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AND SUPPORTER OF SAMUEL SEABURY OF CONNECTICUT (1744-1804):

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INTRODUCTION

My interest in the correspondence analyzed herein grew out of two special attractions: (1) Samuel Parker was an ally of Bishop Seabury's during the dark period of the first American episcopate, and (2) for nearly thirty years he dealt with Connecticut clergymen at home and abroad or moving, as did most of them soon or late, through the Port of Boston. He was especially useful to priests from Connecticut in exile during or after the Revolution, being, like Samuel Peters in London, a "middle man" for those needing legal or ecclesiastical advice. The present volume will, therefore, stress the Connecticut connection but will also enlarge our perspectives on the whole Colonial Church and the formation of the early National Church. I hope it will eventually stimulate the writing of a full-length life of Parker, whose wit, knowledge and character deserve a better treatment than has yet been accorded him.

Here and there throughout this volume I have indicated the kindness of co-operating institutions, the chief among them being the Pierpont Morgan Library, the General Theological Seminary and the Archives of the Episcopal Church in Austin. Special thanks go to John F. Page, Esq., Director of the New Hampshire Historical Society for allowing me to reprint as an appendix the "Diary of Samuel Parker—1771," edited by Harriet S. Lacy and originally published in Historical New Hampshire, XXV, no. 2 (Summer, 1970), pages 14-44. (Readers interested in this little journal should consult Miss Lacy's "An Eighteenth-Century Diarist Identified" on pages 3-12 of that periodical.)

I must mention the generosity of the Library of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge expressed through the agency of the Rev. David Siegenthaler, who took its large segment of the Parker correspondence to the Harvard Photographic Services and prepared a film for the Diocese of Connecticut in order that the papers might thereby be duplicated for safety and that I might, in Hartford, conveniently make the summaries contained in this volume. His good example, I hope, will be widely imitated throughout the Church before war and tumult threaten manuscript collections in this part of our hemisphere.

Finally, I wish to thank Mark J. Duffy, Esq., for his kindness in providing one-sentence analyses of the Parker correspondence owned by the Massachusetts Diocesan Library and Archives in Boston. Although single sentences—especially when composed, as his were, by volunteer student assistants—never satisfactorily reveal the contents of most early letters, those he has furnished will probably identify the documents sufficiently for my purposes. I have had to expand some of the sentences and correct others on the basis of evidence in the WPA inventory (see Abbreviations), a work still bibliographically useful after half a century! It has led me to believe, I regret to add, that the Parker correspondence at 1 Joy Street was more extensive in 1939 than it is today and, if so, silently admonishes all dioceses of the American Church to be more careful in preserving and handling their early records. The lost documents, which eventually may reappear--possibly on the book market or in private collections--are the following:

- 1773 WPA mentions two letters from Henry Caner offering Parker the Assistant Ministership of King's Chapel. Only one was reported to me. WPA, 4-5.
- 1773 Of the three letters from the Wardens of Trinity Church, Boston (John Rowe and John Erving), inviting Parker to become Assistant Minister, notifying him of his appointment or telling him when to sail for Orders, only two were reported. WPA, 5.
- 1773 In three letters, Parker thanks the proprietors of Trinity Church, Boston, for their offer, accepts the position and discusses his salary. None of these was reported. WPA, 5.
- 1776 A letter to Parker from the Rev. Winwood Serjeant of Newburyport: "The unsuspected and abrupt departure of the King's troops from Boston [on

Mar. 17] has excited the highest astonishment. Various are the conjectures upon this sudden move; most believe it to be the effect of a violent panic; others suspect it to be the prelude of some deep laid plan. If report says true, you are the only Episcopal clergyman left behind." WPA, 8.

- 1781 A letter from Parker to ———, refuting reports of Edward Bass's disloyalty both to America and England during the Revolution and stating his belief that Bass will soon regain the confidence of the SPG. See WPA, 1.
- 1782 Letter from Edward Bass to Parker, urging him to use influence with the SPG in his behalf against the charge of disloyalty to Britain--a charge which has resulted in the withdrawal of his SPG income. WPA, 1.
- 1784 Parker writes to Christ Church, Braintree, which desires his opinion about their calling the Rev. John Tyler as rector. "Parker replies that he has high regard for Mr. Tyler's ability, fine disposition, and goodness of heart, but that Tyler holds some religious tenets that are not in accord with the doctrines of the church, and he feels sure the Society in England will not continue their aid to Christ Church if it secures Tyler as minister." WPA, 42.
- ?1785 Parker "relates a discussion he has had with James Freeman over the reading of Gov. John Hancock's proclamations from the pulpit or from the desk." WPA, 7.
- 1785 Letter from the Rev. William Morice, secretary of the SPG, asking Parker to send the library which was at Christ Church, Cambridge, to the Rev. John Wiswall at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. WPA, 5.
- ?1786 Parker's protest against James Freeman's being ordained in the Episcopal Church as minister of the "Stone Chapel" (i.e., King's Chapel) because he holds theological views contrary to those of the Episcopal Church. The recipient is not indicated. WPA, 7.
- 1787 Parker discusses (in a letter possibly to Dr. Thomas Bulfinch, Warden at King's Chapel) "the status of Mr. Freeman who, as a lay reader, should not...read the communion service from the pulpit." WPA, 7.
- 1787 In a letter to James Freeman himself, Parker objects to calling King's Chapel "Episcopal" since Freeman's sentiments and beliefs are against every doctrine of the Episcopal Church. WPA, 7.
- ?1787 Letter to Parker from the Rev. East Apthorp of Croydon, England. WPA, 8.
- 1788 Document signed by Parker, Edward Bass, William Montague and John Cosens Ogden challenging the validity of James Freeman's ordination by his Senior Warden, Thomas Bulfinch and, acting for the Episcopal Church in New England, publicly repudiating him. WPA, 37.
- 1791 The Wardens of Trinity Church, Boston, send Parker a copy of the first vote passed by the parish since the dedication of their church. WPA, 8
- 1791 The Rev. William Clark of Dedham writes Parker about evidence he possesses in connection with a suit against the Church's property in that town. WPA, 50.
- 1791 Two letters from the Wardens of Christ Church, Cambridge, offering Parker the rectorship thereof. Only one was reported. WPA, 8.
- 1791 Parker accepts the rectorship of Christ Church, Cambridge, "if they will be content with so much of his personal services as he can arrange, agreeing that the Rev. Mr. Montague shall officiate until Easter, and half time thereafter." WPA, 8.

- 1791 The Wardens of Christ Church, Cambridge (Jonathan Simpson and Nathan or Nathaniel Bethune), accept the terms specified by Parker in agreeing to become Rector of that parish. WPA, 8.
- 1792 Letter from the secretary of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, enclosing a membership certificate for Parker. WPA, 9.
- 1793 A letter to Parker from Samuel Peters in London, congratulating him (possibly jocosely) on there now being five bishops in America. WPA, 6.
- 1803 A letter from Parker to Bishop Bass regarding Galen Hicks's ordination. WPA, 4.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AECA] Archives of the Episcopal Church, 606 Rathervue Place, P.O.Box 2247,
Austin, Texas 78768.

Bartlet] The Frontier Missionary: A Memoir of the Life of the Rev. Jacob Bailey, A.M., by William S. Bartlet. N.Y., 1853.

BPL] Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston, Mass. 02117.

Caner Letters] Letter-Book of the Rev. Henry Caner, S.P.G. Missionary.... A Review of his Correspondence from 1728 through 1778. By Kenneth Walter Cameron. Hartford (Transcendental Books), [1972].

Dio. Conn.] Archives of the Diocese of Connecticut, 1335 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Conn. 06105.

Dio. Mass.] Library and Archives of the Diocese of Massachusetts, 1 Joy St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

EDS] Library of the Episcopal Divinity School, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

Facsimiles] Facsimiles of Early Episcopal Church Documents (1759-1789). Edited by Kenneth Walter Cameron. Hartford (Transcendental Books), [1970].

GTS] Library of the General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Square, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Hist. Notes] Francis L. Hawks + William Stevens Perry, "Historical Notes and Documents Illustrative of the Preceding Journals" in Journals of the General Conventions...from A.D. 1785 to A.D. 1853, inclusive. (3 vols.) Phila., 1860, I, 369-582.

Historiographer] Historiographer of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. A Quarterly edited by Kenneth Walter Cameron, Library and Archives, 1335 Asylum Ave., Hartford, Conn. 06105.

NNPM] The Pierpont Morgan Library, 29-33 East 36th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Peters Papers] The Papers of Loyalist Samuel Peters: A Survey of the Contents of his Notebooks--Correspondence during his Flight to England, Exile, and the Last Years of his Life. By Kenneth Walter Cameron. Hartford (Transcendental Books), [1978].

Pre-Rev. Conn.] The Church of England in Pre-Revolutionary Connecticut: New Documents and Letters Concerning the Loyalist Clergy and the Plight of their Surviving Church. Edited by Kenneth Walter Cameron. Hartford (Transcendental Books), [1976].

Seabury Traditions] Seabury Traditions: The Reconstructed Journal of Connecticut's First Diocesan. By Kenneth Walter Cameron. (2 vols.) Hartford (Transcendental Books), 1983.

SSECR] Samuel Seabury, 1729-1796: His Election, Consecration and Reception. The Documentary History [of Hawks and Perry] Re-edited with an Index. By Kenneth Walter Cameron. Hartford (Transcendental Books), [1978].

WPA] A Description of the Manuscript Collections in the Massachusetts Diocesan Library. Published by the Historical Records Survey, Works Progress Administration. Boston, Mass., 1939.

SAMUEL PARKER, Mar. 31, 1760, at Cambridge. To John Langdon, Portsmouth. Regrets that L. has the small-pox and hopes to hear from him soon. MS: Dio. Mass.

WILLIAM PARKER, SR., Sept. 10, 1760, at ?Portsmouth. To SP, Cambridge, kindness of Col. Wm. Brattle. Letter No. 1 to his son, who has just arrived at Harvard College, filled with parental advice on forming character and on taking advantage of opportunities. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM PARKER, SR., Oct. 24, 1760, at Portsmouth. To SP, Cambridge. Parental letter No. 3, acknowledging SP's letter by Mr. Chace. Approves SP's study of Greek with ?Joseph Sewall. Recommends other courses and stresses the development of character. Promises to send a copy of Homer. Mentions a warm coat and the "Breeches" sent by brother William through the agency of ?Daniel Fogg. Urges that he practice penmanship. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Mar. 5, 1761, at Cambridge. To John Langdon, Portsmouth. Writes about the personal affairs of the Browne family. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Apr. 20, 1761, at Cambridge. To John Langdon, Portsmouth. Asks for home-town news. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, May 16, 1761, at Cambridge. To John Langdon, Portsmouth. Fears he may have offended L., whom he regards as an old and dear friend. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 1, 1761, at Cambridge. To John Langdon, Portsmouth. Asks him to tell Mr. Barrell that the goods have been delivered as requested. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Mar. 25, 1762, at Cambridge. To John Langdon, Portsmouth. Writes on Langdon family matters. MS: Dio. Mass.

WILLIAM PARKER, SR., Sept. 13, 1762, at Portsmouth. To SP, Cambridge. Urges prudence in spending money at college. MS: Dio. Mass.

WILLIAM PARKER, SR., Apr. 1, 1767, at ?Portsmouth. To SP, Newburyport. Writes of an earlier letter sent in the care of a Mr. MCHerd—now probably lost. Approves SP's seeking a tutorship if he can succeed at it but recommends an open mind toward opportunities. Says Mr. Levis recommends that SP learn Italian. Comments on history and historians. Reports illness of Lydia and Sally and the passing of Mr. Sherburne, whose example in life and death he commends. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM PARKER, SR., July 2, 1767, at Portsmouth. To SP, Cambridge, kindness of Mr. Mascarene. Letter No. 12. Urges SP not to go to Mr. Sprague's boarding house until after Commencement, thereby avoiding offense to the family with whom he has been staying. Stresses character and a good name. Warns against SP's making too large an acquaintance for that can impede his studies. MS: EDS.

REV. JOHN HUNT, JR., July 24, 1772, at Salem. To SP, Portsmouth. Reports his recent trip to Boston and suggests a meeting at Northampton in Sept. MS: Dio. Mass.

REV. JOHN HUNT, JR., Sept. 1, 1772, at Boston. To SP, Portsmouth, kindness of Mr. Wendell. Acknowledges SP's letter of Aug. and regrets his inability to visit Portsmouth before going to Northampton. Reports Mrs. Bacon's illness. Says measles prevail in Boston. "I do not yet hear of your rising one Pulpit Stair; or even that you vouchsafe to look at ye Pulpit: O Samuel what shall I say!" Mentions ?Grant Hunt's approaching marriage. "Doct^r [Samuel] Coopers People are building a Meeting House for You [?in Boston]." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Mar. 11, 1773, at Portsmouth. To Henry Caner, King's Chapel, Boston. Sends his reactions to the invitation from King's Chapel to become assistant to Henry Caner. Asks for time to consider it. MS. not located, but see Caner Letters, 149.

HENRY CANER, Mar. 20, 1773, at Boston. To SP. MS: Dio. Conn. See Caner Letters, 149: Thanks SP for his agreeable letter of Mar. 11 and commends him for his views. Regrets, of course, that compensation for the clergy is inadequate. "Be that as it may, I hope if you concur with my invitation [to become assistant at King's Chapel] to make such provision at present & to open such prospects for the future as may not be unworthy your attention." Says his infirmities make assistance necessary and asks for a speedy decision so that "we may not lose the earliest good Opportunity of the Spring Ships for a passage to England."

HENRY CANER, Apr. 12, 1773, at Boston. To SP, Portsmouth. Since he has not heard from SP since his visit to Boston, asks whether he may count on SP's services at King's Chapel. MS: Dio. Mass.

JOSHUA WINGATE WEEKS, June 9, 1773, at Marblehead. To SP, Portsmouth. Assures SP that he might well succeed Henry Caner at King's Chapel were he to take a post there. MS: Dio. Mass.

JOSHUA WINGATE WEEKS, June 15, 1773, at ?Marblehead. To SP, Portsmouth. Regrets missing SP when SP visited ?Marblehead. Offers him the post of Assistant Minister. MS: Dio. Mass.

JOHN ROWE + JOHN ERVING, Oct. 11, 1773, at Boston. To SP, Portsmouth. Announce that the proprietors of Trinity Church, Boston, have chosen SP their Assistant Minister. MS: Dio. Mass.

JOHN ROWE + JOHN ERVING, Oct. 25, 1773, at Boston. To SP, Portsmouth. Thank SP for accepting the post of Assistant at Trinity Church, Boston. MS: Dio. Mass. Acc. to the W.P.A. Inventory, Rowe and Erving wrote SP three letters in one of which they notified him of his appointment and informed him that H.M. Ship Lively would sail for England in two weeks and that he should be ready to embark for ordination.

WILLIAM DICKES (Sec'y to Bp. Richard Terrick), Feb. 15, 1774, at London. To SP in London. Advises him that Bp. Terrick will ordain candidates to the Diaconate on the evening of Feb. 24. They will be examined at St. James's Square in the morning of that day. MS: NNPM.

JOHN WINGATE WEEKS, ca. March, ?1774, at Marblehead.

To SP, ?Trinity Church, Boston. Submits an outline of a projected history or work of fiction involving Indian characters, asking for SP's criticisms and alterations. Says, "I cannot but think we can work up something worthy ye attention of ye public, something wch may at least excite y^r curiosity & afford 'em entertainment if not instruction." Reports the death of Mr. Bernard, for whom he was a pall-bearer. The Rev. Simon Bradstreet, III, of Marblehead made an appropriate prayer. (B. left a large estate, a portion of which went to Harvard.) Declares his delight in reading Shakespeare; whose works he commends to SP. Asks about Trinity Church and the "freshets & inundations," which make him wish that SP might escape from Boston. (Possibly Moses Badger might give up his itinerant ministry and create an opening for SP?) Praises [Duncan] Forbes as a preacher as well as John Lawson, whose Lectures on Oratory are influencing the construction of his own sermons. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM PARKER, SR., Oct. 17, 1774, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston, kindness of ?William Parker, Jr. Reports a business journey to Keene, N.H., where he suffered a fall. "The People in all the Western Towns are running Mad & Mobbing without reason or Bounds. We have had at Kene three Persons Tri'de for their lives.... [The people] have no advices they can depend on & scarcely see any grounds of hope of seeing better times this Confusion begun in Connecticut & like a true Enthusiastick Spirit flies Quick & far." Mentions the mob's disapproval of Mr. Levius's receiving his salary from the Crown. Hopes SP may pay Portsmouth a visit before winter. Sends regards to Mr. Weller and spouse. MS: EDS.

GOV. JOHN WENIOWORTH, Jan. 2, 1775, at Portsmouth. To SP. Gives authority to solemnize the marriage of Robert Harrold and Lilly Odiorn. On the reverse SP has written that he has performed the office according to the Liturgy of the Church of England. Witnesses were: Deacon Park Langdon, Wm. Rogers, Noah Parker, John Cochran cum multis aliis. MS: NNPM.

REV. EDWARD WINSLOW, June 22, 1776, at Braintree. To SP, ?Boston. Says he will exchange churches with SP when SP can visit Braintree. Reports that the Braintree Committee of Inspection have begun to prosecute (i.e., persecute) him as had been done at Hanover, Mass. "It is most probable, That This Citation is rather to save Appearances with their more malignant Brethren, than from either Judgment or Inclination.... I am disgusted, but not intimidated by such unchristian & unfriendly Treatment...." Hopes for a happier day--for "the increased prosperity & strength of our Church, and the peace & Welfare of our now distracted Country." MS: EDS.

WARDENS AND VESTRY, TRINITY CHURCH, BOSTON, July 18, 1776, at Boston. Minutes of the meeting at which SP reported that he could no longer read the Liturgy if the King was mentioned because the Continental Congress had dissolved all political connection between the Colonies and Britain and because of threats and menaces. The proprietors, wardens and vestry agreed to SP's omissions and alterations. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 471-473 from a MS. in SP's hand.

REV. WILLIAM DOYLE, Aug. 2, 1776, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Reports accepting an invitation to Bristol last Feb. after John Usher's death, but Capt.

Wallace had cannonaded the town, dispersing most of the Churchmen. Though the few who remained offered him a small inducement to stay, income from a school endowment (established by ?Nathaniel Kay) for teaching ten pupils, but an attack of the gout ended that opportunity. (People had, meanwhile, become interested in a Mr. Wheeler, dismissed from the school at Newport, a friend of the Rev. John Graves of Providence.) Says that in July, 1775, Churchmen at Salem desired his services as an assistant but the Rev. Wm. McGilchrist opposed by locking the church. Although people broke down the church door, he refused to intrude against MCG's will. Says his stay in Salem with his two children placed him in debt to John Butler, Customs Officer, who now has his chest, clothes, books, papers and securities. Asks SP to act as his agent, redeem these chattels with \$13, and report on his children. Is still looking for an assistantship and has not "the smallest scruple about omitting the King's Name in the public service." MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM DOYLE, Aug. 15, 1776, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for the note sent by Peter Mumford. Reports that his children are well but that John Butler has misused the goods deposited with him. Says he has given Mr. Russell a power of attorney to settle matters, but R. is afraid of Butler. Asks SP to intervene. Says R. may wish wrongly to charge for bringing Doyle's things from Marblehead to Salem, but they were transported in the King's boat employed on R's own business. MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM DOYLE, Oct. 3, 1776, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Reports that he sent the \$14 to Salem by a Mr. Cole, attorney at Providence, on a mission there concerning captured vessels. Says Cole has brought back disappointing news of John Butler's dealings with his property and papers. Mr. Russell has not replied to any of his letters. Begs SP to get some answers and reply in care of Edward Jones, tavern-keeper in Providence. Says he is able now to walk about town. Laus Deo! MS: EDS.

