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I first Engaged in the C A or Service to Drive a team & Moses Wilder and Moses & John Robinson likewise all of Said Killingly I heard first of it last knight and the Sun about an hour high this momg I Set out and went to Mr Wilders & Moses and I Set out and the Snow was very Deep & we went to Landlord willsons & Drink a little slip for it was Exceeding Cold and then the 2 Robinsons overtook us for they Did ride & about 10 Clock we Set out from there in order to go to Colchester where we was to take our teams well we put along and went through Pompheet & abinton Parish into the Edge of windham and Lodged at John Parrishes and we had a good Supper of fried veal and Coffee or chocolate I think and a good bed to lie in which Did greatly Refresh us

Early in the morning we Set out again & went into windham town and it was Exceeding Cold and we got W Jindea to Drink and then we went through the town and got a very good breakfast and we then Put along and it was Some Cloudy and not So Cold as it had been and we went into Lebanon and Refreshed us again and then into Colchester two mile west of the meeting house and it thawed a good Pace and looks Quite likely for Rain & we went to one Roger Buckley's and there was one Stephen herick which esq barnkel had bired also and we got there about 2 Clock and it Rained Some in the afternoon and Just in the Evening it Snowed a little Mr Buckley Come home from hartford & said we must get to Danbury to Cart for the army and that I Did not very well like But however wilder and I went to Joshua Bucklys and Did lie in a bed and So it goes &c
7 was Some Cloudy & we fodderd the oxen & Branded them & the Carts and got Some walnutt & made us Some whip Staves & Moses Robinson & I went all about the Neighbours and bought Some Blankets for now we knew we must lie on the floor and So it is yet But we live well Sider Eno and to knight I Did lie at Roger Buc

8 We Loaded our Carts with Pressd hay 4 Bundels Each & then we had 60 oxen 5 of us beside Esq harskel and he Drove a team as well as we But he had all his care about Pay'g for them as we traveled and we Eat Some Dinner to old gershom Bulkllys and about two a Clock we all Set out for Danbury being in great haste for fear the River would brake up & we went 6 mils into Est haddam and Staid at one Olmstead and had the best of victuals to Eat and a bed to lie in and it was Quite warm and thawed and Stephen Herrick and Moses Robinson both turnd over their Carts the other Side up and it was Some thing warm for the time

9 in the Morning we yokte up our reams and went 2 or 3 mils to Mondos ferry or Landing and the ice was very week and we Sleded over the hay one half & then took the Carts over with one yoke and got all over Safe the other Side into old haddam and it was Cloudy all day after this and we went up the River Several mils and it was very bad Carting Sir and Just at Dark it Began to Rain finely and we Put up at a Private house and give them our own hay and I Did lie on the floor & it Did not agree with me very well Sir Sower Bread and fat Pork and tators to Eat &c

10 in the morning I think it was Clear and we fodderd the oxen & then we Set Sail and it was up hill and Down almost Dreadful Carting indeed Sir But we got
we Did lie in a bed and Sider Enough Sir and live very well Sir.

13 it Rained very Cleverly and fast and the Snow melted a Pace and by and by after noon it Sleked a little and we yooke up and went 3 mils and a half in Cheshet Still and Staid at Land Lord Moses and we Drinkt a bottel of Brandy and then a good Supper and he found our Cattel hay Sir and I think we Did lie in a bed and it is Pretty warm and thawe Surely it is and So

14 in the morning it was very Cold Sir and windly at the N-W and we got Some breakfast and then we Set out again and went a littel way and then we had a mountain to go up 1 mild or more I think they Say and we got along up the hill and then we got Some flip you See and then it was almost noon but we Put along through warrerbury town Sir and it is very bad Cart- ing to Day the Snow is about all gone and it is mudy Enough Quite Sir and we Staid at one Sperrys a new tavern it was it was So new that they gave us hot water to Drink and Called it Chocolate and So it goes and I Did lie in a Bed at the other house and So about 13 mild to Day.

15 in the morning I Lookt over the Swomp and See the Sun Rise & it lookt Just like Spring and we Set out again and we got Some Dinner to Day and gave the oxen Some Corn and So it is Quite warm and we went through the woods & we Staid at one John muns and we fare well and Did lie in a bed and it was in the bounds of woodbury &

16 we went through woodbury Parish Called Southbury and the Small Pox was very thick by the Side of the Street & we Came to the River and there was a Drove of Cattel a Coming over the fery & we Could not git over But 2 teams to Day and the Small Pox very thick about and I was Some afraid But we Staid at the Yellow house & we Did lie in a bed & live very well &

17 we went to work Pretty Early in the morning and Just got the teams about over noon and then we Pasht along into new town & Moses wilder & John Robinson we went a littel further then the Rest & we Staid at one booths a very Clever Place But I have heard he was a tory But we fared Rite well and Did lie in a bed good hay for the oxen and So it was with us you See

18 we got breakfast and then we Started along and it was Pretty warm and we Did Climb along over the hills and got over one very bad Swomp and then over the hill or mountain into Danbury about 2 or three a Clock and it Lookt Some hazy and we went by the Church to John Melcans barn and onloaded the hay and turnd out the oxen and then we went to Mrs Clarks and got Some Drink and then we went about and after a while we got Some victuals at Esqs that" Benedicts and then we Did lie in Melcans barn and So I have to live you See

19 we got Some breakfast to Capt David taylors and then took Care of oxen and greased the wheels and I went and found a Place to have our Clothes Washed and it was at on Ebenezer muns and we got Some Dinner at Comforts hoyts and it was a very warm Day and I think I See Some Prisoners Come from Peekskill and at knight we Did lie on the floor at Esqs Benedicts and I thought they was very nice Peopel

20 we 4 Set out to Stanford and Harskel and John Robinson went through Ridgesdale and it was Cloudy and South wind and we went 6 mild and it began to
Rain some and we got into Redding & Stopt to Joseph Sanford's and it was a very smart rain all day and we Staid all knight well now we had Drew allowance beef and bread &c

21 in the morning it was Cloudy But it Did not rain & we Put along & went by a Small Pox house and we went through Wilton and there we got Some fling to Mathew marvins and then through Norwalk and Middelsix into Stanford town 24 mild and then we Put our oxen and then Did lie in the barn and so it was Sir.

22 we loaded Pork I think and beef & came back through middelsix Norwalk into wilton P to mathew marvin 17 milds & a very good Place indeed Sir and we Did lie on the floor and so it is you see.

23 we came into Danbury again & then we unloade the Pork & and then we took Care of the oxen and then we Did lie on the floor to thad & Benedict and it was Some cloudy toward knight &c

24 we Set Right again and went to Wilton 15 milds to marvins again and I think herrick, Staid at home & Capt haskell with us & we 4 went again &c

25 we got to Stanford the sun about 3 hours high and then we loaded I think flour & wine & Brandy and we filled the oxen well & then about Day light in me yoked up our teams and Came away for fear of the Enemy and we Came to Wilton again 17 milds and it was a very cold knight Sir it squalled some and we got there a littel before Sun Rise and turned out &c

26 Day we Came into Danbury and that is the Chief I am going to tel you Sir I believe we had Pretty good luck Sir &c

27 we unloade and then rest the oxen to Day and
4 very Early in the morning we Put along toward
the Neck & it was very Cold indeed Sir and we went to
the mills and Loaded 8 barrels of flour a Peice & then
we Eat Some Raw pork & Bread and then we Came
along by the Small Pox house and then we Came to
Norwalk to a Diabolical bad tavern I Say & about 22
mild we have ben or more to Day and we Did lie by
the fire almost froze indeed Sir oh Remember Clem-
mons for Ever & Ever
5 Early in the morning we Came away with out any
breakfast & paid him Price Enough to ah Burn him ah
well we got as far mr marvens there we turned out
our oxen and fed them up well and it is N-w wind
and the oxen Did Eat & Rejoice to think they had got
away from old grigs or there abouts & We got home to
Danbury about 10 Clock and Some time and
6 we Did not much only take Care of the oxen and
herrick and I went 3 mild after Some Sap and at knight
we had Some good Sap or milk porridge oh goode
goode
7 We onloaded the flower and got the oxen Shod
and give them Corn and hay and
8 we Set out to wilton for flower and we went to
mr marvens and Staid all knight and it was pretty hot
indeed
9 we went to Burrill Betts mill and got the flower
and it is Exceeding hot and I am 18 year old to Day
and we Came back to mr marvens and hubbels and
turnd out.
10 about 3 Clock we was Calld up to See if we
would go and help ketch a tory that had Come home
from the Regulars and we Did go But Could not ketch
him but he was ketcht the next knight and So he was
and then we Come back and yokte our teams and Came
to Danbury and it was very warm and Some Cloudy
and So Suckers Run
11 Day we fixt our loads of pork and about 2 a Clock
we got out to peckskill and went to Ridgbury about 6
mild and it was Some thing bad Cutting and to Capt
Doolittels we Staid
12 it is a littel Cooler and we went through Salem
and then into Coottins manor and Staid at old father
Roughs that Came from the back bone of the world and
So you See it is Some Cloudy now
13 we went through Crumpond to Peckskill and we
onloaded at the landing and it was Cloudy and went to
the P. M! but Could not get no hay and we Drew Some Rum
and then it was Dark and Raind and was Cold and we
Came about 2 mild and turnd out & Did lie by the
fire and
14 we Came back to Mr. Roughs the Sun about 3
hours high and it is Some Cooler and we had had very
Stinking beef to Eat this journey oh Dear Sus very bad
15 we Came along to Danbury but Last knight I
must tell you we had very bad fortain Sir we had of 3
teams 12 Chains Stole and the other 3 was in a nother
Lot So they Escaped but I Lost 6 my Self 4 off of the
Cart & 2 by the yokes and So it Sir and we Didnt Eat
any thing til 1 a'clock in the afternoon at Doolittels and
then we got into Danbury just before knight and Eat
Some pudden & milk
16 we Rest to Day and I am Exceeding glad and it
is Some warmer and I bough one Coat and jacoat of the
Soldiers and So Sed we Drawd Rum & Sauce to Daye.
17 in the forenoon we Did not any thing only walk
about the Street and this after noon we had to go after a
Load of Stone apiece 1 mild off and it Raind all the while almost it was for the blacksmiths Shop or fire place &c.

18 it is Cloudy But Wm Clemmons and I weighed Some iron and Loaded Each of us a load and about 1 Clock we Set out for hartford and we went 11 Mild into Ridgbury and turnd our ad we Doe Depend on the floor for a bed Sir.

19 we went through New milford and Staid at one Hitchcocks and Could nor git any hay only what we had with us & it was Some Cloudy and we Staid in Raumog understand.

20 well Early in the morning we went Directly up Mount tom a Dreadfull bad hill in deed Sir i mild up it or more and then we got Some hay and bated & got Some breakfast and then at 9 Clock we Put along again & it Raind all Day by Spells But we went through Litchfield into the Edge of Herrinton and it was very bad Carting Sir and good hay Enough and Sider Enough here and I Did lie in a bed Sir at Land J. Phillips.

21 we Set out again and went through Herwinton into farmingtown and it was very bad Carting indeed I Declare and we Staid at a very good tavern old Capt Coles and we fare well and Did lie in a bed i think.

