Constitution and Canons cut out; Folio 5, like Folios 1 and 2, has them left untouched.

As to the probable period of alteration, it can only be said that it could not have been prior to 1795, but why in that case portions of the partial folio of 1792 were used in each book cannot be explained. Both volumes show rather less signs of wear than the other three, although in Folio 4 it was found necessary to strengthen the edges of many of the 1795 leaves by pasting on strips of paper. The paper itself seems somewhat lighter than that in Folio 5, but this may simply be an apparent effect produced from more constant use. However, Folio 4 has never had to be rebound and is tooled exactly like Folio 3, although the color of the leather, as it appears now, is lighter.

In conclusion it may be queried why the changes which were made by the insertion of printed matter were confined to certain services. The answer undoubtedly is that in the main the changes were limited to those services of the Church which would be read either at the reading-desk or at the Altar. In the Marriage, Baptismal, and Funeral Services it is obvious that a folio Prayer Book would not be very practical, on account of the places and manner in which they are conducted. Undoubtedly then as now the officiating clergyman would commonly use a small book which could easily be held in the hand. While it is true that two of the Books contain the Baptismal Services in folio, it will be noticed that they are from the full folio of 1795, and that the partial folio of 1792, which was only intended to harmonize the old English Prayer Books with the American Book of Common Prayer, did not contain these services.

Mr. Albert Matthews made the following communication:

DIARY OF THE REV. THOMAS PRINCE, 1737

Mr. Brigham has sent down to us from the American Antiquarian Society an interleaved copy of Ames's Almanac for 1737 containing manuscript entries. It is nowhere stated in the volume who made these entries, but the minute handwriting of the Rev. Thomas Portions of Psalms to be used in place of the Venite as found in the 1792 and 1795 folio editions. They can however easily be distinguished both by the typographical differences and by the signatures; also the six hymns which follow the Portions of Psalms in the 1792 edition do not appear in the 1795 edition.
Prince is unmistakable, besides which internal evidence makes it certain that he was the writer. Mr. Tuttle has kindly transcribed the entries. The title-page of the almanac is lacking, but on a flyleaf is written: "William Lincoln from E Torrey Esq."

It is, of course, quite unnecessary to give a sketch of so distinguished a man as Mr. Prince, but a brief statement will be useful in clearing up references to various members of his family, his relatives, and other persons alluded to in the Diary. His father, Samuel Prince, was born in May, 1649, was twice married, and died July 3, 1728. By his first wife, Martha Barstow, there were several children, of whom it is necessary to mention only Martha, who married Ezra Bourne of Sandwich. Their son, the Rev. Joseph Bourne (H. C. 1722), was the "cousin Joseph Bourne" of the Diary.

By his second wife, Mercy Hinckley, a daughter of Governor Thomas Hinckley and Mary (Smith) Hinckley of Plymouth Colony, Samuel Prince had ten children, of whom four died before 1737. The other six, all of whom are mentioned in the Diary, were as follows: (1) Thomas Prince, the diarist, born 1687, H. C. 1707, pastor of the Old South Church, Boston, 1718–1758, died October 22, 1758; (2) Mary Prince, born 1689, married the Rev. Peter Thacher (H. C. 1706) of Middleborough, died October 1, 1771; (3) Joseph Prince, born 1695, died at Stratford, Connecticut, December 4, 1747; (4) Moses Prince, born 1697, died at Antigua, July 6, 1745; (5) Nathan Prince, born 1698, H. C. 1718, Tutor at Harvard College 1723–1742, Fellow 1728–1742, in which year he lost his position on account of intemperance, a heated controversy ensuing between him and the Corporation, later took Episcopal orders, died at Rattan, July 25, 1748; (6) Mercy Prince, born 1700, died August 9, 1748.

Elizabeth Prince, a sister of Samuel Prince, born 1640, died May 12, 1727, married Josiah Loring; and their son Jonathan Loring

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1 The Rev. Peter and Mary (Prince) Thacher had nine children, of whom the following are mentioned in the Diary; (1) Mary; (2) Mercy, who married Nathaniel Foster of Plymouth; (3) Rev. Peter (H. C. 1737); (4) Samuel; (5) Susanna.

2 Capt. Joseph Prince went from Sandwich, Mass., to Stratford, Ct., in 1736, and in 1743 joined the Episcopal Church: see S. Orcutt, History of Stratford and Bridgeport, i. 350, 352, ii. 1274.

3 "We hear from Rattan, that the Rev. Mr. Nathan Prince died at that Island the 25th of July last" (Boston News Letter, October 6, 1748, p. 2/1).
(born 1674, died October 15, 1752) was the "cousin Loring" of the Diary.

On October 30, 1719, the Rev. Thomas Prince married Deborah Denny, who died June 1, 1766. Of their nine children, only four reached maturity, namely: (1) Thomas Prince, born 1722, H. C. 1740, died September 30, 1748;¹ (2) Deborah Prince, born 1723, died July 20, 1744; (3) Mercy Prince, born 1725, died May 18, 1752; (4) Sarah Prince, born 1728, married Lieutenant-Governor Moses Gill, died August 5, 1771.² Mrs. Prince's brothers, Samuel Denny (born 1689, died June 2, 1772) and Daniel Denny (born 1694, married Rebecca Jones, died April 16, 1760), are also mentioned.³

That clergymen figure largely in the Diary is to be expected, the following being mentioned: Rev. Hull Abbot (H. C. 1720), Charlestown; Rev. John Adams (H. C. 1721), at one time at Newport, Rhode Island; Rev. James Allen (H. C. 1710), Brookline; Rev. Nathaniel Appleton (H. C. 1712), Cambridge; Rev. Joseph Baxter (H. C. 1693), Medfield; Rev. Joseph Bourne (H. C. 1722), Mashpee; Rev. Jonathan Bowman (H. C. 1724), Dorchester; Rev. John Brown (H. C. 1714), Haverhill; Rev. Mather Byles (H. C. 1725), Hollis Street Church, Boston; Rev. Charles Chauncy (H. C. 1721), First Church (Old Brick Church), Boston; Rev. Samuel Checkley (H. C. 1715), New South Church, Boston; Rev. Ames Cheever (H. C. 1707), Manchester; Rev. Nathaniel Clap (H. C. 1690), Newport, Rhode Island; Rev. Benjamin Colman (H. C. 1692), Brattle Street Church, Boston; Rev. William Cooper (H. C. 1712), Brattle Street Church, Boston; Rev. John Cotton (H. C. 1710), Newton; Rev. Ward Cotton (H. C. 1729), Hampton, New Hampshire; Rev. Samuel Dexter (H. C. 1720), Dedham; Rev. Thomas Foxcroft (H. C. 1714), First Church (Old Brick Church), Boston; Rev. Joshua Gee (H. C. 1717), Second Church (North or Old North Church), Boston; Rev. Ellis Gray (H. C. 1734), New Brick Church, Boston; Rev. William Hobby (H. C. 1725), Reading; Rev. Edward Holyoke.

¹ "On Friday Night last died here in the 27th Year of his Age, of a consumptive Illness, Thomas Prince, jun. M. A. only Son of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Prince of this Town. His Death is very much lamented by his Relations and Friends. His Corpse was inter'd Yesterday with great Respect" (Boston News Letter, October 6, 1748, p. 2/1).
² See the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, v. 375-384.
³ C. C. Denny, Denny Genealogy, pp. 20-21, 79.
(H. C. 1705), Marblehead, later President of Harvard College; Rev. William Hooper, West Church, later at Trinity Church, Boston; Rev. Israel Loring (H. C. 1701), Sudbury; Rev. Samuel Mather (H. C. 1723), Second Church (North or Old North Church), Boston; Rev. Jonathan Mills (H. C. 1723), Bellingham; Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton (H. C. 1721), New York, later at the New Brick Church, Boston; Rev. Daniel Perkins (H. C. 1717), Bridgewater; Rev. Peter Reynolds (H. C. 1720), Enfield, Connecticut; Rev. Timothy Ruggles (H. C. 1707), Rochester; Rev. Joseph Seccombe (H. C. 1731), Kingston, New Hampshire; Rev. Joseph Sewall (H. C. 1707), Old South Church, Boston; Rev. Peter Thacher (H. C. 1696), New North Church, Boston; Rev. Peter Thacher (H. C. 1706), Middleborough; Rev. Peter Thacher (H. C. 1737), later at Attleborough;¹ Rev. Benjamin Wads- worth (H. C. 1690), First Church, Boston, later President of Harvard College; Rev. Nathaniel Walter (H. C. 1729), Roxbury; Rev. Nehe- mimah Walter (H. C. 1684), Roxbury;² Rev. John Webb (H. C. 1708), New North Church, Boston; Rev. William Welsteed (H. C. 1716), New Brick Church, Boston; Rev. William Williams (H. C. 1705), Weston. It will be observed that with the exception of William Hooper, who was a Scotchman, every one of these clergymen was a graduate of Harvard.

DIARY OF THE REV. THOMAS PRINCE, 1737

1737. Jan. 1 b a Hugh Hall⁴ & Wm Stoddard Esq*, wth Mr Gouge,⁵ Dorrel & c me to Des* me to assist in Gath* ym into a Ch at y* w* Part of y* Town next ) p.

¹ Peter Thacher (H. C. 1696) and Peter Thacher (H. C. 1706) were cousins; while Peter Thacher (H. C. 1737) was the son of Peter Thacher (H. C. 1706) of Middleborough.

² Nehemiah Walter was the father of Nathaniel Walter.

³ Prince employs many abbreviations, some of which are obvious, while others are not. A list is given:

| a = | A. M. |
| b = | from |
| B S = | Brattle Street Church |
| C H = | First Church (Old Brick Church) |
| d = | day |
| d = d = | concerning |
| e = | evening |
| é = | out |
Diary of the Rev. Thomas Prince, 1737

3 m I dine at M’r T: Hubbard’s.¹

p At 3 I met at Hugh Hall’s Esq, w’th R M’r Foxcroft;² w’r I Pray’d, R M’r Foxcroft Preached à Mat. 18. 20. yn I read y’r cov³, to w’r 17 Lift up yr Hands & subscrib’d: R M’r Foxcroft Pray’d: & aft’r sm Discourse, I gave y’r Bless’, & yn M’r Foxcroft & I left ym. See y’r true acc⁴ in y’r Boston News Letter Jan. 6.⁵ Aft’r y’r Ch was gath’d, yy met & chose M’r

G L = General Lecture
L S = Lecture Sacramental
m = noon
N Ch = North Church (Second Church)
N S = New South Church
p = P. M.
r = are
R = Rev.
S Ch = Old South Church
T P = Thomas Prince
W Ch = West Church

The abbreviations used for the Boston churches are all obvious except “C H.” Allusions on March 31st to the Rev. Mr. Foxcroft, and on August 4th to a Quaker wedding, make it certain that the letters indicate the First Church: see pp. 342, 353 note 1, below. Mr. Prince may have chosen the letters because they were also the initial letters of the Rev. Mr. Chauncy, one of the pastors of that church; but more probably, as Mr. Tuttle suggests, they stand merely for “Church” — the First Church, as the oldest in Boston, being the Church.