JOSEPH PEIRCE, Feb. 1, 1777, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Returns books, including vol. 2 of the Ladies' Library, which SP lent him. Milton's Paradise Lost has been mislaid and will be dispatched later. "I just now rec'd your very acceptable favour sent me by M^r. Noah Parker, who the Day before yesterday was stop[p]ed at Hamptonfalls by two Persons sent Express from this Town to meet him, & intercept any Letters on Pacquets directed to any supposed disaffected Persons, with Intention to discover any Information...prejudicial to the Common Cause, however there were no such Letters found.... This Proceedure was occasioned by the mad State the Town has been in since Wednesday last, when an Affray happening at Stavers' Tavern a most furious Mob collected, went thro' the Town, & in their Way took the following Persons, on Pretence of their being Tories Viz^t M^r. Jaffrey Isaac Rindge Peter Pearse, M^r. Henderson, Robertson James Sheafe D^r. Little, W^m. Hart my Brother & several others, & escorted them to the Battery on Peirce's Island, where they were confined until yesterday, & then all of them (except M^r. Jaffrey) together with Jonathan Warner Esq^r were by the Portsmouth Committee sent under a strong Guard to Exeter to be there

dealt with by the Committee of Safety for this State" Says no charges have been made beyond their being declared "Tories." Dares not visit Boston at this time. Sends regards to Mr. Warner, who is on the "Brink of matrimony," and to Mrs. Parker. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Mar. 14, 1777, at Pownalborough on Kennebeck River, Me., formerly called "Franckfort." To SP, Boston. Reports on "the distracted situation" of himself and his parishioners since succeeding the Rev. M. McClanahan. Says that after erecting his little church in Nov., 1770, the Congregationalists began a political persecution, raiding property, double-taxing Churchmen and committing other injustices. Describes his people as "confined to a cold climate and rugged soil encumbered with forest and divided by rivers, exposed to invasions from Canada, deprived of free navigation, prevented from selling as usual their timber for the necessities of life, and denied the advantage of necessary provisions from abroad as formerly." Seeks advice and consolation. MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM DOYLE, Mar. 31, 1777, at Simsbury. To SP, Boston. Asks about a letter addressed to Henry Maxwell, Bp. of Meath in Ireland, which he earlier asked SP to send from Boston. Discusses his continuing difficulties at Salem, Attorney Cole's efforts to retrieve his papers from John Butler, and the recovery thus far of only his diploma from the College of Dublin. Says he needs those indicating his status as a priest and esp. his Bishop's letter mentioning his parish in Ireland and permission given him to be absent from it. Asks SP's help in this matter for, as Abraham Jarvis has told him, his claims to ordination and jurisdiction will seem falsehoods or forgeries. Says he esp. needs the Bishop's letter bearing the two postmarks of Dublin and London. Sends regards to the Ready and Russell families. "I buried poor [Gib]s Sunday sennight which if you know any of his Friends you may inform Them of." Asks SP to describe his situation to Edward Bass of Newbury. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Apr. 15, 1777, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Goud. Says he wrote SP yesterday but sends a note lest the earlier letter should miscarry. Has gratefully received the donations sent to the care of Dr. Miers [Mayer]. Says scarcely anything can now be purchased with paper money. MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM DOYLE, June 7, 1777, at Simsbury, Conn. To SP, Boston. Sends this letter by Hezekiah Holcomb, wealthy Simsbury Churchman, who will bring back an answer. Refers again to his need for the letter from his bishop (Henry Maxwell, Bp. of Meath in Ireland), or it seems that John Graves of Providence, Matthew Graves of New London, Abraham Jarvis of Middletown, Dr. Philips of Philipsborough and ex-Gov. William Franklin (confined in East Windsor) have advised the churchmen at Hebron that he was not in Orders and hurt him in other ways. Says he wrote Gov. Franklin that wealthy Mr. Williams living near Brunswick, N.J., had lived near his Irish parish of Kilmessan, Diocese of Meath, and could testify to his being in Orders. Says falsehoods continue to circulate and that even Gov. John Wentworth's certificate that he had seen the Bishop's letter has been disregarded. Says he cannot seek a parish to the southward, therefore, until he secures his college diploma and other credentials. Says he can turn only to SP because Mr.

Russell the printer, Mr. Handy the merchant and Mr. Cole the Providence attorney have ignored his pleas. Mentions that the malice of both John and Matthew Graves put an end to his engagement to a maiden lady of about 40 with a considerable estate. "Mr. Graves of Providence on perusing Gov. Wentworth's certificate, in Presence of Mr. Chase the person employ'd by the Vestry there to invite me thither, declared it was abundantly satisfactory, and thereon gave his full and free Consent for me to officiate," but privately circulated untrue rumors about D's undergraduate days at Trinity College, Dublin. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, July 1, 1777, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Sends a copy of a recent "Memorial" of grievances to the SPG. (The Congregationalists have produced another in reply--no copy yet obtainable.) Says the names of all Churchmen have been placed on a list for transportation. Asks SP to make whatever use he can of the papers sent to him. "Mr. Bowman seized the land where the church and parsonage were erected as the property of Major Goodwin, and Cushing the sheriff coming suddenly with a number of men to turn me out of possession I ignorantly took a short lease under Mr. Bowman which...offended Dr Gardiner...." Says Col. Cushing declares that there are no Church people in Pownalborough. Adds that Mrs. Bailey has a son nearly two months old. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Sept. 1, 1777, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Says his parishioners desire SP's help and influence among members of the court before which he must appear. "I have been tried in town meeting and voted not inimical by a large majority, but my inveterate enemies notwithstanding have procured a warrant against me...." MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Dec. 26, 1777, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mrs. Callahan. Says the bearer has appealed the sentence of the judge of probate and needs SP's advice. "Our people have agreed to send you 10 cord of wood and some potatoes, if the times will permit." MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Aug. 26, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Reports on his return from Boston to find his family near starvation. The contributions of Boston benefactors were, therefore, received with gratitude, but "Col. Cushing has declared...that I shall never officiate again in this place either in public or private; and if I attempt to transgress this mandate...he will take me out of my house with an armed force and commit me to jail...." Describes other persecutory behavior. Says SP's testimony and Mr. Powell's have been disallowed by the sheriff. Asks SP to deliver the enclosure to John Pickering, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Hopes to send Mrs. P. a fox skin soon. Asks for a quire of writing paper--unobtainable in Maine. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Aug. 31, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Encloses a copy of Col. Charles Cushing's mandate that B. take the oath of allegiance to the U.S.A. or cease to exercise his function and receive a warrant for his arrest. Hoping for a favorable answer to his petition (?to the SPG or General Court), says he has ceased officiating for the time being but fears imprisonment. Has sent dwarf sugar peas to Boston to be divided by

SP and Mr. Warner. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Sept. 30, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Says he has received SP's letter of Sept. 20 and that the bearer, John Turner, may be trusted. Asks SP to send tea, cloth, candles, paper and grain before the Kennebeck freezes and transportation comes to an end. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 1, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Reports that the court is now sitting and that he is presented before the Grand Jury for charging his congregation to keep away from the rebels. Says he merely read the lesson of the day, Numbers 16:26, and that nothing in his sermons can be considered inflammatory. MS: EDS. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 470.

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 13, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Ridley. Reports that the Grand Jury refused to indict, thanks to Attorney Langdon, but Col. Cushing has employed a young kinsman to make the most of the lesson from Numbers 16:26. (Says Cushing declares that Edward Bass took the oath to the U.S. before Aug. 15. Asks if this is true.) MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 22, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Says he has received SP's letter and articles. Reports poor crops because of drought. Is anxious to hear the outcome of Col. Cushing's complaint against him before the General Court. Adds that the Church is enjoying a little peace during the absence of Messrs. B[owman] and C[ushing]. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 31, 1778, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston. Has gratefully received SP's letter of Oct. 20. Asks for an increased shipment of flour and rice. Relays Dr. Mayer's request for help in obtaining work. Says he is versatile and has heard that Mr. Haskins needs a man at his Hill house. MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM DOYLE, Nov. 21, 1778, at Watertown, Mass. To SP, Boston. Reports being at Jonathan Craft's house in Watertown and asks whether his services might be used in any Boston churches on Sunday, Nov. 6. Mentions writing SP last week by Mr. Read of Simsbury. Says that a note from Gen. Gates, received yesterday, indicated a desire to see D. in Boston. If the General should attend Trinity Church, perhaps SP might use D. in the service or at the North End. Says he understands that there has been no service at Cambridge for a long time. What has become of Winwood Serjeant? Has the congregation, including Mr. Vassal, disappeared? MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Mar. 25, 1779, at Pownalborough, Me. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Haley. Reports having survived another winter under persecution and famine. Hints that he may leave Maine in May. Says people are becoming indifferent to life or death. Asks for a line by the bearer, an honest young man. "Carney's family are almost in a starving condition. She intreats that her husband would send her something if possible—in a word we are all suffering for want of provision...." Sends compliments to Mr. Tenent. MS: EDS.

DR. E. A. HOLYOKE, Apr. 29, 1780, at Salem. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to undertake writing obituary notices for William McGilchrist late of Salem. Says he died

Apr. 19 at the age of 70; he was born in Glasgow, educated at Oxford, served as a missionary in S. Car. before coming to St. Peter's, Salem; "esteemed by all who had a thorough acquaintance with his Character...." As to his church robes, they are too old and worn to be of service to SP—"scarce worth giving away." MS: EDS.

JAMES NICHOLS, Aug. 15, 1780, at Litchfield, Conn. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Buell. Says Thomas Ivers has reported SP's having chosen a consort, and others remark that SP's church services are highly approved. Commends the bearer as a parishioner who wishes to transfer from Litchfield to Trinity Parish, Boston. Commends the bearer's character. MS: EDS.

REV. JOHN GRAVES, Sept. 24, 1780, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Encloses a letter from William Walter to be forwarded to the addressee. Asks SP to sell for him a draft on the SPG for \$65. MS: EDS.

REV. RANNA COSSIT, Jan. 24, 1781, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston. Reports settling several accounts for merchandise with Mr. Greene, Mr. Sumner and Mr. Johns. Sends gift of flour to SP for friendly services. Asks SP to ascertain whether he might be admitted a member of St. John's Lodge of Masons at Boston and with what rank. Asks about the possibility of founding a lodge nearer to where he lives. Asks SP not to mention the word Masonry in his reply lest his letter be opened. MS: EDS.

THOMAS BULFINCH + JAMES IVERS, Oct. 13, 1782, at Boston. To SP, Boston. The wardens of King's Chapel thank the Rector and Proprietors of Trinity Church for kindness to members of the Chapel congregation. MS: Dio. Mass.

THOMAS BULFINCH, Nov. 12, 1782, at Boston. To SP, Boston. Inquires about an exchange of ministers between King's Chapel and Trinity Church. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 7: "Dr. Thomas Bulfinch, warden, asks Parker to preach at King's Chapel on the following Sunday while their lay reader, Mr. James Freeman, will be prepared to officiate at Trinity."

REV. WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, Dec. 23, 1782, at Concord, Mass. To SP, Boston. Acknowledges SP's letter of Dec. 14. Says he would gladly have conducted Christmas services at Scituate if he had had earlier notice. As it is, he is engaged at Harvard, Mass., for the season. "In an earlier period of these unhappy Times, I had some Invitations to be employed; but I rather declined them, thinking that I would wait a little while, hoping that this Tyranny would soon be overpast; but the Times have been very unfavourable to me, for I have been taxed yearly more than my little Interest would rent for, and obliged to subsist upon my slender principal. I am extremely obliged to you for mentioning me to Scituate, but should be happy if I could obtain some addition to it." Says he would welcome employment at King's Chapel part of the time, giving the remainder to Scituate and Marshfield. Asks SP to use his influence and report. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Jan. 20, 1783, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Reports that the day he left SP's house he almost got to Providence. On the next evening he reached Pomfret just as Col. and Mrs. Godfrey Mal-

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bone with their niece were sitting down to a game of Ombre. After asking about his many friends in Boston, the Colonel was disappointed to learn that SP had postponed his visit to "blank Hall." Because of a storm, F. writes that he is uncertain when he shall see Newport and thinks it wise to send off a letter to the SPG before talking with the Narragansett people. Asks SP to forward it. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Jan. 29, 1783, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston, kindness of Paine Butler. Says the bearer, Paine Butler, is a Harvard student whose parents live in Pomfret. "The Day I left your House I suffered more with the cold than ever I did in my life, & if it was lawful for a Parson to swear D---l, should adopt M^r M[albome]'s Language & say it was a D-----sh, cold disagreeable windy Day; however got home safe & sound Saturday Evening. I suppose before you receive this Scrawl Brother Tyler will have made his appearance in the great Town...in order to propagate true, primitive Apostolic Christianity.... I saw M^r Tyler about six weeks ago when he informed me M^r Brimmer had invited him...to preach at the Chapel. I gave him as particular an account of the Conduct of the Proprietors of that church as I was capable of, upon which he concluded to write to you before he went in order to be better informed of the matter. But zeal to retail the Truth, I suppose, & expectation of being handsomely rewarded for his trouble, induced him to alter his mind [and...] to set out this week for Boston, without hearing any thing further from thence." Relays Judge Lightfoot's request for information about English bills of exchange. Sends a letter addressed to the SPG which he asks SP to forward after sealing it with wax. MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, Jan. 30, 1783, at Concord, Mass. To SP, Boston. Reports having received SP's letter of Jan. 14 indicating that there is no opening for him at King's Chapel. Says he will go to Scituate after receiving SP's letter of introduction to Churchmen there. "I have been obliged to subsist, now for some Time, labouring with mine own hands, that I might not be burthensome, upon a few Paternal acres, the Product of which, the Public have now assumed to themselves, by taxing them annually more than their Rents will amount to." MS: EDS.

REV. NATHANIEL FISHER, Feb. 26, 1783, at Salem. To SP, Boston. Says he is unable at this season to exchange with SP because of obligations to Mr. Oliver to visit Providence sometime in Feb. or early March. "[A]m obliged to you for the proposed exchange; it would give me a considerable relief, as I am obliged to beg, Borrow, & almost steal, in the way of Sermonizing, if I may be allowed to coin a word." Asks to be remembered to Mrs. Parker and to his friends Green and Cleverly. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Mar. 31, 1783, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston, kindness of John Tyler. Thanks SP for his letter of Feb. 11. Asks to be informed by John Tyler of any SPG news concerning the clergy in general and Edward Bass in particular. Tyler "expects to be two or three Sundays in Boston, &...will in that time convert all the unconverted Bostonians that may have the happiness to hear him open & explain the Doctrines of his new Christianity." Asks SP to receive the money from Mr. Wheelwright when it becomes due. Says he expects to be in Boston for the month of May. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, June 5, 1783, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston. Says Col. Chase and Mr. Brewer are coming to Boston and he wishes to draw upon the treasurer of the SPG in SP's favor. Asks SP to send the money to him by either gentleman together with certain merchandise. "The Ch^h of England grows very respectable in these Parts. I preach at Hanover every fourth Sunday where I have a very numerous & honorable Assembly a great many of whom belonging in y^e Adjacent Towns of Lebanon, Lime, Oxford, Thetford and Norwich...." MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, July 2, 1783, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Received SP's letter of June 12 on June 29! Reports on a bill of exchange involving Messrs. Saltonstall and Wheelwright. Regrets being absent from Pomfret when SP visited Col. Malbone's. Refers to Roger Viets's "palace," "situated between two horrid Mountains" and not large. "There were ten Clergymen met. The Connecticut clergy have done already every thing in their power in the matter you were anxious about. Would write you the particulars, if I knew of any safe opportunity of sending this letter, but as I do not must defer it till I do." Says Evan Malbone desires a quintal of fish to be sent to him along with Godfrey Malbone's. MS: EDS. Partly ptd. in SSECR, 2.

SAMUEL PARKER, July 6, 1783, at Boston. To Christopher Toppan, Hampton, N.H., kindness of Col. Clap. Regrets not having been requested to execute his commands recently. Desires to know whether T. can supply SP's friends with fish in the fall. MS: BPL.

DANIEL FOGG, July 14, 1783, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Grosvenor. This important letter is printed completely in SSECR, 2, and in W. J. Seabury's Memoir of Bishop Seabury, 189-190, but carelessly. I re-edit the body of it for the record: "I wrote you a few Lines 2^d inst by an uncertain conveyance, in which I attempted to excuse myself, by throwing the blame upon you, for not waiting for you, till the time you mentioned. I now plead guilty & beg your forgiveness. I likewise mentioned that the Connecticut clergy had done all in their power respecting the matter you were anxious about, but they keep it a profound secret even from their most intimate Friends of the Laity. The matter is this after consulting the clergy in New York how to keep up the Succession-- They unanimously agreed to send a Person to England to be Consecrated Bishop for America & pitched upon Dr Seabury as the most proper Person for this purpose, who sailed for England the beginning of last month, highly recommended by all the clergy in New York, Connecticut &c & If he succeeds he is to come out as missionary for New London or some other vacant Mission & if they will not receive him in Connecticut or any other of the States of America, He is to go to Nova Scotia. Sir Guy [Carleton] highly approves of the plan & has used all his influence in favour of it.-- The clergy have even gone so far as to instruct Dr Seabury, if none of the Regular Bishops of the church of England will ordain him, to go down to Scotland & receive ordination from a non-juring Bishop-- Please to let me know by M^r Grosvenor how you approve of the plan, & whether you have receive[d] any late accounts from England." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, July 17, 1783, at Boston. To Daniel

Fogg, Pomfret, kindness of Mr. Grosvenor. MS. owned by Diocese of Conn. Previously edited in The Historiographer, 7 (Feb., 1954) and in Pre-Rev. Conn., 212, from which I transcribe it:

Boston July 17 1783

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2^d Instant I received sometime since & have replied thereto by a M^r Cady of Plainfield but suspect he is not yet left this Town; having sold a Bill of \$25 St^g for Judge Lightfoot, he drew an Order on me for the Amo't in favour of this Cady & believe that he has not yet quite spent all the Money, as soon as this is effected I suppose you will be in the Way of getting my Letter by him. This Morn^g yours of the 14 was handed me, the Affair of your not waiting for me I finished in my last. I am glad to hear that the Matter of an American Episcopate is in such a probable Way of succeeding. You ask my Opinion of the Measure. I answer I like the Plan very well & the Person pitched upon tho' personally unknown to me, from the character I have had of him, is the most proper of any. My fears are a little alarmed by the Circumstance of his being a Refugee; Any Persons coming into New England with complete Orders or in character of a Bishop I fear will alarm our Puritans & put them upon devising Means of preventing his tarrying among us. Will they not then take the Advantage of the present Disposition of the Populace to^{ws} the Absentees & make Use of that Weapon to keep him away? And therefore if a proper Man could be found for that Office, would it not have been more eligible to have pitched upon one that was not an Absentee? As one Bishop would be sufficient for the New England States & New York, I could also have wished that all the Clergy in the five States had been consulted upon the Choice, as that might have proved the Means of objection arising hereafter from his being rather imposed upon them than the Object of their free choice. The Dean & chapter of the Diocese with whom the Right of electing a Bishop is vested in England, must be represented in this Country by all the Parochial clergy within his Jurisdiction. However I am far from a Desire to start any Objections to the Plan myself, but only hint these as what might have obviated any Objections that others may hereafter raise. I sincerely wish that the Plan may succeed even beyond our most sanguine Expectations, & that the Doctor may not be obliged to use the Alternative you say he is instructed to do. I have no Doubt in my own Mind that if the Matter is properly conducted he will receive complete Orders from the ArchBP of Canterbury by a special Mandate from his Majesty. But another Question occurs how will he be supported? He certainly ought to have such a Living at least as will enable him to keep a public Table, for as his House must often be the Resort of other Clergymen, he sh^d be enabled to treat them hospitably, & if he has only the Salary of a Missionary or a common Parish, he will not be in Circumstances to do this. He ought also to have a Curate or chaplain whose Business will be to examine Candidates for Orders & present them as well as to assist him in parochial Duty. The Resolution of this must be an after Consideration.

We had a grand Commencement at Cambridge yesterday when the honorary Degree of Doct^r of Laws was conferred on M^r Bowdoin & that of Doct^r of Physic on D^r Holyoke of Salem. I have had no late Letters from England which I a little wonder at as so many Vessels have lately arrived from thence.