22 well we Set out from here and it was as fine Carting as need to be to Hartford and we got there Just as the Clock Struck 12 and then we onloaded our iron at Colo' wardsworth Store and then we Loaded Load of Salt to Carry to Danbury and then Clemmons and I we Carted a load of hay for our Cattel and he took the old white mare and went home to Symbury and I Staid at wardsworth.

23 I went up Street and got a barrel of Sugar for to Carry & then I workt Some in the garden and had good Sammon for Dinner and

24 it was Cloudy for it Raind Some last knight & about 9 Clock I Set out alone for Clemmons had not Come and I went to farmingtown to old Capt Coles again and had just fodderd the oxen and Clemmons Came up with me and we Did lie in a bed Sir and to Day is a fast Day and I have Eat Raw Pork Seven times here in this town the willows are leaved out & the apple trees almost and there is grass about half leg high and Rice is almost a heading out here.

25 we Came to herwinton at L Phillips and Laid in a bed and then by the way we Break one wheel But we got the Black Smith to gripe her up But it was tedious Bad Carting Sir.

26 we Came through Lichfield and it was very bad Carting to Day I Say and it was Cloudy but Some warm & we Came to the top of Mount tom & I heard that the Regulars to Danbury now.

27 it Raind in the forenoon and we Staid up the mount yet But in the afternoon it Cleared away and was very Cold But we Staid here the Day and we hear that the Enemy had Burnt the Stores at Danbury.

28 Last knight it froze on the Heads of the barrels almost a Quarter of an Inch thick and we came Down mount tom along to new milford and onloaded our Salt & there, we turnd our our teams at one Bostwices and Did lie in a bed and I See a piece of wheat about half leg high.

29 it was a very Cold Cloudy Day for the time ah it Squalled Some and we Staid in town waiting for orders and our Cattel fare well now about 12 a Clock I heard that the Enemy had got on Board of their Ships about
Sun Set last knight and So it is on friday the 25 of April 1777 the Enemy landing at Cumpo and just at knight and by Saturday 2 or 3 o clock got to Danbury and there they Did Destroy Stores.

30 last knight went up to Mr Starrs and got one hogshead of Clove water and brought it Down to Bostwicks we Set of out from New Milford and Came to Danbury and it is Cloudy well then I Did see the houses was Burnt and we went to Capt hoyts and kept oxen all there which was 50 or 60

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we got our oxen Shod and Did grease the wheels and it Rained Some and Capt Harskel willder moses Robinson Herrick is gone to the North River to Day

2 we Loaded Some Pork and Set out to go to the North River at Peekskill and we went to Mr Roughs an Courtlins manor and we had a guard go with us &

3 we went to the North River and onloaded and came out 3 mild and Stayed at one boyds and gave very Dear for keeping the oxen 4 8 6 yoke and I See a pair of oxen I fort to girdel & a going to gen'l Washington and it was Cloudy and misty all Day and we Did git to Danbury about 9 Clock about 30 mild But I tired 2 oxen and just as we turned them out it begun to Rain and then there was no fire and nothing to Eat But Dry Bisket and So it gone & So it Did go

5 Stephen Herrick & I agreed to Stay 6 months longer for 15 Dollers per month and we Loaded Some pork & Set out to the North River Again & went to Capt Dillivars in Courtlins manor and it was Something warm to Day

6 we went to the River & onloaded and Came back to Capt Drakes 2 mild and gave our oxen wheat and bought Some Super and lie on the floor Sir

7 we Came to Sam Dillivars about noon and it was Cloudy and we turnd our teams and barns and I Carted one Stack of hay for them last Saturday knight our men took 9 torys & on monday k the torys took Some of our men and Carted off & it is Said Rogers is in the woods with a number of men to take our men to N York and So it is here.

8 we Came home to Danbury and I had the thorough gerimbels Some and not a bit well Sir Now Its harskel barns and I went this journey

9 Last knight it Rained very Smart and all this forenoon and I am very unwell and it was Cloudy all Day and Did not any thing Valuable

10 I was not fit for Duty but Some of our teams Set out to Peekskill again

11 and herrick and I Carted one load of hay for our oxen and then we Pickt Some herbs and Stinking Pork with Some beef for Dinner and this Did Seem Some like a Sabbath for we Did not much you hear I Some better

12 I Carted one hogshead of Rum from the upper End of town to the Church & 2 load of wood and it is not cold to Day But windy N W

13 I went to Capt hoyts Saw mill after wood and broke my wheel and had very bad luck and it was Exceeding Cold and windy it haild Some our teams Came from the Peekskill at knight almost

14 I Carted a load of timber about 2 mild out of town it was very warm Cloud up toward knight Sir

15 I loaded a load of french baggage and Stood Per rated til 1 oClock for a guard and then we went to Capt
Doolitels at Ridgbury Sir and I bought me a frock for 6 Shillings.
16 in the morning it Raind But it Stopt in an hour or two and then I Started along and it was very bad Car-ting & heavy load we went to Landlord thilds Coll mor-ror.
17 we went to the North River and unloaded the baggage on board a Sloop to go Down to king's ferry and then I Came back 3 mild to one boyds a very Deer place burn his boots he keeps his house fastened up with a gun by his bed Side & Pistols under his head for fear of torys Sir.
18 I Set out and Came to Salem and met 4 of our lads going to peekkill and I heard from home all well very good News Sir &c.
19 it was Cloudy and I met Benj Burril and Philip keeck Caleb mofoot marching on well I got to Danbury about 12 Clock.
20 I mended a yard for our oxen & brought a load of spokes 2 mild.
21 I went and brought another Load of Spokes and it is pretty warm Sir.
22 I went and brought a Stick of timber from the Same place.
23 I went and brought another now this timber is for hay Presses Sir.
24 now we have about 30 oxen gone to the hospital and Sent 13 more to Day abigail lucy & bulter ame and Pegge blue Rannet and betty old liver & lites & yellow legs are gone now and So Sir more too well I went after a load of Spokes and it was very warm Day indeed Sir want it.

June 1st 1777

25 Esq harskel Set out for killing and it is very warm in the afternoon I went to meeten Sir I Did.
26 we loaded some Pork and Set out to the North River and 11 militia teams with us and we went to Dil-livers & it was Exceeding hot to Day Sir.
27 we went to the River and unloaded and Came back 1 mild to David Stanlys and it was Exceeding Cold and windy with flying Clouds oh Dear Sus.
28 we Came back to Salem at one tirus and turnd in a Pretty good Pasture.
29 we got to Danbury about 12 Clock and fodderd our oxen with good hay and it is some warmer Sir it is & the tree toods Sing.
30 We Went to the River Beyond newtowm at wood-bury ferry after Pork and took 8 barrels apiece I think and it was Very hot indeed Sir it was it was 14 mild to the ferry & we came back.
31 we Came along and it was very hot again and we got into Danbury about 2 Clock and then Drove our teams out of town to Pasture at Evens I anointed for the atch.

1 we Drew Some Provisions and it is very warm and we had 4 oxen Blooded and that was Chief I Suppose.
2 Herrick and I helpt old Sam Blood 20 oxen and it is very warm.
3 I fixt my wagon a littel and Loaded with Pork in order for the North River and it is Quite warm Sir.
4 we 5 of us Set out to the North River & I had the Care of the teams & we went to Capt Dillivons & there was a Company of light horse there and we Did Sleep in his horse Shed we Did.
5 we went to the River & Came back about 2 mild
I guess ah we Did
6 we Came back to Land L Brishes & Slep in the
barn and had good feed for our oxen this in Ridgbury
7 we Came into to Danbury about 9 Clock and it is
very hot and mother hoyt gave me Some butter I took a
new Cart to be Shod & 8 oxen and then I turned them out
well we have been to Peekskill & it has not Raind any
oh Remarkebel
8 we Set out to Peekill again & went about 12 mild
and it was Cloudy & misty and we went out from the
Road for keeping & Clemmons was with us.
9 we went til about noon and then turned out and bated
now Capt Parker and tibbels were with us and it was
Cloudy and hot to Day and we Did go to Crupon and
waited all knight
10 we went to Peekskill highlands number 3 and See
moses Nouland & it was very hot indeed it was & &
we Came the North Road for to bring a mans goods for
him and he Said he would furnish us with Provision &
we Came up the hallow
11 we loaded and Came along & it was Cloudy and
bad Carting at Robinsons Store he gave us one gill of
Rum for 3 of us and that was all we get of him this
Jesse warner & now we Call him one gill well we Came
through Phillips Presink into oblong and Staid at one
motts and that Displeased him very much because we
would not get to Danbury and then it was Dark and
troms tired & So we turned him that knight
12 it Raind in the fore noon and in the after noon we
Came into Danbury and now one gill has the Credit of
all that Sir about the Streets well mother hoyt had Some
meat & herbs boil’d for us oxen to Pasture now &c

13 I hoed for Capt hoyt and it was Showery all Day.
I Suppose & a lam at knight. Loaded the Carts in order
for to Start 1 minute warnin.
14 I Carted one load of wood and helped old Sam
Drive the oxen to hoyts hill in Bethel and we Rode Sir
we Did and I Recd 2 months wages of Esq harskel
15 was Cloudy and in the after noon I went to meaton
to hear mr Bradford
16 there was Soldiers and light house to our house
all Day we not much to Doe in the after noon there
was a Smart thunder Shower and there is one woolf
with is Came here June 13 old father lake and wildow
is gone &c
17 all our oxen But 4 apiece was took away for other
Capt & I mended Some fence and it was Some Cloudy
and foggy morn
18 I helped Ames hoyt yoke a pair of Steers and her-
rick & I then mended Some fence.
19 I got Spring back again and then I Was not very
well a very Cool morning But I went about two 2 or 3
mild after a load of timber and then I See Isaac barror.
20 we went up in the woods the other hoyt hill way
and Came back again and had all our oxen took away
for the 3 year Captains So now we have none but 5
Cattel &c
21 herrick and I helps hair Some hides and I had my
Shoes tapt and in the afternoon we went a fishing and
ketcht 5 Roach and we Carried them home on a pole
between us and So we Did Sir
22 I Rode into Ridgbury after a pair of oxen Came
back and Eat our fish and I see Jesse litle from Smith-
field toward knight it was Cloudy and Cool
23 in the forenoon it Raind and in the afternoon we
went a fishing Capt Morgan bought Some more oxen and

24. I took 5 Cattel to go to Pound Ridge for Carts and I Carried Some bars of iron between the oxen and it was Pretty warm I went through Ridgfield and to Saml Newman and the Carts were not Done I put my team out at Joseph Lockwood and got Some Victuals and Did lie in a bed

25. I Could get no Cart Done I was a going home Clemmons Came and Said I must Stay and So bring Some yokes well I went and took one of the Carts and to Joshua Amblers I took 23 yokes up to the Shop and Said tel the Cart was Irood I helped him in the afternoon

26. I helped him all Day til they were Done the Sun about an hour high at knight I Set out for Danbury and Came into Ridgfield and got Some good feed and Supper Bread milk Cheese butter and a good Coverlid and a pillow for my Pillow Sir I Did be shure

27. I Set out and Came to Danbury and it was Exceeding hot Day Surely and in the afternoon I Did not much and old father Dewolf is unwell

