (with no great sense of truth) on Heb. 12:27 (and this w. [torn]). After meeting spake with Elder Thurston, Sister East and [torn]. 27. After 2 or 3 morning visits, we sat off from Brother Tilley's about 9 o'clock, with much evidence of his love to us; stoped a little while at George Lawton's. Crossed the ferry in a strong fair wind; dined at Jacob Taber's. And came home time enough to attend our monthly church meeting, about 22 present, at which a black woman called Violet Manchester made a good declaration and confession of her experience and faith. Messengers were sent to our brethren Benjamin Sawdy Jr. and Smyton Hart (Job Borden went with Job Taber). The case being proposed for consideration, the whole church present appeared united in judgment with me that my countenancing the marriage of T. Briggs and E. Earl (as before mentioned) was wrong. Whereupon I was obliged to blame a few of them who from the beginning had so thought and yet had never told me so! (Job T., Lillis W., Peleg P.) Daughter Hannah went home with Pheebe Edes who had kept house for us. 28. Did a variety of business, and towards night visited Baley Grinnell (extream hot day). 29. Sabbath day, 2 sons sat out early to go to Brother S. Edes' to meeting. Rain prevented my going at the time appointed, but I got there before meeting was done and preached a short discourse. After the brethren and sisters had been much engaged and had enjoyed a great blessing, I was favoured with some of the crumbs and came home with my 2 sons. Found George East and his wife at our house and had a happy evening, altho' my trials had been so great before I went to meeting that I went in great heaviness.

30. 1st day of the week, found myself again in great heaviness, yet was enabled to preach with midling freedom to a large assembly on Prov. 28:13 (He that covereth his s.), after which went to the water eastward of Sanford's, spake, prayed, baptized and laid hands on Violet Manchester. Took a little food at Sanford's and

proceeded (accompanied by Deacon Taber, Brother J. Brownell, G. East, and S. Sawdey) 4 miles to the funeral of Lovet Briggs's daughter Mary, aged 17. We got there about 3 o'clock, where I preached again about 40 minutes with great freedom, and got home 'fore sunset. Went to Brother S. Taber's to an evening meeting which was very comfortable; both deacons and several brethren having spoken much, prayed and sang, Sister East prayed. 31. Very cool morning. After breakfast Sister East and her husband sat off for Bedford; I had wood to back 'till, 10 o'clock, I sat off with Joseph Hart; visited, got fellowship and dined with Widow Manly. Preached with some freedom in the open air, to a number of blacks and whites, met at the funeral of Marjory Hinckley, an Indian woman, supposed to be very near or above 100 years of age! As I returned, visited John Gifford, went to mill. Sister Smith has been today at a confarence of Christians at Doctor Whittredge's.

1. 3rd day of the week. After much hard work (backing wood) carried Sister Smith to Brother Edes's. After sun set sat off to come home with daughter Hannah. 2. Was a storm of rain; my wife's cold, and the cold I took at the funeral, seemed to operate hard upon us. I spent the day chiefly in writing for the church; towards night had wood to back.

1789-9 Mo.-3. 5th of the week (cool weather) was very busy forenoon; afternoon [torn] Philip Cory, Deacon Palmer, J. Davenport. G. Willcox and Widow [torn]. 4. (Clear and cool) was very busy again backing wood [torn]; Grinnell dined with us. Towards night I went to Job Manchester's [torn]. Son Sammy came home in the evening. 5. Sabbath day (felt low spirited) Deacon Taber, his wife and Sister B[torn]; son went to Brother Edes's and fetcht Sister Smith. 3 others came, we had [torn].

6. First day of the week, went to meeting in a dull frame of mind, but was enabled [torn] a large assembly near 2 hours with a measure of freedom on [torn] (Christ also suffered for us). Also (afterward) with some freedom [torn] and partook of the Lord's Supper. Many of the congregation tarried to be [torn]; Sister Demoranville gave herself to the church. (Pheebe Taber and K. Cran[torn] to meeting.) Towards night a gloom seized me hard again, but tarried [torn]. Wife and children went to a meeting at Cranston's; I wrote, read, prayed. 7. Wife went with me to visit D. Woodman; I also visited Widow Grinnell, Aaron [torn] and Thomas Brown (with wife), William Allen (left a grist at mill) and Jacob Taber. [Torn] had a sweet conference with Sister Blackmer, Liza Cook, and came home. 8. Did a variety of work; wrote to Deacon Earl. Towards night sisters Smith and Blackmer came, and Sister Blackmer went away again with Deacon Job Taber. 9. Was full of work (Sammy being gone all the week) cuting stalks. After a silent sitting in the evening and Sister Smith had prayed, I also prayed in a peculiar manner. 10. After much hard work, went to 4 Corner mill; visited William Gray, Jacob Taber. 11. At noon went to Job Manchester's and Noah Hart's for molasses, apples; before [torn] which worked so hard getting up stalks, backing wood, that I was much tired at night. 12. Sabbath day wife went with me to W. Hicks' and dined; afternoon I preached [torn] much freedom at Job Taber's on John 15:5, 7. Was sent for to attend the funeral of an Indian boy, son of Aaron Mouth, but the above meeting prevented my going.

13. 1st day of the week, cut down a tree, met at 11 o'clock (Ab. Brownell, Deacon Mason, Jencks with us). I was enabled to preach

1- a lengthy discourse, but with no great freedom on Zeph. 3: [torn]
 2- (Sing, O d. of Zion; shout, O Israel). Towards night went to 4
 3- Corner mill. Attended a meeting appointed by the brethren at Jno.
 4- Davenport's, where lot fel on me to preach again with blessed
 5- freedom on these words, "[Torn] desire of all nations shall come,"
 6- after which Deacon Taber exhorted, and Deacon Palmer exhorted and
 7- prayed. D. Taber and his wife and Sister Blackmer came home with
 8- me to supper and departed late at night. 14. Forenoon, Sister
 9- Smith went to Westport, I cut stalks. Afternoon went to a meeting
 10- of the other church in the meeting house, and heard Mase Shepard
 11- preach indeed (not read) a lovely discourse on Zech. 9:12, "Turn ye
 12- to." I spake with one Turner, a young minister not 20 years old,
 13- and returned to work. 15. It rained in gentle showers most all
 14- day; I was busy indoor and out mending stable. Visited old R.
 15- Hart; Peleg Simmons Jr. and S. Taber visited me; had a good eve-
 16- ning. 16. Self and whole family very busy. Deacon Taber came
 17- and helped me get 7 trees to the door and shocked my stalks. To-
 18- wards night I went to his shop to get horse shod, Stokes Potter's
 19- for apples, to Jno. Weeden's and supped. Came back to Taber's
 20- with Weeden and his wife, Sister Smith and Blackmer, where we had
 21- much talk and I came home near midnight. 17. Cloudy, cool. Was
 22- busy cutting wood; Rhoda and Lois Manchester visited us. Towards
 23- night I visited Isaac Manchester, W. Cranston and W. Cook; Lydia
 24- S. came home with me. 18. Journeyed to Bedford with wife, Deacon
 25- Taber and his wife, and Deborah Blackmer; dined at Benjamin Bab-
 26- cock's. Visited several others, and preached at George East's in
 27- the evening to many with blessed freedom on John 12:46, "I am come
 28- a light." 19. Sabbath day forenoon, expected to preach again at
 29- East's but just before meeting time I trust, the Lord sent Elder
 30- Asa Hunt, who preached to us a lovely discourse on Psalm 11:5.
 31- Afternoon [torn] preached in the school house on John 9:39, "For
 32- judgment I am come". Jonathan Jeffers came time enough to attend
 33- meeting. He and Brother Taber both spake some thing before me,
 34- and Sister Cannon after me. After meeting we visited Sister Ayres
 35- and spent the evening in conference at East's. (Brother Jeffers
 36- had a fit.) Brother Arnold Bliss prayed fervently, and on the
 37- whole we had much comfort.

38- 20. 1st day of the week, Brother Jeffers continued with us 'til
 39- after we had gone through two comfortable meetings. There was a
 40- crowded assembly; Elder Nelson also present. I was enabled to
 41- preach with great freedom, forenoon on John 10:10 (I am come that
 42- they might have life), afternoon on John 4:34 (My meat is).
 43- Brothers Nelson, Taber, and Kempton were all active in worship.
 44- After refreshing nature at East's, we crossed the water and began
 45- a meeting about sunset at Brother Peckin's, which was powerful and
 46- refreshing indeed. After I had preached with marvelous freedom on
 47- Malachi 4:1 (Behold the d. cometh) Brother Edmund Davis and Deacon
 48- Taber exhorted, and after singing praises to the Lord for some
 49- time, we crossed the water again and came to our lodging at East's.
 50- 21. Was the day we had thoughts of returning, when we came from
 51- home, but having had a desire these 16 or 18 years to visit Broth-
 52- er Zecheus Tobey and the neighbours round him, we parted with Bed-
 53- ford friends this morning, rode about 7 miles and got to Tobey's
 54- about noon (accompanied by Sister Parker) where a meeting began
 55- about 2 o'clock, at which I was most wonderfully assisted to
 preach and make use of that ancient divine question, "Where art
 thou?" (Gen. 3:9) directing it both to sinner and saint, to per-
 sons of every age and many particular circumstances. And by
 divine permission (or purpose) my body was as it were wrecked all
 to pieces in the improvement, strength exhausted, and voice almost

lost. I cannot remember that I ever felt myself more as a meer instrument in the Lord's hand, and thought the effect of the divine presence and power with and upon me, was somewhat similar to its effects on Mount Sinai. However after some time of rest (took no bodily food) we sat off near sun set and came homeward near 7 miles to the house of Maltiah Hathaway.

22. (3rd of the week) was very hot weather for the season, as it was the day before. After breakfast Deacon Taber and his wife came to us from Peckham's, and after an agreeable meeting with the family, Brother Taber had prayed, we sat off for home. Visited old Sister Maxfield, where hearing of the funeral of an old man named [blank] Russell, we left our wives at William Wood's and went and heard S. Buffington speak and pray (but not to edification). We proceeded and dined at Humphrey Potter's, where we talked much with Aaron Potter, aged near 90. Prayed with and exhorted the family and several young women who came in, then proceeded and stoped once more to give exhortation to Job Earl's family, from whence we came safely home about candle light. And being much comforted, not only by finding our family (and Sister Lydia Shearman in whose care we left them) in health, but also by hearing of the kind providence of God to this church in sending Brother John Asplund to minister among them (who was born in Sweden and had visited me in ye 11th month of the year past. See 21st page of this journal.). He spake to them on Psalm 84:11. Attended another meeting at P. Cook's in the evening, and came and tarried at our house the night after, I mean last night. Reflecting on our journey, we joined in a thank offering [torn] heavenly [torn] but O! how little did we express of the [torn] is due to his glorious and ever [torn]. 23. (4th of the week) Weather yet hot. I spent the day comfortably [torn] work (it is a time of scarcity of temporal bread for wan[torn] and water). I visited Noah Hart, Job Manchester and William Ladd on [torn]. 24. (Yet hot) was very busy with whole family forenoon; attended church meeting (so called) but only 7 brethren and about 9 sisters came. Ordered Deacon Palmer to furnish the table with suitable c[torn]; talked about being more earnest to see to get a settlement for [torn]; and were comforted by exhortation, joining twice in prayer. 25. Weather foggy and cooler. We were all very busy again; L. Shearman left us last evening; Phebe Cook visited us. 26. Sabbath day, was much rain, yet as it held up I went and got to Brother Edes's about mid-afternoon, and preached with great freedom and [torn] a verse of the hymn we sang ('Twas the same love that spread the [torn]). Elder Round, D. Taber (and others, about 16) at meeting. Came home in the [torn]; son Samuel had come while I was gone. Had a good time of prayer [torn]. 27. 1st day of the week, very thick clouds 'til meeting time. (Not many came.) [Torn] with usual freedom on Isaiah 55:2 (Wherefore do ye spend money for [torn]); 'fore meeting was done and since, it has rained exceeding hard. 28. Had various work to do; went and got a bushel meal at Willcox's mill. 29. Went and got a bushel barley bolted at Taber's mill (4 Corners); dined at G[torn], visited J. Davenport, spent evening agreeably at Walter Cook's. 30. Was engaged in usual business at home (diging potatoes).

10 Month-1. (5th of the week) After morning work, visited Thomas Cory; dined at Jno. Earl's [torn] (was not got home from his brother Caleb's). Visited Abner Brownell (and got s[torn]); visited Thomas Hicks, son of Joseph, whose left hand, being terribly shattered [torn] a gun, had this day been cut off. Came again to Earl's for apples, came to Deacon Taber's, from whence I

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3- brot Sister Smith home with me, late. 2. Was very busy harvest-
4- ing. Lent Mary Taber my beast to go to the point. 3. Sabbath
5- afternoon (according to appointment) a small number met in the
6- meeting house (preparatory to communion in the supper) and after
7- prayer, singing and reading Mat. 10, and I had spoken some time on
8- the Epistles to the churchs of Ephesus and Sardis, most all pres-
9- ent spake [torn]course. Meeting concluded near sunset, and we had
a pleasant evening.

10- 4. 1st day of the week. Rained some before meeting, but extream
11- hard since, til now late at night. And altho I had many discom-
12- posing cares in the morning, I was not only enabled to preach with
13- marvelous freedom on Psalm 51:11, "And take not thy h. spirit from
14- me" and administer and partake of the Lord's Supper with great
15- comfort, but also to confer with several friends this evening
16- (Brother Edes, Susa. Church, 3 Indians) detained by the rain.
17- Blessed be God for all his dealings with us, and the comforts of
18- this day. 5. (Fine weather) I had a dismal prospect to the flesh
19- of a week's [torn] and sufferings, however thro' grace felt com-
20- fortable in mind, resolved to do my best; detained Sammy to help
21- me. Afternoon carried [torn] Church to Widow Rogers's; got a bag
22- of apples, visited an Indian to [torn] came home; went and spent
23- evening at Doctor Whittredge's and I. Manchester's. 9. (Evening)
24- Just finished stacking my husks, and 4 days more of very [torn]
25- labour and hard fare to the flesh, having had no meat, butter
26- [torn] or sweetning, but little milk, and with other trials. Had
27- wood to back, 'til yesterday Deacon Taber came and carted me a
28- little after [torn] my corn, which with help of 2 men and a boy we
29- husked all [torn] time and had wonderful time of prayer [torn]
30- evening with [torn].