Please to make my best Respects to M^r Malbone &

Lady & Niece; I suppose they have received particular Accounts of the Death of M^r Hutchinson which happened the very Day after I was at your House. Miss Betsy Hunter from Newport is now in this Town at D^r Lloyd's & I believe will spend the Remainder of the Summer here— Nothing special in the political World has occurred lately.

I am your friend & Bro[ther]
S Parker

PS I expect to have the Fish ready to send by the middle or latter End of next Month—

[Addressed:] Rev^d Daniel Fogg / at / Pomfret / Hon^d by / M^r Grosvenor

DANIEL FOGG, Aug. 1, 1783, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Edited in Wm. J. Seabury's Memoir of Bishop Seabury, 190, and in SSECR, 2, but more accurately hereafter from MS: EDS. "Your Letter of 17th ult. I received soon after date, but that of 9th came to hand last evening. I have just returned home from New London & have settled the affair with M^r Saltonstall to my Satisfaction & have inclosed your receipt, & assure you, kind Sir, that I have a most grateful sense of the very great attention you have paid to my small affairs, & sincerely wish that it may ever be in my power to make an adequate return— M^r Malbone is very much obliged to you for the trouble you have given yourself about the Fish & particularly desired me to make his Compliments acceptable in which he is joined by his Lady & Niece— I am very glad that the conduct of the Connecticut Clergy meets with your approbation in the main. Dr Seabury's being a refugee was an objection which I made, but was answered, they could not fix upon any other Person who they thought was so likely to succeed, as he was, & should he succeed & not be permitted to reside in any of the united states, it would be an easy matter for any other Gentleman who was not obnoxious to the Powers that be, to be consecrated by him at Hallifax— & as to the objection of not consulting the clergy in the other states, the time would not allow of it, & there was Nobody to consult in the state of New York for there is not one Clergiman there, except Refugees, & they were consulted, & in the state of Connecticut there is fourteen resident Clergimen, & in your state & New Hampshire, you know how many there are, & you will be left to act as you please either to be subject to him or not. as to the matter of his Support that must be an after consideration. Compliments to M^{rs} P. Conclude me your affection Friend & Brother...."

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 28, 1783, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Has SP's letter of Sept. 15. "I am not a little surprized at your intelligence respecting Dr Seabury— his brother an eminent Merchant and loyalist from [New] York, is equally puzzled to account for this affair— will the inhabitants of N England who formerly fell into terrible agitations at the mention of a Bishop permit one to reside among them?" Regrets having lost the friendship of John Wingate Weeks. Comments on the long animosity between Dr. Breynton and Dr. Byles. "The Governor...has been three times directed by the society to give me the chaplinship of the garrison here—but Dr Br-nt-n has still interest sufficient to detain it in favour of Mr Weeks...." Says Weeks receives the salary while he must do the work! Despite mistreatment, says he has no thought of returning to Kennebeck and persecution there. Reports

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the expectation of obtaining a college and bishop for N.S., the large increase in the number of Loyalists there, and the opportunities for merchants. Mentions three refugees from Mass.—Gen. Ruggles, Col. Winslow and Mr. Hicks. Mentions the sufferings of refugees from N.Y. and Long Island. Says Gov. Wentworth and Lt.-Gov. Fanning are at Horton. Mentions John McNamara, local SPG schoolmaster, and others. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Nov. 6, 1783, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Has instructed Mr. Worcester to deliver books to SP for Mr. Bancroft. Asks that the money received be spent for commodities. Describes his house, garden and orchard; how he has supplied three families with produce; and the thievery that abounds. Says he has been prevented sending SP a barrel of Annapolis potatoes because "the vessel does not come within three miles of the town." Asks SP to forward a letter to Edward Bass, which he has left open for SP's perusal. MS: EDS. Partly ptd. in Bartlett, 196-197.

THOMAS FITCH OLIVER, Feb. 14, 1784, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Wishes to answer SP's letter, desiring an opinion on a matter of consequence: "...is there like to be any establishment for the American Episcopal Church? My particular situation as a Reader I am almost tired of, & tho I am far from thinking myself equal to the Office of a Minister of that Church at present, yet I must confess 'twould be a matter of great Joy to me to hear there was some method hit on by the venerable Clergy to perpetuate themselves & provide for the better Government of the Church." Says it would encourage him to prepare himself for eventual advancement. Hopes SP can soon visit the "poor church" in Providence because "there are many Children to be christianed, the communicants are anxious to receive the Sacrament...." Says he has written to Salem for a possible exchange with Mr. Fisher. Submits diffidently one of his sermons, which the people asked to have printed, asking that he make allowances. "I have not been able to learn Mr Badgers business at Rhode Island, tho' I have heard he has declined preaching there in consequence of some Affront...." MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Mar. 2, 1784, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Reports having been to Cornwallis to marry Wiswall (late of Falmouth) to Mrs. Hutchinson, a widow from the Jerseys. Says Wm. Walter, minister of Port Rosseway, is en route to England. Shares SP's views on the conduct of some of the clergy. Says he is eager to hear from Edward Bass, who has a brother at Annapolis. Offers statistics about N.S. MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, Mar. 31, 1784, at Scituate. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Wales. Regrets not having been able to visit Boston because of necessary excursions to Harvard, Concord, Templeton etc. and is therefore ignorant of the news. Asks whether SP has had "farther Intelligence of a Bishop's coming to America." Desires to know if there be a Fund for the widows of clergymen because Mrs. Winslow's situation is pitiable. Asks whether the SPG will continue its missions esp. at Scituate and Marshfield. Would welcome supplementary work to enlarge his slender income. Asks SP to assist Mr. Wales in finding Parson's Grey cloth for a coat and waistcoat. MS: EDS.

JOHN GRAVES, Apr. 23, 1784, at Providence. To SP,

Boston. Thanks SP for SPG Abstracts and inquires about his bills of exchange drawn on the SPG. Asks whether the churches at Braintree and Marblehead are supplied. Are they under SPG patronage? How does Newburyport stand now? MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, May 1, 1784, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Hicks. Reports on his recent illness but continual activity. Has received two letters from Edward Bass and encloses an answer for SP to forward. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, May 7, 1784, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Reports arriving at B[link] Hall safe after leaving Boston and that Friend Green offered to help him clear a bill of exchange. One crown, a counterfeit, ought to be redeemed with good money. Asks SP's help. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, [May 30, 1784], at Phila. To SP, Boston. Having learned by the Rev. Mr. Clarke of Boston that SP is interested in measures for the continuation of the Church in America he presents the Philadelphia plan in considerable detail. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 429-430. See Appendix. MS: NNPM.

EDWARD BASS, June 21, 1784, at Newburyport. To SP, Boston. Acknowledges SP's letter of June 15, which seems to have set forth Bp. White's plan for a continuing church. Suggests waiting for "the arrival of our Bishop before we proceed to any ecclesiastical consultations of importance, that we may have his concurring voice in such matters." Asks about Seabury. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 475-476.

SAMUEL PARKER, June 21, 1784, at Boston. To William White, Phila. Acknowledges W's letter of May 30 and says he has communicated a copy of the minutes which came with it to each of the five clergymen in Mass.: Edward Bass, Wm. Willard Wheeler, Stephen C. Lewis and Nathaniel Fisher. Discusses the conditions of the Church in the other New England states. Makes inquiries about the plans of those to the southward, their attitudes toward the episcopate and their alterations in (or additions to) the liturgy. Promises to keep up the correspondence. MS: ABCA. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 427-429.

RANNA COSSIT, June 25, 1784, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to handle his draft on the SPG treasurer, paying the sum to Caleb and Robert Davis, Boston merchants, "to whom the Money is due from Alexander Ralston Esq[ue] of Keen[e] & from me to him." Says he intends like many others "to move within the Kings Territories if we can be provided for with good Lands." Sends regards to Mrs. P. and to Messrs. Green and Cleverly. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, July 28, 1784, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Says Wiswall and family were present when SP's letter arrived and discusses their problems. Reports that Byles has gone to England, that a Romish church is being erected in Halifax, and that Wm. Walter has raised money in England for a church in Port Rosseway. Tells of Samuel Peters in London, his singularities, his extraordinary History of Connecticut, and his being at work on a description of Nova Scotia (with Bailey's help). Says Weeks is suffering for his sins in expensive Halifax as a kind of curate for Dr. Breynton. Describes his mission and its problems, the migration

of Congregationalists from the U.S. to Nova Scotia, and the commotions of disciples of one Allen, a man of no education. Scots Presbyterians appear among the refugees as well as Methodists, for whom John Wesley is Apostle. Says Gov. John Wentworth, now surveyor of H.M. woods, makes excursions throughout N.S. but now cannot serve SP because he is no longer a member of the SPG. Reports SP's brother Joseph and family are well. "Your anecdote concerning the wives of Brother Parker...afforded us some amusement...." MS: EDS.

JOSEPH DOWSE, Aug. 3, 1784, at Salem. To SP, Boston. "The Rev^d M^r Fisher has agreed with his Bro. M^r Bass to change next Sunday I hear so it is hig[h]ly probable if this be effected they will both be in Salem next Monday." Perhaps this plan will felicitate the scheme SP has in mind? MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Aug. 6, 1784, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Is grateful to SP for many favors, including the negotiating his bill of exchange with Mr. Green. Says he has no news. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, Aug. 10, 1784, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Discusses the various statements already issued by the southern churches. Says the "Fundamental Principles" were only instructions to a committee. Says they plan a constitution for the Church in Penna. before undertaking one for the continent, but "we do not think this precludes us from procuring a Bishop from England." Admits imperfections in the plan. Gives a descriptive list of Penna. clergy. Hopes to see SP in N.Y. on Oct. 5. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 431-432.

JOSHUA WINGATE WEEKS, Aug. 28, 1784, at Halifax, N.S. To SP, Boston. Has received SP's letter by Mrs. Kent. Says his expressed opinion on the subject of bishops applied to N.S., not to the States. In N.S. a bishop "is not much desired & would probably do little good." Says the SPG is behind Dr. Chandler for N.S., but the government is negative. "If you should have [a bishop] in the States, you would have a most desirable opportunity of revising the Liturgy & of making such alteration in the objectionable parts as may give less offence to the Dissenters & be more pleasing to the episcopalians. Bigotted people may think it cannot be amended: But many wise & good men among ourselves have thought otherwise; & nothing but the low state of religion in England has prevented so useful a work from taking place." Has no news except the creation of a new government called "New Brunswick." MS: EDS.

CONVENTION OF CLERGY: MASS. AND R.I., Sept. 8, 1784, at Boston. For the minutes and for SP's carefully composed reply to the Southern Churchmen in behalf of the Convention (it is actually signed by John Graves, Convention moderator), see Hist. Notes, 433-436. SP's rough draft is in NNPM but there is incorrectly dated. See Appendix.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 10, 1784, at Boston. To Bela Hubbard, New Haven, kindness of Rev. [Andrew] Eliot. Reports action by a convention of clergy at Boston on Sept. 8, urging the necessity of uniting "in adopting some immediate measures to procure an American Episcopate." Encloses the Convention's letter for distribution to the clergy in Conn. Says the committee will be happy to correspond with Conn. on this matter and will welcome Conn. sentiments. Ptd. in Pre-Revolution, 216, from MS: Dio. Conn.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 10, 1784, at Boston. To Wm. White, Phila. Encloses proceedings of the clergy convention of Mass. and R.I. at Boston on Sept. 8, which will inform W. of the sentiments of those states. Had hoped to receive from W. further information upon action of the Churches in N.Y. and Penna. on May 30. Asks that the action of the Boston convention be transmitted "to the more southern Churches," inviting them to share their views with New England. MS: AECA. See Facsimiles, 25-27; ptd. in Hist. Notes, 432-434.

JACOB BAILEY, Sept. 21, 1784, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mrs. Callahan. Says Mr. Williams brought SP's letter of July. "I conceived by intelligence from various quarters that Dr Seabury was expected among you in character of Bishop--a daughter of his who resides at my house and a son lately arrived from England confirm this account--the doctor himself is every moment expected at Annapolis." Comments on the religion prevailing at Boston that is "very pleasing to the vicious," Dr. Charles Chauncy having published a treatise favoring purgatory. Says few "innovations" have troubled Nova Scotia. Asks that if his books and papers should be sent from Kennebeck SP will deliver them to Mr. Worcester or Capt. Webber. MS: EDS.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL, PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Sept. 21, 1784, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. The wardens (George Jaffrey and George Furness) are seeking a settled minister, having appealed unsuccessfully to Mather Byles, Jr., at Halifax but now in England. Ask about John Bowden at Jamaica, L.I., whose health requires him to move north. Ask SP's opinion of the man and the prospect of his coming. Enclose a letter to be forwarded to Dr. Bowden if SP approves the possibility. Anticipate growth in the parish if a clergyman can be had and if the SPG will continue support. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Sept. 28, 1784, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Says he will set out on Monday to visit friends in New Hampshire. "I was at Norwich about ten days ago, & M^r Tyler informed me that the Connecticut Clergy, who met at New Haven at Commencement, did not propose to meet the Southern Clergy at New York, as they expect D^r Seabury will succeed...& at his return it will be time enough to revise our Liturgy. They however wrote by M^r Marshall one of [our] Brethren giving reasons for their Conduct. [M^r] Tyler likewise told me...that we poor Missionaries were to be continued during our lives...." Expects to visit SP on his return journey. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 28, 1784, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Refers to his letter of Sept. 21 about books and papers from Kennebeck, which he needs, esp. his old sermons, which "will be of great service where I have such a multitude of avocations from study." Has not been able to purchase books on divinity in N.S. Says his parish (St. Luke's) has only recently had wardens and vestry and become incorporated. "I was yesterday inducted by the church Wardens into the rectorship...in consequence of a mandate from the governor...since I had no legal title...though missionary from the Society and the board of trade." Refers to the rebellion in Ireland which is driving many to N.S. "By letters from England and...people...just arrived from London, we learn that an act of parliament had

just past enabling the bishop of London to ordain priests and deacons for foreign states omitting the usual oaths...." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 1, 1784, at Boston. To Wm. White, Phila. Thanks W. for the many civilities he received while in Phila. and his hope to entertain W. sometime in Boston. Asks W. for information. "I have a poor woman who is a Parishioner that some years ago was married to one Samuel Bulfinch late of this Town but now or lately an Inhabitant or Resident at Philadelphia, & who, as Report goes is married to a Daughter of the Man who keeps the City Goal. His Wife in this Town has several young children by him & some Estate depending. What she wants is the Proof of his second Marriage." Commends to W. a Dr. Moyes from London who, with Mrs. Hayley, intends to visit Phila. Says he is "a Miracle of Knowledge" despite having been totally blind from infancy. Says he has lectured in Boston and Providence on the philosophy of chemistry and would like to repeat his lectures and offer a course in natural history in Phila. MS: AECA.

GEORGE JAFFREY, Nov. 10, 1784, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of Oct. 26, enclosing a letter from John Bowden, who has committed himself to Norwalk. Says John Sparhawk saw Mather Byles, Jr., in London, reporting that B. intended returning to Halifax. Desires to learn whether he might settle at Portsmouth. "...am very glad of your advice of the [p]rospect of the Arival of Doctor Seabury as a Bishop." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 18, 1784, at Boston. To Daniel Fogg, Pomfret, kindness of Mr. Borland. Thanks F. for supplying at Trinity Church, Boston, during his absence. Assumes he has seen the report of the N.Y. Convention which John Rutgers Marshall had printed for the benefit of Conn. clergy. Says he saw in N.Y. a letter which Seabury wrote [Benjamin] Moore about completing his mission abroad, but English newspapers report nothing of a consecration there. Encloses a letter from Christ Church, Boston (the Old North Church), without a minister since the departure of the Rev. Stephen C. Lewis. Asks F. whether Col. Malbone would spare him to take that parish for the winter. Says Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth, is determined to secure a cleric. Would Jarvis of Middletown be interested? Hopes Col. M. received and liked the fish. Reports that a large freighter carrying hardware from Bristol, England, sank in Barnstable Bay last week. MS: NNPM.

DANIEL FOGG, Nov. 28, 1784, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Says: "[I] have not heard one word of the Proceedings of your Convention at N. York, as I have not been out of Pomfret since my return from Boston. As to Dr Seabury have heard, by M^r E[van] Malbone that he has desired his Family to remove from N. York to N.-London in order to meet him there, & that they daily expected him, but suppose I shall hear more of this matter this week as I propose to go to Norwich to morrow." Says he will answer the wardens of North Church by Mr. Putnam as soon as he can weigh the proposal. It will probably be negative. Asks SP to forward to him any letter from the SPG that might be in the Boston postoffice, since he is apprehensive about learning from an Abstract that he is "unemployed." MS: EDS.

REV. GEORGE D'ERRAGE, Nov. 29, 1784, at London. To SP, Boston. Writes: "We have indeed experienced many

and cruel Vicissitudes since You saw us, the Consequences of the late Times and our Adherence to a Cause, in which both principle and Honor strongly retained us." Suggests that they pass over recent events and consider "that State whose Patriots are seldom paid unless with a Grave-stone...the Republic of Letters." Calls attention to a recent controversial work by the Rev. Dr. Martin Madan---Thelyphthora, or Female Ruin Prevented, recommending that any sexual union between a man and a woman constitutes marriage, so that a man who is allied to more than one is to be considered legally married to all of them---it then being impossible for a woman to be ruined or abandoned! Promiscuity would thereby be discouraged. "I understand you will have very soon an american Bishop, against whose Consecration, and uninterrupted Succession in Jure divino there certainly can be no objection: And still less can reasonably be objected in a political View by your Rulers, if they really intend that Toleration they propose in their Codes.... I hope therefore he will be cordially received, and as I know no one more deserving, I hope soon to hear You are of the Order; and that by this unforeseen Event, the Church will be propagated." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 1, 1784, at Boston. To Jacob Bailey, Annapolis Royal, N.S. MS. not located. Partly ptd. in Bartlet, 198-199. Best text survives in Historiographer, 41 (1962), 27, to which I add sentences from Bartlet:

Boston, Decem^r 1st 1784.

Dear Sir,--

Your letter of Septem^r 21 arrived here when I was absent at Philadelphia & it was not till the last of October it came into my hands. Two chests belonging to you had previously been brought from Pownalborough, with verbal orders to deliver them to me, but no letter to acquaint me what their contents were, or what I was to do with them. As you express a desire to have your sermons immediately, I have opened the chest containing the papers & find therein a parcel of papers jumbled together in as great confusion as Chaos itself could have made, and the chest no way secured. Among the jumbled heap some that look like sermons, but much defaced, torn and abused, were discerned, and I have picked out some that look the most entire, and packed in a small box, which I commit to Mr Worcester's care. Will send you the two chests by the first opportunity that occurs. The contents of the box will supply your present need till the others arrive. I had a good mind to steal some of your Sermons, but found upon examination that I could not take more than fifteen minutes to deliver them, & my people always expect thirty minutes, & as I must have added one half to them, I thought upon the whole I would not be guilty of a theft, which would turn out to so little advantage. If you were not my Senior, I should take it upon myself to advise you to expend a little more pains in writing your discourses, because, when you are old you may be obliged to transcribe for the purpose of reading them. And, if they were preserved with a little more care, it would be no disadvantage. I congratulate you on your Induction as Rector of St. Luke's, and hope that your latter days will be more easy than the former.

We have yet no accounts of D^r Seabury & I cannot

get any intelligence from Europe that an American Episcopate is like to take place. I enclose you an abstract of the minutes of a Convention of Clergy held at N. York in Oct^r at which I was present. It is a plan for a General Convention of E. Churches in the United States to make canons and alterations in our Liturgy & in short to create an American Episcopal Church. A fine opportunity now to reject the offensive Passages in our Liturgy & yet to retain everything eligible. But a Bishop must first be obtained, for in my opinion Presbyters only have not power to alter or revise.

The Act of Parliament lately passed cannot serve us; for our clergy to go out of the Government for Orders will imply a dependence upon a foreign state, which will create a jealousy in the minds of some of our high Whigs. M^r Lewis who has been preaching at the North Church has left us and gone to Carolina. I am the only clergyman in Town. M^r Freeman a lay reader is still at the chapel.