28. we fixt up Some Sythes in order for to moe next week Sir

29. it was Cloudy and in the morning I went after a pair of oxen to Capt grinnels for the Norwich man Sir

30. I mended Some fence in the former Part of the Day and about noon I See Benj Johnston in the afternoon Clemmons and I Carried a load of boards from Dibbels barn to the Store and at knight Johnston and we went to the River and ketcht Some Eels and

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9 herrick and I Carted a load of hay from Capt taylors barn to the other and Killd a Skonk and then Carted one load of meal and another of Corn from Capt hoyt barn to the Church and it is Some Cloudy but Extreem hot Sir it is and we Carted one load of hay from Capt hoyts barn and we had wore our wollen Shirts all Summer to keep the heat out But to Day it Broke through and obliged us to pull them off and work with out them and So it goes well now

10 in the morning we went to mowing for our Selves & then we Carted a hay Press to David taylors barn and then Carted 4 Load of hay from Capt hoyts barn and at Even went in a Swimming and so I See Some Corn toseled out Sir

11 we Carted 5 load of hay 14 in all we have Carted there Came a fine Shower Just at knight it is a fine growing time

12 it Raind in the morning and herrick & I Carted 2 load of hay Cleand one bay it was misty all Day

13 it was Cloudy and Cooler and went and lookt after Some oxen and Eat Some Currents and So Possified my Self as well as I Could

14 in the morning it Raind and was Cloudy all Day we Carted 2 load of hay and then got one Chain mendd and then See a horse Race

15 I Carted one load of hay which Concluded and then I went to hoyt hill after Some Exeltrees and I had bad luck & it Raind before I got back

16 in the morning I Rode to hoyt hill & Come back & then I Went with a team after yoke timber and it Raind before I got back it is Cooler Some &e we went to Draw Provisions and Capt Morgan Came back
24 we went to the brigades and it was very hot I see Capt Childs and many others I knew & as I was going home a going down a little hill one ox fell down and I was behind the Cart and before I could git before he was up again but I see that he was hurt he went a little further fell down and died; a very good ox he was and so was the pair then we went a little further hated and then 8 mild to Danbury got there about 10 Clock and so we did Sir

25 we took another load I had two hogsheds of Rum we went Peekkill road 10 mild we turned out and lay in the Stupa

26 we went ten mild more and found them toward white plains we unloaded set out back then stopt we turned our oxen out and then we did sleep in a Stabel and it did rain at knight it did so

27 we brought up our oxen loaded our carts and was ordered to march to the Peekkill 14 mild we went through anecwalk crumpond and we baited there and we eat 6 Cuds of Cold Pork and some Johnnycake for full price one shilling apiece we got in to the camp about 10 Clock and slept in a barn

28 we unloaded our carts and set out for Danbury and came along & got some Sower Bread and milk and beef and then came to Capt thills (?) and took some Sick Soldiers and it was cloudy some and we came to Capt Northams and in the knight it raind

29 I came along and eat some breakfast in Salem and then come into Danbury and unload our Sick and then came to Mother hoyts and got some Victuals and

30 Clemmons and I branded some Cattle and made some Sheep and then drove them to hoyst hill

31 in the morning I went to the Pastures and then to hoyst hill & mended some fence & rode home again & helped feed some horses

August 1777

1 I help grind some axes and brought up some oxen out of the great pasture and then I mended some fence and it was exceeding hot and it clouded up and rained very hard and I came home & it rained steady all the afternoon

2 barn Clemmons and I mended fence to hoyst hill in the afternoon I eat a belly full of huckleberrys and came home

3 morning I drove out some Cattle out of a Pasture and in the afternoon it clouded up and thundred and rained the rest of the day

4 early I rode to 5 Pastures and to Mirery Brook after a pair of oxen and I found them 3 miles and half & I found them and then I drove them to hoyst hill and I do feel very poorly indeed I do head ache bones stomach likewise I see William moury all well at home &c

5 last knight it rained and this morning it was cloudy and misty all day East wind and I am not well indeed Sir

6 I am exceeding poorly it was cloudy till noon and then the sun shined out doct Peek came here said I was gandered wanted bleeding he bled me and I did almost faint but not quite he ordered me some things but pulless it proved Sir

7 I was worse then I was yesterday it rained last knight very smarly and made a sort of a flood Sir I had some new trowsers at knight I see Parker Adams well at home and it looks like for rain
8 was no better Parker to See in & Staid with me at knight

9 he Set out to Peckskill and I went to the Continental Doctors and just at knight I took a pulke and I was very full pain and

10 I went to the head Doctor & he ordered me Some bitters and I went to the Shop & Doctor Belcher gave me Some last Sabbath in that Thunder Storm the hail broke 68 Square of Glass in one house at Pen Brook the hail was as big as hens Eggs they Said

11 I am Some better But very Poorly to Day in the morning it was Cloudy after noon it thundred N ward S ward and at Evening there came a very Smart Shower up here and thundred

12 it is fair and Plesant in the morning heat and thunder before knight I am much as I ware yester

13 I am much better But to work any & there was a Company of lite horse here and it thundred and Rained to the north thundred and lightened greatly & a very hot Day I helpt Pick 2 Pound of Wool to Day Sir I have

14 I helpt Pick 4 Pound to Day and the weather is Exceeding hot in these Days I am much better

15 I Did not any thing Clemmons & barns Came from Peckkill and it is very hot indeed it is Just at knight it thundred and Rained to the North and at knight it Did here.

16 in the morning I went over ther Mountain 2 mild and turne out Some Cattel and mended one Spot of fence and Very much tired me But I am much Better Sir I am

17 I feel Some better But now I Do Expect to have the Small Pox for they think that Levi Starr hath had it and been about among folks the time and there Came here from Peckkill 500 and 50 men and march through the town and it was Cloudy all Day.

18 went to the upper End of town and Stuck a nail in my foot and laid up Some fence and turne out Some Cattel

19 I ketcht a Colt and Rode to the Pastures & turne out Cattel and it is Cloudy all Day to Day

20 I ketcht the Colt & Rode to all the Pastures But it Rained very hard last knight and is Cloudy to Day

21 I Rode to the Pastures and then took Some Corn and Salt & went to hoyt hill & fed Cattel & Sheep and it is Clear & Exceeding hot.

22 I helpt greas a cart and load a tuss of Rum for Herrick to go to Fairfield & then Rode to the Pastures and it is various hot only there is a littel wind Stirring

23 I helpt Draw Provision and then Rode to all the Pastures about again it is very warm Just at knight it Clouded up So Rideing is my Business now.

24 I took the gray horse and Some Salt & went & Salted the Cattel and So Round again turning out Cattel Sir

25 for a horse & I killed a Sheep and brought it for Mr Loyd and it Rained Some and was Cloudy all Day

26 it was Cloudy & I took a Horse and went to hoyt hill and brought home 3 horses and it Rained before I got back in the afternoon walk about Sir you

27 in the morning it was and I took up the Colt to be Shod and Could not then to the Pastures about and I Did mend a littel fence by hirs Cleiks meadow I Drinkt Some Sider Sam morris we live very well all officers among us.
28. In the morning took the gray horse and rode to the Pastures and I swept hats with Magor Warren.
29. I took the gray and went to the lots hospital up town grinnel Starr lot & Mclean Bloody lot over the hill Shelter Rock hoyt hill and Small Pox and many more I cant tell where &c something cool today.
30. I went to hoyt hill and drove all the cattle to one place and my Lloyd and Morgan told which was ours and the rest turned out.
31. Rode to the Pastures again and so it is pretty warm for the time Sir

September 1777
1. Rode to the Chief of the lots yesterday I salted some of our oxen and took some corn for the sheep and salt for all the fating cattle hoyt hill to day and it rained some in the afternoon and I put our oxen in the white birch lot.
2. We drew some back allowance rum and carried it up to Deacon Knapps and sold it for 22 dollars one quarter 18 quarts and then I went to hoyt hill and looked on all the creatures and preached one sermon to them about the unruly ox it was recorded in the 24 chapter of hoyt hill 49 verse the words are these

if the ox had not known
so much it had been better for him

and so I went on and proved it so surely and then I came home and in the afternoon I went to more of the lots.
3. Was a fast through the state and I took the old horse and some salt and salted the oxen hereick and I came along by our garden and got some cucumbers &

4. I went to the cattle and they were in the buck Wheat and then to hoyt hill and then after dinner I rode old sorrel toward Ridgefield after some horses which had got out and found they were sent back another road &c
5. I went and the cattle were out and I put them in the great pasture and so round to the lots every day Sir I tied one ox head and foot Sir for he was a very unruly creature.
6. I took the old horse and drove the oxen over the river and it clouded up and it rained some and then I went to the rest of them.
7. I went to the cattle and then to the hospital & then up town to show wakemans men the lot and then to the rest of the lots and there went a shower to the north and another to the south & it is quite warm Sir.
8. I went to the birch pasture and some corn and salt and went to hoyt hill and then Clemmons and I drove 23 cattle to redding for to fat and it is a cold windy day.
9. In the morning there was a frost and I went to the Pastures about and then to misery Brook and it was cloudy & at knight herick and I shakt one load of hay and it rained in the knight.
10. I went round to the Pastures again & I dug a little in Capt Taylors seller and he raised his house Sir I think I see it.
11. I went to hoyt hill early and then to the rest of them and it was warm cloudy and hazy and I found the sheep.
12. I went to hoyt hill with corn and counted the cattle and brought Clemmons mare he sold her for 17 pound ten then took some salt and went to the birch.
Pasture with Clemmons oxen it is Cloudy N E wind.

13 I went to hoyt hill with Corn and it is Clear and Cold and to the other Pastures all But one in the after noon I took Rowen for Comfort sir very Cold.

14 I took Some Corn and went to the burch Pasture and over the mountain & the old mare was gone and then I went to hoyt hill & Corn the Sheep and then after dinner I took Capt trace (?) and went 5 mile toward new town and I found her then I Came Quickly back after I had Drunk a little Sir ied he read it he has not ben well for Some time he was a going Down to the Sea Side for his health and all at once was taken So and So Did Remain Some Days and he Died.

15 I went to hoyt hill with Corn for the Sheep and Round about in the after noon I Raked hay for Comfort hoyt cloudy in the after noon.

16 I went to hoyt hill with Corn for the Sheep and Round to the others and then I went and got the horse Shod and it is Cloudy Some Sir it was.

17 I went to hoyt hill with corn for the Sheep and brought 6 Cattel over & then to the Rest of the Pastures then got Capt Taylor's Chain mended and it is very windy Cloudy & Cold like fall of the year N E wind.

18 I went hoyt hill & the Sheep ware out & 2 oxen in the Corn & I fixt them to my mind and the Bouts to the other Lots it Raind. Last knight a little the knight before more it is Cloudy Some and windy the Rivers and Brooks have not bin so Dry this year as they be now. We are Just a going to move from here to our

Peeks well we movd and I See moses Robinson and we tried the old kitchen Sir.

19 I went to hoyt hill and over the mountain and barn is a fixing up and a Scouring Clean the house & we got Some Sider and fresh beef to day.

20 Moses Robinson went on to the army and I went to hoyt hill and the Rounds and it Looks like for Rain and Some warmer than it was.

