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### SOUTH KILLINGLY

A Teamster in the Continental Service

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South Killingly March ye 5 1777

I first Egaged 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 morng I Set out and went to Mr wilders & moses and I Set out and the Snow was very Deep & we went to Landlord willsons & Dinkt a littel flip for it was Exceeding Cold wd 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 Pomphret & abinton Parrish into the Edge of windham and Lodged at John Parrishs and we had a good Supper of fried veal and Coffe 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 brakfast and we then Put along and it was Some Cloudy and not So Cold as it had ben and we went into lebenon and Refreshed us again and then into Colchester two mild west of the meeting house and it thawed a good Pace and looks Quite likely for Rain & we went to one Roger Buckleys and there was one Stephen herrick which Esq harskel had hired also and we got there about 2 Clock and it Rained Some in the afternoon and Just in the Evening it Snowed a littel Mr Buckly Come home from hartford & Said we must got 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 wallnut & made us Some whip Stafes & 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 the care about Pay'g for them as we traveled and we Eat Some Dinner to old gershom Bulklys 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 milds 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 thawe and Stephen Herrick and Moses Robinson both turnd over their Carts the other Side up and it was Some thing warm for the time

or 3 mild to Moudos 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 Severel milds and it was very bad Carting Sir and Just at Dark it Begun 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 withe 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 along and went By haddam meeting house and at one Brainerds we got Some Sither and then we traveld along and went by one Small Pox house and I never See worse Carting in my life the Snow thawed & it was very hot indeed for the time year and we lugd along for we got or took the wrong Road and went away to the wright Down that hill that is above a mild and it was very Steep Sir and bad But we got Down into the hollow and there we found a house and barn and mill and Some Peopel alive well we fodderd our oxen with our own hay and Eat Some very good Supper and Did lie on the floor and this was in the Bounds of middeltown Sir and we are very well Contented I believe

- Down the Brook and in the Road the Brook was for the hills was So Close to | | no other way be and we went through Durham town into Wallingsford town and Just at knight it was a littel Cloudy I think But we got our Cattel out a very good Place and then the old fellow gave us Some Sither and we went and Staid at one Clerks & Did lie on the floor and gave two pence a Peice for that
- 12 in the morning it was Cloudy and Rained Some and foggy and I was Lost for my Part N and South would not be wright to me But we Set out after we had grapeled a while upon that mind meat and 4 Square bean Porridge and we went along & the Snow Did thaw as fast as I Ever Did See it I think So the Road would be full of Brooks or warter Sir and wet feet to Day & it was very bad Carting But we Stopt at the good old mans house there and got a Dreadfull good Dinner and then we Put along and Staid in Shesher at one Doolittels a Leivtenent and there we fodderd our own hay out and

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 Slaked a littel and we yokte up and went 3 milds and a half in Chesher Still and Staid at Land Lord Mosses 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 windy 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 warterbury town Sir and it is very bad Carting 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 warter 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 Parrish 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 Comeing 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 &

Just got the teams over about noon and then we Pusht along into new town & Moses wilder & John Robinson we went a littel further then the Rest & we Staid at one boothes 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 Mcleans 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 thad Bennedict and then we Did lie in Mcleans 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 munsons 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 Ridgfield and it was Cloudy and South wind and we went 6 mild and it begun to Rain Some and we got into Redding & Stopt to Joseph Sanfords 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 flip to mathew marvins and then through Norwalk and Middelsix into Stanford town 24 mild and then we Put out 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 midelsix 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 onloaded 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 Rite Back again and went to wilton 15 mild to marvens again and I think herrick Staid at home & Capt haskel with us & we 4 went again &c
- 25 we got to Stanford the Sun about 3 hours high and then we loaded I think flower & wine & brady and we filld the oxen well & then about Day light in we yokte 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 turnd out &c
- 26 Day we Came into Danbury and that is the Chief I am a going to tel you Sir I believe we had Pretty good luck Sir &c
  - 27 we onloaded and then Rest the oxen to Day and

I am very glad Sir & at knight we went to mr munsuns and Eat a Pot of wheat & Endian Puding Charming good Sir &c

- 28 Herrick and I set out to Stanford with iron & horskel went with us and we Did go through Ridgfield Sir to Pound Ridg in york and Staid to one Joseph Lockwoods and Did lie in a bed Sir and it was N-W wind I think and it was Exceeding bad Carting Sir &c
- 29 it was a Cloudy Cold Day and we went through Canaan into Stanford and got there a littel before knight & we Due not live very well Sir for we have nothing to Eat only beaf and bread flung into an old bag and we Did lie in the barn and So it is
- 30 in the morning it was Clear and warmer and we loaded Some Pressed hay and then we Set out for home again and we Came along as far as the good tavern again.
- 31 we arrived to Danbury again and So it goes the Rest of them have bin to Cumpo and it is N-W wind and Quite Cool and John Robinson is not well and Capt Harskel Nither about this time and So now
- April 1 it was very windy and Cold Sir and we Did take Care of the oxen and greased the Carts & helpt M. B & A C. W & C
- 2 we Did Set out for Horse neck I Suppose and one W<sup>m</sup> Clemmons that Drove Capt Morgans team went with us and it was N-W wind and Cold and Some Cloudy as yesterday was and we went to mr marvens and turnd out an So no more &c
- 3 it Did Rain but we went to middelsex and turnd out for we thought it was to bad So in the Rain and the mans name was and Just at knight the Sun Shind