Pray can you procure me two or three Barrels of your Potatoes? We have none that are good this year, tho' a very great plenty. M^r Worcester tells me he shall return soon & if you can oblige me with some of your good Potatoes I will pay the expence. My two Boys about 8 months old are very well. M^{rs} Parker joins in compliments to M^{rs} Bailey with

Your Friend & Brother
S. Parker

DANIEL FOGG, Dec. 4, 1784, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Says that he has written the wardens of North (Christ) Church that he will stay in Pomfret this winter. "I am rather a Lazy fellow, & likewise I mortally hate cold weather, here I have a fire in my chamber Day and night, if I please, & after reading or writing as long as I choose go to bed, & have but one Service a Sunday from Advent to Easter...." Says that while he calls Pomfret his parish, "it would not be proper to leave it for a whole winter, tho'...as Pomfret is dropt as a Mission, I suppose I am at Liberty to go where I please." Remarks that he is nonetheless tired of it and plans to leave before he is a year older. Says he has heard nothing about Dr. Seabury. Believes that Jarvis would suit the people at Portsmouth. Asks about the clearance of his Bill of Exchange on London and inquires about any letter that might come from the SPG. MS: EDS.

REV. BENJAMIN MOORE, Dec. 21, 1784, at New York. To SP, Boston. Comments on Dr. Henry Moyes's lectures on chemistry and natural history. MS: Dio. Mass.

HEZEKIAH USHER, Jan. 4, 1785, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Says he received SP's letter of Nov. 27, 1784, on Dec. 28 under cover of one from the Rev. John Graves dated Dec. 7. Reports that they have postponed the Bristol lottery from Jan. 10 until March 8, as John Carter's Providence Gazette will announce. Asks SP to try to sell two books of tickets to help the parish in its "critical hour." MS: EDS.

REV. JOHN GRAVES, Jan. 13, 1785, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Writes about arrangements for the forthcoming lottery in Bristol, R.I. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 25, 1785, at Boston. To William White, Phila. Thanks W. for his letter of Dec. 11 about Samuel Bulfinch. Says Mrs. B., his lawful wife and a member of Trinity, Boston, wishes evidence of his cohabiting with another so that she may obtain a

divorce. Says the Rev. Samuel Williamson, a native American who lives near Liverpool, England, offers himself for any vacant church in New England, having submitted three Phila. references. Asks W. what he knows of the man or can find out from Dr. Samuel Magaw and others. Asks whether he has seen Dr. Moyes. Wishes success to W's intended Academy. Is it true that Dr. William Smith is to cross the Atlantic for consecration? "D^r Seabury I hear meets more difficulty than he expected, & has not yet obtained his Object." Encloses a letter for Mr. Wharton. MS: AECA.

HEZEKIAH USHER, Feb. 14, 1785, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Has received SP's letter about the lottery tickets and urges him to sell as many as he can because "our Church is poor & small." MS: EDS.

REV. BENJAMIN MOORE, Feb. 14, 1785, at New York. To SP, Boston. MS: Dio. Mass. Asks SP whether he has become familiar with Methodists. Concludes with a paragraph which I extract from Hist. Notes, 458: "I received a Letter, by the last Packet, from Dr. Inglis, in which he informs me, that after every Application in England had proved ineffectual, Dr. Seabury went to Scotland, and was consecrated by some of the Nonjuring Bishops near Aberdeen, on the 14th Nov'r. last. He was on his Way to England, when Dr. Inglis wrote, and intends to embark for America, by the first convenient Opportunity. There can be no Doubt of the Validity of this Ordination. I am sure you will rejoice at it, and if he is so fortunate as to arrive safe in America, will join Heart and Hand with your Staunch, Orthodox Brethren, in supporting our venerable Church upon true Episcopal Principles. I hope Dr. I. has been very accurate in ascertaining the Succession among the Nonjurors, since the Time of the Revolution. As he is the first American Bishop, it may, in future years, be a Matter of some Consequence to be able to trace the Current up to the Fountain Head."

JACOB BAILEY, Mar. 25, 1785, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Robinson. Mentions Mr. Worcester. Asks about Messrs. Bancroft and Wheeler. Inquires whether SP has had any correspondence with Dr. Wm. Walter, now having trouble at Christ Church, Shelburne, N.S. Decries the contentions prevailing in Nova Scotia because "almost every settlement is composed of disappointed and unfortunate emigrants from every revolted province in America, and from all the Western nations of Europe and Africa." MS: EDS.

THOMAS FITCH OLIVER, Apr. 1, 1785, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to dispose of a few tickets in behalf of the Providence lottery, recalling SP's help in the Bristol lottery. "D^r Seabury the post informs me is speedily to be expected. As I propose as soon as convenient after his Arrival to offer my self for Ordination, permit me to ask your advice, in what manner I am to proceed & what steps are to be taken to obtain this desirable end...." MS: EDS.

REV. MOSES BADGER, Apr. 2, 1785, at Newport. To SP, Boston. Says he has recommended that a friend in the country entrust a sum of money to SP's keeping. As to the state of things in Newport, "M^r Bours has had Interest enough to get himself chosen Reader for another Year, with the same Allowance as he had the last; & flatters himself with obtaining Ordina-

tion as soon as a Bishop arrives in America. Do you think it a Demonstration of y^e wickedness of my heart, when I say, I hope he will experience the mortification of a Disappointment? could I explain to you the Various Artifices he has made use of in endeavoring to support his own Character by traducing & vilifying mine, I make no doubt you would think me justifiable when I tell you that there has been no Intercourse between him and your humble servant for some months past." Says he hopes to visit Boston in May. MS: EDS.

JOHN PARKER (SP's brother), Apr. 24, 1785, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of Apr. 17 by Mr. Sohler, stressing that man's character notwithstanding the fact that "the Affair he came on" was "one of the greatest Impositions that can possibly accrue." Sends regards to Mr. B. Cutler and reports that Mrs. Adams has a fine grandson. Considers the proceedings in Boston as strange and unaccountable, for the town is governed less by the Governor and representatives than by mobs and town meetings, "from which good Lord deliver us." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, May 7, 1785, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, Pimlico, London, kindness of Capt. Lyde. MS: AECA. See the digest in Peters Papers, 33-34: Has Peters's letter of December enclosing one to Mr. Hawkins with an account of his unfortunate daughter, whom Peters and others have helped to rescue from poverty and death. The old father sends gratitude but, being a poor laborer, cannot make other returns, but has agreed with Capt. Lyde for transporting the daughter and her children to Boston. Says that Peters's tone suggests that because "our Bishop" [Seabury] is unconnected with civil power he will be destitute of comforts. "I know not that Bishops as such have anything to do with civil power. Certainly before the Days of Constantine they never had any.... You seem to think that because he has been consecrated by a Nonjuror that he has forsaken the Church of England; but...the Nonjurors look upon themselves as the only true Church of England." Grants that English consecrators would have been better, but their refusal was condemnation of the American Church to either lay readers for ever or presbyterianism. "More injury has been already done to our churches by introducing lay-readers than can be repaired in many years." Americans being still anti-British, "If the succession among the Nonjurors is good, a Bishop from thence will be better for us than an English one, because there can be no fear of an undue influence from the British Crown." Speaks of John Tyler's heresy at Norwich, which, though it flourishes in Boston, is as old as Origen and not absent from speculation within the Church of England. Universalism is not the only heresy in Boston. "Your old friend Troutbeck's Congregation [King's Chapel]...a layreader at their head, have altered...reformed the Liturgy according to the Arian Scheme upon the Plan of Lindsay...have strictly followed him in his forms...none of them addressed to the Son or Spirit. Thus the Church has suffered...for want of a Bishop to ordain clergymen in our destitute churches." Asks for details about the "Jacobitical Church in Scotland—how it has subsisted since the English Revolution. Has no news of Bishop Seabury's arrival, though he is daily expected. Sends regards to Sir Wm. Pepperell.

HON. MR. LOWELL, soon after May 24, 1785, at Phila. To SP, Boston. In a large fragment of a letter with-

out an ending to SP (MS: NNPM) which I date "June or July, 1785" Wm. White indicates that the "hon^d M^r Lowell" sent to SP a copy of the printed "Act of Association of the Clergy and Congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Pennsylvania," drawn up at Christ Church, Phila., on May 24, 1785. (See facs. in Seabury Traditions, II, 182-184.) Lowell may have sent a covering letter.

WILLIAM MORICE, May 31, 1785, at Hatton Garden, London. To SP, Boston. Says the SPG will cease sending missionaries to America. MS: Dio. Mass. Acc. to the W.P.A. Inventory, Morice asked whether the church lands at Hopkinton [?Mass., ?N.H. or ?R.I.] were bringing any revenue to the Church and stating that the SPG had decided that it could no longer continue its bounty to the American churches. It desired, nevertheless, "as a mark of affection" that church lands in America should be turned to the best advantage.

REV. RANNA COSSIT, June 25, 1785, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston. Again draws his bill on the SPG treasurer in SP's favor, asking that the sum realized be returned by the bearer, Samuel Atkins. Asks SP to procure Clergyman's grey cloth for a suit of clothes together with Holland cloth for shirts, stockings and handkerchiefs. Asks SP also to forward a letter to the SPG secretary, Wm. Morice. Sends regards to Mrs. P. and Mr. Greene. MS: EDS.

THOMAS FITCH OLIVER, June 29, 1785, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to furnish testimonials of his life and conversation so that Bp. Seabury may confer on him Holy Orders. Proposes to write also to Edward Bass and Nathaniel Fisher with the same purpose. "I likewise take the Liberty to inclose you a paper which I think is a pretty exact copy of one in D^r Seabury's Possession & which with his permission I copied at Newport & with his direction added the Notes, as also the Date of his Consecration from his Testimonials— it may for the present gratify your curiosity perhaps sooner than it will be done in any other way— should that be the case I shall feel very happy in the opportunity of affording you that Satisfaction. D^r Seabury I am exceedingly pleased with, having spent many hours with him at Newport in the Course of the last Week, & I do really believe a better Man for the Office could hardly have been found. M^r Parker will inform you that he preached at Newport to the general satisfaction of his Audience." MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, July 1, 1785, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Says Mr. Domette intends to take Orders, the people of Digby (now an SPG mission) petitioning in his favor. Reports that "your right Rev'd father in God has visited us at Annapolis, and favoured us with his Apostolical labours. I esteem him calculated to discharge the duties of his station with prudence, dignity and reputation." Says Samuel Peters and Mr. Clarke (under date of Apr. 26) have informed him of the SPG intention to cut off all missionaries in the States because Seabury went to Scotland for a non-juring consecration. (Before that journey "no loyalist had so much influence with both civil and ecclesiastical powers.") Explains why he has not been able to send SP the requested potatoes. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PETERS, July 4, 1785, at Pimlico, London.

To SP, Boston. Reports the death of Myles Cooper and says that Capt. Lyde has refused to take Mrs. Baker on board until her passage is paid. MS: Dio. Mass.

EDWARD BASS, July 7, 1785, at Newburyport. To SP, Boston. See Hist. Notes, 476-477: "I was hindered by certain untoward accidents from paying you a short visit in my way to and from Providence, which I intended to do, as for other reasons, so particularly to talk with you upon the approaching Convention. Is it like to be universal? Are we this way like to have any hand in it? If so in what manner? Is a Delegate, or more, to be sent from hence to represent our scatter'd Congregations? Are all the vacant Churches among us to be sent to? Do you learn by any means what is like to be done with the Liturgy either in the way of addition or diminution? I should like your answer to these questions, or any others which you may think I ought to have asked. As to the Liturgy, I have thought we might part with the Athanasian Creed, one or two Lord's prayers, and leave the use of Sponsors to the option of those who have children to christen; which, in my opinion, would be much better than to let it remain a Law of the Ch'h and at the same time unobserved by the greater part of her Members, as I am told, is, and has been the case in the Southern Colonies and in Connecticut. Proper prayers must be substituted for the American Governm't in the room of those for the King and Royal Family. We ought to have a code of Ch'h-laws or Canons, plain and simple. Some power should be given to the Bishop or Bishops, but our Dernier resort must be in a general Council which should be supreme and have the Power of censuring or depriving Bishops as there may be occasion. Such are some of the thoughts that have occurred to me upon this Subject. But tho' we have a happy opportunity of making our Liturgy appear in some points to greater advantage, yet for my part I had much rather remain as we are than break into Parties, or run into a thousand little schisms to the destruction of all harmony and uniformity, as I cannot help fearing, is too likely to be the case if once we begin to alter, or to make innovations. The Communication of your Sentim'ts upon the Subject would be very agreeable to...."

SAMUEL CHASE, July 27, [1785], at Providence. To SP, Boston. Says Abraham Jarvis reports that Bp. Seabury will meet the Conn. clergy at the Middletown parsonage next Wednesday, Aug. 4. Says "our M^r. Oliver" sets out tomorrow with credentials. Suggests that SP join the gathering "for Health & for the pleasure of meeting such good Company on so good a Business." MS: EDS. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 9.

EDWARD BASS + NATHANIEL FISHER, July 28, 1785, at Salem. To SP, Boston. From Hist. Notes, 440:

Salem, July 28th, 1785.

Rev'd Sir:--

We request you to attend the approaching Convention of the Episcopal Clergy, to be holden at the Town of Middletown, in Connecticut; then and there to learn what measures they mean to adopt; in order to the maintaining uniformity of divine worship in the Episcopal Church, &c. &c. &c.

We are Rev'd Sir,

Your very H'ble Ser't,
Edward Bass,

Minister of St. Paul's Church, Newbury Port.

Nath'l Fisher,

Minister of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Rev'd Mr. Parker.

SAMUEL CHASE, July 29, [1785], at Providence. To SP, Boston. Repeats his notice that Seabury will be in Middletown and that SP still has time to attend; "if you Come this way you'll have M^r. Oliver's Company." Says his former note went by Sam Whipple, the coachman; he is sending this notice by Peter Mumford. MS: EDS. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 9.

WILLIAM WHITE, ?July or August, 1785, at Phila. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM. See Hist. Notes, 458-459:

Dear Sir,

I should have answered your last Favor sooner, but for my Desire of furnishing you at y^e same Time with an Acc't of our Proceedings in Consequence of y^e Measures taken in N. York. I am sorry to find that those Measures have been so construed by some of our Friends in England, as if we had refused to y^e Ep'l Order y^e Right of Precedency in our Conventions. Probably you will recollect, that in y^e original Draft it was provided that y^e senior Bp: present sh'd preside; and that this was erased, not from y^e Idea that any other than a Bp ought to be Presid't, but from an Observation of Dr. S. that to restrain it to y^e senior Bp. might be sometimes inconvenient; I wish that y^e Clause had stood.

We have no information of Bishop Seabury's Arrival at N. London or in any Part of y^e U. States; I hope we may expect him at y^e Meeting in Sep'r. The Papers mention y^e Consecration of a Dr. M. Moffat for Rhode-Island, but they are y^e only Channel by which we have even heard y^e Name of that Gentleman.

I suppose you have had nothing further from y^e Blockhead who wrote under y^e Signature of "A Presbyterian." In y^e present State of Affairs, y^e Appearance of such an intolerant Spirit will rather have a Tendency to assist us.

The intended Academy of which I informed you has been opened about two months. The Schools contain 125 Boys and are continually increasing. We have elected for Principal Mr. Andrews of Maryl'd, a worthy Clergyman of our Church, whom we daily expect to take y^e Charge of it....

Perhaps you will think we have appointed too many Lay Gent'n to y^e Convention. This was owing to an Opinion advanced by y^e Clergy from y^e Country, that it would expedite y^e removing of any Prejudices that may be remaining. As it is preparatory to y^e framing a Const'n, it will not be a Precedent under it.

I am, dear Sir,

Your Friend and Brother,
W. White.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT, Aug. 9, 1785, at Newport. To SP, Boston. The wardens (John Bours and Francis Malbone) have received SP's notice of Aug. 1 and will call a parish meeting. Hope he will report on the Convention in Middletown in advance of the parish meeting. "As we have the Interest of the Episcopal Church in America much at Heart, we shall think Ourselves happy in being able to promote any Measures that may tend to advance the same." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Aug. 15, 1785, at Boston. To Messrs. Bours and Malbone, Trinity Church, Newport. MS. not located. The following is from Geo. Champlin Mason, Annals of Trinity Church, Newport, 173-174:

Boston, August 15, 1785.

Messrs. Bours and Malbone,

Wardens, &c.,

Gents: In answer to your favor by Mr. [Peter]

Mumford, I have to inform you that the Clergy of Connecticut, in convention assembled, agreed to recognise, accept and receive Dr. Seabury as their Bishop, and promised to render him that respect, duty and submission which, as they understand, were given by the presbyters to their Bishops in the primitive Church when unconnected with, and uncontrolled by, secular power. After which a convention assembled, a committee was chosen to attend the Bishop and wish him to propose such alterations in the liturgy as sh'd be thought expedient for the present, to be laid before the convention at New Haven next month; which alterations I am requested to propose to the Churches in this and your State, to see if they will unite with the Churches in Connecticut in promoting a uniformity of worship. The grand object of the proposed convention [at Boston, Sept. 7-8] will be, to see if we shall join with Connecticut and receive their Bishop; or, whether we shall choose a deputy or deputies to attend the general convention at Philadelphia in September, or adopt any other measure to continue as one communion. To this end the convention is called, and it is hoped you will send one or more of your members to promote the design.

I am, Gents, with respect and esteem, your most ob't and very humble Serv't,

Samuel Parker

REV. CHARLES HENRY WHARTON, Aug. 16, 1785, at New Castle, Del. To SP, Boston. From Hist. Notes, 477: "I think the simplyfyng of the Liturgy should be among the first objects of the Convention. Whatever was left with a view of reconciling parties at the period of the Reformation, or retained as suitable to Cathedral Service may safely be omitted by the American Church. Perhaps such an opportunity never occurred since the days of the Apostles of settling a rational, unexceptionable mode of worship. God grant we may improve it with unanimity and wisdom."

JACOB BAILEY, Aug. 16, 1785, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Writes: "I heartily thank you for your communications by Mrs Callahan, and agree with you in allowing the validity of dr Seaburys ordination. But Col. [Peter] Fry[e] informs me that the loyalists in England regard his former professions and present conduct as inconsistent-- they conc[e]ive that after shewing himself a champion for Monarchy and a determined foe to rebellion, it must have degraded his character to reside among republicans and revolters. I have such a friendship and esteem for dr Seabury and his family, that I wish to hear some plausible solution of this difficulty." Reports the chaos of denominations in Annapolis County, the most vociferous having been ordained by Thomas Coke, the Methodist bishop, but currently supported by a Mr. Marchenson at Halifax. Says the interruption of commerce with the States will be good for Nova Scotia farming. (Great crops are growing, and none will starve.) Large towns in New Brunswick like St. John "must inevitably suffer without a foreign supply." MS: EDS.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Aug. 18, 1785, at New London. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his company and assistance at Middletown. Encloses a broadside on changes in the Liturgy. "You will perceive that the second alteration in the suffrages after the Creed is left for after consideration. I was willing the Convention at Philadelphia should be over before we proceeded any further...." Reports three candidates for Orders are on hand but must attend him at New Haven. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in SSECR, 27-28, and Seabury Traditions, I, 12.

JOHN BOURS, Aug. 23, 1785, at Newport. To SP, Boston. Reports that SP's letters were yesterday laid before the parish meeting, which appointed a member with full powers to represent them at the Convention in Boston on Sept. 7. Says the lot fell upon "Jonah," i.e., himself. MS: EDS.

BELA HUBBARD, Aug. 29, 1785, at New Haven. To SP, Boston. Asks SP himself or young Mr. Cutler "to inquire of the first & best Organist in your opinion in Boston, for his lowest terms, to teach a young man to play on the Organ for two or three months, I do not mean to limit him to that space of time, but I Imagine that a person of a tolerable musical genius, & one that hath already made some progress in the art may be taught, so as, by a little practice he may decently perform in the congregation in that time. Our misfortune is that we are poor, & our organ hath already cost us much more money than we calculated, & of course we want this Service as cheap as possible...." Says terms in New York are too high. "I have a Nephew who leaves College a few days hence...who hath I think a good ear for musick & can already simply play a Psalm Tune and who would be glad to go to Boston on this business if the expence will not be too great...." MS: EDS.