² For a notice of James Gooch (born 1693), see our Publications, vi. 91. The name was spelled Gooch or Gouge indifferently.
³ John Darrel (d 1746).
⁴ Thomas Hubbard (H. C. 1721). He was the son of Joseph Hubbard (1676–1761), and married Mary Jackson, daughter of Jonathan Jackson and Mary (Salter) Jackson. Edward Jackson (H. C. 1726), a brother of Mrs. Thomas Hubbard, is mentioned later. Cf. Publications of this Society, viii. 251 note, 253–254 notes.
⁵ Rev. Thomas Foxcroft: see p. 333, above.
⁶ This account in the Boston News Letter of January 6, p. 2/1, is as follows:

Monday last in the Afternoon, a New Congregational Church was gather’d in the Westerly Part of this Town. And because the Method of gathering such Churches here, may not be known abroad; we shall give the Publick a brief Account of this particular Transaction:

A Number of Christians belonging to several Congregations in this Town judging it convenient to build a House for publick, Worship in the Westerly Part thereof, and having carried on the Building to a considerable Forwardness; 13 of their Number, being Brethren in full Communion with 5 several Churches here, and 1 in full Communion with the First Church at Cambridge, having applied to their respective Churches, obtain’d Letters of Dismission to incorporate into a new Church by themselves: Three others who have not been in full Com-
Wm Hooper for y® Pastor: vote Hm, 61 a week salary & 40® more a week for Help. 1

4 8 e I sup'd at Mr T Hubbard's w® Col Fulham, old Mr Hubbard, 8 cousin Loring, 8 Mr Isaac Walker & w, & Dr Russel of Barnstable.
5 8 p Col Josiah Willard of Lunenburgh in my Study.
6 2 m I preach G Lee's CH. Ps. 8.1.2(2) (ie)½ 2 I Dine at y® Gov® 4 w® Judg Remington 5 & Capt T Smith of Richmond Truck House: At 10 last n® Maj® Vassal's House catch'd Fire, but was extingushed. 6

munion with any of our Churches, offering to join them, and there being no Objection either on the Account of Doctrine or Conversation, but being known and agreeable to them, the others accepted their offer; and consulting with several Ministers to whom they belong'd, prepared a Covenant of Incorporation in which they could all agree: and then applied to some of those who had been their Pastors to assist them in the Solennity of their Confederation. Accordingly on said Monday at 3 in the Afternoon, being the Time appointed, 2 of those Pastors, viz. the Rev. Mr. Prince and Foxcroft, met with the said 17 Persons; and having receiv'd the Evidence of the said Dismissions, made some Enquiries of the 3 proposed Members, and the others testifying their Acceptance of them; Mr. Prince the Moderator, beginning with a Premonition concerning the Solennity of this Transaction, then proceeded to Pray. Mr. Foxcroft then Discoursed from Matth. XVIII. 20. Then all the Company standing up, the Moderator deliberately read their Covenant which they had written fairly in their Church Record; to which at his Proposal, all the Seventeen lift up their Hands in Token of their Consent, and then subscribed their Names. The Moderator then addressing them in such Terms as These, We must now own you to be a true Church of CHRIST, and invested with all the Privileges belonging to such a One: And we pray You may have Grace to keep this Holy Covenant, and that You and Your Offspring may enjoy the Blessings of it. Mr. Foxcroft then made the closing Prayer, and the Moderator prounc'd the Blessing.

1 For Rev. William Hooper, see p. 334, above. An interesting letter on the high cost of living, written by a Boston clergyman, was printed in the New England Weekly Journal of May 17, 1737. A postscript reads in part as follows:

I may here observe that . . . the New Church lately Gather'd in the West Part of the Town have at their first setting out highly Honour'd themselves in giving Mr. Hooper a greater Allowance even at Present, than any other Congregational Minister in Town, tho' he has only Himself to maintain (p. 1/3).

2 See p. 335 note 1, above.
3 See pp. 332-333, above.
4 Jonathan Belcher (H. C. 1696).
5 Jonathan Remington (H. C. 1696).
6 "Last Wednesday Night about Ten o'Clock the Dwelling House of Leonard Vassal, Esq; in Summer street catch'd on Fire in the Garret (occasion'd as 'tis thought) by a Negro Boy's carrying up a Candle, the Blaze of which catch'd some Cloaths which hung at the Top of the Stairs; but through the Goodness of God, and the Care and Endeavours of those that assisted, the House was saved, when in the utmost Hazard, tho' very much damaged" (New England Weekly Journal, January 11, p. 2/2-3). On Vassal's death, the house was bought by Thomas Hubbard (H. C. 1721).
8 Sa

Maj. Brattle in my Study.

p Dul & compl.

9 Su

I Preach CH. Act. 2:28 (1/4 5)

p R Mr Chancy Preaches fr me at S Ch.

9 W

I Present y° 1st Vol of my Chronological History of New England to the Gen C; viz. 1. To the Gov°. 1. To the Council. 1. To the Speaker. 1. To the Representatives. 4

13 Th m

R M° Web Preaches G Lec

16 Su a

S Ch. T P Preaches. L S.

p S Ch D° Sewall Preaches.

17 m This morning y° Trees wth all y° Branches, Twigs & Leaves are cloath’d with Ice, fuller yn ever can be remembred, w° lasted sev° Days.

18 Tu m

D° Sewall & wife, wth M° Lydia & I. &c Dined at M° Noyes’s.

1 Throughout the Diary Prince indicates the days of the week not by their names but by their signs, as has been done in the text for the first week. These signs are now dropped, and abbreviations substituted, as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\text{O} &= \text{Su} & \text{c} &= \text{Tu} & \text{2} &= \text{Th} & \text{1} &= \text{Sa} \\
\text{M} &= \text{M} & \text{W} &= \text{W} & \text{F} &= \text{F}
\end{align*}
\]

2 William Brattle (H. C. 1722).

3 Rev. Charles Chauncy: see p. 333, above.

4 Prince’s Chronological History of New-England bears the date M DCC-XXXVI on the title-page. The dedication to Gov. Belcher, Lt.-Gov. Phips, the Council, and the Representatives, is dated November 24, 1736. It was advertised as “Published, and ready to be deliver’d to Subscribers” in the Boston Evening Post of January 31, 1737, p. 2/2. The presentation noted by Mr. Prince is thus recorded in the Massachusetts House Journal on January 12, 1737:

The House being informed the Rev. Mr. Thomas Prince was at the Door and desired Admittance, Ordered, That Mr. Prince be admitted into the House, and coming up to the Table, he addressed himself to Mr. Speaker and the House in the following manner, viz.

Mr. Speaker, I most humbly present to your Honour and this Honourable House, the first Volume of my Chronological History of New England, which, at no small Ex pense and Pains, I have composed and published for the Instruction and Good of my Country.

And then he made a Compliment of one of the Books to Mr. Speaker by presenting it to him, and another he presented to and for the Use of the Members of the House of Representatives, and laid it on the Table, and then withdrew (p. 107).

The Speaker was John Quincy (H. C. 1708).


7 Rev. Joseph Sewall: see p. 334, above. His wife, mentioned later, was Elisabeth Walley.
19 W  The Hon'b1 Col John Cushing one of y*e Councel, & late a Judg of y*e Sup'r C't, Dies at Scituate, set 75.1

20 Th m  Rev. M'r Loring 2 of Sudbury Preaches Gen Lec't for Rev M'r Cooper.3

23 Su a  T P Preaches. S Ch. Job. 16.22. This is y*e 1st Time of Tommy's 4 going to meet 5 since his sickness.

p  D'r Sewall Preaches. S Ch. Pro. 1.23

.25 Tu a  At 10 I set out on Horseback for Cambridg: Ride down to Barton's Point, & over y*e Ice to Col Phipps's Farm: call & Dine at Col Phipps's: 6 Present H'm w/th my Chronological Hist: go to Coll, 7 vis't Mr Rogers, Sewall, Flint, Presid't Wadsworth: 8

At Dark set out, c'm down Charlestown-Road as far as y*e Stone House, turn out & ride over y*e Ice in a thick Fog to Barton's Point & Home by 8.

27 Th m  Cous'n Loring & Br Moses 7 Dine w/th us.

29 Sa  Dies M'r Nicholas Buttolph a Bookseller of this Town.8

30 Su a  S Ch. T P Preaches.

p  Hollis Street Ch, T P Preaches

Feb. 3 Th m  R M'r Checkley 9 Preaches G L. I Dine at Home. At y*e Rate of 20 l p annum w's is p week — 7 l. 8 d. 16 4

4 F p  Gov' Prorogues y*e Gen Assembly to Apr. 13. W.

5 Sa m  Din'd w/th maj'r Brattle at Col Wendal's By Maj'r Brattle I send my Letter to y*e Président, w/th a Present of my Chronological Hist of New England.

e  A very small Blazing star was 1st descern'd at Boston, a little below Venus in y*e Evening.10

6 Su a  S Ch. T P.

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1 John Cushing's death was noted in the New England Weekly Journal of January 25, p. 2/1, and a long obituary notice appeared in the Boston News Letter of February 3, p. 2/1. He was a brother of Thomas Cushing (1663–1740),
the father of Thomas Cushing (H. C. 1711).

2 Rev. Israel Loring: see p. 334, above.

3 Rev. William Cooper: see p. 333, above.

4 Thomas Prince (H. C. 1740).

5 Lt.-Gov. Spencer Phips (H. C. 1703).

6 Rev. Daniel Rogers (H. C. 1725; d 1785), Tutor; Stephen Sewall (H. C. 1721), Tutor; Henry Flynt (H. C. 1693), Tutor and Fellow; Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth, see p. 334, above.

7 Moses Prince: see p. 332, above.

8 His death was noted in the New Weekly Journal of February 1, p. 2/2.

9 Rev. Samuel Checkley: see p. 333, above, and our Publications, xii. 270– 206, where his Diary for 1735 is printed.

10 "Last Saturday Evening, about Seven a Clock, was discovered in the W.S.W. a strange Meteor in the Heavens, appearing as a faint Stream or Blaze of Light:
p S Ch. Dr Sewall.
At 4½, just as we w[e] c[ame] Home à meeting, my w[f] & oth[e] in her Chamber heard ye noise & felt a shock of ye Earthquake, ye is also generally perciev'd thro ye countrey, tho a small shock & noise.¹
7 M e I saw ye Star.
8 Tu e I saw it again.
10 Th m R Mr Welsted ² Preaches Gen Lee.³
   W[m] Wallass of Windsor w[ith] John Wasson of Leicester, c[ame] to me
d my Middle-Mare-Medow-Farm at Leicester.
11 F a I sell ye s[d] Wallass, my s[d] Farm &c. But not being able to
pay me, He sells it s[d] Wasson, & s[d] Wasson to Me before ye end of ye
year.
13 Su a S Ch. Dr Sewall.
   p S Ch. T P.
14 M a Y[e] Classis Placed at College: Tommy made ye Head; Stevens,
y[e] ² ², Barnard, ye ³ ²; Gay ye ⁴ th &c:⁴
   p Min[e] Meet[e] at Dr Sewalls; w[e] I Pray'd &c:
17 Th m R M[r] Nath¹ Walter Preach G L for R M[r] Gee, à 1 Joh. 4.–⁸

For God is Love.

   p I go over in Mr Hughes's Slay, w[ith] Mr Hughes, to her Br Serves's
Funeral at Roxbury. He was a Prentice to Mr Tho Foster House Carpen-
ter, in Boston at w[his] House He Died; but was carried over & Buried
à s[d] Severs's Fath[r] Sever's, in Roxbury Street,⁴ R[d] Mr Neh Walter
& his son R Mr Nath¹ at ye Funeral.⁴ R[d] Mr Walter sen'r Pray'd at ye
House
20 Su a Dr Sewall Preaches. S Ch.
   p T P Preaches. S Ch.
23 W a Benj White & Ezra Clap of Middlebor[o] Esq., c[ame] to Town.