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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 flower a Peice & then we Eat Some Raw pork and Bread and then we Came along by the Small Pox house and then we Came to Norwolk 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 Clemmons 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 turnd out our oxen and filld 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 a 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 Set out to peekskill and went to Ridgbury about 6 mild and it was Some thing bad Carting and to Capt Doolittels we Staid
- 12 it is a littel Cooler and we went through Salem and then into Coottins mannor 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 Peekskill and we onloaded at the landing and it was Cloudy and went to the fe. Mt. but Could git 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 fier 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 aclock 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 Day<sup>lt</sup>
- 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 apice 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 W<sup>m</sup> Clemmons and I weighed Some iron and Loaded Each of us a load and about 1 a Clock we Set out for hartford and we went 11 Mild into Ridgbury and turnd out ad we Doe Depend on the floor for a bed Sir

19 we went through New milford and Staid at one Hitchcocks and Could not 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 1 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 L 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 Colo¹ 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 Sevrel tims here in this town the willows are leaved out & the apele trees almost and there is grass about half leg high and Rie 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 Brake 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 Regulers 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 herd that the Enemy had Burnt the Stores at Danbury

28 Last knigh 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 out our teams at one Bostwics and Did lie in a bed and I See a piece of wheat about half leg high

20 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 Aprill 1777 the Enemy landing at Cumpo and just at knight and by Satuarday 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 hogshed of Clove warter and brought it Down to Bostwiets 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 Raind 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 M<sup>r</sup> 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 **D**ear for keeping the oxen 4 S 6 yoke and I See a pair of oxen I fort to girdel & a going to gen!: washington and
- 4 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 turnd them out it begun to Rain and then there was no fire and nothing to Eat But Dry Bisket and So it goes and 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 Dilivars in Courtlins mannor 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 ane lie on the floor Sir

7 we Came to Sam¹ Dillivars about noon and it was Cloudy and we turnd out our teams and barns and I Carted one Stack of hay for them last Suaterday knight our men took 9 torys & on munday k the torys took Some of our men and Carried 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 gorimbels Some and not a bit well Sir Now Esq harskel barns and I went this journy

- 9 Last knight it Raind very Smart and all this forenoon and I am very unwell and it was Cloudy all Day and Did not any thing Valuabel
- 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 hogshed of Rum from the uper 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 Perraded 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 mirery and very bad Carting & heavy load we went to Landlord thields Co<sup>11</sup> morror
- 17 we went to the North River and onloaded the baggage on board a Sloop to go Down to kings 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 agoing 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 mofit amarching on well I got to Danbu 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 abigal lucy & buler anne and Pegge blue Rannet and betty old liver & lites & yellow legs are gone now and So Sir more too well I need not Name them all well I went after a load of Spokes and it was very warm Day indeed Sir want it

- 25 Esq harskel Set out for killingly and it is very warm in the afternoon I went to meaten 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 Dilivors & it was Exceeding hot to Day Sir
- 27 we went to the River and onloaded 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 titus 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 toads Sing
- 30 We Went to the River Beyond newtown at woodbury 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 1
- 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

### June 1t 1777

- 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<sup>11</sup> 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

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- 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 turnd them out well we have been to Peekkill & 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 turnd out and bated now Capt Parker and tibbels wore with us and it was Cloudy and hot to Day and we Did go to Crupon and Staid all knight
- 10 we went to Peekskill highlands number 3 and See moses Nouland & it was very hot indeed it was & and 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 and 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 got of him this Jesse warner & now we Call him one jill well we Came through Phillips Presink into oblong and Staid at one motts and that Displeased him very much because we would not git to Danbury and then it was Dark and teams tired & So we teasd him that knight
- 12 it Raind in the fore noon and in the after noon we Came into Danbury and now one jill has the Credit of all that Sir about the Streets well mother hoyt had Some meat & herbs boild for us oxen to Pasture now &c

- 13 I hoed for Capt hoyt and it was Showery all Day I Suppose &c a larm at knight Loded the Carts in order for to Start 1 minute warnin
- 14 I Carted one load of wood and helpt old Sam¹ Drive the oxen to hoyt 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 horse 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 helpt Amos hoyt yoke a pair of Steers and herrick & I then mended Some fence
- 19 I got Springer 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 helpt 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 beween 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 littel from Smithfield 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 Sam¹ newman and the Carts ware not Done I put my team out at Joseph Lockwood and got Some Victuals and Did lie in a bed
- 25 I Could git 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 Staid tel the Cart was irond I helpt him in the afternoon
- 26 I helpt him all Day til they ware 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 pillion 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 Carted 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

### July 1777

- 1 in the morning it Raind and we Eat those Eels and then mended Some fence and then went up in the woods after a load of timber and the we made Some bobs and knight we went again & we ketcht 12 & it Raind Some
- 2 we had those Ells for breakfast and Johnston went along to the Camp and I went and a Set of Sythe Rigin and I made Some nibs and in the after noon Clemmons and I mowd and Just at Even there Came in a great Number of teams Came in and we 3 Clemmons herrick and I Stood Centry all knight and
- 3 we 3 went to moeing and in the after noon we Rakd and kockt 62 and the water is half leg high upon a level and So we kook it Sir
- 4 we went a poleing out hay and it was Something mirery in the after part of the Day we Raked up the Rest of that meadow and So we had a Cantee full of w india extroydinary Sir
- 5 we went a Poleing hay again and about noon I See Jeams Cotes and heard that it was all well at home and it is an Exceeding hot Day
- 6 Clemmons and I got up as Soon as it was light to ketch a horse for Capt morgan for he Did Set out home and I Drove Some oxen about 2 mild to Pasture & in the after noon I went to meaton & it was a very windy Cool Day and
- 7 I went up in the woods 2 mild after Some timber and Came back and Eat Some Dinner and then Carted a load of hay from Capt taylors barn to David taylors
- 8 I went to bethel 3 mild after Some Exeltras and had very bad luck But I got back alive and glad was I I Did Rain Some Just at knight and in the knight