THOMAS FITCH OLIVER, Aug. 30, 1785, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Says his congregation desires to employ as parish clerk the man at King's Chapel, a tobacconist, whose secular business would flourish more in Providence than in Boston. Asks SP for help in convincing him to move. As for the Convention meeting in Boston on Wednesday, he hopes that the clergy and churches will vote to put themselves under worthy Bp. Seabury. Says he himself cannot come, being obliged to attend a Commencement and then to leave for New Haven. Sends regards to Messrs. Bass, Fisher and Wheeler, the last having books that should be returned to Capt. Harriden of Salem, the owner. MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, Aug. 30, 1785, at Simsbury. To SP, Boston, kindness of Ranna Cossit. Expresses gratitude for SP's many favors. Laments being abandoned by the SPG. Asks SP's intercession with Gov. John Wentworth. "There must be reckoned more Humanity in the Society when their Treasury is so good, than to throw Three Quarters of their Servants into Poverty, Contempt and Suffering." Says, moreover, that his salary was not raised from \$20 to \$30 on the death of Wm. Gibbs as promised. Although he does not expect ever to be in Boston again, he hopes to continue corresponding with SP. MS: EDS.

HEZEKIAH USHER, Sept. 5, 1785, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Reports that the parish has complied with SP's request and chosen Usher's elder brother (a Churchwarden and lay reader) and also a director of the Bristol lottery to give SP and account of it. Says SP will be notified before results are published. MS: EDS.

CONVENTION OF CLERGY: MASS., R.I. AND N.H., Sept. 7-8, 1785, at Boston. For the minutes (taken from Hist. Notes, 462-469) see Appendix.

TRISTRAM DALTON, Sept. 12, 1785, at Newburyport. To SP, Boston. Says he and Edward Bass were surprised that the recent Convention in Boston did not consider a collect for Congress. "As this omission, tho' not designed, will be, by some, deemed criminal,

I recommended to M^r Bass not to use the State Prayers agreed on, untill the above provision [is] made, promising him to write you on the subject. You can perhaps tell, if any, and what, particular Reason induced Bishop Seabury to leave Congress unnoticed." MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Sept. 12, 1785, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to send him a recent SPG Abstract by Mr. Brinley. Will need money by Nov. 1 and hopes Messrs. Green & Cleverly will send what they owe him by that date by Mr. Brinley—even sooner, if possible. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 12, 1785, at Boston. To Bp. Seabury, New London. Thanks S. for his letter of Aug. 18 with the broadside on revisions in the liturgy, explaining the action of the recent Mass. Convention. He ends as follows: "I flatter myself the Clergy in this State will, at their next meeting, agree to acknowledge and receive you, Right Rev. Sir, as their Bishop, supreme in all ecclesiastical offices, and promise you the same submission and obedience the Clergy of Connecticut have done. It is a matter I ardently wish and shall exert myself to have effected, if any exertion is necessary, which I hope will not be the case." SSECR, 38; MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 14, 1785, at Boston. To William White, Phila. Explains why Article 5 of the "Fundamental Principles" in An Act of Association (See Seabury Traditions, II, 182-183) had discouraged Seabury so much "that no arguments I could use were sufficient to prevail with him" to attend the coming convention of the mid-Atlantic states. "The Doct^r Mc Moffat whom you say the Papers mention as having been consecrated was formerly a Custom house Officer at Newport, very unpopular and hated by the People. The article in the paper was intended only as Hum or a Reflection upon the Church." Ptd. in SSECR, 38-39, and Hist. Notes, 459-461. MS: AECA.

BELA HUBBARD, Sept. 17, 1785, at New Haven. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for two letters with one from Mr. Cutler on the matter of training a young man to play the organ. "As to the alterations proposed by your convention in the good old book of common prayer, I can [at] present only say that our convocation are [slo]w in taking up a matter of so much consequence. I suppose Bishop Seabury will write to you on that subject[;] indeed he says he will." Urges SP to help sell the pamphlets Mr. Greenough is carrying to Boston. Says the printer, Mr. Thomas or Samuel Green of New Haven, sells them for a shilling each. This was probably The Address of the Episcopal Clergy of Connecticut, to the Right Reverend Bishop Seabury, with the Bishop's Answer. And a Sermon, before the Convention at Middletown, August 3^d, 1785, by the Reverend Jeremiah Leaming.... Also Bishop Seabury's first Charge, to the Clergy of his Diocess...with a List of the Succession of Scott's Bishops, from the Revolution in 1688, to the present Time. (New Haven: Printed by Thomas and Samuel Green). (See my Anglican Climate in Conn., pp. 63-85.) MS: EDS.

JOHN USHER, Oct. 16, 1785, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Asks whether "Our adjournment to the 26th of this Inst^t takes place or no...." Hopes the time is ripe for a perfect union and that he may see the Church "upon a permanent foundation of peace and security." MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, Oct. 24, 1785, at Phila. To SP, Boston. MS. not located. See the reference in Parker to White of Jan. 31, 1786.

NATHANIEL ADAMS, Nov. 2, 1785, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Reports that he has recovered the balance due on Col. Hobart's bond to the Rev. William Walter and is ready to pay it to SP's order. Is sorry to have been absent when SP last visited Portsmouth. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM MONTAGUE, Nov. 10, 1785, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Says he had determined to study divinity this winter but faced the expense of boarding near a church. Says the offer in SP's letter removes the problem, and he accepts. "I dismiss my school this week [and] shall endeavour to be in Boston next." MS: EDS.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Nov. 28, 1785, at Wallingford. To SP, Boston, kindness of Peter Mumford. Regrets long delay in writing. "Between the time of our parting at Middletown and the Clerical meeting at New Haven, it was found that the Church people in Connecticut were much alarmed at the thoughts of any considerable alterations being made in the Prayer Book.... And since the Convention at Philadelphia ...has abrogated two creeds and nineteen Articles and taken great liberties with the Prayers, &c., we are more apprehensive of proceeding to any alterations.... Our wish and hope then is, that no alterations may at present take place with you, but that you would turn your attention to the procuring another Bishop...in the course of the next Summer." Asks SP's sentiments and offers a half-way meeting. Ptd. in SSECR, 39-40. MS: NNPM.

WILLIAM WHITE, Dec. 1, 1785, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Sends signatures of the forthcoming Phila. Prayer Book and copies of the Convention Journal. Acknowledges receiving from Mr. Millar of King's Chapel one of the Unitarianized Prayer Books recently printed at Boston with a request for criticism. Asks about the Mass. plan for episcopal succession and indicates uncertainty about his own and Provost's applications. (Says they have tried to avoid Seabury's experience by submitting evidence of State and Congressional approval.) MS: NNPM.

JOHN USHER, Dec. 7, 1785, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of Nov. 15 regarding the adjournment of the General Convention. Is sorry "that the Worthy Bishop Seabury was neglected" at that session and asks about the advisability "for the severall Churches in this state, to address and put themselves under the Patronage of the Worthy Prelate." Reports on the Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler's visit to Bristol. "Without breach of Charity it appear'd evidently to me that His principall Aim and Business was to proselyte me an Unitarian and also to obtain my Voice for M^r Freeman to have an Invitation at our next meeting.... He urged me by all means to read Priestly, Sheridan &c." Says the lottery, begun Nov. 29, will close next week. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, Dec. 27, 1785, at Phila. To SP, Boston. MS. not located. See the reference in Parker to White, Jan. 31, 1786.

GEORGE BENSON, Dec. 30, 1785, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Reports the death of John Graves and the widow's hope that her case may be adequately communicated to the SPG by SP. Encloses details about G. and the names of prominent people expressing condolence. MS: EDS.

EDWARD BASS, Jan. 3, 1786, at Newburyport. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of Nov. 15 with an enclosure which he returns herewith. Ptd. in SSECR, 40, from which I quote the following: "Dr. Smith observes somewhere in his Sermon, that the Convention at Philadelphia touched, or were disposed to touch the Liturgy, in the way of revisal and amendment, with trembling hands. If that were really the case, I fancy their hands were paralytic during her whole session; for, by Dr. White's letter, they seem to have touched abundance of the Service, and to have made many and weighty alterations. I have always been of opinion, that we never should coalesce with these gentry, and that it was much more natural for us to endeavour to come to a uniformity in these four Northern States.... I could never learn that in any of their meetings and debates they have ever taken the least notice of Bishop Seabury, which I look upon as a great neglect, if not even a disrespect to and contempt of the Episcopal Order. They have indeed resolved to endeavour to obtain an Episcopate among themselves, but it is, in my humble opinion, unpardonable, in the mean time, not to place the Bishop who is upon the spot, at the head of their Convention. Truly very unepiscopal conduct! For my part, I wish to have little to do with them."

GEORGE JAFFREY, Jan. 4, 1786, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Reports enquiring "after the Grants made by the late Government of New Hampshire" to the SPG. Says that Capt. Sumner, of Claremont, has noted such grants in most of the townships of N.H. and Vermont. Has consulted the Records of grants of townships in N.H. and discovered rights in them for a Church of England glebe. Says the Deputy Secretary has promised a list. Reports the burial of his friend, M. M. Wentworth. Has heard nothing of Wm. Montague. Wishes SP might recommend someone for Portsmouth, since Mr. Evans has already committed himself elsewhere. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 9, 1786, at Boston. To Bp. Samuel Seabury, New London. "At present I would just inform you that we have made no other Alterations in the Liturgy of the church except those contained in your printed Injunction.... I find by the new prayer book of which I have a number of Sheets that the Convention at the Southward have not taken so great Liberties with the Prayers as Report informed you. I find but very few different from those proposed at Middletown. The Omission of the Nicene Creed is the most material, but the Doctrine of the Trinity stands as full as in our present Liturgy.... I cannot see at present but that we may yet be one church.... I can see no Defect in the line of the Scotch Bishops & as we have already the Happiness of an unexceptionable Episcopate from them, I must confess I wish never to see any in America from a different Quarter.... As to procuring another Bishop in the Eastern States, it cannot be accomplished at present, nor would it be at all necessary was there a person resident in them qualified for the Office, which is not the Case. One in the four New England States is in my Opinion fully sufficient & if your Authority extended to the Churches here, which I hope will soon be the fact, we should be as

completely happy as to have another." Asks for an interview at Seabury's convenience. MS: GTS. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 22-23.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Jan. 12, 1786, at New London. To SP, Boston, kindness of Peter Mumford. Says he wishes to hear from SP on another topic before appointing a time of meeting. "You know we are building a Church here, and I suppose you know how poorly able the congregation is to go through with it. I think I heard you express a benevolent design, at Middletown, of endeavouring to assist them by some collection for them among the members of the Church in Boston. If you think it practicable, and that my coming to Boston will have any good effect, for I presume they will not be alarmed at the appearance of so harmless a Bishop as I am, (it will save you the trouble of coming half way) I will go on to your Capital." Believes that another bishop in New England is necessary. Ptd. in SSECR, 41.

DANIEL FOGG, Jan. 15, 1786, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Reports on how Col. Godfrey Malbone died and the grief of his widow. Expects Ned Brinley soon in a sleigh to call upon SP for a gown and cassock left in Boston. Asks SP to buy a small trunk to put them in, enclosing the key thereto in a letter. Asks whether SP has heard anything of Capt. Stacy. Should Brinley fail to come, requests SP to ship the trunk to Providence to the care of Thomas Fitch Oliver. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 31, 1786, at Boston. To William White, Phila. Writes of the Phila. Prayer Book, Mr. Miller of King's Chapel, James Freeman's difficulty in securing ordination, the power struggle at King's Chapel, the irregularity of proceedings in the New York Convention, its belittling of episcopal authority, problems arising from having two episcopal lines in America, alterations in the Liturgy etc. MS: AECA. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 23-24. An important rough draft in Parker's hand, dated Jan. 24, 1786, now in NNPM, has variants.

GEORGE JAFFREY, Mar. 6, 178[6], at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Says he has obtained from the Secretary's Office a list of N.H. State grants to the SPG and Church of England. Will transmit extracts concerning them to SP in the near future. Hopes SP has heard from Judge Samuel Livermore on this subject. Says he has recently been informed of a plan to confiscate this property. Again asks SP for the name of an available clergyman for Portsmouth. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, Mar. 7, 1786, at Phila. To SP, Boston. No ptd. version. No MS. located. Mentioned in Parker to White under date of May 15, 1786.

GEORGE BENSON, Mar. 28, 1786, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Transmits a packet of testimonials, a memorial to the SPG, and a petition concerning John Graves, addressed to Dr. Halliburton—for presentation to the Commissioners at Halifax in hope of relieving the unhappy widow and children. Asks SP to forward it promptly. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Apr. 3, 1786, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Says he received SP's letter of Jan. 28 and

another from Oliver about receiving the trunk. Will settle accounts when they next meet. Reports that Col. Malbone left no will. (His brother John and [Francis] Brinley of Newport are administrators.) Although the Colonel left no deed covering the glebe land in Pomfret, says John Malbone guarantees his brother's intention will be carried out. Has received from Dr. Wm. Morice of the SPG the offer of the mission at Harbor Island and Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas. Asks for SP's prompt advice. MS: EDS.

DANIEL FOGG, Apr. 9, 1786, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Says his letter to SP of Apr. 3 has been delayed. Urges him, therefore, to send his answer to Mr. Chaserley so that it may reach Conn. this week. Desires to know about Seabury's reception in Boston and what is happening there. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, Apr. 12, 1786, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Not in print. MS. no located. Mentioned in Parker to White under May 15, 1786.

REV. WILLIAM SMITH (THE ELDER), Apr. 17, 1786, at Chester, Md. To SP, Boston. A long letter on changes in the Liturgy. MS: Dio. Mass. Ptd. in Hist. Notes, 569-570, and in SSECR, 41-42.

DANIEL FOGG, Apr. 18, 1786, at Pomfret. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of Apr. 12 by Mr. Gilbert. Says he has discussed the SPG offer with his congregation, hoping that they might respond with at least a third as much income. Says what they may do is uncertain. Asks SP to send him cloth by Mr. Brinley and mail his letter to the SPG. "I expect to sail for new Providence [in the Bahamas] some time next month, but shall return again to new England in the fall or next spring." MS: EDS.

JOHN USHER, Apr. 23, 1786, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Says he has received SP's letter of Apr. 11 but is too ill to attend the Convention. Hopes it will regularize matters and leave nothing to the clergyman's discretion. Says Mr. Badger "gave me a pleas9 and minute Detail of Our Worthy Bishop's Reception at Boston, as also the Conference under your Hospitable Roof the Bishop had with M^r Freeman." Says he should like to have overheard it. Reports that John Bours will not attend the Convention, being on a committee to invite Bp. Seabury to become rector at Newport or recommend someone else. Thinks it wise for parishes to hire clergymen and not rely on lay readers like himself. MS: EDS.

GEORGE JAFFREY, May 15, 1786, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Has received SP's official notice of Apr. 28 about the Convention, in which his parish will participate. Says Judge Livermore urges SP to do nothing about the church lands in N. Hampshire for the present until some awkward legislation is repealed. Reports that Ranna Cossit was in Portsmouth on the 6th with Col. Porter and Col. House enroute to Nova Scotia, sailing on Sunday last with Capt. Manning for a port near Halifax. Has learned that Gov. John Wentworth may have a record of all land in N.H. granted to the Church. Hopes SP will sound out Dr. John Bowden about coming to Portsmouth. Says that Jeremy Belknap of Dover, who is reported leaving his Congregational parish, might be converted to the Church!! MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, May 15, 1786, at Boston. To William White, Phila. Makes many recommendation for liturgi-

cal improvement in the Phila. Prayer Book now being fed into the press. MS: GTS. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 30-31.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, May 24, 1786, at New London. To SP, Boston. Quotes from a letter just received from Jonathan Boucher, Vicar of Epsom, indicating that the English archbishops are aware of principles in their dealings with the Phila. group: "The two Archbishops and seventeen Bishops have signed an answer to the decent, but very injudicious application of the Convention in Philadelphia, of which this is the purport: that though they feel much for, and are cordially attached to their brethren in the United States, they can give no decided answer to their application, till they certainly know whether or no they are of the Church of England.... Their reformed Liturgy is amazingly weak, (but I believe not heterodox) their discipline savouring much more of the Kirk than of our Church. But of these things our folks thought themselves not at liberty to take notice, till they had seen some authenticated copies of their proceedings." SSECR, 42.

WILLIAM MORICE, July 12, 1786, at Hatton Garden, London. To SP, Boston. Informs SP of recent action by the SPG. MS: Dio. Mass. According to the W.P.A. Inventory it was "a letter stating that he [Morice] is no longer corresponding officially but that he is sending the proceedings of the Society, which for many years was very liberal to the infant church."

GEORGE JAFFREY, July 13, 1786, at Portsmouth, N.H. To SP, Boston. Has SP's official letter of Apr. 28 on the adjournment of the Convention, on which the parish has voted and will report. Says SP's other letter of May 28 on SPG lands in N.H. will be answered. Says he has learned from Halifax that records of grants of lands to the Church by N.H. have arrived there from England. Asks about Dr. John Bowden, his situation at Norwalk and his possible willingness to take over the Portsmouth parish. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WHITE, Sept. 1, 1786, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Sends an invitation to the clergy of Mass., R.I. and N.H. to attend the forthcoming Convention at Wilmington, Del. Touches on points of Prayer Book revision, on the English Constitution as it affects the consecration of bishops, and on the archbishops' requirements of American applicants. Hopes that books sent by the sloop under Capt. Cobb have reached SP. MS: NNPM.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 15, 1786, at Boston. To William White, Phila. Has received W's letter of June 28 and July [Sept.] 1. Says the books have arrived. Discusses alterations in the Liturgy in New England and to the southward. MS: AECA. For the following extract see SSECR, 46, and Seabury Traditions, I, 35: "I am very sorry to see with what coolness & Indifference some of the Gentlemen in your Convention speak of Bishop Seabury, because I foresee that this Conduct must create a Schism in the Church. However eligible it may appear to them to obtain the Succession from the English Church, I think there can be no real Objection to Dr Seabury's Consecration or to the validity of orders received from him; & I am firmly of opinion that we should

never have obtained the Succession from England, had he or some other not have obtained it first from Scotland. When the Convention discouraged the settling more Clergymen in your States under Bishop Seabury's Ordinations, if they meant to limit it, during the pending of your Application to England, & were actuated herein from a principle of not doing any thing that might possibly give Umbrage to the English Bishops, it may be a prudent Step; but if it was not from this motive, it seems to be a declaring war agst him at a very early period & forebodes a settled & perpetual Enmity.... M^r Freeman applied to Bishop Seabury in June last for Ordination but at a Convention of the Clergy at Stratford the Bishop by the Advice of his Clergy did not think fit to confer Orders on him upon such a profession of his faith as he thought proper to give which was no more than that he believed the Scriptures. He extended his journey as far as New York & was, as he says, assured by M^r Provost that as soon as he sh^d obtain Consecration he would ordain him; this hope alone sustains him at present & was it not for this, I believe he would relinquish all thoughts of obtaining Orders in the Church. Whether M^r Provost can do this consistently with the profession he is to make & the Constitution he must submit to, rests with him."

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 15, 1786, at Boston. To Samuel Provost, New York. Thanks him for the notice of the Convention meeting at Wilmington in Oct. (Hopes Mass. can send a delegate) and for extracts from the Whitehall Evening Post. Congratulates him on his election to the episcopate. MS: AECA.

EDWARD BASS, Sept. 30, 1786, at Newburyport. To SP, Boston. MS. not located. See SSECR, 48: "I have perused your enclosed papers, and find that our Southern brethren are like to obtain consecration for their Bishops elect; and also, by a motion respecting Dr. Seabury, that they are nearly ripe for making a schism in the American Church. Wiseacres! What a ridiculous figure must they make in the eyes of every sectary or anti-Episcopalian! In the name of wonder, what objections can be made against the validity of Dr. S's ordinations, that may not as well be made against those of the English Bishops?"

