

8. Yesterday was much rain; I rested as usual at home. Today preached on Heb. 11:25 (Choosing rather); trust I could sincerely adopt the words as my own, notwithstanding (so late in the year) I am yet destitute of winter's bread, meat, fodder and wood, and have water to fetch as far as from Joseph Hart's. 9. Visited several in Westport: William Wood, Widow Brownell, Ic. Potter; tried to hire a team to cart wood, get bread-corn, but to little purpose! 11. Yesterday went abroad in distress; carried Anna to Jno. Davenport's. Was pleased to hear that Brother Amos had preached there the evening before to great satisfaction. Davenport and P. Cory gave me a little meal; I borrowed a bushel corn of P. Gray. Today met with a sore trial being disappointed about getting winter's wood! Fine weather, yet teams expected did not come! However Brother Davis Simmons with my assistance drew me 4 load; I bought a barrel flour of P. Cory. 12. Rode to Jno. Stafford's and married his daughter Abigail to Peleg Hambly; visited Widow Borden (bought 1½ bushels corn of D. Dwelley for 6/) and returned home; S. Edes had come to work. 13. (Lent Edes my beast to go 4 miles.) Spent the day at home in various trials, cutting wood.

15. Yesterday (with wife) dined at Doctor Handy's; preached at Peleg Potter's on Psalm 39:1, and today (fine weather) preached again to a midling assembly in the meeting house on Gal. 5:22, evening at the widow of John Taber (a powerful time) on Job 14:1, 2, Esek. 33:11 and John 5:28. Brethren Edes and Lake spake well after me; had much conference. 17. Yesterday worked very hard while 6 men with 6 pair oxen and 3 carts drew me 14 load wood. Today visited many in Little Compton. Left deed with Esqr. Simmons to record, dined at M. Bevin's, suped at William Brown's; George Simmons or rather D. Simmons. 19. Yesterday carried daughter Anna to work at Davenport's, visited Philip Cory, sick; prayed, was confined by rain til near night. Came and tarried at Davenport's; high wind. Today came home (with turnips), cut wood; visited and wrote for C. White sick. 21. Yesterday, preached with much affection at the funeral of Durfey Springer's first born son, who died suddenly aged 9 years: visited widow of Jno. Taber, Christopher White. Today rested at home; a great cough prevented my hearing Brother Amos Cubit preach at Elder Rounds's last evening and at Ruth Gifford's this afternoon. He came and lodged at Joseph Hart's.

22. Heard Brother Amos preach in our meeting house on Rom. 1:16 to my great refreshing, after which he discovered to me his sense of the duty and privilege of coming under hands, which was performed by me (in a great sense of the unworthyness of us both) in the beginning of a meeting at Gideon Willcox's in the evening. After which he preached to a great assembly on Rev. 22:14, 15. I left my beast for him to ride up in the morning and walked home with Deacon S. Taber. 23. Dined at Brother Davis Simmons's; accompanied by wife and Brother Amos, Brother Simmons went with us to see Minister Shepard. We had a good time; came to Noah Hart's in the evening, where Amos preached the best discourse (to me) to few people on Mat. 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart." I felt duty to speak a solemn word after him and pray. 26. Brother Amos left us 24th to go and preach in the evening at Capt. Paul Cuff's. We visited and prayed with Christopher White, then went to Philip Gray's Esqr. and married his daughter Prudence to Jno. Maguire. Came to Jno. Davenport's to lodge and was confined there til sunset yesterday by rain, then came home. Today we heard Amos preached last evening at Gideon Taber's. Mr. Bevin visited us

with a present; with him I visited and prayed with C. White. (Went to see about a barrel of flour.) Afternoon but few came to church meeting (9 brethren and 3 sisters) it being extream cold. I felt deeply weighed in my spirit, and out of the abundance of the heart, my mouth spake to the brethren and prayed to God in somewhat of an uncommon or extraordinary manner. After which two extraordinary things took place: a sister (S. Sawdey) made humble confession of a fault or faults she had not yet been charged with by the church; and one John Perry (a deluded Shaker or something else) came and spake several lies to us with a little truth. After we had patiently heard him, I asked him if he had ears as well as mouth. He answered yes. I spake a few words of Scripture to him and should have proceeded, but he interrupted me by saying he must go! He went out speaking very fast; we resumed our subject and finished our meeting. 27. The weather has been so extream cold today but little could be done, however I visited Nabor White again, spake freely to him. (He said he was thinking of his Maker.) Heard his daughter Baley speak in such sort as to give me I think sufficient evidence of her new birth; rejoiced. 28. A snow storm appearing to be beginning obliged me to see about getting up my barrel flour from Jno. Gifford's; William Sanford's cart brought it. Jno. Weeden and wife visited us; had much talk.

31. The 29th instant being first day of the week and fine weather, rose by break of day and accompanied by my wife, rode about 7 miles and preached with much freedom to a large assembly at the house of Jno. Shrieve on Jeremiah 13:27. Then walked 2 miles and heard Deacon Boomer, Job Borden and James Reed pray, preach and exhort at the widow Mary Borden's. After which they accompanied me back to an evening meeting at the widow Cory's, and after I had preached on Numb. 23:19, Boomer spake and Borden prayed. Thus I had 3 very comfortable meetings and lodged at Brother Shrieve's. Yesterday (very pleasant weather) after breakfast, visited and dined at Bn. Borden's, then visited William Osborn's, James Duffee's and William Gray's families in our way home. Today we have had a warm rain; visited and prayed again with C. White; visited S. Taber.

1794-1 Mo.-1. I travelled on foot and horseback about 7 miles and married Peter Borden to Abigail Weaver at the house of Michal Black. Dined there; suped at old Bn. Sawdy's in my way home. 3. Yesterday dined at Abner Brownell's; bought sundries and returned with meal, and home. Today fine weather; Widow Brownell came; I wrote for her. 5. Yesterday rested at home, visited C. White; today preached in much stupidity on Isaiah 38:19. Felt ashamed when I had done, and low spirited the residue of the day. Visited old Widow Hart. 7. Spent yesterday at home; today visited and dined with Philip Cory, sick, who talked well, John Almy who gave me a grist! Supped at Jno. Davenport's and came home late. 8. Lett beast to N. Crandal; William Cornell, Ic. Potter and wife visited us. 10. Yesterday (very warm) went abroad in distress for hay and corn; bought hay of Jno. Wait, visited G. King and N. Taber. Dined at D. Round's, got corn at E. Taber's on Jno. Almy's account, went to 4 Corner mill and got home late in evening. Today dined at George Cook's; prayed, conversed much with N. Crandal; was warm rain.

12. Yesterday (warm, cloudy, and rain) rested at home as usual. This morning it snowed violently, but was clear and cold before meeting time. After preaching with great freedom to few hearers, chiefly on our own death and the death of Christ, went with wife

to Abial Tripp's, and married Lucy Tripp to Benjamin Groves; much talk. 15. Having spent the 2 days past at home very busy, today visited Joseph Brownell, confined at Philip Manchester's with a great cut in his leg; had much talk, prayed. 17. Yesterday, after carrying daughter Mary to work at Ic. Potter's and dining there, visited Lemuel Taber Esqr., William Sanford. Today Esqr. Taber came and run the line between my land and Jno. Manchester's. I whipt bushes, visited and prayed with C. White.

19. Yesterday and today has been uncommon warm for the season. Yesterday rested at home; today preached with great freedom to many hearers on Psalm 55:8 (windy storm). Brother Edes returned from Boston, brought me a letter from Brother Jones. I had a charming time of conference with several friends at old Widow Hart's. 20. Was exceeding warm; I striped to work with a bill-hook in swamp forenoon; afternoon visited a black family, Willcox, Tallman, Manchester and a Lake who gave me roots. 21. Went to Jno. Davenport's on business and was detained by rain; visited Widow Sowle, sick, and returned. 22. This is the 5 day runing has been warm. Much warm rain today; I wrote letters. 23. Spent in usual business; cloudy and some wet. 24th, Brother William Cornell visited me.

26. The 2 days past has been very cold and also today, nevertheless I rose early and according to appointment went 7 miles and preached to many with great freedom on Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall it. all things." Sat up late on a difficult case at Brother Shrieve's. 27. Had a joyful morning (the case being happily settled), visited Sister Grinnell, Brother Edes in my way home. Suffered much by cold, but brought my family some supplies. 30. Severe cold continues; a violent snow storm last night prevented church meeting today. 31. Attended the funeral of Phebe Edes's only child, Joseph aged about 16, who was drowned the 29th in attempting to cross the Stafford Pond so called. I preached on 1 Kings 17:18 and Job 13:26. Tarried til near night, visited Robert Dennis in way home.

2 Mo.-2. Yesterday rested as usual; with Joseph Hart, visited Christopher White who is much better. Today preached with marvelous freedom on 1 Sam. 2:10. Experience Bowen tarries. 3. Went with wife and dined at Abner Crandal's, then visited Bn. Sawdy Jr., Samuel Edes. 4. (A cloudy thaw) was confined at home with the earake (daughter Anna with us). 6. Church meeting was held by special call, yet only 9 brethren came (2 deacons, C. and J. Hart, J.L., D. Simmons, D. Round and E. Sanford) so that nothing material could be done except resolving to notify or cite absent ones in general, and some in particular, to appear at next meeting.

9. Having been afflicted with a hard cough, rheumatic pains, and earake all the week past, and rainy weather the 7th instant prevented my going to Newport, yesterday visited Christopher White. Today preached to many (being warm) with much freedom on Rev. 19:5; visited Widow Manly. 10. Dined at Jacob Taber's, had much talk at J. Davenport's; visited Gideon Willcox and returned in the rain. 11. Visited and had some peculiar talk with Brother Joseph Hart, poorly; Noel Taber took away hay. 12. Preached with great assistance and power on Micah 6:9, 2 Sam 12:23 and Heb. 11:4 at the funeral of Sister Lydia Taber, widow of Job, who died the 10th instant aged about 52. Returned (with wife) and did some hard work; visited Philip Taber (shoemaker). 13. While son Joseph was

gone a clamming with my beast, I was busy at home preparing to go to Newport on an important and joyful occasion. 18. The 14 instant, sat off for Newport; was obliged to go by the upper ferry against a strong S.W. wind. Stopped at Henry Lawton's (Portsmouth) and heard one Mr. Waiger preach to a large assembly; spake a few words after him. Visited George Lawton, got into Newport after sunsett, and was at an agreeable con. meeting (and lodged) at Caleb Green's. 15th forenoon, visited parents and others; afternoon preached in Elder Bliss's meeting house on Rom. 10:13; visited Elder Eddy, William Langley. Attended a church meeting in the evening (of the 4th Baptist Church, which I have in past writings called the new church) at which 2 persons made good professions of faith, and were received into fellowship. (Lodged at C. Green's.)

Next day (16th) being first day of the week, was enabled to go through more spiritual labour than I ever performed in one day before! With great freedom and assistance preached 3 discourses, first on Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip preaching"; second on Numb. 10:29, "We are journeying to the place of which the Lord said I will give it you"; thirdly on Prov. 9:12, "If thou be wise thou shalt be w. for thyself, but if." Between the first and second discourses, walked near half a mile to Gravelly Point; prayed and baptized George Langley and Sarah Weaver. At the same time Elder Eddy baptized the wife of Nathaniel Lyons and Basheba Burdick. I returned to the meeting house, prayed for and laid hands on the 2 baptized persons and 8 others who were baptized a week before, towit: Thomas Earnshy, John Irish, Peter Thomas, Peter Green, Hannah and Mary Moore, Cynthia Place and Free-love Burroughs. Also, assisted by Brethren Green and Moore, set appart Brother Thomas Goddard and ordained him to the office work of a deacon in the said church, and between the afternoon and evening discourse, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. A great assembly attended every meeting, notwithstanding the coldness of the weather, and especially the union meeting of the churches at the place of administering baptism. Lodged that night at Dn. Tilley's. (Elder Eddy also baptized Thomas Devons and Joshua Lyons a week before, who with the 2 he baptized the 16th instant joined the church under his care.)

Yesterday I visited (and prayed with) Brother James Taylor (sick), Elders Thurston and Eddy. Dined at Brother William's, then visited several more, and in the evening attended a meeting, lately set up for con. prayer, called the union meeting, wherein all denominations of Christians may freely speak. 'Twas held in the new meeting house and there was not room enough to receive all that came, no not so much as about the door! Elders Hopkins and Eddy were present. The brethren desired me, and I felt it my lott, to pray first. I then gave out an hymn, "Let party names no more the Christian world o'er spread"; then made a short speech, desiring the brethren to proceed as tho' we that are called ministers were not present. Mat. 25 was read, and I had the pleasure of hearing 6 or 7 brethren and one sister speak to edification. Delivered another short speech myself, and Elder Eddy concluded by prayer. Lodged at Thomas Green's. Found it difficult to leave town today, but did near noon; dined with Elder Bliss, visited several, and came safely to my family this evening. Thus I have thro' grace seen the beginning (and hope 'tis but the first fruits) of a glorious and marvellous work of God's power and grace in Newport my native place! The signs and tokens that they will yet be a wise and happy people are greater now than I've seen since I removed from them. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless" the holy name of the God of love and unity. Amen & Amen.

2 Mo.-25. After usual business at home and among near nabors the 19th, 20th and 21st days, toward night the 22nd visited old Brother Rounds and tarried at Brother J. Shrieve's. 23rd, preached forenoon with great freedom to many people at the widow Lydia Durfy's (in the great Jew house so called) on 2 Cor. 5:20, "We pray you in C.J.," afternoon at William Osborn's on Isaiah 59:1, "The Lords h. is not shortened." Had much evening talk with Esqr. Durfey and the widow's family, and tarried all night. Yesterday intended home, but on deep consideration it appeared duty to go to Fall River. Stopped and settled a difficulty with Sister Church; dined at Bn. Borden's. Sister Borden went with me to Fall River; we had much talk with Elders Jno. Mason and Michal Eddy; Simn. Borden's wife, Caty Tripp, James Reed told experience. In the evening many came to meeting at Nathan Bowen's, to whom I preached with great freedom on these words, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but." The people were more than commonly serious and attentive on account of a nabour's (A. Luther) being missing some days, and supposed to be dead in the woods or drowned in the pond. (I tarried at Bowen's all night.) This morning, visited and prayed with sick Sister Luther, N. Borden's, Sim. Borden's and Stillwell's families. Dined at Mary Borden's, visited and prayed with Jno. Stafford, sick, and came home 'fore sunsett much chilled with cold. Found P. Edes and R. Gifford at our house. 27. Yesterday was obliged to go abroad in distress for hay; dined at Philip Cory's and had much religious talk. Visited Deacon Palmer and Stephen Taber; left beast at J. Davenport's and came home on foot, visiting Peleg Cook's sick wife, Thomas Taber, in my way. Today we held church meeting at which Samuel Sawdy and Mary Sanford (wife of William) renewed covenant; messengers were sent to several members.

3 Mo.-1. Yesterday spent time chiefly at home in various things; evening Brother Joseph Hart and his wife visited us, Ruth Gifford also present, and we had a happy time, complying with James 5:16. Today rested as usual; wrote to T. and Jno. Jones and G. Burroughs. (R.G. went away.) 3/4 load of hay was sent me, in Philip Cory's team, from a few friends in Little Compton. 2. Preached to about 60 persons with great freedom on Malachi 3:18, "Then shall ye." (Weather cloudy and looked much like a storm.) Had much talk with Jeremiah Davenport. 3. Was confined by a great rain; schooled children, wrote letters to T. and Jno. Jones. 4. Exceeding cold; visited C. White, dined at A. Manchester's, visited Thomas Taber, C. Manchester's sick wife, Dr. Whittredge. 5. Went on foot to J. Davenport's; took beast, dined at Philip Gray's; visited William, Jacob Taber. 6 and 7th confined again by great rain, fog; visited Joseph Hart, poorly. 8. Visited Gideon Taber's sick wife; dined at Ic. Potter's. Preached at Jno. Weeden's on Jonah [torn] "Preach the preaching which I bid thee"; visited a few and returned home.

9. Preached with great freedom to many on Joshua 3:9, "Hear the words of the Lord y[torn]." 11. Yesterday was at the 4 Corners on business; today dined at William Hicks's, visited G. and J. Taber. 12. Worked hard with son, J. Lake and 4 lads, whipping bushes; evening, visited and prayed with Joseph Hart, taken very poorly yesterday, after riding the 3rd day on my beast. 15. Worked hard 2 days past and visited Joseph Hart; today spent chief of the time with him. 16. Preached with much freedom on Rom. 13:11 (Salvation nearer). Visited Brother Hart before and after meeting. 17. Was sent for before day break to visit Brother Hart, supposed to be dying, but he so revived that I went down to

the Point to get him some things (settled with Gideon Taber by the way, dined at Thomas Cory's) and when I returned mid-afternoon was told Brother Hart died about noon. 18. Spent time in various business; visited the widow and children, prayed, gave exhortation. 19. Worked hard clearing land forenoon (and suppose I was wrong in so doing); afternoon attended the funeral of Brother Hart in great stupidity. After burying, the people crowded the meeting house and I felt strangely discomposed among them; however, after long silence, spake a few words, read 15th chapter of 1 Cor. and prayed; visited again. 21. Spent yesterday and today visiting many in Little Compton and to get necessaries, some hard work; went to 4 Corners today.

23. Yesterday, rested as usual and visited widow and family. Today preached with freedom on 1 Cor. 15:54, had much talk with Jno. Weeden, and in the evening married Jno. Macomber to Ruth Taber daughter of [Sa?]. 26. Spent 2 days past and this forenoon in hard work, cutting and burning bushes, planting pease. Afternoon went with wife to Jno. Davenport's; returned, evening. 27. Spent forenoon in hard work, trying to stop a fire kindled by Stephen Hart; this afternoon attended church meeting preparatory to communion. Had marvelous freedom in prayer, labouring with Brother Jno. Davenport (about 17 males attended); much love appeared. Brother Jacob Sowle desired a letter of dismissal for himself and wife, granted.

4 Mo.-3rd. The 28th ultimo (6th day of the week) journeyed to Newport, and returned today in the rain. Spent first evening at Brother James Taylor's (in meeting for prayer) and lodged at Deacon Tilley's. 29th, visited parents; heard Elder Bliss preach afternoon. (Let Brother A. Cubit ride my beast to the ferry; Brother Edes rode him back.) Was at covenant meeting evening and lodged at T. Green's. 30th, preached with blessed freedom to the 4th Baptist church 3 times, on 2 Cor. 6:1, John 12:26 and Luke 21:36. Administered and partook of the Lord's Supper and lodged at Caleb Green's. 31st, was much rain; spent afternoon at Elder Thurston's in much talk with a minister called Thomas Dunn from London. Was at union meeting evening, and lodged at T.G. 1st instant, was extream windy; Brother Edes left me to return home. I visited and talked with many; preached in the evening on Rev. 3:21, lodged at C. Green's. Yesterday, dined with Brother Moore, came to the ferry and could not cross. Went and lodged with Brother Pardon Taber, and came home about noon today. Heard that Brother Amos Cubit had preached here on John 9:27, Rom. 8:35. 4. Forenoon, did some hard work; afternoon went to Gideon Almy's to buy a cow.

6. Yesterday, rested as usual; today, preached a lengthy discourse with great freedom on Mat. 26:39, "If it be possible, let this cup pass"; administered and partook of the Lord's Supper in comfortable frame. 13. Having been much fatigued the week past with farming business, trying to get a cask of grass seed from Newport (which came the 9th instant) plowed about 3 acres the 11th. Rested yesterday as usual and preached with much freedom today on Daniel 7:9, 10, "I beheld till the thrones were cast down." (Jno. East with us.) S. Sawdy made public confession, Elder Round exhorted, church agreed to fast.

20. Last 2nd day, visited many in Little Compton; dined at Anthony Willbur's, got barley to sow. 3rd day sowed. 4th day was very busy carting wood. 5th day kept fast on many accounts;

public worship was attended by many. I spake and prayed twice; Deacon Palmer and B. Edes prayed. 6th day was very busy: bought a cow, helped draw a seine. Old Deacon Sawyer was buried. Rested yesterday as usual (with wife and Prudence Potter, visited Widow Amy Hart, prayed) and today preached with usual freedom on Psalm 28:5. Elder Round spake; A. B. prayed. 22. Yesterday was in much perplexity, but not in despair, many things to do. Elder Round visited me; toward night went to P. Cook's from thence to Jacob Sowle's and married one of his daughters to George Simmons. Tarried at Elihu Gifford's; rose early this morning, went to Daniel Dwelley's to buy barley to sow. Came home and left it; dined at Joseph Brownell's. Visited William Brown, George Simmons; came home evening with a grist. 24. Yesterday did much work (went to mill, got sand) but not such as was most needed, for want of a team. This forenoon much the same, made wall, felt much tryed being near out of hay, not able to sow barley and flax for want of a team, having wood to back. Afternoon, went to the meeting house and tho' so few appeared to hold church meeting (about 9) I lost my burden about worldly things, had blessed freedom in prayer and such a solid joy in thinking and speaking of eternal things as far exceeds all worldly gain. Smyton Hart was suspended, and some thought ought to be cut off; Sarah Sawdy restored. 28. The 25 instant journeyed to Newport and returned this evening. (Daughter Anna went and tarried.) The 26th afternoon, preached in Elder Bliss's meeting house on Psalm 84:11, evening meeting at C. Green's. 27. Preached 3 times to the new (or 4th Baptist) church (on 1 Chron. 12:32, Acts 10:34, 35, 1 John 4:14.) Baptized Genny Slocum and Hannah Cubit, wife of a preacher, administered the Lord's Supper, and received a contribution of the saints, in compliance with the ordinance mentioned 1 Cor. 9:14. This morning had much business to do; bought saddle bags, dined with Elder Bliss, and visited several in my way home.

1794-5 Mo.-4 d. Last 3rd day, tryed to plow in barley with my beast, but was defeated. 4th day, hired Glassgow to help me make wall on this public place! 5th day, tryed my beast in a cart, intending to fetch wood and hay, but he would not go to get either! Hurt my ankle so as I was obliged to leave the cart and ride home. 6th day, visited Capt. Briggs and William Gray on business (dined at Philip Gray's). Yesterday William Gray sent his team to work, and about 4 ct. hay; George Sanford's team came afternoon. I got Deacon Sm. Taber and 3 boys to work them; they did but about half what I expected, only sowed a bushel of barley (no flax) and altho' I should have chosen an undisturbed rest, I was obliged (considering how hard 'tis to get teams this season) to harrow a little myself! Yet have been enabled to preach today with great freedom on John 12:26, administer and partake of the Lord's Supper with about 20 members of the church, since which have had much talk with Jno. Weeden, Jeremiah Davenport. 11. Having had another very fatigueing week of farming business. (2nd day cow came, self and son only carried out dung by hand and planted about 800 hills in lower orchard. 4th day, with help of T. and S. Simmons's teams, Jeremiah Taber, C. Hart, D. Simmons, Em. Sd. and 3 boys, we planted near an acre here which should have been sowed but could not. 5th day went on business to the Point. Son Samuel from Providence came to see us. 6th day, did various things, tho poorly with the piles, much pain in bones.) Went yesterday with wife, and preached on several texts (in 2 distinct spells) at Stokes Potter's; today preached twice with much freedom on Isaiah 50:4 (Tongue of the learned) and Luke 14:15. 13. Yesterday Sammy and Hannah went to Bedford. (At night Brother Amos Cubit came.) I

was busy about many things, as I have also been today, mending wall; met with a great trial by talk of Jno. Manchester. 15. Yesterday was very busy at lower place, mending wall, pruning trees. Had more loving talk with Jno. Manchester and N. Hart. (Amos set out for Boston.) Today very hot; worked hard making wall on this place (north side of 2 acre meddow).

18. On the 16th forenoon, worked on wall again; afternoon preached with much freedom on several texts at the funeral of Phisdisris Manchester, wife of Jabez (aged 25); Samuel and Hannah came home. Yesterday rested at home, but laboured under many trials about bodily and spiritual things. Today (very cold) was enabled to preach twice with remarkable freedom and power on Micah 6:8 and [torn] 15:22 (Behold to obey is b. than s.) Since meeting had many solemn thoughts. 20. Yesterday, was busy at home about many things; Son Samuel went to Newport and Joseph to Tn. meeting. Today visited Capt. Briggs and D. Durfey on business; dined at Abraham Brown's and had much talk with his son William and Jno. Briggs, ministers. Visited Philip Gray once more in vain; supped at Jno. Davenport's. 22. Yesterday was busy at home weeding and watering garden, there having been no rain to speak of this 7 weeks today. (Water near 8 feet lower in well than last year at this time.) Toward night, went to visit a sick nabor with wife, she that was Priscilla Taber, daughter of Lemuel. Today, after preaching on Gen. 42:36, Job 16:14, Psalm 90:3, Rom. 8:28 and at the funeral of Polly Snell (aged 18) daughter of Widow Snell and sister to her that was buried 6 days ago! Went with wife and dined at William Brown's; visited R. Mill, Robert Taylor. 23. Spent at home in various work, while wife and son Joseph went to 4 Corners on business.

25. Yesterday and today has been very rainy, praised be the Lord. Yesterday afternoon just as I was ready to ride up to Brother Jno. Shrieve's where meeting was to be held today, a shower prevented me, and I went and visited the widow Snell; exhorted, prayed with the family and nabors. Today set off early, but was wet to my skin before I got to Brother Constant Hart's where I took breakfast. Then visited the family of Jno. Wate where a child was supposed to be dying. I stayed til it was some revived; sat out again, dined with Brother Edes and just now toward night returned home. 27. Yesterday and today son Joseph has been very sick with the mumps, vomited much (as Mary, Esther, Phebe and Kezia did about a fortnight past). I had much to do at home, and was much perplexed to get my calf killed, prepare for planting potatoes, backing wood. 29. Yesterday did much work at home; afternoon was much rain. Some rain today so as only 3 or 4 met for church business and adjourned. I went and preached on Job. 14:7 at the funeral of Noah Lake's wife (aged about 48). Married Walter Cook Jr.; wrote a piece of poetry.