31- [There is a two year gap between the end of this section and the
32- beginning of the next.]
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5th day of the week. This day ends with a strong west wind, clear and cold [torn] heavy clouds; the 2 first days warm, rain, the 3 last some snow and rain. In all this time no neighbour or brother has visited us so as to help us in our troubles. But I have been obliged to do considerable hard work on wood, taking care of creatures, besides schooling my children, and my sore ankle has there-by grown worse, and I am also now in pain of rheumatism and cholic. However, I desire patiently to bear all things thus laid upon me by my heavenly Father, and to thank and praise him that things are so well or no worse and that some supplies of our need have been sent (from 9 miles off) by Sister Borden. Yesterday Ab. or R. Wood, son of Peleg visited me, and wife and I spent last evening agreeably with Sister P. Taber. 23. After rising, was obliged to take my bed again with pain of the cholic and rheumatism, but was soon relieved a little, so as to be able to teach my children. (Wife visited Widow S. Taber.) 24. Felt much better, so as afternoon visited old Brother Richard Hart, aged 89 this day. 25. (Cold day) Meeting was held at Deacon Samuel Taber's; I preached with much freedom on Luke [torn]. 26. Weather so pleasant, afternoon I rode to J. Davenport's on business; wife visited at Isaac M[torn]. 27. Necessity seemed to oblige me to go as far as Rt. Miller's in Little Compton to get my beast shod; visited Bial Tripp, D. Simmons, the 6 children of Thomas Willbur, deceased, (with whom I prayed), Stephen Brownell and Col. Hilyard. Met with many crosses and trials, yet came home late in the evening with much inward peace. Northern lights were very great. 28. Being obliged to go to Gideon Almy's for salt, I went and prayed with Philip Gray (in Neck) confin'd by a dreadful sore; dined there, supped at Davenport's, and came home with meat. 29. Forenoon, went again to 4 Corners to mill and on other business; dined at Philip Gray's and returned to church meeting at which much was said about collecting for my settlement. 30. This being the 5th day of extra ordinary fine weather, after work on wood, I went and heard Minister Briggs speak well at the funeral of Widow Susa Bennet's child, after which visited the widow [torn]. 31. (Yet fine weather) Rested at home til near night; went with wife to see old Richard Hart, spent the evening at home in various thoughts and reflections, searching the Scriptures [torn].

1792-1 Mo.-1 day. First day of the week (and first quarter of the moon) cloudy but warm weather; many came to meeting. I was enabled to preach and speak of many things new and old, on Rev. 21:6 [torn]. Deacon S. Taber and his wife dined and spent the residue of the day and evening with us; it hath snowed [torn]. 2. Rain (and wound I got this day 4 weeks ago not yet healed) confined me to [torn]; near night I went and spent evening at Capt. Manchester's with E. Cook [torn]. 3 and 4 spent at home; E. Cook, with her sister M., came and means to tarry to [torn]. 5. My sore seemed worse; E. C. went to Deacon Taber's; wife and self [torn]. 6. Cold weather and wind very strong; had trials inward and outward [torn]. 7. Extream cold Sabbath; toward night visited old Richard H[torn].

8. Rose by day-break and (tho' extream cold) travelled near 8 miles [torn] freedom and comfort to many people at Brother Jno. [torn] on John [torn] homeward; attended a marriage at [worn] Davenport's lodged at [torn] paid a long visit to Brother Constant

Hart (poorly) and came home in [torn] both cow and horse to carry abroad next day to be foddered, but Deacon [torn] a load of hay from friends in Little Compton in the evening and [torn] thanksgiving with me in regard to things temporal did much business [torn]. [Torn] spent this Sabbath at home as usual; extream cold weather.

15. Preached in the meeting house on Prov. 17:17, "A friend loveth at all times" [torn] the evening in a conference meeting with the members of Little Compton church, at the house of Widow Simmons (mother of Samuel) and walked home on foot. 16. Visited Deacon Palmer, who last 5th day came near death by a fall from a horse; also visited Philip Cory (had horse shod), J. Davenport, Sister Cranston, E. Cook (better) and Sister Taber who died a few minutes after I left her (9 o'clock at night) after 25 months' sickness; her faith, patience, comfort and assurance was wonderful! 17. Went to the Point on business with Brother Brownell; visited several going and coming, sick Widow Taber. 22. (Having taken a great cold) last 4th day a painful ague sore or swelling came on my right hand (which is not yet quite gone) with shivery fits. At night a dreadful snow storm began and continued most all 5th day, since which the wind has blown extream hard and cold, so that I have been prevented from attending the funeral on 5th day and a meeting yesterday at Em. Macomber's, and have found much difficulty to keep from suffering. But a few came to meeting today and I was enabled to preach with freedom on John 11:11 (Our friend). 25. The 2 days past has been extream cold (as most ever was known here); my hand most well, but except I had help should have suffered for wood. Today (not quite so cold) I visited J. Taber, Jno. Davenport, P. Cook and Kezia Cranston, very low, with whom I prayed. 26. A few came to church meeting; we had a religious conference, but nothing m. done. 29. Having spent the 2 days past at home (Anna at N. Hart's) preached in the [torn] many to day for the time of year today on Rev. 14:13, "Blessed are the dead" [torn] and prayed with Sister Cranston and spent the evening with D. Simmons at Judge [torn]. 30. Preached at the funeral of Rhoda Grinnell, wife of Anson, to many people with great [torn] on Deu. 32:29, "O, that they were w." Dined at Philip Gray's; received a present, both [torn] him and William Gray, and returned home. Very stormy night of wind and rain [torn]. 31. Stormy day spent at home schooling my own and J. Hart's children [torn].

1. (Dreadful travelling) Preached with great freedom and assistance to many people on Eccles. 7:14, Mark 13:37 and Luke 21:34 at the funeral of Jonathan Taber, who died in a fit of the apoplexy, aged 80. Dined at Brother Philip Taber's; visited Susa. Hart. 2. Visited William Davis Esqr., sick with rheumatism, Thomas Cory, whose sons lately came, and dined at Jacob Taber's (he and G. Willcox and J.D. gave me a grist); went to mill, visited several friends. Spent this Sabbath day at home til near night; visited Richard Hart. Preached twice with marvelous freedom: first in the meeting house on Acts 2:40 (Save yourselves) second at Noah Hart's (evening) on Isaiah 48:10 (I have chosen thee); few people at both meetings. Went by the 4 Corners to visit William Brown, who died about 2 hours before I got there! Prayed with the family, Christopher White and Jno. Davis Esqr., where I had talk with 2 ministers and rode home in their company. Worked all day backing wood (having been out of what was carted near 3 weeks). Joseph Hart went with me [torn] to visit Doctor Whittredg, where I got fellowship with Minister Briggs. 8. A storm of snow prevented my attending the funeral of William Brown.

9. Visited and dined at S. Simmons; had a little wood drawn by Job and N. Hart [torn]. 10. S. Simmons came and assisted me in getting wood; I mashed foref[torn]. 11. Hurt middle finger of same hand badly; visited Patience Taber (sick with a fe[torn]). 12. Preached twice more with much freedom of utterance, meeting house on [torn] at Philip Gray's Esqr. on Rev. 3:19 (As m. as I love) was many [torn] after I returned married Stephen Wait to Candace [torn].

1792-2 Mo.-18. Spent this 7th day of the week (or Sabbath) at home as usual; extreemly cold. 19. Preached to many (for the time of year) with much freedom on Mat. 4:4, Luke [torn]. Had talk with Capt. Mayhew at Deacon Samuel Taber's; Pru. Potter tarries with us. 20. Spent this day chiefly at home, evening at Noah Hart's with wife. P.P. 21. Extream cold; went with Joseph Hart to get salt hay (3 Ct.) at Philip Taber's. Visited Job Briggs; dined at Jno. Gifford's. 22. Visited Major Manchester's wife, very sick; dined. Visited Sister Cranston and J. Davenport; home late. 23. Attended church meeting; was many brethren and much talk; concluded to buy Sisson's farm; B. Sawdy, S. Hart and W. Willcox cited. Church concluded Brother Constant Hart should take a deed of Sisson's farm in his own name, and give me security for the money as fast as paid, and when all is paid transfer the deed to me. Deacon Palmer, being poorly, tarried all night with us. 24. Sold my old and only cow to Brother Philip Taber (for \$6); carried Sister Potter home and dined. Visited Widow Lydia Taber (had a small ax of Gideon). 25. Spent part of the Sabbath yesterday at home, and part on a visit with wife to Sister Cranston's, and today preached to many with usual freedom on Isaiah 1:3 (My p. do not con.). Since which (with wife) visited Sister Patience Taber. A storm of snow, hail and rain has begun. 27. Being confined with rain, spent time chiefly in reading and writing. Wife was taken in a strange shivery fit, and almost lost her reason in the night. 28. Was very busy 'til near night. Went to Jno. Wate's; spent evening at Con. Hart's (with Joseph); talked with D[illegible] Simmons. 29. Went to Gideon Taber's (to get an ax mended); dined at William Wood's; visited Jno. Tripp, Jonathan Davis.

3 Mo.-1. 5th day of the week, journeyed to Bedford in company with Deacon Tilley; visited Peleg Potter, Arnold Bliss, by the way. Held a conference meeting in the evening at Joseph Ayres. 2. Had a precious meeting afternoon at G. East's; preached on Psalm 2:11. Preached again to a large assembly at the same house in the evening on Rev. 19:9; Elder Nelson prayed; Brother Edes. 3. In the way home, dined at Elder Nelson's, visited Brother Potter; 'twas dreadful traveling. 4. After I had done preaching to many with great freedom and earnestness on these 2 passages [torn] "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself" and "Except ye repent ye shall all perish" (occasioned by a woman's having a fit after prayer), Deacon Tilly spake well, prayed. We visited and prayed with old Brother R. Hart. (I wrote to T. Green.) Spent evening at [torn]. 5. Was confined by much rain. 6th, visited Edward Manchester, sick, aged near 100! 7. Fine weather; did much work; had talk with Ceasar Treadwell in extra [worn]. 8. and 9th spent at home; was hail, rain, snow, thunder. 11. Yesterday rested at home. Today preached my own experience on Job 10:15, 16; wrote to Brother Green (received a refreshing letter from Brother Jones) and married [Perry Davis?]. 12. Visited and dined at William Davis's Esqr.; went to the Point on business. 13. With wife, visited Philip and William Gray, Jno. Davenport. 15. Yesterday,

rode about 15 miles on business with Consider Crapo in [worn] came back (about 3 miles) and preached at the house of Simeon Chace to many in the evening on Heb. 13 [torn] from thence I journeyed home today (having visited several by the way and married Timothy Tripp.) 16. A storm of snow and rain confined me to house work; [worn] I visited N. Hart [torn]. Wife went with me to visit Sister Lydia Taber; I also visited old widows Taber and Brown. [torn] preached to many with great freedom on Mat. 24:13 "But he that." [torn] appointment church meeting was this day held in my dwelling house (about [torn]) Brownell, and not present. The trial about procuring a home for my family [torn] or given up! [torn] at home as usual, (only visited old R. Hart.) 'Twas a rainy day [torn] with wonderful freedom on Zechariah 14:6, 7, 8 (Neither d.)

[4 Mo.] 1 day. 1st day, evening. Last 2nd day (26 ulto., and fine weather) I journeyed to Newport with wife, and came back day before yesterday. Visited many, going, coming and there, was at 2 conference meetings: 1st night at Father's, 2nd at Thomas Goddard's. 3rd evening, preached in Elder Thurston's meeting house upon Mat. 24:14 (a powerful time). 4th evening at Deacon Tilley's on Luke 16:2; Elder Edey spake after me. Dined one day with Elder Edey; visited Elders Thurston, Hopkins, Patten. On the whole 'twas a comfortable journey, and about 72s profit to my poor family, 30s of which was a barrel of flour sent me from N[ew] York by my friend Joseph Jencks! Thus it hath pleased the Lord once more to shew me that the whole wide world is his, and that if supplies cannot be obtained near at hand, he can send them from a far distance! Yesterday visited Deacon Samuel Taber, Jeremiah Taber, William Sanford (wife was poorly) and today, after preaching to many in the meeting house with much freedom on Luke 16:13 and having much talk with one Lovell (a professor from Barnstable), went and preached again in the evening at old Brother R. Hart's on Psalm 92:13, 14. 8. Last 2nd day, was very busy in orchard, scraping trees, but in much pain of the rheumatism, which took its seat in my right shoulder the night before, and next day was so painful I could not work. Therefore visited and dined with Jacob Taber, Joseph Davenport, Stephen Taber. 4th day also visited and dined with Widow Manley; visited Nathaniel Crandal, Minister Briggs. The rest of the week my pain was so hard as to drive sleep from me, prevent my lying down. I sat in my chair chief part of 2 or 3 nights, and got but little sleep 'til last night. I rested so well, and today found my pain so abated 'thro divine goodness, that I went to meeting and was enabled to preach near an hour on Gen. 22:14 (Jehovahjireh). And after resting some time (weather being very pleasant and a meeting some time appointed) rode 4 miles to the house of Bn. Sawdey Jr. and preached again to a great assembly (Elder Round also spake); left daughter Hannah and came home alone.

15. My pain abated more and more til last 4th day, when I was able to cut wood. On 5th day, being needy of many things (a grist, a cow, and team to fetch hay) walked on foot to Jno. Manchester's, son of Isaac, where my beast was; dined. Visited Philip Gray (Neck); prayed with his sick servant girl; came home evening without one thing I desired to get (except milk). [Torn] Sister Cranston, Judge Cook, J. Taber, P. Cook and J. Davenport. 6th day was gloomy; Elder Lewis visited me. I tried to get some neighbour to fetch hay, but could not. Toward night, Jacob Taber and Obed. Dennis unexpectedly brought it, and a grist. I worked in garden and visited Widow Manly. Yesterday rested, wrote to Brother Jones, and for R. Hart to his son Philip. Toward night my pain [torn]

1- much yet I have been enabled to preach today on Luke 23:31 (Green
2- tree); since meeting had much talk with Josh. Brownell, D. Sim-
3- mons, E. and M. Cook. 16. Rainy morning; I went abroad to seek a
4- cow. 17. Bought a cow, 5 year old, of Job Manchester for 22
5- dollars (pd. 17); bought 3 ct. hay of Gideon Taber. 18. Did var-
6- ious work, mending wall. At night had cholick; horse came from J.
7- Davenport's; Edes tarries. 19. Visited [worn] Christopher
8- White's; then visited Col. Richmond who gave me a grist, T. Brown,
9- J.D. 20. Wife very poorly, self also; widows Manly and King and
10- Mary Green visited us; much talk. 21. Sabbath day, wife was
11- blooded (and very poorly); M. Green and E. Cook tarried with us.