It was also seen on Monday & Tuesday Evenings, it being then fair Weather,
and causes various Conjectures. It is tho't by most to be a Comet or Blazing
Star, and that the vast Distance of it, at its first Appearance, occasions the dim-
ness of its Light as to us'' (Boston News Letter, February 10, p. 2/2).
¹ "Last Lord's day between Four and Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, a con-
siderable Shock of an Earthquake was perciev'ed in this Town; . . ." (New England
Weekly Journal, February 8, p. 2/2).
² Rev. William Welsteed: see p. 334, above.
² Rev. Benjamin Stevens, John Barnard, Samuel Gay. John Barnard was
the son of the Rev. John Barnard (H. C. 1709) of Andover, and died before
graduation on October 5, 1739: cf. Publications of this Society, xvii. 276, 279.
⁴ Ebenezer Sever, who died February 14, was a brother of Abigail Sever, wife
of George Hews, and a son of Shubael Sever: see New England Historical and
⁵ See p. 334, above.
24 Th m R M'o Chancy Preaches G L. à Agar's Prayer. We Dine wth Majr Holman's at y* Govr.
   p At M'o John Salter's.
       Jso Salter
       T P 100
       B White Esq. to James Smith
       But aftwd p'd & Taken up.
   & I clear'd my Bond to M'o Exra Clap of Middleboro'
       L. Princip &c 2.76.16.4d
       Interest

27 Su a S Ch. D'r Sewall Preaches
   p S Ch. M'o Hooper Preaches y* 2d time at S Ch. Psalm. 32.-1.
28 M m I Dine at M'o T Hubbard's.
   p At 3, Min* meet at my House.

March 1 Tu p R M'o Chauncy & I wait on Col Wendal, to consult d y* Rev M'o John Adams's 1 support, in his Delirium: y* we meet wth Majr Brattle, Col. Wendal Proposes to get Subscript f* a year, & we des* Majr Brattle to look out a Place for H'm at Cambridg. R M'o Chauncy & I, yn go & Pay a long vis* to Lieut Govr Dummer.
   & Henry Lee Esq* spends y* even* at my House.
2 Wa M'o Elisha Nevers comes to my House à Leicester.
3 Th m R M'o Mather 2 Preaches. G L R M'o Brown 3 of Haverhill
Dines wth me at my House.
4 Fa At 4 this Morning, M'o Brocas's shop Burnt down.4
6 Su a S Ch. D'r Sewall Preaches.
   p S Ch. T P Preaches.
   & Charity Meeti*, M'o Wm Hooper 1st Preacher Heb. 13.16.
Gathd 105'

1 See p. 333, above.
2 Rev. Samuel Mather: see p. 334, above.
4 "On Friday Morning last about Four o'Clock in the Morning, a Fire broke out in the Shop of Mr. John Brocas, Cabinet-maker in Union-Street, which consumed the same, with what was therein, to a considerable Value: Mr. Brocas's Dwelling House took Fire, but by a wonderful Interposition of Providence, and the Skill and Industry of those who came to the Help of the exposed, the same was soon Extinguished, and thereby the whole Neighbourhood were wonderfully preserved” (New England Weekly Journal, March 8, p. 2/2). The same paper of March 22 advertised a “Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Dr. Colman at the Friday-Lecture in Brattle-Street, March 4th. 1736. 7... After a most merciful and wonderful Preservation of the Town from being consumed by Fire, which broke out in Union-Street about Four that Morning” (p. 2/3).
7 Mm I Dine upon Col Wendal’s Invita\(^1\), w\(^{th}\) H\(^m\) & his officers at Goldthwait’s.

8 Tu p Mr T Hubbard w\(^{th}\) I & Tommy go over Charlestown-Ferry & ride up in 8 Hubbard’s chaise to College: Mr Hubbard & I 1\(^{st}\) call on Br Nathan: \(^1\) y\(^n\) we vis\(^t\) y\(^n\) Presid\(^t\) very dangerously ill, w\(^{th}\) W\(^m\) I Pray. Y\(^n\) go to Mr Flint’s chamber, w\(^{t}\) Mr Sewall, Rogers & Diamond come. I Pray in y\(^n\) Hall; we go up to Mr Flint’s chamber ag\(^n\). w\(^{n}\) leaving Tommy w\(^{th}\) Cous\(^n\) Peter Thacher; 2 Mr Hubbard & I come\(^n\) down over y\(^n\) Ferry, we spend y\(^n\) evening at Mr Isaac Walker’s, Mr Hubbard’s wife & her mother Jackson w\(^{th}\) us. 3

10 Th m R Mr’s Byles 4 Preaches G L. I Dine at Mr T Hubbard’s w\(^{th}\) R Mr’s Byles & Justice Sever 5 of Kingston.

13 Su a S Ch. T P. L S.

p S Ch. D\(^r\) Sewall

17 Th m D\(^r\) Colman 6 Preaches G Lec\(^t\). As I come out of Lect\(^t\) I hear of President Wadsworth’s Decease last night at 1 o’clock. I Dine at Mr. Isaac Walker’s.

19 Sa I hear of the Fall of y\(^n\) Gallery in Northampton Meet\(^t\) House last Lord’s Day. 7

20 Su a T P Preaches at N Ch. Isa. 55.1. R Mr’s Mather at S Ch.

p D\(^r\) Sewall at S Ch.

21 Mm I Dine at Mr T Hubbard’s

23 Wm I Dine at Mr T Hubbard’s, w\(^{th}\) Mr Jackson.

p At 2 1/2 we 3 w\(^{th}\) Mr Andrew & Peter. Oliver, set out on Horse-back thro Roxbury, to y\(^n\) President’s Funeral at Cambridg. Get there by 4: put up our Horses at Professor Wigglesworth’s: 8 at 4 1/2 go to y\(^n\) President’s House: at 5 we follow y\(^n\) Corps to y\(^n\) Hall, w\(^{t}\) Mr Flint makes a Latin Fun Oration of near 3 4 an Hour. 9 We yn proceed to y\(^n\) Burial, about sun set, & get Home by 8.

24 Th m R Mr Thacher 10 Preaches G Lec\(^t\)

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\(^1\) Nathan Prince: see p. 332, above.

\(^2\) Peter Thacher (H. C. 1737); see p. 332 note 1, above.

\(^3\) See p. 335 note 1, above.

\(^4\) Rev. Mather Byles: see p. 333, above.

\(^5\) Rev. Nicholas Sever (H. C. 1701).

\(^6\) Rev. Benjamin Colman: see p. 333, above.

\(^7\) An account was printed in the New England Weekly Journal of March 22, p. 2/1-2; and another, written by the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, in the same paper of April 5, p. 2/1-2.

\(^8\) Rev. Edward Wigglesworth (H. C. 1710).

\(^9\) “Oratio Funebris in Obitum Reverendi Domini Benjamani Wadsworth... Habita in Aula Academicae. Ab Henrico Flynt... Bostoni... MDCCXXXVII.”

\(^10\) Rev. Peter Thacher (H. C. 1696): see p. 334, above.
p Tommy comes to College, & Lodges.
25 Fa This morn at 2, ye Town-Dock Market-House Pulled down.
26 Fp D: Sewall goes to Cambrid; to Preach on occasion of ye President's Death.1
27 Su a S Ch. T P.
p S Ch. R M: Cooper — for D: Sewall & at 6 Tommy sets out for College.
28 Mm I Din'd wth M: Web, Gee & Byles at M: T. Hubbard's.
p I attend y: Min: meet: at R M: Cooper's.
30 Wm Tommy comes Home from College.
31 Th Gen Fast in Massach & P Hamsh:
a I Pray & Preach at S Ch; D: Sewall abs:; at C H, for R M: Foxcroft seis'd last n: wth y: Gout.
p S Ch: D: Sewall Prays & Preaches We Collect 1041 12: for Charitab & Pious Uses.
April 1 Fm I Dine at M: Secretary Willard's.2
3 S a S Ch T P Preaches.
p Hollis Street Ch T P Preaches. Act. 2.38. (2) Sup at R. Mr Byles's.
4 Ma At 10, S Ch & Cong meet & vote y: surplusage of y: Box, wth ½ y: Cellar Rent to be equally Divided betw: y: Min:.
m I Dine wth Br Moses & M: Jackson, at M: T Hubbard's.
5 Tu a At y: Selectmen's Desire I open y: Townmeet wth Pray: in y: Representatives Chamber.
m I Dine wth y: Selectmen, & y: mod: viz Hon Elisha Cook Esq:, &c at y: Orange Tree.
6. We Dul. & Let out Br S Denny's 6 to M O.6
7 Th a At 10, Tommy goes up to College
m T P Preaches G Lec. Ps. 80.1,2.(2) I Dine wth R M: Appleton 7 & Maj: Brattle at y: Gov: 8.

1 "When the Godly cease, and Faithful fail; we must seek to God for Help. A Sermon Preach'd at Cambridge, Upon the Death of the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Wadsworth, ... By Joseph Sewall, D.D. ... Boston: ... MDCXXXXVII."
2 Rev. Joshua Gee: see p. 333, above.
3 Josiah Willard, whose wife is mentioned later. This was his second wife, Hannah (Appleton) Clarke, widow of William Clarke: cf. our Publications, xii. 163-166.
4 Elisha Cooke (H. C. 1697), whose death is recorded on August 24.
5 Samuel Denny: see p. 333, above.
6 These letters are perfectly clear but their meaning eludes me.
7 Rev. Nathaniel Appleton: see p. 333, above.
p Mrs. Fayrweather visits us.\textsuperscript{1} I visit Capt. Nath\textsuperscript{1} Green near his End.
e At y\textsuperscript{e} Libera Societas;\textsuperscript{2} wth Br\textsuperscript{e} Moses & Nathan.
8 F a Br Nathan at our House.
m I Dine wth M\textsuperscript{r} Oxenbridg Thacher\textsuperscript{3} & his son at M\textsuperscript{r} Pain\textsuperscript{a}.
p Ezra Clap Esq of Middleborough at our House.
9 S a Y\textsuperscript{e} Morn\textsuperscript{e} Dies Capt Nath\textsuperscript{1} Green Esq\textsuperscript{r} of this Town. set.
70. He liv\textsuperscript{d} at y\textsuperscript{e} NW corn\textsuperscript{e} of Atkinson-Street: He was master of y\textsuperscript{e} ship Dolphin y\textsuperscript{d} went in Comp\textsuperscript{y} wth y\textsuperscript{e} Thomas & Elizabeth, w\textsuperscript{a} I went to Barbadoes. A sober man & of very good wit & sense.\textsuperscript{4}
10 Su a Cous\textsuperscript{a} Joseph Prince arrives à Lisbon.\textsuperscript{8}
11 M Very Rainy, cold & raw wth a NE storm all last n\textsuperscript{t} & this Day, as also M night & Tuesday; as also wet a Tuesday night.
12 Tu p Tommy comes à Cambridg by water
13 W a Cous\textsuperscript{a} Joseph Bourn \textsuperscript{6} at my House.
p Susee Galpin goes Home.
e Dul & Compl Tommy goes to Cambridg by water.
14 Th m R M\textsuperscript{r} Web Preaches G Lee\textsuperscript{c}. I Dine at James Pemberton Esq\textsuperscript{e}.
p M\textsuperscript{r} Mary Jones comes to Nurse my wife.
e I attend Capt Green\textsuperscript{e} & Thomas Wyat\textsuperscript{a} Funeral.
17 Su a R M\textsuperscript{r} Byles Preaches by exchange wth D\textsuperscript{r} Sewall at y\textsuperscript{e} S Ch
This AM, y\textsuperscript{e} New Meet\textsuperscript{a} H 1\textsuperscript{st} opened in y\textsuperscript{e} W Part of Boston; M\textsuperscript{r} W\textsuperscript{a} Hooper Preaching a & M\textsuperscript{r} Gee p. Br Joseph \textsuperscript{7} comes in wth his vessel à Stratford.
p S Ch. T.P.
18 M m I Dine at M\textsuperscript{r} T Hubbard's wth R M\textsuperscript{r} Byles, Br Moses, M\textsuperscript{r} Dupee \textsuperscript{8} &c:

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\textsuperscript{1} Mrs. Hannah (Waldo) Fayrweather was the widow of Thomas Fayrweather. On her death in 1755, Mr. Prince preached a funeral sermon.
\textsuperscript{2} This society is again mentioned on September 29, but no clue is given as to exactly what it was.
\textsuperscript{3} Oxenbridge Thacher (H. C. 1698) and his son Oxenbridge Thacher (H. C. 1738).
\textsuperscript{4} His death was noted in the New England Weekly Journal of April 12, p. 2/2.
\textsuperscript{5} His arrival was noted in the New England Weekly Journal of April 12, p. 2/2, together with the news he brought. I have been unable to identify this Capt. Joseph Prince.
\textsuperscript{6} See p. 332, above.
\textsuperscript{7} Joseph Prince: see p. 332, above.
\textsuperscript{8} Capt. Isaac Dupee, mentioned later, married Sarah Bromfield, daughter of Edward Bromfield (d 1734), while Mary Bromfield, a sister, married Thomas Cushing (H. C. 1711). On the death of their brother Edward Bromfield in 1756, Mr. Prince preached a funeral sermon.
19 Tu m  Gov* sending for me, I Dine w*th Him: y* Post-master Husk 1 w*th us.