21 I went to hoyt hill & mountain and we had a good Dinner Pork beef Corn Cucumber and after I had filld my Crop I went to hoyt hill again for oxen 6 and it is Cloudy and warmer then it has bin a thunder Shower to the South Just at Evening.

22 it was Clear morning. I went to hoyt hill in the after noon Clouded up & was very blazing and Cold the Sand flew like the Snow in January & I mowed Some for John mclean.

23 burns herrick and I went to mowing for mclean and we mowed it all and it is windy and Cool Sir it is like fall.

24 I rode to hoyt hill and over mountain and it is very warm Day in the after noon woolf and Raked hay for mclean.

25 I went to hoyt hill & in the afternoon I Raked hay in the afternoon it was Cloudy Just at knight Capt morgan Said I must go to white plains tomorrow & I rode to hoyt hill and Did bring Some oxen nigh and it Raind in the knight and was Cold Sir.

26 it was Clear and Cold and I fixt my Cart about 9 Clock I Set out and went through Ridgefield into Bedford 21 mild and Staid at a pretty good place.

27 I Set out again there was a frost and ice as thick as a window glass I got to the white plains about 2
Clock and onlode at Colo Sami B webs Markee Clouthing for the Band and I turn homeward about 5 mild and at one Clapps I Staid all knight the army movd this after noon toward Pekeskill the whole of it

28 I went through kings Street horse neck into Stamford 12 mild this in North Casteel where I Staid Last knight I got to Stamford a little after noon & I turnd my oxen in good feed and it is Cloudy and I Eat a good Dinner indeed it was Sir

29 I helpt m Mr Loyd Dig Some Carrots & beets and boarded my Cart and loaded then about 12 Clock I Set out for Danbury Came through middles Norwalk into wilton 17 mild I Staid at hubbels oxen Eat Rowen hay good

30 I Came into Danbury 15 mild just at knight and turnd out my team then Joseph Dibble and I washd with Cumforts Benedicts wife Just now Deceased October 1777

1 in the morning it was Clear and I Eat a good break- fast and then I thrasd 1 Shock of Wheat Capt hoyt in the afternoon I and Herrick wads our Shirts & trowsers Down by the River and it was Quite warm

2 Herrick and I went to Capt hoyts Saw mill for wood and when we got back Clemmons had got back from Sinbury this Just at knight Sir

3 I with Clemmons went to the mill and cut 7 load of wood and it was a very warm Day at knight herrick Roasted a wood Chuck we got Some Sider

4 I went to the Saw mill after a load of wood again and it is very warm

5 it is Cooler and we heard that the Enemy was on the land a Come in to bedford and we Drawd the Carts to the Church in order to Load if there was occasion at a minutes warning

6 in the morning it was Cloudy and in the forenoon I and Clemmons fended Some Stacks and afternoon Pulld Some bean for Benedict and topt 2 Stack & Just at Dusk the Enemy took fourt montgomery Just above Pekeskill with the Loss of many men and they then kept up the River with their Shiping and the militia are going Steadily on

7 we had not much to Do only be Ready with our teams and I Pickt Some walnuts and it is Pretty warm

8 in the morning I took money for Capt hoyts folks the Soldiers horse keeping for the town is full of militia

9 I went to hoyt hill with wolf and it Raind very Steady all day and Parker Adams Came to See me and our littel Room is very mudy Sir

10 it was Clear and Cold and I Drove Some oxen above grinnels and in the after noon I washed my Shirt and at knight it was very Sharp Cold indeed

11 in the morning there was a large white frost and Clemmons went to Redden after teams to move the Stores from here and we got up our teams and loaded 8 barrels of Pork apiece and went 7 mild toward new milford and unloade and Did Sleep in the barn

12 we Came into Danbury & loaded 3 hogsheds Cod fish Apeice 2 Clock Set out to linchfield and went Newbury and Lodgd at one Camps and Slept in the barn Sir Sider we got here

13 we went through new milford and Staid at Esqs Cogswells in Rawmoge and fared very well Sir we Did So

14 it was Cooler and we went up mount tom and bated at the widow halls and got a good Dinner and we
got to litchfield about Day light in & Put out in good feed & Slept in the barn
15 morning I See 146 torys all Peraded a going to hartford they took 150 But by the way 3 went to Escape and they Guard Shot killed 2 wounded the other & one now was put in litchfield goal they were took up the North River Sir and then we Came to widow hall's and Eat Some Cold fish and tators and then we Came to Cogswells and Slept in the barn
16 we brought up the Cattel and Clemmons Came and Said we must bring flower from New milford to Danbury and we Did load 8 barrels apiece and Came to Deacon Camps and Slept in the barn and it was Some warm Sir we had very good feed indeed Sir
17 we Came to Danbury Wolf Clemmons herrick & I and we turned our oxen to the Bloody pasture and it is Cloudy and lazy & we are going to Eat Soon
18 I gathered Corn for Capt hoyts and Did husk it in the field and had 3 S and a good Supper Pork beef turnips tators Bread Sider Butter Cheese Puden apples nuts & milk Sir we had.
19 in the morning I went to See Parker Adams and got good breakfast we had Codfish for Dinner and washed our Shirts in the afternoon to the River Clemmons herrick and Joslen Sir
20 I Drove our oxen from the bloody Pasture to grinnels lot and then I Went to hoyt hill with wolf to Part Some Sheep and it is Cloudy Some
21 last knight it Raind all knight very Smartly and Clemmons went to macleans and our oxen got out I lookt them up again and Put them over the hill & it is very windy and Cold Sir I Sold one Quart Rum Parker Adams
22 in the morning I went after 2 oxen about grinnels and the ground was So froze that it would Crump under my feet Sun Shines Pleasant but Colle Colle windy well Clemmons and I went to hoyt hill for wood and we Did So
23 in the morning Drove my oxen up to grinnel meadow and had not much to Do Just at knight I went up town to git Some Shoes but Could not Sir
24 we took our teams and went to newtown woods after timber and we went over a Swamp and Came back and mired Down one Cart and we had very bad luck well we got out of the mire and then had 6 mild to go and it was Dark and misty and we very hungry Sir and we got home about 10 a Clock Night
25 it was Cloudy and foggy we Drove our oxen to the Stack grinnel and got Some Chains mended and that was Chief greased the Carts and that was all or Some where there abouts that was laid upon us
26 I went and foddered oxen and it is Cloudy and foggy last knight it Raind I have got the headake very bad Raind this afternoon Some
27 mr Dewoolf and I Drove 64 Cattel Down to taylors meadow and it Raind all Day very Smartly N : E wind and Cold at knight we went Down to bring them up and got them out Scatterd along & the knight Came upon us & we Lost the Chief of them Sheep we got along
28 we got up in the morning and went after those Cattel and I had no Shoes and I waided about for it Rained Various hard & N: E wind and I went til my feet was So num I Could hardly go and then we Come home and Dried us and then after a littel more and then Came to the Church and Drinkt a Small matter of brandy Sir and So we live or Stay here in this world.
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29 it Slate a little and morgan Sent us after the Cattel again and I went a few Rods a Come back and Set by the fire now these Cattel ware Some that he bought at Vendue at Peekskill Well after a while I got Some old Shoes and went after Some Sheep and found them and Droved them to the Church and then it began to Rain & Raind about 2 hours I guess and the Sun Shined and then we Droved the Cattel over the River of jordan off of Danbury island for now theses a flood here now and then we put the Sheep in the great Pasture

30 the Sun arose Clear and Clemmons and I Droved 2 Cows over the ferry and fodderd all the Cattel and then help Morgan Start them away & then brought 2 teams for herrick & wolf they went to hoyt hill for wood we Drew Provision and then Rode after them and help load and then I Rode home and Put the meat a boiling Clear and Cool this Day Sir

31 I went to mr loyd and he Paid me 17 Dollars for ox keeping morgan is Set out home and I went got Some Chains and then went to Shelter Rock hill for Some wood for John meclean and my head akes very bad it is very windy and Cool Sir wolf is gone home

November 1777

1 herrick and I went to hoyt hill after wood and it is Some warmer

2 it was warm and Pleasant & I Did not any thing only in the morning I fodderd the oxen and the game goes well

3 Clemmons brought up the oxen & we 3 went to new town woods after timber and we got back about Sun Down and it is very warm and we went to Capt hoyts for Some Super and it is all very well Sir

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4 went up town for a man to kill an ox for John meclean and then I fodderd our oxen and then brough one pair and Carted one load of boards from the Church to David taylors barn and now Clemmons and herrick is gone a hunting Squirrels Pretty warm Some windy to the South

5 we went after timber again and it Clouded up and Raind a littel & we Brought Exceeding heavy Loads and at knight it Raind Some Sir and Pol meclean Stued them Squirrils which we had for Super oh Sir

6 it Rains very Steady all Day and the wind N. East and I am Some afraid of Spoiling my Clothes oh Just at knight I Rode old Six Stones up to the meadow and fodderd the oxen and it is Quite muddy and Something Cold Sir

7 we took Eight oxen apiece and brought very large Loads indeed, and it was not very Cold Sir

8 I got up in the morning out in the barn for we have laid in the barn this fortnight Sir and Herrick and I went to Esq loyd and he Paid us our wages Paid me 96 Dollars for 6 months and then we Came through new town over the ferry into woodbury and in the Evening it Raind a littel and we Came 7 mild after Sun Down and we Staid at David Shermans very good Super

9 about Sun Rise we got Some more minced pie milk & Sider and then we Came along through Waterbury into Southerington and got Some Dinner Puden and butter Pork & meat Cheese and Sider & then into meridan and Stopt at a widow womens house and fared well

10 we lay in a bed last knight & a had a breakfast and it was Cloudy and Raind Some but we put along
Slowly to middletown. Crossed the ferry then went to the South & now we were in Chatham and we begin to be faint and know not the way and feel very old wet and cold for it rains yet Sir we went this way and that way for there was no Road only a sort of a blind path and we got into hampton and got some dinner near and tater fried pumpin sauce bread & cheese sider and then we limped along for colchester & it grew dark and we got to Elijah Williams and went to bed and so the game goes Sir we have come through a dreadful place to day as I ever want to be in but I believe these are live people here so go to sleep.

11 in the morning it was clear & cold and this was called west chester or pine swamp we got breakfast and herrick went one way and the other I went through colchester into brookline then into norwich and came to capt morgan a little after sun down 26 mild.

12 in the morning it snowed a little and then rained Chief of the day and I helped him sort corn in the barn Sir I did it was cold.

13 then I set out from there and came through canterbury and there was snow and then through brook line over Dennisons bridge into killingly and I got home about 8 clock in the evening alive and well thanks be to god for it and found our people so and it was a pretty cold day snowed last night some here.

14 I went to mr polocks and in the afternoon I helped cart a load of wood and it is very cold at night John marsh Moses wilder came here.

15 I went to Joseph Munyans and I bought a jacket of William Smith and it was windy and cold.

16 was very cold Sir it was indeed &c

17 I went to mr Smiths Isaac Barrills and to Eliphalet Coteses after a tailor to make some clothes & it snowed some and it some cold.

18 I cut two loads of wood and carted it and it was pretty cold Sir.

19 Joseph Munyan and I killed a hog and dressed him and it was very cold and some cloudy toward night I bought a coat B holland jaconet and one hat all for 32 dollars at night John and Jesse came home.