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13- 22. Rose by day break (found snow on the ground) and traveled
14- against a raw N.E. wind as far as M. Borden's (8 miles) to break-
15- fast, accompanied by Brother G. H[torn] to the Baptist meeting
16- house, 2 mile; and after preaching to many with [torn] 10:36 rode
17- 2 mile to Nathan Bowen's and preached again to a g[torn] 32:26.
18- Attended a conference meeting at Jno. Luther's in the evening
19- [torn]. 23. Rode home, by the way I went out, 12 miles. Towards
20- night [torn]. 24. Did some hard work, forenoon; afternoon
21- preached at Philip Gray [torn]. 25. Went and sold half my calf
22- at the Point; visited and prayed with L[torn]. 26. Rain prevent-
23- ed church meeting; family most all poorly [torn]. 27. Could not
24- get wood carted, but had it to back in [worn]. 28. Rested as
25- usual, only in a poor state of health [torn]. 29. Was strength-
26- ened and enabled to preach once more to many, with marvellous
27- [torn] on Rom. 12:11 (Not slothful in b.), but felt much spent
28- when meeting was done; wife yet fe[torn]. 30. Journeyed to New-
29- port with 2 children (Hannah and Joseph); visited several and tar-
30- ried at T. Green's.

31- 5 Mo.-1. Returned home (leaving children); found wife yet very
32- poorly. 2. Had a number of visitors: Ab. Cory, Susa. Hart; Is.
33- Brightman came with Thomas Cory's team to plow. Toward night I
34- rode to Philip Gray's (near 9 mile in the whole) after flaxseed to
35- sow. 4. Yesterday much rain confined me to house and prevented
36- church meeting again. Today visited and wrote for Jno. Grinnell,
37- sick. After I came back was much worried, backing wood. 5. Sab-
38- bath day rested as usual, wife very poorly; Isaac Manchester drew
39- me a load of wood. 6. Was a trying day to the flesh; wife so
40- poorly, I thought she would leave me soon. Self not yet clear of
41- hard rheumatic pains, brought on me great heaviness, nevertheless
42- thro' divine goodness was enabled to preach with freedom on Rom.
43- 12:12. 7. Wife a little better; son Joseph came home. I visited
44- Jno. Grinnell, dined at Philip Gray's (Neck), went to mill. 8.
45- Wife yet mending slowly; self worse with rheumatism, yet obliged
46- to do much work. 9. Was very busy, though very poorly; toward
47- night visited and prayed with Jno. Grinnell, sick. 10. Forenoon
48- visited Constant Hart on business, and William Cornell visited me.
49- Afternoon had a refreshing time of meditation and prayer at church
50- meeting (with only 5 brethren and 3 sisters, S.T., D.R., T.S.,
51- J.S. and D.S.); read Mal. 3; M. Briggs visited me. 11. After
52- some work, visited John Borden, dined at Constant Hart's, rode to-
53- ward 4 Corners to get a team, hay. 12. Sabbath day visited old
54- Widow Bennett (and dined) whose daughter has been long confined;
55- sat some hours with Jno. Grinnell in the pangs of death, while
neighbours were breaking up a piece of ground for me.

13. Was enabled to preach with usual freedom on Psalm 80:19,
"Turn us again." 14. After a hard forenoon work and receiving a
short visit from Brother Jno. Briggs (minister) I went to the

1- funeral of Jno. Grinnell (aged [blank]) and preached with much
 2- freedom on Isa. 25:8. Visited Jno. Davenport, and brought Phebe
 3- Edes to see my poorly wife. 15. [Torn] til, towards night, went
 4- and brought Hannah Cook. 16. Worked in garden til rain prevented;
 5- M. Briggs visited me again, we sang. 18. Went and preached (on
 6- Job 14:10) to a number of black and white at the funeral of Marcy
 7- or G. Taber. 19. Sabbath day, after visiting Widow Lydia Taber,
 8- Prudence Potter sick, rested at home.
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10- 20. Preached twice with uncommon freedom of utterance on 1 Peter
 11- 4:6 and 2 Peter 3:9, "Gospel preached to the dead"; "The Lord is
 12- not slack concerning his promise." I have had much pain of rheuma-
 13- tism the week past. Wife has mended slowly [torn]. 27. Spent
 14- all the week past in very hard work at home (except yesterday).
 15- Finished [torn] mended north fence of swamp pasture (on 5th day);
 16- whiped bushes, cut wood. My pain of rheumatism much abated, but
 17- wife remains very poorly. Preached yesterday at the funeral of
 18- Giles Lake's daughter to about 12 in the meeting house (there
 19- being much rain) on the words of Jesus, "Where 2 or 3 are gather-
 20- ed." Afternoon, was prevented from attending the funeral of Eseck
 21- Taber's child, but in the evening Humphry Taber and Comfort Cook
 22- came to our house and were married. 31. 5th day of the week. For
 23- 3 days past have worked hard and visited some. Last night wife
 24- was taken poorly (after Rachel Borden and Mary Hart came). I went
 25- twice to the doctor's in the dead of night [torn] and tho' she is
 26- somewhat relieved yet very poorly. I also felt so poorly today,
 27- thought I could [torn] meeting, but have been and desired the
 28- church to finish the affair about my [torn] one way or the other.
 29- Acted with them in advising Brother Samuel West and others [torn]
 30- much by spells. I visited old Widow Hart, and Richard; Noah and
 31- Joseph [torn] has been tending my weak wife 3 days. This forenoon
 32- preached [torn] 2:38 (And she coming in); afternoon Brother West
 33- spake [torn] trial of his gift in the church. Wife much easier
 34- thro' mercy [torn]; visited Jno. Earl and Thomas Cory. Widow Man-
 35- ly visited us and tarried [torn] lent Philip Hart my beast; sent
 36- letters by him to D. Black [torn] and Ezra Luther (also to Brother
 37- Jones), and to Bedford friends by D. Simmons. Hoed some, visited
 38- old R. Hart.
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35- 6 Mo.-6. Pleasant forenoon; Sister Earl visited us. I worked in
 36- garden; afternoon was a fine shower. 7 and 8th was much rain,
 37- with a strong cold wind E. and N.E. (Wife better.) Had much to
 38- do, wood to back. 9. Clear and cold for the time of year;
 39- preached at Stokes Potter's (Prudence being very sick) on Isa.
 40- 53:7. 10. Preached twice with great freedom of utterance; fore-
 41- noon on Col. 3:11, "But Christ is all"; afternoon, queried with
 42- sinners why they did not become saints, and with saints, why they
 43- are not more obedient. Since meeting was contribution 5/4; Widow
 44- Healy visited us; wife more poorly. 11. Visited and dined at
 45- Philip Gray's (Neck), Philip Cory; at night wife more poorly, thot
 46- she was dying. 12. Went and brot Phebe Edes to tend my wife;
 47- spent afternoon in hard work. 13. Whipt bushes; wife so much
 48- better (tho' very poorly) as to go to Joseph Hart's. 14. Worked
 49- hard; Sister Davenport and others visited us, also son Samuel from
 50- Newport. 15. Hurt myself at hard work in the woods, and fetching
 51- sand from High Hill. 16. Sabbath day and my birthday, visited,
 52- read, prayed and sang at Sister Cranston's. Toward night daughter
 53- Mary fell over a stone wall, and several large stones fell on her.
 54- She was carried into Joseph Hart's, much wounded and bruised, from
 55- whence I brought her home. Also Hannah was taken poorly. I had
 an affecting time at the throne of grace in the evening; felt
 submissive.

17. Wife and 2 children being so poorly, self also feeble and discomposed, thought I could preach, however, after public prayer and Brother West had preached on John 16:8, I found strength to preach afternoon on Mat. 10:5, 6, 7 (These 12 Jesus sent forth). After which a Brother Jones from Rehoboth and Brother West exhorted; Brother Edes also spake a few words. 18. After some hard work, went and dined at J. Davenport's where, on reading "An address to the people of Great Britain" about abstaining from the produce of slavery 'til it be abolished, was much affected, resolved. Visited Philip Gray, Philip Cory. (See 28th day below.) 19. Accompanied Son Samuel to Volluntine's ferry. Visited 2 or 3 Browns, Samuel Irish. 20. Worked in garden; near night was a plentiful shower with [torn]. 21. Afternoon, 6 brethren came to help me hoe corn, get wood. 22. Went to 4 Corners mill, visited Isaac Manchester sick (bathed in the pond); late at night was more rain and thunder. 23. Sabbath day rested, chiefly at home; had refreshing letters from Unkle Green and Mary to read. Wife better on some accounts, but her fistula worse. Much rain fel in the night.

24. Preached with much freedom on Luke 22:27, "For whether is greater," Brother West on trial being unexpectedly with us, exhorted, and afternoon attempted to preach on Gal. 1:1. Toward night I visited sick N. Manchester again, who seemed to be unreasonable in answering questions. 25. Wife yet very poorly, but the sores of Mary and Joseph seem to work well. Sister Manly (who has been with us a week) went away, but returned at night; old C. White visited us. 26. Spent the day in hard work, writing til, toward night, went and brot Mother from ye 4 Corners. 27. Went to write for C. White, and returned by way of ye 4 Corners, leaving a grist at mill. 28. Many of the church assembled and I read the address mentioned the 18th instant above. There was much talk upon it and the matter adjourned. The church gave judgment concerning Brother West's gift for the ministry, and were nearly divided upon it; concluded that as he [torn] ought to preach, he may attempt it, where doors are open, without offence [torn]. 29. Had an agreeable visit from Brother Job Borden, dined at P. Cook's, went to [torn]. 30. Sabbath day, rested at home; visited Philip Taber, just moved; near sunset saw [torn].

7 Mo.-1. Preached twice with uncommon earnestness but on no particular [torn] these words of testimony, "Foundation work we are not called to [torn] ready laid in Zion"; afternoon, "It must be confessed [torn] the present time is a time of great stupidity." Made [torn].

2. Preached (to near 500) at the funeral of Isaac Manchester [torn]. 3. Worked hard again at bush whiping afternoon [torn]. 4 day. About break of day, my beloved wife was taken in travail and sent me to call Doctor Whittredge (because she had been so poorly near 3 months) and in about 2 hours (at $\frac{1}{2}$ past [torn] the moon having fullled at 3) was, thro' divine goodness happily delivered of a proper, living son (her 10th child) and put to bed comfortable. After prayer, reading and meditation, I called the child Noah Peleg. Went and brought the widow Susa Hart to nurse; wife was comfortable thro' the day. 5. Visited Col. Cook, Philip Cory, Abraham Brown (where I dined), Capt. Briggs and Philip Gray, disappointed. On my return found wife had been very poorly; went to Ladd's for wine; Doctor Whittredge came. 6. After hoeing some, went on business to Peleg Potter's; visited Widow Taber. Wife more comfortable. 7. Sabbath day rested at home; visited and

dined at Widow Manchester's. Wrote to Brother Jones and G.B.; toward night wife very flighty and poorly.

8. (Wife a little better) felt much hurried and discomposed in the morning, but after I got to meeting and had prayed and sang, was enabled to preach with great freedom and composure on Heb. 5:9 (contribution 2/3) and also to administer and partake of the Lord's Supper comfortably. Before and after meeting, had the pleasure of conferring with brethren from Newport, Thomas and Caleb Green, and attended the marriage of Elisha Brown. 9. We had a great and refreshing rain forenoon (none for 15 days before); afternoon it cleared pleasant. I accompanied my friends homeward as far as J. Davenport's; did some business, visited P. Cook and returned. In the night was terrible lightning and thunder with rain, wind and hail. (Brother Caleb Green left a token of love.) 10. Wife appeared to be mending tho' tried with extreem hot weather. Sisters Cory and Crandal visited us. 11. Visited Widow Manchester. Did various work; went twice to Taber's water mill, visited and prayed with Widow Sarah Hart. 12. Wife mending; self quite poorly and overcome with heat, yet toward night went to Jno. Davenport's, prayed. 13. Was engaged in various work in garden, wrote some; wife walked a little. Rained in the night. 14. Rested and studied some; did work of necessity; visited Widow S. Hart. Wife much better; prayed.

15. Preached twice with much freedom on Gen. 3:9, "Where art thou," Rom. 10:21. Spake much to youth. 16. After morning work, went to the Point for necessaries; dined at A. Brownell's. Visited several, prayed. 17. Was another great rain; showery most all day. I visited Doctor Whittredge, whose son Joshua had been badly kicked by a horse yesterday. Brought Brother William's oldest daughter to our house. Visited the houses of mourning; hoed some. 18. Spent morning at hoeing (potatoes being suffering for want of it); at eleven o'clock met the people in the meeting house and preached at the funeral of Widow Sarah Hart (aged near 80) on Jere. 7:23, "Obey my voice." After which carried Nurse Hart home (wife being much better). Visited Doctor Whittredge; Deacon Taber cut my suffering grass. 19. Brother's daughter went away; I hoed, workt 'mong hay. Went to the funeral of Giles Pearce and heard Minister Briggs preach (not read) and give good exhortation. Visited Philip Cory, went to mill, and returned to work. 20. Worked very hard at home and abroad; helped Jno. Manchester and N. Hart make hay; Noah carted mine. I made [illegible]. 21. Sabbath day. It rained much by spells and steady 'til mid afternoon, when it cleared very [torn] I read, studied [torn].

22. Preached twice more to many with great freedom and assistance on Mark 14:8 (She hath done), Rom. 13:11 (Our salvation nearer). Matters of religion seem to be at a low ebb, but I hope for a revival. 23. Did much work in garden; had much loving talk with William Cornell who visited me. Weather cloudy and some rain. 24. Much rain (and cool) confined me to house work. Toward night visited old R. Hart, John Manchester's wife, delivered of a dead child. 25. Went to W. Cranston's and brot Alce Briggs; carried Mother to J. Davenport's in a shaise. Wife mending. 26. Was very busy (and low spirited) forenoon; afternoon, had much free and loving talk with a few at church meeting (Bro. West, C. Hart, D. Round, D. Palmer, S. Edes, D. Simmons, T. Springer and G. King and 3 sisters); on conclusion I thought I could not abide here long! Wife more poorly, histericky at night, but praised be ye Lord [torn]ning work, rode to J. Davenport's, saw Mother, took

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3- leave and returned to writing (a will) and hoeing. [Torn] read
4- and studied; visited and prayed with Amy Hart, sick; felt much be-
5- clouded. [Torn] more with marvelous freedom to great assemblies
6- on 2 Sam. 22:47 [worn] "And in my prosperity I said"; Deacon Tilley
7- present, prayed with us. Church consulted. [Torn] thunder til
8- mid afternoon; I visited Jacob Taber (poorly), Jno. Davenport (left
9- letters) [torn] with Caleb Gifford's sick wife. (Had horse shod.)
10- Went to Peleg Potter's for cloth (24 yd.) [torn] among sauce; Alce
11- Briggs left my wife comfortable. I went to mill, visited Widow
12- [torn] to the Ferry (paid Walker 3/), visited C. White, dined.
13- Came home with meal [torn] potatoes and puling flax. Near night
14- rode to J. Davenport's and walked back. Wife [torn] read and
15- studied some; visited old R. Hart, wife walked out in [torn].