[20] W  Last n* & all this Day, a G* & cold NE Storm of Wind & Rain: w* in y* Ev* turns to Snow & y* to Rain all night.

21 Th  Last n* at 10, our Neighb* Briggs's Chimney, xtr* Fowl, catches a Fire & burns exced* fierce for near an Hour.

p  M*rs Sewall, M*rs Lydia, M*rs Fellows, & Rev. M*rs Israel Loring, at our House.

e  M* Lovel w*th us. Dul.

22, 23 F & Sa  Y* NE Storm of wind & R* continued Th & Th n*, F & F n*t; Sa morn* & a m it snows & y* turns to cold R*.

23 Sa p  Dul  A most extr cold winter & spring as has been known in this countrey by y* pres* Genera*: y* xtr cold wint* reachd à Penobscot to South Carolina: and the winter may be properly s* to continue at Boston this year to y* end of y* Sa y* 23* of April.

24 Su a  S Ch D* Sewall. Su Apr. 24, may be s* to be y* 1st Day of Spring.

p.  S Ch.  T. P.

e  I Proposed to our South Chiff & y* very generally Voted, w*thout any opposition, y* y* H Scrip* b Read in Pub betw* y* 1st Pray* & Sing* in y* Forenoon & afternoon: & y* it be left to y* Discretion of y* Pastors, w* Parts to Read & w* Parts to xpound.

25 M m  I Din'd at M*rs T Hubbard's.

p  I attended Min* Meet* at R M*rs Checkley's.

26 Tu a  R M*rs Chancy & I Rode up in a Chair round to Camb* to y* Overseers ½ yearly meet* in y* Col* Library. We (1) Recom* to y* Corpora* to chuse y* Coll* officers annually. (2) Agreed to join w*th y* Corpora* to keep sm t* in Pray* d y* choice of a Presid*: appointed s* t* of Pray* to be W May 4 a: & Recom* to y* Corpora* to Proceed to [blank]*

Din'd, Ret* by Day-Light, I vis* M*rs Chancy dangerously ill.

27 W p  I spent w*th M*rs Mather in his study — d his Apology. 2

1 Ellis Huske: cf. our Publications, ix. 465-466.
2 Doubtless this should read: "Proceed to the election of a President." "The Question was put whether the Corporation be counselled & advised to come to the Choice of a president next Wednesday come Sevennight in the afternoon and it passed in the affirmative" (Overseers' Records, April 26, i. 153).
3 The New England Weekly Journal of May 17, 1737, contained this advertisement:

THERE is to be prepared for the Press, and e'er long will be published, a Book in Octavo, entitled An Apology for the Liberties of the Churches in NEW-ENGLAND: . . . By Samuel Mather, M.A. (p. 2/3).

It was not published until 1738: cf. our Publications, xviii. 224.
28 Th m R M* Foxcroft Preaches G Lec*. I Dine wth M* Mather's at Deacon Henchman's.¹

30 Sa p M* W* Hooper c** wth a Let* à y* W Ch, express* y* unanimous & earnest Des* y* I w*d Preach at his Ordina y* 18th of May. Y* Sa Br Joseph sails for Stratford.

May 1 Su a Y* a we 1st Begin to Read y* Scrip* in Pub betw* y* 1st Pray* & Singing. D* Sewall Begin* wth Gen I.

p Y* p I Begin wth Mat. I.

2 Ma a Nurse Jones call'd away: M*® Fellows c** to stay wth my wf ys d, & goes Home. Y* d we Plant our Garden & sow our Beans. Y* a M* W* Hooper wth me ag* to Perswd me to Preach at his ordina. Y* a, Mercy & Sarah z Begin to go to school to M*® Twing.

e M*® Wheeler comes to tend my wife.

a m p Dul.

5 Th m R M* Checkley Preaches G Lec*. I Dine at M* Andrew Oliver's wth M* S Mather:

p whither R M* Hooper c** ag* to Perswd me to Preach at his Ordina: follows me Home; I send H* to Rev M* Webb. Br Nathan comes in while M* Hooper is wth me.

e & R M* Foxcroft visits me: & while He is wth me, M* Hooper c** ag*: But I tell H* He must Preach, &c

8 Su a • S Ch. T P. L S

p S Ch. D* Sewall

9 M m I Dine at M* T Hubbard's.

p I meet Min* at R M* Welsted's.

12 Th m R M* Welsted Preaches G Lec*. I Dine at M* J Hunt's.²

13 Fa a This morn* Dies M*® Eliz y* wf of y* R M* C Chauncy, et.

31. a most pretty, pleasant, virtuous, discreet, good Tempd Gentlewoman. She was a Dear & Delightf Friend to me.³

14 Sa e Hugh Hall Esq & W* Stoddard Esq., come to Sollicit me to gv M* Hooper y* charge at his ordina next F. At length I tell y*, if y* ch will 1st vote f* & send to R M* Thacher, & He refuses; y* I will.

¹ Daniel Henchman (d 1761).
² Daughters of Mr. Prince: see p. 333, above.
³ Perhaps "I. Hunt's."
⁴ "Last Friday dyed much Lamented, Mrs. Elizabeth Chauncy, the vertuous Consort of the Rev. Mr. Charles Chauncy, one of the Pastors of the first Church in this Town, and was decently Interred the last Night" (New England Weekly Journal, May 17, p. 2/1). She was the daughter of Grove Hirst, and was Chauncy's first wife. The death of her sister, Mrs. Jane Davenport, is noted on September 6.
15 Su a I Preach my 1st at y* West Church: R M* Checkley Preaches f* me at y* S Ch.
p S Ch. D* Sewall Preaches.
16 M a Gazette &c
m I dine at Mr. T Hubbard’s.
p I attend as a Barer on y* Funeral of D* Mr. Chancy, & Return* to his House, I Pray.
18 W a Mr. W* Hooper Ordination Pastor of y* West Ch. R M* Foxcroft Prays. Mr. Hooper Preaches, 2. Cor. 4.7 R D* Sewall Prays. I Read y* Ch Cov* &c; Pray give y* charge to Mr. Hooper Pray & g* another Ch* to y* Ch. D* Colman gives y* R* H* to Mr. Hooper. Sing. Mr. Hooper gives y* Blessing.
19 Th m Mr. Gee Preaches Genlee*. I 1st Dine at Mr* Faywether’s: none but Mr* Sarah Cotton wth us.
20 F a I ride on Mr* Jeffrey’s Horse to Stephen Williams at Roxbury, see the Mare & colt & Dine: y* to Cousin Thomas Glover’s; to Cous* David Rawson’s; to Capt Culliver’s, w* I met wth Cous* David Rawson & his wf; 1 to Cous* Widow Glover’s; & y* Home by Dark.
22 Su a S Ch. T P.
p N S. T P. This d 12 weeks since my wf took to her Bed.
23 M m I Dine at Mr* T. Hubbard’s
e At 9½ my wf grows Ill. sent f* her women, contind very dang* all n*.
24 Tu & morn* till 4 w* she was deliv’d of a 4th still Born D*, w* we inter’d in y* Min* Tomb at sunset.
p Broth* Thach* came in à Middleboro & Tommy à Cambridg.
25 W a Gov* send* f* me I go wth D* Sewall & Brake fast wth H* & y* Council &c. D* Sewall crav* a Bless*, & I Return* Thanks.

1 A complicated relationship existed between the Glovers and the Princes. Nathaniel Glover (1631-1657) married Mary Smith, by whom he had Nathaniel (d 1724) and Anne. Anne married William Rawson, a son of Secretary Edward Rawson; and their son David (1683-1752) married Mary Gulliver, a daughter of Capt. John Gulliver of Milton. (The death at Milton of Capt. John Gulliver on July 3 was noted in the New England Weekly Journal of July 5, 1737, p. 2/1.) On the death of her first husband, Nathaniel Glover, Mary Smith married Gov. Thomas Hinckley; and among their children were Mercy, who, as already stated (p. 332, above), married Samuel Prince (father of the Rev. Thomas Prince), and Thankful, who married the Rev. Experience Mayhew. But Mary Smith was Gov. Hinckley’s second wife, and by his first wife, Mary Richards, he had a daughter Hannah, who married the Nathaniel Glover who died in 1724. The “cousin Thomas Glover” and the “cousin Widow Glover,” mentioned in the text, were presumably related to this Nathaniel Glover, but exactly how I have not determined. “Culliver” and “Gulliver” are variants of the same name.
M R M'Loring of Sudbury Preaches y^e Elec^a Serm. I Dine w^th
D^v Sewall's Family.

p I attend y^e conven of Min^e at D^v Sewall's, off^e my scheam d y^e
collections w^s w^th s^m altera^e is accept^d.

At y^e Convent^a of NE Pastors

Y^e Scheam voted is this.

1. Y^t at our Anniversary meetings, at y^e Gen Elec in May, y^e be a
Sermon Preached to y^e Convention on y^e Day after y^e Election in y^e
Forenoon: & y^t y^e Conventions yearly do by written votes chuse y^e
Person to Preach at y^e Convention following, as also another to Preach
in case y^e Person 1st chosen sh^d fail.

2. Y^t aft^r y^e Sermon, y^e be a Collection made for Propagating y^e
Gospel & support^a y^e w^p of God in necessitous Places.

3. Y^t y^e Rev D^v Sewall be y^e Treasurer, to take care of y^e s^d Collections,
as also of y^e contributions y^t may be sent in afterwards, & dispose
of ym to y^e Persons & uses Ordered, till y^e Convention chuse some other.

4. Y^t all y^e Collections appropriated by y^e Contributors be strictly
applied to y^e Persons & uses Directed by y^e Contributors.

5. Y^t y^e unappropriated Collections may be disposed of by y^e Vote of
y^e s^d Conventions, if y^e see cause, before y^e separate.

6. Y^t y^e be a Com^ttee annually chosen by y^e Convention to dispose
of y^e remaining unappropriated collections, together w^th any other un-
appropriated contributions y^t may be sent in to y^e Treasurer afterwards
for y^e Pious uses abov^d.

7. Y^t y^e s^d Comtee & Treasurer do lay yr account before y^e Conven-
tions yearly in y^e afternoon of y^e Day of y^e General Elections. &

Y^t y^e Rev. D^v Collman, M^v Thacher, M^v Foxcroft, M^v Gee of Boston,
M^v Nehemiah Walter of Roxbury, M^v Appleton of Cambridge & Mr Bow-
man^1 of Dorchester, be y^e Com^ttee for y^e uses abovvsd on y^e year
ensuing.

All voted,  Attest Thomas Prince

NB. I w^d Propose y^e associated Pastors of Boston w^th such other
Pastors as y^e convention shall please to chuse, as a standing com^ttee,
till y^e convention order otherwise.