JACOB BAILEY, Oct. 3, 1786, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Robinson. Has SP's letter of July, 1785. Reports that Roger Viets is settled at Digby; that Wm. Clark has returned from England, resides at his house and is about to be married; that he sends SP potatoes. MS: EDS.

GEORGE JAFFREY, Oct. 13, 1786, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Acknowledges SP's letter of Oct. 5 enclosing John Bowden's of Sept. 28. Is happy to have them recommend Abraham Lynsen Clarke, even though he is only a Deacon. Says the parish has voted to invite him to officiate for several months with a view to settlement. Asks SP to communicate this action to Clarke. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM MORICE, Oct. 23, 1786, at Hatton Garden, London. To SP, Boston. Writes about Church plate given to Christ Church, Cambridge. MS: Dio. Mass. Acc. to the W.P.A. Inventory this was "a letter informing Parker that the Society has decided not to trouble itself further regarding the church plate at Christ Church, Cambridge."

SAMUEL PARKER, Oct. 23, 1786, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 43: Thanks Peters for the letter of July 16 by Mr. Lane. Says he has done all he can for Mrs. Baker and Dr. Moffat. As for Mrs. Barrel, she has nothing to expect from her husband, nor may the children expect anything from their father. He has neither property nor character, has no intention of replying to Peters's letter to him, and cares not for the "two fine children in London." Regrets not answering Peters's long letter of July 3, 1785, his excuse being indolence. "I find that D^r Seabury's Consecration at Edinburgh does not set well upon the Stomachs of our right reverend fathers in England.... Would they ever have consented to consecrate a Bishop for America, had not Seabury succeeded in Scotland?" "I expect that...consecrating Bishops for the Southern States will be the means of dividing the Church in America. But...Seabury & his party will be the orthodox both in point of Doctrine & Discipline...." "I wish...that we may enjoy more happiness in our Ecclesiastical Concerns than we are like to in our civil Governments whh I suspect must soon crumble."

JOHN BOWDEN, Nov. 3, 1786, at Norwalk. To SP, Boston, kindness of Abraham Lynsen Clarke. Commends Clarke to SP's favor and guidance, which he will need at Portsmouth. "I am most afraid, of his being tainted by the heterodox Opinions which prevail in your State. He is, at present, free from them; but artful Men & plausible Books may stagger his Faith. Do, good sir, watch over him in this as well as [in] every other Respect; & be so good as to lend him such Books (for he is destitute of them) as will be likely to confirm him in the good old Principles of the Church.... I can confide in his moral Behavior at all Times." Says Conn. has several candidates for Orders who may ease the shortage in Mass. "Next Sept^r our Convocation is to be at N. London: Should I be alive & well I purpose to be there, and from thence proceed to Newport, Boston & Portsmouth." MS: EDS.

BENJAMIN MOORE, Nov. 4, 1786, at New York. To SP, Boston. MS. not located. Ptd. in SSECR, 48. Reports that White and Provost left for England two days before. Says the Convention at Wilmington removed all the Archbishops' objections except restoring the Athanasian Creed. "The gentlemen, however, thought they might venture to go, and I dare say they will succeed." Says Dr. Griffith did not obtain the necessary testimonials. "I have my fears, but am not so very apprehensive as you appear to be, that a schism must take place in our Church. A few people in this State, from old grudges on the score of politics, have determined to circumscribe...the authority of Bishop Seabury. But they will not be able to effect their purpose to any great degree. His Episcopal powers have already been acknowledged by most of the Southern States, and Truth and Justice will, in due time, get the better of Prejudice and Partiality."

NATHANIEL ADAMS, Nov. 7, 1786, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Says he has shipped by a coastal vessel (Thos. Beck Master) "two quintals of Isle Shoals winter dumb fish." Asks SP to help collect a note given by a Mr. Smith "who keeps a tavern sign of the Punch bowl north end Boston." Says the barrel or

two of flour Smith promised him for liquidating the debt upon returning from Phila. would be acceptable "or anything else I can either eat drink or wear." Says they are anxiously awaiting an answer from Mr. Clarke, hoping "that he will be the means of uniting our parish again...." MS: EDS.

GEORGE JAFFREY, Dec. 1, 1786, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of Nov. 22. Reports that Mr. Clarke preached acceptably last Sunday but that John Cosens Ogden, who preceded him, captured all hearts. Reports that the parish has called Ogden and received his acceptance; that Clarke left Portsmouth this morning. MS: EDS.

JOHN COSENS OGDEN, Dec. 1, 1786, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston, kindness of Abraham Lynsen Clarke. Says he received SP's letter concerning the arrival of Clarke in Portsmouth. Regrets to have been "the cause of a disappointment to his plans and, as he states it, an injury to his reputation and a wound to his sensibility." Attempts to justify his own innocence. "I came here amply introduced and recommended...after officiating one day only the whole parish unanimously determined to elect me their Clergyman." Implies that the blame lies in the way in which the parish regarded its invitation to Clarke and summarily acted--so that there was no opportunity for the two men to lay the matter before SP for fatherly council and judgment. [The last page is missing.] MS: EDS. Cf. Clarke's letter to Seabury of Dec. [?], 1786, in Seabury Traditions, I, 37.

JUDGE DAVID SEWALL, Jan. 1, 1787, at York, Maine. To SP, Boston. Reports on the rigors of life in Maine. Asks SP to pay Hall the printer 12/ and what remains due for the magazine sent to Mr. Freeman up to the end of 1786--but no further. Comments on Daniel Shays's rebels in the western counties and how they should be dealt with. Signs himself "Your loveing Brother." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 15, 1787, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. Refers to his letter to Peters of last Oct. about Theodore Barrell's wife and children. He now sends evidence that Barrell has in part redeemed himself. Says he makes it a point not to interfere between man and wife, and now wishes to drop the subject. Desires news from Peters "in the literary or Ecclesiastical Line." MS: AECA. Cf. Peters Papers, 47.

ROGER VIETS, ?Mar. ?, 1787, at ?Simsbury. To SP, Boston. See SSECR, 49, for the existence in 1865 of a "racy letter" by Viets to SP on the Convocation of Conn. clergy at Wallingford on Feb. 27, 1787. Perhaps the Viets letter of Mar. 19 (which I have not seen) now in the Diocese of Mass. Archives is the one referred to.

SAMUEL PETERS, Mar. 7, 1787, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Comments on SP's loyalties and theological sentiments. On the basis of Shays's rebellion predicts the end of civil order in the U.S. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6, suggests that in this letter Peters considered the "Deacons and Priestly Bill" sponsored by the Archbishop of Canterbury to permit the ordination of the lower orders for foreign churches without requiring oaths of loyalty was actually intended to prevent the ordination of bishops for America.

ROGER VIETS, Mar. 19, 1787, at Simsbury. To SP, Boston. MS: Dio. Mass. Ptd. in my Early Conn. Anglicanism (Hartford, 1962), 34, as follows:

Simsbury 19th March 1787

Rev^d Dear sir

I reached home the 2nd Day after my leaving your House, since which Time I have had almost constant Sickness in my Family and have buried an Infant Daughter.

Having been disappointed as yet in procuring a Vessel to carry me to Nov. Scot. I wish for your Advice whether it would not be best for me to send my moveables to Boston by water and move myself, Family & Stock by Land to Boston, and get a Passage from Boston to the Mason [?Bason] of Annapolis. Pray inform me how much a Passage from Boston would cost. (About 8 or 9 Persons of which 4 are Children 4 or 5 Head of Cattle an ordinary Quantity of Household Goods & Provision for one year) But do not make any Bargain because perhaps my Friends in New York or on the Connecticut Sound will yet procure a Passage for me. Are there not fishing Vessels of about 50 or 60 Tons going towards the Bay of Fundy or Vessels going for Lumber to Passamaquoddy, which would carry me cheap. When I get to Quoddy 'tis but 12 Hours Sail to Digby. I think I shewed you my Permit, such as it is, from Gov^t Parr to bring in my Family and Effects to Nov. Scot. from Connecticut, & I asked your Advice about coming by Land to Boston and taking Passage there as afores^d and I think you rather advised against it; but I would be glad of your Opinion more fully & maturely. Whilst I am waiting for a Passage at Boston, I would keep myself & Family a few Miles out of Town.

Suffer me to trouble you with one further Particular, That you would be so kind as to insert in your Letter to me p^r Col. Pitt a Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter you wrote to the Society or some Friend in London a few years ago, and which you read to me once. The Part I want is only what respected the Missions at Hopkinton & Cambridge & as nearly as I can remember was this in substance "The Congregation at Hopkinton is intirely dispersed and the Church become a Dwelling House- The Church at Cambridge much in the same Condition, M^{rs} Serjeant is unwell and helpless, and has pawned the Communion Plate weighing ___ Oz for ___ Pounds ___ Shillings ___."

The Reason of my desiring this Extract is that a Gentleman & I were talking a few Days past about these Churches, and he did not seem to credit my Account. You may depend that no other Use shall be made of your Extract than to convince this Gentleman of my Veracity, for he is an intimate Friend, whom I greatly esteem.

We had a very full Convention at Wallingford y^e 27 ult., the chief Business done was to agree to send a second Brother home for Consecration. They chose M^r Leaming, he declined-- then M^r Mansfield he declined. I came away before they made a 3rd Choice, but I believe it was likely to fall [on] M^r Hubbard.

They agreed to make a new Prayer-Book and chose a Committee therefore. I imagine they have not agreed on a new Bible as yet. To see the Church of England mangled, insulted, crucified, not between 2, but between a Dozen of--I know not what--is a bitter Pill to your most sincere Friend, most loving Brother and obedient, humble Servant

Roger Viets.

Rev^d M^r Parker.

WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, Apr. 25, 1787, at Scituate. To SP, Boston. Because of the unhappy times he reports that his people at Scituate and Marshfield request an adjournment of the Convention scheduled for late May, asserting that "an Election of a Bishop at this time would not be a prudent Measure and might alarm many whose minds seem to be very sore." Perhaps under a future administration such a measure would succeed. Asks for a candid reply. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, May 19, 1787, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 49: Thanks Peters for his letter of Mar. 7, explaining why his own have been so brief. "...if you knew the multiplicity of my Avocations & the number of... Correspondents which my local Situation exposes me to," says Peters would not have accused him of indolence. Cannot understand all Peters's reasoning on ecclesiastical matters. "I lay this down as a settled principle that the spiritual power an Ecclesiastick derives from a spiritual ruler is not connected with or dependent upon any civil Ruler." Acknowledges the situation in Great Britain to be peculiar rather than universal. Says that by the principle just stated "Bishop Seabury's spiritual power is as good as his Grace of Canterbury." Says the two bishops consecrated for America have returned silently. "The grand matter now is to bring about an Union between them & his Lordship of Connecticut; this I hope will be effected." Challenges some of Peters's statements. "The Division mentioned in yours of our States is whimsical...." Has heard nothing of John Tyler. Says he enjoyed Peters's History of Connecticut and would welcome the tract on Eternal Punishment. As for the report that he is coming to England for the Mitre, says it is without foundation. Hears that Peters may receive one for Nova Scotia. Sends a letter for Dr. Moffat.

SAMUEL PARKER, June 1, 1787, at Boston. To Bela Hubbard, New Haven. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in SSECR, 51-52:

Boston, June 1, 1787.

Dear Sir:

Your favour by Mr. Miles was duly received, upon his arrival in town, and I have to return you my thanks for the same. I had previously heard from Bishop Seabury, that he had made an overture to the Brethren of the Lawn to meet him at Stamford; but my faith in their acceding to the proposal was not very strong: though I think had not the invitation been made quite so soon after their arrival, and before matters were arranged among themselves, Bishop White would have accepted it, he having frequently expressed his mind to me by letter, of a readiness to coalesce with his Northern Brethren and to form one Church in all the essentials of doctrine, discipline and worship. Some strong prejudices, upon the old score of politics, still remain in the minds of the New York gentlemen against Bishop Seabury, and therefore of their Bishop your deponent saith not. The grand obstacle to a union, I foresee, will be in matters of government. The Southern States have admitted Laymen to take part with them; Connecticut has not. They cannot rid themselves of the Lay brethren, and you will not admit Laymen. This will keep you apart. I impatiently wait to hear the result of your meeting.

I can easily pardon you for mentioning the request of Mr. Green, respecting the avails of his pamphlet, but not so easily somebody else for the necessity of its being mentioned. The case is, as long ago as last

April twelvemonth, I paid Bishop Seabury for all the pamphlets that I had sold, which indeed were not all you sent, supposing he would settle the matter with his printer. I cannot now recollect the exact number, but think it was fifteen, at one shilling a piece. The remainder, except a few for some particular persons whom I thought not so well able to purchase, I have now by me. They are a species of merchandise that does not meet with a quick sale with us. Mr. Ogden is settled at Portsmouth, having out-manoeuvred Mr. Clarke in getting that Parish: they continue much pleased with him, and I hope he will do good. To prevent Mr. Clarke's taking a fruitless journey this way, being disappointed at Portsmouth, I engaged him to assist me for six months, which time being almost expired, and he wishing to be at the Convocation, he took his leave of us last week. He was in general very well liked, and had our fund not been deranged by the late war, and his voice a little stronger, we should have fixed him as an Assistant Minister at Trinity Church. In answer to the latter part of your letter, I can only say two words, Nolo Episcopari.

Mr. Freeman still continues at the Chapel Church, so called; his congregation very small, and they uneasy at his not being able to obtain Orders. He has made an overture to Bishop Provost on this head, and the matter, I hear, is to be the subject of discussion at a Convocation to be held, or already held at Philadelphia. Mr. Clarke, whom you will doubtless see at Stamford, will give you all the information of this kind you can wish.

I remain, Sir, with respect and esteem,
Your sincere Friend and Brother,
S. Parker.

P.S. Pray do you intend to get the Lawn in Scotland or America?
Rev. Bela Hubbard.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, ca. June 5, 1787, at New London. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in SSECR, 50: About June 5, 1787, after the convocation at Stamford, Seabury transcribed Bishop White's letter to him of May 21 for SP, at the end of the transcription observing: "The above, my dear Sir, is the whole of a letter from Bp. White, that relates to the subject. It is in answer to one from me to him, in which I proposed a personal interview with him & Bp Provost, previously to any decided steps being taken respecting the Liturgy & Government of the Church; & mentioning the old Liturgy as the most likely bond of union. I send it to you without a Comment, & shall be glad of your opinion respecting it. Your letter & the money were duly delivered to me by M^r Clarke. He went immediately after the Convocation to New York, & I have not yet heard of his return to Milford. Your mention of the Chapel in Boston I consider merely as banter, as I should suppose myself the last person in the States who would be invited thither, & that Church as the most unlikely, under the present situation, to suit my ideas of doctrine or discipline. My best regards attend M^rs Parker, And you have Sir, the best wishes of your affect. hum^l Serv^t

S--- Bp Connect."

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, June 25, 1787, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Introduces the Rev. Penuel Bowen. Mentions his having ordained Wm. Montague to the diaconate yesterday. MS: NNPM.

SAMUEL PETERS, June 26, 1787, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Gives his views on the relation of government to religion. MS: Dio. Mass.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, July 5, 1787, at Phila. To SP, Boston, kindness of Wm. Montague. On the sale of Prayer Books sent to Boston in SP's care. Concludes with the following paragraph: "I wish most sincerely that Massachusetts would unite with us, and choose a person for consecration; not merely as it would tend to cement the Church throughout the whole continent, but because I think it would add to the wisdom of our determinations, whenever a General Convention shall be had for the final settlement of our ecclesiastical system." MS: NNPM. Partly ptd. in SSECR, 51.

WILLIAM MORICE, July 17, 1787, at Hatton Garden, London. To SP, Boston. Concerning Prayer Books that were to have been deposited at the New England Coffee House in London but which had been sent to Boston instead. MS: Dio. Mass. Acc. to Caner Letters, 75, the following paragraph appeared: "Dr. Apthorp...says that when he was missionary [at Cambridge] Gov. Bernard gave one flaggon and one cup of silver and some rich crimson damask for the Table [at King's Chapel]. Which, he adds, was not given with so good a grace as it ought to have been, the Governor intimating that he considered it as his property, and that he should lend it to the Church; but no farther mention being made of returning it, they [at King's Chapel] always considered it as a gift.... Dr. Caner sent two flaggons of old plate from the [King's] Chapel [to Christ Church, Cambridge].... The Chapel can have no right, for it was given to Cambridge Church in consideration that new plate had been given to the King's Chapel. It therefore belongs to Cambridge Church, upon the supposition that a Church of England minister officiates there. As that is not the case, I should think the Society might demand it, in order to give it to some other Church in the King's remaining Provinces; which they have done with Dr. Caner's."

SAMUEL PARKER, July 19, 1787, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. MS: AECA. Ptd. in SSECR, 52-53:

Boston, July 19th, 1787.

Right Rev. and dear Sir:

I feel conscious of a neglect of duty and a deficiency in politeness, to have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you, before I had congratulated you on your advancement to the dignity you now possess, and your return from two long and dangerous voyages. The disturbed state of my family through sickness, and my own indisposition at the time of Mr. Montague's going to Philadelphia, and prior to that period, must apologize for this neglect. However late, I would now present you with my sincere congratulations on your having arrived at the highest order of the Clerical character, and your safe arrival to your native shore, and cordially wish you may prove a rich blessing to the Church under your Episcopal care, and promote the interest of true religion throughout these States.

Mr. Montague duly delivered your letter of the 8th inst., with respect to the Prayer Books you sent me last year. I have not the pleasure to inform you of a rapid sale of them. Our Convention had previously adopted the alterations, a copy of which were forwarded to you, which were not altogether similar to yours. We have in our parish adopted the Psalms as altered by you, but as we reprinted the Psalter here, it made

no demand for the Prayer Books. But a dozen of them are disposed of, though they have been several times advertised for sale by the bookseller. What the probability is of a further sale will depend very much upon the future movements of the Church in this state. Should a union take place between the Southern and Northern States, upon the plan of these alterations, no doubt they will meet a quick sale here: but as they are not yet adopted, even by some of the states represented in the Convention which proposed them, I cannot promise that they will be in demand here. I cannot myself consent to any further alterations, till a uniform Liturgy is agreed upon by the whole Church in these States, and to effect this I shall be willing to give up anything but the essential doctrines of our Church, and to adopt anything not repugnant thereto. But I fear from the opposite dispositions of Connecticut and the Southern States this will not be effected, though I cannot see why upon the supposition of a different ecclesiastical form of government, the Bishops of the several states may not agree on one common Liturgy, and a uniformity of worship be preserved, if not of discipline.

Nothing will be determined in this state respecting a Bishop till we see how matters are settled between you and the Bishop of Connecticut. We are but six Clergymen in the whole state (exclusive of Mr. Bowen) and are divided in our sentiments respecting the expediency of obtaining a Bishop. Two seem to adhere to Connecticut, two to your states, and the other two will join either party that will bid fairest to cement the whole. Should the case happen, that a person should be chosen for consecration for this state, will it be necessary for him to go to England to obtain it, or can two Bishops confer it authentically; or is Dr. Griffith on his way to England, or will the Southern Bishops unite with Bishop Seabury in this act? If this last question is premature or impertinent, I beg pardon, and request not an answer to it. The reason of my proposing these questions is, that the answers may operate very considerably in the determinations of the Clergy here.

In the mean time, I remain, with every sentiment of respect and esteem,

Your most obedient and very humble Servant,
S. Parker.

Right Rev. Bishop White.

SAMUEL PETERS, July 26, 1787, at London. To SP, Boston. Calls the U.S. a wicked country. Sends SP one of his sermons. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 7, indicates that one of Peters's letters to SP in 1788 stated "that Dr. John Kenner wants copies of documents regarding the confiscation of his property in America." Possibly this is the one.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, Aug. 6, 1787, at Phila. To SP, Boston. MS: NNML. Ptd. in SSECR, 53-54:

Augst 6. 87. Philad^a

Rev'd and dear Sir:

Your friendly letter of July 13 was delivered me y^e other day by Mr. Amory, and I request you to accept my thanks for your congratulations and good wishes.