16- 5 day. First day of the week. After preaching with wonderful free-
17- dom and assistance on 1 Cor. 5:8 (Therefore let us keep the feast)
18- to a very great assembly, administered and partook of the Lord's
19- Supper with much comfort and many tears of joy and sorrow (con-
20- tribution today 21/7 3/4). Also received a comfortable letter
21- from Brother Jones; Sister P. Taber visited us. Child has sore
22- mouth. 6. A steady rain (most all day) confined me to schooling
23- children, but spent 2 hours at J. Hart's. 7. Visited and prayed
24- once more with Caleb Gifford's wife (near her end); dined at Gid-
25- eon Taber's. Returned, went to Walker's shop to buy necessaries
26- for my family (jacket, buckles); carried Amy Hart home. 8. Spent
27- the day in teaching children, preparing for a journey, helping get
28- a load of wood.

29- 22. The 9th instant I sat off early on a preaching and visiting
30- journey, accompanied by Brother Godfrey King and Brother Davis
31- Simmons, and all came home well yesterday. I lodged the first
32- night at Elder Enoch Goffe's, the four following nights with
33- Brother Jno. P. Jones in Providence, the 6th at Brother Liscom's
34- in Attleborough, 7th at Brother Blackington's, same town, 8th at
35- Deacon Seth Baker's, North Providence, 9th at Nicholas Brown's in
36- Providence (with a famous minister from Wiggan, Old England who
37- had preached in the evening on Acts 10:44), 10th at the house of
38- William Cole Esqr. on Seaconck Plain, 11th at William Winsor's
39- (Swansy or Rehoboth) and 12th at Benjamin Borden's in this town.
40- The 3rd night of my journey there was a most terrible storm of
41- wind and rain, thunder and lightning. I preached next day in the
42- great meeting house in Providence (having been sent for to supply
43- Elder Maxcey's place who is in a decline), forenoon on Luke 16,
44- last verse; afternoon on 1 Tim. 1:15. Two days afterward, preach-
45- ed in Elder Carpenter's meeting house on John 1:45; next day in
46- Elder Lewis's on Acts 8:30; next day in Cumberland meeting house
47- near Deacon Bishop's on Acts 15:36; and in Elder Rufus Tift's (N.
48- Providence) on Acts 11:23. Next morning, same place, on Psalm
49- 2:11; two days after in the great meeting house on Seaconck Plain
50- on Acts 13:42 and John 12:24. I was favoured with hearing Elder
51- Hinds (twice), Elder Tefft (twice), Elder Goffe and Elder Lewis
52- preach; Nicholas Brown, George Benson, Brother Jones, William
53- Peckcom, David Martin and several others were friendly and in-
54- struments in the Lord's hands of temporal supplies for my family!
55- On the whole I think my debt of gratitude to my divine Master and
56- fellow servants is greatly increased, my journey having been made
57- uncommonly prosperous both in things temporal and spiritual, as
58- by a more particular journal kept while journeying may appear.
59- Today I've been enclined to meditate much, but on account of chil-
60- dren's having the hooping cough, went to the 4 Corners afternoon
61- to get them some honey; 3 young sisters visited us. 23. Spent

chiefly at home in various business; visited old Richard Hart and Jno. Manchester, with wife. Brother Edes visited us. (I carried home Sister Sanford's bed we had borrowed.) 24. Daughter Anna and P. Taber rode my beast to 4 Corners (going to Portsmouth). I walked, visited Sister Cranston and Jacob and Job Taber and Jno. D. (paid Walker in full), took beast and visited Is. Brownell. [Torn] Seabury, where I dined, prayed and gave thanks with Betty Seabury, very sick in body, but more comfortable in mind than ever I saw any person, rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory! From thence I went to Redford Dennis's and spake much; from thence to Deacon Sawyer's, after which visited the widow of Giles Pearce. 25. Sabbath day went to visit Samuel Sawdey sick; was caught in a shower and obliged to stay near 2 hours at Brother Ephraim Macomber's. Then went to Sawdey's, dined at T. Potter's, and returned home to reading and study. Near night was a thunder shower.

26. Preached twice to many people with great freedom on John 4:6 ([Torn] therefore being wearied with his journey) and Acts 14:27 (The [torn] God had done with them). Brother Lovell dined with me; I went [torn]. 27. Being sent for (with difficulty) I went 10 miles and preached to a great [torn] of Eliza Wales, wife of Samuel and daughter of Joseph Borden deceased (aged about [torn].) Having dined at William Osborn's, visited Jno. Bowen; after meeting went to mill and [torn]. 28. Came home (in a high S.W. wind, with some rain) having visited Widow Tripp [torn] by the way, and near sunset carried Liza Cook home. Was in at Peleg [torn], wife's Unkle Ben Lewis, her sister Ruth Burdick, and niece Eunice [torn] and had a happy evening, finding them all to be spiritual [torn]. 29. Afternoon, went and preached powerfully to many people in the orchard [torn] Jno. Rounds aged 4, which was killed by a cart running over it [torn]. Eunice and 2 of my children (Hannah and Joseph) went and returned with me. Anna also home from Portsmouth and we had another happy evening, cong. praying, singing. 30. Early in the morning our dear friends left us; we visited Noah Hart. Afternoon attended church meeting (present about 13 and 10); was much loving talk about some late disorders. Concluded to leave the matter about abstaining from W. India produce to each one's own conscience, to raise about 20 dollars to repair the meeting house, and to collect as quick as possible what's already subscribed towards a settlement for our pastor. In prayer we found great nearness to the Lord. 31. After morning chores, carried wife to Gideon Willcox's and dined; visited several and returned to work. Spent evening in clost conference on special subjects with Joseph and Amy Hart who visited us; we prayed and parted in love.

9 Mo.-1. Spent this Sabbath day in reading, prayer; wrote to Brother Jones, visited William Manly, Philip Taber.

First day of the week. After preaching both the day of vengeance of our God and acceptable year of the Lord, with uncommon freedom and power (on Jeremiah 4:19, "My bowels, my bowels"), administering and partaking of the Lord's Supper (in common frame), an aged Indian woman named Naomi Quonce desired to be received as a member with us, and after examination was received. (She had been baptized by an Indian minister years ago.) Also Jacob Bloomingdol (a black man) made a good profession of faith and was heartily received to fellowship. We sang (appointed messengers to 2 sisters; on the whole 'twas a joyful day. 3. Spent forenoon in hard work, reading, study and conference with Brother Arnold Bliss and wife

1- who dined with us. Afternoon visited Widow Lydia Taber and Capt.
2- Wm. Hicks (much religious talk; got apples). 4. Thought of going
3- to Newport, but gave it up and visited Jno. Almy; dined at Philip
4- Gray's (Neck), visited Sister Cranston, Esqr. Cook, Jacob Taber
5- and Jno. Davenport. (Had a grist of Sharper Almy.) Our 4 young-
6- est children have been very poorly with hooping cough some weeks;
7- E. and P. are better, but K. and the baby yet very poorly. We
8- have given them as a medicine, for some days, an equal weight of
9- oil of sweet almonds, loaf sugar and spermaciti, with an eighth
10- part of spirits of lavender or turpentine, all mixed together,
11- which proves helpful. 5. Forenoon Jno. Borden and wife and Han-
12- nah Cook visited us; afternoon, I and wife visited Widow Manly.
13- In the evening Peleg Cory and Patience Almy came to my house and
14- were married. 6. After morning work at home (civil and religious)
15- visited, prayed and dined with Jacob T[torn] (in shocking case)
16- also visited Philip and William Gray, D. Palmer and Davenport;
17- much religious talk. 7. Spent time at home in usual business;
18- near night went down to the High Hill. 8. Sabbath day, visited
19- Constant Hart's family; dined at Nathaniel Shaw's. Preached at G.
20- King's on Rom. [torn]; 'twas a powerful and comfortable meeting.
Forenoon had much talk with Minister Briggs who visited us.

21- 9. After preaching a lengthy discourse on Psalm 72:18, 19 (Bles-
22- sed be the Lord God) repaired to Willcox's pond, where I spake
23- again, prayed, baptized Jacob Bloomingdol. Prayed again, laid on
24- hands and gave exhortation and a charge with great assistance and
25- came home rejoicing (tho' self, wife and 2 children are very
26- feeble). Weather cloudy and some wet, yet many people were at
27- meeting. (Mary Hart disturbed us some.) Deacon Palmer tarried
28- with us til near night (contribution 2/7). 10. Visited K. Cran-
29- ston, W. Cook Esqr., Jacob Taber, Widow Almy and Philip Cory.
30- Weather cloudy and cold. 11. Journeyed to Newport; dined at
31- Deacon Tilley's. Visited many; was at a church meeting and lodged
32- at T.G.'s. 12. [Torn] (Elder Thurston) dined at Elder Eddy's;
33- preached at Caleb Green's (on Mat. 12:50). 13. [Torn] did
34- much business; left town mid-afternoon and got home late in the
35- evening. 14. Visited Ephraim Mackomber's wife sick; prayed, came
36- back to diging potatoes. 15. Sabbath day, spent in reading,
writing for the church, study. Brother and son Samuel visited us.

37- 16. Was enabled to preach twice powerfully: forenoon on no par-
38- ticular text yet chiefly Rev. 20:12-15, afternoon Heb. 6:7, 8,
39- occasioned by rain between meetings. Had much talk with [Owing?]
40- Spencer (and his brother) a professor from N. York State; much
41- rain. 17. Was much rain; I wrote for the church, visited Deacon
42- Taber, Brother Joseph Hart. 18. Was destitute of meat; visited
43- Philip Cory, dined at Philip Gray's; visited P. Cook and Walter,
44- Jacob Taber.

45- 1792-9 Mo.-19 d. Clowdy, high wind and cool; I spent the day in
46- various business. Oldest son and daughter rode to the Point. 20.
47- Visited Major Manchester's sick wife, prayed and dined. Attended
48- the marriage of Isaac Tripp at D. Round's. Had much talk, and in
49- my way home visited Brother Jacob B. (a black man) and Brother
50- Jonathan Lake. 21. Accompanied Brother and son Samuel as far as
51- Jacob Taber's; had much talk with him confined with a chain!
52- Visited Sister Cranston, returned to dinner; visited Amy Hart,
53- sick, N. Hart, Ladd. 22. Visited Amy Hart, but spent this Sab-
54- bath day chiefly at home in much heaviness, stupidity. Was to
55- have been at Zacheus Toby's, but hearing the small pox was that
way, prevented.

23. Met for worship at 11 o'clock (a large assembly; Mr. Briggs gone). I was enabled to preach with great freedom and power on Acts 8:30, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" Dined in haste, rode near 4 miles and preached again with more power to a great assembly at the funeral of a son (aged near 4) of Alphry King on Gen. 18:25, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" Returned and had peculiar talk with Sister Crandall (widow) in the evening. On the whole I think it has been a remarkable day of power with my own soul and among the people. All glory to the Lord. 24. Schooled my children (Sister Taber's school having ended the 22nd), visited Richard and Joseph Hart, S. Taber. 25. Did various work at home; evening visited and prayed with Sister Amy Hart, very sick. 26. Uncommon warm weather. Carried wife and child to Esqr. Cook's; visited Jacob Taber, William Osborn, Joseph Hart. 27. Was confined by a cold N.E. storm of rain (prevented church meeting) yet visited S. Taber and Joseph Hart. 28. Visited George Simmons, dined at Christopher White's, visited many others, trying to buy wool, but was disappointed and came home late by way of the 4 Corners. 29. Spent part of this Sabbath day in works of necessity, (with wife) visited Sister Cranston (met with trouble). Evening visited and prayed with Amy Hart again. 30. Preached with wonderful freedom (to a large and mixed assembly, Mr. Briggs yet absent) on Luke 4:15 (And he taught in their s.); was much tried by the dreadful conduct of Widow Mary Hart in the meeting house and at Deacon S. Taber's.

10 Mo.-1. Jonathan Davenport helped me harvest (only 4 bushel corn and 15 of potatoes). 2. Was a cold N.E. storm of rain, we were full of business in doors. Visited D[torn], S. Taber. 3. Carried wife to Widow Manchester's; dined at Jeremiah Cook's. Visited Philip Gray, Col. Cook and Jno. Almy; bought corn (2 bushel), wool (5 w.), went to mill. 4. Attended church meeting, only 9 brethren present (self and 2 deacons, Is. Brightman, J. Hart, and Brownell, Lake, Simmons and Bloomingdol). Excluded Fortune Gray; talked much about my case, repairing the meeting house. Lydia Shearman and Lillis Weeden came and dined with us; they and 7 other sisters attended meeting with us. 5. Preached at the funeral of Lucy Taber (was a Hicks, aged 32) on Rom 8:13 (If ye live), dined at Jno. Earl's before burying, and after came back, went to 4 Corners to mill. 6. Spent this Sabbath as usual (somewhat gloomy); visited William Sanford, had a good evening with L. Shearman.

7. Extra pleasant and warm day; preached with marvelous freedom and power to a crowded assembly, near 500 (composed of 3 societies, Briggs and Shepard being both on a journey) on Ezekiel 22:14, "Can thine heart endure?" Afterward administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. Since which, have been exercised in reading, meditation and prayer, with strong desires of the success of the word preached here and in evry place today. Glassgow, a black man, came and tarried all night. 8. Did various work; visited and dined with old Widow Sarah Taber; returned and gathered apples [torn]. 9. Visited Constant Hart; dined at Brother Edes's, visited and prayed with old Father Round, sick [torn]. 10. Elder Bliss gave me a short visit; I went and dined with Brother Ab. Brownell. Visited [torn] T. Cory. 11. Spent in writing a will for Jonathan Davenport, various other business with hoe and axe. [Torn] Bial Tripp. 12. Several days past and today has been warm, a very smoky air; I dined at Jno. Davenport's, visited many; mill. 13. Last night the wind blew from the E. a mere hurricane, and much rain fell. Cloudy and rain also today.

14. Extraordinary pleasant and warm. After preaching to many in the meeting house (altho the other houses were both supplied) with great freedom on Prov. 3:9, 10 (Honour the L. with thy substance) I rode alone near 7 miles and preached again to a great number at Brother Jno. Shrieve's on 2 Cor. 5:1. 16. A steady rain prevented my getting home yesterday from Shrieve's, but I visited several families, and today several others in my way home: Elder Round, Joel Lake, Walter Earl [torn] (good journey). 17. 4th day of the week, preached with marvelous freedom (on Rom 5:12-14) at the funeral of a child of Thomas Taber, son of Jonathan (which died of the hooping cough, near 2 years old); dined with Eseck Taber. Visited sisters P. Potter and Widow Lydia Taber; stoped at mill. Our 4 children which have the hooping cough are much better, praised be the Lord. 18. Cloudy and rain. Schooled children. 19. After morning work, dined at P. Cook's, visited Jno. Davenport; wrote for Stephen Taber, visited Judge Cook. 20. Spent this Sabbath as usual at home; toward night visited Joseph Hart sick; rained at night.