26 Th a Attend y^e Conven ag^s. At 10 y^e S Ch Bell 1st Rings: at 11
y^e 2d: we go in; w^s R M^v Baxter^2 Prays & Preaches. y^m in y^e Collec^a.

m I Dine at Home: Br Thach^t Dining w^th me.

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^2 Rev. Joseph Baxter: see p. 333, above. A notice of the convention was
Attend y* Conven, w* Dispose y* collec*. y* Attend y* coll* overseers meet* in y* Council Chamber; w* R M* Cooper is Presented by y* Corpora* t* Presid*1, but excuses Hims: adjourn to next Th.

Sev Min* at my House.

Br Thach* Dines w* th us.

Br Moses th* Tommy, & aft* y* Br Thach*, set è t* Middleborô

Su a S Ch R M* Raynolds 1 of Enfield Preaches

S Ch R M* Pemberton 2 of N York Preaches.

C* in Paton à Rochester

I Dine at M* T Hubbard’s.

Tu m I Dine at M* T Cushion’s. 3 Paton Returns.

June 1 W p vis* d M* Cotton &c.

2 Th m R M* Pemberton of New York Preaches G Lec* t* M* Mather.

I Dine at M* Isaac Walkers.

At 4 I meet y* Col* overseers in y* Council Chamb*. w* (1) We accept y* Choice of R M* Holyoak t* Presid*. (2) chuse a Com* to Des* his accept*, his Chh* concurr*, & to address y* Gen c* to encour* & facilitate his settlem*.

3 F m I Dine at M* Brandon’s w* th M* Secr*, Col Berry, y* wives, M* Payson &c.

I Preach t* R M* Chancy, at B S Ch, y* Sacram* Lect*, à Mat.

8. 17. (2, 3)

Tommy brings in Cous* Mary Thach* à Middleborô.

Sa p Ab* Sunset rises a terrib Storm of Thund* & Lighten*: w* a Girl is Kill’d at Boston, àt 13; & Capt Pitman at Salem, àt 23. 5

Su a L S. S Ch. Dr* Sewall

S Ch. T P.

Ma I went & saw y* Girl killd w* th Light*, view’d y* Room, enquir’d, Pray’d &c.

At 2 I set è alone for Rochester, bated at Mills’s in Braintry, & lodg àt Daniel Howards at Bridgewater Bounds.

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1 Rev. Peter Reynolds: see p. 334, above.

2 Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton: see p. 334, above.

3 Thomas Cushing (H. C. 1711). On his death in 1746, Mr. Prince preached a funeral sermon. He married Mary Bromfield, a daughter of Edward Bromfield (d 1734); see p. 343 note 8, above.

4 Daughter of the Rev. Peter Thatcher (H. C. 1706); see p 332 note 1, above.

5 A long account of the storm appeared in the New England Weekly Journal of June 7, p. 2/1–2, where it is stated that “Capt. Caleb Pitman at Salem, standing with 5 other Persons in a large Entry, was struck Dead.” In the Lynde Diaries (p. 148) the name is given as Caleb Pickman.
7 Tu a I rode on & baited at Howard’s in Bridgewater Town, & at y* Widow’s of my Dear late departed Friend, Capt. Thomas Ames’s. He was a grave, modest, ingenious, prudent, sober, honest man; a Lover of y* old ways of NE; shew’d me allways a particl’ Respect, invited & wellcom’d me to his House: & Died on [blank] Thence to Br. Thacher’s by 12; Din’d;
p At 2 set out for Cromessit-neck; 3 mile this side Elisha Wing’s, met w* Br Thacher, Bourn, & Moses: Br Bourn went back w* me, & we lodg’d at Elisha Wing’s.
8 Wa Br Bourn & I went to Paton’s at Cromessit Little Neck, spent y* Day w* Paton & Sam* Edwards: m3 up acc’t & Lodg’d. This morn* I P4 Elisha Wing 12* in full for service done for Mother at Cromessit.
9 Th a Br. Bourn, Paton & I mounting, rode to y* Part* of y* Roads; w* Br Bourn rode off f* Sandwich, Paton & I ride to Elish Wing’s; I left w* Elish Wing, — 1. Our cov* w* Paton & Edwards. 2. Eben* Landers note to me. W* He return’d to y* Neck, I ride to Deacon Freeman’s, Mr* Ruggles’s, Joseph Haskel’s, Widow Nye’s, Joseph Savery’s in my House at Charles Neck, John Dexter’s, Widow Nye’s. ag*, w* I lodg’d. I t* a note à s* Paton of 61 0 64 see March. 30. 1738.
10 Fa Joseph Savery com* over, we ride to Ben Hilliers: He Ben Hillier & I to Joseph Haskel’s, w* we find Br Moses, y* to John Bourn’s, w* s* Hillier & I agree about y* Well. I Pay s* Hillier 31 15 0 & committ’d y* cov* to Joseph Savery.
Capt Hamond & Br. Moses Com* to John Bourn’s, we 3 w* s* Bourn, Run y* Line betw* Br Moses Land & Mine, marked y* Range Trees, & set up a stake & stones for our común Boundary on y* E side y* way yt leads down à Noah Sprague’s to Hatch’s. Went to Caleb Blackwell’s, & John Bourn’s, w* I left Capt Hamond I P* Capt Hamond 22* in full for surveying Fath* Land on Arnold* Plain: Y* Br Moses & [?] went & Din’d at Roger Haskell: & c* to Br Thacher’s by sunset.
11 Sa a At 7 I set out alone, call’d at Mr* Tucker’s, Howard’s in Bridgwart Town, Daniel Howard’s in y* Goar, come over y* Blew Hills, to Cousin Widow Glover’s. w* I left my mare, & c* home a Foot by 9 at night. Br Joseph c* in à Stratford in Connecticut, w* a Load of Pork &c;
[12] Sa S Ch. Dr* Sewall.
p S Ch. Rev. Mr* Ward Cotton 1 of Hampton.
13 M m I Dine at Mr* T Hubbard’s.

1 See p. 333, above.
15 W p I attended y° Fun of Timothy Clarke Esq; w° Died last M Morn, set 81. 1
16 Th m D° Colman Preaches G Lee. 2
19 S a S Ch. D° Sewall.
p S Ch. T P.
20 M m I Dine at M° T Hubbard’s
p I met y° Min° at R M° Gee’s; w° Rev. M° Hooper 1st c° in among us. Br Sam° Denny c° in by Land à Arrowsick.
23 Th m R M° Thacher Preaches CH I Dine at M° Vans’s, wth M° Sam° Dummer. 3
m Tommy c° Home à College.
p I att° Maj° Vassal’s Fun. 4
24 F p Coll° Overseers Met in y° Council Chamb°; w° y° Maj° P° voted aff of y° corpora° choice of M° Flint to mod° & give Deg° fr° y° whole Day. 5 Adjourn to next Th p. Br Joseph sets sail for Stratford.
25 Sa p xeed Dul.
26 S a S Ch. D° Sewall
p S Ch. T P.
27 M m I Dine at M° T Hubbards.
p Went & vis° R M° Gee, found wth H° his Br George Rogers 6 & Rev M° Pemberton of N York.

1 “Yesterday Morning Died after a few Days Illness, Timothy Clarke, Esq; one of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk” (New England Weekly Journal, June 14, p. 2/2). A long notice of him appeared in the same paper of June 21, p. 2/2.
2 Nathan Prince.
4 “Yesterday Morning died at his Seat in this Town, Leonard Vassal, Esq; aged about Sixty Years” (New England Weekly Journal, June 21, 1737, p. 2/2).
5 See our Publications, xviii. 372-373.
6 The Rev. Joshua Gee married Sarah Rogers, daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Rogers (H. C. 1687) of Portsmouth. Her brother George Rogers was without doubt, I think, the “G. Rogers” who was a temporary student at Harvard College in the class of 1723 or thereabouts: cf. our Publications, xvii. 275, 283. He died late in 1747 or early in 1748, as his estate was advertised in the Boston Evening Post of January 18, 1748, p. 4/2.
Sup at Mr. B Pemberton’s, wth Rev Mr. Pemberton &c.
28 Tu a Sist’ Thacher & her D’s Susee c’m in à Middlebor’.
30 Th m D’s Sewall Preaches G L. I Dine at Home.
   Coll’s Overseers meet in y’s Council Chamb’; But hav’s noth’s to
do, dissolv.
July 2 Sa a Br Sam’s Denny sets sail for Arrowsick.
3 Su a S Ch. T P. L S
   p S Ch. D’s Sewall.
4 M p I meet Min’s at R M’s Chancy’s.
   e Br Thacher c’ms to my House.
5 Tu a Gov sends to me to ride in his Chariot wth H’m to Comenc’t to
morrow.
   p At 1. Cousns Mary & Susee Thacher, wth My Debby & Mercy,¹
   go up in a Boat for Cambridg.
6 W a At 6 I went ov’t to y’s Gov’s; at 6½ set è in his chaise wth H’m
   & D’s Sewall, to Coll’s by 8. Went to Cousn Peter Thacher’s Chamb’
w’ found my Tomy, Debby, & Mercy, wth Cous’s Peter, Samy, Mary & Susee Thacher.²
   Aft’w’d c’m’s Br & Sist’ Thacher, Cousn Foster & wf &c.³ At 10 went to y’s Overseers meet’s in y’s Library. w’ added
   M’s Lynde⁴ & me to y’s Com’ms to Perswd M’s Holyoak’s ppl, to let H’m c’m
to Coll’s. I went to y’s a m exerc’s. Din’d in Cous’s Peter’s Chamb’.²
   went to y’s p m Exerc’s.
   p. At 7. D’s Sewall, I & my Debby set out in y’s Gov’s chaise wth
   H’m, & at 8½ get Home. At 10 my Mercy comes Home, being brot by
   Charltown Ferry, by Cous’s Bullard.
7 Th m R M’s Williams⁵ of Weston Preaches for me at C H. We
   Dine wth A Stoddard Esq & Major Brattle at the Gov’s.
   e Br & Sist’ Thacher wth y’s Chil’s c’m à Cambridg.
8 Fa Br & SistThach & Cou Peter go Homew’d by Land.
   p Cousn Susee, wth Cous’s Foster & wf, for Plymouth by water.
This P, I 1st carry my wf out in a chaise, ride round Roxbury Square,
& c’m Home.
10 Sa a S Ch. T P. *

¹ Mr. Prince’s daughters.
² Children of the Rev. Peter Thacher (H. C. 1706): see p. 332 note 1, above.
³ Nathaniel and Mercy (Thacher) Foster: see p. 332 note 1, above.
⁴ Benjamin Lynde (H. C. 1718).
⁵ Rev. William Williams: see p. 334, above.
On the death in 1748 of his wife Martha, a sister of Gov. Belcher, Mr. Prince
preached a funeral sermon.
p S Ch. M" Ellis Gray's 1 1st at S Ch.
11 M m At 11, my D* & I set out in a chaise, & rode to M" Isaac Walker's House at Roxbury: Eat Radishes & Brd & Butter, I went about his Land: & we c= Home ab= sunset.
14 Th m R M" Webb Preaches G Lec*. D" Sewall & I Dine at y* Gov's.
16 Sa a At 11, My D*, wth To"my & I set out in M" Trail's chaise, rode to widow Glover's at Dorchester.
m Din'd; y*
p Rode across to Capt Steven Williams's at Roxbury. To"my found my mare, & rode Her Home wth us.
17 Su a NS. T P. R M" Cooper f me at S Ch.
p S Ch. D" Sewall R M" Checkley f* M" C at B S This P. Su. July 17. My wf 1st goes to meet* since [blank]
18 M m At noon, Br D Denny's wf* on a Horse, My Tommy on my mare, & My Debby on andoth', set out for Leicester. My wf & I in M" Hunt's chaise, went wth y*: At White's Brook, Sist' Denny rode on to Newtown; Tommy Debby, my wf & I to College. Refresh'd ourselves in Tommy's Chamb*: At 4 we c= down & parted; Tommy & Debby riding on to meet y* aunt at Saltmarsh's a little beyond Watertown Mills, my wf & I returning Home.
20 W a At 11½. I carried my wf & Sarah in Cousn Loring's chaise to Capt Davis's countray seat at Roxbury; Din'd wth H= & wf: & at 5 p set out & came Home by 6.
p Coll* Overseers Com* meet Mr Hollyoke's ppl at Marblehead, & obt= y* Leav f* his going to Coll*.
21 Th m R M" Cooper Preaches C H I Dine alone at M" A Oliver's
22 F m I Dine wth Capt Dupee & wf at M" T Cushion's.
24 Su a S Ch. T P.
p S Ch. D" Sewall.
25 M m Br Nathan & I Dine at M" T Hubbard's.
p At 4 M* Dupee calls & t= my wf into her Chaise & carries her to M" T Cushion's jun*. At 5 my wf sets out wth Capt Dupee & wf in y* Chaise, à M" T Cushion's, f* y* seat at Woburn.
26 Tu m I Dine at y* Gov*: w* aft* Din* takes me into his chamb d his 2 sons* &c Br Nathan Dines at M" T Cushion's.
p At 4 y* Gov* C= to my House d his son Andrew.
e M" Andrew Belcher spends y* e at my House wth B" Nathan & I.