6th Mo.-1. The day before yesterday did much work, was at the 4 Corners on business. Yesterday rested [torn]; today preached with great freedom on Deut. 32:29. This afternoon had the pleasure of hearing Abner Brownell preach on Psalm 90:12, a pretty discourse. Visited C. White. 2. 2nd day of the week. Assisted by the teams of S. Simmons and G. Sanford, I planted about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre of potatoes in orchard. Had pleasant religious talk and ideas with D. Simmons and 2 sisters. 3. Had many errands to do and chores; went to Abial Tripp's, S. Simmons's. 4. Helped plow my new yard (the first time) near Brother S. Taber's, who also helped; with S. Simmons, cut down a tree and drew it home. With wife, visited old

C. White, sick; prayed. 5. Forenoon worked hard; afternoon only 4 (P.T., S.T., I.B. and J.L.) came together to hold church meeting by adjournment. We prayed, I asked advice about several things, and after meeting rode near 5 mile in the rain to Walter Earl's and married Martin Lake. 6. Much rain 'fore sunrise and showers afternoon; I swett much plowing among corn and planting a new potato yard. Had much exercise of mind, a great trial with son; a violent onsett of the great enemy, but thro' grace obtained a notable victory! 7. Sabbath day went with wife and preached at Brother S. Edes's with uncommon freedom and power on Prov. 8:4, 6; Brother Edes, Elder Round and Brother Job Borden spake lovely after me.

8. Preached twice more with much freedom to this stupid people, dull of hearing, on John 19:19 and John 20:16 (Rabboni); contribution was only 1/6. Since meeting have been trying to find out by Scripture how long the world has stood; visited Widow Hart. 10. Yesterday and today has been much rain; today I had much talk with Jno. Mr. concerning present and future things. Dined with William Sanford; returned to backing and cutting wood. 12. Yesterday and today self, son and M. Snell, with my own beast, harrowed my field of corn and hoed some. 14. Having worked very hard yesterday forenoon hoeing corn, cutting down a tree, I went and dined at Restcom Sanford's (sick); returned and finished planting a yard of potatoes. This day rested at home; toward night was thunder and rain. Ic. and Prudence Potter tarry with us; cows lost.

15. After looking for cows in vain (retired for prayer) went to meeting, and have been enabled to preach twice with great love and faithfulness, freedom and blessedness, both discourses on John 7:24. In the run of forenoon discourse was very particular in testifying how they ought to judge off and support Christ's ministers. Received some refreshing letters from M. Green and my children; cows came home. I wrote to M. Green toward night; visited Widow Hart. 16. This being my birthday (46 years ago) I had various reflections and exercises, and did a variety of works (drawing wood, weeding garden). C. Hart and Sm. Taber workt about 2 hours on wall; toward night I rode to the 4 Corners on business, and returned in the evening. 18. Yesterday, worked hard in the morning and toward night, hoeing and making fence on this and the other place. Mid day, had much talk with Jno. Davis of Little Compton who came to see me and brought the widow Sarah West of Newport, in a distressed state of mind. Today I've worked very hard again, making fence on lower place and finishing a wall on this place by Brother Taber's. Was assisted by Ic. Potter, Jno. Manchester, N. and Stephen Hart, while I went to the 4 Corner mill for the latter and returned to work. Lost my cows again. 19. Found cows this morning; was drove from hoeing by rain. Went and had much free faithful and loving talk with Deacon Sm. Taber and wife, then visited and wrote for Widow Amy Hart. Near night, went down to Gideon Almy's and brought back my wandering cow; much rain all night. 20. After a heavy shower, it cleared away forenoon; afternoon I plowed among potatoes at lower place.

22. Yesterday, went with wife to Quakers' yearly meeting and heard a man (with a long beard) speak five different times, but not much to edification; Jno. Divol also spake. We went to Esek Taber's to see his sick mother; dined, and came home. Lett my beast to Lydia Cory. Today I've been enabled to preach twice more with uncommon freedom and feeling sense of truth on John 6:66

(Walked no more with him) and Hosea 4:17 "E. is joined to idols [torn]. Since meeting had much talk with Jno. Weeden and wife; feel most worn out in body, but c. in mind. 23. Did various work at home; took some time to study the Scriptures on a certain point. 24. Did various work. H. Cook and Hope Willcox visited us; heard the latter profess faith with great pleasure. 26. Yesterday (my beast came home and Cory's team to cart wood) I visited and prayed with old Widow Taber, sick at Esqr. Davisse's. Dined with Ab. Brownell and returned to hard work. This afternoon only 12 brothers and about 6 sisters came to church meeting (tho' the whole was so strongly desired). After prayer I made a lengthy and mournful speech to them, desired them to consider my circumstances, the case of Alice Hambly, and left them to prepare for journeying.

7 Mo.-5. The 27th ultimo, journeyed with wife and child, and returned yesternight. Lodged first night at George Lawton's, the 5th at Dn. Tilley's, the other 5 at Unkle Green's. Attended 15 distinct religious meetings: one for washing of feet at Dn. Tilley's, 2 for Baptism of Miss Kelly, Jenney Hector and Sally Wyatt, 1 for the Lord's Supper, 2 church meetings, 2 conferences and 7 for public worship, at 4 of which I preached with great freedom (3 of First day) on Acts 16:17, John 12:27, 1 Cor. 15:11 and Acts 18:8, the last on 4th day of the week. Had Thomas Dunn from England and 3 or 4 other ministers to hear my last discourse. (Next day dined at Brother William Burroughs's with the said Dunn and Elder Thurston.) I also had the pleasure of hearing Elders Bliss, Sheldon and Patten; got acquainted with Elder Dodge of Block Island; visited Lady Osborn to the great comfort of self and friends. Yesterday afternoon Dn. Tilley took up my wife and child in one shaise, and cozen Caleb Green took me in another, and accompanied us to the ferry. My own beast was ready for us when we landed, and we came safely home in the evening. Today I rest at home as usual (find I've taken a great cold) desiring to be grateful, thankful.

7 Mo.-6. Notwithstanding I've been so hoarse today as to be hardly able to speak plain, yet I've had much freedom and comfort in preaching twice, on part of the last verse of the first chapter of Genesis and the last word of the first chapter of Matthew (Jesus). Yet I can truly say I did not premeditate or design to speak on these subjects until the hours of speaking came, when the chapters were read. Brother Brownell was our mouth in the first prayers both parts of the day, and after I had done preaching this afternoon, Hope Willcox made good profession of faith. 12. My great cold and cough (I think the greatest I ever had) has been gradually leaving me since last third day. 2nd day I hoed a little, but could hardly keep warm enough by any means; toward night visited and prayed with Christopher Earl, very sick. 3rd day, hoed a little more; went and dined at Philip Gray's where also I was so sick as to take bed for a time. Drank tea at Philip Cory's, bought medicine and returned; took a swett. 4th day felt much better so as to work about 3 hours at hoeing and 3 at raking hay; then sat off to see Earl again, but he had died before noon. Visited old Jno. Gifford, Z.M. 5th day forenoon, hoed smartly (as corn was suffering); afternoon preached in the open air to many at the funeral of C. Earl on Jeremiah 9:23, 24. Visited George Earl, sick, T. Cory. Yesterday worked very hard and steady at hoeing corn and potatoes, stacking about $\frac{1}{2}$ a load of grass; today have rested as usual. There has been much rain.

13. After preaching to a crowded assembly with much freedom on Acts 8:38 (And they went [torn] both into the water), baptized Hope Willcox. Returned to the meeting house where Brother Job Borden preached a good discourse on Mark 16:16. Then dined in haste (on bread, milk and water, for we have no meat!) and went near 3 miles to Brother Jno. Davenport's where I heard Brother Borden preach charmingly again on Psalm 50:22 and returned in the evening. 15. Yesterday after some work in garden, being sent for, visited George Earl sick; was enabled to speak plain and faithful to him, preach and pray fervently with tears! After which visited old Widow Taber at Esqr. DAVISSE'S, bought corn of Brightman and came [torn] found my dear wife sick in bed, and son Joseph in great pain of the cholick. Today we are all in better health, praised be the Lord. I've been to mill to get horse shod but could not mow, by reason of foggy weather, son being yet poorly. 17. Yesterday and today workt hard making hay to get ready for a journey.

22. The 18 instant, sat off on a journey (by way of the 4 Corners and returned same way today), dined at Bn. Borden's, had conference with Elders Hathaway and Baker on the road, and lodged at Elder Jno. Mason's. 19th (being Sabbath day) spent chiefly at Elder Russell M's, and toward night [torn] into Warren and put up at old Deacon Cole's. 20th, preached twice in the great meeting house on Gen. 1:1, Rev. 22:20; had a lovely conference in the evening at Deacon Carpenter's and tarried. 21, left Warren, dined at Elder Slead's, got to Brother Luther's about 2 o'clock. Had much conference with Brother Edes and Borden, Sister R. Gifford and Elder Luther Baker (who had been preaching at Tiverton in my place). Heard him preach in the school house at 6 o'clock on John 14:6; spake after him and lodged with him at Brother James Reed's, where I felt willing to wash his feet. Today in my way home visited many, dined at James Durfey's.

29. Having attended and preached at the funeral of Benjamin Shaw the 23rd instant and worked hard on barley the 24th, I sat out again on a journey to Newport the 25th (accompanied by Susa. Hazard). Expected to preach at David Lawton's by the way, but being d[torn] entrance into his house on such a business (tho' he had before consented) we were trying to find an orchard or grove of trees to hold our meeting in, when George Lawton came and requested us to hold it in his house! We held it there, and a precious meeting it was. I preached with marvellous freedom on Acts 2:40; Deacon Goddard prayed, Brother Caleb Green was also active. I proceeded into Newport with D. Tilley and Unkle Green and after seeing parents, Sister Rebeccah, Brother Jno. Benson, Elder Eddy, lodged with Unkle Green. The 26th, heard Elder Bliss preach, whom I reckon among my best friends, yet was greatly wounded by some of his expressions. Dined at D. Tilley's; much rain confined me some time, after which visited Peter Green, had much talk with Sister Jones.

27th, preached 3 times to the new Church as usual; had marvellous freedom of utterance on Rev. 22:20, Jeremiah 51:20-24 and Mark 9:7, "Hear him." Also administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. Dined at Brother Abraham Reed's (where my cup of spiritual blessings overflowed) and lodged at Unkle Green's. Yesterday (the 28th) did a variety of temporal business; dined at C. Green's, visited Elder Eddy and many more. Prayed with a sick child of William Giles's, spake at the union meeting in the evening, and tarried at T.G.'s. Today took early breakfast, visited James Taylor and Elder Bliss, dined at Jno. Davenport's, and came safe to

my family (with Sister Abigail) about mid-afternoon. Feel comfortable reflections, all glory to the Lord. 30. Had a hard day's work to the flesh (raking barley, hoeing) and much comfort in mind. 31. Spent forenoon in various work; afternoon held a solemn and comfortable church meeting at which, having occasion, I preached near $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour on the particular privilege of laying on of hands, and administered it to our young sister Hope Willcox. The church appointed me, Deacon S. Taber and Brother C. Hart as messengers to attend a conference or council of several churches on the subject, at a time and place yet to be agreed on, whether yet to hold or drop it as a barr.

8 Mo.-2. Having worked very hard yesterday (Abigail and Hannah went to P. Potter's) rested this Sabbath day at home as usual; visited Widow Hart. 3. The rain last night, and appearance of more today (with unbelief) prevented many from coming to meeting. (There was fewer of the church than common, even for such a time and notwithstanding we had agreed at last church meeting to attend the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.) These things brought great heaviness on my mind, yet I preached twice with usual freedom to the few hearers on John 6:53 and Mat. 4:17. Toward night visited old C. White with wife, sister and P. Potter. 4. Being in distress for bread, went to the Point and got a bushel corn of A.B. on account of Brother Philip Taber. 5. Carried corn to 4 Corners to grind; dined at G. Willcox's; visited several and returned without meal. 7. Having worked very hard yesterday (carrying barley on poles over 2 stone walls) and being obliged for want of other provision to eat monhaden fish 3 times in the day, was taken very sick in the night; vomited hard 6 or 7 times. Since which, a purging has set in and I've felt very weak thro' this day, yet things round me being suffering for want of labour (which can't be had for love or money) I've done a little toward toping a stack. 9. Having worked hard again yesterday (for my weak condition) threshing barley, I rested this Sabbath day as usual, only some worry by reason of horse breaking pasture. N.B. Present circumstances look dismal on temporal accounts, having been obliged to spend fifty dollars since last winter sett in for bread and other needful things for my family, which I would rather have paid for land with, and run in debt near 30, besides what I yet owe for land which is 300! Am now out of money, and know not where or how to get present necessaries or next bread! Have near 1400 hills of potatoes not once hoed, part of corn hoed but once, wall and fence to make, barley to thresh and stack, bushes to whip, and wood to pick up from day to day. Self and son Joseph but little strength to labour, yet after all, I think I believe, the Lord can and will in some way provide.

10. By reason of the funeral of S. Sanford's wife, appearance of rain, but few came to meeting, fewer of the church than before (only 8 brethren and 4 sisters) so the Supper was not attended! I went in heaviness, but soon found relief and felt uncommon blessedness while freely and faithfully preaching forenoon on Gen. 5, which was read; afternoon read Mat. 5th and 6th and part of 7 chapters. Then preached the Gospel with great comfort and freedom (particularly to the black people); then preached about Christ's manner of preaching, against reading notes (or books) instead of preaching. Toward night, with wife, visited Philip Taber, shoe maker, and spake a special word to him and N. Hart. 8 Mo.-11. Was a rainy morning and toward night a heavy shower. I had much to do; wrote a peculiar letter to the church at Newport, whipt bushes. 12. After much difficulty, got N. Hart and his horse,

Lorin Manchester and his father's horse to help me, my son, and horse thresh barley; began near noon (afternoon 3 more youngsters came) and finished about sunsett. 13. Began to winnow and riddle barley myself, but could not get much out for want of wind; wife and sister went to A. Manchester's. 14. Went with wife to Brother S. Edes's, where I left her and went to visit the sick, try to get some meat, and being destitute dined at M. Borden's (and got meat). Visited Widow Tripp and heard her daughter-in-law speak like a new born soul; also visited Thomas Lamonyon, sick. D. Dwelly and Jno. Stafford. Returned to Edes's and from thence home. 15. While getting ready to winnow barley, turned and strained my right ankle and its cords in a dreadful manner, so that I fell immediately to the ground, and lay some time in extreme pain. After which I rose and laboured a little, but was obliged to quit and lay by in great pain the residue of the day; wife and sister were on a visit to the widow Manley's. Thus it pleases God to visit me with a rod from week to week, and O! that it may be to his glory and my profit. 16. Appointment having been made some days, I went with wife (tho' hardly able) dined at [Eh. or Ek.] Taber's and preached with great freedom at the house of Philip Cornell in answer of the request of Benjamin Brown, sick. Made use of Acts 16:32; had 3 distinct spells of speaking; people seemed affected.

17. After preaching one discourse (to few people again) with usual freedom in the meeting house on Acts 3:22 (H. shall ye h. in all t.) Dined in haste and went over Volluntine's ferry to the house Pardon Taber lives in on Rhode Island (accompanied by Davis Simmons and Sister Abigail) where I met a great number of precious souls, and was enabled to preach to them in the open air with amazing freedom and power on Gen. 19:14 (Up! Get ye out). After speaking to a few particular friends from Newport, went immediately to the shore (without tarrying to eat), crosst the ferry in a thick fog, but clear sunshine on the mind! Landed before dark, visited Peleg Grinnell, sick at his father An. Grinnell's (where I had left my wife as I went) and tarried all night after much talk, exhortation, reading and prayer in the evening. 18. After visiting Thomas Brown, dining at Jno. Woodman's and visiting George and Davis Simmons, came home in peace, desiring patiently to bear my usual bodily troubles--present pain of ankle, poverty of family--but find myself very needy of the all sufficient grace of God! 19. Found much business calling attention, but my ankle so swelled could do but little, and having received a letter from Peter Ph. Roots (a travelling minister I never saw) informing me of his intent to come and preach to us today I left all. Rode some miles round to bid the meeting, which began at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and he preached agreeably on Mat. 5:3, after which, had an agreeable conference with him and Minister Briggs, who left me just now to have an evening meeting in Brigg's house. 20. Found some savour and relish of spiritual things on my too barren mind, but in respect of temporal could say the words of Paul, "I am perplexed, but not in despair." Went to work on barley; after dinner ministers Roots and Briggs gave me a short visit. My cows being lost, went as far as the 4 Corners after them, to mill. 21. Ankle much swelled and painful, yet was obliged to do much work in lower meadow; brought up the remainder of my barley to the house (making 28 bushells). People were learning war at the 4 Corners, but [torn] a happy evening in conference and prayer with a new born soul (a black woman) at my house. 22. Was confined by lame ankle and destitute of many things needful for food and medicine, but never had a sweeter time of prayer (in secret and family) and

other exercises of mind under such circumstances. Found myself strongly desirous of learning that lesson the Apostle spake of, Philippians 4:11. Towards noon, feeling easier, went and dined at Thomas Cory's (saw Brother William, Arnold Bliss and wife) and received a little supply for my family. Afternoon went to 4 Corners to try to get bread, but nearly in vain.

24. Yesterday rested as usual; afternoon, with wife, had a special time of prayer at Widow Amy Hart's, and a time of great trial with son Joseph toward night. Today many people came to meeting, and I preached twice with great freedom on Gen. 6, last verse (Thus did Noah), Mat. 8, last (Brought h. to dep[torn]). Deacon Palmer (without my desire) called for a contribution for me, which amounted to 4/4! After meeting had much talk with Brother Jeremiah Davenport about departing from this place. O!

25. With wife visited Robert Earl and dined. Went to the Point to buy corn; visited Jno. Earl and returned. 26. Ankle much easier; did various work, dined at Esqr. Davis's and prayed with his sick mother-in-[torn]. 27. Did much work, cutting stalks, picking up apples. 28. Forenoon Jeremiah Davenport and Prudence Potter visited us; but besides much business of more importance, I had to ride to several places to get ashes. Was obliged to lament that I could neither [torn] visit my brethren often, nor set with them when they visit me! (Brother Jeremiah brought us meat and fish, and Brother Joseph Brownell 1 bushel corn.) However afternoon I attended church meeting (9 brethren, 6 sisters) and after much talk on the case of Smyton Hart, I desired a letter of dismissal and commendation from the church! And while speaking upon it a black woman came in and made profession of faith in Christ and was received to fellowship. We sang; she withdrew by desire. We resumed the subject, and I found I had a few (at least) faithful brethren (tho' mistaken) particularly Joseph Brownell, D. Round and C. Hart, who spake so as would have hurt me much had not the grace of God (and my knowledge of human nature) prevented. After meeting had much talk with Brother Jeremiah Davenport who tarried all night. (Had a sweet time of evening prayer.) 29. A rainy morning gave us much time for conference, reading and prayer, but after it cleared I did much work in garden, among turnips, helping family picking up apples to grind. 30. Journeyed northward with wife; dined at Brother Edes's. Visited Brother Shrieve; went and prayed with Sister Sibbil Sawdy, sick at Bn. Borden's, and returned to Shrieve's to lodge. Wrote to Sister D. Blackmer. 31. Forenoon, preached with marvellous freedom to a great assembly at Shrieve's on Isaiah 5:4 (What could have been done more to my vineyard?); afternoon at Widow Lydia Durfey's on Acts 20:25, 26, 27. After meeting, visited Israel Church and returned to Durfey's to lodge.

9 Mo.-1. Visited Widow Barker, James Durfey, Philip Taber, George Westgate (where we dined), Jno. Davenport and sick Sister Taber (wife of Stephen) in our way home. Was much thunder and rain to the northward. 3. Yesterday spent at home. Today dined at Jonathan Taber's and with him visited and prayed with Benjamin Brown, Eseck Taber. Both days has been very hot and much thunder at a distance; I've been very hoarse with a cold. 5. Yesterday and today my great cold has been increasing, but yet I rode today near 7 miles northward. Heard David Sands preach charmingly on Mal. 4:2; he prayed and then preached again, after which we dined and had much talk at the house of Widow Barker. After having beast shod by Philip Taber, visited several in my way home. See 10 Mo. 17.

7. Yesterday rested as usual, but coughed and raised much, and was so hoarse could hardly speak; nevertheless wife having a special desire of visiting Thomas Cory's wife afternoon, I went with her and returned. Talked with Alice Hambly in the evening; took a swett or rather tryed, but could swett but little. Today we have had a plentiful and steady rain which prevented many from coming to meeting and me from baptizing a black woman; however I've had a happy time of prayer with and preaching to 10 persons on Isaiah 55:10, 11. Cough easier. 9. Yesterday (began to dig potatoes) Walter Taber and wife visited us. After dinner we went with her and Lydia Taber to Stokes Potter's. Today went about 5 miles and preached at the funeral of Martha Lake (widow of Giles) aged 30; I spake long, considering my hoarseness, on Jeremiah 6:8 (Be thou instructed, O Jeru.) Brother Edes spake before me, and old Elder Round and Brother Job Borden after me; 'twas a solemn time. I visited George Westgate, Joseph Taber in my way home. 11. Yesterday and today spent chiefly at home (harvesting corn and potatoes); toward night went to 4 Corners, visited Ruth Taber and returned. 13. Yesterday worked hard at home. Today rested as usual, but had to lament my stupidity of mind. 14. Went to meeting feeble in body (being much weakened by my long and hard cough) and under a sense of great unfitness and unworthyness of acting in divine things. However, was enabled to preach I hope powerfully to a great assembly on words brought to my remembrance after prayer and singing (Rom. 6:16). After which repaired to the mill pond; spake, prayed and baptized Jenny Almy, layed on hands at the waterside, and dismisst the meeting. Had much talk with Brother Zuriel Fish and Jeremiah Davenport (who dined with me) and in the evening married Nathaniel Tripp and S. Davenport.

18. Having spent the 3 days past at home in much hard work (harvesting potatoes and corn) rode about 12 miles today. Preached with much freedom in the north meeting house to a great assembly on Acts 2:38, 39 and baptized John Mosier, a ladd aged about 14 years and 4 months, who cryed aloud as he came out of the water, "Glory to God!" and exhorted his fellow youth. We returned to the meeting house to lay on hands, when I experienced (once more) the "groanings which cannot be uttered!" After visiting Sister Abigail Sowle, went and lodged at Jno. Borden's. 19. Visited many; was called to the business of peace-making and lodged at Brother John Shrieve's. 20. A rainy morning prevented my geting home til afternoon, when I rested. 21. After preaching with usual assistance to many in the meeting house on Jeremiah 6:8, I rode 4 miles to the funeral of Bn. Brown (upward of 70) and preached to more people with most marvellous assistance on Eccles. 12:5 (Man goeth to his long home). 25. 2nd and 3rd days spent in hard work at home. Yesterday had talk with Minister Briggs; dined at Jno. Davenport's who gave me a grist; visited Stephen Taber who also gave me corn, advice. This forenoon stacked Amy Hart's stalks and did other work; this afternoon attended church meeting and, after much talk with Smyton Hart, renewed my request to the church (11 brethren and 7 sisters) for a letter of commendation, which the majority were willing to grant, but some thought 'twas not yet necessary. Brother Jeremiah Davenport spake and exhorted nicely.

1794-10 Mo.-2. 5th day of the week. Last 6th day, 26 of 9 Mo., journeyed to Newport (helped Jonathan Jeffers by the way) and lodged with my aged, honoured and beloved father. 7th day, conferred with many; heard Elder Bliss preach (being very hoarse myself). Evening was refreshed at a church meeting of the new church (Brother Amos concluded) and lodged with Br. Am. Reed.

First day, preached 3 discourses (as usual) on 1 Peter 3:13, Rom. 4:25, Prov. 9:5, 6; administered and partook of the Lord's Supper and of the gifts of several brethren. 2nd day forenoon, attended a church meeting at which these 2 [sic] questions were considered and answered: 1st. Do we need pastoral work constantly done among us? Unanimously answered yes. 2nd. Have we any among ourselves at present quallified for it? All but a very few answered no. 3rd. If Elder Burroughs sees fit to remove to this place, can we receive him as our particular pastor? Answered by all yes. In the evening, partook of my brethren's spiritual gifts at a union meeting; spake on Eccles. 12:5. Went home with Brother Heath; confereed til after midnight. 3rd day spent in various special visits, and lodged with Father (Mother being at Providence). Yesterday (with daughter Anna) returned home against a cold N.E. wind (having dined at Eleazer Reed's); spent near 2 hours in the boat, supped at Davenport's. Today cold clouds continues; I've had various business as usual to employ my hands; let house.

5. Having spent the 2 days past as usual, preached today with much freedom to a great assembly on Hosea 11:8, "How shall I give thee up?" In the introduction, reminded them of the discourse delivered this day fortnight on Jerem. 6:8, Be thou instructed.

6. Gathered winter apples, dug potatoes. 7th, carted a little wood, 2 load (16 bushels) apples. 9. Yesterday, after finishing diging and getting up potatoes from lower place, it began to rain, yet necessity obliged me to go to mill. Had an extraordinary time of prayer at Jno. Davenport's in the evening, where I tarried all night, and was confined today by rain til it held up, so as I visited Philip Cory, and returned home just now without meal.

12. Having spent the 2 days past as usual (in hard work and rest) preached a short discourse today and then had the pleasure of hearing one John Pray, a stranger, speak well on Gal. 6:8.

(Brother Edes spake after him and I concluded meeting.) We had much talk. 13. Was very busy with son and Joseph Taber, son of Stephen, cutting wood, making fence and finishing harvest; towards night went in a hurry to the 4 Corners to buy flower and molasses, and returned. 15. Preached with much freedom and power at the funeral of the wife of Stephen Crandall (she was daughter of Bn. Sawdey Jr.); visited Brother C. Hart, old Peleg Simmons and his son Peleg. 16. Went with wife to Acoaxet meeting house and heard David Sands preach again (see 9 Mo. 5); dined at William Hicks's. 17. Heard friend Sands again deliver an excellent discourse in Little Compton; visited Peleg Grinnell, sick, Jno. Davis. 18. With wife went again to Acoaxet meeting house in hopes of hearing friend Sands, but he not finding freedom to speak, after Stephen Buffington had spoken two short speeches, I seemed constrained to rise and preach a few minutes; after which Sands delivered a pleasant concluding speech. We visited old Widow Robah Taber.