21. After preaching with great freedom and assistance to a midling assembly (on words which came to my remembrance just before speaking, and I since found in Mat. 12:42, "A greater than Sollo-mon"). I rode to the house of Brother Samuel Edes and preached again to many on Rom. 8:13, "If ye live after the flesh." I think I have not felt so entirely spent and wore out with preaching this many months (except in my late journey) as I have these 2 last First days. I have a hard cough, but if precious souls may be converted (as I hear they are in some parts of our land) 'tis no great matter how my body is wrecked, distressed. 25. Spent the 3 days past in usual business and visits. Today many came to church meeting; Lydia Shearman (daughter of Richard) made a good profession of faith and was received. After which was much talk on many things, but nothing concluded, except coming next fair day when church meeting day proves stormy. 26. Went to view a small farm; talked with Col. Cook about the price (by advice of the church). 27. Spent this Sabbath at home (warm weather), Ruth Gifford with us; had uncommon time in prayer. 28. After preaching with great freedom to a great assembly on Acts 16:14, 15 (Whose heart the Lord opened). Baptized Lydia Shearman; returned to the meeting house, prayed, laid on hands. Public service was about 4 hours and a half, and 'twas a comfortable joyful day, all glory to the Lord. 29. Was an uncommon smoky air. Dined (with wife) at Philip Manchester's; returned to hard work. 30. Left about 6 brethren (who got me 6 load wood with P. Taber's and D. Rounds's team) and went to Newport; dined at Elder Bliss's, attended a church meeting in the evening, and lodged at Unkle T. Green's. 31. Did much business; visited Elder Thurston, and after preaching in his meeting house in the evening on Mat. 12:42 Elder Eddy and several other brethren accompanied me to Father's; and after conference, slept at Brother Green Burroughs.

11 Mo.-1. Much rain prevented my return; dined at Caleb Green's; visited William Langley, William Giles; spent the evening in exhortation, prayer and singing at Father's, and lodged with Uncle T. Green. 2. After visiting James Tilley, sick, left town, visited Elder Bliss, G. Lawton, Jno. Davenport, in way home. 3. Spent this Sabbath at home (rainy) 'til, near night, with wife visited Widow Cook at Widow Manchester's. 4. Preached on 2 Sam. 24:24 with no great freedom or comfort, being grieved that so few were at meeting in so fine weather. Since meeting had much talk with Stephen Taber who visited us. 6. (Fine weather) went abroad

1- yesterday as one of the church committee to collect what has been
 2- subscribed towards getting a home for our pastor's family, and al-
 3- so to supply their present need of many necessaries. Dined at
 4- Constant Hart's (having some peculiar talk), lodged at Mary Bor-
 5- den's who gave 30/ for the first purpose, and about 12/ in corn,
 6- meat, butter and cheese for the second. Today came home to dinner,
 7- after which went to Thomas Cory's and Brother Philip Taber's to no
 8- purpose, but was much affected with the kindness of Brother
 9- Shrieve, who had sent supplies so far by a child. 7. Dined at
 10- Elkanah Palmer's; preached at the funeral of G. Packcom's child.
 11- Visited Res. Sanford, Zeb. Grinnell. 8. Sat off again for the
 12- purpose aforesaid. (Stoped at Brother Davenport's and took new
 13- great coat.) Went to 13 houses; collected a little and had prom-
 14- ise of more. Dined at Aaron Grinnell's; was at C. White's and
 15- Col. Richmond's, and came home by way of 4 Corners in the evening.
 16- 9. Spent in various business at home. ('Twas a very rainy day.)
 17- I forgot to mention a strange light which appeared in or through
 18- the clouds in the N.E. in the evening of the 8th instant (a fire).
 19- 10. Spent this Sabbath as usual at home; visited Sister Susa Hart
 20- sick, old Father Richard Hart.

21- 11. Preached with great freedom and power on Titus 2:15, "These
 22- things speak"; contribution 7/3. 13. Yesterday was confined by
 23- rain; today visited and dined with Jacob Taber (much better), Jno.
 24- Davenport. 15. Yesterday dined with Samuel Simmons (collected
 25- some); visited Abner Wood, Zeb Grinnel. Today spent some time
 26- making stone heaps; Visited Noah Hart and Abraham Manchester.
 27- Collected some. 17. Yesterday it rained and cleared pleasant; I
 28- made stone heaps, bought salt, flour. Today visited Daniel Bennet
 29- and K. [Cross?] 18. After preaching with great freedom to a
 30- great assembly on Heb. 13:4 (Marriage is h. in all). Consulted
 31- church about a day of thanksgiving; received a letter from Sister
 32- Blackmer, and in the evening married a black couple, Emanuel Wood-
 33- man and Anna [torn]. 21st. 4th day of the week. Spent the 3
 34- days past in various work at home and visiting nigh neighbours.
 35- Yesterday was much rain, today very cold. 22. Minister Briggs
 36- visited me; I walked with him as far as P. Cook's. Dined at
 37- Philip Cory's; visited Jno. Almy (and received a cheese), Col.
 38- Cook (who was not at home), Jno. Davenport. 25. The 2 days past
 39- (and nights) it has stormed almost incessantly, a cold and strong
 40- N.E. wind with snow, rain and snow! It cleared pleasant about
 41- meeting time today, leaving snow near 8 inches deep on a level.
 42- Only Deacon Samuel Taber and Brother D. Simmons with 2 children
 43- came to meeting. However I had a comfortable time in prayer and
 44- singing 146 Psalm, also in reading John 16 and speaking on last
 45- verse. Since which visited Sister Taber, Brother Joseph Hart.

46- 12 Mo.-2. Last 2 and 3rd days was very pleasant weather and I was
 47- very busy chiefly at home. 2nd day forenoon, went to 4 Corners;
 48- afternoon killed hog (wt. 204), next day salted it. 4th day (with
 49- wife) went to Judge Cook's and officiated at the marriage of his
 50- daughter Liza; returned in the evening in a smart shower of rain.
 51- 5th day (fine weather) after a public meeting for thanksgiving,
 52- expected to hold church meeting, but so few members came, I went
 53- with wife and dined at George Simmons's with the wedding guests.
 54- Had much talk with Minister Shepard and wife who were also there,
 55- and returned after sunset. (Our brethren held church meeting and
 confereed on many things, how to support me.) 6th day, dined at
 Jeremiah Cook's, visited several on business; came back with cloth,
 corn. Yesterday rested some; had work of necessity to do. Visit-
 ed old Richard Hart, had beef of C. Cook. Today preached a short

discourse (to many, considering the cold) on Rev. 22:2, "Tree of life." 9. The week past has been chiefly warm and pleasant; Brother Constant Hart has been 4 days at work on the meeting house. I helped some, glazed and mended windows in dwelling house. On 3rd day I visited and prayed with widow of Pearce Brownell; dined at William Willbur's. Visited and prayed with Abner Wood who, with 5 children, were very sick. On 5th day married William Hall to Mary Durfee; tarried at James Durfee's all night (because of the snow storm). On 6th day visited many in my way home. Yesterday spent as usual at home; Brother Brownell (Joseph) brought us some meat. Today have preached with great freedom on Psalm 33:18, 19 (The eye of the L. is on them that fear him) since which visited old Brother Hart and Deacon Samuel Taber. 11. Yesterday and today has been extream cold; I did somthing at shingling cellar porch. Widow Crandal stayed with us last night; today I carried daughter Hannah to Jno. Davenport's, visited several. 12. Finished shingling west side; took a great cold and went to bed, poorly. 13. Attended the marriage of Abraham Manchester at Stephen Divol's; visited Da. Durfee, going and coming. 14. Spent at home in various work (low in spirit); it snowed.

15. Preached with blessed freedom at Stokes Potter's on Rom. 8:38, 39; visited William Wood, sick. 16. Preached with freedom and power on 1 Cor. 7 chapter, part of 29 verse, "Time is short." Visited and prayed with R. Hart. 17. Preached again with marvelous freedom on Gen. 15:15 and 25:8 at the funeral of Edward Manchester (aged about 96) the oldest man in Little Compton. I went from cutting wood to meeting and returned to the same business; had 5 load carted by Judge Cook's team. Visited and had much talk at Abraham Manchester's. 18. Cut wood, went after corn; visited Jno. Gifford. 19. Did various work at home; began to shingle east side of porch; visited Joseph Hart. 20. Spent at home shingling. 21. Dined with Jacob Taber and supped with Judge Cook.

22. Went in a snow storm about 4 miles and preached with much freedom at Bn. Sawdey Jr.'s on Prov. 14:34. 23. Preached with great freedom on Numbers 21:4 (Discouraged because of the way); towards night (weather being extra pleasant) went with wife and spent evening at Widow Manley's. 24. Was much rain; I had much and various work to do at home; Joseph went to school. 25. After finishing shingling, went and dined at Obed. Dennis's; married Elijah Rounds. 27. At church meeting, the question being put to me how much I would take up with from the church as a temporal living, I answered that I supposed about 400 dollars as a home for my family, and 200 yearly (or one fortieth part of the property of the church) would enable me to live as well as my brethren on an average. Much talk ensued. 28. Did much work; had a little salt hay (5 ct.) of Philip Taber. Visited the other Philip and Abraham Manchester; spent evening at Stephen Taber's.

29. Preached at Jno. Weeden's with much freedom on John 15:20; spent evening there in much talk. 30. After preaching with marvelous freedom (feeling uncommonly comfortable) on Mat. 6:19, 20, 21, went to Elisha Brown's and married Christopher White. Visited Jno. Davenport and returned late in evening. 31. Attended the funeral of William Gifford's wife and, after hearing James Davis and Stephen Buffington speak and pray well, delivered some testimony myself. Dined with friends at Jno. Gifford's, after which went and attended another meeting at William's.

1793-1 Mo.-1. Extra cold, yet many came to hold church meeting by adjournment. And on serch made respecting the property of the church and after much talk, I told them 300 dollars settlement and 150 yearly (each member to give his proportion) I thought they might do for their pastor if they were willing. And tho' none objected (or but one) to the reasonableness, but few expressed a willingness. So not being agreed, 'twas left for further consideration. (N.B. About the 45th part.) 2. Went to mill; dined at Thomas Cory's; went to the Point on business. Visited Jno. Earl; heard a pleasing story of one Amos Brown (a black man aged 27) preaching in Newport, an excellent orator! 3. After much work at home, visited Philip and William Gray, Gideon Willcox, Jacob Taber. 5. Yesterday was confined by rain; today rested at home, some rain, thick clouds. 6. Preached to many (being fine weather) with midling freedom on 2 Cor. 3:12. In the evening was led into much study on Col. 1:24. 7. Visited Deacon Richmond (in sad case) at the Col.'s and dined, then visited one Bevin, whose wife was a Lawton. Bought hay of Fobes Little; had promise of some from T.B., A.G., M.B., S.S. and Bevin. 11. Spent part of yesterday and today puting in a new window in the meeting house; glazed 24 squares. 12. Extreem cold (after much warm); I went 5 miles and preached with much freedom at Daniel Grinnell's on Rev. 15:2, 3 (The song of Moses). Had talk with one Mrs. Sawdy.

13. After preaching in the meeting house on Rom. 1:16, I went about 2 miles and preached again on many texts at the funeral of the child of a couloured man named Solomon. 14. Went with daughter Hannah to Jno. Davenport's; visited several and returned 'fore night. 15. Visited and dined at William Willbur's, also visited Abner Wood, Jno. Willbur, George Peckom. 16. Did various work at home (mending hearth); had a load of hay brought. 17. Last night and today much rain fel; I was busy in door with Stephen Brownell, visited Joseph Hart. 20. Preached with great freedom of speech on Isaiah 1:19, "If ye be willing." 21. Widow Manly came and informed me my dear mother was taken sick the 13th instant. 24. After spending the day at home with Eliza Simmons, went and married Eseck Manchester. 26. Having diligently tryed all the week past to supply my family with wood thought I might visit my dear sick mother, but without effect. I went this day (tho exceeding cold) and preached at old Brother Round's with marvelous freedom on Rom. 2:7, 8, 9 (To them who by patient continuance in well doing). 27. Preached again to many with great freedom on Rom. 10:4; visited Major Man. wife. 28. Expected help to get wood, but rain prevented their coming, and my going to Newport.

2 Mo.-2. Last 3rd day, left friends geting me wood, and journeyed against a high wind to Newport. Had a tedious time crossing the ferry, dined with Elder Bliss, found my dear mother much recovered from her lethargy. Evening heard one Elder Nichols preach; spake after him and lodged at Unkle T. Green's. 4th day and night much snow and hail fel; I visited parents and tarried at Caleb Green's. 5th day high wind and cold prevented my geting home; visited many and tarried at Unkle T. Green's. Yesterday came down to the ferry, but could not get over; stayed at Job Cook's and was near 2 hours coming over today. Dined at Jno. Davenport's and came home just now. 3. Preached to a few in my own dwelling house but with such a marvelous sense of those 3 passages Mark 8:36, Rom. 14:12 and 13:11, I could have wished to speak to all the human race! A young woman (Lydia Willbur) seemed much affected; William Cornell. 5. Yesterday and today has been dismal traveling; had much work to do at home, yet visited old R. and N. Hart, Philip

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3- and Samuel Taber. Went to mill, read, studied. 7. Yesterday
4- spent at home; today dined at Jacob Taber's, visited Davenport,
5- Judge Cook, P. Cook. 9. Yesterday did much work at home and,
6- with wife, visited Widow Manly. Today rested at home as usual.

7- 10. Preached to many (for time of year) on Psalm 145:11 (They
8- shall speak of the g. of thy kingdom) [torn]. Samuel Taber and
9- wife spent evening with us; he prayed. 11. Extreem cold, but
10- clear and wholesum in weather, ground bare. I visited W. Sanford,
11- Esqr. Taber. 12. Was confined at home by a violent storm of snow
12- and wind; obliged to cut wood. 13. Cloudy, windy and snow by
13- spells; had much to do. Minister Briggs spent near 2 hours with
14- me. 14. Dined at Philip Gray's, visited William, Jno. Davenport
15- and Jacob Taber. Came home evening. 15. Had much to do at home;
16- visited Noah and Joseph Hart; evening kept school. 16. Sabbath
16- day rested at home, read, studied, as usual; Joseph went and brot
17- Hannah home.

18- 17. There being much snow on the ground, the thaw yesterday and
19- steady rain today has made such traveling that only Deacon Samuel
20- Taber met me today in the meeting house. I read Gal. 4th and 5th,
21- prayed. 19. Went to mill; visited Brother Philip Taber. 21.
22- Dined at Jacob Taber's (who is yet greatly distressed), visited
23- Jno. Davenport. 24. An exceeding high S.W. wind with rain pre-
24- vented meeting once more; only S.T. and J.H. met. 25. Very cold.
25- I dined at D. Rounds's; married John Rounds's daughter Rhoda to G.
26- Springer. 27. At bed time was suddenly seized with violent rheu-
27- matic pain in my back, yet 28 forenoon went to the marriage of
28- Godfry King's daughter Sarah, and returned in the extreem cold to
29- church meeting. About 12 brethren came and talked much about the
30- old matter, but in the evening I felt much affected with a sense
31- of the state of the church and my own state; saw the necessity of
32- trusting in the Lord alone for support.