1 See p. 333, above.
2 See p. 333, above.
3 Andrew Belcher (H. C. 1724) and Jonathan Belcher (H. C. 1728).

28 Th m R Mr Foxcroft Preaches G a Lec. I Dine 1st at Mr Benja- 
mmin Holloway's.

[31] Su a S Ch. D r Sewall. L S
p S Ch. T P.

August 1 M m I Dine at Mr T Hubbard's, but alone; He & his w£ being at Braintrye.

2 Tu a At 9, Mr Brandon & w£, & Cushion in 1 Chaise, Mr Cushion 
with her Dr & I in anoth', set e à Charlestown, thro Medford, to Capt 
Dupee's at Woburn: Din'd: & at 6, set e ag ov y's ware, by y's stone 
windmill, & ov Winter Hill to Charlestown; & got Home by 9.

3 W m I Dine at Mr T Cushion's.

e Dul. exeed.

4 Th m R Mr Checkley Preaches G a Lec. Dine at Mr Secretary's 
with Col Berry.

p Quakers' wedding in C H Chh. At 4 I met y's Coll Overs in 
y's Council Chamb'; w y's Clerk Read R Mr Holyoak's Lert of accept', 
& y Oversers voted y's Clerk by Ler to Desire H to Remov to Coll' 
as soon as He can conven'. R Mr Flint visits me.

5 Fa R Mr Chever * of Manchester & Flint visit me.
m Br Nathan Dines with me.

6 Sa m Br Nathan Dines with me.

7 Su a S Ch. T P.

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1 According to the New England Weekly Journal of August 9, p. 2/1, this marriage, which is not recorded in the Boston Record Commissioners’ Reports, took place in “the old brick Church.” cf. p. 334 note 3, above.

"Thursday last Mr. Benjamin Bagual Jun. eldest Son of Mr. Benjamin Bagual, Merchant, was married to Mrs. Anne Hoadan, eldest Daughter of Mr. James Hoadan, Shopkeeper, both the Parents wealthy and eminient Quakers of this Town. There was the greatest Concource of People assembled that was ever known in New England before on the like Occasion.” The marriage was to have taken place in the Quaker meeting-house, but that was so crowded when the bride and groom arrived that they could not get in, the galleries began “to crack and give way,” and so “the Friends . . . applied to some of the Proprietors of the Brick Meeting House in Cornhill, for leave to meet there, who readily and generously granted their Request, . . . Mr. Hoadan had not only his own House (which is very large) but also another House adjoining filled with Guests, to the Number of several Hundreds, and such a prodigious Quantity of the best Sorts of Provision were prepared, as surprised the Beholders, the like having never been seen among us before: . . .” (Boston Evening Post, August 8, p. 2/1).

p N Ch. T P.
8 M m I Din’d at M r Isaac Walker’s.
p Dul. xed
9 Tu a At 9 I set out w th Mercy & Sarah in Capt Cunningham’s Chair, went ov r Charlestown Ferry thro Medford, to My D r at Capt Dupee’s in Woburn, by 11½. At 12 c m m Rev M r Hobby & wf & D x r. ! Dine togeth r.
p Br Nathan goes up to College. At 4 M r Hobby & wf & D x r set è f’ Cambridg: At 4½ I & My D x r, & Capt Dupee, & M é, set è in chair & Chaise 3’ to [blank] at Stonham, & Ret à by Day-Light. Lodg.
10 W a At 9 Capt Dupee & W f, w th my D r in his chaise; & I & my 2 D x r in y s Chair, set out, ov r y s ware, thro Nottamy, Cambridg & Roxbury to Boston by 12½. Dine at Home. At 4, Tommy é m in à Leicester. R M s Perkins s of Bridgewater & D x r visit us. At 7 I meet w th Col Winthrop, A Stoddard Esq r, M é W é Allen, & Col Sam l Willard, at M r Jonas Cla[rks] d sett l è nw Q é r of Rutland.
11 Th a Judg Dudley é calls at my House, & Desires me to go w th H m & vis à y s Greek Nobleman at M s Eyre’s House in Queen Street.
m R M s Welsted Preaches G s Lec s. I Dine at Home:
p At 5 Judg Dudley & I visit y s Greek nobleman; Schik Sidi. 4

1 Rev. William Hobby: see p. 333, above. He married Lucy Remington.
2 Rev. Daniel Perkins: see p. 334, above.
3 Paul Dudley (H. C. 1690).
4 This “Greek nobleman” was Greek by religion only, not by nationality.

The following notice appeared in the Boston Evening Post of July 25, p. 2/1:

On Wednesday last arrived here in Capt. Jones from Bristol, a Gentleman of Distinction, named Schick Sidi: The Place of his Residence when at Home, was Barat, near Mount Libanus in Syria, from whence he was driven by the Persecution of the Turks some Years since on Account of his Religion, he being a Greek by Profession. He was kindly entertain’d by the Empress of Russia, and recommended by her to the Nobility in England, where he has been generously supported for 3 or 4 Years, and has receiv’d particular Marks of Favour and Generosity from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Sir Robert Walpole, and other Gentlemen of Distinction, as appears by Credentials they have sign’d, recommending him as a fit Object of Charity and Compassion to well disposed Christians, he being an unfortunate Gentleman. His Retenue consists of an Interpreter, and two other Domesticks. He is about 45 Years old, and wears the Turkish Habit, which makes him much gazed at by the Americans when he goes abroad, which is but seldom. He is extream stately in Walking, never moving his Head or Eyes to the right Hand or the left. He is of a swarthy Complexion, and as all other Eastern People of Fashion are, very grand and majestick in his Mein and Behaviour. ’Ts is said he does not like this Place very well, and intends to return to Europe in a short Time, without visiting any other Places in America (p. 2/1).

This intention was later altered and he made a tour of the country: see p. 355 note 2, below.
At 7 I meet Col Winthrop &c at Jonas Clark's, w[here] I drew up & we sign'd a vote to encour[e] y[e]t Settle[v] in y[e] NW Q'ty of Rutland.

1 The finest Aurora Borealis y[t] has been seen at Boston & round ab[out], betw[een] 7 & 11.1

12 Fm I Dine at Cousin Joseph Prince's.

p At 4 I set e on my mare, ov'r Charlestown Ferry, to Ambrose Hinds' at Cambri[d]g, agree w[ith] H[im] to keep my mare f[t] using Her; only I & To[my] are to use Her w[a] we want Her. y[a] to College, Brookline, call at Deacon Cotton's Roxbury, vis[t] Judg Dudley, & c'm home by 9. At 6, Cousin Mary Thacher sett e w[ith] her Cousin Niles, Homew[d]. & Eunice Jones c'm to be w[ith] us a little while.

13 Sa a M[r] John Metcalf of Bellingham visits me.

e Br Nathan c'm to Coll[e].

14 Su a B S. T P. Luke 14.16. (2) for M[r] Cooper at Newberry

p S Ch. T P. Prov. 8.17. (7) D'r Sewall at N Ch.

15 M a To[my] carries y[a] Mare & colt to Hind's at Cambri[d]g; leave[s] y[a] & c'm home a foot by 10 A M.

p I meet Min[e] at D'r Colman's.

16 Tu m M'rn Felloss & Billy Dine w[ith] us. Abt[us] 12, y[a] Greek Nobleman &c rides by my House, for Rhode Island; w[a] arriv'd at Boston, W July 20.3

1 "Rhode Island, August 12. Last Night there was here a very Bright Aurora Borealis, which lasted the greatest part of the Night with the usual Variations and Appearances. What was extraordinary was that about Eleven o'Clock, there was a most Beautiful Bow extending from East to West, somewhat Broader and about the colour of a Rain-bow of the Moon, the Arch was perfect only the Western Leg most Luminous, there was a considerable distance between the Bow and the Northern Light, the most amusing [amazing?] Appearance continued near an Hour, and died away by Degrees" (New England Weekly Journal, August 16, p. 2/1). In the same paper of September 27 was printed a long letter on the aurora dated "Cambridge Sept. 26. 1737" and signed "N. P." — perhaps Nathan Prince.

2 "Schick Sidi the Christian from Barut near Mount Libanus in Syria, whose Arrival here from Bristol, we gave an account of a few Weeks past, set out from this Town for Newport last Tuesday, with his Attendants, from whence we are told that he purposes to go to New-York and Philadelphia, and from thence take his Passage to Jamaica, and after that to return back to London" (New England Weekly Journal, August 23, p. 2/2).

"Rhode Island, Sept. 9. Schick Sidi the Christian from Barut, near Mount Libanus in Syria, with his Attendants, took his Passage from hence in one of Capt. Robert Griffin's Sloops, on Monday Morning last, with a fair Wind bound for New-York, the Gentlemen of this Town were very kind and generous to the aforesaid Gentleman" (ibid. September 13, p. 1/2).

3 "Philadelphia, Dec. 15. On Friday last Scheek Sibet, the eastern Nobleman
p Judg Dudley, N Sever Esq of Kingston & Stephen Jones visit me.  
18 Th m  R M* Abbot ¹ Preaches G L f* M* Gee. I Dine at Deacon 
Henchmans  Br Moses sails f* Sheepscoat. 

p Br. Nathan goes up to College. 
19 F a  I visª ye Honª Eliasha Cook Esq, dangº ill. I visª ye Hon M* 
Varnum of Newport, at our Neighbour M* Barrat. Dyre's. 

e Br. Joseph c=- in a Stratford. 
20. Sa p  I visª M* Cook agn.  
24 W M* Cook Dies at 60. My Dr & I & Tommy Dine wº Mº 
Cushion, Mº Clark c=- in, My Dr & I & Tommy visª Mº Bromfield.² 
25 Th m  R Mº Chancy Preaches C H. I Dine at Mº T Hubbards. 
26 F a  I went down to Windmill Hill, Barton's Point, & so along yº 
sea shore & causeway to yº westermost Hill, up yº Hill to Bacon-Hill, & 
down by yº Alms House. went & Din'd at Mº Isaac Walkers. 

e Attend Mº Cook's Funeral. At London. Imported a Riga 120º 
wº Rough Flax. holländ 28º wº steel 9º wº whalebone. 
27 Sa m  Br Joseph & Nathan Dine wº us. 
28 Su a  Yº Mornº Being very ill of a Cold, Hoarsness & Sore Throat, 
I am confin'd & R Mº Cooper Preaches fº me. 

 e Cousº Loring visits me 
29 M Confínº. Minº Meetº at R Mº Thacher's; but I cº not b 
There. 

 e Mº Hubbard & Mº Dan¹ Loring visº me. 
30 Tu a  Br Moses Returns a Sheepscoat, & Br Joseph setts out fº 
Middleborro. 

p Mº Secretary Willard & Col Winslow ² visº me. 
Sept. 1 Th m  R Mº Hooper Preach'd 1º, yº Pub Lecº, à Tit. 3.8. I 
Din'd wº R Mº Hooper & R Mr Byles at Mº Andrew Oliver's. 

p Br Joseph Returns à Middleborough. 
2 F Mº Wº Mumford & Mº Helme c=- to me, à Narraganset d yº 
Minº Land. 
4 Su a  I Preach at S Ch. 