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 Sumer 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

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 Swiming 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 mended and then See a horse Rase
- 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 &c we went to Draw Provisions and Capt Morgan Came back

- 17 I took Some oxen and brought a load of yoke timber I Suppose I Did
- 18 I went and brought Some oxen & then I & 2 of Capt merrills men went to bethel for Exeltrees and yoke timber and then Rode Capt wadsworth horse to be Shod and then Shoed Some teams to Pasture and then Drinkt milk Punch
- 19 in the morning I gave Some horses otes to the great Pasture and then I got Some Dinner & herrick and I was Driveing Some Cattel to Pound and met Clemmons which said the Regulers ware landing and Comeing to Danbury & I must git all these oxen in one Pasture Just by which I Did and then I went and got 9 new Chains & fixt Every thing Ready to Start at a minutes warning
- 20 the militia Set out to fairfield Early & about noon they Returnd back and I turnd out one horse and some Cattel &c
- 21 I Drove out Some Cattel and then barns and I went to Shelter Rock to mend fence and mother hoyt Cooked for us and after noon we Carted one load of hay a thunder Shower to the North
- 22 barn & I brand Some Cattel and then with our teams went to hoyt hill for yoke timber and a lader 36 foot and it was Some Cloudy I believe at knight I Slept very Quietly Sir
- 23 Capt morgan Said we must go to fraderixburg for generels Brigades Both huntins and Persons ware there in great want at 11 a Clock we Set out and went 14 mild and then they ware 10 another way from this Morrisons Store and we Staid at Isaac willcocks and lay on a bed of chaff he had Some very nice Calfs indeed Sir very hot

24 we went to the brigades and it Was very hot I See Capt Childs and many others I knew & as I was a going home a going Down a littel 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 littel further fell Down and Died: a very good ox he was and So was the Pair then we went a littel further bated 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 turnd out and lay in the Stupe

26 we went ten mild more and found them toward white Plains we onloaded Set out back then Stopt we turnd our oxen out and then we 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 orderd to march to the Peekkill 14 mild we went through amewalk Crumpond and we baited there and we Eat 6 Cuds of Cold Pork and Some Jonne Cake for full Price one Shilling apiece we got in to the Camp about 10 Clock and Slep in a barn

28 we onloaded our Carts and Set out for Danbury and Came along & got Some Sower Bread and milk and meat and then Came to Capt thields (?) 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 onload our Sick and then Came to Mother hoyts and got Some Victuals and

30 Clemmons and I Branded Some Cattel and makt Some Sheep and then Drove them to hoyt hill 31 in the morning I went to the Pastures and then to hoyt hill & mended Some fence & Rode home again & helpt feed Some horses

### August 1777

- 1 I helpt grind Some axes and brought up some oxen out of the great Pasture and then I mendd Some fence and it Was Exceeding hot and it Clouded up and Raind very hard and I Came home & it Raind Steady all the after noon
- 2 barn Clemmons and I mended fence to hoyt hill in the after noon I Eat a belly full of huckelburys and Came home
- 3 morning I Drove out Some Cattel out of a Pasture and in the after noon it Clouded up and thundred and Raind 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 mild and half & I found them and then I Drove them to hoyt hill and I Do feel very Poorly indeed I Do head ake Bones Stomack likewise I Seed William moury all well at home &c
- 5 last knight it Raind 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 til noon and then the Sun Shined out Doct Peck Came here Said I was jandere wanted blooding he Blooded me and I Did almost faint But not Quite he orderd me Some things Bar puiltess it Proved Sir
- 7 I was worse then I was yesterday it Raind 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

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- 8 was no better Parker to See m & Staid with me at knight
- 9 he Set out to Peekskill and I went to the Continentel Docters and just at knight I took a puke and I was very full pain and
- 10 I went to the head Doct turner & he ordered me Some bitters and I went to the Shop & Doct 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 Pleasent 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 Raind to the north thundred and lightened greatly & a very hot Day I helpt Pickt 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 Peekkill and it is very hot indeed it is Just at knight it thundred and Raind to the North and at knight it Did here
- 16 in the morning I went over ther Mountain 2 mild and turnd 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 Peekkill 500 and 50 men and march through the town and it was Cloudy all Day

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

- 19 I ketcht a Colt and Rode to the Pastures & turnd out Cattel and it is Cloudy all Day to Day
- 20 I ketcht the Colt & Rode to all the Pastures But 2 it Raind 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 tust of Rum for herrick to go to fairfield & then Rode to the Pastures and it is various hot only there is a littel wind Stiring
- 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 Buisness 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 Raind 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 mrs Clerks meadow I Drinkt Some Sider Sam morris we live very well all officers among us

- 28 I in the morning took the gray horse and Rode to the Pastures and I Swoopt 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 mor I Cant tel where &c Something Cool to Day
- . 30 I went to hoyt hill and Drove all the Cattel to one Place and mr loyd and morgan told which was ours and the Rest turnd out
- 31 I Rode to the Pastures again and So it is Pretty warm for the time Sir