19. Preached with usual freedom to a midling assembly on Gen. 8th chapter which was [worn]. 20. Went to the 4 Corners to dispose of veal; dined at Davenport's, visited Philip Cory, Jno. Manchester. 23. Spent the 2 days past chiefly in cutting and backing wood; today made hedge fence; son cut h[torn]. 24. A northeast storm coming on, and son being wounded, obliged me to work uncommon hard on wood. 25. Sat off with wife to attend a meeting at Bn. Sawdey's Jr., but rain drove us to S. Edes's where we tarried. 26. Was a very rainy day which prevented my going to the North meeting house; preached at Sawdey's and lodged again with Edes. 27. More abundance of rain yet holding up, we came home after

stopping to dine at Eber Crandal's. 29. Yesterday had 5 hands to cut wood (a considerable trial in talk with H. Wiles); today cut and backed wood myself. 30. Worked hard forenoon; afternoon attended church meeting. We put away Philis Sampson, admonished Unice Round, agreed on a time to attend the Lord's Supper. The church gave me a letter commendatory.

11 Mo.-1. Yesterday had much labour to do (making stack yard); today rested chiefly. A number came to cut and cart my winter's wood, but by reason of much rain got me but little. 2. After long silence and preaching with great freedom to a crowded assembly (many of Little Compton) on several texts, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper with much comfort. Visited Thomas Simmons's afflicted children, and heard Brother Jno. Briggs preach at Moses Simmons's in the evening. 9. After spending last 2nd and 3rd days as usual, sat out on 4th day for Providence; lodged at Nn. Bowen's. 5 day got to Providence and dined at Thomas Jones's; found son and sister well, but niece very sick; visited many and lodged at couzin William Peckham's. 6th day returned as far as Fall River and preached to many in the evening on 1 Tim. 6:6. Yesterday came home after visiting several, Mary Borden, and today have preached with usual freedom on Job. 12:15, "Behold, he withholdeth." Since meeting we visited Widow Amy Hart, in a peculiar case, and spent the evening at Deacon Samuel Taber's. 16. Rose at break of day and, accompanied by wife, rode eleven miles to the north meeting house where I was enabled to preach with marvelous freedom and power on Acts. 10:35, to baptize Nanny (Sunks) wife of Isaiah Mingo, who came out of the water crying, "Glory to God!" Returned to the meeting house, laid on hands and administered the Lord's Supper. Evening had the pleasure of hearing Brother Abner Lewis preach at the school house and lodged at Brother Luther's. 17th visited many; dined at Widow Borden's in our way home.

12 Mo.-20. So hurrying and various has been my business (and my memory so shattered) that I've hardly had convenient time to write this 5 weeks or can recollect particulars that have taken place, however, I'll try. I cannot remember the text I preached upon. Yes, Psalm 150:2, 23 of last month. (The 25th had my hog killed, wt. 331.) The 27th had a good church meeting, wherein letters of dismission were given to E. East and H. Brock. 28th, journeyed to Newport, accompanied by Brother Jeremiah Davenport, and returned the 2nd instant having preached 3 times and baptized John Buliod, and laid on hands. Heard one Price preach 3 times; was at 9 distinct meetings, and active in all but one. (Ever since my return, even until this day included, weather has been mild, pleasant.) The 6th of this month I preached at Robert Fishe's on Psalm 49:1, 2, 3 (My m. shall s. of w.) The 7th I think, yes I know, I preached in the meeting house on Psalm 1:1, 2, Blessed is the man. The 13th, preached at Stokes Potter's on these words, "The lyon hath roared"; the 14th in the meeting house on John 7:7, Sister East here. One blessed meeting I forgot! After preaching in the meeting house the 7th instant, I rode near 7 miles (with wife) and preached in the evening at Widow M. Borden's to a great assembly on no particular text; brethren Fish and Edes spake well after me. Next day dined at D. Dwelley's and spent evening at Abner Crandall's in our way home. 9th at evening heard Minister John Briggs preach well at Col. Baley's, and had freedom in prayer. This week have been distressed for wood; done much hard work, yet wrote several letters for the church. 3 days past has been foggy and rainy. This day I rest at home (only the present writing or study seems like hard work!); it rains.

21. Preached with much freedom; evening had a refreshing conference at Amy Hart's. Brother Gideon Taber (a young man) prayed; J. Davenport exhorted. 23. 7 men with 6 pair oxen and 2 carts drew me 10 load of wood. 25. Yesterday and this forenoon Philip Gray (Neck) drew me 8 load and moved stable. Afternoon attended church meeting; laboured with Brother Em. Macomber; made contribution to get Brother Lake a great coat; considered my affairs. 26. Sat off for Newport and lodged at J. Davenport's. 27th went over; heard E. Bliss preach afternoon, drank tea with Brother Amos Cubit, had a happy evening meeting.

28. Preached 3 times: on 1 Sam. 12:24, 1 Cor. 11:26 and Luke 2:10, 11. After the first meeting, baptized the wife of Jno. Irish and laid on hands; after the 2nd, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper; after the 3rd, brethren contributed to my necessity. 29. Visited many, and in the evening heard Brother James Sayre preach on 1 Cor. 1:13; I gave out the hymns and spake after him. Brother Caleb Green also spake. (Brother Sayre was formerly minister of the Church of England in Newport.) 30. Brother C. Green brought me to the ferry in a chaise (my beast being lost). I crossed the ferry, supped at Davenport's, and walked home. 31. This last day of the year (so called) I've been at Davenport's on their business. The weather lately has been cloudy and wet, but scarcely any freezing cold through the month! Through divine mercy [torn] family are better provided for with bread, meat, milk, wood and fodder than ever we have been at this time of year since we lived in the country! Let God have all the glory and instruments their due praise. Amen.

Time is swiftly flying; prophesies of Scriptures, and [worn]illing divine purposes accomplishing. My mind is much exercised about the spiritual or letteral coming of Christ to reign 1000 years, believing that the last trumpet has begun to sound, the first vial poured out.

1795-1 Mo.-2 Day. Yesterday in a cold wind and some snow, went to Benjamin Borden's (9 miles off) and married his only daughter Kathrine to Samuel Gardner the 4th of Swanzy. Tarried all night; in my way home today did business for the Davenport's, with Col. Cook. 4. Yesterday rested at home chiefly; wife poorly with ptisick; visited Susa. and Amy Hart, sang. Today, by reason of rain, only young Brother Gideon Taber from Galloway came to meeting, but had a comfortable meeting with him and my family; after I'd prayed, he also prayed lovely. 6. Yesterday, borrowed a horse and went to Col. Cook's again on business for the Davenport's. (When I returned at night, found my own lost beast had been sent from Newport.) Today have attended a meeting in the other meeting house, and after Brother Briggs had spoken and prayed, I also spake to the people and prayed; 'twas a solemn, loving, uniting and happifying time! We suppose some hundreds of churches in America have been this day assembled also to pray, particularly for the fulfillment of all the prophesies and promises of God to his church respecting the latter day glory now begun to dawn!

11. Preached with great freedom concerning the latter day glory, on Psalm 37:10, 11. Evening preached again to a crowded assembly at Gideon Willcox's on Micah 6:8, and tarried at J. Davenport's with wife. Spent next day in measuring and marking goods (in new store); visited Jno. Manchester's wife (in poor case) in our way home. 13. Wife better of her ptisick; myself poorly with great cold, yet visited and prayed with Bial Tripp; Robert Taylor visited me. 14th, dined at Bn. Sawdey's Sr.; visited C. Hart, Eber

Crandal; brought home about 40 wt. meat had been collected by Edes. 15. Was confined by rain and great cough; schooled my children. 16. Went to 4 Corners to tend store. I received W. India goods of Brown, Benson and Ives, \$108.

18. Rested yesterday at home; read and studied much. Today by reason of snow and cold, only about 12 came to meeting; I preached on these words, "Of the abundance of the h. mouth speaks." 20. Yesterday and today tended store diligently chief of the time, having much to do. 21. With Brother Jeremiah Davenport, journeyed to Newport over upper ferry (walked near 4 miles). 22. Bought, collected together and put up in barrells about 300 dollars worth of merchandize. Spent the evening in agreeable conference and prayer at my aged and honoured father's (evening before at Abraham Reed's where Brother James Sayre expounded); lodged both nights at Caleb Green's. 23. Had a trying time, yet got home with our merchandize. (I walked near 7 miles, being [torn] to put my beast before the other in the cart to draw.) Went to bed poorly with cold. 24. Found my cold and horseness so great that I could not journey to Bedford as was appointed, nevertheless being desired went and preached with much freedom at the funeral of Patience Almy (aged 22) at the house of Philip Gray, on 2 Sam. 12:23, "I shall go to him." But [illegible]. We stoped at Judge Cook's (wife with me) and spent chief of evening; came home poorly. 25. Preached with much freedom to many, considering the clouds and wind and my hoarsness, on Zechaniah 2:2, 3, "Before the decree bring forth"; "Seek ye the Lord."

2 Mo.-1. Having been very busy at the store, tending, writing and figuring all week past except yesterday, rested at home as usual; visited and prayed with [torn]. After preaching with much freedom in the meeting house today on Mal. 3:2, went and preached with more freedom in the evening at Philip Gray's (Neck) on Eccles. 7 [torn]; tarried all night. 2nd day tended store, dined at Philip Cory's. [Torn] was confined at home by rain. 4th day, tended store; 5th day went to get a well-sweep. 6. Had well-sweep put up by Eber Crandal; went and tended store. 7. Went with wife and preached at Brother S. Edes's on Prov. 3:13-18. Elder Round (aged [torn] this day) spoke lovely after me, also Brother Fish and Brother Edes. Sister S. Lamonyon sick there. 8. Preached again to many (being moderate weather) on Ezekiel 19, last verse; Brother Edes [torn] after me a lovely word. Since meeting have had much talk with some. 14. Having been very busy at the store chief of the week past except 4th day, preached at the funeral of Abial Tripp, went this Sabbath day with wife to [torn] widows Susa and Martha Hart, where I had a blessed time of preaching on 2 Cor. 4:11.

15. Preached again to many with blessed freedom on Psalm 105:1, 2, "Oh, give thanks." 19. (Tended store part of 3 days past.) This day as a citizen of United America attended a [worn] public thanksgiving to almighty God for the temporal favours bestowed on us as a nation. Had a blessed day. 27. 6th day of the week. This day sennight the 20th instant, sat off on a journey to Newport, both to serve a church there and transact temporal business. After waiting some time for the boat, and dining at Philip Gray's, went by the upper ferry and lodged at Parker Hall's. Next day (21th) went into Newport; saw Elder Bliss baptize a woman, visited parents; attended a meeting for renewal of covenant in the evening and lodged at Unkle T. Green's. 22nd, preached 3 times as usual with great freedom. Between 1st and 2nd meetings baptized Job

Lawton and my deceased brother Samuel's daughter Betsy, laid on hands, and between 2nd and 3rd meetings, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper in most joyful frame! At the evening meeting, Brother James Sayre, Brother William More and Brother Caleb Green also spake. I think 'twas a day of spiritual feasting, joy and gladness! I lodged with Brother C. Green. Next day, 23rd, was at several stores buying merchandize to sell again for the temporal support of myself and family. In the run of the day and evening, visited and prayed at Deacon Goddard's, Brother James Taylor's and my aged and honoured parents, with whom I tarried all night. Much snow, hail and rain fell in the night, and much rain the 24th confined me in town, yet I did much business and lodged at Unkle Green's. 25th was a pleasant morning and I sat out for home with near 100 dollars worth of merchandize on my beast, but before I got to the ferry was overtaken by a violent snow storm and almost smothered. I tarried at Cook's ferry all day and night, it storming by spells most all day and blowing an high gale at night! Yesterday (26th) was obliged to leave that ferry and come round by Howland's; got safe to the store about mid afternoon and at home in the evening, much affected with cold, and yet much more I trust with the divine goodness. Today the coldness of the air proves too severe for me to go down to the store, so I have hinted my journey as above, attended to family affairs.

3 Mo.-1. Yesterday weather began to moderate; I rested chiefly at home; afternoon visited 3 widows, Tripp and Harts. Today, after preaching with usual freedom to many in the meeting house on 1 Timo. 4:8, went near 4 miles and preached again at the funeral of a young child of Joseph Dennis's on Job 2:10 and Luke 23:28. 2. Spent the day at store and came home to lodge. 5. Day before yesterday, morning John Davenport took breakfast with us and rode my beast to the store; I sat off on foot to go down in a snow storm; visited Christopher White by the way. Weather soon cleared and by reason of Taylor Davenport's going to Newport, tarried at store 'til today near sunsett. Preached at Noah Hart's this evening with marvelous freedom, on Mat. 7:7. 6. Went early to the store and tended; dined at Philip Gray's Esqr.; visited William Gray, Jno. Manchester. 8. Yesterday, rested at home as usual; today preached on Psalm 81:10; Brother Jno. Lake spake well. 9. Tended store. 10th, visited and dined at William Wood's; visited Sister Lillis Weeden, sick. 12. Yesterday, tended store (dined at Philip Cory's) and tarried at Davenport's. Today went to Col. Cook's store, dined at Ben. Howland's, visited David Durfee, Philip Gray; returned to store and home.

15. 13th and 14th much hail, snow and rain fell; extream high wind and cold for the season. Yesterday I visited old Widow Burrington, sick. Today, preached on Luke 18:7, 8. Cold continues. 22. Last 2nd day forenoon, tended store. (Received a new out side coat.) Afternoon with wife sat out for Providence; lodged at Mary Borden's. 3rd day rose early and proceeded; dined at Elder Slade's and lodged at Elder Jno. Mason's. 4th day, accompanied by Elders Mason and Slade, rode about 8 miles (dismal travelling) to the house of Esqr. Winsor where, after a council had sat about 2 or near 3 hours, the solemn and joyful work of ordaining Brother Jno. P. Jones as an evangelist and 2 brethren as deacons took place. Elder Cole first prayed; Elder Slade preached on 2 Tim. 4:5. Then the presbytery, towit Elders Mason, Slade and myself, laid on hands on Brother Jones and I was mouth in prayer. Proceeded and laid hands on the deacons, and Elder Slade was mouth; after which we all gave them exhortation or charge and the right

hand of fellowship, and Elder B[torn]ker concluded by prayer, thanksgiving, singing. We then went home and lodged with Brother Jones. 5th day spent in business and visiting; preached in the evening at [torn]'s meeting house on Psalm 37:10, 11 and lodged at Brother Jones's. 6th day, proceeded homeward as far as Elder Slade's. Yesterday preached at Fall River on Philippians 3:14; lodged at [torn] Bn. Borden's.

Today called at Brother Shrieve's; came home by meeting time and preached on [torn] "And command [torn] watch"; evening married Chls. Pettis to Freeloove Simmons. 23. Spent the day chiefly in store; wrote to Brother Jones, visited Judge Cook's family, evening. 24. Having heard a shocking report (of Brother Edes) in my way home on 1st day morning, sat off early this morning to enquire. After my visit to Edes, went to the funeral of Prince Durfey (an aged black man who left a widow and 2 children) and preached to black and white with great freedom and to my own great refreshing! After which took Elder Round and the wives of David and Jno. [Round] and had a solemn sitting with Sarah Lamonyon at Peleg Manchester's; sent for Edes, but he did not come. On the whole think I may say this has been a day of very great distress and some uncommon comfort. Spent the evening with wife at Deacon S. Taber's, mourning, praying. 25. Spent at store, but found little heart for business, most sick with thoughts of Edes. 26. Visited William Sanford forenoon (and paid Abigail Hart 15/). Afternoon, held a solemn church meeting; put away from amongst us Samuel Edes and Sarah Lamonyon. Agreed to attend a quarterly meeting, with other churches in the land, for prayer. 28. Night before last I [sic] violent storm of hail, snow and rain began and has continued (with but little intermission) 'til this evening! Nevertheless I went yesterday to Abraham Manchester's and spake and prayed with much freedom to the few assembled to the funeral of the widow Burrington (mother of Abraham Brown, aged near 90) and today have had trouble in the flesh and mind yet. 29. Clear, but dreadful travelling. Went to meeting in heaviness, but was enabled to preach to about 17 persons with great freedom on 2 Tim. 2:19, "N. the foundation of g.s.s." 31. Spent yesterday at store; today have been trying to buy hay, but in vain.

4 Mo.-1. Was at store; Taylor D. went to Newport; I dined at Philip Gray's, disappointed. 3. Yesterday bought hay (of Isaac Manchester), tended store, and dined at Gideon Willcox's. Evening went and married Bn. Borden, son of Joseph, and tarried at Bn. Borden's, son of Samuel. Today after a violent forenoon storm, came to store, did much, and walked home. 5. Rested yesterday at home, and today was marvelously assisted in preaching on Jeremiah 9:1, "O, that my head were waters." Afterward with wife visited the young widow of Lemuel Church, whose husband and another man were killed with lightning on board Capt. Barney Hicks's ship on the 28th of 2nd Mo. 8. The day before yesterday, spent at store. Yesterday our church and the next nearest held the 2nd quarterly meeting for prayer in unity in our meeting house and 'twas a comfortable time. Today I preached at the funeral of a young child of Oliver Earl's. Visited Pru. Potter, Jno. Weeden. 11. The 2 days past spent at store (much business); today rested as usual, visited C. White. 12. Preached with much freedom on 1 Cor. 10:12, "Let him that t. he standeth."

15. The 2 days and 1 night past, spent at store, also chief part of 1st day. (T. D. went to Providence.) Dined at Philip Cory's with wife. 17. Yesterday and today spent at store. (Eat and kept horse at G. Willcox's.) T.D. returned [torn]. 19. Yesterday

with wife dined at Nathaniel Shaw's; made an affecting visit to Phebe Edes, Widow Borden. Today preached with much freedom on Rev. 11:14, "The second woe is past." 22. Spent the 2 days past at store. 21st. Dined at Philip Gray's, Neck; visited Christiana Cook, sick. Today have done much farming work; dined at William Sanford's. 23. Sat off for Newport, but strong N.E. wind prevented; visited and lodged with Minister Briggs. 28. Today, returned from Newport with a horse load of goods, first to store, then to my family, having gone over the 24th (the day Christiana Cook and one of her twins was buried). The 25th, preached in Elder Bliss's meeting house. 26th, preached twice to the 4th Baptist Church, and administered the Lord's Supper. Lodged 3 nights with father and 1 at A. Reed's. Yesterday, was hindered returning by much rain. Today visited Elders Thurston, Eddy; and since I came home, heard that Christopher Manchester's wife (who has been so long sick) was buried yesterday.

5 Mo.-3rd. Last 4th day, was very busy at store. 5th day forenoon did various work; afternoon had much talk with brethren at church meeting, restored E. Macomber. Was appointed with S. Taber and C. Hart to go to ordination. 6th, day worked hard on both places under my care with 3 men, Tucker, Lake and Solomon, whom I hired to labour with me. Yesterday rested as usual (some rain fell); today we have held 2 meetings. At the first a man who called himself Abraham Burrows (says he's but 18 years old, had a letter) spake confusedly. At the latter I preached with usual freedom on these words "The k. of God is not m. and drink, but righteousness and p." 4. Last evening, rode to Paul Cook's and married his son William to Patience Borden; tarried at Mary Borden's. Today, visited and carried a letter from S.E. to Phebe Edes, Bn. Sawdy. Had horse shod; dined at Philip Gray's; tended store, afternoon, and came home.

1795-5 Mo.-9th. The 3rd day of this week (being the 5th of the mo.) sat off with Taylor Davenport and J. Baker for Boston to buy goods; dined at Bn. Borden's, and lodged at old friend Nicholas Tillinghast's in Taunton (30 miles). Next day, sat out early without eating except on horse back; rode 21 miles and dined at William Bent's tavern. Then 15 more into Boston, did some business, and lodged with Brother John Pickens. 5th day, took breakfast with Elder Thomas Baldwin (where I saw Elder Backus), bought goods, visited Samuel Brown, dined with Elder Samuel Stillman. Finished business and rode homeward 15 miles as far as Bent's tavern by 9 o'clock evening. 6th day, towit yesterday, proceeded early again (without eating) 21 miles to Taunton. Did some business and dined at a tavern 3 miles forward. Rode 6 miles more and rested at Elder Hathaway's, then 13 more and lodged at Daniel Dwelley's. From whence I came 6 more this morning; found family well as usual and rested the residue of the day. 10. Had a great trial in the morning by Abraham Burrows's coming again; however was enabled to preach twice with much freedom on Luke 9:62 (Hand to plow) and John 6:40 (Everlasting life) 12. Spent yesterday (last night) and today at store in writing, tending customers. 13. Try'd hard to get a team, but in vain; dined at Thomas Cory's; let best piece of land to Job Manchester. 14. Lett some land to Philip Taber, shoe maker (for 18s); spent about half the day at store and returned. (T.D. at Newport.) 15. Spent the day at store, much business; T.D. rode my horse to Col. Cook's store.

17. Yesterday rested, and went with wife and dined at Eseck Taber's; spake and prayed at Mr. Tiltson's, Ic. Potter's. Today

preached (first) on John 10:1-11, "By the door into the sheepfold." This afternoon delivered an affecting and extraordinary discourse, beginning with these words "Now is my s. troubled" (without naming chapter or verse); mentioned my being troubled about many things respecting myself as well as mankind in general; considered the trouble and sufferings of Christ for us. 24. Last 2nd and 3rd days, did some business at home (tryed to get Philip Taber's team) and was down at store part of both days. 4th day forenoon, worked hard on wood. (Was desired to attend the funeral of Jonathan Taber, who died 19th and was buried 21st.) Afternoon, accompanied by wife and Deacon S. Taber, rode to Edward Borden's and lodged. 5th day, 9 o'clock counsel sat at Male [sic] Warren's; at 12 a large public meeting began in the meeting house. Elder C. Thompson prayed and preached on Acts 20:28. After which the presbytery laid hands on Brother Job Borden and Deacon James Boomer, setting them apart and ordaining them to equal pastoral work in the church in all things, except administring baptism and the Supper, which is generally to be done only by Brother Boomer, whose work is wholly pastoral. But Brother Job has liberty to itinerate and preach as an evangelist, in addition to his part of pastoral work. The ordaining prayer was offered thro' the mouth of Elder P. Hathaway. It fell to my lot to give them their respective charge, after which Elder Hathaway and Elder L. Baker gave the right hands of fellowship, and Elder Baker concluded the solemnity with prayer. We dined at Sister Abigail Sowle's. In the evening Elder Goff, Elder Lovell and Brother Caleb Green preached, and it fell to my lot to conclude by prayer. Supped at Brother Luther's and went to bed past midnight at Jno. Borden's.

6th day dined at Bn. Borden's; visited Philip Gray, J. Davenport in our way home. Yesterday, rested as usual. (Visited and dined with N. Hart under much concern of mind; was much rain.) And today have been favoured with uncommon freedom in preaching twice on John 18:32 forenoon, same chapter and last verse this afternoon, "Not this man but Barabbas." Glory be to God. 31. Last 2nd and 3rd days spent chiefly at store. 3rd day Taylor Davenport went to Newport; son Samuel came from P. We both spent the rest of the week chiefly at store posting books, except 5th day forenoon we planted about $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of corn, and plowed up little meadow. Afternoon attended church meeting. Dismissed Sister Rachel Borden; had a happy time and heard Elder Job Borden preach in the evening at Jno. Davenport's; tarried with him. 6th day was much rain. Yesterday some more; rested as usual, Sister M. Green with us. This morning was also rainy, so that but few came to meeting, but I've been favored with uncommon freedom in preaching on John 17:20, 21 Eccles, 9:5, and 8:11.

6 Mo.-7. Last 2nd day (with Taylor Davenport and Doctor Almy) journeyed to Taunton and lodged at a tavern! 3rd day, proceeded to Boston; did some business and lodged at Elder Baldwin's. 4th day, purchased a quantity of merchandize, dined at William Ladd's Jr. Crossed the Cambridge Bridge; heard Elder Stillman read a lecture to many people in the evening, after which went to his house, Widow Gair's, William Ladd's and lodged at Eben. Smith's. 5th day, finished business and rode near 24 miles homeward, tarrying at Tisdale's tavern. 6th day came to Taunton to breakfast; did some business, made several stops and got safely home at night. Found my family in usual health, and I trust a heart to thank and praise the Lord for his goodness. Yesterday rested as usual (Mary Green with us) and today after preaching with much freedom on Ephes. 3:20, 21 (Now unto him that is able to do), administered and partook of the Lord's Supper, Elder Round with us.

1795-6 Mo.-14. Last 2nd and 3rd days spent at store. (Sammy did work at home.) 4th day, being sent for, went with Dan Pettis, visited old William Macomber; spent evening in con. and prayer at Gideon Borden's, and tarried at Edward's. 5th day (rainy morning) preached at the funeral of Gideon Borden's wife (daughter of Rebecca Pettis). Dined at J. Slade's; came to mill, visited Widow Manley with wife and Mary Green. 6th day forenoon worked at home; afternoon went to store on business.

Yesterday, rested at home in great stupidity; but today have been enabled to preach with great freedom of utterance on John 20:21, "Peace be unto you" and Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes and to turn them from d. to b." 21. Last 2 and 3rd days, spent at store with son. (Jeremiah abroad with my beast but came home 3rd day my b[irthday] night.) Samuel brought beast to me. 4th day went down again with wife; did some business in store. (Left Samuel at home.) Dined at Philip Gray's, son of Pardon, with Elder Round and Polly Green. Afterward went to Jno. Almy's on special business for self and partners, and returned home. 5th day, spent chiefly in harrowing among my corn. 6th day, went again to store; sent Sammy to Bedford to see about goods. Yesterday visited the widow of Jonathan Taber and preached to the family; Phebe Edes visited us, also Noah Hart. Today after preaching forenoon on the word "consider" and afternoon on these words, "A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 17:17), Elihu Thomas and Sarah Dwelley came to my house and were married. It has rained considerable today. 22. Much rain confined me at home, but son Samuel went and tended store. 23. Sammy tarried at home to hoe, and I went to store; Taylor to Newport and Jeremiah to ferry. 24. Samuel went to store; I carried wife to Ic. Potter's and dined. Then visited a sick black man named Bristol Hull, who told me an affecting story of what he had experienced in times past, the good effect of my preaching upon him, his late exercises, so that on the whole I concluded he was an healed backslider; shed tears of joy, gave thanks, prayed, sang. Left Sister P. Potter very poorly.