33- 3 Mo.-1st. Being yet in great pain, I rode for relief. Dined
34- near night at Jno. Willbur's and came home better in the evening,
35- having visited Zeb. Grinnell, Col. Hillyard, and W. Taylor; prayed
36- with a sick woman (wife of Bn. Head at Stephen Brownell's). 2.
37- In great pain I visited Sister Cranston, more poorly; from whence
38- I was called to visit James Sowle, very sick. Went immediately,
39- conferred and prayed, and returned more easy. 3. Much rain in
40- the morning had like to prevent public meeting the 3rd week run-
41- ning, however there came about 20 together, and I preached to them
42- with great freedom (tho' in great pain) in my dwelling house on
43- Philippians 4:8, "Think on these things." After which rode for
44- relief with Deacon Tilley, visited old R. Hart and returned re-
45- lieved. 4. Accompanied Deacon Tilley a few miles, dined at Z.
46- Grinnell's (who gave me a grist). Went to Peckom's mill; had
47- much talk with George and his wife, and returned home in the eve-
48- ning through dismal darkness and dangerous travelling, frost just
49- out. 6. Yesterday was confined by much rain; today went with
50- Joseph Hart to bring his corn from W. Briggs'. Dined at Isaac
51- Willbur's and had much talk with Charles Willbur and his daughter
52- Lydia who professes. 7. Went to William Wood's on business;
53- dined at Ichabod Potter's; talked and prayed with the sick. Yes-
54- terday and today have felt almost well of the rheumatism, praised
55- be the Lord.

56- 10. Yesterday morning was as severe a snow storm as we have
57- known this winter, but after it cleared visited Jonathan Cogge-
58- shall, sick, S. Simmons, studied some. Today rose early; went

1- near 4 miles and preached to a great assembly at the funeral of
 2- James Sowle (who died the 7th instant at night, aged 70) on Heb.
 3- 11:4 and Rev. 2:11. Our deacons and brethren held a meeting for
 4- worship in the meeting house while I was gone. 12. Being desti-
 5- tute of many things, went abroad and bought some and had some
 6- given me by Jno. Davenport. Visited Jacob Taber; Brother Edes
 7- came to work. 13. Went to the point; received a large present of
 8- Brother A. Brownell and returned in a snow storm. 14. Brother
 9- Joseph Hart assisted me to get 3 load of wood; Philip and William
 10- Gray sent $\frac{1}{2}$ a load of hay! 15. Visited Israel Brownell, Philip
 11- Cory, Jno. Davenport, Jacob Taber, to no desired [torn]. 16.
 12- Sabbath day, spent at home as usual. (Widow Palmer was buried.)
 13- Evening visited Richard Hart.

14- 17. Fine weather. Preached to many on Acts 5:20, "All the words
 15- of this life." 21. Having spent the 3 days past in various work
 16- at home (and some visits) was to have gone and preached this eve-
 17- ning at Joseph Brownell's (6 miles off) but, rain preventing, I
 18- visited Widow Manchester. 24. Preached on 2 Chron. 13:12, "Fight
 19- ye not against the L. G. of your father's." 25. Spent in pruning
 20- trees, picking up stones. 26th. Visited Deacon Sawyer. 27. Did
 21- various work at home. Hum. Taber brought me 5 ct. hay from Israel
 22- Brownell. 29. Visited Philip Gray's sick daughter Polly, old
 23- Widow Almy, Jno. Davenport. 31. Preached on Psalm 60:8 (Moab is
 my w. pot); William Cornell dined with us. Visited Thomas Taber.

24- 1793-4 Mo.-1. Visited, prayed and dined at Philip Gray's (whose
 25- daughter seems greatly awakened); had much talk with Taylor Daven-
 26- port, Widow Hart there. 6. Sabbath day, having spent the week
 27- chiefly at home in hard work (cut a piece out of the thumb of my
 28- right hand yesterday) I rode about 4 miles today, dined with
 29- Brother G. King and preached with much freedom on John 8:24 (Die
 30- in your sins) at the funeral of Widow Springer (aged 84) at Broth-
 31- er Samuel Sawdey's; old Brother Round (aged 86!) also spake some
 32- time. Heard of the death of Daniel Divol in attempting to blow up
 33- a rock. 7. Preached with much freedom on Luke 19:48 (Attend. to
 34- hear him); visited Richard Hart. 8. Journeyed to Newport; met
 35- Sister Rebekah Jones there. Had a family meeting in the evening
 36- at our honoured parents' house, and blessed freedom in preaching on
 37- Rev. 15:3, "They sang." 9. Visited several families, did some
 38- business, dined at Abraham Reed's, who gave me a hat. Attended a
 39- church meeting afternoon, and preached in the evening in Elder
 40- Thurston's meeting house on Philippians 2:16, "Holding forth the
 41- wd. of life." 10. Left the town in confusion about innoculation.
 42- (Elder Eddy is now in the hospital; Jacob Richardson's wife broke
 43- out the natural way.) Unkle Green accompanied me, bringing his
 44- daughter Mary to the ferry; I left her at J. Davenport's and came
 45- home. Found son Joseph more poorly than I left him (he having
 46- been taken poorly the 5th instant, an ulcer break in his ear).
 47- Wife also considerable poorly, but praised be the Lord. 11. Af-
 48- ter a hard day's work (backing wood) went to Davenport's and
 49- brought M. Green to my house. 12. After hard morning work (son
 50- Joseph better) sat off for Bedford after dinner, but returned by
 51- reason of rain. Much fell; it thundered in the evening. 13.
 Sabbath morning, sat off again with daughter Anna; clear air but
 high W. wind. Dined at Brother Arnold Bliss's, who accompanied us
 into Bedford. Preached in the evening at George East's on 1 Peter
 2:7, "He is precious"; was a powerful meeting.

52- 14. Preached 3 times (or 4 at 3 meetings, all comfortable, but
 53- the last mostly so), forenoon on Isaiah 12:3 (Wells of salvation);
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3- afternoon spake twice on Isaiah [torn] (A feast of fat things) and
4- Deut. 5:29 (O, that there were such an heart); evening at G. East's
5- on no particular text much, but explained many, exhorted. 15.
6- Visited Brother Kempton, Sister Parker; dined at M. Hathaway's,
7- visited Humphry Potter, Phear Slocum, and came home in peace be-
8- fore sunset. 16. Was almost drowned again in necessary worldly
9- cares, having wood to back, yard and garden to plow. [17.] Wife
10- went to S. Simmons's, self to 4 Corners on business. 20. Having
11- spent the 2 days past in much hard work (planting pease [torn])
12- this Sabbath day at home (a cold rainy day); made a short visit to
13- Richard Hart.

14- 21. Preached on Luke 12:32 (F. not, little flock); had much talk
15- with Mrs. Manly and P.G. 22. Visited and had much religious talk
16- with Philip Gray and wife and sick daughter; went to mill. 24.
17- Dined at Charles Willbur's, visited Robert Taylor and G. Simmons;
18- bought rye etc. of Andrew Taylor. 25. Had an extra time in
19- prayer at church meeting (but 9 or 10 brethren and about 8 sis-
20- ters), much joy and sorrow talking about communion. 26. (Very
21- windy) planted pease and potatoes; wife visited Philip Taber,
22- shoemaker. I also went. 27. Sabbath day, was obliged to back
23- wood forenoon; afternoon went 3 miles in the high wind and preach-
24- ed to Ruth Potter, sick, and others with much freedom on John
25- 11:4; some rain. 28. Preached with usual freedom on John 3:8,
26- "The wind bloweth." Was yet obliged to back wood, 'fore and after
27- meeting, 'tho' afflicted with rheumatism. O! When! 29. This is
28- the 4th day the wind has blew a mear hurricane from N.E. but is
29- now abating; did much work, but being destitute of meal, milk,
30- sweetning, butter, cheese, went abroad and got some supplies.
31- Great trials, but great power and grace supports! 30. Pleasant
32- weather; carried Mary Green to Ab. Brownell's and dined. Visited
33- Jno. Earl and T. Cory.

34- 5th Month-1. Worked hard indeed picking up stones, while Deacon
35- Taber, Brother C. Hart and P.D. were plowing with 2 pair of Philip
36- Cory's cattle, drew me one load of wood. 2. After forenoon work,
37- carried wife with me to Ichabod Potter's; had much talk and prayed
38- with Sister Prudence and her sister Mary, far gone with consump-
39- tion. 3. Planted beans forenoon; afternoon, confined by rain,
40- wrote to Betsy East, lent beast to J. Hart. 4. Rested at home;
41- visited and prayed with Widow Manley, sick. Anna came home. 5.
42- Preached twice on Heb. 2:9 (But we see Jesus) and Psalm 84:10 (A
43- day in thy c.); had great assistance tho' but few people (Mary
44- Green spake after me); visited Widow Manley. 6. Finished making
45- stone heaps in meddow and did various other work. 10. Just fin-
46- ished a hard week's work, making lower wall of corn field. 11.
47- Preached twice more on Eccles. 12:10 and Rev. 7:1, 2, 3.

48- 12. Preached at Brother Edes's with great freedom on Psalm 100:5
49- (wife with me). 19. After a fatigueing week's work, and visiting
50- and praying several times with Ruth Hart, sick, I preached yester-
51- day at Jeb. Potter's, by request of his sick sister, on Rom. 6:23
52- (carryed M. Green), and today (after trying to settle some differ-
53- ence with William Cornell) to few hearers, by reason of rain, on
54- Jonah's words 2:9. 20. Assisted with 7 men, 5 boys and a team,
55- planted 3/4 of an acre. 22. Yesterday went and preached to many
at Widow Mary Borden's on Psalm 40:13; returned early today. Was
much perplexed to know how to get ready for a journey; towards
night John Weeden came and killed my calf (to carry to Bedford).
23. Walked to Weeden's to get my beast; visited old widows Taber,
Manley and did various work.

2[8.] After combating with many trials and violent assaults of the enemy, on the morning of the 24th instant journeyed to Newport, carrying M. Green with me. 25th. Heard Elder Bliss preach on John 21:16; dined at Deacon Tilley's and preached at Elder Bliss's meeting house on Mat. 24:12, 13. Saw the church partake of the Lord's Supper, but was not invited by them to partake! O, when will Zion's controversy be determined. Evening, attended a meeting of the new church who sent for me to visit them. 26th. Being the first day of the week, assembled with them and after preaching twice with great freedom and assistance on Titus 2:15 and Acts 16, part of 14th and 15 verses, went to the water accompanied by Elder Bliss and a great number of people, where I was enabled to speak powerfully, pray and baptize Susanna Philips (was a Gifford). After 2 hours, returned to the meeting house, laid on hands and prayed, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. Several of the brethren spake lovely, one to the others, and closed the meeting by a liberal contribution, evidential of their willing mind to comply with that just and equitable ordinance of Christ, "That they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Yesterday forenoon, visited Elder Thurston, a sick woman and several others; after dinner took leave of friends, and got safely home last night. Today have been in usual business; went to Jno. Davenport's and had much talk with Minister Briggs. 30. Spent yesterday in various work at home, going to mill, and today about 9 brethren attended church meeting (tho' it rained), restored Smyton Hart to fellowship, had no objection to make against my visiting the church at Newport once a month.

6th Month-2. These 3 days past has been cold, cloudy and some rainy; on 6th day I was at Jno. Davenport's, yesterday rested at home, had much talk with William Cornell, and visited Richard Hart. Today have been enabled to preach twice with marvelous freedom on Psalm 40:10 and Mark 7:37, "He hath done all things well." Visited Joseph Hart, sick. 3. 2nd of the week, went to Little Compton to get a grist for Brother J. Hart, sick with pleurisy; dined at George Simmons's, visited and prayed with Master Child, sick, Robert Miller, Cor. Briggs. 5. Yesterday spent chiefly in writing a deed, whipping bushes; and today went to mill for Joseph Hart, visited and prayed with him, dined at T. Cory's, visited Widow Manchester. 6. Went to J. Davenport's on business, saw Deacon Tilley; visited Philip Cory, Jacob Taber, Kezia Cranston. 7. Spent in various work; Sister East came; we visited and prayed with Brother Joseph Hart. 8. Sabbath day we went and dined at Nathaniel Shaw's. We had a precious meeting at Sister Ruth Gifford's afternoon. My beloved Brother Jno. P. Jones (who unexpectedly came with his wife from Providence) first spake on 1 Sam. 7:12 (after I had prayed) then Sister Jones, myself, Brother Boomer (on Psalm 133:1) and Brother Job Borden spake one by one, and Brother Jones was our mouth in prayer. After which the wife of William Sawdey made a good profession of faith, and was received into fellowship; then was much conference, exhortation. A friend in Providence sent me a handsom present by Brother Jones, praised be the Lord who doth and will provide, a letter containing \$35.

9. This morning rose early and, after attending prayer and taking food, rode 12 miles and preached twice to large assemblies in the meeting house near the ponds on Acts 26:28 and Acts 15:29. Dined at Jno. Perry's; had a good day, but tedious travel (partly owing to a wound on right leg) and got home before sunsett. Found my dear friends, Deacons Tilley and Boomer, Brothers Borden and Jones had also been greatly refreshed in 2 large meetings in our meeting

1- house, so we rejoiced together in the divine goodness. 10. Visit-
2- ed, had conference, prayed and sang with Joseph Hart. Parted with
3- Brother Tilley forenoon and Sister East afternoon; had much talk
4- with other friends, wrote to Nicholas Brown. 11. Self, wife and
5- Sister Susa. Hart accompanied Brother Jones and wife so as to en-
6- joy two very refreshing conference meetings (at both which Brother
7- Jones prayed) forenoon at T. Cory's (where we dined), afternoon at
8- Doctor Whittredge's, also in the evening at Deacon Samuel Taber's.
9- 12. Wrote to Brother George Benson. Self and wife accompanied
10- Brother Jones, his wife and daughter as far as Philip Gray's where,
11- after much talk, prayer and singing, we had an affectionate part-
12- ing. After which we visited Jno. Almy, Col. Cook (where we dined),
13- Philip Gray, Neck, Jeremiah Cook, Walter Cranston. Returned with
14- much pain in my right leg; found son Joseph poorly. 13. Was
15- poorly with a great cold (sort of influenza) but my wounded leg
16- seemed better; read and meditated on divine things with delight.
17- 14. Began to take the Bedford paper. Spent the day in various
18- things (wound on right leg made by a stick of wood [torn] ago much
19- inflamed.) 15. Sabbath day (wound being some easier) went with
20- wife to visit Restcom Sanford, who lately had a fit of the numb
21- palsy; preached Christ to him and his daughter with much freedom.
22- Visited Bial Tripp; was home mid-afternoon. Joseph Brownell visit-
23- ed us.