### September 1777

- 1 I 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 Cattel hoyt hill to Day and it Raind Some in the after noon and I put our oxen in the white birch lot
- 2 we Drawed Some back allowance Rum and Carried it up to Deacon knaps and Sold it for 22 Dollers one Quarter 18 Quarts and then I went to hoyt hill and Lookt on all the Creatures and preachd one sermon to them about the unruly ox it was Recorded in the 24 Chapter of hoyt hill and 40 verse the words are these

if the ox had not known
So much it had ben better for him

and So I went on and Proved it So Surely and then I Came home and in the after noon I went to more of the Lots

3 was a fast throughou the State and I took the old horse and Some Salt and Salted the oxen herrick and I Came along by our garden and got Some Cucumbers &



- 4 I went to the Cattel and they ware 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 ware sent back another Road &c
- 5 I went and the Cattel ware 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 Creater
- 6 I took the old horse and Drove the oxen over the River and it Clouded up and it Raind Some and then I went to the Rest of them
- 7 I went to the Cattel 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 Cattel to Redden 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 mirery Brook and it was Cloudy & at knight herrick and I Stackt one load of hay and it Raind in the knight
- 10 I went Round to the Pastures again & I Dug a littel 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 Catel 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 Cooler

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 moed Rowen for Cumfort 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 & Cornd the Sheep and then after dinner I took Capt trace (?) and went 5 mild toward new town and I found her then I Came Quickly back after I had Drinkt a littel Sither yesterday was brought here a man that was taken Deaf all at once and he knows as well as Ever & So they write & he Can Read it he hes not ben well for Some time he was a going Down to the Sea Side for his helth 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 taylors 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 littel 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 mr



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Pecks 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 blustring and Cold the Sand flew like the Snow in january & I moed Some Rowen for John melean
- 23 barns herrick and I went to moeing for mclean and we mowd it all and it is windy and Cool Sir it is like fall
- 24 I rode to hoyt hill and over mountin and it is very warm Day in the after noon woolf and Raked hay for molean
- 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 Ridgfield 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 onloaded at Colo Sam<sup>1</sup>. B webs Markee Cloathing for the Band and I turnd homeward about 5 mild and at one Clapps I Staid all knight the army movd this after noon toward Peekskill the whole of it

- 28 I went through kings Street horse neck into Stanford 12 mild this in North Casteel where I Staid Last knight I got to Stanford a littel 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 mr Loyd Dig Some Carrots & beats and boarded my Cart and Loaded then about 12 Clock I Set out for Danbury Came through middelsix 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 wachd with Cumforts Benedicts wife Just now Deceased

### October 1777

- 1 in the morning it was Clear and I Eat a good breakfast and then I thrasd 1 Shock of Wheat Capt hoyt in the afternoon I and Herrick wasd 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 Simsbury 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 ocation at a minutes warning

6 in the morning it was Cloudy and in the forenoon I and Clemmons fencd Some Stacks and afternoon Pulld Some bean for Benedict and topt 2 Stack & Just at Dark the Enemy took fourt montgomery Just above Peekskill with the Loss of many men and they then kept up the River with their Shiping and the militia are going Stedily 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 hoysts folks the Soldiers horse keeping for the town is full of militia

9 I went to hoyt hill with wolf and it Raind very Stedy 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 onloaded and Did Sleep in the barn

12 we Came into Danbury & loaded 3 hogsheds Cod fish Apeice 2 Clock Set out to litchfield and went Newbury and Lodgd at one Camps and Slep 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

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got to litchfield about Day light in & Put out in good feed & Slep 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 ware took up the North River Sir and then we Came to widow halls and Eat Some Cold fish and tators and then we Came to Cogswells and Slep 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 Slep 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 turnd our oxen to the Bloody pasture and it is Cloudy and hazy & we are going to Eat Soon
- 18 I gatherd 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 appelpy 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 aboue 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 grin<sup>s</sup> 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 grinel 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 head ake 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

29 it Slakt a littel 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 Drove them to the Church and then it began to Rain & Raind about 2 hours I guess and the Sun Shined and then we Drove the Cattel over the River of jordan off of Danbury island for now theres a flood here now and then we put the Sheep in the great Pasture

30 the Sun arose Clear and Clemmons and I Drove 2 Cows over the ferry and foddered all the Cattel and then helpt 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 helpt 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 mclean and my head akes very bad it is very windy and Cold 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



- 4 went up town for a man to kill an ox for John melean and then I foodderd 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 Squrrels 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 Mclean Stued them Squrrils 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 mudy 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 fortknight 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 Warterbury into Southerington and got Some Dinner Puden and butter Pork & meat Cheese and Sider & then into meridan and Stopt at a widow womans 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 mideltown Crosed the ferry then went to the South & now we was 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 meat and tator fried Punkin Suase bread & Cheese Sider and then we limpt 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 Dreadfull Place to Day as I Ever want to be in but I believe these are live Peopel 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 Bozrah then into Norwich and Came to Capt morgan a littel after Sun Down 26 mild
- 12 in the morning it Snowed a littel and then Raind Chief of the Day and I helpt 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 Peopel So and it was a Pretty Cold Day Snowed last knight Some here
- 14 I went to mr Polocks and in the afternoon I helpt Cart a Load of wood and it is very Cold at knight John marsh Moses wilder came here.
- 15 I went to Joseph Munyans and I bought a jacoat of W<sup>m</sup> Smith and it was windy and Cold
  - 16 was very Cold Sir it was indeed &c