While gone today remembered that I had not thought of my birthday (16th instant) for some days before it, nor since, til today, so little I observe days. 25. Spent forenoon at hoeing; afternoon only Deacon Taber, J. Lake, D. Round and D. Simmons came to church meeting! We spent some time in con. Self and D. Taber prayed; felt distress. 26. Sat off on a journey to Providence; visited several and lodged at Elder Russel Mason's. 27th, proceeded to Providence; visited my beloved sick Sister Rebekah Jones; Brother Jones went to church meeting at Rehoboth. I spent the day chiefly with Sister, waiting on my dear mother and M. Green who arrived from Newport, and lodged with Brother Jones. Next day, 28th, accompanied him to Rehoboth, and made the first prayer in the new meeting house. He preached on Luke 10:5, and baptized 2 women. I preached afternoon to a great assembly on Acts 5:2 and in the evening at Brother Bucklin's on Acts 18:8. Next morning (29) returned into [torn]; did much business. Had an affecting time of parting with Sister Jones near night, and lodged with Elder John Mason in Swansy. (30th) visited many, dined at Elder Slade's; came to store, and from thence home after sunsett. Praised be the Lord forever.

7 Mo.-1. Fourth day of the week, spent about half the day at store (without charge); sons were making hay. 2. Think I hoed some and went afternoon to the store (without charge); returned at night. 4. Yesterday worked hard at hoeing, stacking hay; today rested as usual. 5. After preaching with much freedom forenoon on Luke 21:38 (Came [torn]), administered and partook of the

Lord's Supper. Preached again afternoon on Isaiah 25:6, "A Fe[torn]". 6. Towards night, yesterday and all this day felt very weak and poorly (had a relax), yet I went down to store this afternoon, but was obliged to lay down at Davenport's. 7. Forenoon, did much work (tho' weak); afternoon attended the quarterly meeting in Brother Briggs' meeting house, and had a refreshing time of hearing, speaking, praying. I spake of the kingdom of God, Brother Briggs spake of Jesus rejoicing in s. 8. Spent forenoon at home in much hard work (had mowers); afternoon at store (without charge). 9. After some work, dined at Zeb Grinnell's; he gave me a grist. Visited George Simmons and came home. 10. Went to mill, and spent about half the day at store. 11, rested; with wife visited Res. Sanford.

12. Preached forenoon to few (on account of rain) on the Last Judgment, afternoon to many on John 18:23. 13. Opened store early and tended all day alone (Taylor at Providence and J. with his sick aunt); sold about £10 10s. 14. Self and son Samuel both tended store; Taylor returned afternoon. I went to see Sister Sanford; she died. 15. Self and son both tended again, Taylor being poorly. 16. Preached at the funeral, forenoon, and afternoon tended store (Sammy poorly). 17th, went to store, from thence down to Sanford's; saw his sons [torn] him away; had a tedious day and returned home. 18. Rested chiefly at home, but hearing T.D. was [torn] went near night to 4 Corners; wrote a letter to elders Boomer and B., and returned with son Sam.

1795-7 Mo.-19th. Preached with great freedom twice on Mat. 24:46, "Blessed is that st. whom his ld.," 1 John 2:18, "Little children, it is the last time." After meeting Sister Prudence Potter came to see us, in a weak and feeble state (with her husband); I felt much wore out myself, feeble. 21. Spent yesterday and this forenoon at store, T.D. being yet poorly, and Jeremiah came not 'til near noon today. Yesterday morning many things called for attention and 'twas a trying time. I got horse shod and Sammy and Anna went to Newport. Phebe poorly (family destitute of meal, b., c., s. etc.); I borrowed Gideon Willcox's beast and brought some supplies. After Jeremiah came today, I hired Daniel Brown's beast; got a little wool of Deborah Woodman and Aaron Grinnell. Visited John Willbur, sick; came back to store and walked home, altho' in the run of the day I had had many hard pains in back, arm, of rheumatism. 22. Felt almost sick (Phebe better); wife feeble and P. Potter very poorly, under firey darts. But I was instrumental of some relief to Sister Potter; wrote to Samuel Edes, did some hard work cutting and topping 2 stacks. Afternoon we had a refreshing shower (none near 3 weeks before). 24. Yesterday and this forenoon spent at store (very feeble); afternoon journeyed to Newport by the upper ferry. Made a payment to Caleb Green (of £15) and lodged with him; Sammy came late at night. Next day, 25th, visited friends; heard Elder Bliss preach charmingly, went to prayer. Tarried to see the church partake of the Lord's Supper; had a sweet time of talk with Elder Eddy at T. Green's and lodged at Caleb's (after a lovely church meeting wherein they renewed covenant).

26. After preaching to the new church 3 times on Job 19:28, 1 Pet. 3:10, 11 and 1 John 2:28, laying hands on the wife of Capt. Gates, I think, administering and partaking of the Lord's Supper with much assistance and comfort, was called into Brother William's to read a letter from Brother Jones announcing the decease of my dearly beloved Sister Rebecca on the 25th about 6 o'clock

P.M.; went and lodged with my afflicted father. 27. Had some trial about getting to Providence to the funeral this afternoon, but finding it impracticable, called a family meeting. Late afternoon about 14 of us sat down with our aged, honoured and afflicted father (Mother being at Providence); several passages of scripture were read (as 7th and 14th of Job, 39th Psalm and part of John 14th). Observations and exhortations were delivered by several; myself and Brother G. Burroughs prayed. Our meeting was solemn and comfortable; concluded near sunsett and I lodged again with Father. 28. Did much busines and got ready to leave town about noon, but daughter Anna was too poorly to come with me, so I gave it up. Dined at C. Green's; had a sweet visit at my black, preaching Brother Amos Cubit's, Uncle Green's, Deacon Tilley's and lodged again with dear old Father. 29. Took breakfast with Deacon Tilley; sat out with daughter and got to our store about 2 o'clock. But as news had just come of the death of young Philip Cory at sea, I visited his bereaved widow at Esqr. Philip Gray's (as I came along), his parents, and reached home after sunsett. Had a solemn meeting with my family, Deacon Taber and wife being also present, all glory to the Lord. 30. Near noon it began to rain, and much fell, so that only C.H., S.T., G.K., Z.F. and Sister White attended church meeting with me. (Brother Fish desired dismissal.) After much loving talk, joined in prayer.

8 Mo.-1. Yesterday (tho poorly) and there was some rain, spent at store posting books. Today (not much better) rested at home; toward night visited and prayed with Christopher White. 2. After preaching twice in the meeting house (on 1 Thess. 4:13, 14 and 1 John [torn]9) partaking of the Lord's Supper between meetings, went by special request to Esqr. Gray's, accompanied by wife, Jeremiah Davenport and Sister Phebe Cannon (who came to see us yesterday) and preached to the 2 mourning families and many others with much freedom on Mat. 26:42, "O, my F., if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done." (Brother Briggs also attended, but spake nothing to the people.) Sister Cannon went to Davenport's and we tarried at G.'s all night. 3. After breakfast, went to store and did some business; dined with Philip Cory's family. A violent storm of rain began just after dinner (and continued with little intermission [torn] day night). I was much wet getting to store; at night returned and lodged at Cory's. 4. Tended store part of forenoon and afternoon; rode twice to Judge Cook's to carry wife and P. Cannon to dine; towards night carried wife home and sent son Samuel for Sister Cannon. 5. Exceeding hot; sent son Samuel to carry Sister Cannon half way to Bedford on my beast. Walked down to store before breakfast; Jeremy being at Little Compton, was very busy and returned at night on beast. 7. Yesterday (T. Davenport went to Providence) I rode down to store and sent beast back by Joseph. After a busy day, tarried all night; spent the day in posting books (exceeding hot), and came home evening. Sons Samuel and Joseph sat out today for Providence, but returned, the boat being gone.

9. Yesterday rested as usual; visited Christopher White twice and prayed with him (weather exceeding hot yet). Today, preached twice with much freedom on 2 Sam. 22:47 (The Lord liveth), Mat. 3:3 (The voice of one), after which went with wife to visit Deacon Sm. Taber, poorly; Brother C. Hart was also there 'til near sunsett.

1795-8 Mo.-11th. Spent yesterday and today at store marking new goods, posting books (eat but 2 meals at [torn]), kept horse at

Stephen Taber's. Dined today at young Philip Gray's; was home both nights. 12. Was much rain, which prevented my attending the funeral of Christopher White and confined me 'til near night, when I went and visited his widow. 13. Rain continued, yet I visited the family at Thomas White's; prayed, read the will, and dined there. Visited old Cion Seabury (who buried his wife yesterday), then spent some time at the store on the books, and lodged at Davenport's. 14. Was very busy the whole day posting books and came home at night.

16. Yesterday visited Prudence Potter (with wife) in shocking case, Jno. Weeden. Today preached twice to great assemblies on Eccles. 12:5, "Man goeth to his l. home" [sic], and Habakkuk 3:5, 6, "Before him went the pestilence." After meeting, the church stoped to consider the request of Brother Z. Fish and wife, and there was no o. to the g. of it. In the evening I had one more severe trial with son J.; was obliged to correct. 18. Yesterday about sunrise, went down to store on foot, and returned this evening, having spent both days in a clost application to the books of accounts. Finished posting (eat 6 m. at Davenport's). 20. Yesterday spent at home in various things. Today rode about 5 miles and preached with marvelous freedom to blacks and whites at the funeral of Bristol Hull. Dined at Thomas Tripp's, visited old Widow Taber, and came home in a shower of rain; visited Widow White, went down to N. Hart's for wife (Hannah abroad on my beast).

23. The day before yesterday (21st) went on foot to the store; did much business and rode home. Yesterday, went with wife to see Jno. Willbur, sick, and as we returned near Pardon Snell's, the beast fell and we both fell off. I received no dammage, but my dear wife was much bruised, so that 'twas very difficult to get her home. Today after preaching twice with usual freedom on Habakkuk 3:2, "O Lord, I have heard thy s. and was afraid," and Acts 8:37, "I believe that J.C.," went to the house of George Simmons and preached again with uncommon freedom on Acts 5, last verse, "And dy. in the te. and in every house"; Mase Shepard prayed. I came home evening and found my dear wife in much pain. 24. Went early to store (T.D. went to Newport); did much business and returned at night. 25. Went early again to store and returned at night with Patty Burroughs; sons sat out as early for Providence by water, but returned (in grief). 27. Yesterday morning early, sons sat off again for Providence (very hot day). Sally Smith came to our house. I went to store, did much, and tarried; T.D. came home. Spent this forenoon at store very busy; afternoon attended church meeting (with about 10 brethren and 8 sisters). After prayer, I made a lengthy speech, concerning the state of the church, my own late exercises, desiring the pulpit may be taken down and a long seat made in its room, that the house may look more agreeable to (republican) Gospel principles, occasioned by late meditations on Isa. 47:1, 52:2 and Mat. 23:13[?]. We dismissed Brother Peter Borden; there was much talk about Edes, settling what has been subscribed for me. 28. Was very busy at home forenoon (backing wood; felt much discouraged); afternoon went to store and returned. 29. Sat out early with my niece to go to a meeting on Rhode Island at Brother Jno. Irish's, where I preached with much freedom on these words, "If the son make you free"; after which attended a church meeting in Newport and lodged at Unkle Green's. 30. Preached 3 times with usual freedom to the new church and administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. (First discourse was on John 1:23, "I am the voice of one.") Went and lodged with Brother Hea[torn]. 31. Did much business in

Newport; paid about /90; purchased about 20 more. Had a very powerful conference meeting at my honoured father's in the evening, and lodged at Deacon Goddard's.

9 Mo.-1. Came out of Newport after breakfast; arrived at store with goods and dined, and came home at night. 2. Was much rain; wife yet poorly by her fall; spent time at home in trying circumstances. 4. Yesterday went down to store in distress for wood; got Gideon Willcox to come and draw me one load. Spent about half the day in business at store and returned; son Joseph came home in the evening unexpected. Today he and Jacob B. went to work on my suffering flax; I went early to store; spent the day in tending and posting books, and returned.

6. Yesterday was much hindered from usual rest and perplexed about many things at home, Zeb. Manchester. Today, after prayer, preached some time about the low state of the church, the necessity of maintaining gospel liberty. Then sang "Great is the Lord his works of might." Then preached again chiefly to youth on 1 Cor. 14:21, reminding them of what was said by a black man (Amos) this day week ago on Zech. 2:4. After which (carried my lame wife to Jno. Davenport's) rode near 8 miles and preached with great freedom to a great assembly at the house of William Osborn on 1 Sam. 22:2 (And everyone that was in debt) and returned to Davenport's to lodge. 7th was a rainy day; spent it posting books (left wife) and came home. 8. Returned early to store; did a great day's work on books, and tarried (with wife) all night. 9. Was over run with business (being general muster day); sold near £30 worth of goods and came home. 11. Spent yesterday at store on books; today after much work on flax, fence at home (Joseph being sick), went afternoon to store and returned.

13. 1st day of the week. Yesterday had a strong desire to rest at home as usual, and did rest forenoon, but having flax likely to perish and not being able to get a hand to work for love or money, I assisted my son (afternoon) in beating off the seed. Today have been enabled to preach twice with extraordinary freedom and power on a clause in James 2:23, "And he was called the friend of God," and a clause in Gen. 41:45, "And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah" (a revealer of secrets, or saviour). I now think I have abundant cause to be humble, and thank the Lord for the sense I've had of truth today. 15. Yesterday, went early to the store, and as T.D. was gone to Providence, tarried til tonight. 17. Yesterday, went early to store and returned at night; today did so again. Hurt foot; T.D. came home. 19. Yesterday workt some at home; afternoon went with wife to Judge Cook's; today rested.

20. Preached twice more to a full assembly on faith and good works (no particular text.) 21. After much hard work picking up apples, carting them to mill, went with Sally Smith to store; left her and returned home. 22. Rose early, and after breakfast sat off in the raw cold wind; and in about 2 hours rode as far as the north meeting house (10 miles) and preached with much freedom to a multitude of people met at the funeral of Amy Mosier (3rd wife of Weston, was a Bennett, aged about 43). Dined at Jno. Borden's; then with Elder Job Borden, visited and prayed with Job and Abigail Sowle (whose oldest child lay dead in the house, and the youngest was buried yesterday). From thence returned home. 24. Yesterday, spent chiefly at store, but was much unwell, having taken a great cold; at night tryed to swett. This day forenoon, was very busy with Moses Easton's team, getting wood, cider carted,

afternoon met about 6 brethren and 6 sisters; held church meeting, had an extraordinary time of prayer. Dismissed Mary Springer (was a Round) and Anna Borden; put away Ruth Cook for drunkenness! Wrote a letter to Mary Springer. 25. Did much hard work at home and some at store. 26. Went with wife as far as Brother Arnold Bliss's and dined. Afternoon, visited Elder William Nellson, and preached with marvelous freedom at Bliss's in the evening on Jonah 2:8, 9; lodged at Ed. Davis's.

27. Rode into Bedford; was kindly received and entertained by Philip Cannon. Preached twice with great freedom to many people in a large new meeting house on Luke 10:5 (Peace be to this h.) and Rev. 22:9, "Worship God." Dined at Ayres'es, visited Widow Parker, Brother Kempton, and lodged at Cannon's. 28th forenoon, was detained by rain; afternoon sat out and was by kind providence brought safely home (thro' upper road) a little after sunsett. Visited and prayed with P. Taber, sick. 30. Yesterday, went early to store carrying my niece (Sally Smith); tarried all night and came home to night. T.D. at Providence.

10 Mo.-2. Yesterday went early to store; tarried all night. (T.D. came home after midnight.) Today was very busy marking new goods. Jeremiah D. went to Newport with my niece on my beast; I came home late. 4. Yesterday, rested at home as usual and visited Phebe Taber, sick. Today meeting began at 11 o'clock. I found much assistance in prayer (yet no freedom to sing) and after long silence told the people 'twas easy to me to comply with the advice of the Apostle James 1:19. And after preaching some time in low frame on 1 Kings 18:21 (If the Lord be G. follow him), I felt astonishing assistance and freedom through the residue of the discourse, and while I administered and partook of the Lord's Supper, and since have found it easy to sing and talk of Jesus. Jeremiah Davenport and his mother dined with us; rode home on my beast. 6. Yesterday, went down to store, but was soon called to council on business of Perry White. Heard one Hillyard make a lengthy sophistical speech; dined at James Durfee's where rain confined me 2 hours. Had beast shod before at Philip Taber's, and lodged at Davenport's. Spent this morning posting books; came home to dinner bringing Sarah Davenport with me. This afternoon, attended the 4th quarterly meeting for prayer in our meeting house; many of both societies came together. I spake near half an hour and read the whole of Isaiah 60 before prayer; spake again and read Isaiah 24:17 to end. Gave out my desire that one of the brethren would conclude by prayer, but they declining I prayed again. Then sang my late composed hymn, "The night's far spent." After meeting went to Deacon S. Taber's and read 2 affecting letters relative to the death of his brother Thompson Taber; exhorted and returned to my friends, several of whom tarried (singing) til near night. And on the whole I think I may say I've had an uncommon happy day, altho' we had not the company of Brother Briggs the minister, which I greatly desired (he being gone a journey). 7. Went down to the store (late); did some posting of the books; (dined at Philip Cory's) and returned. 9. Yesterday went again to store; tarried all night. Kept beast at Stephen Taber's, posted books up to this day and returned. Found son husking; spent evening with wife at Widow White's.

11. Yesterday rested some at home; was obliged to stack husks and take what care I could of corn, yet left it near all out and today has been a violent rain and N.E. wind so that not one came to meeting. I called my family together and had some comfort reading and

speaking. Prudence Potter came yesterday to see us, poorly. This day I was to attend a meeting at William Osborn's; old Widow Brown was buried from Col. Gray's. 13. Spent yesterday at home in much labour; today wife went with me to store and returned. 16. The 14, spent in much work at home, gathering apples. Yesterday rode to the store in the rain, tarried all night; did much business and came home to night on P. Cory's beast, T.D. having rode mine to Newport today.

18. Yesterday, seemed obliged once more (by reason of rain) to work some stacking husks. Today preached to a great assembly on John 18, "To this end was I born." Nabby Hawkins, her sister Wate Card and Brother Jeremiah Davenport dined with us. 19. Noah Hart brought up my corn from lower place; I worked hard forenoon making stack yard and rail fence, afternoon went to store and returned. 21. Yesterday forenoon worked hard again; a few came to cut wood, but rain prevented. I rode down to store and dined, posted books, stayed all night and came home tonight. This day Thurston brought down to store an hundred weight of cider of mine. 23. Yesterday, spent the day chiefly at store and returned. Today much rain prevents my journey to Newport. 24. Journeyed to Newport over the new bridge (first time); dined at Caleb Green's. Met Elder George Robinson, Elder John P. Jones and Brother Perkins, all preachers; heard Brother Jones preach in Elder Bliss's meeting house, Brother Perkins and self also active. All active again at a sweet church meeting in ye evening.

25. Brother Perkins preached forenoon to the new church; myself afternoon on Mat. 28:20. Laid hands on a young woman (I think Nancy James), administered and partook of the Lord's Supper, and preached again in the evening. 26. Taylor D. met me, and we did some business. 27th forenoon, did more business, parted with Brother Jones (wrote to son), dined at Unkle Green's. Heard my horse was lost, therefore went on foot great part of the way to Littlerest (with Deacon Sm. Taber). Put up at Widow Potter's tavern, but lodged at the private house of one Helme. 28th, attended the general assembly of the state (having business with the governor and council) all day. And in the evening preached to a considerable number of them, and the inhabitants of the place, with much freedom concerning the kingdom of Christ, on Isaiah 33:22, "The L. is our j., the L. is our l, k." 29. Attended court again forenoon; afternoon visited Doctor Wate, Sister Utter's daughter King. 30. After dinner our case came on, and being soon adjourned 4 of us proceeded to Newport. Did some business; after sunsett found my lost horse in the open street and lodged at T. Green's. 31. Left Newport early and got home to dinner about 2 o'clock P.M. Found Mary Burroughs, daughter of Brother William, with my family, all well; rested the residue of the day.

11 Mo.-1. Preached with astonishing freedom and assistance to a great many (both societies) on Isaiah 24:17 to end. After which had much talk with Brother Abraham Reed and his wife, and in the evening married Benjamin Taber (son of Moses) to Eliphah Willcox (daughter of Jno.). 4. The day before yesterday, spent chiefly at store and returned. Yesterday went again and came back tonight, having spent the time chiefly posting books; feel numb headed. 6. Yesterday after working hard forenoon, and attending a church meeting specially called afternoon (at which only the 2 deacons, C. Hart, J. Lake and D. Simmons and 5 sisters attended and which I left abruptly after some talk, delivering up the church records and saying 'twas best to adjourn), wrote a letter to Phil. [torn]

and the above from Oct. 28. Went down to the store, tarried all night and returned to night! 7. Rested at home forenoon, then went to Thomas Cory's with wife and dined; then visited Sister Earl, wife of Jno. (whose brother Caleb's wife died the 1st day of last month), also visited Ruth Macomber and returned.

8. Met a crowded assembly of both societies, and just as I was going to pray, Brother Briggs, the Congregational minister (who has been absent near 3 weeks on a journey) came in and sat with me. After prayer and showing freedom that he should preach and he declined, I proceeded and enjoyed marvelous assistance in preaching on Mat. 12:50, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father." Brother Brownell dined with me, after which we went and heard Brother Briggs preach on John 3:15. I then went with wife to Jno. Davenport's, where some of both societies met and we had a precious conference in the evening. Thus a special providence, as it were, hath brought the 2 societies to worship in unity 3 times in 1 day, the like whereof and the harmony that appeared perhaps has not been seen in America until this day. 10. Yesterday, was confined to my books at the store by rain; today also posted books, dined at P. Cory's, and came home with wife. 13. The 11th, went to store (visited Philip Gray sick) and returned home on foot. Yesterday, after much work at home (while 4 carts were bringing me wood) went to store on foot and tarried, and came home on foot to-night.

15. Yesterday, rested and read much; towards night went to mill, visited old Jno. Willcox; wife very poorly at night. Today have preached with usual freedom to many people (being fine weather) on Mark 5:34, "Go in peace" and mean to go by and by to a conference at Daniel Brown's. (Went and tarried at Abraham Brown's.) 22. Having spent 2nd, 3rd, 4 and 5th days chiefly at store as usual, on 6th day went (with wife) and preached at the funeral of the wife of Daniel Dwelley and returned. Yesterday rested at home; today being the first snow storm, but few came to meeting. I preached Jesus with great freedom and comfort.

29th. First day evening. Having spent the week past as usual, chiefly at store except 5th day afternoon, attended church meeting (with comfort tho' but about 10 brethren present) at Deacon Samuel Taber's. Rested yesterday at home. (After sunsett neighbour Peirce brought my lost pig.) Forgot to mention that on 3rd day Mase Shepherd and myself both preached at the funeral of a young married woman Ollivera Davis, wife of Philip, son of Jonathan. (My hog was killed.) Today have been enabled to preach with much freedom on Amos 3:3, "Can 2 walk together except." Appearance of rain, cholic, prevented my going to Jno. Shrieve's, but we had a comfortable con. meeting at my house at which Deacon Taber, Jeremiah Davenport and Jonathan Lake were active.

12 Mo.-6. First day of the week. Last 2 day, went early to store on foot (with Jeremiah D.) and returned on foot 3rd day night. 4th day morning, went down again early on foot and returned at night, with daughter Hannah on beast. 5th day about sunrise, got to the store again on foot and returned on foot (and very lame in right heel) 6th day night. Yesterday went down to Little Compton to visit the widow Molly Hart sick; in returning my beast fell and I went over his head! When he rose, I lay on the ground with my right foot hitched in the off sturrup, but hanging over the right side of the saddle in which position he drew me a little way without hurting me and then stoped. With much difficulty I got up on

my left foot, disengaged my right foot, and rode (about 3 miles) home in the evening. Today I've had some sense of divine goodness and preached on Lament. 3:22. Towards night, went with wife to attend the conference at Philip Cory's (many people). By request I preached on Heb. 3:19, "They could not enter in." After which Brother Briggs talked much, Deacon Palmer, and we tarried all night. 7th. Was fine weather. I went to Newport, did much business; spent evening with dear and aged parents and lodged at Uncle Green's. 8th, was confined with much rain; did some business, visited some; had cholic and rheumatic pains, and lodged at Unkle Green's. 9. Finished business, came back to store and clear home in the evening. T. Davenport also got home from Boston to which he went the 1st instant. 10. Rode about 7 miles and married Restcom Sanford, son of Ephraim, to Basheba Pettis; then 7 more and married George Westgate, son of Jno., to Rhoda Borden; tarried at Bn. Borden's. 11. Rose early and was at store a little after sunrise; did a great day's work and came home late at night. (T.D. went to Providence today.)

13. Yesterday rested chiefly at home; last night and this morning was much rain, so that but few came to meeting. I had blessed freedom in prayer, singing and preaching about Jesus (tho' on no particular text). Toward night, rode down to Gideon Willcox's and preached to many in the evening on Job. 6:25 (How f. are r.w.), Brother Briggs not present. I tarried at Davenport's (left my beast at Willcox's til 15th). 15. Yesterday and today was very busy at store (much snow yesterday) and came home tonight. 16. Spent this day at home in various business. 18. Yesterday morning, went to store on foot, and came home tonight on my beast, sent to me late.