20 was a thanksgiving and they almost but I and I staid at home A k J c S g S.

21 Jesse and John went down town it was cloudy and pretty warm at night Mary russel was here.

22 I helped farther load 6 barrels of sider and Jesse & John went down to smithfield and then cut some wood in the afternoon I helped clear a path from the river a high way and at night it was cloudy warm.

23 it was pretty warm and at evening thomas mighels came here and we went to Joseph Munyans Sir.

24 I went after merioh Aldrich and to uncle israels and it rained a little & then I went with mighels to kimble and the widow jacob ears and then home at night John marsh Cotes Robins Ben Cotes Cutter went to Joseph Munyans cloudy and dark.

25 it rained in the morning and tom mighels set out home at night I went to the saw mill with a log for yokes and it is pretty warm.

26 I went after merioh Aldrich and then to jacksons and to the widow harskels and then home.

27 I carried some leather to kimble to make me some shoes and then swingled some eau and so my lad.

28 I shot at a partridge and then helped make some sider at night I went to Joseph Munyan's D B A B.
29 it Raind very hard and my Cloths ware finished all very good one Doller for making I Carried meriah home.

30 I Rode to Smithfield and I See Jesse But John I Could not and I Staid for he was gone to C I Staid at Noah fanums with Jesse Joslen cloudy Day

December 1777

1 I Came home from Smithfield and it was very Cold and Clear.

2 I went to alpheus Converses and Brought Mary Russel from Esq Dresers and it was Exceeding Cold and Blustering Some Squalle and to morrow I am going to Set out for Danbury tomorrow Sir.

3 in the morning I Set out for Danbury and it was Cloudy and Pretty Cold and I went through Pophret Ashford Masfield into Coventry at Ashford meeting house I lit of Some horses going after Some Soldiers & I Rode almost to Coventry and it Begun to Snow about the midst of the after noon & Snowed til in the knight.

4 it was N W wind and Exceeding Cold and I Rode to Hartford Crossed the ferry about 2 Clock and I got to Farmington little after Dark and about Sun Down the wind went Down.

5 in the morning it was Cloudy and I Set out from Capt Coles and the Sun about one hour high it Cleared away & very windy N W and very Cold I went through Harwinton & Litchfield and Loged at John Clemmons at the iron works 4 mild west of the town.

6 Early in the morning it was very Sharp and Still and in the after noon it began to moderate and Clouded up and I Came through New millford into Danbury about Dark and it Snowed Some and So I was glad to See my old mates again.

7 I Drew Some Provision and took Care of my oxen and it was Cloudy and very warm for the time a year.

8 it was Cloudy and warm and I took Care of my oxen and got one horse Shod & it was very mudy about the Streets.

9 I went to grinnels and brought the oxen Down and Clemmons and I went to hoyt hill after wood and it was Cold.

10 was Exceeding Cold and I went to hoyt hill for a load of wood for the Coopers and I live very poor I wish my Condition Better Sir.

11 I fodderd the oxen and then I went with mr Dewolf to Look Some Sheep that was Strayed and we found them and it is pretty pleasant.

12 Early we took Care of our oxen and then Herrick and I Readed Some Sheep & Drove to the Birch pasture and then went to Stony hill after 4 more and we got home 3 of them it was very warm in the afternoon it was Cloudy.

13 it was very warm Cloudy & mudy I went to hoyt hill for wood for mr loyd.

14 Clear and a little Cool I only took Care of my oxen.

15 I went to Bethel and got my oxen Shod and it is pretty Cool and I live very poor meat and bread bread and meat.

16 it was Cloudy Cold and I Set out to Stamford and I went about 3 mild it began to Snow I went 12 more and Stopt to mathew marvens at Wilton the Snow about our Shoes.

17 about 4 Clock I fodderd my oxen and I Set away Early and it was Cloudy & foggy all day and I went through norwalk midesix into Stamford town.
18 was thankgiving well I Loaded Sider and Perma toes unions and I See w' mowry & about 11 Clock I
Set out home and I Came through Norwalk into wilton no
mowry & about 11 Clock & into the
was Clear and Cold n w wind and I was not well
I Came to Danbury 15 mild and I went to mother hoyts
and got Some Victuals and Staid all knight
20 I give my own hay and Corn Ready to Start tomo-
moremorrow morn and I Can Say very Cold the Sun Shines
Pleasant But it is Cold
21 I with 4 more Set out to fishkill after flower and
it was very Cold But it thawed Some Capt merrils went
with us we went into oblong Staid at a Scoch mans
house and we have a Cook with us which makes it
Some better
22 we went through frederixburg into the Edge of
fishkill it was Cloudy and it Snowed a littel I think &
we Crossed a mountain 2 mild over it and very Steep
and we went to Colo: vandoboroughs and loaded 7 bar-
rels of flower aceipe and Came back to old Nichols the
East of the mount and Staid all knight
23 it was very Cold and Cloudy and we Came to
Ewells in oblong and we met John Buckleys teams
24 it was very Sharp Stinging Cold indeed and we
Climb the mount and Came in to Danbury 2 Clock 7
mild and I feel very Discontented at this time
25 day Christmas it is very Sharp Still Cold and
I helpt woolf Red Some Sheep Just at knight Cloudy
wind s w and Snowed 1 inch and half
26 I went to Bethel and got one Pair Shod then John
and Josiah Ion & I went to Reading to Hezekiah Sand-
forths after hay it Clouded up in the after noon at knight
it Raind Some and froze and ice upon Every thing I
lay in a bed very Cold knight But I was Comfortabel
Enough
27 we foddered Early and got breakfast and then we
went up to the other barn and loaded our loads of hay
and about noon the Sun was to be Seen well we Came
along by the way umpawog and it was Exceeding Cold
indeed Sir it very tideous N w w
28 it Snowed Some last knight it Snowed Some and
So Does yet N E wind and very Cold take Care of my
Cattel and thats Chief
29 it was Clear and Exceeding Cold and 5 of us went
5 mild into Redden after a Stack of hay and it is as
good Carting Sleding or Slaying as Ever was Since
Cain
30 it was very Sharp Stinging Cold N w wind & 8 of
us went to hoyt hill after wood
31 Abner wilder Joseph Ion and I went to Redden
to Esqs hawley after hay very Cold we loaded 2 of our
loads and got a good Supper and Drank Some Sider
and then to bed & So Colcludes the year 1777 with us

January 1778
1 the morning was very Pleasent & Clear we got
breakfast and Set out for Danbury & got home & on-
loaded & then Drew Some Provision
2 I was not very well and Did not much But 2 of
our teams is gone to Ridgfield it was warm and thawed
all day S wind I was weighed to day 177 £ weighed
3 the ground was bare for the Snow was about all
gone the wind N W but not Cold I did not much we
had a very good Supper
4 I took my oxen to Bethel to be Shod & it is not
Cold to Day
5. It snowed about a half inch deep well 3 of us went to Esqs Hawley after hay and I went to Hezekiah Sandford's after some oxen and came back by the way of Isaac Gorum's to Hawley's.

6. Early I took my old white mare and went to Sandfords and then to Gurnams and I got one pair of oxen and then came along to Mr. Bartram's and in lone town and he helped me load the hay and then then came up & with me Clemmons' and winter and then we came to Danbury very quietly and it is some chilly and I don't like my oxen very well.

7. I unloaded the hay and then to Bethel and got my oxen shod and it was cloudy and very chilly Cold Day & at night it rained.

8. It is quite muddy & Capt. Morgan bought a yoke of oxen of Jonathan Starr and I went to Bethel and got them shod. Pretty warm SW.

9. It was clear and pleasant & I loaded some hay screws & a little after 12 I set out to Fairfield & I went to Betts at Redden Church. It mild and I lay in a bed a while past the woods shot through this house and like to a kild bed.

10. I went through Northfield, greenfield into Greens Farms to Stephen Guiers and I brought a load of wood part of the way and it was very muddy about over shoes & one pair of oxen was the poorest that I ever drove in my life.

11. We took care of our oxen and live well and it begun to snow NE wind and was a very bad storm a littel before night it rained a littel and made a crust and the snow about 4 or 5 inches deep.

12. Gabriel Allen and I went into Norwalk after corn and oats and it was pretty cool Sir and I got 36 bushel of corn here to Nathan Adams and We have the best of Rowen for our oxen and corn and I live at the best lie in a bed Sir.

13. We cut a beard and then I helped fix 2 teams to Danbury and I have 3 of my oxen very lame & so I took the Roan mare and came to Danbury and it was cloudy just at night & I said with Clemmons at Benedict's wind South.

14. I went to Fairfield and in the after noon the wind shifted to the N W & was quite cold & I took care of my oxen well & cut wood door.

15. It was exceeding cold and I mended an old Dra & took my old mare & Drawn 8 gammons and 5 half heads of hog down to the Reverend Hezekiah Ripleys for to smoke in his smoke house & then went to Daniel Maicos after some ox boes & took care of my oxen & so concludes the day.

16. I drove down a load of wood to Walter Cassons then Gabriel Allen & I brought a load of hay from Sawtaylor then it was a very cold day just a sun down it begun to moderate some.

17. It snowed about 2 inches deep and we went Norwalk N Adams for corn & ots and it rained before night quite hard SW wind at even to the northward I have a very bad cold at this time.

18. Well the snow is blown gone only by the wall well we set out to Danbury and it was quite cold & windy NW and we came to Mr. Couches at Redden and did lie in a bed live very well.

19. We set out and got to Danbury but it was exceeding Slippery and oxen was not all shod and I had 50 bushel of ots and we got some shod and got to Couches at Redden again NW wind.
20 we Came along to the Jump and Loaded us Each a load of wood and Came to greenfield and it was Cloudy all Day and Snowed a little and we Staid at Hezekiah Bradlys fare well lie in bed
21 I Swoopt Buttons and then went to fairfield town and onloaded our wood and then to Guries and then Allen & I went about one mild after hay and that made it in the knight S W warm
22 was Exceeding Cold indeed and Allen and I Cartyed 2 load of Rowen from Joseph hanfords barn and which took tel in the knight Sir
23 was very Cold and I went Nathan Adams and brought 60 Bushels of Ears of Corn and Eat apples & Drinkt Sider brought a barrel along for David Sturge Drum for that and Just at knight it Cloud up and I went to Sam. Smiths with my lame ox and got him fixt and very cold
24 I got up in the morning and lookt out acors and the wind blew and Snow flew most terribly indeed and N E wind yesterday Last knight Extreme Cold well we went Down to Doct jizzups for a load of Straw for our oxen to lie on and then went to Sam : taylors and Loaded 15 b bundle of hay N West wind very Cold indeed Sir it was
25 It was Cloudy N E W and very Cold and we Set out for Danbury with Corn oats and hay went to Couches at redden
26 in the morning it was winter indeed N W : W very hard & Rite in our faces and I got my Shoes rapt and got to Couches about Day light in
27 it was Colder than it was yesterday and we Came along to the jump and loaded Some wood & the wagon wheel Broke and then I came along with 7 Cattel Just at knight it Cloud up and looks like a Storm

February 1778

1 was Cloudy and I Came home to guires and I live very well and work very Steady and my lame stag is got better & now I have 5 Cattel fit for Duty
2 I Did not much only trim up my old mare and Doctor an old Sheep and then after noon I got 2 bushel of Oats from Esq Abraham Andrus and it was warm day and Some hazy
3 I Did not much I Brought a load of flax out of that lot for guire and it is warm and thawe I Sawd pin wood for Seth Sturge
4 a little after Dinner I took my team and went to Norwalk after Corn I Brought 60 Bushes Ears it is bad
Carting indeed the mud is only about half leg Deep and
I will tel you what weather it is at this time it is Ether
hazy or [ . . . ?] I turned out my Cattel and they
told me there was 2 men bin to See me which I soon
found it was John porter & Jeremiah Burningham (?)