- 17 I went to mr Smiths Isaac Burrills and to Eliphalet Coteses after a taylor to make Some Clothes & it Snowed Some and is Some Cold
- 18 I Cut two load of wood and Carted it and it was Pretty Cold Sir
- 19 Joseph Munyan and I killd a hog and Dressd him and it was very Cold and Some Cloudy toward knight I bought a Coat B holland jacoat and one hat all for 32 Dollers at knight John and Jesse Came home
- 20 was a thanksgiving and they all almost but I and I staid at home A a k J e S g S
- 21 Jesse and John went Down town it was Cloudy and pretty warm at knight Mary Russel was here
- 22 I helpt farther load 6 barrels of Sider and Jes & John went Down to Smithfield and then Cut Some wood in the after noon I helpt Clear a Path from the River a nigh way and at knight it was Cloudy warm.
- 23 it was Pretty warm and at Even thomas mighels Came here and we went to Joseph Munyans Sir
- 24 I went after meria Aldrich and to uncle israels and it Raind a littel & then I went with mighels to kimbels and the widow jacob Earls and then home at knight John marsh Cotes Robins Ben Cotes Cutler went to Joseph Munyans Cloudy and Dark
- 25 it Raind in the morning and tom mighels Set out home at knight I went to the Saw mill with a log for yokes and it is Pretty warm
- 26 I went after merion Aldrich and then to jacksons and to the widow harskels and then home
- 27 I Carried Some leather to kimbels to make me Some Shoes and then Swingled Some flax and So my lad
- 28 I Shot at a Partridge and then helpt make Some Sider at knight I went to Joseph Munyars D B A B

29 it Raind very hard and my Cloths ware finished all very good one Doller for makeing 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 blustring Some Squalle and to morrow I am a 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 midel of the after noon & Snowd 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 littel 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 begun to morderate and Clouded up and I Came through New milford 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 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 Strayd and we found them and it is pretty pleasent
- 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 littel 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 Stanford and I went about 3 mild it begun to Snow I went 12 more and Stopt to mathew marvens at wilton the Snow about ouer 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 midelsix into Stanford town

18 was thanksgiveing well I Loaded Sider and Pertatoes unions and I See w<sup>m</sup> mowry & about 11 Clock I Set out home and I Came through Norwalk into wilton to marvens and it was Cloudy and foggy Slipere Slop

19 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 tomorrow morn and I Can Say very Bold 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 oblony Staid at a Scoch mans house and we have a Cook with us which makes it Some better
- 22 we went through fraderixburg 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 Colo¹: vandoboroughs and loaded 7 barrels of flower apeice 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 Elwells in oblong and we met John Bucklys 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 1 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 lion & I went to Reading to Hezekiah Sanfords 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 Cumfortabel 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 winter Joseph lion and I went to Redden to Esqs hawley after hay very Cold we loaded 2 of our loads and got a good Supper and Drinkt 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 & onloaded & 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 hawly after hay and I went to Hezekiah Sanfords after Some oxen and Came back by the way of Isaac gorums to hawlys
- 6 Early I took my old white mare and went to Sanfords and then to gorums and I got one Pair of oxen and then Came along to Mr bartams and in lone town and he helpt 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 Dont like my oxen very well
- 7 I onloaded the hay and then to bethel and got my oxen Shod and it was Cloudy and very Chilly Cold Day & at knight it Raind
- 8 it is quite mudy & Capt morgan bought a yoke of oxen of Jonathan Starr and I went to bethel and got them Shod Pretty warm S w
- 9 was Clear and Pleasent & I loaded Some hay Screws & a littel after 12 I Set out to fairfield & I went to betts at Redden Church 8 mild and I lay in a bed a while past the torys shot through this house and liketo a killd betts
- 10 I went through N fairfield greenfield into greens farms to Stephen guiyers and I broght a load of wood part of the way and it was very mudy 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 N E wind and was a very bad Storm a littel before knight it Raind a littel and made a Crust and the Snow about 4 or 5 inches Deep
- 12 gabriel Alen and I went into Norwalk after Corn and ots and it was Pretty Cool Sir and I got 56 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 boar and then I helpt 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 knight & I staid with Clemmons at Benedicts 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 was Exceeding Cold and I mended an old Dra & took my old mare & Drawed 8 gammons and 5 half heads of hogs Down to the Reverend hezekiah Ripleys for to Smoke in his Smoke house & then went to Daniel Maicoes 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 Alen & I brought a load of hay from Saml: taylors 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 & otes and it Raind before knight Quite hard S wind at Even to the Northward I have a very bad Cold at this time
- 18 well the Snow is bout gone only by the wall well we Set out to Danbury and it was Quite Cold & windy n w 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 Slipery and oxen was not all Shod and I had 50 bushel of otes and we got some Shod and got to Couches at Redden again N w 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 littel 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 Guires 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 Carted 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 Dram 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 adors 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 hundr 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 I thought it was winter indeed N W: W very hard & Rite in our faces and I got my Shoes tapt 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

- 28 in the morning it was Quite moderate and allen & I wen 2 mild to hanfords barn for a load of hay and then I went a mild and a half to Ebenezer Moores after Salt hay and it is Cloudy and warm I got my lame ox Shod and he is better for Sitting one Shoe he askt one shilling Six pence I gave him 2
- 29 it raind last knight and this morning and I Cut up Some hogs and helpt Salt them for mr Continent & the Snow is gone 2 3 or 4 inches it was South w. and warm Now & at Even I Churnd & it was Clear N W. W and Cooler.
- 30 I went to Joshua Jinnings and took 50 bushels of oats and then to greenfield Bradlys and 140 £ of flax and then to Simon Couches 15 or 16 mild warm and mudy very much Sir
- 31 was Cloudy and I got as far as hoyt hill and it begun to Rain and I got to Danbury & onloaded and then it begun to Rain hard and I went to Couches and it was Raine and foggy I took Care of my oxen and then my Self

### 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 turnd out my Cattel and they told me there was 2 men bin to See me which I soon found it was John porter & Jeremiah Burmingham (?)