I will be very explicit with you on y^e questions you put in regard to an union with Bp. Seabury, and y^e consecration of Dr. Griffith. On y^e one hand, considering it was presumed a third was to go over to England, that y^e institutions of y^e Church of that country require three to join in y^e consecration,

and that ye political situation of ye English prelates prevents their official knowledge of Dr. Seabury as a Bishop, I am apprehensive it may seem a breach of faith towards them, if not intended deception in us, were we to consecrate without ye usual number of three, all under ye English Succession: although it would not be inconsistent with this idea, that another gentleman, under a different succession, should be joined with us. On ye other hand, I am most sincerely desirous of seeing our Church throughout these States united in one Ecclesiastical Legislature: and I think that any difficulties which have hitherto seemed in ye way might be removed by mutual forbearance. If there are any further difficulties than those I allude to, of difference in opinion, they do not exist with me: and I shall be always ready to do what lies in my power, to bring all to an agreement.

As to Dr. Griffith, he is ready to go to England as soon as he shall be provided with money for ye purpose; and it was contrary to his opinion, ye writing to Bishop Provost and to me, requesting us, or either of us to consecrate him. My answer was to this purport: that our Convention, by adopting ye English Book of Ordination and Consecration, had made it necessary for us to adhere to ye canonical number--that, besides this, I should be very cautious of breaking down such a bar against consecrations on surreptitious elections, ye evil against which ye canonical number was intended--and that it would be indelicate to ye English Bishops. I find from Bp. Provost yt he wrote a similar answer. There ye matter rests for ye present. I remain in hopes that they will now take effectual measures for raising ye necessary supplies.

With regard to ye Prayer Books, when I wrote last, those left in this city were almost all gone. Since that we have got supplied from other states, where they laid on hand; so that as ye distance is great they may as well continue with you, until either you shall despair of selling them, or there shall be a demand elsewhere. I do not wish to give you much trouble in ye affair; but perhaps your booksellers would take them by ye doz: or half doz: at a discount of 1-5th, and if so, I shall be obliged to you to part with them at that rate. In several of ye states ye books have lain on hand from an expectation of another edition, of which there is not ye least probability until this be sold, if then. The state of ye sales, at present, is somewhere between ye half and two-thirds; I believe nearer the latter.

The haste in which I am obliged to write my letters is not consistent either with correctness or a fair hand. I beg you will excuse these deficiencies; and am, Rev'd and dear Sir,

Your affectionate Brother,
Wm: White.

Rev'd Sam'l Parker.

JOHN SYLVESTER JOHN GARDINER, Aug. 21, 1787, at Pownalborough, Maine. To SP, Boston. Hopes to meet SP when he comes to Boston. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PETERS, Sept. 4-5, 1787, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Writes of Dr. Thomas Moffat, who had died in the preceding March. Discusses the episcopate of Nova Scotia and the choice of the Irishman Charles Inglis for that office. MS: Dio. Mass. See WPA, 7. This is one of ten letters from Peters supposed to be in the Diocese of Massachusetts "concerning a suit by the estate of John Erving against the estate of Dr. Thomas Moffatt...of which Parker is named executor, which has been in the Court of Chancery, London,

since July 22, 1787, and which is still unsettled [in] 1796."

SAMUEL PETERS, Sept. 26, 1787, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Discusses Dr. Thomas Moffat's death and its aftermath. Comments on Bp. Charles Inglis and the illegal status of his Diocese of Nova Scotia. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 27, 1787, at Boston. To Bp. Samuel Provost or Bp. William White. Commends bearer, John Sylvester John Gardiner, for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. MS: NNPm.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 29, 1787, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 52-53: Has Peters's letter of June 26 and sermon on death of Dr. Moffat. Says Peters is mistaken in supposing Belcher Noyes took up the joint bond of Moffat and Smiber to John Erving. (Noyes, executor of the will of John Moffat, has been dead two years.) Cannot find John Emerson, if he has arrived in the U.S. Mentions the estate of Seth Williams, late of Taunton. "I sh^d be glad to know what you would have had Bishop Seabury have done, after trying several Years to obtain the Mitre in England to no purpose...how could he otherwise chuse or act but as he did. Nor can I see how he has turned his back on the Church or King of England by so doing. Had he not procured the Succession from Scotland, White & Provost would not have obtained it from England, & herein your Administration have played the same game they did all the last war: Delaying till the next year what ought to have been done in this. Had they not been one year too late in every step that was taken in the course of the war, we sh^d not now have been independent. Had they consecrated Seabury when he applied to them, we sh^d not now have a Schism in our Church. But when they saw we could do without them in church matters as well as in State affairs, they became better humoured & gave us what we did not then want, & what perhaps may have occasioned an irreconcilable breach in the Episcopal Church in America.... Connecticut preserves the Discipline of the primitive church; New York & Philadelphia have fashioned theirs upon the principles of Republicanism. In this State we belong to neither & have no Ecclesiastical Constitution; the clergy are some of Paul & some of Apollos, which will prevent our having a Bishop for some time & hence you see that I shall not get a Mitre either on the North or South side of the Tweed, nor do I wish one from either." Asks Peters to write to "the little Rabbit of Yale College [Dr. Stiles]" and chastise him for impudence in quoting Peters's History of Connecticut, for he grows insolent, does not treat Bp. Seabury with good manners, and orders all the Protestant clergy in Conn. to call themselves "bishops." Mentions friends and sends a copy of the projected Federal Constitution. Asks Peters to send him a copy of the History (whether he is author of it or not), Horn's Life of John the Baptist, and Lamont's (?De Mont's) Sermons.

SAMUEL PETERS, Nov. 15, 1787, at London. To SP, Boston. Discusses the recent Phila. Convention and condemns civil government in the U.S. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 30, 1787, at Boston. To Dr. Thomas Bulfinch, King's Chapel, Boston. Asks him

to return, by bearer, all the plate which had been in Christ Church, Cambridge. MS. not located but possibly in the archives of King's Chapel, Boston. See Caner Letters, 75. WPA says that a copy of this letter is on the back of Morice to Parker of July 17, 1787, g.v.

DR. THOMAS BULFINCH, Dec. 3, 1787, at Boston. To SP, Boston. MS. not located but prob. in the archives of King's Chapel, Boston. See Caner Letters, 75, for the following quotation: Bulfinch "returns him all the plate which he borrowed of him, according to his promise at the time of borrowing it; wishes Mr. Parker to look at the arms and inscription on the flagon: by which it appears to be the unalienable property of the Chapel, not liable to the disposal of Dr. Caner or any other person, without a regularly recorded vote of the Church so authorizing him, which appears never to have been passed. Can Mr. Parker conceive that the plate belonging to Trinity Church is on any account at his disposal without the express consent of the Church?"

THOMAS FITCH OLIVER, Dec. 13, 1787, at Salem. To SP, Boston. Reports that he saw Nathaniel Fisher yesterday on the subject of "our protest." Is sorry that foresight and candor did not earlier alter "our plan" so that "the whole business might have been completed without delay." Says the alteration SP now proposes will tend to suppress "our protest." Because of the lateness of the season, many will now urge that "The whole transaction is an old story, and perhaps it may be better to treat the proceed[ures] of the Chapel with silent Contempt than to take any public notice of them." Believes it is not too late to do something, though he fears nothing will be done. Because Fisher was ill when he received SP's letter, says SP should write to Bass. Asks for the Abstracts, which may be sent in care of Mrs. Katherine Gray. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, Dec. 17, 1787, at Scituate. To SP, Boston, kindness of Miss Thompson. Has SP's letter of Dec. 6 and agrees against publishing their protest in the newspapers or on handbills. "[S]o unhappy & violent are the Passions of Mankind in general, in Controversies of this Nature, that Religion has been deeply wounded by Them; they make the Parties deviate from the Point in debate and then precipitate Them into Personal Invective...." Adds that such publication "will be viewed by many as a kind of Persecution, and whatever has been deemed such...has ever been found to encrease the Number of Sectaries. The present one is Novel in this Country, but it is not so much so in Great Britain...by the joint-Exertions of a Lindsey & a Priestley." Thinks it prudent to "treat the Matters with Silent Contempt." Says the absurdity of King's Chapel people's calling themselves "Episcopalians" will in time expose them to the greater ridicule. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 22, 1787, at Boston. To William Willard Wheeler, Scituate. Regrets that W. thinks his signature on "the protest" would have "little importance." Asks whether such a position does not "carry the Appearance, either that you look upon M^r Freeman's Ordination as valid, & that you intend to hold Communion with him as a regular Minister of the church, or that you are afraid to let the world know that you esteem his Ordination irregular & subversive of all order & regularity[?]" Do you not hereby virtually condemn the Conduct of all your Brethren in this state

& wish [to] withdraw your self from them[?]" You very much mistake the design of the protest, if you suppose it intended to persecute M^r Freeman on account of his religious Opinions...." Desires W. to reconsider whether his name is to appear or "whether you will chuse to have a note added at the bottom that you decline being concerned in this affair.... As I hear you will be at Braintree tomorrow, I shall defer the publication till Wednesday to receive your answer." MS: EDS.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Jan. 15, 1788, at New London. To SP, Boston. MS. not located. Scolds SP for having approved alterations in the Liturgy being used in Mass., R.I., and New Hampshire. See SP's reply of Jan. 28.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 28, 1788, at Boston. To Bp. Samuel Seabury, New London. SP's rough draft is reprinted from SSECR, 54-56, in the Appendix. MS. not located.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Feb. 13, 1788, at New London. To SP, Boston. MS: Dio. Mass. See the rough draft in Seabury's Letter Book at GTS. I reprint the following paragraph from SSECR, 56: "It was not my design to excite any resentment, or create any coolness, and I hope I have not done so. Indeed I have no suspicion of it from any expression in your letter. But I could not help observing that it was written with more formality than you used to write. Notwithstanding the statement of matters in it, I cannot help thinking you have been too hasty in adopting the alterations as you have done—that it has rendered a union among the Churches the more difficult, and clouded the small prospect of uniformity, which gave any encouragement to aim at it. That some of our Clergy have been too backward in accommodating the service of the Church to the state, or rather the temper of the country, I will not deny; I have more than once told them so. But errors may be committed through haste, as well as by delay. I am far from ascribing ill designs to you, or to any one who acted with you: but you must forgive me if I repeat it—such alterations as have been made are unprecedented in the Episcopal Church, without the concurrence of your proper Bishop. Forgive me, too, if I say, I did not flatter myself with having any steps taken in returning to the old service for my sake. I have been too long acquainted with my own unimportance, to expect it. But I did and do wish to have as great a uniformity as possible among our Churches; and I was grieved at a measure which I thought impeded so good a work. I never thought there was any heterodoxy in the Southern Prayer Book: but I do think the true doctrine is left too unguarded, and that the offices are, some of them, lowered to such a degree, that they will, in a great measure, lose their influence."

SAMUEL PETERS, Feb. 16, 1788, at London. To SP, Boston. Writes about Dr. Thomas Moffat and the episcopate of Nova Scotia. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Feb. 27, 1788, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS. not located. It was once owned by J. Pierpont Morgan but removed by him from his scrapbook of bishops' letters now in NNPM.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, May or June, 1788, at Phila. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM. Partly ptd. in SSECR, 57.

Writes again about the sales of Prayer Books consigned to SP and about SP's justified apprehensions about the Rev. Penuel Bowen, who now behaves well and with approval. I reprint the following paragraphs:

"Give me leave to take y^e opportunity of asking whether our brethren of Massachusetts are determined still to keep at a distance from us, or whether they will meet us in Convention next July? If there are any matters in which we do not think exactly alike, you may rely on it that there is an accommodating spirit on our part. If y^e same should not be found on theirs, also; much more, if there should continue a backwardness even to confer with us; it is evident we shall never build up one respectable Church, pervading y^e United States; and consequently shall never be so flourishing as some other religious societies who will accomplish that object.

"We miss your society in another point of view. Of y^e Southern States it is evident that y^e Church is not sufficiently numerous, in some of them, to encourage their choosing a Bishop; while, in others, there are very particular circumstances preventing such a measure: so that even should Dr. Griffith repair to England for consecration, y^e business would be imperfect, unless there were at least a fourth ready against his return: and we suppose here, that y^e respectability of y^e Church in Massachusetts would warrant our looking to them in this business.

"I have formerly expressed to you another reason for my wishing you with us; and y^e reason still exists: y^e effecting of a junction with our brethren of Connecticut.

"It must be considered by all as a surprising instance of negligence in our Church; her not availing herself of y^e present opportunity of obtaining y^e entire and independent possession of that Episcopacy which she had so long complained of y^e want of. Our brethren in Virginia are no doubt most to blame. But when their indifference in y^e case of Dr. Griffith had shown that there was no dependence from them, it should have been taken up elsewhere. The only excuse is what I have already stated--y^e smallness of our communion in some states, and very particular circumstances in others.

SAMUEL PETERS, Aug. 14, 1788, at London. To SP, Boston. Discusses Church life in Nova Scotia. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6, suggests that this letter dealt with the trouble experienced by the Anglican clergy during the Revolution and quoted someone who had written that "if Peters, Caner, and Troutbeck had done as right as Bass, they would have been the idols of America as Bass was."

SAMUEL PETERS, Sept. 6, 1788, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to assist the Rev. George Gilmore when he arrives in Boston on Capt. Davis's ship. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6, indicates that Gilmore had come to purchase supplies and, if not helped by a knowledgeable person, might be cheated by the merchants, since "honor and truth are said to be as scarce in New England as cash."

SAMUEL PARKER, [Autumn, 1788], at Boston. To Jacob Bailey, Annapolis Royal, N.S. MS. not located. A fragment appears in Bartlet, 221: "Young [J. S. J.] Gardiner read the service at Pownalborough last winter and spring, but then went to New York and was ordained by Bishop Provost, and had an invitation to a parish near Charleston, South Carolina, which he accepted, and has been there ever since. I believe there is

no service in any Episcopal Church below Falmouth, where a Mr. Oxnard is a reader."

TILLOTSON BRONSON, Nov. 7, 1788, at Stratford, Vt. To SP, Boston. Inquires about the state of SPG lands in America, the ordinations by Bp. Seabury and their possible effect on land conveyances. MS: Dio. Mass. See Parker to Bronson, Nov. 14, 1788.

ROGER VIETS, Nov. 8, 1788, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Conveys money, asking SP to send him a spinning wheel and other items. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 14, 1788, at Boston. To Tillotson Bronson, Stratford, Vt., kindness of Mr. Chamberlain. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 64:

Boston Novem^r 14 1788

Reverend Sir

Your Letter of the 7 Instant is this moment received, in answer to which permit me to inform you that the Conveyance lately made by the Society in England for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, of their rights of Land was done at my Request & respects only the original rights granted to them in those towns that now lay within the State of New Hampshire. It appears but reasonable that the Churches in the State within which the Land lays sh^d alone be benefitted by the Donations made for the benefit of the Church. It would therefore have been improper for the Society to make a Conveyance of their rights in the State of Vermont to Trustees resident in, & for the benefit of the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire. For my own part, as one named as a Trustee for the Lands in New Hampshire, I thought we had nothing to do with the rights granted to the Society for the benefit of the Church in those towns now lying in the State of Vermont, but that those rights sh^d be conveyed to Trustees & for the benefit of the church in that State, & therefore I sent home the names of no Towns lying in Vermont--- I make no doubt that upon application to the Society & transmitting the names of suitable persons as Trustees & the names of those towns in each respective County where the Society were original Grantees, a similar conveyance [may] be obtained---

You request my Sentiments upon another matter, Viz whether the Clergy ordained by Bishop Seabury can be entitled to any Benefice, being at the same time fully convinced of the validity of his Ordinations. I must answer this question by asking what benefices you have respect to. I know of none in this Country but what arise from & are in the gift of the People, & if they are satisfied as to the ordination, why may not the clergy enjoy the Benefices. The Society in England have long since withdrawn the Salaries from all their Missionaries in the United States. And the only reason why we apply to them for their title to these Lands, is only to prevent their being alienated from the Church by the Government here--- I have no doubts in my mind respecting the validity of Bishop Seabury's Ordinations, altho the Bishops in England & these here who derive the Succession from them do not chuse to acknowledge it. But I have no Idea that any temporal power can deprive any persons of spiritual Authority, & consequently the laying the nonjuring Bishops under a praemunire, tho' it might deprive them of their temporalities, could not affect their Office as Bishops & that the Succession from them is equally

as good as from the English Bishops. However since the death of the late Pretender they are no more Non-jurors but acknowledge & pray for the present reigning family--- I have the honour to be Sir your Friend & Brother

Samuel Parker

Rev^d Tillotson Brunson

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 15, 1788, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 65: Thanks Peters for his letters of Aug. 14 and Sept. 6 and for Skinner's History of the Episcopal Church of Scotland and a calendar. Says Skinner has given him much information on a matter concerning which he was before in the dark. Desires a few more books before discharging his account, especially vol. I of David Lamont's Sermons; vol. I of Adam Batty's Sermons (2d ed., 1740); vol. I of Daniel Waterland's Sermons (1742); vol. I of Dr. Conybeare's Sermons; and vol. III of Dr. Richard Bundy's Sermons. Says he offered hospitality and a loan to the Rev. Mr. Gilmore "upon your credit." He reciprocated strangely, and his temper was sour. "You seem to inveigh very bitterly agst Royal Bishops & to suppose that the primitive ones were the meer Creatures of the Saints which, as I take it, is the People---A principle that is spreading very far among our Independent States who all suppose that all power spiritual as well as temporal originates from the Majesty of the People, & has gone so far as to invest M^r Freeman with Episcopal power, & a more recent Instance in this neighbourhood of a M^r Murray at Cape Ann, in which acts, the People give grant & convey, constitute ordain & appoint these Persons to be their Ministers Pastors ruling elders & Teachers & give all the powers & authority with which Gospel Ministers are invested. This is a Doctrine which before 1775 would have sounded strange even in American Ears, but having found out that all civil power is derived from the People, it was an easy matter to go a step farther & believe that there was no other source for ecclesiastical powers...." Says Peters seems to have become "a thoro' paced American & to have imbibed those very sentiments which [he] so far abhorred as to flee the Country to avoid." "You had better come over & your Opinions will get you to be Bishop of Massachusetts, with as much power as a dissenting Teacher." Comments on Bp. Seabury and the Georgite Bishops, who cannot "set their horses together." Says Mr. Sayre, formerly of Fairfield, by Seabury's advice succeeded Mr. Bisset at Newport "but carried matters with so high a hand that a party arose & made the church too warm for him, & he has been obliged to decamp & leave a divided people who I fear are so alienated in affection as to not be likely to agree in another." Says he does not possess the D.D. as Peters has wrongly heard.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Dec. 16, 1788, at ?New London. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in SSECR, 58:

December 16, 1788.

Rev^d and dear Sir:

I intended to have written to you more particularly concerning a union with the Southern Churches: but I am obliged to go out of town for two or three days, and shall not be back in time for the post. I can now only observe, that as it appears to me, all the difficulty lies with those Churches, and not with us in Connecticut. I have several times proposed and urged a union. It has been received and treated, I think, coldly. And yet I have received several letters urg-

ing such a union on me, as though I was the only person who opposed it. This is not fair. I am ready to treat of and settle the terms of union on any proper notice. But Bishops W. and P. must bear their part in it, actively, as well as myself; and we must come into the union on even terms, and not as underlings....

Your affectionate, humble servant,
Samuel Connect.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 20, 1789, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. MS: AECA. Ptd. in SSECR, 58-59. See Appendix.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Apr. 10, 1789, at ?New London. To SP, Boston. MS. not located. Partly ptd. in SSECR, 59: "I believe we shall send two Clergymen to the Philadelphia Convention, to see whether a union can be effected. If it fail, the point I believe will here be altogether given up."