20. Yesterday spent chiefly at home; Temperance Manley dined with us; very cold. Today it has snowed much; I preached to about 15 on Rom. 2:6, 7, 8, 9, prayed and sang with much freedom, but by reason of snow did not attend the conference at Peleg Cook's, evening. 23. The 21st sat out early; took breakfast at P. Cook's, put up beast at Stephen Taber's and dined with him. Afternoon went to posting books (and part of forenoon) and continued at it 'til midnight! Spent yesterday and today chiefly posting books (T.D. went to Newport and returned) and came home evening. 24th. Cloudy and some rain. Did some hard work at home; dined, went to store and tarried all night. 25. Went from store to Newport; dined at Jno. Irishe's, and lodged with Elder Nellson at Deacon Tilley's. 26. Much rain. Elder Bliss being poorly, Elder Nelson and myself attended his meeting all day and were both active; in the evening attended church meeting as usual and lodged at Unkle Green's.

27. Had rheumatism in my back, yet preached 3 times as usual, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. Evening meeting was very powerful. I spake on Rev. 1:7; Father and Brother More spake after me; lodged at T. Green's. 28. Was very busy buying goods; had a precious con. meeting at Father's in the evening, colick at C. Green's. 29. Finished business and returned to store with an horse load of goods, leaving a cart load behind. Went, 30, directly to work on the books that night and today, and came to my family to night. 31. Last day of the year (so called) was cloudy weather and some rain; without observing days, I was favoured with considerable sense of divine goodness to me and my family the year past. We being now in better circumstances than common for this season by means of my clost application to business which has not

hurt my own soul as I can find, but I fear it has been a damage to the church! This afternoon met and mourned with about 6 brethren; Jeremiah Davenport carries all night with us. Sm. Tr., Dd. Rd., J. Lake, G. King, Ephraim Sanford, Smyton H. suspended.

1796-1 Mo.-1. This morning went early to store (with Jeremiah Davenport and daughter Hannah); posted books, tended and returned evening. 3. Yesterday (was fine clear and warm day) rested at home. Today has been much rain, wind at S.W. I preached with much freedom to 5 hearers on Rev. 1:17, 18, expected to attend the Lord's Supper but [sic]. 5. Yesterday went down to store. Sat up late at night writing, and tarried 'til this afternoon when I came up to the quarterly meeting for prayer, in which both Brother Briggs and myself found great freedom in speaking. 'Twas a charming time. Worked hard at home in the evening. 6. Was confined at home by rain; at night so hard a wind came on as to blow in one of our chamber windows and break 14 squares. 8. Yesterday went down again to store and came home this evening. T.D. went to Newport today.

10. Yesterday rested at home; had much talk with Brother Brightman who dined with us. Evening visited and prayed with neighbour Peirce's wife, sick, and hopes she has found peace. Today preached with astonishing freedom to a great assembly on Rev. 22:11, "He that is unjust let him be u. still." Thought to attend evening meeting at Brother Job Taber's but was prevented. 17. Last 2nd day, went early to store (spent time diligently as usual chiefly on books); returned 3rd day night. 4th day spent chiefly at home mending window, then went to store and returned; spent evening on store bs. Fell over my beast's head near P. Cook's, without damage. 5th day, went early to store, and tarried til 6th day, after 9 o'clock, when I came home and went immediately to the funeral of Mary Hart (widow of Nicholas) who died 4th day evening at David Stoddard's. After speaking with much freedom, and seeing the body decently burried in the Common, dined at Robert Miller's, visited George Simmons, supped at Sm. Simmons's and came home. Beast seemed sick. Yesterday was much rain; I rested as usual at home. This morning was fine travelling; I was enabled to preach to many with great solemnity on Jeremiah 28:16, "This yr. thou s. die." Before meeting was ended it began to snow fast; much fell by night; P. Potter with us.

24. Last 2nd day went to store, and returned home 3rd day evening; Prudence P. had gone before night. 4th day was a great snow storm; I wrote for T. and Jeremiah Davenport (made candles) and did much hard work. 5th day, went again to store; heard one Mr. Hill preach 6th day afternoon, at Philip Cory's, and came home at night. Yesterday was a great thaw, I rested at home, visited Noah Hart. (Evening Jeremiah D. and daughter Hannah came.) And today 'tho very fine clear and warm weather, yet by reason of much melted snow, but about 50 came to meeting. I was enabled to preach with usual freedom on Rom. 8:24, "For we are s. by hope." Went to con. meeting at Philip Gray's (blacksmith); heard Brother Briggs preach "It is finished," and stayed all night on account of my wind cholic. Had an agreeable evening and morning with the family. 26. Yesterday and today spent at store, and came home at night. 27. Went with wife to visit Widow Amy Hart, and saw her son Stephen die. Came back to hard work. 28. Went down to store on necessary business, forgetting 'twas church meeting day! About ten assembled without me and had much labour with Smyton Hart. In the evening I heard Elder Silass Burrows preach charmingly at Gideon

Willcox's, and tarried with him at J.D.'s. 29. Came home and preached with much freedom at the funeral of Stephen Hart, aged 20. 30. Went (in the extream cold) to Fall River, and with Brother King tarried at Jno. Borden's. 31. Was exceeding cold. I preached in the meeting house forenoon on Rom. last words; afternoon to a larger assembly in the school house on these words, "Sirs, why do ye [worn]." After meeting, had the cholick and tarried at Brother Jno. Luther's.

2 Mo.-1. Visited several; had a family meeting at old Jno. Bowen's. Evening preached at Brother Shrieve's. 2. Visited and dined at Gideon Grinnell's, and came home in pain, yet went to cutting wood. 3. Snowed most all day; pain abated so that I visited Hannah Hart, sick; sent son to store, cut wood. 5. Yesterday, went poorly to store; dined at Philip Cory's, posted books and tarried (Jeremiah D. came to [worn]) til this evening, when I came home on foot and in pain of cholick.

7. Yesterday rested at home, but had much pain by spells, also much disquietude of mind by reason of Philip Davis coming to my house on disagreeable business; visited Phebe Taber, sick. Today was enabled to preach with usual freedom on Rev. 22:16, after which a trying affair in our family called attention, and prevented my going to conference. 8. Was very busy at home forenoon; afternoon went to store and returned; had a solemn time of talk and prayer with P.D. 9. Went again to store and returned at night, wife very poorly. 10th, visited Philip Davis, dined at Thomas Cory's, visited William [torn], suped at Philip Taber's. It began to snow, but turned to rain and, 11th, confined me at home. 12. Went early to store and returned late in evening.

14. Yesterday visited and prayed with Phebe Taber, sick, and rested at home. And today have been enabled to preach with astonishing freedom (considering what a fatieguing trying week I've had) on Gen. 18:32 (I will not destroy it for ten's sake). Evening [blot] held an agreeable con. meeting at our house, praise be the Lord. 16. Yesterday, went down to store and returned to night, weather very cold. 19. Went 17th to store (I think) and returned this evening.

21. Yesterday rested at home and at Deacon Taber's; had much talk with Jno. Weeden and his wife. Today preached with usual freedom on Heb. 12:4, "Ye have not yet r. unto blood," after which attended the marriage of Joseph Baley's daughter Rhoda to Ellery Gray. From thence went to the con. meeting at Ephraim Davenport's, and by request preached with great freedom on 2 Cor. 8:9, "Tho' he was rich yet"; went and lodged at Philip Cory's. 23. Yesterday it snowed much; after morning visit at Cory's borrowed a grist, came to store, wrote and tarried. Tended chiefly today and came home this evening. 25. Yesterday had much to do at home, but (as T.D. went to Newport) went afternoon to store and tarried til this afternoon. Came to church meeting, present about 10 brethren and a few sisters; appointed a messenger to our suspended Brother Smyton Hart and Sister Wait. I left the meeting before it ended, to confer with Abraham Brown and wife, his son's wife and Doctor W's wife who came to visit us. 26. Went early to store; did much business and returned in the evening. 28. Yesterday, rested at home chiefly; 'twas wet weather. Today fine clear air; not many came to meeting (some thinking I was gone). I preached with great freedom on these words, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Held an agreeable evening conference with Brother Briggs and others at

the house of Joseph Sisson; walked down on foot and back. 29th. Went down (not early) to store; tarried all night and came back next night, 1st of 3rd Month.

3 Mo.-2. 4th day of the week, tarried at home cuting wood for my health, being in some pain of cholic. 4. Yesterday, went down again near noon in the rain; spent evening trying to settle with ourselves. Tarried all night at J.D.'s. (Philip Cory kept beast.) Today after breakfast, left store; went and preached with much freedom at the funeral of a young child of George Simmons's (son of Thomas). Returned to store after dinner; did about 3 hours work on books and returned home evening.

6. Yesterday, by request, went with wife to visit Zacheus Dyre, poorly; after dinner had a sweet family meeting with them, and returned after visiting Widow Temperance Manly by the way. Today felt extra assistance while preaching on these words (in Gen. 24:33) "I will not eat until I have told my errand." Sang alone after I came out of the pulpit. At the evening meeting (at Nathaniel Peirce's) J. Briggs first gave out an hymn, M. Shepard prayed, one [blank] Tompkins read and preached a good discourse concerning Noah's Ark. After which M. Shepard, J. Briggs and myself each made a speech or two, and I closed with prayer and came home alone. 8. Yesterday, went to store (sent beast back with a grist by Joseph) and tonight walked back. 9. Not being very well, tarried at home at hard work on wood, for my health. 10. Went to store; did much business. Fed beast at Philip Cory's; went to Jno. Almy's and returned home. 11. Walked down on foot; tended store alone chief of the day, and returned on foot in ye evening.

13. Yesterday, rested as usual; wife poorly, yet we went to N. Hart's on a short visit. Today (exceeding fine weather) many came to meeting and I was enabled to preach with astonishing freedom on Dan. 4:37, "And those that walk in pride he is able to abase." At evening meeting at Richard Pierce's, preached again with much freedom concerning desiring the sinceer milk. 14. Went to store and returned at night. 15. Went to the Point to buy corn for store and returned. 17. Yesterday, went down to store in the rain on foot (visited Lydia Taber sick). Afternoon it snowed and was an exceeding cold night; also today was exceeding cold. I came home at night. 18. Went early to Bn. Cory's to bring home sick daughter Mary, then down to store and returned.

20. Yesterday went with wife to Judge Cook's and dined; afternoon preached at the funeral of Lydia Taber, sister of Jacob, aged about 68, and returned for night. Today have preached with no great freedom, or feeling sense of things, and am about going to Moses Simmons's to an evening meeting. It proved a very good meeting; Brother Briggs spake mostly. 25. 6th day of the week. Spent last 2nd and 3rd days at store as usual; half 4th day on store business abroad. The other half preached with much freedom at the funeral of old Widow Cory (mother of William and Thomas, aged about 80) 7 miles northward; Brother Borden spake after me. Went yesterday to store again, and came home this evening.

30. Last 7th day, 26th of the month, journeyed to Newport; had a joyful meeting with the new church in the evening, and tarried at Unkle Green's. 27th, preached forenoon on Mark 16:16. Baptized (in presence of 3 other ministers and about 700 people) 3 persons towit: Marcy Pullin wife of William (aged about 30); Eliza Gates, daughter of Asa, about 18; and a molatto girl (about 15) named

Hannah Jack. Returned to the meeting house, prayed and laid hands on the baptized. Preached and administered the Lord's Supper to a large and precious number of communicants; visited and prayed with Cozen and Brother Peter Green, sick; and preached again in the evening to a crowded assembly with astonishing freedom and power, but from no particular text. Lodged at Dn. Goddard's. 28. Was attentive to dutys civil and religious; visited Widow Northam and Brother William; dined at Brother Tilley's. Enjoyed a precious meeting at my father's in the evening, where about a dozen exhorted, and tarried at Unkle Green's. 29th. After a very busy morning, sat off with a load of merchandize; walked great part of the way round by Howland's ferry to the store and tarried at Jno. Davenport's all night. Today, 30th, tended store, and came home at night; 'tis 4th day of the week. 31. Spent forenoon at home at hard work, afternoon at church meeting; Smyton Hart was restored, Mary Wate's case near closed. We had much free and loving talk, concluded to attend the supper.

4 Mo.-1. 6th day of the week, went early to store on foot, and came back at night on my sent beast. 3. Yesterday, rested at home reading the prophecy of Richard Brothers, conferring with Jno. and Lillis Weeden (visited old Widow Hart and let her have 2/3); 'twas a happy day, as also today. I've preached with great freedom on 1 John 2:15, "If any m. love the world," after which administered and partook of the Lord's Supper. Brother D. Simmons and wife visited us, tarry. 10. Last 2nd day T.D. went to Providence; I went as far as John Earl's with intent to attend the funeral of Abner Brownell's child, but returned, went to store and tarried all night at Davenport's. 3rd day afternoon, came home to the quarterly meeting for prayer which was sweet and precious! 4th day, went to store and returned. 5th day morning, worked hard making wall on lower place; went to store and tended alone til nigh 6th day. Yesterday, rested chiefly at home; wrote a poem in remembrance of Cozen and Brother Green, who died the 29th ultimo, the same day I left Newport; visited and had a trying time of talk with Noah Hart. Today, have preached with uncommon freedom and power on these words, "Thus Essau despised his birth-right." Then attended the union conference at Thomas Taber's, and came home about sunsett, and spent the evening in melancholy reflections on the state of the world, my own family. My dear companion (by reason of bodily disorders and the conduct of one daughter) had no sleep all night, she said. 17. Went each day, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, to store and returned at night (T.D. being at Providence all the week). 5th day, went down again and came back 6th day night. Yesterday rested at home; wrote to Polly Green. Today (very warm) have been enabled to preach once more to many with marvellous freedom (some peculiar observations on errors, the signs of the times, etc.) on Deut. 5:29, "O, that there were such an heart in them." 24. Spent all 2nd and 3rd days at store, 3/4 of 4th day, all 5th day and 3/4 of 6th day. Yesterday preached at Eseck Taber's with great freedom on the whole 148th Psalm, and after preaching with great power today on Isaiah 57:19 (Peace, peace to him that is far off), went to Peleg Manchester's and married his daughter Cinthia to Isaac Lake. Then came to conference meeting at Nat. Crandall's.

5 Mo.-1. Last 2nd day forenoon, visited and prayed with Widow Shrieve; took wife at Thomas Cory's, came home. Went down to store and returned next night. 4th day noon went down again, and 5th day noon walked up to attend church meeting. Sat with Deacon Taber only near 1 hour waiting for more, after which brethren

Lake, Simmons and Hart came with 3 sisters (Sanford, Sawdy and my wife); we prayed. 6th day went to store again and returned at night. Yesterday visited and prayed with Moses Simmons's wi[worn], sick; and today preached with uncommon freedom on the last verse sung (towit 118 Psalm, 4th part). Read 148 Psalm as in the Bible, endeavouring to show the reasonableness of our continually praising Christ! The union conference was held at our house towards night; Brother Jeremiah Davenport and Brother Tompkins prayed. Ed. Willcox and Anna Macomber married today.

8. Last 2nd day, went as usual to store (T.D. went to Newport) and returned, having spent 3/4 of the day. 3rd day, spent about half the time in store business; preached with marvelous freedom at the funeral of Joseph Irish's oldest child (2½ years) on Mat. 18:14 and 19:14 and Eccles. 7:14. 4th day, went early to store and returned (having done much business recording and marking new goods). 5th day (T.D. moved) I went early to store on foot and returned on foot 6th day noon. Afternoon, preached at the funeral of Robert Fish (aged about 65) who had been a hard working man and fell down dead in the open field (on 4th day). Yesterdy myself and beast seemed both to fail going, tho' desired, to the funeral of the other and only child of Joseph Irish, both of which died this week with what is called canker rash. Widow Temperance Manly dined with us; after which I visited and prayed with the sick wife of Isaac Gifford (who was Giles Pearce's daughter). Towards night Amy Borden and her sister Rhoda Westgate came and tarried all night. This morning much rain fell, and it's continuing to rain moderately all day has prevented a public meeting; but we have had a comfortable conference and time of prayer and singing at home, and towards night at Deacon Taber's. We had intended 2 meetings today but held neither.

15. Last 2nd day, went as usual to store and returned. 3rd day, journeyed to Newport (Jeremiah D. sat out with me, but rain turned him back); I stoped to do business with Restcom Sanford and tarried at Brother Jno. Irish'es. Next day (4th day) I did much business in Newport, altho' it rained; paid away near 400 dollars and collected goods to amount of near 200. Spent evening at Father's and lodged at Unkle Green's. 5th day, sent a cart load of merchandize to the ferry by Job Cook, and came to store myself with my horse load, tho' hindered 2 or 3 times by heavy showers. Came home to my family. 6th day, went early to store (after breakfast); did much business tending writing and returned. Yesterday rested at home reading a pleasing narrative of the united efforts of 2 or 3 hundred ministers and thousands of brethren of different denominations in England, to spread the gospel. May I not hope it will prove a mean at least of lengthening out the tranquility of that great people, now almost apparantly ripe for and devoted to destruction! O! Today having proposed to attend 2 meetings, but so few assembled at the time appointed to begin the first, that after waiting til near 11 o'clock and after prayer, I only read 10th chapter of Luke and the above mentioned "Account of the London Missionary Society," prayed again and dismisst the meeting. Began again at 1 o'clock when many of Brother Briggs's congregation attended with ours, to whom (after prayer and singing) I preached with great freedom on Luke 10:29, "And who is my neighbour?"

22. Last 2nd day, went pretty early to store and returned by 9 o'clock evening (with 15½ [torn] borrowed veal). 3rd day, spent in hard work with son, plowing, planting near the house, making south wall of meadow. Was assisted by George Sanford, his son and

team, C. Hart and son, Sm. Taber and 2 hands I hired, besides a pair oxen of Samuel Simmons and his boy afternoon. I went to bed early and weary; son Samuel came at night. 4th day, after early breakfast, went to store on foot, and as there was much rain that afternoon and next, I returned not til 5th day night. (Daughters Anna and Hannah got home forenoon.) 6th day went early to store on foot. Yesterday rested at home (read much). Today, have preached twice to a midling assembly on 1 John 2:27 (And ye need not that any man teach you) and Isaiah 3:10, "Say ye to the r." 24. Yesterday, went early to store on foot, tarried all night, and came home on horse back with a load late this evening (without supper) and in pain of the cholic, having had more than common to do by reason of Jeremiah's confinement. (Son Joseph accompanied son Samuel as far as the bridge today on his way to Providence.) 26. Yesterday wife went with me to store and helped me tend, Jeremiah being yet poorly, and Taylor went to Newport, bought several articles and returned. We tarried at Davenport's, and after a very tight forenoon's work today, came home to church meeting, which was very comfortable on account of Sister Wate's being restored, a free talk on many points, texts. Sister Hannah Cook tarries with us by reason of rain. 27. Went down to store prepared to go to Newport, but was prevented by rain and returned. 28. After it cleared, sat off for Newport; was in hopes of geting to Elder Bliss's meeting, but was prevented. Left beast at Brother Jno. Irish's; was at church meeting in the evening.

29. Preached twice to the new church; administered and partook of the Lord's Supper and lodged at A. Reed's. 30. Did some business, but was confined by rain afternoon and evening at Unkle Green's. 31. Still showery, yet I finished business; left town and tarried at Brother Irish's.

6 Mo.-1. Arrived at store about noon; was very busy til night, when I came home. 3. Yesterday went down to store and returned tonight. 5. Yesterday with wife visited Widow Almy in distress, William Wood, Jno. Weeden, and today preached twice with great freedom on many passages, Ab. Brownell present. 6 Mo.-12. Spent last 2rd, 3rd and 4th days (and I think one of the nights) at store in much business (kept beast at Pardon Davenport's), 5th day at home in various work. Jno. Weeden killed my calf; I tryed to hire a team to plant more potatoes, but could not. 6th day went early to store; was very busy and returned as usual at night. Yesterday rain prevented my visiting the wife of Nathaniel Shaw who lies with broken leg, and I rested as usual at home. And today very few came to meeting by reason of rain, but I had great freedom in preaching forenoon in the meeting house on Luke 24:34, 39, 40, and afternoon in my dwelling house on 27th verse of the same chapter. After which, leaving Jno. Weeden and Jeremiah D. at my house, I went and visited and prayed with the family of Nathaniel Shaw. Was called to another house, but disappointed and returned home.

13. Sat out for Newport, but much wet confined me all day to the store; returned at night. 14. John Briggs the Con[gregational] minister accompanied me to Newport; we only stoped at George Lawton's by the way and got to Deacon Tilley's by dinner time, where I left my horse. Dined at Caleb Green's, did business for the store, attended church meeting in the evening, and lodged at Unkle Green's. 15. Was a tedious day. We appeared before the governor and council of our state as witnesses concerning the will of Christopher White deceased, which (after hearing the pleas) they

all approved. Mr. Isaac Hillyard and Lawyer Lyman reproached me much because I wrote the will and refused to swear, but Governer Bradford wiped it all away, and gave me so much praise as made a ballance in my favour! However there were many excellent observations in the pleas of my opponents; Mr. Hillyard, in particular I think, played the man far better than his lawyer! After all this scene which ended near night (I thought of that text, Acts 4:23, "And being let go") went to Deacon Goddard's from thence to meeting, and was enabled to preach to several hundred people (as I suppose) with great composure and solemnity on 2 Cor. 5:20, "We pray you be ye reconciled unto God." Lodged again at Unkle Green's. 16. After doing much business, sat off at 10 o'clock with Brother Minister Briggs for home; stoped to visit, exhort and pray with Mrs. Burdick, who has been confined about 2 months with a wound received by falling out of a shaise. Had much agreeable conversation and many reflections by the way, as this was my birthday; came to store near sunsett and home after. 17. Went down early to store on foot, leaving beast for my daughters to go to Friends meeting upon. They came back by way of the store; I rode home with Anna, Hannah tarried at T.D.'s. 19. Yesterday rested at home, only towards night visited Philip Taber, s[hoe]maker. Today have been enabled to preach twice more with great freedom to boath societies (Minister Briggs being gone) on 1 Cor. 1:21 and Psalm 107:8, "O! that m. would p. the Lord." Received a packett of refreshing letters from Brother Covil, a minister I never saw who lives in Galloway [New York] or [New] Providence, Massachusetts.

26. Last 2nd day, went early to store and returned at night. 3rd day went again and returned 4th day night, having visited and prayed with Nathaniel Crandall by the way, Brother C. Hart with me. 5th day went early to store and returned at night, tho' T.D. went same day to Providence. 6th day the same; had a very busy day. Yesterday rested as usual, wrote to Brother Jones and Brother Lemuel Covil. Elder Silas Burrows visited and prayed with [torn]. Today have found much freedom and assistance in preaching twice more, chiefly on Luke 12:56 (How is it that ye do not discern this time?) and Heb. 11:27. After meeting went with wife to visit the afflicted wife of Nathaniel Shaw, and married David Sanford (son of Philip) to Martha Simmons (daughter of Thomas); returned at evening.

7 Mo.-3. Concerning the week past, I was at the store 5 days and 1 night (making out 4 days work; took 10 meals at J.D.'s). On 5th day afternoon, held church meeting, and had much labour with Brother I.B. respecting a sheep claimed by Thomas Cory. (Jeremiah D. came late, but tarried long.) I was much assisted in prayer and exhortation. When I came home from store 6th day evening, I found a number of young people at my house (Patience and Priscilla Baley) with whom I had much freedom to pray. Yesterday forenoon copied my letter to Elder Covil and sent it forward by Gideon Taber; afternoon with wife visited and prayed with Nathaniel Crandall, sick. Today, after preaching with great freedom on the suffering and glory of Christ, administered and partook of the Lord's Supper with about 7 brethren and 15 sisters.

10. Last 2nd day (Day of Independence) went with wife and son Peleg to visit Deacon Palmer; spent near 3/4 day on store business and returned home. 3rd day forenoon, did varyous work at home, mowing. (T.D. went to Providence.) Afternoon attended the quarterly meeting in the other meeting house, which was once more solemn and sweet and evidently attended with a blessing. Brother

Briggs spake excellently on the signs of the times; I also spake freely and prayed. After meeting went directly to store (sent beast back by Anna), tarried and did business til late at night. 4th day forenoon, did much business; afternoon went on borrowed beast and preached at the funeral of the widow of Benjamin Shaw. Visited Jno. Davis and Thomas White, returned to store, and tarried at J.D.'s. 5th day, did much business at store; my beast was sent to me and I returned at night. 6th day, went early to store; did much business. T.D. came home near night; I returned evening. Yesterday, worked a little on my suffering grass with son and William Manly; visited Patience Taber and heard her tell some new experience to my comfort. Today, have been enabled to preach twice more with astonishing freedom on these words, "And why call ye me L.L." and these, "Bodily e. profitith little, but godliness is profitable unto all things." Before, between and after meeting, did some labour on hay; Sarah Davenport tarried with us 'til near night.

17. Last 2nd day, went after breakfast to store, and sent beast and supplies for mowers back by daughter Hannah; tarried 'til 3rd day night, when Hannah brought beast to me, and came home with me. 4th day, worked (alone) with Deacon Taber on my hay (rather too steady and hard), made stack myself; near sunsett went to store and returned. 5th day, intended to work on hay, but the appearance of rain caused me to go after breakfast to store, where I was full of business 'til 6th day night (clowdy and rainy weather). Yesterday was some sun shine, and tho' I much needed rest necessity called me to muster labourers to try to save my hay already damaged some. Today, preached twice more with great freedom, forenoon on civil and religious liberty (with great enlargement), afternoon on Psalm 24, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates." Before and since meeting, did some work on hay as appeared duty.