(who came to America last July) with his Attendants, embark'd here on board 
the Brigantine Joseph, Capt. Loftus, for Barbades” (Boston News Letter, January 12, 1738, p. 2/1). 

“We are inform'd by a Letter from Philadelphia, That the Eastern Nobleman 
Shich Sibi, before he sail'd from thence for Barbadoes, was very handsomely 
tertain'd there, and had 300 Pistoles bestowed upon him” (ibid. January 12, 
1738, p. 2/2). 

¹ Rev. Hull Abbot: see p. 333, above. 
² Edward Bromfield (d 1756): see p. 343 note 8, above. 
³ Edward Winslow.
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p I Preach at Hollis-street Ch, à Luk 14.16.(3) & sup wth R Mr Byles.
6 Tu Died Mrs Jane Davenport, set 28.¹
8 Thm R M John Cotton ² Preaches C H f R M Mather, ill. I Dine at M Mr Edward Jackson's.
9 Fp I att Mrs Jane Davenports Funeral.
11 Su a I Preach at N S; & R M Checkley for me at y S.
   p D Sewall Preaches at S Ch
12 Mm I Dine wth y Military Company, at Capt Henchman's.
   p I meet y Min at D Sewall's.
   e Br Moses &c:
13 Tu m I Dine at M T Hubbard's: His Fath, Cous Salter He & Bro Moses wth us.
   p I visit y Gov. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 5 successive hottest Days I ever remember in September.
   W & F R Mr Chancy & I go abt y Narraganset Farms Affair.
15 Th Very stormy, & I not well, keep wth in Doors.
17 Sap Br Nath calls at my House.
18 Su a S Ch. D Sewall.
   p S Ch. T P.
   e I Read y Lett à y Major P of y Breth of y Ch at Bellingham, desir us to help in a Council of 5 oth Ch, vis Old North New North Boston, 1st Ch of Glocester, Ch of Hopkinton, Ch at Leicester, on W Oct. 5.
19 Mm I Dine at Mr Isaac Walker's.
20 Tu m Mr Secretary Willard & I ride round thro Roxbury to a Meet of a Com'ee of y Overseers in y Coll Library; w we Dine:
   Aft Din I visit Tommy: y Return, go on Business, m our Enquiries, t down minutes d Presid He has b Remov his Fam y 10 Days &

¹ "On Tuesday last died, and on Friday was Interred, Mrs. Jane Davenport, the virtuous Consort of the Rev. Mr. Addington Davenport, and was the youngest Daughter of Grove Hirse, Esq; Aged about twenty eight Years" (New England Weekly Journal, September 13, p. 2/2). The same paper of April 26, stated that Mr. Davenport (H. C. 1719) succeeded "the late Dr. Harward in King's Chapel in Boston, and Mr. Culler, Son of the Rev. Dr. Culler, is to succeed Mr. Davenport at Scituate" (p. 2/2). Cf. p. 314 note 4, above.
² See p. 333, above.
is now on ye Spot: & we advis'd H'm to ent' imed'y into his off'n & att'd it as far as ye pres't aff'm of his Fam'y perm'ts. (2) d Coll's Laws. It is repres'd ye 1st s'd Laws by being contin'd 1 by diverse Pers's, r g'l'd & m' & m' corrupted ev year. (3) d M'r T Pierpoint &c. & adjourn to ye Council Chamber in Boston next Th. p at 3.

... M'r Secretary & I return over Charlestown Ferry.

21 Wa D'r Sewall, R M'r Webb, R M'r Gee & I meet at R M'r Thacher's, & write a Let'r to R M'r Mills 2 of Bellingham, to enform H'm &c & enq'r of H'm w' applica'd h'd b'y m'd to H'm by ye aggrieved Breth'r &c; & anoth'r Let'r to ye s'd Breth'r to enq'r of ym &c:

m I Dine at R M'r Webb's, w' M'r T Hubbard, M'r Edw'd Jackson, & his m[other], & M'r Eunice Willard.'

22 Th m R M'r Byles Preaches G Lec'. Cous'n Loring tak'n very ill & carried out of Lec'. I Dine at M'r James Pemberton's.

p I meet ye Com'ee of ye coll'n Overseers in ye Council Chamber, & draw up our Report.

23 F We rec'd ans'r & y's Bellingham Breth'r.

24 Sa We rec'd ans'r & Rev M'r Mills.

25 Su a S Ch. T P. L S.

p S Ch. D'r Sewall.

e D'r Sewall Read to ye Ch all 3 Letters: & y's gen'r vote to send: chus'd ye 2 Deacons & M'r Andrew Elliot.

26 M'm Capt Hall sails for London. I Dine at M'r T Hubbard's.

p Min's meet at my House.

27 Tu p M'r W'm Allen's wf & M'r Fayrwhet'r visit us. Br Nathan lodges at our House.

28 W a Br Moses sails f' Sheepscot. At 9 I set out w' M'r Edw'd Jackson in his chaise, for coll'n, to ye Install'n of Presid'n Holyoke: rode round thro Roxbury: I went to Tomys Chamber, y'n to ye Overseers in ye Library.

At 11½ we all went into ye Hall. D'r Sewall Begins w' Prayer: Gov'r Belcher adresses ye Presid'n in a Latin speec'h: ye Presid'n Replies in Latin: ye I Pray: we conclude w' singing Ps. 78. 1-7. ye ye Overseers go up to ye Library. At 1½, we go into ye Hall to Dinner. ye Presid'n

1 This word is difficult to read and may not be correctly interpreted; besides which a word — probably "copied" — has apparently been inadvertently omitted. The meaning is that the "Laws by being continually copied by divers persons, are generally and more and more corrupted every year."


3 See p. 335 note 1, above.

4 Probably Eunice Willard, a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Willard (H. C. 1659).
craves a Blessing, sets at y a Govr's Left Hand; Lt Govr Phips at the Govr's Right. R M Web South Returns Thanks. We sing Ps. 152. 13–16. I go into M R Flint's Br Nathan's & son Tomy's Chambers.

Sun ½ Hour high, M R Jackson & I set out thro Roxbury Home.

29 Th m R M Thacher Preaches G Lee. I Dine with R M Hooper at M Peter Oliver's.

p Catechize the children.
e I was at y Libra Societas
30, F p I Preach'd y Sacramental Lee at Brattle Street f R M Chauncy, à Mat. 8. 17(4).

Oct. 2 Su a S Ch. T P. Ps. 119.25.
p French Ch. Mat. 9. 13. (1)
4 Tu e My D' Deborah e Home à Leicester: a joyful full Even.

5 W 2 Councils meet at Bellingham: 1 of 4 Chh's cal'd by y ppl, & another of 7 Chh's cal'd by R M Mills. Y ppl sent to y S Ch in Boston, & y S Ch chose messengers, but I not going, D Sewall fail'd; & also y s messengers.

6 Th m G Lee. D Sewall.

9 Su a West Ch. T P. Ps. 63.2. (1)
p S Ch. T P. Ps. 119.25.

13 Th a Gen Lee. T P. Col. 3.15. (1)

16 Su a S Ch. T P. Ps. 51.12. (3)
p S Ch. R M Joseph Seccomb, Col. 2.13.

20 Th m G Lee. R D Colman, for R M Webb at y Council at Concord.


24 M m I Dine at Home.
p At 2 I set ov y Blew-Hills to Daniel Howard's by 7, & to R M Perkins's at Bridgewater by 9. Sup'd & Lodg'd.

25 Tu a I rode thro y Soldiers & Troopers mustering, to Deacon Carver's by 10. Y to Br Thacher's at Middlebrr by 12; Din'd, stay'd till 4: Rode to Lieut Spragues at Rochester: Lodg'd.

1 An account of the inauguration in the Boston Evening Post of October 3, p. 2/2, stated that "In the Evening the Windows of the Three Colleges were finely illuminated, while the Chambers rang with melodious Joy and Singing."

2 This was in School Street, the Rev. Andrew Le Mercier being pastor.

3 The Boston News Letter of December 1, p. 2/1, stated that on the previous Wednesday the Rev. Joseph Seccomb "was install'd into the Pastoral Office at Kingston in the Province of New Hampshire" (p. 2/1).
26 W  Spent allmost all Day in Transcribing ë y⁰ Records: Rode to Rev M⁰ Ruggles’s¹ y⁰⁰ to Elisha Wings. Lodg’d w⁰ Humphry Wade of Sandwich.

27 Th  Elisha Wing & I rode to Jireh Swift’s at Aggawam, to leav my Lett⁰ for Col & Br Bourn; y⁰⁰ to Cromessit Little Neck, Meas’d y⁰ Length à y⁰ upp⁰ House to y⁰ lower end: y⁰ return’d to s⁰ wing⁰’s & Lodg’d.

28 F a  We meas’d y⁰ S W⁰ side of s⁰ neck.
  p  meas’d y⁰ NE⁰ side of s⁰ neck, & lodg’d at s⁰ wing⁰’s ag⁰.

29 Sa a  I Rode to R M⁰ Ruggles’s: Drew out P⁰ of y⁰ Plan: Lodg’d.

30. Su a  R M⁰ Ruggles Preach’d & admind y⁰ L Sup⁰.
  p  I Preach’d à Mat. 19.—18. (2)

31 M m  Wrote by R M⁰ Ruggles to my wife, went on w⁰ my Plan: & at noon rode down to Elisha Wing’s, y⁰⁰ to Paton’s. At 2 Paton comes in à Canterbury. At 3 Br Moses comes in à Boston. He came à Boston Sa Morn⁰ & kept Sabath at Br Thacher’s. We lodg’d at Sam¹ Edwards’s in y⁰ lower House.

Nov. 1 Tu a  Br Moses & I & Edwards meas’d across y⁰ Neck ag⁰ y⁰ low⁰ Houses à y⁰ NE⁰ to y⁰ SW⁰ side &c. Din’d at Edwards’s. PM, we meas’d à y⁰ lowest Fence on y⁰ NE⁰ side all round to y⁰ SE⁰ Point, w’ Br Bourn met us: y⁰⁰ round to y⁰ s⁰ Fence on y⁰ SW⁰ side. Br Bourn, Moses & I went & lodg’d at Elisha Wings.

2 Wa  Early y⁰ morn⁰ we sent Jedediah for Capt Hamond surveyor, W⁰ came at 10: At noon we went to y⁰ lowest Fence on y⁰ SW⁰ side, & corrected our survey à y⁰⁰ up to y⁰ House: & all went to E Wing’s. At 8 Br Nathan c⁰ in & y⁰ we all lodg’d.