5 it Raind Some in the morn and I Set out to Dan-
bury with Corn and 7 Cattel and the mud was about
half leg high upon a level & I went to mr Couches in
Reden

6 it was Cloudy and I went Danbury & William
Clemmons set out with us and it Snowd N E wind and
Cold and we got there Some in the Evening Put out our
Cattel fare well Sir

7 I got up in the morn and the wind blew very
terribilly N W and Cold as the jews & we Came along
the Snow as high as the oxen backs Some time and the
wheels all one as a Snow one only See the End of the
Exelrree well we Came ro rhe jump and took 4 long
Pols 30 foot Each I brought 2 of them and along we
Came very heavy Sir but I got along to greens farms
and then fild my Crop Sir

8 was Cloudy and I gave my oxen Some hay and
then I Rode into fairfield to David Oarlys and then I see
John Joslen & Jeremiah Burlingham & I Eat a Dinner
of Scallops Pork and Sider & Veneger about 2 a Clock
it begun to Snow & Just at Dark I Set our back to
guieres & the last snow was 10 inches and this 2

9 we took Care of our oxen & then 3 of us went to
romme Couches and loaded our Carts out of his ham
with hay Eat Dinner there Pork Peas Sider & then A.len
and I went to Esq Andrus & measured 46 bushels of
oats and it is very Cold N W wind

10 we Set out for Danbury 4 of us & there was So
much Snow it was very bad Carting and Pretty warm in
the afternoon it thickened up and Clouded up Just at
knight & we got to Couches at Redden about 8 Clock
live very well here

11 Storm in the morning & last knight it Snowed a
littel grain and now the Storm increases Rain & N E wind
very Cold and this after noon I feel very Poorly Augurish

12 I am very much not well indeed and it is Exceed-
ing Stormy Snow North wind and very hard & we heard
they ware a Suffering for hay at Danbury & So we must
go we Set out about 10 o'clock and got a littel way and
my Cart one wheel Sunk So far Down in a hole that it
over Set the load the Snow was full of matter & the
wheels would Sink into the and very heavy Carting
indeed and we must waid about knee Deep the Chief of
the way then I put my team to Clemmons and much
adoe to get along then with 10 Cattel we got to Dan-
bury Just Dark 7 mild and then I went to Capt hoyts
& laid in a bed it has bin a very tedious day for a well
person and worse for a Sick one

13 in the morning I was very much unwell I will
assure you and it is Clear and Cold & N W wind and I
went to Warners and found that Pardon Burlingham
lived at fish kill then I Eat a littel Victuals and then
Clemmons and I Set out back & fell into the water
About knee Deep in bettel well we got to Couches and
had a Dis of tea and then I broke out with the Chicken
Pox thick

14 I am Exceeding Poorly and Sore and I Rode to
the jump & then I took up a load of wood and we got
to guieres about Sun Down and it is very Cold indeed
and I have a pain in my head and bones very bad I
went to bed Direct
15. I got up about 9 Clock and I am very Poorly yet I Drink a littel tea about noon I begun to feel better Some Pretty Pleasant to Day Cloudy at knight and

16. last knight it Snowed 2 or 3 inches and to Day I feel much better I went to Esq. Andres for 2 bags of oats & it was Cloudy all day Cold.

17. was Exceeding Cold and windy I with 4 oxen 2 mares I Came along to Redden and ther Came along a wagoner & with his jack lifted out the wheel & I got to Danbury about 7 Clock with a Cart & a wagon Sir

18. I staid in town til about 12 then I took 2 oxen & two horses & I went to mr Couches Pleasant.

19. we went to the jump and loaded Some wood & then to guires and it was Cloudy toward knight Pleasant Snowed a littel about Dark.

20. Clemmons & I went to Doct Jizsipli(?) for a load of Straw then three of us went to Campo 3 mild and got Loads of hay and it was very Cold and Some Cloudy and last knight I lay upon the floor.

21. Clemmons & I went to Campo and got one load and then to hanfords barn for the other and it was very Cold Sir then we Came to guires.

22. four of us Set out for Danbury and we got along bravely and we got to Gershon buddleys and Refreshed us a littel and it begun to Snow moderately and we got to Couches about Sun Down and then took a littel w. india then went to Danbury got there about 9 Clock it was Dark and very bad Carting those 7 last milds then to Capt hoyts.

23. I Drew Some allowance and then I took my Cattel and 2 horses and went to Capt hoyts Saw mill after Rails S E wind Cloudy and warm.

24. Snow melts apace and after noon i brake a littel flax & took my Cart to osborns to be mended Sir made Some login Strings in the morning I Went to Doct Woods and Could Not git my oxen Shod and so not much to doe.

25. I yeoked up my oxen and benjamin Rockwell and I went to hezekiah Sanfords and it was a very hot Day for the time a year and Cloudy toward knight & we loaded our hay and laid upon the floor S wind.

26. we took up our teams and it was Cloudy & foggy and we Came up Such hills that almost hang over and it thawd very fast and was very bad going and we got home about 2 Clock.

27. Rained a littel Snowed near one inch I Dressed 8 pounds of flax Some Cooler and I have the head ach very bad it Cleared away in the Evning.

28. Herrick and I went to hoyt hill and cut a load of walnut wood and Sold it to Isaac Reed for 22 Shillings and I took a Pair of Smooth buckels for 15 and to knight there was 29 teams Came into this town and Said Sir and So Concludes february 1778 only in the Evening it Clouded up Speedioly and Snowed about one inch and half Deep Sir.

March 1778

1. it was Chilly Cold with the wind to the N W before knight it Clouded up Some and the wind to the S W and I Rock my horse that I bought Last Week.

2. Was Exceeding Cold and blustiring and I had tapt my Shoes in the after noon I went to hoyt hill and brought a load of wood it was Cloudy in the Evening.

3. Snowed a littel and is Raw Chilly Cold and wind to the N I feed my oxen Just at knight it begun to
Snow very fast and I Eat a very good Supper of Rice and milk about a great basin full and I am a good Deal pleased to think that I am a going to be out of the C Service the wind N E I was weighed to Day and weighed 180 £

4 I yoked my team in order to work but Did none it was Clear and very Cold and the Snow that fell Last knight was 6 inches and w n w I fed my oxen well Just at knight Herrick and Set out to Redden to Mr Sanfords & 10 mild but we got there a good while before we went to bed it was a very Cold Evening

5 was a very Cold morning and herrick and I went to gitting our flax and we got out 37 £ only very tuff good Sider Enough

6 we got out 42 and could not have the mill much tited me very much indeed Sir

7 was Cloudy and not good for flax But we got out 45 £ oh I have longing to be at work as much as Ever a fish Did to be out of water this good while So now I Can work Snowd Some Raind in the afternoon N E wind

8 was Cloudy and nothing to Do happy Jo So So E wind and Cold

9 was Cloudy N E wind Chilly we got out 53 £ and Raind Some

to was Cloudy wet and foggy Raind all Day and we got out 38 £ and live well Sider Plenty Enough

11 it being Cloudy and misty we took the flax we had Earned and Came to Danbury very Slopy going we got Some Victuals Capt hoyts then went to Esq taylors there a Constabel Put herrick and I keepers over a Prisoner So we took him to Landlord Dibels and put out his horses and keep him til morning

12 in the morning I felt very Poorly and the man and the Constabel Came in order to make him own what he had Done with the Rum that was missing & for now you see this Demmon was Carrying a load of Rum for Coleman from weathersfield to the N River & Some gallons were gone Examination was made and it was found out that he kept it and got groggy and mad not a good Spoil and it leaked out So the poor man was obliged to Pay all he had for it and Still went on with him his Paying our Expense and 18 £ apiece and very warm foggy Day Sir

13 was Cloudy and foggy and warm and the Snow thaws apace and very muddy and I heard Some Robins and blue birds and it Seems like Spring and now here I live upon Expense it being no weather for business as foggy as Ever I Saw it in my life I was weighed to Day 177

14 was foggy and bad going as Ever I Saw it almost & I Sold my horse to a C officer for 11 dollars 8 year old I feel very uneasy it Cleared away before noon and very warm & Just at knight I Rode with agur hoyt to Swomp Lot and Skind a Cow they had Dead and it is very muddy indeed Sir

15 was Clear and I had nothing to Do Just at Even it Clouded up in the knight it Raind Some

16 was Cloudy Raine foggy I took my Cloath to Jane taylors to make a frock then I Deald out Some Provision in the Clerks Room or Stead

17 was Cloudy I think I Never See Such a Spell of weather in my life and about noon it begin to Clear away with the wind N W and Some Cooler and I Deald out mor Provision at Even we agreed to work for Capt taylor and get out flax and
18 we Dressed flax for Capt. Taylor and Dress'd out 16½ Qults Clear and Cool N W wind.

19. a fine warm Day S wind and we Dressed 12½ the Snow is all gone and has bin some days.

20. morning was some foggy and S wind we Dressed 14 Pounds of flax just at knight Capt. Morgan came to me from the Small Pox woolbury and went me more.

21. was Exceeding Cold N W wind and Morgan interrived with me to stay some longer & I took 2 C. oxen & went to Capt. Hoyts Saw mill for wood and I wash't my face & hands and in a minute or 2 there was ice froze on my hair oh it is very Cold indeed sir then I was obliged to eat C. provisions again not good.

22. was Exceeding Cold and I took care of my oxen and froze very hard last knight some people say to Day is as Cold as any Day in the winter if there was Snow on the ground and so.

23. was some more pleasant and I brought some water from the river for Mr Lloyd to wash then to the Saw mill with winter for wood.

24. in the morning we drew some more pork and beef not good then fed my oxen with corn for we have no hay. Poor oxen I pity them and I am not well for I have got the quick step I went to barns shop and staid a spell just at even I see some horses run.

25. was foggy in the morning and winter & I set out for Fairfield and went as far as Bethel and Hezekiah Sanford we met and ted to go to his house and we went by the way of umpaweg got there a little before knight.

26. we loaded our loads and the wind was South and very high and it was wofull carting we got along it Rain'd some snow'd so it covered the ground S E wind and very Chilly.

27. Last knight it snowed a little more and some this morning about noon I see Jeams Cotes a-going home and I went to Capt. Hoyts Saw mill for wood and it was pretty cold our pork and beef stinks so I can't eat it & I buy my victuals S W W W W N h.

28. was cloudy and I. and Benjamin Rockwell and I went into the woods after timber and with much ado got back about Sundown sir.

29. was S E wind and Stormy very cold and just at even it began to snow and hail very tedious and I went to Mrs. Clerkes.