24. Of the last 5 working days, I made out to spend 4 at the store (being there two whole days and nights, besides the greater part of the other 3 because of rain and T.D.'s absence a mowing). The other days spent on hay, a few hours at a time so that I've been uncommonly crowded with business. 3rd day night Caleb Green and wife tarried. Yesterday I rested at home, read much. Today have been enabled to preach with extra freedom of utterance on Zech. 4:14, "These are the two anointed ones." 25th. Went early to store; lett beast to Deacon Palmer, and returned at night. (Daughter Hannah's birthday, 18.) 27. Yesterday did chores at home, dined at Philip Gray's, who gave me a cheese (9/); spent afternoon at store, tarried. Spent today tending and posting and came home 28. Forenoon had hay to take care of; afternoon met only 2 brethren and 6 sisters at the place appointed for church meeting. Gave Anna Wood certificate; heard T. Cory's complaint. 29. After breakfast, went to store with thoughts of going to Newport afternoon, but as T.D. was absent at Providence (went 27th) did much business and returned. Went to Col. Baley's in the evening on store business. 31st. Yesterday was greatly tried about going to Newport; after I thought duty to go if I could, was prevented by rain, which also prevented my going afternoon near Bedford to visit Hannah Quaminy. This morning sat off with wife and rode 7 miles to the house of Brother John Shrieve, where I preached at 3 o'clock afternoon, and got home in the evening.

8 Mo.-1. Went early to store, had a busy day and returned evening. 2nd, went after breakfast and returned evening. 3. Went mid-forenoon and returned at evening. (4th of month 5th of week) sat

off on foot near noon; dined at P. Cook's, did half a day's work on books, and as son came down with beast rode home to supper (which I did not intend when I went away). 5th, walked down early (as daughters An. and M. wanted to ride), did a great day's work, and returned with daughters in the evening. Sat up late reading French history.

7. Yesterday rested at home, and today preached twice with usual freedom chiefly on these words, "Without faith it is i. to please God," and, "If ye continue in my word then are ye my d. indeed and ye shall know the truth." But O, how little good does my preaching do! 8. 2nd day of the week, went early to store; did much business and returned at evening. 9. Journeyed to Newport (while T.D. went to Providence); did some business, had conference meeting at Father's, and lodged at Unkle Green's. 10. Was very busy thro' the day making payments and collecting articles; preached in the evening on these words, "Peace be to the brethren" and lodged at Abraham Reed's. 11. Returned after a great morning work and dining at Brother Jno. Irish's; found the bridge almost done as I passed it. Came to store with a heavy load of merchandize near night, tarried at Davenport's, and sat at books 'til after midnight. 12. Did a great day's work on the books (posted the charges made in 4 days and wrote much more) and after sunsett came home to my family, I hope with a thankful heart.

14. Yesterday, rested at home 'til near noon, when I went with wife to see William Cory, son of Thomas, sick; came back about mid-afternoon and sent beast to the 4 Corners to bring up my nieces Martha Burroughs and Sarah Smith; only M. came. Today after prayer, long silence and speaking special word to children about being still and orderly, I preached with great plainness of speech on 2 Chron. 36:16, "But they mocked the ms. of God." Afternoon, spake much by way of exhortation founded on, "The word is nigh thee." Rain since meeting confined Sarah Davenport, her sister Margaret Willbur, Davis Simmons at our house and gave us opportunity of conferring, singing, praying.

21. Last 2nd day, went after breakfast to store; carryed daughter Hannah who carried back Sally Smith; I returned at night on foot. 3rd day, went down again and returned at night. Went again early 4th day morning (afternoon several visitors went to our house) and returned 5th day evening. 6th day, sat out for Bedford on business for Jeremiah D. Dined with Capt. J. Hull, visited Joseph Quaminy, stoped at one Perkins's and heard Elder Daniel Hix preach. Spake after him, prayed, and proceeded to Bedford. (Before meeting, visited Martha Tockomonnah.) Did business, had a refreshing meeting at Philip Cannon's evening, and lodged at Arnold Bliss'es. Yesterday Brother Arnold accompanied me to Joseph Quamowell's, where I was enabled to preach with power on 2 passages united (Accepted time); visited and prayed with a black woman, sick, then came home. Today have preached twice more with amazing freedom and power on these words, "Thy will be done," and, "Thou art the man." After meeting went to old Bn. Sawdey's and married Humphrey Hart and Eunice Sawdey. 22nd. 2nd day carried Sally Smith to Pardon Willcox's; went to store, came back with Sally [torn]. 25. 3rd day, 23rd, walked to store (Anna and Patty B. rode); paid 2 visits by the way; tarried 2 nights and came home to dinner today. Spent afternoon labouring with Brother Brightman at church meeting, after which had sweet talk with Brother Fish and Brother Brownell; visited Jno. Manchester on business. 26. Went down to store on foot (daughter and S. Smith had my beast at Ic. Potter's); rode home evening on my sent beast.

28. Yesterday rested at home (son went to mill, left beast for daughter). Today (daughter and Patty B. came home on my beast) I've been enabled to preach twice more: forenoon with great freedom on James 5:13, "Is any...afflicted...is any merry?"; afternoon not so much clearness on Zech. 4:1, 2, 3, "A candlestick all of gold." 29th. Got down to store (with Patty Burroughs) about sunrise. Jeremiah D. rode my beast to Col. Baley's and back towards night; daughter Hannah and Sally Smith came down upon her, and I returned home. 30. Went after breakfast to store and returned at night; Patty B. went by water with T.D. to Newport (Anna being gone to Col. Gray's to work). 31. Went early to store and returned at night.

9 Mo.-1. Went early to store (T.D. came back from Newport); did much business and returned at night. 2. Went early again and returned late having done much business. 4. Yesterday was much rain, after several weeks drouth. I rested, read, and visited N. Hart as usual. Today, after preaching with astonishing freedom on these words, "It is the price of blood," and transposed thus "Blood is the price of it," administered and partook of the Lord's Supper with much comfort. Evening was a singing meeting at my house. 7th. 4th day of the week. Day before yesterday, went after breakfast to store; dined at Philip Cory's, tarried all night at Davenport's. Did much business yesterday and came home to supper. Am going to day to the funeral of Elisha Brown's child, with wife; expect to be at store afternoon. Was so and home. 8. Went early to store on foot, and tended for Jeremiah D. to go to the funeral of Gilbert Manchester. Daughter Hannah and Sally Smith rode my beast to the funeral and returned at night; I went and lodged at Philip Cory's. 9. Rose early and spent the morning at store books; son Joseph came down with my beast between 8 and 9 o'clock and I was about to go to the funeral of Rebekah Healy, widow (aged about 80), who was a member of our church, but a smart shower of rain prevented. Spent the day on the store books chiefly, and returned at night.

11. Yesterday, with wife, visited Prudence Potter (yet in a shocking case), Jno. Weeden; returned at night. Today (Deacon Caleb Earl visited us) many came to meeting. I have preached twice more with usual freedom on these words, "What think ye of Christ" and these, "These have wrought but one hour and thou hast made them." After which, publicly read a letter of acknowledgment from Earl Taber. 13. Yesterday and today went early to store and returned at night; S. Taber, N. Hart and my son got out my barley today. 14. Spent forenoon at home in various business (was exceeding hot); afternoon went poorly to store, did $\frac{1}{4}$ day's work and returned. 16. Yesterday went early to store and returned at night. Today went after breakfast; Jeremiah D. went to Newport, and returned at night.

18. Yesterday spent chiefly at home reading. Deacon Earl came and dined with me; I had some uncommon talk with Deacon Taber. Today have been enabled to preach twice more with far greater freedom and clearness than I expected on Heb. 1:14, "Are they not all mg. spirits?" and Acts 10:43, "To him give all the prophets witness." 20. Yesterday, went after breakfast to store and returned at night. Today the same. 22. Yesterday, went after breakfast with Hannah to store; sent back beast. Tarried all night and came home, found family quilling, to night on foot. 23rd. 6th day of week. Had a pleasant journey to Newport by the way of the new bridge with wife; dined at Elisha Brown's and got

into Newport about sunsett (Sally Smith followed after). Visited parents and Deacon Goddard, and lodged at Unkle Green's (every night); Unkle and Caleb were on a journey. 24th. Visited and dined at Brother Anderson's. Afternoon, heard Elder Bliss preach, then went to Father's. Evening, attended a church meeting which was precious; a Methodist (one Dunham) told his experiences.

25. Our first meeting (9 o'clock, morning) was at the water side, where a word was solemnly spoken, prayer made, and I baptized a young woman of Conanicut named Abigail Douglass. After which (tho' I had been feeble some days) I was enabled to preach a lengthy discourse to a great assembly on the duty of watching and Heb. 6:1, 2. Then prayed and laid hands on the baptized person, also on William Pullin and Christiana Fish (wife of Caleb). Afternoon preached again on Rev. 5; administered and partook of the Lord's Supper with much comfort. The Methodist and several brethren and sisters spake charmingly in the run of the day by way of exhortation. Evening we visited Brother William, Brother Green, and our parents. 26. Did considerable business; left town mid afternoon, suped at Philip Gray's, and tarried at Davenport's. 27. Being a general muster day of the militia was almost over run with worldly business, but got clear in the evening so as to come home to our family in usual health. 29. Went early yesterday to store. (A rainy day; sent beast back by Joseph.) Did much work on the books, tarried all night and this forenoon. Afternoon, came to church meeting at which a letter from Earl Taber was considered (Abraham Brown brought a complaint against him), messengers sent to several absent members. I had much freedom in exhortation, prayer. 30. Went after breakfast to store (T.D. at Bedford); did much business and returned at night.

10 Mo.-2. Yesterday, spent the day chiefly in reading at home; had some work of necessity to do. Today after preaching once to a large assembly in the meeting house with great freedom on Mat. 21:10 (Minister Briggs being gone a journey), I went down to Jno. Davenport's and preached again with more freedom on Eccles. 3, former part of verse 11. After which I sat til near midnight writing to Elder Lemuel Covil. (Daughters went home on my beast.) 4th. Yesterday, spent the day on store books, and was unable to get home at night by reason of rain. After dinner today I came home to ¼ly meeting which was very pleasant and refreshing (altho' but about 50 people, as the rain seemed not quite over and Brother Briggs was not present). Brother Brownell spake and prayed after me. 5th. Went after breakfast to store and returned at night. 7. Yesterday, went with wife to visit the wife of Davis Simmons (very sick). Returned home after dinner, then went down to store and tarried til this evening. (Forgot to bring necessaries for family; sent son back.) 9. Yesterday forenoon, preached in the other meeting house at the funeral of Sanford Hart's child; afternoon, wrote for the church to Earl Taber, visited William Sanford [worn], Abner Hart. Today I have preached again to many on 2 Cor. 13, last verse, "The g. of our L. J. Christ." Since meeting have been obliged to back wood.

16. Last 2nd day (10th inst.) Deacon Earl left us; I went (after breakfast) to store and returned at night. 3rd day, went (after breakfast) to store. (T.D. went to Providence.) I tarried all night and came home 4th day night. 5th day, went early to store, tended alone and tarried; did much business and came home 6th day night. (On 6th day we were over run with business, measuring barley. T.D. came home near night.) Yesterday rested at home; wrote

and read much. (Joseph went to store; carpenters mended meeting house.) Today (and several days past) has been very warm. I had so many works of necessity to attend to this morning (backing wood) that I felt uncommonly unprepared to preach, and after prayer sat long silent, strangely exercised, yet comfortably attentive to the openings of many scriptures! At length thinking about speaking, but not knowing whether it was duty, and finding many subjects drawing attention and making me rather desire to sit and hear my inward teacher if I might, these words came to remembrance, "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." After a little reasoning on the passage, I rose and uttered the words of Christ, "Of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." And after making several observations proving the truth of those words, I introduced those of the Apostles, which saith, "Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you." After some time preaching on them, I attended to another passage, "I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of shieves." Then testified that 2 other passages had sounded loud in my mind before I rose to speak, to wit, "O foolish Galatians," and "O foolish people and unwise," on which I further preached with great freedom of speech. On the whole, tho' I have delivered a strange discourse (to a strange people) consisting of many broken fragments thrown together, yet I felt uncommon assistance and peace in the delivery and (tho' sensible of weaknesses and infirmities attending) hope it may issue in the glory of God, and prove abundantly beneficial to every hearer. Before any speaking (but in prayer) I read 65th and 66th Psalms, and had some thought of speaking on Psalm 66:16. After preaching, I desired the whole church would rise and stand while some would sing, and Brother Brownell went to prayer. 18th. Went yesterday after breakfast to store, and tarried all night; came home today near noon. Sat out and went and preached with much freedom at the funeral of Jno. Coggeshall, aged near 79. Soon after meeting, was seized with hard pain of cholic, but in riding 6 mile, and hard work on wood when I got home, was relieved! 19th, went early to store, and returned at night. 21. Yesterday, went early to store, and tarried til tonight; was very busy about barley.

23. Yesterday, read much and rested at home; afternoon, with wife, visited and prayed with widow of Richard Pearce and children (he was buried 21st). Today (very warm) have preached once more with marvelous freedom and assistance, chiefly on expressions in 50th Psalm, after which, with wife, went and visited Eliza Simmons, sick. From thence I went to David Irish's and assisted in marrying his daughter Lucy to Philip Gray Jr. (or son of Philip); visited the other family and after supper went and tarried with wife at Thomas Brown's. 24. Visited Robert and Deborah Woodman; left wife at Perry White's, went to store and did much business til, towards night, visited Alce Davenport, sick, and came home with wife. (D. Simmons and G. King had got me 6 load of wood.) 25. Went early to store (having left 3 hired men cutting wood); wrote to son Samuel, posted books. Toward night son Joseph came from Newport with a melancholy account of the death of Jonathan Jeffers Jr. (the 23rd); he rode my beast home and I tarried at Davenport's all night. 26th. Hannah rode down to store on business and returned again on my beast; I tarried again all night. 27. Spent forenoon at store; son brot my horse and I went to church meeting which was [torn] and distressing. Settled with Brother Brightman, excluded Smyton Hart, laboured with J. [torn]. After supper, went down to store again and tarried because of the sickness of T.D.'s wife. 28. After much business at store,

returned home, but was very poorly chief of the night. 30. Yesterday, rested and read much at home, but hearing that Benjamin Palmer had died up-country the 22nd of August past, I visited the afflicted family of his father-in-law, George Sanford. Today was to have been at the north meeting house on a special occasion, but poorliness prevented; I have been enabled to preach solemnly on Eccles. 3:2, "A time to die." And O, that we may be all ready.

11 Mo.-1. Went early to store yesterday and returned tonight. 4. Spent forenoon of the day before yesterday at home mending up the house, salting Widow Hart's pork. Afternoon, went to store and tarried til tonight (2 nights); sent beast back by Hannah. This day, went as far as old Jno. Bowen's to collect barley; had a tedious day. 6. Yesterday, preached with much freedom at the funeral of Samuel Palmer son of Thomas P. Esqr. And today, after preaching to a great assembly (Minister Briggs being absent) with great freedom on 2 Tim. [torn] and then to a greater with greater freedom and solemn sense of truth, at the funeral of Zeb. Manchester's son aged [torn], returned to my habitation and solemnly married our first born daughter, Anna, to Jeremiah Davenport, son of John, in presence of about 20 civil persons besides our own family. 7th. 2nd day of the week. After breakfast, went to store with wife; after dinner Jeremiah, Hannah and Anna came down. I returned at night with wife. 8th. Walked down leading beast with barley, and walked back at night. 11. Walked down early the 9th and tarried all night. (Jeremiah D. went to Little Compton.) Yesterday (the 10th) after a tedious day of tending alone (by reason T.D.'s rash vow) sat off at sunsett, rode about five miles, and preached in the evening with great freedom at the house of William Osborn to many precious souls, I hope to good purpose! Visited a sick family; lodged at Osborn's. Came early this morning to store, and after much business came home this evening (6th day of week).

13. Yesterday rested with my family as usual. Visited Jno. Manchester (whose daughter Ruth is sick), Jno. Gifford. Today have been enabled to preach once more to a great assembly (Brother Briggs yet absent) on Psalm 51:11, "And take not thy holy spirit from me," since which have had much comfortable conference with Brother Samuel Eldredge and his wife Rebekah (who is Jno. Willbur's daughter). 14. Went early to store (T.D. being gone to Providence); did much business, and returned at night. 16. Yesterday, went after breakfast and returned this evening (after a solemn conference with J.D.'s family). 18. Yesterday, took breakfast very early at home; went down to store, did much business. Tarried all night, did more business today (as T.D. came home afternoon from Providence after 5 days absence). Was obliged to write til late at night; came home.

20. Yesterday, rested at home as usual; visited Noah Hart, did a little work of necessity. Wrote a long letter to Elder Covil (by his desire) on Christ's ordinance of feet-washing. Today, have been enabled to preach with great freedom and power (tho' felt as tho' I could say nothing when I went to meeting) on these words chiefly, "Give thyself to reading," applying the following words against Thomas Pain's late writing against the scriptures, "The virgin the d. of Zion hath laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of J. hath shaken her." 21. Prepared to kill hog; went about mid forenoon to store, posted books, and came home mid afternoon to salt my pork (242 [illegible]). 23. Yesterday morning, rose early and finished salting pork by candle light; took breakfast at

son Jeremiah Davenport's. Did a great day's work 'til near midnight went to bed; did much work on books today and came home evening. 24th. Spent forenoon at home in various work, expecting a great number would attend church meeting afternoon, but only Is. Brightman, C. Hart and Jno. Lake went with me to Deacon Samuel Taber's (making 5 brethren, 3 sisters)! I had much freedom in prayer and conference (Thomas Cory came and accused Is. B.); some late reports of me about my business were mentioned. I felt much tried, and know not what to think of the present state of the church. 25. By reason of snow, which fell last night and this morning, I had a tedious day to travel to Newport in. However I sat out, dined at the 4 Corners; proceeded with daughter Mary, left her at one Shearman's at Portsmouth, and got to Deacon Tilly's in Newport a little after sunsett. A precious number of Christians soon assembled. I preached upon, and with them practiced, the too much neglected ordinance of feet-washing with great freedom, comfort. 26. Forenoon visited parents, dined with Caleb Green; afternoon heard Elder Bliss preach; spake and prayed after him. Evening, attended a church meeting of the new church at which one person made profession of faith; after which, with Elder Eddy, held a lovely conference at Caleb Green's, serching. Tarry'd all night at Unkle Green's, but slept little by reason of the great work before us!

27. Met a large assembly with whom I prayed. Then Elder Bliss delivered a charming discourse on these words, "But watch thou in all things"; after which I also preached about half an hour on several texts relative to officers and their work in the church. After which, by desire and request of the church and to discharge our own duty in the case (being comfortably satisfied of the faithfulness, ability, call) Elder Bliss, Elder Eddy and myself solemnly laid hands on William More and Caleb Green as they respectfully presented themselves before us kneeling. And I was enabled to present our united requests for each of them to the great Head of the church, that He would uphold, support and carry them on and thro' the great work, whereunto the church and ourselves now witnessed by the solemn act of visible ordination, He had called them, to-wit, chiefly for the present to do the work of evangelists, and in future all parts of ministerial work He should be pleased to make manifest to be their duty. Brother James Taylor was also presented or seated before us (by order of the church) as a brother qualified for the office of deacon, and was therunto sollemnly set apart by the laying on of all our hands, and prayer in which Elder Eddy was our mouth. Elder Bliss in behalf of us all, and as an instrument in the hand of Christ, then gave solemn charge to each of them; each of us also gave each of them the right hand of fellowship, and the solemnity concluded with prayer wherein Brother Bliss was our mouth. The church continued together, but a few of us retired at Deacon Goddard's about 1 hour. Returned to the meeting house when Elder Job Borden preached on Acts 2:42, a good discourse, after which we sat down to the Lord's Supper. It fell to my lott to lead, but I was instrumental of bringing my newly ordained brethren into action, one of whom was mouth in asking a blessing on the bred and the other on the cup, and we had a solemn, joyful and quickening time. After a short intermission we came together again in the evening, when I was enabled to preach feelingly, beginning with these words in the book of Judges, "I have a message from God unto thee," which was attended with immediate good effect, and in part caused one widow Blivin (after service) to declare her faith to the church, desiring admittance as a member, and was joyfully received. From this 4th or 5th distinct

meeting, I retired with Elder Borden and lodged at Deacon Tilley's. 28. Did much business in Newport (as usual) of a temporal nature and lodged at Unkle Green's. 29. Came out of town; dined at Brother Irish'es, visited Widow Lawton. Took daughter Mary up in my way and reached Davenport's about mid-evening (very cold and weary) where I tarried. 30. Did much business in the writing way, and at night came home to my family.

12 Mo.-2. (6th day of week, evening) Yesterday went early to store, did much business, and returned late tonight. 4. Yesterday rested as usual at home (only visited and had some peculiar talk with Jno. Manchester, Hattr. wife [sic]. Today, have preached with usual freedom (but a short discourse) on these words "Brethren, the time is short." Since which, a wound on the right leg, which I trust I was permitted to get for my good (by scraping against a bench in the meeting house this day week), has been painful; but I have the enjoyment of my friends, D. Simmons, Jeremiah D. 5. Went after breakfast to store; did considerable business. (Received the largest sum of money we ever received in one day before for barley.) Heard of the death of a brother merchant, Reed of Freetown. Returned home late in the evening, with much pain in my sore leg. 6. Spent forenoon at home (D. Simmons, G. King and E. Sanford were getting me 7 load wood); leg troubles. Afternoon, went to store and tarried 2 nights; came home 8th at sunsett and daughter Hannah went back with beast. Well useless, and hired water carted. 9. Went to store after breakfast; did much writing. Returned late in evening with sore very painful.

11. Yesterday disired to rest as usual but works of necessity (chiefly cuting up beef) calling attention, I thought right to do a little, but was seized with such violent rheumatic pain in the small of my back, was obliged to desist. Afterward, with wife, visited Widow Amy Hart, who also visited us in the evening; we settled a matter between us. Today, notwithstanding the sore on my leg and hard rheumatism in my back, I have been enabled to preach with uncommon freedom in the meeting house to many on Heb. 10:[torn] "For yet a little while." After which, rode about 7 mile northward (accompanied by Jeremiah D. and his wife and Godfrey King) to the house of Peter Borden (a black brother) where, after preaching again, a short discourse but with great freedom on Acts 10th, chiefly verse 27, 28, 29, 34, 35, I prayed and laid hands on Peter's sister (Vilate) and a white woman named [blank] and after some refreshing talk with Elders Borden, Boomer, returned home in the evening, I think better as to bodily health than I went away, tho in great pain. 13. Yesterday and today, have been confined to my habitation with great pain in bones, sore; sometimes it has seemed intollerable, but I think there is a "need be," and I have had more than common comfort in the inner man while the outward man is made to roar. Particularly found profit in meditating on Luke 22:42, 44, "And being in an agony." Good is the word, and rod of [torn] Philip Cory's, Thomas and Sm. Simmons'es oxen with 2 carts and 3 hired hands, have been getting wood for us today and carted us a barrell of water from N. Hart's, which seems much more valuable than wine, our well having just failed supplying us, as it did Nov. 20, 1781 and Dec. 1, 1786. The present drouth seems the greatest that ever I knew. 14th. 4th day of week. Last night considerable rain fell, and it has been cloudy all this day. (My family have been very busy, baking.) I rose from my bed this morning much better, but by an imprudent step seemed to bring on my pain afresh. 15. Confined yet with great pain, but some better. Some of my family went to Brother Brigg's

Thanksgiving meeting; Eliza Cory, 2 of William Almy's children and daughter Anna D. dined with us. 16. Felt better; went down to store, did much writing til late at night (T.D. came home from Newport) and by reason of rain I tarried all night. One Tillson also and my daughter Hannah tarried.

18. Yesterday forenoon, came home from Davenport's and rested much freer from pain than I expected. This morning a snow storm began, and I've felt much pain, yet had a very comfortable meeting in the meeting house with Deacon Taber and wife, Ab. Brownell, Jn. Lake, Davis Simmons and Bn. Cory. Toward night the snow turned to hail, and in the night was much rain; I rested and slept comfortably. We have had our water carted from N. Hart's til now we receive it from heaven, praised be the Lord! 19. Rain continues and confines me to the house; rheumatic pains continue, but my sore leg seems almost healed. 23. Spent 20th forenoon at home (Hannah came with my beast); afternoon went down to the 4 Corners in great pain, dismal travelling. Did business til late at night and tarried 4 days and 3 nights, doing much writing (but was not in the store) til tonight returned almost well in body, but very cold.

25. 6th day and yesterday was so extream cold (my thermometer was as low as 10 each morning) that I was obliged to bestir myself yesterday to save my sauce from freezing in the cellar, besides having to hire water carted, so that my rest was much interrupted. In the evening my son-in-law Jeremiah Davenport came with his wife and tarried with us. Today, have preached a short discourse to few hearers on John 12:36 (While ye have light). Since meeting, had some sweet discourse with Benjamin Shaw of Nova Scotia, a Methodist Christian who dined with us. The cold has much abated, and my sore is just about healed, that was made 4 weeks ago this day, but rheumatic pains that came 2 weeks ago yet hang about me, tho' much abated. All honour and glory and praise and thanksgiving to the Lord our God, forever and ever. Amen. 28. Day before yesterday Jno. Weeden visited me, and after some peculiar conversation (it began to snow) I went near noon to the store. Tarried 2 nights, did much writing, and came home this evening quite free from rheumatic pains, but my sore has broke out afresh and seems tedious. 29. Spent forenoon in work on my stable (with G. King and D. Simmons). Afternoon about 9 brethren assembled at my dwelling house and we held church meeting (S. Taber, C. Hart, D. Round, Is. Bn., G.K., D.S., E. Sanford). And after finishing labour with Brother Brightman, the brethren (Hart and Taber chiefly, improperly at first, tho by my motion or consent now!) mentioned some evil reports they had heard of me respecting my common business, concerning which I could say, as Bishop Paul, Acts 24:13 (25:7), and the brethren were satisfied. In the evening I mused on the present situation of church affairs. 30. 6th day of the week, went early to store; wrote much (with William Manly) and because of rain, tarried.