5 it Raind Some in the morn and I Set out to Danbury 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 Exeltree well we Came to the 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 filld 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 Scollops Pork and Sider & Veneger about 2 a Clock it begun to Snow & Just at Dark I Set out back to guires & the last snow was 10 inches and this 2

9 we took Care of our oxen & then 3 of us went to tomme Couches and loaded our Carts out of his barn with hay Eat Dinner there Pork Pees Sider & then Alen 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 Exceeding 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 warter & 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 Danbury 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 warter About knee deep in bettel well we got to Couches and got a Dish 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 guires 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

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- 15 I got up about 9 Clock and I am very Poorly yet I Drinkt a littel tea about noon I begun to feel better Some Pretty Pleasent 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 Pleasent
- 19 we went to the jump and loaded Some wood & then to guires and it was Cloudy toward knight Pleasent Snowed a littel about Dark
- 20 Clemmons & I went to Doct Jizsiphs(?) 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 Gershom bradleys and Refreshed us a littel and it begun to Snow morderately 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 legin Strings in the morning I Went to Doct Woods and Could Not git my oxen Shod and oso not much to doe
- 25 I yoked 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 Evening
- 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 Staid 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 Rode my horse that I bought Last Week
- 2 Was Exceeding Cold and blustring 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 Super of Rice and milk about a great bason 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 giting out flax and we got out 37 £ only very tuff

good Sider Enough

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

7 was Cloudy and not good for flax But we got out 453/4 oh I have longed to be at work as much as Ever a fish Did to be out of warter 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 533/4 and Raind Some

10 was Cloudy wet and foggy Raind all Day and we got out 3834 and live well Sider Plenty Enough

11 it being Cloudy and misty we took the flax we had Earnd 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 mising & for now you see this Demmon was Carting 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 lapt 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 S apiece and very warm foggy Day Sir

13 was Cloudy and foggy and warm and the Snow thaws apace and very mudy 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 buisness as fogy as Ever I Saw it in my life I was weighed to Day 177

14 was fogy and bad going as Ever I Saw it almost & I Sold my horse to a C officer for 11 dollers 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 mudy 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 fogy I took my Cloath to Jane taylor 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 begunt 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 talor and get out flax and

- 18 we Dressed flax for Capt taylor and Dressed out 161/4 Quite Clear and Cool N W wind
- 19 a fine warm Day S wind and we Dressed 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> the Snow is all gone and has bin Some Days
- 20 morning was Some fogy and S wind we Dressed 14 Pounds of flax Just at knight Capt morgan Came to me from the Small Pox woodbury and want me more
- 21 was Exceeding Cold N W wind and morgan intervend with me to Stay Some longer & I took C. C A oxen and went to Capt hoyts Saw mill for wood and I wosht my face and 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 Peopel 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 Pleasent and I brought Some warter from the River for mr loyd to Wash then to the Saw mill with winter for wood
- 24 in the morning we Drawd Some more Pork and beef not good then feed my oxen with Corn for we have no hay Poor oxen I Piety them and I am not well for I have got the Quik Step I went to barns Shop and Staid there a Spell Just at Even i See Some horses Run
- 25 was fogy 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 umpawog got there a littel before knight
- 26 we loaded our loads and the wind was South and very high and it was wofull Carting we got along it Raind Some Snowed So it Covered the ground S E wind and very Chilly

- 27 Last knight it Snowed a littel more and Some this morning about noon I See Jeams Cotes agoing home and I went to Capt hoyts Saw mill for wood and it was Pretty Cold our Pork and beef Stinks So I Cant Eat it & I buy my Victuals S W W W h W N h
- 28 was Cloudy and I and benjamin Rockwell and I went into the woods after timber and with much adoe got back about Sundown Sir
- 29 was S E wind and Stormy very Cold and Just at Even it begun to Snow and hail very tedious and I went to Mrs Clerrks
- 30 wind was N E very Cold and I & Benjamin Rockwell went to Reden 10 mild it Raind all the time almost and I was very wet and Cold and I foddered the oxen at the uper barn I feel poorly at this time
- 31 I was not well I got breakfast and then we went up to the barn and fand 17 Bushels of wheat & Rie and then weighed our Loads and the wind E of N and blustring and Cold

# **A**pril 1778

- 1 the Sun Shines Pleasent 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 h w n h
- 2 was Cloudy and Raind 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 hetcheled 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
  - 4 3 of us went to new town woods after timber &

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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 ake Very bad indeed Sir

- 5 is pretty Cool and I have the head ach very bad So I am not abel to work it increases as the Sun Rises
- 6 my head Did ake and So increased and it was Clear & pleasent and after noon it Cloudd up and fed my oxen and the Snipe whisel and the frogs peep and the toads Blurr 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 Convultion 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 Pleasent with the wind Southwad and I was 19 years of age this Day and I went and got my oxen Shod and Some Prg brite moon Shine knight Pleasent
- 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 fogy and I Came to Danbury the frogs & toads keep the musick up and I guess the Suckers Run
- 12 fogy and warm I have the head ake the grass is green we Set out to fairfield and went to Sam: thorps and it was Cloudy warm
- 13 we bought a load of wood apiece and we got to fairfield and Sold our wood for 18 S 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 mr