24- 16. My birthday happening this first day of the week caused me
25- some peculiar reflections. Was enabled to spend near 5 hours in
26- public service. Preached on John 21:22 (Follow t. me). Baptized
27- Sarah, the wife of William Sawdey; returned to the meeting house
28- laid on hands, prayed, sang. 17. Visited 8 families and had 7
29- precious family meetings (C. Hart, Ruth Gifford, S. Edes, D. Grin-
30- nell, Widow Gray, widow of Daniel Divol (whose daughter I married
31- to Sim. Manchester), George Westgate, and Abraham Brown). Got
32- home near sunset; it began to rain finely. 18. Was confined with
33- pain in my leg; 5 or 6 neighbours came and hoed a piece of corn
34- for me. 19. Much rain at 2 spells forenoon; I went and dined at
35- Jno. Willbur's and by request preached to many at Restcom San-
36- ford's with much freedom on John 14:19 (my leg much better). 20.
37- Last evening and this afternoon (since my return from mill, having
38- dined at J. Davenport's) 3 clouds have passed by us to the north-
39- ward, very full of lightening; we heard heavy thunder. 21. Was
40- confined by a steady small rain (some pain in leg), read, sorted
41- letters; this day is the second time I have taken the Bedford Med-
42- ley, or public print. 1793-6 Mo.-22. Sabbath day went with wife
43- to the Friends meeting and heard one Hicks preach (near an hour
44- and a half); visited Mary Potter, sick at Ichabod's.

45- 23. Preached twice with great freedom on Luke 5:5 (Let down the
46- net) and 2 Chron. 24:20 (Why transgress ye); married Daniel Gif-
47- ford to E. Tripp. 24. Visited old Widow Sowle, Nat. and Wesson's
48- families, Ab. Brownell, John Earl. 25. Swett much at bush whip-
49- ing, learning my beast to go in a cart. 26. Whipt bushes; to-
50- wards night carried Temperance Manley and Phebe Taber home. 27.
51- Forenoon, did various work; afternoon attended church meeting (9
52- brethren and 5 sisters). Joseph Sawdey made good profession of
53- faith and was immediately baptized (eastward of William Sanford's).
54- We met with a blessing and much comfort in obeying our dear Lord;
55- laid on hands by the waterside, and gave a charge exhortation. My
own intended journey and his occasioned our acting thus suddenly;
see Proverb 27, Eccles. 9:10, Acts 16:33. 28. Journeyed to New-
port with wife and child and lodged at Unkle T. Green's. 29. Sab-
bath day, heard Elder Bliss preach on 1 Pet. 4:1; I preached

afternoon on Gal. 3:2. 30. After preaching twice to the new church with much freedom (forenoon on no particular text, afternoon on Luke 22:19) we came together in the evening to break bread and were favoured with a very joyful and refreshing time, for as we made use of one bread, so we appeared to be but one body, tho' belonging to 3 or 4 distinct visible churches, each differing a little from other.

7 Mo.-1. Visited a few; dined at Brother William's, had long conference with Elder Edey and others at Unkle Green's on deep points, and lodged at Deacon Tilley's. 2. Was helped to the ferry by Unkle's schaise; our son and Sister Abigail [torn] came home to our little ones (thro' excessive heat) about sunsett. Found Mary Hart and Philis with them, and had a comfortable evening. 3. Was surrounded with usual cares; glazed windows, whipt bushes. 4. On this memorable day to Americans, and the birthday of our son, N. Peleg, the remains of our corruption and that unwearied adversary of souls and the peace of society seemed to rally all their force against us, but blessed be our God and Saviour who gave us the victory, altho' we lost somthing in the heat of battle. Wife went with me and dined at Christopher White's; we visited An. Taylor, Zeb. Grinnell and toward night, Joseph Irish and Lois Shaw came to my house and were married. 5. Extream hot. (Hoed some) Widow Kempton and Obed's wife and K. Burroughs visited us. Toward night was thunder and some rain; son Samuel came from Newport. 6. Rested at home, visited Widow Manly, Richard Hart (flour came); was some rain.

7. Preached twice more with great freedom: no particular text forenoon, afternoon on Psalm 34:14, "Depart from evil." Elder Thompson's daughter Peggy visited us. 8. Joseph Hart and son cut part of my grass (toward swamp); I went with wife and dined at Philip Cory's, visited Minister Briggs, Jno. Almy, Perry White, sick, Sister Cranston. 10. Spent yesterday and today in hoeing and making hay; had no help, carried on poles. 12. Yesterday Nathaniel Manchester cut t'other grass, on which I worked hard to-day, before and after preaching at the funeral of Peleg Cook's son on Gen. 18:25, Job 1:21 and Mat. 19:14. 13. Having worked uncommonly hard on grass, corn, the 4 days past (and much wearied for want of a team) I would have gladly rested all this day but was obliged to stack my hay lest it should spoil. Had many sad thoughts, but some comfort reading.

14. After preaching with much freedom in the meeting house on Psalm 130:3, 4 (If thou love) I went 5 miles to the house of Gideon Grinnell and preached again at the funeral of Widow Rebekah Macomber (aged near 70) on these words "Prepare to meet thy God"; Elder Round spake after me. ('Twas a time of marvelous power!) In my way home married Nathaniel Little to Mary Lake. Heard of the destruction of Cape Francois and 9 or 10,000 people! 16. Yesterday and today spent chiefly in hoeing corn; tryed to get it plowed amongst, in vain. 18. Yesterday forenoon hoed (met old R. Hart walking fast), after which visited Elisha Brown, Philip Gray, in vain. Bought wool of J. Almy; Stephen Taber gave me a bushel meal; visited sick Sister Cranston. Today visited several in my way to Christopher White's (William Coe's wife, sick) where I preached with much freedom on John 5:11, "He that made me whole." In my way back by the 4 Corners, visited P. Cook, came to Walter Cranston's about ½ an hour after his wife deceased. 20. Yesterday spent in plowing among corn, hoeing; today preached at the funeral of Kezia Cranston, aged 60, wife of Walter (in Judge

Cook's orchard) on Eccles. 3:2, 7 and Due. 7:14, Mark 13:37, Mat. 24:43, 1 Thess. 4:14 and Gen. 49:19. Dined at Judge Cook's with wife, and came home to read, meditate.

21. Preached twice more with marvelous freedom to a large assembly on Psalm 63:3 (Because thy loving kindness), Luke 23:34 (Father forgive them). After I had done, a stranger (Christopher Babbitt of Lanesborough) spake a few words. Since meeting visited old Richard Hart, sick; had occasion to think of Eccles. 9:18. 23. Yesterday spent in hoeing. Visited Joseph Hart afternoon, then old Father Hart, supposed to be dying. This morning went and sat with him near 2 hours; came home and returned about 8 o'clock when he had been dead 4 or 5 minutes; exhorted his widow; wrote to J. Jones. 25. Yesterday forenoon hoed; afternoon preached to a great assembly in an orchard at the funeral of Richard Hart (aged 92) on 1 John 5:20, Heb. 13:8, Gen. 15 [torn]. Today, after much hard work and visiting the widow, attended what is called church meeting, and after solemn prayer and reading Rev. 2 was led to make a mournful speech on the present state of the church (only 10 brethren and 6 sisters present) concluding that as the major part was now and often absent, they had broke covenant with the minor in this respect and therefore not to be travelled with in full unity 'till they come and renew covenant. Those present to inform the absent. 26. After attending to many things, journeyed to Newport and lodged with Brother Green Burroughs. 27. Heard Elder Bliss preach, dined at Deacon Tilley's, spent chief of afternoon retired with my honoured mother. Took tea at Sister Barbary Bliss's and was at a conference meeting evening.

28. After preaching twice to the new church with great freedom on 1 John 3:13, 14 and Mat. 2 [torn] 20, came together in the evening to the Lord's Supper and had a refreshing time. 29. Spent in visiting Elders Thurston, Eddy. Dined at Tilley's, supped at T. Goddard's; spent evening in an uncommon conference at Caleb Green's, where I tarried 3 nights. 30. Was conducted safely home after talk with Elder William Rogers, dining with Elder Bliss. 31. Spent the day chiefly in reading and meditation; wrote a letter to T. and C. Green, visited A. Hart.

8 Mo.-2. Yesterday went to Fall River mill, married Joshua Stafford, preached and tarried at Bn. Borden's; and today spent in various work: hoeing, dining at Jno. Shrieve's.* 3. Sabbath day. Afternoon visited Mary Potter, sick at Ichabod's, Widow Lydia Taber. 4. Preached twice with great freedom on 2 Chron. 7:13, 14 [sic] and 1 Kings 18:21, "[Torn] the strength" and "If the Lord be G., follow him." Was a little rain this morning.

1793-8 Mo.-6. Yesterday and this forenoon spent in hoeing. Heavy showers today; this afternoon with wife went to John Davenport's. I visited Jeremiah Cook, Philip Gray (Neck). 8. Yesterday plowed and hoed. Today visited Lydia Taber, Anna Wood, Peleg Potter, while boys finished hoeing potatoes. 9. Visited and prayed with Gideon Almy's family; himself, son Samuel and 2 more sick. 10. Sabbath day rested, visited Widow Hart. (Had a distressing day in my mind.) Was comforted by the coming of Unkle Thomas Green and his son Caleb from Newport.

*Up the side of the page a later hand has written, "O, for a portion of thy spirit, my dear grandparent."

11. Preached forenoon on Luke 17:32 (R. Lot's wife), afternoon a little while on no particular text; Brother Caleb Green spake near an hour on Prov. 14:32. I had much talk with old Brother Eleazer Reed, visited old Widow Hart. 12. Unkle Green and son went with us and dined at Abner Brownell's; had a very agreeable visit at Jno. Earl's, returned and lodged with us. 13. I accompanied and dined with them at Jno. Davenport's; visited Gideon Almy, Judge Cook. 15. Spent yesterday in various business. Today (in the rain) went to the funeral of Bridget Walker (wife of Gilbert); heard Bishop Shepard preach and Bishop Briggs pray. Dined at Philip Cory's, visited Widow Almy. 16. Preached with great assistance at the funeral of Mary Potter (sister to Prudence, aged about 36) on Psalm 7:12, 13 and Ezekiel 18:30 joined. Yesterday rested as usual; today have been enabled to preach powerfully on 1 Thess. 5:9, 10 and 2 Cor. 2:11; spake particularly to children and youth. 19. Went to mill, visited several round the 4 Corners, dined at J. Davenport's. 20. Preached at the funeral of Sister Manchester's child (aged 9 months); visited and prayed with Wing Durfee's family where a child 3 yr. old lay dead. Forenoon visited and prayed with Jno. Taber, very sick; dined at [torn] Dyre's. 21. Lost and found my beast. Anna went to the Point. 22. Preached at the funeral of Gideon Taber's son Job (aged 2 years). Visited Anna Wood.

23. Afternoon, sat off on my 4th monthly journey to Newport; lodged at Deacon Tilley's. 24. Heard Elder Bliss preach afternoon, and lodged at Caleb Green's. 25. After preaching with great freedom to the new church forenoon and afternoon, and administering and partaking of the Lord's Supper in very comfortable frame, was enabled to preach again in the evening with marvelous freedom and power, all glory to the Lord, and lodged at C. Green's. (Texts made use of in preaching this day were Acts 15:36, Mark 7:37 and Psalm 40:13 the last words considered first as the language of Christ Jesus when making atonement for our sins, 2nd as the cry of an awakened sinner, 3rd of a Christian under fiery trials and 4th of a back slider in heart sensible of his condition.) Next day, after doing some temporal business, left town, visited and tarried with Brother Parker Hall, to our mutual refreshing. 27. After visiting several sick and well by the way, came safely to my family. 28. Spent forenoon in various work, then went to the other meeting house and heard one Lazerus read on Heb. 11:1. 29. Spent forenoon in reading, meditation and prayer; afternoon had much comfort and edification at church meeting while such as have been absent some time gave in their reasons, confessed their faults, renewed their covenant! Had great freedom myself in 2 prayers, reading Ephes. 4, renewing my covenant, exhorting (19 brethren, 19 sisters). 30. Visited Ephraim Macomber's family. (Was some rain.) A tayloress at our house. 31. Sabbath day, went with wife and dined at Nathaniel Shaw's. Preached with great freedom at Ruth Gifford's on Luke 14:23 (Compel to come in); much talk after meeting.

9 Mo.-1. After preaching with marvelous freedom (on 1 Cor. 11:26, "For as often as ye eat") and several members had renewed covenant, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper (with about 34). 2. After Prudence Potter went away (who had tarried with us all night) went with wife and dined at Philip Gray's. I visited G. Westgate (paid 3/), D. Durfey, Jno. Davenport. 3. Windy and cool; after forenoon work, went and preached with great freedom at the funeral of a child (2 yr. old) of Brownell Willbur's on Mat. 10:37. 5. Yesterday visited and dined at William Brown's (who gave me 7/6),

Anthony Willbur, G. Simmons; today cut stalks, had talk with Widow Manly on baptism. 6. This morning, fell into a serious consideration of the kindness and impartiality of God the great Parent of the universe! Saw that worldly riches consist chiefly in health and the free use of the 4 elements; the plannets, which are so impartially granted by the great Parent to every child and cannot be monopolized by any individual person, nation, class or character of men! That all men and every individual, however dignified would soon perish (as to this life) if intirely deprived of the use of only one element! That fire and air, are allways absolutely free, tho' earth and water may partly become particular property, to be bought and sold! So the light of Christ, the SUN of RIGHTEOUSNESS, is free for the use of every soul of Adam's fallen race! And men are not absolutely dependent on men, but only on God for (existence and) every part and particle of comfort and happiness they are capable of, both in this and the coming world.

8. Yesterday rested at home. Today after preaching to a great assembly in the meeting house with great freedom on Hagai 1:7-11 (concerning the drouth) rode near 7 miles and preached again at the house of Mary Borden to a larger assembly with more freedom on Rom. 3:3. 10. Yesterday was confined chief of the day at M. Borden's by a great rain (only visited one family northward and one southward). Today visited Daniel Dwelley, Jno. Stafford, in my way home; afterward saw and confereed with Philip Hart about buying a piece of land of him. 12. Having walked much in the wet, 2nd and 3rd days, perceived yesterday I had taken a great cold which worked today like the influenza (see Journal 8 pages 39, 40). Towards night visited Philip Gray, married William Gray to Priscilla Manchester in the evening, and returned home very poorly. 13. Felt much disordered in my head; after breakfast, Philip Hart came with his proposal and I too suddenly agreed with him about a piece of land; desired to be released [torn] but he would not! Traveled about to consult with neighbours till night, weary, perplexed.