[1797] 1 Mo.-1. Yesterday I came home early as I could and rested as usual; moderate and pleasant weather. Today (also pleasant weather) was wonderfully enabled to preach on these words, "Sir, we would see Jesus, remembering he is "Alpha and Omega," the beginning and end, first and last. (Before meeting had a terrible trial by the conduct of my son Joseph, and since, by the talk of Jno. Weeden who with his wife dined with us; but both matters after much labour seem pretty well settled, and I trust all things will work together for good and terminate in the glory of God and

our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. 3. Yesterday, went early to store and spent the day in usual business. In the evening was a meeting, expecting to hear Elder Job Borden preach, but as he came not, Elder Jno. Briggs spake to us. I did much writing today; Elder Briggs came home with me and dined. We then attended the quarterly meeting in our meeting house (many people) and were both favoured with great freedom and largeness of heart in speaking and prayer! And in short, we have had a foretaste of the object sought for, towit, the spiritual coming of our Lord Jesus in his kingdom and glory! 6. Day before yesterday, went early to store; did much business on the books, and came to my family late this evening (extream cold weather).

8. Yesterday, travelled in the cold about 4 miles north, and preached with extra freedom (considering the sorrowful things I had to think of) at the house of Jno. Round at the request of his father, Elder David Round, aged 90 years this month (and who walked to his son David's with me on the ice)! I preached on 2 Tim. 4:7, and after much solemn talk with several who tarried, returned in the evening. Today has been the coldest weather we have known some years (17), nevertheless we had a very comfortable meeting (about 14 of us) in the meeting house. We expected Brother Heath and Brother Shaw from Newport, but they came not. I received a packett of refreshing letters from Elder Covil (in Providence, Galloway) and after much conference, singing and prayer with Brother Pullin, attended a conference meeting at Jeremiah Davenport's in the evening (which was precious) and tarried all night. 9. Having spent the day diligently in usual business of the store, came home on foot late at night. 11. Went yesterday to store very early on foot; did usual business and had a happy evening in conference and prayer with 2 brothers Shaw and Brother Heath, and came riding home late to night. 12. Went early to store, and came home late at night leaving, daughter Hannah sick (fine moon and moderate weather). 13, went after breakfast to store (daughter Hannah better) and came home late evening.

15. Yesterday, spent time and rested chiefly at home; was in some distress for water, but William Sanford sledged me a barrell. Today preached with great freedom to many on these words, "Seek righteousness, seek meekness," and the weather being uncommon warm (for the time of year) went to conference at Philip Cory's and returned home. 17. Yesterday went after breakfast to store and returned late evening with daughter Mary. Today went early and returned late. 20. Day before yesterday, went after breakfast (with wife) to store; had much talk with Jno. Briggs (a snow storm) and returned early in the evening. Yesterday went early and did much writing; after dinner rode to Jno. Round's and married Noah Lake to Sarah Smith (was gone less than 3 hours). Returned to store and tarried all night, and came home tonight late.

22. Yesterday rested at home, but was obliged to go in the snow storm and fill a barrell and a half of water which Stephen Brownell freely brought me from N. Hart's well, Noah being gone to see his sick wife. Today has been some stormy; Hannah came home; I preached to about 14 on 2 Cor. 4:6, and by reason of heavy clouds and increasing cold, I neglected attending the conference at Brother Davis Simmons's this evening. 23. Heard that Elder Shepard preacht at D.S.'s in my room; went early to store, posted books, and returned. 26. Day before yesterday, went early to store; finished posting, and assisted in taking account of stock til near midnight. Yesterday also, and til near midnight, again

was taking account of stock, also this forenoon. Afternoon walked home to church meeting (Jno. D. rode my beast) at which I read Brother Covil's 2 last letters; had much comfort in prayer and testimony about many things to 6 or 8 brethren and 2 sisters. Gained their unanimous consent to expunge a certain part of the church records, after which left my weakly wife, son and daughter, rode down to store with Jeremiah D. Worked til after 10 at night and then came home with supplies for my weakly family. 27. Got down to store about sunrise! Was exceeding busy on account of stock til near midnight and tarried. 28. Much rain fell last night (very warm and dismal travelling); today I came home with daughter Anna. Sent a letter to the church at Newport by Brother Pullin; visited Philip Taber, shoe maker. 29. Preached with extra freedom to a considerable number on Malachi 1:6, "If I am a father where." Weather very warm; towards night it began to rain. We are yet much put to it for water, but [torn].

30, 31 and 2 Mo.-1. Spent these 3 days and 2 nights steadily on store business (finished stock account the 30th and [torn]). Posted books yesterday and today, and came home in a snow storm tonight. 3. Yesterday, went to store early in a violent storm of rain (was wet to my skin [worn]). Cleared soon after I got down, and has been very pleasant til tonight, when I came home. 5. Yesterday, lett my horse to N. Hart to go see his sick wife at Fall River; afternoon, took his, visited William Wood Jr. (who has lost his reason greatly) and returned evening. Today, after long silence and prayer, read 21 chapter of Revelations; then after more silence preached with great freedom chiefly on 1st verse, "I saw a new heaven." After preaching, Brother Brownell prayed, I thought with uncommon freedom; we then sang "The night's far spent, the day's at hand." Many assembled at my house in the evening; Brother Simmons and Brother Tomkins prayed, and we had a comfortable conference, but Brother Briggs came not. 7. Yesterday morning I walked down early (in the rain) to store and came home on my beast tonight. 8. (4th of the week.) Lent my beast to Philip Taber to get clams, and spent the day at home and in visiting Noah Hart's wife (just returned home), Abial Tripp's widow, sick, Jno. Manchester's family (sore painful). 10. (6th day of the week) Yesterday after breakfast, went down to store and returned this evening much wet with rain, and with the sore on my left ankle (which has been about 10 days) in a very poor condition. It rained hard great part of the night.

12. Yesterday, rested at home as usual (dined on turkey as it were out of season); was heavy clouds and rain all day. Today after prayer, reading 9th of Jeremiah, and long silence, preached with most marvelous freedom, chiefly on some passages of the chapter read, the signs of the times. Brother Pullen, Deacon Palmer and Jeremiah D. dined with me, and with them I went to the united meeting at Nathaniel Pearce's in the evening; where I preached again unexpectedly, but with astonishing freedom, on these words, "The eternal God is thy refuge!" Brother Briggs, Deacon Palmer and Jeremiah Davenport spake after me.

19. Altho' the sore on my left leg has been very tedious the week past, I have made out 4 days and a half work on books at the store. (Tarried all night 3rd and 5th days.) On 4th day it snowed much, yet I came home evening, and found wife very poorly. 5th day was very cold; all the month almost has been warmer for the season. Yesterday, my leg being worse, weather cloudy, I visited none as was intended, but rested at home, examining the Bible and

the book put out by Richard Brothers. Today, after prayer and singing and Brother Brownell had read Romans, 5 chapter, and long silence ensued, I spake a few words on verses 18, 19, and concluded meeting. And by reason of pain, could not attend the evening conference at Noah Hart's, but heard that Brother Jno. Briggs preached sweetly. Jeremiah D. and his wife (our daughter) tarry with us. 20. Towards noon, went to store; did some writing, and returned about sunsett, having stoped at Doctor Whittridge's to advise about my sore. 21. Went again to store after breakfast; came home about sunsett, visited Noah Hart's sick wife. 22. Was rainy, and confined me til afternoon; I went to store and tarried all night. Store was broke open by some thief or thieves who stole at least 5 or 6 dollars in coppers and silver; and how much more we know not. But, poor creature, the worst of it is to himself! 23. I tarried til near noon, and then came home to church meeting at Deacon Taber's at which Haty [or Katy?], wife of Injin Job, was restored to fellowship. Brother Caleb Green concluded meeting and went to the 4 Corners; I went and married William Shearman to Mary Simmons, daughter of Thomas, and returned home. 24. Went to store early with wife; did much at posting books, and heard Caleb Green preach in the evening at Gideon Willcox's, a charming discourse on Titus 2:14. After which, had a remarkable free conference with him and Jno. Briggs (minister) at Davenport's 'til late at night.

26. Yesterday, in our way home, stoped and dined at Judge Cook's; had much religious talk with him and his daughter Simmons; came home and rested pleasantly. This morning, recollected it was precisely 30 years since I was baptized; and I preached on the same text Father Thurston preached upon at that time, towit: Isaiah 27:13. Was much affected with the remembrance and recital of several past anecdotes of my life. Towards night, visited old Benjamin Sawdy, from whence I went to Stephen King's; married his daughter Nancy to H. Lamonyon, and returned. 28. Yesterday after breakfast, went to store, did usual business; tarried all night and came home tonight.

3 Mo.-1. 4th day of the week. Went after breakfast to store; did much writing, and came home at night. 2. Went again to store (carrying daughter Hannah) and came back at night. 3. Went again to store and came back at night; thus in 5 days I've made out 4 at store business, notwithstanding the sore on my left leg is yet so tedious, but I hope it's in a healing way. 5. Yesterday rested at home 'til near night; went on foot to Doctor Whittredge's; conferred with and prayed for Deborah Richmond, sick (with great freedom). Daughter Hannah came from Davenport's with son Joseph. Today, have been enabled to preach with great freedom (to few people, being a rainy morning) on John 20, last verse, and tho' my sore seems much better it is so windy and wife poorly, conclude not to attend the conference at Philip Gray's (B. Smith) this evening (making the 3rd omission). 6. 2nd day of week (was very cold and high wind) wife very poorly. Towards noon, went to store for necessary's; workt $\frac{1}{2}$ day and returned. 8. Yesterday, very cold, went after breakfast to store; did $\frac{1}{2}$ day's work and returned. Today moderate and some rain, went and did $\frac{3}{4}$ day's work and returned. 10. Yesterday went to store early and returned late this evening. (Spent morning, as I went, and evening, as I returned, at Jacob Taber's.) Passed thro' a scene of trial and confusion by reason of Lewis Simon, son of Solloman who (tho' only 13 years of age) took a pair saddlebags with near 200 dollars money in them out of a wagon at our store door the 8th at evening. And after

owning it on examination, confessed also that he broke into our store about a fortnight before. This day he was tried, whipped. Oh, dreadful!

12. Yesterday, rested at home as usual. (Glassgow came to see us; considerable snow fell; water began to come in our well.) Towards night I went to see Deborah Richmond at Doctor W.'s again. Today after preaching with great freedom on 3 scripture questions, "What is man," "Who am I," and "Who is this," went with wife to Peleg Cook's, where we had a precious evening meeting, and tarried at Philip Cory's. 13th. After breakfast, came to store; did usual business and at night came home. 15. Yesterday, having a great head cold, and weather being foggy with some rain, did not go to store but sent son Joseph. Today went mid-forenoon; worked half a day on books and returned before supper. 16. Went with wife to visit old Sister Coggeshall, sick at Philip Manchester's; also visited Noah Hart's wife in way home. 17. Went after breakfast to store; did much writing; had a peculiar talk with partners in the evening and tarried.

19. Yesterday forenoon, came home and rested as usual (very foggy day and my sore leg worse again). Today (fine weather) I've been enabled to preach with wonderful freedom on Collos. 3:11, "Christ is all, and in all!" Since which, have had a pleasant conference with Jeremiah D. and wife, Sarah Davenport, Phally Weeden and William Pullin, singing. Great is the Lord Jesus and over all, blessed forever. Amen.

26. Last 2nd day (the 20th) son Joseph went to store to tarry for a time; I also went early and at night returned. By going down and returning every night, 5 days, I made out 4 days work. 3rd day T.D. went to Newport on my beast and returned 5th day. 2 days (or rather nights) has been much rain. Yesterday I rested at home as usual. (Lent my mare to Brother Pullin to go to Newport.) Today, after preaching with usual freedom on Dan. 4:18, "But thou art able for the s.," (Nathan B[lot]bey [?] from Newport at meeting) was visited by Minister Briggs and Doctor West, with whom and many others I had a comfortable meeting at the Widow Pearce's, both preaching. 28. Yesterday I walked down early to store (in the rain); it rained steadily most all day. Jeremiah D. and wife came home from his Unkle Weeden's near night; I tarried and came home this evening on Jeremiah D.'s beast. 29th. Went after breakfast to store, and returned at night on Jeremiah D.'s mare (mine not returned). 30th. Forenoon did much hard work at home (having no boy); afternoon held a comfortable church meeting at which about 11 brethren and 6 sisters renewed covenant, had much loving talk, prayed, sang. Towards night Brother Pullen came from Newport with Sister Abigail on my beast, but stayed at 4 Corners. 31. I walked down early to store; did much writing, saw Abigail; son Joseph was much hurt. I returned at night in the rain. Glassgow Brownell came in the evening to live with me.

4 Mo.-2. Yesterday, rested at home as usual; sent beast for sister and daughter who came [torn]. Today, had marvelous assistance in preaching on these words, "We have known and believed the love," and in administering and partaking of the Lord's Supper. After which, attended the union meeting at William Sanford's, which was comfortable. 4. Yesterday, went early to store and returned at night. Today, preached forenoon at the funeral of Noah Hart's youngest child; afternoon, attended another quarterly meeting in the other meeting house, which was very comfortable. Brother

Brownell, Brother Briggs and myself each spake and prayed; I went to store and returned at night. 5th. 4th of week. Very hot day; 10 men with 1 cart came to make wall. Cleaned out my well; I carried daughter Anna to 4 Corners, then visited and prayed with Jonathan Brownell, son of William. 6. Spent the day at store and returned at night. 7. Dined with daughter Hannah at Esqr. Palmer's; preached at J. Brownell's funeral. Went down to store, did some business and returned home. 9. Yesterday, raw wind, clouds and rain prevented my visiting old Elder Round (poorly); I rested at home as usual. Today have been enabled to preach once more in the meeting house with great freedom on these words, "O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things." After which, preached again at Jno. Wate's, and heard old Minister West preach after me with much pleasure; we had a charming meeting which was held by the desire of old Capt. Job Snell (Psalm 98:1).

Note. Concerning the temporal business I now follow. And [sic] 1st my intent was to devote only 2 days in a week thereunto, provided my partners spent 4 and so in proportion. If they spent their whole time (as they now do at least 5 sixths), I meant to spend half mine, but at all events not to neglect gospel duties. My partners have called so earnestly that I have generally made out 4 days real work in a week by attending 5, which is one more than I any how expected when I first began, and from which I find I must draw back to 3 and not exceed that, even if they spend their whole time, unless on certain occasions. They began with no clear stock; I turned in directly 126 dollars and procured about 500 on long credit. Drew out much the most goods by retail, to the advantage of the business, and turned in cash and produce of my place from time to time. I drew out but 100 dollars cash near the end of the first year, whereas they each drew more than 200 to pay for the store. In consideration of all these circumstances, my superior abilities for the business, instructing them in the art, it was supposed I ought to be entitled to equal, or one-third profits of the trade. Again, considering I am not disposed to take any part of the profit which may be supposed to be made on the 7th day of each week (being Sabbath) nor on liquor sold tavern fashion, and several other articles they choose to sell, the time they spend in such sales wherein I can join them, appears to me to be only about 4 days in each week. Consequently 2 days for me, with the instruction and insight I give them in the business, is equal to their time; and the day or 2 over which I give, more than ballances the profits made on sales which I do not like. On the whole, therefore, if I am really in the business 3 days each week (besides the time taken in going and coming, use of my horse, which will make it near 4) I think I have a good title to one-third of the whole profits made, without partaking of that part made in time and articles which I do not agree to sell. But, as it is written in the perfect book, Prov. 21:2, "Every way of man seemeth right in his own eyes," 18:17, "He that is first in his own cause seemeth just, but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him." Even so let it be, with my partners and me, and with our best wit, the difference we'll split. P.B.

10th. 2nd day of week. Went after breakfast to store to business; settled with son Joseph and returned at night. 11. (3rd day) Walked down early on foot and returned at night on beast brought me. (Sister Abigail and daughter Hannah went to Little Compton and Joseph to Newport.) 12. Joseph came home; I went to store after breakfast, did much business and returned. 14. Went again yesterday after breakfast, and did a great day's work on the

books; towards noon it began to storm. Son Joseph came; I had serious talk with him in the evening and we both tarried. It was a very stormy night; east wind, much hail, cold, and by mine or somebody else's neglect my poor beast was exposed to the storm all night. Today (yet storming) I did much on the books again (making out 4 days complete work as usual) and returned at night. Visited Sister Susa Hart (wife of Noah) in the evening, who died in peace about midnight.

16. Yesterday forenoon I visited Brother Davis Simmons; left my beast for Abigail and Hannah to ride home on and walked back on foot. Visited widow of Bial Tripp and with wife and sister spent afternoon at Noah Hart's, viewing the corps with much pleasure by times, altho' in pain for the living. Today after preaching with much feeling sense in the meeting house on these words, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth," rode in haste to the house of William Earl (aged near 87) and preached powerfully at his funeral on these words, "I have no pleasure in the d. of the wicked." As soon as I had done prayer, I proceeded back to the house of Noah Hart and preached again with wonderful freedom at the funeral of his wife on these words, "Blessed are the dead." The burial of the dead (and all things) seemed to be performed with great order and solemnity and was finished about one hour before sunset; I tarried 'til dark and came home weary.

23. Last 2nd day, went down to store as usual and returned at night; visited Noah Hart, in trouble. 3rd day, went again to store and returned 'fore night in a violent N.E. storm of snow, hail! Notwithstanding which, went to Noah Hart's and heard Elder Job Borden preach charmingly on these words, "Be ye therefor ready also." Spake and prayed after him, and returned home in the storm. 4th day, was much refreshed in conference most all day with Brother Borden and Joseph Jencks at my own and Deacon Taber's house where they tarried, there being much rain in the run of the day. 5th, I came early to store business with wife, but in the evening heard Brother Borden preach at Davenport's on these words, "Say ye to the righteous." Tarried and, after riding on business, dining at Jno. Earl's, came home 6th day evening, weary. Yesterday, went with wife and dined at William Almy's; afterwards preached at the funeral of the widow of Christopher Earl, sister to Israel Brightman's wife and daughter-in-law to William Earl, whose funeral she was at the 16th inst. I was much affected with many circumstances (the corps being placed in the same spot her farther-in-law so lately lay) and preached long on these (and other) words of Scripture, "The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but." Today I have been enabled to preach another lengthy discourse to a crowded audience of both societies on the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection, and the life: whosoever." Since which, our united conference has been attended with a great blessing in my house [torn] glory and honour and praise to the Lord God omnipotent, who reigneth forever.

24. Went early to store; carried daughter Esther (in room of Pheebe, who has been there 2 weeks) and returned [worn]. 26.

Went yesterday after breakfast to store and returned at night. Today did the same. (Jeremiah D. at Little Compton.) 1½ days.

27. Spent forenoon in various work (Jno. Wait plowing). Afternoon about 9 assembled at church meeting; I had much freedom in prayer, and talk about Eunice Round; agreed to supply Elder Round with necessaries. Meeting broke up at 4 o'clock. Brother Hart and Deacon Taber sowed me ½ an acre flax and grass seed, while I

sowed a quarter acre with barley; harrowing and bushing lasted til near dark. 28. Went down early to store and came back at night, having done much writing. 30. Yesterday, went with wife to the funeral of William Davis Esqr. of Westport and preached with great freedom to a large assembly on James 4:13, 14 and Prov. 12:28. Today but few met on account of rain, yet after preaching to them on Mal. 3 last, "Then shall ye return and discern" (Jno. Weeden. dined with us) I went with wife and preached at the funeral of Pardon Willcox's child, on 2 Cor. 1:4; returned at sunset in the rain.

5 Mo.-1. Had a sorrowful morning parting with son Joseph bound to sea! Many other crosses and difficulties surround me (self and wife feeble and 2 oldest daughters), was in want of hay. Went down to store [torn]day in usual business, but heavy laden. (T.D. went to Providence.) Sent some hay home and came home at night in a thick fog. 3rd. 4th day of week. Yesterday went after breakfast to store and returned at night. Today carried wife down; left her to tarry all night with our sick daughter Davenport, and returned myself. 4. Went early to store; did much business and returned with wife at night; found son Joseph. 5. Went early and returned at night (we had the smallest day's business we have yet known).

7. Yesterday visited Elder Round (in his 91 or 92nd year) who seems much weller [sic] and conversed very rationally on divine things; had a solemn time with his son Jno. Dined at David's; came home early afternoon and went with wife, visited and prayed with old Widow Tripp. Today (Glassgow went away) I have been enabled to preach with much freedom on Malachi 3:7, "Ye are gone away from mine ordinances." After which administered and partook of the Lord's Supper, with few of the church (about 16). 8. Went early to store; did much business and returned. 9. Went to Newport on store business, to pay debts and collect goods; carried daughter Hannah to Portsmouth. Dined at Brother Jno. Irish's; did considerable business. Heard Brother Benjamin Peckom preach lovely in Elder Thurston's meeting house in the evening, and lodged with Deacon Tilley. 10. Did much business (with about 30 persons; visited parents and gave them 2 dollars). In the evening, preached to many in the new meeting house on Mark 4:39, "And there was a great calm." Elder Silas Burrows from Groton spake after me, and I lodged at Unkle Green's. 11. Left Newport early; dined with her that was Molly Taber, Deacon's daughter. Went to Sally's for daughter H. Brought her to Molly's where I left her poorly; came to store and home. 12. Went (after breakfast) to store (rainy day); did much business and returned. At night was much rain.

14. Yesterday, rested at home, but had some works of necessity to do; attended evening prayer with wife at Deacon Taber's. Today have had two meetings, and preached on Colos. 2:6, "As ye have received C.J. the Lord, so walk," Mark, 4th chapter, the parrable of 4 sorts of ground. Brother Brownell helped by prayer. After meeting, wife went on my beast, behind Job Taber, to see daughter Anna. 16. Went early to store yesterday morning. (Lent beast to fetch Anna Weeden.) Came back at night with lame beast, alone. Today, went after breakfast and came home at night with wife. 17. Carried wife down again; near night with her sat out to come home in cart. Met with much trouble, but got home at last on lame horse. 19. Let beast rest yesterday and today; went down both mornings on foot and came back one on foot, 'tother rode with

daughter Mary. Thus I have made out $4\frac{1}{2}$ days at store this week instead of planting.

21. Yesterday rested as usual at home; today after preaching on these words, "I lead in the w. of right!" and on Prov. 8:34, 35, 36, Blessed is he which heareth me, rode 7 miles on G. King's horse and married Thomas Osborn to Anna Durfee (daughter of Joseph, deceased). Was in the house about 1 hour; left it without eating. Rode 3 miles to David Round's; left the horse and walked 4 miles home on foot, after sunsett and in a thick fog. Took cold; went to bed very weary. 22nd. Intended to plow and plant the remainder of my ground if I could, but unable to get a team. I went on foot after breakfast to store; did near $\frac{3}{4}$ day work on books, tending, and walked home. 23. Worked at home with son (and Jno. Weeden, who killed my calf). Dug stones near S. Taber's; hoed in garden, planted beets. Towards night I went to store for necessities and returned to supper. 24. 4th day of week, went early to store; rain after I got there. Did a good day's work (settled for my board) and returned at night. 25. Forenoon rain confined me at home and prevented my having a team to plow; I worked in stable. Afternoon pleasant and warm; 7 brethren and 1 sister came to church meeting. And after adjourning the case of Eunice Round, a long conference took place about Sabbath, occasioned by my proposing to hold church meeting the last 7th day of each month! The majority agreed to it, but I did not insist, seeing C.H., S.T. and E.S. were against it. Wife and daughter Hannah poorly in the night. 26. Went early to store, but took only bred and water for breakfast; returned mid afternoon to hard work with D. Simmons, C. Hart and 3 ladds besides Joseph, who with 2 pair oxen prepared and plowed the piece near Deacon Taber's, containing only 50 square rods! Carted no wood or dung. 28. Yesterday I seemed obliged to do several pieces of temporal business at home, but rested and studied some. In the night and this morning it rained, so that only about 10 came forenoon to meeting; we only prayed, read and sang after long silence. More came afternoon; I preached with much freedom on Mark 11:6, "And said unto them even as Jesus commanded." Spent remainder of the day in reading at home.

6 Mo.-4. The week past I made out but $3\frac{1}{2}$ days on store business; 2nd day planted. 3rd and 4th days walked down to store because my horse is yet lame. (T.D. went to Newport 4th and returned 5th day.) 6th day I went to store and spent about 3 hours; then went to meeting at Bn. Sawdey's and heard Elder Borden preach. Spake after him and came home. Yesterday, spent at home in usual manner, and today after preaching with marvelous freedom on these words Mark 14:41, "The hour is come," administered and partook of the Lord's Supper.

11. Last 2 and 3rd days (after breakfast) went on foot to store; spent $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of each day in business and returned on foot. 4th day, sat on my beast (which has been lame more than 3 weeks) and walked her down, and tarried all night as Jeremiah D. wanted to ride my beast up to my house and tarry, which he did. 5th day night I returned. 6 day I went (after breakfast) to store; afternoon rode up to the bridge and did much important business with Jno. Cook. Returned to store and walked home in the evening, driving loaded beast before me with William Manley's grist. Yesterday rested chiefly at home, and today after prayer, singing, and long silence, I was enabled to preach an alarming discourse, forenoon, beginning abruptly with these words (founded on Acts 18:17) "Gallio! Awake! and attend to the things which belong to

thy everlasting peace before they are hid from thine eyes." Afternoon, on Isaiah 27:5, "Or let him take hold of my strength that he may make peace with me." Near 5 o'clock went (with wife) and preached again with uncommon freedom at Brother Davis Simmons'es on Malachi 3:1, 2, "Behold, I will send my messenger." Returned home very comfortable in mind, but feeble in body. 16. (6th day evening) As T.D. went to Boston last 2nd day, I've been obliged to spend the 5 days just ended, dilligently at store. 3rd day and 5th day evenings, also tended and tarried all night; T.D. came home late 5 day. This morning I opened store (as Jeremiah D. was at my house) and have been so engaged in business as to have but few reflections altho' it is my birthday, compleating 49 years!

18. Yesterday (with wife) went to Acoaxet meeting house and heard 1 man and 2 women speak (chiefly well) upwards of 2 hours; dined at Abner Brownell's and came home. Today only Deacon T. and wife attended forenoon meeting by reason of much rain; I only read and prayed. Afternoon preached the gospel with much freedom to about 12; had company til near night, Jno. Weeden, D. Simmons. Had much pain of rheumatism; about sunsett was more rain and thunder.