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 gershom Bradlys and got a good breakfast then got along to Couches and turnd 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 Carting 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 of the hill back went to morrisses for Cloath

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 Cloath 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 S to m to h

20 was very windy and Cold and blustring and I went into the woods after Some timber and I Came back to bethel and heard that Capt hoyts house was burt and I Came along and I found it to be So well I had 47 pound of flax knapsak and a New frock burnt besides many notions So I turnd 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

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wind Some Cloudy and I See them play ball and we Slep at Maijor 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 pleasent 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 pleasent and Just at knight I took my 2 Draw horses and Stradled them bothe 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 Doct woods after boards & Carried them to osborns and I Dont intend to Drive a team for my Continent any more yet Sir goodby

29 now my buisness is to take Care of the horses and I took Care of them and viz to give them oats and hay and warter & Carry 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 trowsers 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 [ ]

May 1 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 pound & 12 ouncsess 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 them 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 600 he had in his face and n w wind I live very well for Continentel
- 5 I took Care of my horses and then tended Mason for Jemmy Scougel at Maijor taylors and So the Day



was very pleasent and I have Some fat horses and Some invaatods I bought 4 yards of toe Cloath for 18 Shillings

- 6 I hung on Some warter for brewing and then I went and helpt move the Parlour of Capt hoyts house that was not burnt and in the after noon I helpt 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 boar 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 Cleard 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 bught a pair of good Deer Skin Breeches for one Doller at Vendue I Carted 100 Boshel of hay Just as Even
- 10 as I was wartering 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 mild I met winter and jillet they had took him & taild him to the Cart So I Rode him back in a hurry led the other the after noon Clouded up & Raind a littel 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 hoyt in the woods puling 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 fourt

washington and I took Care of my horses and then Rod after Some Cows thunder Shower the North Raind Some here

- 14 was Election and I Did live very well Egg Nog to the Coopers I went to taylors the East Part of bethel at knight C hoyts m w h w Sir N h
- 15 I put two horses to Pasture and I helpt herrick onload Some hay a very hot Day as has bin this Spring the trees are leaved out and the apel trees Blossomd Some Egg punch I Ride about Some Sir I gess
- 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 Chriks fr to s w m 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 herrick and I went a fishing and Caught 14 and S wind very hot Even to taylors 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 mild and found the Rest of the Sheep and
  - 23 herrick went to tending the Small Pox & Exced-

ing hot and for the tim a year and So Sir I Carried home k B

- 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 16 horses to Day and I have 2 Store horses and I Recd 30 Dollers 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 Rain 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 Runing and Riding to to 15 horses
- 30 I put all the horses on Deer hill & Last knight mr frost Did a deal Dammage for many Peopel in this town and
- 31 was Cloudy & 9 Clock it begun to Rain & I take Care of the horses and that is all & it Rains very hard that in the Day and Storms all knight and that Concludes may
- June 1 was Cloudy and Rains I fed the horses and washd my frock and m w t my hair and then I took 66 Dollers and took Care at knight and very bad and wet m w Stormy knight and So
- 2 I had John Dod 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 Som w india and then I fixt and Herrick and I Set out home and we Came through Newtown Boodbery and Warterbury and I met Capt tayler from the assembly and Just at Sun Down we Came to a tavern and I was much tired and then it was Cloudy hes 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 Southerington and then Refreshed us and then through farmington within 5 mild of hartford Stopt at a widows house 3 or 4 Clock we Dried us then got Some Victuals and then felt better and at Even it left Raining
- 5 about Sun Rise I Set out and Came to hartford and Crossed the ferry 7 Clock and then we Came to Landlord alkutts and got Some breakfast I See Wm Moury Came through Bolton Coventry we See Doct Morrisson Murfee that Could not help him Self on his horse or off he Came with us to Land Lord Rust got Some Drink and then we Came to Simeon fobes 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 Come 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 Arived 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

J m J m u m and then to I raining Just at knight it Cleard away & I S w M R

- 9 I Came home and then I went Jeraels mungors Some Cool to Day and n w wind and Just at knight was Cloudy and
- 10 I went to Burlingham in the after noon I Set out to Providence and I went Smithfield at Noah farnum then I See Jesse Joslen and over to J A Staid at farnums
- 11 I went to Providence and Bought Some things and Came back to Job Angels and hoed Corn and it was Dreadfull to work But I held out with pretty good Courage Sir South wind
- 12 I agreed to work 2 Days for 20 Shillings fenner & I hoed til most noon then we Stuck Some peas then after Dinner we Stubd Some bushes and then Just knight Cut a load of wood N A M J Elder Agells
- 13 was Cool Some and I went to Stubing bushes and Lazents had Likte to have Drawn me away under Some Shady tree or other But I fought with all my might and at length I wearied his Patience and the Poor fellow went off with tears in his Eyes and I got better very fast hoed Some Just at knight
- 14 I went Jude moury and then Jesse Joslen and I Came home to Killingly and it was in the Evening I went to John Marshes and See h R
- 15 I went to Silas taffts and then to Joseph Mury (?) an then at knight I S with h R Pretty warm oh very hot
- 16 was foggy in the morning and I helpt Ring Some hogs and I Did not much N wind
- 17 I Rode to Pearses in the midel Parish to git my hat Dresd and ther was a 2 thunder Showers to the South one to the North I went to Lees home by J marshes fidld at Chaffies and So home Sir