30. wind was N E very cold and I & Benjamin Rockwell went to Reden 10 mild it rain'd all the time almost and I was very wet and cold and I foddered the oxen at the upper barn I feel poorly at this time.

31. I was not well I got breakfast and then we went up to the barn and found 17 Bushels of wheat & rice and then weighed our loads and the wind E of N and blustering.

April 1778

1. the sun shines pleasant and clear and about 10 clock we set out for Danbury and got home before knight and drew allowance for this month M W S W W N h.

2. was cloudy and rain'd some and we only took care of our oxen and at knight there was a thunder shower from S W.

3. morning was something stormy both with rain and snow and I hetcheted some flax for mother Hoyt and N W wind & cold and after noon we 3 or 4 went to the saw mill after wood and ah ha last Friday I heard 1 or 2 Frogs peep peep peep.

4. 3 of us went to new town woods after timber &
Some Cool and we got home before knight I am not well a very bad Cold indeed and in the Evening I had the head ache very bad indeed Sir

5 is pretty Cool and I have the head ache very bad So I am not able to work it increases as the Sun Rises.

6 my head Did ake and So increased and it was clear & pleasant and after noon it Clouded up and fed my oxen and the Snipe whisel and the frogs poop and the toads Burn and it is spring I believe Sir

7 I was not well yet and I got Clemmons oxen Shod and Capt morgan went with me to the Doct and in the after noon it Clouded up Some and the wind at Even N and Comforts hoyts girl had a Convulsion fit

8 was a very Cold Day I went to the Doct and they Blooded me and gave me a puke & I feel very poorly indeed Sir

9 was pretty Pleasant with the wind Southward and I was 19 years of age this Day and I went and got my oxen Shod and some Pig brite moon Shine knight Pleasant

10 it is quite warm and foggy and I went to Redden and loaded 11 dozen of Spokes & and then Staid at Hezekiah Sanfords all knight Lie on the floor

11 was warm and foggy and I came to Danbury the frogs & toads keep the musick up and I guess the Suckers Run

12 foggy and warm I have the head ake the grass is green we set out to fairfield and went to Sam'z thors and it was cloudy warm

13 we bought a load of wood apiece and we got to Fairfield and sold our wood for 18 $ per load and then to Capt Wakemans got some sider Lie on the floor

14 we went over to Mr Barrs and winter and I met Burr Weighed and loaded 32 hundred of hay and it was cloudy and warm and then to wakemans again

15 it Raind last knight and this morning while we went 7 mild then we went to gershons Brady and got a good breakfast then got along to Couches and turned out for fear of turning over in the dark such way just as we was a going to bed we Dreamd of a Tory just by and 7 of us went and took him it was one that had bin to the Enemy and was back on a Spie his name David Roe

16 it Raind a littel and we set out and it was very bad Caring and we got to Danbury about 2 or 3 and it is cloudy & wind S W Morgan has got a man to Drive in Clemmons Room Adna jillet and 14 of this month he came here

17 Adna jillet and I went to mend some fence the other side of hoyt hill and we brought a load of wood off the hill back went to morrisses for cloth

18 in the morning I mended up the yard and N W Cold and Clemmons and woolf set out for home and I went after some cloth for some trousers and got none

19 I felt very poorly for I anointed for the atch last evening and I only took care of my oxen to m to b

20 was very windy and cold and blustering and I went into the woods after some timber and I came back to Bethel and heard that Capt hoyt's house was burn and I came along and I found it to be so well I had 47 pound of hax knapsak and a new track burn besides many notions so I turned out my team and slept in the school house

21 I took care of my oxen & then I went to capt grinnels after oats and for a load of goods and then S W
wind Some Cloudy and I See them play ball and we Slep at Major taylors and

22 Was a fast throughout the Continent and we Drew butter and Rice and the Rum that I had Lost was more gave me in the Room Southerly wind and Cloudy and at Even we went up to the meeting house and heard the band of musick Play Belonging to Colo Sam: B webs

23 was very wind and Cold and we went to Capt Grinnels and loaded his good in order to go to fairfield and after noon williams and I went to Reden after hay and live well Sir

24 we loadd one load of hay at Hezekiahs barn & then the other to Capt Ezekiels barn and then Drove them both together and no more and it was windy and Cold N W Clear

25 was very Cold I heard a brown thrasher Sing and we Came to Danbury with our hay 10 mild or more and I bought 4 yards half toe Cloth 20 S & we Carried our thing to Major taylors and Sleep there

26 Last knight was very Cold and Capt taylor gave me Some Breakfast and it is pretty pleasant But the wind is N W and Southerly toward knight Silas Dene went through this town Just from France I see 3 Swallows to Day

27 I fed my Cattel as usual and it is pretty pleasant But the wind is N W and Southerly and at knight I took my 2 Draw horses and Stradded them both at once and Run them Several times and then I betwixt 2 Stools I Came to the ground with a Small hurt But I Caught them and Rod them one more and So Concludd

28 jillet and I and williams went to the Saw mill for Rails and helpt them Draw 4 Logs to mill for his house and it is pretty warm and then I went up to Dooet woods after boards & Carried them to osborns and I Dooet intend to Drive a team for my Continent any more yet Sir goodby

29 now my busines is to take Care of the horses and I took Care of them and viz to give them oats and hay and water & Curry them oats 2 times a Day hay as much as they will Eat S wind Cloudy

30 I took Care of my horses and then I took my Cloath to Jane taylors for Some trousers and it was Cloudy and N E wind and Cooler I heard 2 perwinks and I have 17 horses at knight I went after my trousers and Play [ ]

31 it Raind Last knight and Does this morning N E wind and Cold & I fed my horses & 16 then this Day I see in the print that Ebenzer Brunson att Waterbury his wife had two Sons that weighed Seven pound each and a Daughter that weighed Six pounds 12 ounces and all at one birth and now alive Amos barns the 11 day of March 1778 his wife had a Daughter 10 Pounds one quarter weighed Raind some in the afternoon

2 I took Care of them Early and then I made a yard for to keep then in and it Raind in the morning Early Cloudy after

3 was Clear and I am lame yet and I think the wind is N W and Some Cloudy and they are a Carrying off the Draughted torys to New haven

4 I took Care of the horses and just at knight Stephen herrick Came back from the Small Pox 60° he had in his face and now wind I live very well for Continenel

5 I took Care of my horses and then tended Mason for Jemmy Scoogel at Major taylors and So the Day
was very pleasant and I have some fat horses and some
invaatods I bought 4 yards of toe Cloath for 18 Shillings
6 I hung on some water for brewing and then I went
and help move the Parlour of Capt hoyts house that
was not burnt and in the after noon I help Raise another
as big as the old one pretty warm to day
7 I take care of the horses and Herrick and I cut a
board and one yesterday and it is some Cooler and Cloud
up in the evening and Raind all knight I was weighed
and 181 pounds weighed
8 Raind some in the morning I took care of the
horses cleared away before noon quite cool n w wind
and pretty easy time of it sir
9 was quite a Cold day and we drew allowance for
the rest of this month I bought a pair of good Deer
skin breeches for one doller at vendue I carted 100
bushel of hay just as even
10 as I was watering of the horses one of them run
away & I took care of the rest and then I pursued him
and I could hear that he was seen on the run toward
Redden I went 7 miles I met winter and jillet they had
took him & told him to the cart so I rode him back
in a hurry led the other the after noon clouded up &
rain a little I live very well
11 I work as usual and cut herricks hair off and it is
pretty warm one family has got the small pox the
natural way n w wind
12 I took care of the horses and then I went with
amos hoyts in the woods pulling bark very warm day I
want to be at home sir at knight 8 horses more than
common
13 Last knight came home prisoners from Long island
Lievt: Clerk and troubridge and that was taken at four

Washington and I took care of my horses and then rode
after some Cows thunder Shower the North Raind some
here
14 was election and I did live very well egg nog
to the cooper I went to tailors the east part of Bethel
at knight C hoyts m w w Sir
15 I put two horses to pasture and I help Herrick
unload some hay a very hot day as has bin this spring
the trees are leave out and the apple trees blossom some
egg punch I ride about some sir I guess
16 I drove my horses to Deacon knaps lot and it is
very very warm some cloudy
17 I drove the horses to pasture again and they ran
over to Shelter Rock and N W wind at even I went to
Chirks from s w w I was sent for and I went all knight
after a Tory but could not find him
18 we came into Danbury and got a w india was
cloudy all day some cooler
19 was very hot day take care of my horses ride
about some study some cloudy some
20 put some horses in knap and some in Starrs lot
and it is fine weather hot I study every day S wind one
of the span did tread on my leg and lamed me some
21 took care of horses and then rode after some
sheep & found 22 and after noon berrick and I went a
fishing and caught 14 and S wind very hot even to
tailors Ed Ad k B M C
22 now I give the horses provinder still but turn
them to pasture in day time snow at knight cloudy in
the after noon was clear and Andrew Williams and I
rode toward Ridgfield 4 miles and found the rest of
the sheep and
23 berrick went to tending the small pox & exceed-
ing hot and for the time a year and so Sir I Carried home k 18

24. I took care of the horses early and then eat some bread and milk to mother hoyts. Exceeding hot and mr loyd came from hartford just at knight. It Raind. Some thundered. Some to the north.

25. I took 15 horses to day and I have 2 store horses and 1 rec'd 30 dollars for 2 months & N W wind. I see. old father Aroron.- wilder to day and it is cloudy at knight.

26. Winter and Gillet is gone home and I rode to Stony hill and after noon it is cloudy S W wind. Raind all knight.

27. Morning it Raind and I brought up the horses and from the barn and then back to their places again and it Rains very hard and left 10 clock and studied again and egg punch.

28. Clear & Cold wind N W I fixt my horses as usual and so no more.

29. Exceeding cold and N W wind and I have a great deal of running and riding to and from 15 horses. I put all the horses on Deer hill & Tast knight my frost. Did a deal Drainage for many People in this town and.

30. Was cloudy & 9 clock. It began to rain & I take care of the horses and that is all and it Rains very hard. That in the day and storms all knight and that concludes May.

June 1 was cloudy and raind. I fed the horses and washed my frock and wet my hair and then I took 66 dollars and took care at knight and very bad and wet. M w Stormy knight and so.

2. I had John Dot to help me and shoo him a littel about it. Cloudy & warm and at even I fixt them again and rode old nook to Capt Starrs barn and that was the last. I rode them a h m w.

3. Was cloudy and I got some with indiana and then I fixt and Herrick and I set out home and we came through Newtown, Boodbery and Waterbury and I met Capt Taylor from the assembly and just at sun down we came to a tavern and I was much tired and then it was cloudy, wet Ben a very warm day.

4. It raind last knight and this morning we got breakfast and then we 9 clock we set and raind. We set out and came over the mountain and into Southington and then refreshed us and then through farmington within 5 miles of hartford. Stopt at a widows house and 3 or 4 clock we dried us and got some victuals and then felt better and at even it left rainning.

5. About sun rise. I set out and came to hartford and crossed the ferry 7 clock and then we came to landlord albro and got some breakfast. I see. Wm. Moury came through Bolton, Coventry. We see doct Morrison Murfee that could not help him. Self on his horse or off he came with us to landlord Rust got some drink and then we came to Simeon robes and staid all knight. Fared well.