25. Last 2nd day, went early to store (leaving Jeremiah D. and his mother at my house) but left it about noon, dined at home. Then went and preached with much freedom at the funeral of William Almy's daughter aged near 13 years; tarried with the family til near night and came home in peace. 3rd day, went after breakfast to store and returned at night. 4th day, went early on foot and returned 5th day night. 6th day same. Yesterday, after dinner, went with wife and preached with much freedom at Jno. Willbur's (Jeremiah D. and wife present, also old Brother Davenport the tanner, and seemed much pleased) and returned at night. Today have been favoured with an uncommon sense of eternal things, and preached with marvelous freedom and power, so as a large assembly seemed much affected, forenoon, on the nature of divine worship besides the gospel properly, afternoon on these words, "Render therefore unto Ceasar the things which be Ceasar's." Since meeting, there has been thunder and rain, clearing pl[torn] after which I walked slowly down to the 4 Corners and tarried all night. 26th. I opened store early (Jeremiah D. being at Jno. Willbur's); after breakfast T.D. went [torn]. Jeremiah D. came to store; we tended together til night, when I walked home [torn]. 27. I rode down early; tended chiefly, did much business (was sued by Philip Hart [torn]). 29. Yesterday I rode near 15 miles on store business with Daniel Dwelly; left [torn] and lodged at Davenport's. Did much business evening and today til noon and [torn] to church meeting about 15 brethren and 10 sisters renewed covenant lovely. We had much [torn] with Constant Hart, Anna Wood; concluded to hold church meeting the last 7th day of each month [torn] to grant some supply of the needs of Elder Round (who died after midnight as we have [torn]). After meeting I had the rarity of conversing with a burdened soul at my house (Patience Taber, daughter of Philip) who tarried all night. 30. Went early to store, and in extream heat did a great day's work, and returned at night. (T.D. came home mid afternoon.)

7 Mo.-2. Yesterday (went 4 miles with wife and) preached with much freedom to a great assembly at the funeral of Elder David Round (in his 91st year! see 1 Mo. 8th and 5 Mo. 7th for my last visits) chiefly speaking on these words, "O Earth, e. e. hear the Word of the Lord," [torn] particular word for the 2 sons and their families after burying, and returned in peace [torn]. Today after

preaching with great freedom (to few by reason of appearance of rain) on Acts [torn] last verse, "That they should see his face no more," administered and partook of the Lord's Supper with about 12 brethren and sisters in midling comfortable frame, but h[torn]ing to [torn] preaching in the orchard; feel very feeble in body to-day.

9th. First day of week. Last 2nd day, walked down early to store, and came back 3rd day noon (on my sent beast) to the eleventh quarterly meeting of a great number of American churches, to pray for the coming on of the latter day glory of the church; this meeting was held in our meeting house and was precious and edifying I believe to both churches which met. After meeting, I spent some time in sweet conference with Zuriel Fish and wife, Deacon Palmer, at my house. The day seemed more than commonly great, being the political birthday of America and natural birthday of my youngest son Noah-Peleg, as well as 4ly meeting day. In the run of 5 days being at store the week past, I made out 3 3/4 day's real service. Yesterday was obliged to help in getting up hay, but had some rest, study. Today, tho' feeble in body, felt great freedom and assistance in preaching to a full assembly on 2 Peter 1:13, 14; afternoon on several passages, exciting to prayer as, "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." Since meeting, there has been a little refreshing rain; none before for 2 weeks, exceeding hot and dry.

16. Having been at the store 5 days of the week past, as usual, and made out 4 days clost attention to business, spent yesterday at home and was obliged to work a little once more on suffering hay (which turns out, this year, but about half so much as last because of the drouth). I have this day been enabled to preach twice more with usual freedom on John 3:11, "We speak that we do know," and 2 Peter 3:14, "Seeing that ye look for such things be diligent." Went to bed poorly. 17. Walked early to store (Hannah having my beast at Fall River) and back at night. 18. Went after breakfast to store; spent half the day in store business. Returned mid afternoon and assisted with my beast, in drawing hay to stack. 20. Went early yesterday morning on foot, and came home late this evening on my beast sent to me (found son Samuel). Had a peculiar conference with Jno. D. and wife last evening (and I hope the last on that subject). 21. Went to store after breakfast and returned to supper; Samuel and Joseph went fishing.

23. Yesterday rested at home; had some peculiar talk with sons Samuel and Joseph. After [torn] Samuel and Hannah went to Davenport's on my beast; I helped top off a stack. Today it began to rain about meeting time, but not much fell! I have preached twice more to few people on the Saviour's words, "Watch therefore and pray always, and Amos 4th, "Prepare to meet thy God!" Since meeting have had a singing, and perhaps a sinning, company round me; seen my whole 9 children together, with my son-in-law, a sight which perhaps I may never have again on earth, but if we all meet in heaven, O, what ravishing delights shall we enjoy. 24. After breakfast went to store; lent son Samuel my beast, and Joseph went with him to Bristol Ferry and returned. I came home at night. 25. Spent 3/4 day on store business and returned. 27. Yesterday, went early to store (lent Brother Briggs my beast to go to Bedford) and returned home tonight. 28. Spent forenoon riding on store business to the Point; afternoon [worn] Taber one hundred dollars for Philip Hart towards my land and came home.

30. Yesterday forenoon, rested at home; afternoon attended church meeting (first time on 7th day; 8 males, 2 sisters). Jno. Davenport talked much; we had more talk about, and ordered a letter to be wrote to Earl Taber. Great freedom [worn]. Today, after preaching with great freedom to few in the meeting house on [torn] (went with wife) to William Wood's Jr. and preached with much [worn] to a great assembly in the orchard at the funeral of his daughter M[torn] about 18 on John 16, last verse. William continues [worn].

1797-8 Mo.-6. 2nd, 3rd and 4th days of the week past, was down to the store on usual business and returned each night, making out 2½ days' work. 5th day went early again, and after a diligent day's work went to bed in pain at Davenport's, which increased so as I had but little sleep, and was up 3 or 4 times with vomiting and purging. Yet I spent about half 6th day on store business and came home very feeble. Yesterday rested at home, and had much religious talk with her that is called Sal. Lake (or Sarah Hamilton, who has been a noted prostitute), now a member of Elder Thurston's church, and Deacon Sm. Taber's daughter Mary with her husband Thomas Shearman, who visited us, also Jno. and Thomas Burroughs, sons of Green. Today, after preaching with great freedom a lengthy discourse (considering how feeble in body I am) on Isaiah 52:7, "That saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth," administered and partook of the Lord's Supper with few of the church. And am now going to the 4 Corners to marry Jeremiah Targy to Molly Willcox, daughter of William ([at the] pond) and expect to tarry at Davenport's.

7. 2nd day of week. We had a clever rain in the morning, and 2 more showers in the run of the day; T.D., with my 2 nephews, sat out for Newport and Providence, but returned. (Son Joseph came and spent chief of the day in laziness at store.) After a diligent day's work of mine, I came home. 8. T.D. went to Providence (there was much rain afternoon); I did much on books. 10. Jno. Hicks came to tend store, and T.D. returned at night; new oven and piazza finished, bake house enlarged at about 60 dollars cost. 11. Went after breakfast to store and returned at night, having spent 4¼ days this week. 13. Yesterday, with wife, visited and dined at Gideon Coggeshall's whose wife was Polly East; afternoon visited old George Browning and wife, poorly. Last evening a great rain began (wind at S.W.) and continued great part of today preventing meetings; I spent the day in reading. 20th. In the run of last week, spent 3¼ days on store business. On 3rd day, visited Job Taber, [torn] even a beloved brother of the church who was taken sick the 13th instant and died the 17th. On the 18, or 6th day of the week, I preached to many at his funeral, visited and prayed with Jacob Taber, and came home. Yesterday felt poorly myself, yet with wife visited and prayed with old Widow T[torn]. Today forenoon, preached on no particular text, yet spake with wonderful [torn] on many points of truth, occasioned by the sudden sickness of Sister Hop[torn] in the meeting house in time of first prayer by Brother Brownell. I desired him [torn] afternoon, I was so weak but he declining I preached on John 9:4, "I [torn]." After meeting, I visited and prayed with the family of William Wood Jr., whose wife and [torn] all appeared very sick with feavers. 22. Yesterday, T.D. went to Newport and came back tonight; I was both [sic] days [torn]. 23. Being poorly, I spent chief of forenoon at home (having workmen [torn]). [Torn] sent for, I went and dined at Philip Cory's, then went and preached with [torn] at the funeral of Nancy Gray, wife of Philip (in the Neck), one of my best

friends and a virtuous woman and profitable member of society, who died after 4 days [torn] supposed of the worst of feavers. After burying, visited Widow Taber, and returned home [torn] and today spent chiefly in store business, making 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ days in the whole week. [Torn] forenoon (being yet very weak) I rested at home; afternoon [torn] on church business. I felt stupid, but had much talk about Earl Taber [torn] method of supporting ministers and defraying other church charges [torn] much conversed upon and left for further consideration. [Torn] with great freedom in the meeting house on 1 Thess. 4:14, 18, "W[torn]." [Torn] wife of William Jr. and after burying the c[torn]les 9:10, then visited the 6 sick children and [torn].

9 Mo.-3. First day of the week. 5 day of the week past (as usual) I went down to the store, and returned home evry night. Made out 4 days real business in the whole; 2 days I went early, before breakfast, and 3 days after breakfast. On 3d day of the week wife went down with me; we found Patty Burroughs at daughter Davenport's. Yesterday I rested at home and read much; expected a visit from Weston Sowle, but he came not. Today (tho' weak in body) have preached twice more with great freedom and power on Rom. 10th, last verse, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands," Rom. 4th, last verse, "Who was delivered for our offences." Some impediments hindered our attending the Lord's Supper, but it has been a comfortable day. T.D., my companion in business, whose soul's salvation I have so often longed for, was at meeting with us all day with his parents! but Jeremiah D. is poorly. I received a charming letter from Elder Lemuel Covell. 8th. Four days and three quarters of this week, I have spent in store business, two of them at Newport, where I went 4th day and, after an evening meeting at Brother Pullen's, lodged at Deacon Goddard's, and against a cold N.E. wind got back to the store 5th day evening and tarried. (T.D. also got home from Providence.) Today I have done a great day's work on books and papers.

10. Yesterday rested at home as usual; read much in the works of Jno. Johnson (lately sent me a present by my beloved brother, Elder William Rogers from Philadelphia). Today, have been enabled to preach twice more to a crowded assembly (Elder Briggs not being at home) on Rom. 15:33, "Now the God of p.," and Rom. 14:18, "For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable." After service, felt very feeble in body, but comfortable in mind.

17. After going to store 5 days running and making out 4 days work, I rested yesterday at home (read much). And today have preached twice more on 1 Cor. 12:1, [sic], "But covet e. the best gifts." and Rom. 9:1, "I say the truth in Christ." Towards night, visited Amy Hart, with wife [torn]. The 18, 19th and today spent at store. Today I was requested to attend the funeral of Aaron Davis's son aged 6 or 8 years, but having a relax on me, I could not. 22. Yesterday, spent chiefly at store; today went there very early. Was unexpectedly called to attend the marriage of James Tripp (son of Rufus) to Betsy Grinnell (daughter of Daniel); was but 3 hours going, coming and there. Returned to store, made up 4 days work in the 5 I have been there this week, and returned home; found a number of young people (who had been quilting) to attend evening prayer.

24. Yesterday visited Ic. Potter, Ab. Brownell and William Wood's sick family; wrote to Elder Covell. Today have preached twice more with marvelous freedom on Ezek. 12:23 (very special), "The

days are at hand and the effect of every vision," Luke 24:49, "And behold, I send the promise of my Father [torn]." Since meeting, felt very joyful and had much talk with Brother [torn] country, Ic. Potter (and several others) who dined with [torn].

10 Mo.-1. First day of the week. In the run of last week, I made out 4 3/4 days in [torn], reckoning in 5th day, which, tho' I spent forenoon in [torn] twelve shillings at the wedding of David Bro[torn] gave it into common stock. Yesterday [torn]bly; Weston Sowle came. Jno. Weeden [torn] great freedom on John 14:21; administered and partook [torn] (extraordinary affair took place) after which [torn] all night [torn]. Sometime past I tore out the one leaf back on which I had in a hurry [torn] a few receipts.

10 Mo.-2. I wish I had time to make some notes concerning the contagious disorder which has again visited Philadelphia, reached to Providence in this state, but at present can only say that after breakfast this fine morning, Brother Pullen single and 3 double horses of us went together on business at the 4 Corners and I returned as usual at night. 3. This forenoon, spent at home in various business; afternoon attended the quarterly meeting in Brother Briggs's meeting house, who prayed and spake first on brotherly love. After which I spake some time on these words, "The vision is for an appointed time" and prayed. Last of all, Brother [blank] Fuller (Abraham Brown's son-in-law) spake and prayed charmingly! On the whole 'twas a very comfortable meeting.

6. The day before yesterday I went early on foot to store, and returned at night (wherein was much rain, with violent wind). Yesterday went after breakfast to store, and did half a day's work; afternoon, with Brother Briggs, visited Brother Fuller at Abraham Brown's. Today, went again (T.D. went to Providence); made up 3 day's work and returned. 8. Yesterday spent at home; should have gladly rested as usual, but so many works of necessity called attention (my son Joseph having been at work abroad about 2 weeks) was busy chief of the day, securing my hog which had been lost, backing wood. Today, having a renewed sense of the greatness and importance of preaching Christ, I endeavoured after prayer and reading 3rd chapter of 2 Timothy to comply with the solemn charge contained in the first paragraph of 4th chapter from 1 to 5th verse, wherein I found great freedom, assistance and delight! All glory to the Lord.

15. In the run of the week past, I hired Samuel Sanford, N. Hart and Richard [Smith?] to harvest my corn and potatoes (about 17 and 16 bushells); did something [torn] it myself; made out 3 1/2 days (in 5) at store. On 5th day evening, married Gilbert Taber to Polly Slocum at Elisha Brown's and came home with [torn]. Yesterday the appearance of rain (which came in plenty at night) obliged [torn] husk corn and stack husks! Nevertheless I preached today [torn]al freedom (but under great trials) on Heb. 11:39, 40, "Having [torn] a good report, thro' faith, received not the promise." Son Joseph went [torn]. 16th. I was desired to attend the funeral of old Lemuel Manchester [torn] gladly have done it, but having no boy or man to help me [torn] late in the day, the immediate need my family stood in of [torn], the store and necessity of attending to the store books, prevented [torn]. [Torn] attended to hard work at home, then went to store for necessaries. [Torn] considerable on the books; returned before sunset and worked hard til [torn].

22. In the run of the week past, made out 3 1/4 days at store; did much hard work. [Torn] was divided between necessary work and rest. It began to rain [torn] and the plenty of it today there

was no public meeting, but I [torn] 5th days the week past; I made out 4 at the store. Between the [torn] chores at home, I have had a more slavish week than [torn]. Rested yesterday, but being out of wood and rain coming [torn] before and after church meeting which was attended by [torn]; had a comfortable time of prayer, talk. P. [torn]bled notwithstanding the appearance of [torn] done, which was very comfortable [torn] been very joyful [torn].

1797-11 Mo.-5. First day of the week. In the run of [torn] days the week past, I made out to spend 4½ days in store business, T.D. having gone to Providence. 3rd day I tarried all night, writing late. 6th day morning I got to store before sunrise, and helped open it (having been assisted on 5th day by 12 men, 3 boys, 3 carts and 7 pair of oxen, who cut and drew me 16 load wood). I rested yesterday at home; it rained hard in the night and some today, but I had a comfortable meeting with about 20 and preached on John 19:19, "Jesus of N., the K. of the Jews."

12. In the run of the week past, was 5 days down at store, making out [sic] really spent in the business. On 2nd day Patty Burroughs went to Bristol on my beast, accompanied by my daughter Hannah; I tarried all night at Jeremiah D.'s and opened store 3rd day morning. On 5th day William Willcox Jr. came to live with me on trial (but went away today, I suppose because I insisted he should go to meeting). Yesterday I rested and read much at home; was some rain today, also cloudy, and since meeting a strong S.E. wind with rain. I preached with much freedom (to about 30 or 40), after prayer, reading and long silence, on Mat. 5:4, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they."

19. In the run of the week past, made out 4 days in store business as usual, but chiefly in tending, because Jeremiah D. was confined all the week with pain in right ear. On 4th day evening Jno. Hicks (aged 14) came home with me on trial to live. From 5th day until now has been exceeding cold; my thermometer was down to 24 part of the time. I tarried all 5th day night at Davenport's. 6th day was the first snow storm. Rested yesterday at home as usual, and today I preached with great freedom to many (considering the cold) on these words (Isaiah 3:10) "Say ye to the r. it shall be well with him," occasioned by its lately coming to my knowledge that our beloved Sister Deborah Blackmer, who died up country more than 2 years ago, desired I might preach on them words with reference to her death! A poor black man also, called Glasgow Brownell (a member of M. Shepard's church) having deceased about the middle of the week past, I thought duty to give his character and speak of him as one in the judgment of Christ. entitled to the promise of the text! Since meeting, wrote the above and 2 letters.

[26.] In the run of 5 days of the week past, spent 4 as usual in store business (Jeremiah D. being still confined). 3rd day hired my hog killed (wt. 226). Cold continued, freezing til that night, since which has been a thaw and much rain 5th day and night (confining me at Davenport's). Yesterday, rested at home, only our 2 deacons and wife, C.H., J.L., and D.S. came afternoon to church meeting. I had great freedom in prayer and conference on these words, "What hath the Lord answered thee," and these, "What dost thou here Elijah?" After meetings, had the colick but was soon relieved; much rain fel in the night. Today I've preached with usual freedom on Acts. 14:1, desiring it may be partly to the same effect.

[12 Mo.]-3. Last 2nd day (weather extream cold, and held til 6th day) I went to Newport [torn] returned 4th day with daughter Hannah, whom I left at Jeremiah D's. And in [torn] in the evening, fell from my beast and received considerable dammage [torn] and eye. Yet proceeded alone, partly on foot, and got safely home, thro' [torn]. [Blot] day being pretty free from pain, attended a public thanksgiving [torn]. 6th day weather warmer, but I was confined with swelled eye. [Torn] went to store and brot Hannah home and today [torn] 8, "And they remembered his words"; administered and [torn] being fine weather. Towards night [torn] very [torn].

10th. Last 2nd day, went down [torn] to store and tarried til 4th day night [torn]. Walked down again 5th day morning and back 6th day night, leading beast [torn] made out 4½ days work on books, which were near 20 days behind by reason of Jeremiah D's confinement, which yet continues. Yesterday, [torn] thaw; I salted beef and rested at home, reading much. Today (cold again) but I preached with usual or uncommon freedom on verses of Matthew 21 (28th), "But what think you?" and "A c. man had 2 sons."

17. Last 2nd day, walked down to store early enough to open it, and did a great day's work tending (T.D. being at Bedford, but returned at night). I tarried til 6th day night, making 4 3/4 days, when I rode home in the rain. (Left wife at Davenport's who had come down on 4th day.) Yesterday, rested and read much at home, and today have been enabled to preach powerfully on these words, "Behold the bridegroom cometh."

24. Last 2nd day, walked down to store and returned 3rd day night; walked down again 4th day and returned 6th day night, leaving wife there as she had been all the week. Yesterday I rode about 8 miles and preached with great freedom, chiefly to black people, at Martha Tockomonah's on these words, "The word which God sent the children of Israel"; dined at Mr. Packer's and came home at night. Today, have preached again with great freedom to many on, "And when he came to him". 31. Last 2nd day, went down to store and returned at night; went again 3rd day and returned 4th day night, found my family had got thro' a great difficulty. Went down again 5th day and returned with wife 6th day night. Yesterday, attended church meeting with few brethren, and today after preaching to many with marvelous freedom on these words, "Behold, now is the accepted time," came down with wife in the evening and preached again to many at Gideon Willcox's on 1 John [torn] "It is the last time," and tarried at Davenport's all night.

1798-1 Mo.-7. Last 2nd day was much rain; I did much business and tarried again all night. Came home to quarterly meeting which was very precious (tho' but few people [torn]miry travelling). I read and spake on Isaiah 54th. Brother Briggs spake [torn] necessity of carefully keeping Sabbath, family prayer, assembling for worship. [Torn] evening I walked down to store and did business til next night; came home 5[torn] night returned with wife. 6th day walked down in a tedious snow [torn] night and walked home yesterday, visiting by the way, afternoon [torn]ning about 4 o'clock wife was called to go to our daughter Davenport's ([torn] of a daughter about 9 o'clock). I preached with much freedom [torn], "[Torn] ye first the k. of God and his r." [Torn] 3/4 days of the week past in store business and tarried one night. [Torn] some pain of the rheumatism. Today preached [torn] on Rom. 1:18, "For the wrath of God is revealed from [torn]." [Torn] wife (who is

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3- poorly herself) to see daughter Davenport [torn] with daughter
4- Hannah. Had an uncommon night of [torn] past in store business
5- (tarried 2 nights) T.D. being at Newport. [Torn] with great free-
6- dom at the funeral of Richard Horth aged [torn] Taber sick. [Torn]
7- of week. In the run of last week, tarried 2 nights at Davenport's
8- [torn] 4½ days in store business. (T.D. went to Bedford 2nd day
9- and again 6th day on my beast.) Walked home late 6th day evening.
10- Yesterday visited Noah Hart and Deacon Samuel Taber. Today felt
11- shut up, yet after prayer, singing (103rd Psalm, 3rd part, short
12- metre) and reading part of Luke 19th from 9th to 28th verse (and
13- long silence) spake about half an hour with midling freedom;
14- Brother Brownell concluded meeting. After dinner rode to Widow
15- White's and preached to many in the evening with marvellous free-
16- dom and stayed all night. 11. In the run of the week past, tar-
17- ried 2 nights at Davenport's and spent 4 [torn] days in store
18- business. Yesterday rested at home; wife went to see daughter
19- Anna, sick, [torn]. Today, after preaching with great freedom on
20- these words, "Straight is the gate," [torn] went and preached
21- again at Moses Brown's to many people on Rev. 22:17, and tarried
22- all night.

23- 18. Spent last 2nd day at store and stayed all night, keeping
24- beast at Philip Cory's. 3rd day, rode northward on business with
25- Col. Cook; and came home at night. 4th day, went down to store in
26- a snow storm on foot, and came home on foot 5th day night. 6th
27- day, had wood sleded by [torn] rode down and returned at night.
28- Yesterday, rested at home (was cloudy, cold and exceeding strong
29- wind). Today (tho' so extream cold meeting held but about one
30- hour) I preached to about 30 on John 12:46, "[Torn] come a light
31- into the world," with great freedom.

32- 25. In the run of the week past, spent 3 days in store business
33- and tarried 2 nights. 2nd day evening, heard Caleb Green preach a
34- lovely discourse at Gideon Willcox's and lodged there with my wife.
35- 3rd day I preached with great freedom at the funeral of Rebekah
36- Thatcher, daughter of Peter (aged about 16), and returned to
37- store. 5th day a great storm confined me at home. Yesterday a
38- snow storm prevented all but 6 coming to church meeting, but [torn]
39- were obliged to act towards Brother Jno. Shrieve and wife by a
40- messenger. [Torn] day also (steady snow) only 5 attended public
41- worship. [Torn] towards night Brother Zuriel Fish and Jno. Weeden
42- went with me to Deacon S. Taber's. [Torn] in the run of the week
43- past spent 4½ days in store business (and 2 nights). Yesterday
44- rested at home, and today being fine weather many assembled [torn]
45- preached on John 19:22, "What I have written, I have written."
46- Since which [torn] an agreeable conference with brethren Weeden,
47- Pullen and Jeremiah D. After [torn] to a marriage of Benjamin
48- Manchester and Lois Lemony [torn]. [Torn] in the run of the week
49- past spent 4½ days (and 2 nights) in [torn]. 4th day evening. My
50- partners made a great purchase of Gilbert W [torn]. I visited and
51- prayed with Job Sawdy (son of Samuel) very sick. Yesterday [torn]
52- felt poorly. Today being prevented by rain, absence of Brother
53- [torn] William Osborn Jr., I preached to about 15 in our meeting
54- house [torn], "Choosing rather to suffer a." [Torn] 5. In the run
55- of the week past, spent 4½ days [torn] work than common because
56- Jeremiah D. spent every day [torn]. Yesterday [torn] and read
much [torn].

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Having drawn up a conclusion by the Will of God to leave
Newport, My Native Place, and Go to live at Tiverton --
I did on the 19th of the 4th Month 1775 -- Write the
following lines.

1. I seem to think the People here†
Have forfeited their claim
And that my conscience would be clear
Should I depart from them.

2. But tho' I journey far abroad,
And never should return
Yet our great, good and Gracious Lord,
Will not leave His forlorn.

3. The sure foundation always stands
And known unto the Lord
Are all his saints in ev'ry Land
Who Love and trust his word.

4. My soul doth wish Mount Zion Well,
What e'er becomes of me
"There my best friends my kindred dwell,"
And there I Love to be.

5. But Newport! O my native-place,
And Church that first I join'd;
Thy state is sad -- and small thy grace,
By serching I do find!

6. Repent and turn to God, or soon
Thy Candle stick He'll move
Thou'lt have no place to rest at noon
Nor e'er enjoy his Love.

7. Dear Lord appear, display thy Power,
And turn their heart to thee
Don't let them be like grapes that's sower,
Or like a barren tree.

8. But pour thy Spirit on them Lord,
And thy good work revive
Make them to tremble at thy word,
And say unto them, Live!

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9. That they hereafter may confess
That truth they now despise
Die, cloath'd with Jesus Righteousness
And in his image rise.

10. And dearest Lord vouchsafe to bless
My soul with Gifts and Grace
Then tho' I'm least of Saints, and less
I'll preach to human Race.

11. Where e'er I journey to and fro
Thy Name, thy Fame I'll spread
Direct my steps -- and with me go
To Call men from the Dead.

12. And when my days on earth shall end,
May I prepared be
To stand before thy Throne and spend,
Eternity with thee.

13. Ascribing Glory Power and praise
To Father, Son and Spirit
The Three-One God whose love & grace
And Glory we Inherit.

Amen.

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