- 18 morning I Drinkt Some Stuff for the Jandice and Some Cooler Some hazy I went to John Plummers at Even I went R S W h R
- 19 I went to Burlinghams and after noon I Rode to the midel Parrish for my hat Sir and So

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- 20 I went to Smithfield in order to work went to Judge mowrys Cloudy toward knight
- 21 was Cloudy and Raind Some in the morn then I went to Noah farnums See Jesse & John Some troubled I first Saw L B mg I went home
- · 22 Early I went to work for Job Angell & we went to Carting Stone Cloudy N: E wind warm
- 23 in the morning I went to N farnums after a Plough then Carted Stone in after noon I Stubd brisk Cloudy wind N. E.
- 24 was Cloudy all Day but we Could See the Sun one in a while & there was almost a total Elipse of the Sun it was very Dark at Even to widow Sweets Cleared to Day
- 25 was Clear & very hot and I went to Esq Steers after a plough and Burnt Some Bushes ther Cleard Just at knight I held plough
- 26 was very hot indeed I held Plough John Joslen hurt him a makeing wall
- 27 was Various hot indeed I hoed Corn & pertators and at Even went in Swiming was So hot at knight I Could not lie a bed lay on the floor
  - 28 was very Exceeding hot indeed as Ever I knew &



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 littel flax in the after noon then hoed S wind Showers pass us

### July 1778

- 1 in the forenoon we hoed in the after noon we moed Clover & it was most Dreadfull 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 wenscout
- 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 morn then John & I Plowed Some Pulld flax Some
- 8 We Stackt one Stack of hay & ground our Sythes afternoon moed
- 9 we Did moe 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 Swiming very hot day
  - 12 was Clear & Cool mg Day time E Angels
- 13 moed in fore part of the Day & after part took up Rie & 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 Poled 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 Rie and it was very hot & Dry then Stakt 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 Mourys then at knight I S w N: O fenner with Henrite 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 Pertaors 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 morn then I Stird up hay 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 warter 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 Raind a littel in the forenoon

### August 1778

- 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 farnum moed in the fore noon after noon Raked & he Came home from Carting Shower in the knight

- 4 I moed: Some what hot
- 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 Mowrys and got me Some Cloath for a knap Sack Sent for you under Stand ie to go to Rhodeisland
- 6 to E A I made me a knapsack then I went to Joseph Farnum for Some mony then I fixt and went to Job A then I Rode to Joseph Sprage for my gun & acutuments then Jesse John & I 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 Jut before knight and I went into Swiming and we Did Lodge in the Court house So it begins
- 7 Soon as light I got up and See the Continentels March through town and we bought Some Stores for us and got breakfast at Mrs 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 mildes 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<sup>1</sup>: Angell Reg<sup>nt</sup>: generel 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 Stired about & built us a Stone house and Coverd 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 hay then we ware wet to the Skin and our house did Still leak and very Cold and Strong N E wind Jes & I three more went 1 mild and found a hay Stack and turnd off Some hay and Crep under and was almost Chilld to Death and by and by the Rain found the way to us Raind on us all knight

13 in the morning we Crope out and Could hardly Stand but we took a littel Dram apice 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 perraded and marchd to the warter & fired by Plattoons then got Some Dinner & I feel very Poorly and Sick afternoon we went to the fourt & Could not git any Cartridgs very warm E ward the wind is
- 15 we ware 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 whatelbury 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 Jesse 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 Constunt 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 fautiege John & I upon guard to knight Cloudy & fogy 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 fireing Still fortifying & I feel Some better I washd my knapsack

21 about Sun Rise we Set out upon fautige Jes Joh & I & we went Down to the lines in order to intrench and we ware in Plain Sight about half a mild off of the Enemy & the ground was but Just broke and we laid Down our guns and Just begun to work & they begun to fire upon us very fast from 4 bateries & 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 Coverd Steady fire all day not So fast

22 I feel Poorly to Day and I bought Some Cheese and Stedy fireing one man killd to Day one much

wounded yesterday

23 there Came on more troops and they fire hoet for they begun the breast work for the great morter Last knight Steadyly fired at it to Day and Small arms was a littel Dischargd between the guards 2 of our men taken at 4 Clock Jes & John & I went on fautiege to the bum battery against tomery and placed the great mortir 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 Quearters and praydd and wheeld and formd and So workd a Spell then afternoon John I and Some more went near 3 mild after fautiege Rum and the balls Came along Now and then one one through the Store we Drawed the Rum or through the Rough & took one board off and So they hopt very merry hot Day

26 Soon a light we perraded and atended prayrs and it is very hot we Drawd Provision and I think there has bin 6 or 7 men killd 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 Centrys Change a few Shots Every knight I feel very poorly

27 Soon as light we perraded and Reeturned 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 almost 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 Conimicut Point and lay tel Day

28 head wind So we Steerd for warrick Neck and landed and then got a good breakfast but I feel very Poorly indeed we had wheet Bread milk and we Came through Pautuxet and Providence and North Providence into Smithfield to Job Angels and got Some Clean Clothes.

- 20 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 Staid at Job Angells
- 30 I Staid to Job Angells tel Just knight then went to Colo<sup>1</sup>: mowrys and Staid all knight and I am not well in helth
- 31 was Cloudy and I Carted a load of wood and then W<sup>m</sup>: mowry and I was Comeing up with a team in order for to move Jere<sup>h</sup>: 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

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