3 Th  Wet w⁰. We computed y⁰ contents of y⁰ Upl⁰ of s⁰ Neck: & agreed on a Division: & y⁰ all lodg’d ag⁰.

4 Fa  We sign’d our agreem¹. Br Bourn, Moses & Nathan, w⁰ Capt Hamond & E Wing went to y⁰ Neck; Hamond & Wing to survey & Divide it; Br Bourn & Moses to Lease it to Edwards; Br Nathan to see it. At noon I left E Wings, rode to L¹ Sprague’s, view’d y⁰ Record, rode to Br Thacher’s by Dark: Br Nathan arriv’d just at y⁰ same Time, Br Moses a little after. Lodg’d. Jedidiah Wing’s acc¹ c⁰ to

3¹ 3⁰ Bording

5 Going for Capt Hamond.

3. 8 + 7 = 9⁰ 3⁰ rem 4⁰

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I p⁰ 29. 0

¹ Rev. Timothy Ruggles: see p. 334, above.
for myself, Br N & Sist* M*.
Br Moses p*d Edwards, 22* + 7 = 3*2

Of w* I P*d Br Moses 9.6
f* mysf, Br N & Sist* Mercy
so Br Nathan ows me 9*8* + 3*2*2 = 12*10

5 Sa a At 7 I set out, Baited at Thomas Ames & Howard's at Bridgewater North Precinct; at y* last of w* Places Br Moses overtook me. Rode & Din'd at Daniel Howard's, c*m ov y* Blew Hills, Home by Dark.

6 Su a S Ch. D* Sewall Preach'd.
p Sch. T P Preach'd.

7 M m I Din'd at M* T Hubbards.
p I attend y* Min* meet* at y* R M* Foxcroft's I comm* R M* Clap1 of Newport's Memorial, w* his ppl's Let* for anoth* Minist* & we rec'd M* Andrews's Let* à Philadelphia d M* Marshal.

8 Tu m I Din'd w*th Br Moses at Cous*a Loring's.

10 Th m R M* Checkley Preaches Gen Lec* I Dine w*th R M* Chancy at M* Brandon's.
e Major Keys visits me.2

13 Su a S Ch. T P. Ps. 65.1.
p S Ch. R M* Chancy. 1. Thes. 5. 18. D* Sewall being confin'd.

14 M a Br of S Ch & cong meet: w* I open y* meet* as mod*. Voted (1) y* Min* add* to b m*d up £100 each to 8* last. (2) A collec next Gen Thanksgiv* for Charitab & Pious uses. &c &c

17 Th a Gen Thanksgiv* S Ch. D* Sewall. Zech. 9. 17. (1) At y* end of y* Forenoon exercise I inform y* congela of y* vote on M for a collec* y* PM, for charitab & Pious uses.

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1 Rev. Nathaniel Clap: see p. 333, above.
2 Though not mentioned by Mr. Prince, the following extracts relating to a bell for the West Church are worth quoting:

A fine Bell is bro't hither from London in Capt. Cary, for the Meeting House in the West Part of the Town, whereof the Rev. Mr. Hooper is Minister: 'Tis said to be the largest Bell in New England, weighing Eleven Hundred Weight (New England Weekly Journal, November 8, p. 2/1).

On Saturday last the large Bell mentioned in some of our News Papers, was Raised, and placed in the Steple of the West Church in this Town, whereof the Rev. Mr. Hooper is Pastor; and by good Judges is allowed to have the loudest and most melodious Sound of any Bell in the Country; and we are inform'd was the generous Present of Francis Wilks, Esq; and some of his Friends, who are well Wishers to the Dissenting Protestant Interest. The Bell weighs, without the Clapper, twelve hundred and forty six Pounds (ibid. November 15, p. 2/2).
m Br Nathan Din'd with us.
p S Ch. T P. Hab. iii. 17. 18. Collected — £113.10.0
20 Su a S Ch. D* Sewall. Pro. 9.1–6. L S.
p S Ch. T P. Luke. 12.19.(2)
21 M m I Dine at M* T. Hubbard's.

p Min* meet at R M* Checkley's: But Dear D* Williams 1 being very ill, & Desire we w* cm * & Pray at his House; y* adjourn'd Thith*; w* D* Collman, D* Sewall & I Pray'd to sunset. Aft* w*; we went to R M* Cooper's, & Discours'd d Address* y* K &c by our xt Agent Judg Quincy 2 going over ab* y* Line.

22 Tu e Hon* A Winthrop & A Stoddard Esq*, F Brinley Esq, Jonas Clark & I y* Rutd* Com**, meet at M* Jonas Clark's, Preparatory to y* Gen Meet* of y* Propr* to morrow. While we r togeth*, Hon* John Jeffries our Treas* meets w* us, giv [blank]

23 W p At 3 I meet w* Rutland Proprietors at y* Exchange Tavern:
w* we 1st Draw Lots, vis * 1st Divis* Lots in NE* Q*, & I drew [blank]*
24 Th m R M* Welsted Preaches Gen Lec*.
27 Su a S Ch. D* Sewall. Zech. 9.17. (2)
p S Ch. T P. Ps. 116.12.

Dec. 1 Th m R M* Chauncy Preaches C H. I Dine at M* Isaac Walker's.

p. Tomy cm 2* à Coll*, & went back: & Br D. Denny cm* à Leicester & lodg'd.

e At y* Sale of M* S Mather's old Books, at y* Crown-Coffe House near Scarlets Wharf. 3

1 Rev. Nathaniel Williams (H. C. 1693). The following obituary notice appeared in the Boston News Letter of January 12, 1738:

Last Tuesday in the Afternoon died here the Reverend and Learned Mr. Nathaniel Williams, a Gentleman who has been a faithful and upright Servant to his Generation; being for many Years Master of the South Grammar School in this Town, which difficult and important Business he discharg'd with great Industry and Fidelity: And as he was, by the Blessing of GOD, a very skilful and successful Physician, so he was very much employed and approved among us. As his Life has been very extensively serviceable, so his Death is esteemed as a publick Loss (p. 2/1).

On his death, Mr. Prince preached a funeral sermon.

2 Edmund Quincy (H. C. 1699).

3 An advertisement, signed "Jonas Clarke, Proprietor's Clerk," "to Notify the Proprietors of RUTLAND (the Settlers part excepted) that their Meeting is adjourned to Wednesday the 23d Currant, to be held at the Exchange Tavern in this Town at Three o'Clock Afternoon," etc., was printed in the Boston Evening Post of November 21, p. 2/2.

4 The following advertisements appeared in the New England Weekly Journal:
2 F p  At 4 I meet wth Coll Overseres in y Council Châber, d Profs' Greenwood. Col Prescott consented to y vote of y corpora², to tk y Apparatus in y Hands: But upon my motion agreed to notify Hm of y Corpora² 2 other votes d Hm, y He may shew Reasons wv we shd not concur wth y on next Th p, at 4.

e  Br D Denny went Homewd.
3 Sa m  I Din'd at Capt. Osborne's
4 Su a  S Ch. T P.
p  Hollis Street Ch T P.
e  R M Byles Preaches at y Charity meeting. Collec. 99l. 4²
5 M m  R M Byles & I Dine at M T Hubbard's.
p  We go down to Min¹ Meet² at R M Welsted's: Agree on an Address to y King, by Col Quincy agent. Yr also Letters to 1. D of Newcastle. 2 L Harrington. 3 E of Wilmington. 4 S Rob¹ Walpole.
5. M¹ Holden. 6. D² Harris, Watts, Guise, & M Neal.²
7 Wn Betw Th & F, at 11½, a considerable shock of an earthquake.² My wife & I, & 3 D² being all up together.
8 Th m  R M Hooper Preaches Gen Lee². à Ro. 14.17. Br Nathan & I Dine wth D¹ Russel of Barnstable at Joshua Winslow Esq². Country Min¹ at my House to Agree to y Address & Letters.

To be sold at publick Vendue by Ephraim Baker at the Crown Tavern at the Head of Scarlett's Wharf the North End of Boston, on Wednesday next the 30th Instant.

A Choice and Valuable Collection of Books in Folios, Quartos, and Octavoes, the Folios will be Sold separate, the others in Lots or Parcels; the Sale will begin at Three o'Clock Afternoon: Catalogues will be given gratis, at the Place of Sale any Time before the Sale begins. . . . (November 29, p. 2/3).

The remaining and most valuable Parcel of BOOKS as Advertis'd in our last, to be Sold at the Crown Tavern, the North End Boston, at publick Vendue by Ephraim Baker, are to be sold at publick Vandue, by said Baker at the Place afore mentioned, with a large variety of English Goods, . . .

N. B. The Sale will begin Wednesday the 7th Current at Three o'Clock Afternoon, and will be continued Three Days successively (December 6, p. 2/3).

¹ Isaac Greenwood (1721), the first Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, was dismissed for intemperance in 1738.
² Sir Thomas Pelham-Holles, first Duke of Newcastle; William Stanhope, first Earl of Harrington; Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington; Samuel Holden (d 1740), whose widow and children built Holden Chapel; Rev. William Harris (1675–1740); Rev. Isaac Watts (1674–1748); Rev. John Guyse (1680–1761); Rev. Daniel Neal (1678–1743).
³ There is much about the earthquake in the Boston News Letter of December 8, 1737, p. 2/1; December 22, pp. 1/2, 2/1; December 29, p. 2/1; January 12, 1738, p. 2/1.
At 4 I attended Colle’s Overseers meet in ye Council Chamber. Wm y* corpora* Presented anoth* Vote for Mr. Greenwood’s Dismiss: But on my motion, agreed to notify H’m of ye same, ye* He may shew Reas* we sh’d not concurr with it, next Th at 3 p m.

9 Fa I go down to R Mr. Webb’s & Mather’s abt ye* Letter.

m Brs Moses, Nathan & D Denny Dine wth us.

e Wrote a Lett* f* Mr* Fellows.

11 Su a S Ch. T P.

p C H. T P.

e Mr* Fellows & Mr* Sarah Cotton sup with us

12 M m R Mr Byles & I go to R Mr Chancys & Checkley’s abt ye* Letters. Dine at Mr T. Hubbard’s. Go to Mr Isaac Walker’s; Borrow his chair; ride to R Mr Walter’s, R Mr Allen’s, R Mr Appleton’s, College; come Home at 7. A very cold Day. I vis* D* Williams &c.

13 Tu Ill of a g* Cold, stay within.

14 W p At 2½, I went to ye* Gov* abt ye* Letters. At 5 Mr Samuel Sparrow of London, visits me. He is ye 2d Son of Mr Sparrow of Lanham, w* was ye* only son of Mr* [blank] Sparrow of Hitcham, between Combs & Lanham, Uncle Mayhew* comes & stays wth me till 9.

15 Th m R Mr Mather Preaches C H.

18 Su a S Ch. R Mr Checkley. L S.

p NS. T P. Acts 2. 38. (1)

19 M m I Dine at Mr T. Hubbard’s.

p I attend Min* meet* at R Mr Gees; w* ye* confer wth R Mr Hoo- per, w* h giv* g* offence both in his sermon & Pray* at ye* Pub Lec*.

22 Th m R Mr Byles Preaches Gen Lec* I Dine at Mr Andrew Oliver’s R Mr* Gee & [blank] with us.

25 Su a S Ch. T P. Pet. 3.9. (2). Exceeding cold.

p S Ch. D* Sewall. Joh. 5.59.

26 M m I Din’d at Mr T. Hubbard’s.

29 Th m R D* Colman Preaches Gen Lec* Gov* send* for me, I Dine wth Him & D* Colman, &c.

Mr. EDES announced the gift to the Society from Mrs. Gay of two valuable collections of manuscripts, and on his motion it was unanimously —

1 Rev. James Allen: see p. 333, above.
2 Rev. Experience Mayhew (d 1758): see p. 346 note, above.
3 Early in 1740 Mr. Hooper again gave offence: see The West Church and its Ministers (1856), pp. 63-77; Sprague, Annals of the American Pulpit, v. 122-123.