15. Yesterday, tho' very poorly, yet according to appointment went (with wife) and preached at Ephraim Macomber's with much freedom on Gal. 3:13, 14; had talk with some enquiring souls. Today preached again to many with considerable freedom on Acts 17:20 (Thou bringest certain strange things to our ears). Was very poorly from meeting til bedtime; took a swett; Mrs. Shaw stayed. 16. Was some better; wife and Prudence Shaw went with me to see Prudence Potter, sick. 18. Yesterday and today, more poorly again, yet visited some neighbours (Anna came home 17th), did a little work. Talked with Philip Hart, who on the 19th released me from the first bargain and sold me the south part. 20. Yesterday spent in writing for Philip Hart. Today went to the funeral of Deacon Sawyer; heard Brother Samuel West of Quishnett [Acushnet?] preach an excellent discourse on 2 Tim. 1-10. 22. Yesterday, after trying to be a peace maker at the 4 Corners, rode in the rain and preached at William Osborn's on Rom. 8:28. Came home evening and after preaching in the meeting house today with uncommon freedom on Psalm 63:1 (O God, thou art my God) went and preached at Jno. Taber's (who being sick sent for me) on Acts 11:14 and Job 22:21. Visited Thomas Taber. 23. Spent this day in measuring land; weather exceeding hot yesterday and today, son sick. 27[?]. On 3rd day visited S. Edes, dined at William Sawdey's, wrote to my son, visited Obed. Dennis, E. Macomber, C.H. 4th day, dug potatoes; yesterday rain prevented church meeting. Today expected it but only 3 [torn] adjourned; was very busy digging potatoes, backing [torn].

1793-10 Mo.-3. Last 7th day, 28th ultimo, journeyed to Newport (5th time monthly); preached in Elder Bliss's meeting house with great freedom on Luke 17:10 (Say we are unprofitable servants). Had conference with one Elder Smalley, Elders Bliss and Eddy, and Daniel Green at Unkle Green's, and met the new church in the evening. First day of the week, preached twice to them with great freedom on Psalm 63:1, Amos 4:12, after which saw Elder Eddy baptize a man. Visited some families, preached again in the evening, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. A glorious season! Next day, 2nd of the week, sailed up to Providence; attended a religious meeting in the evening and lodged with Brother Jno. P. Jones. 3rd day visited Elder Gano (who was not at home), President Maxsy with whom I had much talk. Dined at Thomas Jones's; exhorted and instructed my son Samuel (who went to live with him 29th of 9th Mo. at \$5 per month). Visited Nicholas Brown and again lodged with Brother Jones. Yesterday returned to Newport (passage up 3½ hours; down, scant of 3) accompanied by Brother Jones; dined at Brother William's. Had a family meeting afternoon, and one for worship at my honoured father's in the evening where, after Brother Jones and I had preached on Rom. 8:35 and Rom. 14:12, Caleb Green, William More and Sister Rebeckah exhorted and Thomas Goddard prayed; 'twas a charming meeting. I lodged at Unkle Green's (where I tarried the first night, and at Caleb's the second). This morning rose early; was disappointed about my beast, however left town about 9 o'clock with Deacon Tilley and got home time enough to attend church meeting by adjournment. We have had a solemn time, concluded on a fast respecting many things. 4. Was very busy about many things, digging potatoes.

Yesterday, was very studious; wife poorly; toward night we visited Widow Manly. Today, after reading Psalm 94 and preaching a few minutes on verses 9, 10, reading many other passages and paraphrasing on some, respecting the pestilence (Exod. 5:3 and 11:1, Num. 11:33, Jerem. 34:17, Ezek. 33:23-30, Hab. 3:3-6, Luke 21:9, 10, 11, 91st Psalm, 2 Chron. 7:13, 14), preached solemnly on Amos 4:12 near an hour. The whole time of reading and preaching (preparatory to the Lord's Supper and a fast) was about 2 hours. Afterward administered and partook of the Lord's Supper in midling frame. Since which, visited a near neighbour (J.H.) to converse on an awful affair. 8. Spent yesterday and today chiefly in backing wood, cutting up corn. 10. Yesterday, being needy of many things, went to Walker's to buy. Dined with T. Davenport, got meat and apples at Philip Cory's; returned and finished husking (only 7 bushel). This morning began the fast, had a solemn time with my family. At eleven o'clock many assembled. We read several passages of Scripture and united in prayer 3 times: self first and last, Brother Edes middle. I preached a little while on Prov. 22:3 (and 27:12) and 14:34; Brother Edes and Brother Jacob Bloomingdol exhorted. This fast was on account of the temporal and spiritual judgments now in the world, particularly the war in Europe, the pestilence now raging in Philadelphia, the general growth in our land, the low state of the churches, abounding of iniquity, and [torn] Lord save us from sin and give us help from trouble, for vain is the h. of man. 12. Yesterday worked hard, and today rested as usual. Much rain; lent beast to J. Hart.

13. Preached with great freedom on Rom. 8:35, 37 (Who shall separate us?). 14. Having rode up near night yesterday to Paul Cook's (9 miles) and married his daughter Eliza to John Taber, I lodged at Pardon Cook's with Job Borden, and today visited many in my way home. 15. Found myself in very trying circumstances:

destitute of meal, meat, sweetning, having wood to back, and water to fetch from N. Hart's (our well near dry) being obliged to drive creatures some distance to drink, but the Lord is righteous.

19. Having spent several days past chiefly at home (backing wood) I went (with wife this Sabbath day) and preached with marvelous freedom and power at Brother Samuel Edes's on these words, "What is a man profited if he g. the whole w."

20. After uncommon engagedness in prayer and preaching in the meeting house to a midling assembly (on Jeremiah 5:22-27, Ezek. 14:12-21, Mat. 24:6, 7, 8), and a spell of sighing and crying at home, sat off in pain of body and mind (traveled 7 miles) and married Benjamin Macomber to Eleanor Hambly. After which preached in the evening to a crowded assembly at Jno. Shrieve's on that declaration, "Ye know not what manner of spirit." Brother Job Borden and Brother Edes both spake and prayed; 'twas a solemn meeting! The wedding guests attended seriously with the rest. I went to bed at Shrieve's. 21. Visited several and came home in pain, yet had much religious talk with Sister Whittredge and Brother Briggs the Con. Minister who visited us, prayed with us. Late at night was taken with vomiting and purging; considerable rain fell. 23. Yesterday and today have been feeble; today dined at G. Simmons's, went to Brown's, Taylor's. 24. After tiring myself cutting down a large tree, went and dined at Philip Gray's Esqr., visited William Gray; talked with Sarah Sowle at Davenport's; went to mill. 25. Sat off alone (cloudy and high wind) to journey to Bedford (instead of Newport); dined at Gideon Taber's, called some to repent by the way as I went! Came to Brother Arnold Bliss'es after sun set; had a comfortable evening and tarried. 26. He and his sister Elizabeth went with me into Bedford; we had a comfortable meeting at George East's, afternoon, and in the school house, evening, where I preached on the old new text, so suitable to this awful time of judgment, Amos. 4:12.

27. In the midst of my forenoon discourse (wherein I felt much engaged) on Isa. 65:13, my beloved brother John P. Jones from Providence came in and preached afternoon on John 18:40. My mind was so deeply impressed with a sense of the state of the people and desires to speak to all if possible, that we sent a request to the people called Friends by Elder Nellson, for the use of their meeting house. But not obtaining it, I preached to a crowded assembly again in the school house in the evening on Psalm 55:8, "I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest." Felt great assistance, I trust, to the clearing myself of the blood of souls, and retired in great peace. Brother Nelson the elder spake after me a seasonable word and prayed; Brother Jones was also active in the meeting and an instrument of bringing the text to my mind. 28. Intended to return home, but a cold storm of snow and rain prevented, so we had sort of church meeting afternoon wherein every professor present spake [torn] by way of renewing covenant, and Brother Jones preached charmingly in [worn] evening on Prov. 14:32. I found some work after him, and Deacon Sweet concluded. 29. Being yet detained by the storm, did some temporal business, visited some, dined at Philip Cannon's; after which Brother Jones departed for the long plain. I spent evening in conference and prayer with a number at one Mrs. Prior's and lodged at East's. 30. Fine weather. Took leave; visited Phear Slocum, Gideon Taber in my way home. Found family as well as I left them (wife weaning child) but needing many things more than I brought them, having received in temporal but about the value of 12/. 31. Having wood to back, prevented my attending the funeral of George Brown's

child! Afternoon so few came to church meeting only conversed about getting m[torn] winter's wood, attending the communion.

11 Mo.-3. Having worked hard on 6th day and rested yesterday, preached today on Mat. 6:10 (Thy will be done) with marvelous freedom, but adjourned the communion, by reason of the fewness of the members present, yet there was a large congregation. 8. Have had a tedious week hitherto, backing wood, fetching water from Noah Hart's; Widow Hart tarried with us 1st and 2nd day nights. 2nd, 3 and 4th days rain prevented carting wood; yesterday and today fine weather yet they did not cart! I dined at Philip Cory's today. 9. 7th of the week or Sabbath day, wife went with me and dined at Lemuel Taber's, after which we had a comfortable meeting with a number at Ruth Gifford's where I preached on Luke 16:25, a text very suitable for myself, in my trying circumstances, to consider. After meeting received a letter from Sister D. Blackmer and heard a confused story of the death of my brother Samuel at Newport.

10. After preaching in much heaviness and stupidity on the great and solemn subject, John 12:32 (And I, if I be lifted up), had the report of the death of my oldest own brother, Samuel (aged 47), confirmed, who died 3rd day and was buried 5th day of last week. On which account and being also less members at meeting than last First day (only about 12 brethren and sisters) the communion was again adjourned. So I came home in heaviness, and after some secret exercises, being sent for, went over to Deacon Samuel Taber's and had a trying scene with Widow Mary Hart, distracted.

12. Yesterday rain prevented carting wood again, but today (fine weather) Brothers Round and King came and drew me 5 load. I received a letter dated 5th instant giving me an account of Brother Samuel's being sick with priphnumony [sic]. And after working hard 'til near night, visited and prayed with Jno. Taber, sick, Elijah Divol, Abraham Manchester. 14. Yesterday was a steady rain, and today much snow; had much to do at home 'til near night it cleared away cold. I went to mill, had beast shod, spent evening at Dav-
enport's and returned.

17. Yesterday, preached with much freedom at Ichabod (or Stokes) Potter's on Ephes. 3:20, 21, and today after old Brother Rounds had exhorted, I also preached with freedom on many texts, after which had much talk with Elder Rounds. Moderate rain all day prevented some from meeting. 19. Yesterday and the night before, much rain fel. It cleared exceeding cold and windy last night; and today I had 2 pigs killed, wt. only 77, not knowing of any other provision except a few geese for my large family the approaching winter, being destitute as yet of bread-corn, hay, wood, candles and several other necessaries, which by reason of my corruption bringeth on a degree of "The sorrow of the world which worketh death"! But O, that I may be enabled in patience to possess my soul, trust in the Lord. 20. With wife, visited Judge Cook and dined; left wife at Thomas Taber's, visited Jno. Taber sick; married Perry Manchester to Anna Bennett, daughter of Philip. Visited Noel Taber and Ob. Dennis sick; preached to a crowded assembly at William Sawdey's (on Heb. 12:1) and tarried at S. Edes's. 21. Rose at break of day (or before) and came home to breakfast; dined in Newport at Unkle T. Green's, visited my dear afflicted parents and lodged with Brother Green Burroughs. 22. Visited Elder Thurston and several other friends and preached in the evening in the new meeting house, just opened the first time by the new church, on Rev. 22:9. 'Twas a comfortable season; Elder Eddy

concluded meeting by fervent prayer. 23. Heard Elder Bliss preach charmingly, forenoon; dined at Deacon Tilley's and preached afternoon on Acts 2:40. Evening had much refreshment at a covenant meeting at C. Green's.

24. Forenoon, heard Brother Amos Cubit (a black man) preach well on Acts 8:21. Dined with Brother Abraham Reed and preached with great freedom afternoon on Acts 2:41, 42, after which administered and partook of the Lord's Supper comfortably. In the evening preached again to a promiscuous and crowded assembly (in the meeting house) with blessed freedom on Philipians 3:13, 14. Went and discharged my duty unto and tarried with Brother William. 25. After much worldly business and much talk with Elder Eddy, my honoured parents, dined at Unkle Green's; left town, suped at Jno. Davenport's and came safely home in the evening. 27. Yesterday dined at George Taber's, visited Constant Hart, bought apples of Isaac Taber. Today visited and prayed with much freedom with Jno. Taber; dined at Philip Bennett's. Went to John Albert's to a wedding, but found myself mistaken; was lost in the woods. 28. Forenoon went again to Albert's and married his daughter Patience to William Lake; came back to church meeting, but so few attended (only about 9) nothing material was done. 30. Yesterday was a steady rain, but I had much to do; visited Philip Taber and received $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel corn. Rested today as usual; 'twas cloudy and some rain; Davis Simmons came with tokens of love. After sunset dear Brother Amos Cubit (the black preacher) and Sister Comfort Briggs came from Newport to see us; we had a happy evening. He told his experience; shewed his letters.

1793-12th Mo.-4th. 4th day of the week. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of this week I have enjoyed the priviledge and comfort of being at six religious meetings as a hearer, such a priviledge I have not enjoyed I think this 2 seven [sic] years! After Brother Amos Cubit had preached well on First day on Judges 3:20, I made some addition, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. Towards night (with wife) went and heard Amos preach another more excellent discourse on Jonah 2:9 to a crowded assembly at Gideon Willcox's. We tarried all night. 2nd day afternoon heard him again (with many people) at Jno. Earl's; he spake on Isaiah 40:31 (I was glad to see a Guinea Captain present); evening, to many in our meeting house on Isaiah 40:6. After him I delivered a few words of testimony and prayed with great freedom. Mister Briggs at meeting yesterday; afternoon heard Mr. Briggs at the funeral of John Taber on Gen. 47:9. Evening heard Brother Amos Cubit again speak to a large assembly at the house of Seth Divol (or Ruth Gifford) on 1 John 3:1; I spake after him, joined Brother Job Borden in fervent prayer. Took leave of Brother Amos (who purposed to preach at Brother Edes's today) and returned home. Late at night a violent snow storm began and has continued near all this day confining me to the house and giving me opportunity to reflect and write upon the forementioned things. Brother Amos seemed much to lack the gift of utterance in the 3rd and 4th discourses, but the last seemed near equal to the first, and I strongly hope the Lord hath created and new created him for excelent purposes. Amen. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not the benefits lately or formerly bestowed on thee. 6. Yesterday was busy making paths. Today after I had preached with much freedom at the funeral of Obadiah Dennis (aged 61) on Job 23:13, Brother Amos Cubit exhorted and prayed. Then went to preach at Bn. Borden's; I visited widows and fatherless (Taber's, Bennett and Manchester) in my way home.