6. Morning was foggy and got breakfast and then Sun about 2 hours high. Set out for home and came Ashford and Pomphret and into killingly and it was very hot. Day indeed I came to esq. Dressers and stopt a littel and the sun about 2 hours high I arrived home with a blessing.

7. Was cloudy and raind. Some and I had not much work to doe.

8. Raind last knight. Cloudy this morning I went to
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I had the hair Cut off the top of my head & at knight to N: onlys
29 we half hilld Corn it was very hot & Dry there was thunder Showers to the N & to the South but none here
30 we hoed in the fore part of the Day into Swim at noon it was Various hot Pulld a little flax in the afternoon then hoed S wind Showers pass us

July 1778
1 in the forenoon we hoed in the afternoon we moed Clover & it was mos. Dreddull hot & C Showers to the South of us
2 we moed again & it was Exceeding hot But Some more wind Stiring Just at knight was a thunder Shower Raind But more North of us
3 Was Cloudy and Some Cooler & I held Plough
4 Remember independence I held Plough and Just at knight Cleard away from the N W and Showery to the South
5 was Clear N W wind and very Cool I went to Meaten to wean out
6 these last two week I have had 7 Pound now I am to have 7 Pound 10 for half a month well I went to S farnums and got his oxen and then held Plough & was Something Cool
7 We Carted one load of hay more then John & I Plowed some Pulld flax Some
8 We Stackt one Stack of hay & ground our Sythes after noon moed
9 we Did more tel Just knight then Carted 2 Load of hay it was very hot S wind
10 moed Carted two load of hay Cloudy Some & pretty warm Raind in the knight

11 we hoed in the forenoon it was Cloudy and in the afternoon we Raked hay and got one load into the barn then it Raind a littel Swimming very hot day
12 was Clear & Cooling Day time E Angels
13 moed in fore part of the Day & after part took up Rice & was Cloudy Carted in one load
14 we moed it was Cloudy Just at knight was Clear & I broke my Sythe and then Raked then n f Cherrys Rum
15 we moed in the fore part after part we Raked and Poloed out of the Pond and So tis Carted one load
16 I hoed a littel in the morning & then Carted one Load of hay and one of Rice and it was very hot & Dry then Stackt one load afternoon Stackt one more Carted one more to the Stack
17 in the forenoon we hoed in the afternoon we moed very Dry weather these Days
18 was a frost in the meadow in the morning and we moed all Day killd Some bumbel bees
19 I went to J Smiths n f E A Judge Mohys then at knight I S w N : O fanner with Henrity Only
20 was Cloudy and we moed all Day Raind Some
21 I went to Judge Mowrys and moed in the fore noon in the after noon Raked for Job mowry Cloudy at Even
22 was Cloudy & misty & we moed all Day and ivy very plenty
23 we hoed Pertors and I begun to Eatch the poison Did and Just at knight I heard of the alarm at Providence
24 was Cloudy and I hoed I think & I am a good Deal poisoned with ivy N E winds and Cool these days Spread Some flax
25. I moed a littel in the mom then I Strid up lay in the afternoon I Raked and was So lame I Could hardly goe at Even I washd with beaf broin and I likte for to a fainted Could not Eat.

26. I washd again and Did almost faint Surely for it Struck the Poison in to my Stomack & mrs moury gave me Some Rum & a tub of warm water then I washd the broin off with Sope Suds then wore a petecoat for my legs and thighs ware much lame.

27. I was very lame hardly goe Sick to my Stomack.

28. I was very lame but I Put burdock leaves & that Drawd out the Poison and I was not So Sick at my Stomack But very lame yet.

29. I felt Some better & afternoon I Rode to Job Angells and washd in the tan Trough and Put on a Clean Shirt and trowsers and I felt Some better but very much Swelld yet.

30. I moed all Day & was very tired indeed Sir But I live as well here as I Can Desire to.

31. I Rakd in the forenoon & in the afternoon we moed in the bog meadow and it was Cloudy oh Rained a littel in the forenoon.

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1. was Cloudy & I Carted 3 load of Wood after noon. I Rakd hay and I was Draughted for 20 Days and John likewise Southerly winds lately Clear after noon.

2. I helpt Stack one Stak then Came to Charles hawkins See John was Exceeding hot to J Angell I went then N f Staid at Jobs A.

3. I workt for Noah famum moed in the fore noon afternoon Raked & he Came home from Carting Shower in the knight.


5. I moed in his meadow and there was a fine Shower and Showery all Day Just at knight heard we ware Sent for & glad was I Surely I was well I took a horse and Rode up to Judge Mowry and got me Some Cloath for a knap Sack Sent for you under Stand ie to go to Rhodeisland.

6. to F. A I made me a knapsack then I went to Joseph Farmum for Some mony then I fixt and went to Job A then I Rode to Joseph Sprage for my gun & accoutments then Jesse John & 1 with Sevrel more Set out for town went to E Angells & Enlarged Some more to our Company and we Marchd to town and got there Just before knight and I went into Swiming and we Did Lodge in the Courthouse So it begins.

7. Soon as light I got up and See the Continental March through town and we bought Some Stores for us and got breakfast at Mis tripes and very hot I bought me a Cantee about 12 we Set out for tivy town we went through Patucket Rehoboth to the meeting house the other Side milde bridge and Slept on the ground 6 of us.

8. about 2 or 3 Clock we mustred and marched into Swansy and got breakfast of Chocolate then over Slates ferry into free town then & it was very hot & we Eat Dinner then we Marchd over fall River into tivy town and the Dust Did fly very bad it being So Dry we Encampt Som here Som there I lay by a hay Stack Cloudy knight.

9. was Some Cloudy we got breakfast of Chocolate then went to the perrade and washd our gun & fixt them in good order then we Marchd to howlands ferry then there Came up a very hard Shower then we Crossd the
ferry about 3 Clock on to Rhode island then we marchd almost to the fort then we Laid in the great Room and it Raind Some in the knight Now I was in Capt trask Company Colo: Angell Regt: general west Brigade Sir

10 was Cloudy the french Ships went out and Did Engage the English Batteries New port and cannonaded about 2 or 3 hours very Smart indeed Jess & John went out on a Scout Down to the lines at knight I went upon guard to the bridge Raind Some

11 Jess & John Came back and made a littel wall to keep the wind off a littel for it was N: E: and very Cold at knight I Come off of guard & nothing to Eat hardly and we Slept there it Raind in the knight oh dear no tents nor house

12 we Sured about & built up a Stone house and Covered it with brakes and in the after noon it begun to Rain hard and it Came through our house upon us & then we went 1 mild in the Rain for Some bay then we were wet to the Skin and our house did Still leak and very Cold and Strong N E wind Jess & I three more went 1 mild and found a hay Stack and stood off Some bay and Crep under and was almost Chilled to Death and by and by the Rain found the way to us Raind on us all knight

13 in the morning we Crepe out and Could hardly Stand but we took a littel Dram spice for we had not much then we Came up to the Stone house and there found John Just alive and a few more with him much So and I got Dry after a while But I feel very poorly there was a boil over my left Eye and I Cannot See with it I think it is a very Cold N E Storm as Ever I See this time a year Just at knight I went and got Some more Rum & at knight I Slep Some better Some Dryer

14 was pretty Clear and we fixt up our guns and then we peramed and marchd to the watter & fired by Platoon then got Some Dinner & I feel very Poorly and Sick afternoon we went to the fourt & Could not git any Cartridge very warm E ward the wind is

15 we were ordered to march all the forces to the lines and John & I was very poorly and Jere Burlingham & we got our Packs Carried and we Came along after and Just at knight we Did Encamp in a whallbury Plain & 1 mild & half off the lines & I feel very much unwell then I got one more bottel of Rum Slep in the Bushes

16 was Cloudy & we built us a Bush hut and I feel Some better & Just at knight Jess John & I was Drawed out to go to intrenching and we went in about 3 Quarters of a mild of the Enemy and built a fourt and it was foggy and we Came off Soon as it was light

17 and I feel very Poorly Sir Cannot Eat any thing hardly tel Just knight I Drinkt Some Coffe & So we lie on the ground

18 I feel very unwell yet to my Stomack head & bones and the Enemy keep a Constant fireing many of our guns broke to Day with Shot from the Enemy Severel wounded and Hessians Desert to us Every knight Jes in on fortage John & I upon guard to knight Cloudy & foggy and So hes bin Ever Since we Came on the island almost

19 I feel Some better Cleard away in the fore noon and there is fireing on both Sids to Day at knight I was Releived from guard Sir
20 Constantly firing Still fortifying & I feel Some better I washd my knapsack
21 about Sun Rise we Set out upon fatigue Jes Joh & I & we went Down to the lines in order to intrench and we were in Plain Sight about half a mile off of the Enemy & the ground was but Just broke and we laid Down our guns and Just began to work & they begun to fire upon us very fast from 4 batteries & about one hour very fast but with a blessing not one man Received any wound over a while we Could Eat & Drink very well when Covered Steady fire all day not So fast
22 I feel Poorly to Day and I bought Some Cheese and Steady firing one man killed to Day one much wounded yesterday
23 there Came on more troops and they fire hot for they begun the breast work for the great morter Last knight Steadily fired at it to Day and Small arms was a little Discharged between the guards 2 of our men taken at 4 Clock Jes & John & I went on fatigue to the bun battery against romary and placed the great morter in order for work and Came off in the morning.
24 morning I feel very poorly they a Continual fire on both Sides not much to Do to Day
25 Soon as light we Peradd and marchd to head Quarters and prayd and wheeld and formd and So worked a Spell then afternoon John I and Some more went near 3 mile after fatigue Rum and the balls Came along Now and then one one through the Store we Drawd the Rum or through the Rough & took one board off and So they kept very merry hot Day
26 Soon a light we peradd and attended prayers and it is very hot we Drawd Provision and I think there has bin 6 or 7 men killed and died of their wounds and more wounded and one 18 Pounder Split the other Day hurt no body and one Brass morter Split Some the Countys Change a few Shots Every knight I feel very poorly
27 Soon as light we peradd and Returnned our Pots and kettels into the Store and the Sun about 2 hours high we Came through Portsmouth to Bristol ferry and went on board of a Sloop in order to Come to Providence then there was no wind what there was was a head and we lay all most asleep and they all hallowed out and Said we ware taken for there was an English tender upon us now I was Down in the hole and So Expected but it was one of our own Past just by and we beat along almost to Connecticut Point and lay tel Day
28 head wind So we Steerd for warwick Neck and landed and then got a good breakfast but I feel very Poorly indeed we had wheat Bread milk and we Came through Pauuxet and Providence and North Providence into Smithfield to Job Angels and got Some Clean Clothes.
29 I got breakfast then went to Judge Mowrys Setled with him & there was a very heavy Cannonade we Could hear and they had a very Smart Engagement on Rhode island Cloudy in the afternoon I Said at Job Angells
30 I Said to Job Angells tel Just knight then went to Colo. mowrys and Said all knight and I am not well in helth
31 was Cloudy and I Carried a load of wood and then Wm mowry and I was Comeing up with a team in order for to move Jeres Burlingham to Smithfield So I Came to Killingly Jest at Knight and I am not well indeed at all but I went to Burlinghams for Some Physick Buckthers