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, May 27, 1789, at New London. To SP, Boston, kindness of Peter Mumford. MS: BPL. MS. rough draft is at GTS. The latter is edited in Seabury Traditions, I, 70:

New London May 27, 1789

Rev^d & Dear Sir

It was not till the Post was going out of town that I got your Last Letter. I can not but approve of your design to have a Bp to the Eastward, & from M^r Bass[']s Character & Standing in the Church, I am persuaded he would worthily and Acceptably fill that Station. With these Sentiments I shall readily meet your and the Clergy's wishes, by Contributing all in my power to accomplish an Event which I much wish. But I have my doubts of the Concurrence of the other Bpps yet I hope they will prove groundless. I have Several times mentioned the propriety of a Union between all the Ch[ur]ch[es] in the States and am ready to enter on and Settle the terms of that Union as far as relates to Connecticut, whenever the Bps White and Provost Shall please to come into Such a measure. But then we must meet them on even ground. It must be union of the Ch[ur]ch[es] in Conn[ecticut] with the Ch[ur]ch[es] of the Southern States upon just and reasonable principles, not a Subjection to them founded in a Majority of Votes. In this matter I think I shall have all the Clergy of Conne^t with me To accomplish this I See no way but for the Bps White and Provost with as many Proctors from the Clergy as Shall be thought necessary to meet with the Bp & proctors of the Ch[ur]ch[es] of Conne^t--- If they cannot agree on a Uniformity of worship, they Certainly can agree on terms of perfect Union so as to keep up the most friendly intercourse by admitting each Others Clergy and Communicants & assisting each other by advice and mutual good Offices. Indeed I do not See the absolute necessity of exact uniformity in publick Liturgy to keep up Christian unity between Chu[r]ches whatever advantages may attend it while the analogy of Faith is perserved and a due regard paid to antient Catholick practice, a variety in publick Liturgy will be attended with no real detriment. I might also mention another doubt I have---whether it is right that y^e merit or demerit of forms of p[ublic] Prayer should be ascertained by votes in a large, or even a small, assembly either of Clergy or Laity, or both? I cannot enlarge on this point---your own good sense will suggest many

reasons against it.

I take it for granted y^t y^e G[eneral] Con. will make no abatement in the Power of Lay D[eputie]s in Ec[clesiastical] matters--& I think the Eas[tern] C[hurch] will be averse to putting themselves into the same State. However as our Convocation is to meet the next week, the question shall come fairly before them. I cannot but think it a little hard that I should be represented as being averse from a union between the [Church]es. The opposition comes from another quarter, & there the blame ought to lie. I think the [Church] in C[onnecticut] as respectable on Acct of its n^o & Clergy as the [Church] in any of the States, & I feel y^t in some instances it has been treated in a manner bordering on contempt. Judge you, whether it would be right in them to put themselves in a situation y^t will intail this Treatment on them? or whether it would be doing y^mselves justice always to bear it w^h y^e same tameness they hitherto have done rather than throw any impediment in the way of union with those She fondly hopes would treat her as a Sister. I repeat it, If a union with Con[necticut] be desired, it may be had on reasonable & even terms-- If more be aimed at, I hope it will never be effected. You must excuse a little warmth, as I feel myself hurt by having it represented y^t I stood in the way of perfect union. You know it cannot be obtained till the nonsensical objection about my Cons[ecration] be given up. This matter does not stick with Bp W. But while it does subsist it must preclude both myself & Clergy from appearing at their general Convention. With regard to M^r Bass--I beleive it will be found that Bps W[hite] & P[rovoost] are under engagements not to Consecrate any Bp till they have another Bp from England. You can however make the experiment or if you choose it, you can ascertain whether they would join in such a Cons[ecration] before M^r B[ass] be elected.

SAMUEL PETERS, ca. June, 1789, at London. To SP, Boston. Writes about American government, George Washington, rebels like Daniel Shays, and Bishops Seabury, White and Provoost. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER et alii, June 4, 1789, at Salem. To Bps. Seabury, Provoost and White. Signs a petition or "Act" with other clergy of Mass. and N.H. for the consecration of Edward Bass as bishop of those states. Co-signers were T. Fitch Oliver, John Cosens Ogden, William Montague and Tillotson Brunson (or Bronson). MS. not located. Ptd. in SSECR, 63.

SAMUEL PARKER, June 5, 1789, at Boston. To Hon. Christopher Toppan, Hampton, N.H., kindness of Dr. Fogg. Sends him the commodities he requested together with bills, indicating a credit balance with SP. MS: BPL.

SAMUEL PARKER, June 21, 1789, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. MS. no located. Partly ptd. in SSECR, 66:

"The Clergy here have appointed me their agent, to appear at any Convocation to be held at New York or Pennsylvania; but I fear the situation of my family and parish will not admit of my being absent so long as a journey to Philadelphia would take. When I gave you encouragement that I should attend, I was in expectation of having my parish supplied by some gentlemen from Nova Scotia; but I am now informed they will not be here till some time in August. Having, therefore, no prospect of attending in person at your General Convention next month, I am requested to transmit

you an attested copy of an act of the Clergy of this and the state of New Hampshire, electing the Rev. Edward Bass our Bishop, and requesting the united assistance of the Right Reverend Bishops of Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut, to invest him with apostolic powers. This act I have now the honour of enclosing, and hope it will reach you before the meeting of your General Convention in July.

"The Clergy of this State are very desirous of seeing an union of the whole Episcopal Church in the United States take place; and it will remain with our brethren at the southward to say, whether this shall be the case or not--whether we shall be an united or divided Church. Some little difference in government may exist in different States, without affecting the essential points of union and communion."

SAMUEL PETERS, July 22, 1789, at London. To SP, Boston. Discusses the estate of Dr. Thomas Moffatt. MS: Dio. Mass.

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Aug. 26, 1789, at New London. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in SSECR, 70-71:

New London, Aug. 26th, 1789.

Rev. and dear Sir:

Have you yet heard the result of your application to the Southern Bishops respecting Mr. Bass's consecration? The Rev. Dr. Moore, of New York, informs me the application was referred to the Convention, and directions given to write to the English Bishops for their opinion. These steps to me look queer, and shew a degree of thralldom, both to the Convention and English Archbishops, that ought not to be. Dr. Moore urges me very strongly to go to the adjourned Convention at Philadelphia, Sept. 29. And as they have removed the objections I made, I should be much inclined to go, was it not for the promise I made of visiting Portsmouth at that time. Having before twice disappointed them, I know not how to apologize again. Let me have your opinion on that matter, and also whether I ought to go to Philadelphia without an official invitation, which yet I have not received.

So far had I written, when the post brought me the proper official invitation, with the various communications from the Convention. These, I suppose, you will also receive by the post. I have determined to go to Philadelphia, and hope to see you there. Time will not permit me to add more, than that I am

Your affectionate, humble Servant,
S., Bp. Connect.

Rev. Dr. Parker.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, [late Sept., 1789], at ?Phila. To SP, ?Boston. MS: EDS. Only two unconnected pages survive, of which I transcribe one: "...Should you, rev^d Sir, think any Part of our Plan exceptionable or have any thing in Addition to offer, I shall be as friendly in attending to your Sentiments, as I am free in offering my own. I have y^e pleasure to inform you, that last Tuesday there must have been a Meeting of y^e Clergy of Maryl^d & Delegates from y^e Vestries; but their Proceedings are not yet known here. By a Letter from y^e rev^d M^r Beach of Brunswick, I am informed, that, at a late Meeting of y^e Clergy of Conne[c]ticut, they appointed a Committee of their Body to meet us in N. York on y^e 1st Tuesday after Michaelmas & have...."

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 27, 1789, at New York. To James Cutler, Merchant (SP's brother-in-law), Boston. MS. not located. Partly ptd. in SSECR, 73. Having conferred with Bp. Seabury and the two Conn. delegates (Jarvis and Hubbard) in N.Y. at the home of Benjamin Moore on the eve of leaving with them for the adjourned session, SP wrote: "I shall set out to-morrow for Philadelphia, if the weather permits. But I have some presentiments that nothing will be accomplished by the Convention. The aspect is unfavourable in this quarter, and I find that a certain gentleman [Dudley Atkins Tyng] who has interested himself in Church matters in Massachusetts, was set at work by some characters here who are opposing a union with Bishop Seabury with great vehemence. If they go to the Convention and have any influence, we shall bring nothing to pass. Bishop Provoost, Mr. [James] Duane, the Mayor, and one other person here, are the characters I allude to. Provoost will not go to Philadelphia."

SAMUEL PARKER, Oct. 12, 1789, at Phila. To James Cutler, Merchant, Boston. Regrets having been too busy to write C. or Mrs. SP. Promises to give them full details viva voce. Says Prayer Book revision has been slow work. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 14, 1789, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. MS: Hist. Soc. of Penna. Ptd. in Pre-Revol. Conn., 239-240. Reports his safe arrival home and sends thanks for hospitality in Phila. Sends a letter and some publications for Dr. John Jones, a physician who was president of the Humane Society of Phila. "I find my Constituents are generally well pleased with the Account I have given them of the Proceedings of the Convention, & can perceive no Impediment on our part to a permanent Union, & sincerely hope none will arise among our Brethren at the Southward."

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Jan. 12, 1790, at Huntington, Conn. To SP, Boston. Writes that the action of the Phila. Convention is generally approved by Conn. clergy "yet as a State we are under no Obligations to Adopt the new Constitution—for we never gave our Proctors unlimited Power. One Good Man among us has till very lately flattered himself with an Idea of our taking advantage of this & not suffering a pure Apostolical Church to be totally Ruined...but unhappily for M^r S[ayr]e the rest of us do not Concur with him in Sentiment." Tells of forming a society to assist Clergymen's widows and orphans on the plan of the Charitable Society to the southward. Promises to transmit its regulations as soon as completed—hopefully in April. Trusts that Churchmen in all New England will participate. Says they have heard of Edward Bass's declining the episcopate. Hopes SP will not do so. MS: EDS.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, Jan. 25, 1790, at ?Phila. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM (last leaf only). W. finds [Mr. Spooner] of a respectable character and suitable for ordination, but he does not offer the requisite recommendations or documents in the required form. "I hope he will find no Difficulty in procuring a Testimonial in due Time; & if he sh^d then apply to me, I shall be happy in paying all possible Attention to him."

SAMUEL PARKER, Mar. 17, 1790, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. Believes that delays in printing the Convention Journal and the Prayer Book with approved alterations may unsettle people about the advisability of the union—esp. the laity. Is concerned

about the difference between the two houses respecting an article in the Creed. "I had no Expectations of M^r Spooners making application to you for Orders when I gave him a testimonial, or I sh^d have done it in a different manner, but knowing that Bishop Seabury was not attached to any particular forms of Recommendation I supposed what I gave him would prove sufficient. I am sorry however that he missed of obtaining Orders on this principle that I suppose he will officiate as a Layman, which practice in my Opinion has been greatly prejudicial to the Interests of the Church." Asks that sheets of the Prayer Book be sent to him as they come from the press and that the Journals be dispatched when printed.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, Apr. 26, 1790, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Discusses the printing and eventual distribution of the revised Prayer Book. MS: Dio. Mass.

MATHER BYLES, JR., Aug. 25, 1790, at Boston. To SP, Boston. As administrator of the estate of his father, Mather Byles, Sr., of Boston, for many reasons he transfers the task to SP by this power of attorney, which is witnessed by William Tudor and Joseph Rowe. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Oct. 18, 1790, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. Is disappointed at having heard or received nothing since Apr. 26. Says people are questioning the value of the united church. Asks where the neglect lies. MS: AECA.

SAMUEL PARKER + WILLIAM MONTAGUE, Nov. 15, 1790, at [Boston]. To [Bp. Samuel Seabury], [New London]. A testimonial in behalf of Joseph Warren, recommending him for the diaconate, there being no Standing Committee in Mass. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 79.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 23, 1790, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 81: Has Peters's letters of June 7 and Sept. 13. Says he knew Mr. Macdonough when he was Gov. Wentworth's secretary and has shown him all the civilities in his power. Speaks of his account with Peters and asks him to procure a gown and cassock of princes' stuff for summer wear at Francis Stone's, Holywell St. near the new church in the Strand. Says Stone knows his measure. Requests yard goods also and reiterates his request for certain volumes. "I have a fancy to have my Gown made like the Master of Arts instead of the pudding Sleeve unless you have some peculiar fashion for D.D's." Has another request: "A M^r Joseph Dampney of Romsey in the County of Hampshire died within 20 Years & by his Will bequeaths to M^r Joseph Dampney of Salem in... Massachusetts £280 St^g as by his Letters now before me as late as July 1773 he assures him he would do. This Joseph Dampney the Nephew is dead, & has left one Son who is in poor Circumstances & wishes to know if there is any prospect of his recovering this Legacy." Says a Thos. Dawkins seems to be the Executor, who may have run off with the estate. Would like information and a copy of the will. "The Objection to the Authenticity of D^r Seabury's Consecration is quite done away here, & now another Subterfuge is caught hold of, viz. a pretended obligation to the Archbishops in England not to unite with him. Bishop White is a man of too much Sense

& Candour to be governed by such pretences, & did join with Seabury in constituting a House of Bish^{ps} at the late Convention.... However it is not in Provosts power nor in his Employers & Directors to destroy the Union, for Madisons Consecration notwithstanding, the Union will hold & Seabury be received as a true canonical Bishop... & will take the place of Primus.... D^r Bass has refused to accept the place of Bishop for this State & I suppose it will finally devolve on Walter who is about to leave Nova Scotia with his family & to live at Cambridge or at Boston, the North Church & Cambridge quarreling which shall have him.... Montague outstaid his time, & Walter being here before he arrived go[e]s into his Church & made such a party agst him as will oblige him to quit this State & seek a living at the Southward."

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 13, 1790, at Boston. To Bp. Samuel Seabury, New London. MS. not located but its contents are partly discernible in Seabury's reply of Dec. 29, 1790, printed in Seabury Traditions, I, 80-81: "I am much obliged to you for the information contained in your letter of the 13th. Of M^r Sayre I have lately heard nothing, tho' I dou[b]t not his disposition continues, to give trouble if he can. You are not singular in the idea you have formed of partial Insanity. I only mentioned the dislike of the Clergy of this State to the manner of the attempt to alter the Ap[ostle]s Creed, without saying it was right or wrong. One apprehension they have is, that it will on some occasions endanger confusion in the Church--some people will repeat it one way & some another--- that this will be the case with the Clergy also: So that the Creed will (in that Article) cease to be the test, or even the security of uniformity of faith in the Ch^{ch}, which, I suppose, was the design of repeating Creeds in public worship."

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 18, 1790, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 81-82: "Speaks of his earlier letter and the chief matters discussed in it--especially their financial accounts--and orders 6 pairs of black silk hose and 2 pairs of black silk gloves. Encloses the card of a jeweller, from whom Peters is to purchase a pair of bracelets etc. Sends a second bill drawn by Mrs. Ann Peters."

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Dec. 29, 1790 + Jan. 5, 1791, at New London. To SP, Boston. MS: AECA. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 81, from which I quote two paragraphs:

"I am sorry that Bp Provost & his Clergy do not read prayers uniformly; & imagine that as little variation from the Old book as the New one will permit, is best at present; were it only because it will not put the people under the necessity of buying New ones, w^{ch} considering their enormous price is a matter of consequence in this State. Their being so high is, I suppose, owing to the Printers having a patent--& how that came about, I know not. According to my recollection, the Committee were impowered, to agree for one edition, & do not imagine they had any right to go further; & I heartily wish, & shall be ready to join my efforts, that their patent may be set aside, as it will forever keep Prayer books at an enormous price. I fear that Committee have exceeded their powers even in printing the Ap[ostle]s Creed as it now stands, which was not agreed to by the house of Bps; & was printed in its present form against the opinion of Bp White, as he will inform you if you apply to him.

"With regard to the propriety of reading the Athⁿ Creed in Church I never was fully convinced. With regard to the impropriety of banishing it out of the prayer book, I am clear: And look upon it, that those Gentlemen who rigidly insisted upon its being redde as usual, & those who insisted on its being thrown out, both acted from the same uncandid, uncompromising temper-- they seem to me to have aimed at forcing their own opinion on their brethren: And do hope, tho' possibly I hope in vain, y^t Xan charity & love of Union, will some time bring that Creed into the book, were it only to stand as articles of faith stand; & to shew that we do not renounce the Cath. doctrine of the Trinity as held by the Western Ch^{ch}. I am sorry the idea of D^r Bass' consecration is given up, as I fear it puts the period of your having a Bp in Massachusetts, at a distance. I did not understand that Bp Provost ever said he was under obligations not to join with me in consecrating another Bp; or that the obligations that another should go to England for Consecration were more than implied ones-- Yet I have tho't he made more of that matter than he ought to have done."

SOLOMON BLAKESLEE, Jan. 3, 1791, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Reed. Reports his anxiety over the status of the SPG lands in N.H. Says the politicians "without the least shadow of Law or justice...located & established them in the most unimprovable & Barren parts of the Towns--many of them must forever remain useless--where a Charter has thus been grossly violated, the Church abused, & the rights of Episcopalians feloniously taken from them is there no redress?" Seeks SP's advice and information. MS: EDS.

JUDGE SAMUEL LIVERMORE, Jan. 15, 1791, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Says he has talked with Bp. White, who assures him that the Convention "gave the committee no authority to dispose of a copy right to the prayerbook." Says that the validity of what the committee did is now in question. Though the printer has received no patent, he has nonetheless claimed copyright and in a trial could only stand on what the committee has or has not said. "I hope the country will never submit to such a horrid imposition as a monopoly of prayer books. For my own part I think it much better to make use of the old impression, leaving out, & changing, such passages as the revolution requires." MS: EDS.

ROBERT FOWLE, Jan. 24, 1791, at North Holderness, N.H. To SP, Boston. Says Mr. Livermore delivered SP's message about what is due SP on F's note, asserting that scarcity of cash in New England has made him slow in meeting the obligation. Says he will have money in the spring and will pay SP then. MS: EDS.

JOHN COSENS OGDEN, Feb. 9, 1791, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Says his parishioners do not wish to have a part in the Mass. Convention. Inquires about Prayer Book matters. MS: Dio. Mass.

JOHN COSENS OGDEN, Feb. 17, 1791, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Suggests the visiting of church-owned (i.e., SPG) properties in N.H. by Solomon Blakeslee and Mr. Gilbert, the Committee for leasing the land. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 8: "Tillotson Bronson and the Reverend John C. Ogden write concerning church lands in Vermont and New Hampshire and call Parker's

attention to mismanagement in the case of a lot in Oxford, N.H., on which is a valuable stone mill from which the town draws annual revenue which the church should receive."

SAMUEL PETERS, Feb. 27, 1791, at London. To SP, Boston. Writes about the state of the Church in Canada and about the late Dr. Thomas Moffatt's estate. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6, reports the letter as "explaining how His Majesty had divided Canada into two parts (Upper and Lower), which means the repeal of the famous Quebec Act and the establishment of a new governmental system."

JUDGE DAVID SEWALL, Mar. 15, 1791. To SP, Boston, kindness of Burly (or Burly) Emerson. Says he wrote SP earlier that he had by mistake carried away from Boston vol. one of Orphan Castle, which he returns by Mr. Emerson. Asks to have Baron Trékr sent by Emerson. Writes of libel suits touching the Maine District folks. MS: EDS.

BENJAMIN MOORE, Mar. 16, 1791, at New York. To SP, Boston. Congratulates SP on his election to the episcopate on the basis of an inaccurate newspaper report. MS: Dio. Mass.

MATHER BYLES, JR., Mar. 22, 1791, at St. John, N.B. To SP, Boston. Apologizes for his long silence and expresses appreciation for the way in which SP has administered the estate of the late Mather Byles, Sr., of Boston, and asks SP to make the final distribution thereof to his sisters. MS: EDS.

REV. LOUIS DE ROUSSELET, Apr. 12, 1791, at Boston. To SP, Boston. MS: EDS. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 83-84: The plight of Roman Catholics in New England before 1800 and before the appointment of a Roman bishop for the Boston area were understandably acute. They received and expected little sympathy from Calvinism, which was the reigning religion north of New York. Independent French priests occasionally passed through the larger cities—New Haven and Hartford, for example—and one is known to have visited New London in Seabury's day—all of them looking for a private home in which to celebrate the Eucharist for a handful of communicants. Even obtaining permission to use a domestic dwelling was often difficult. We have no record of Seabury's courtesies to these itinerants or of his possible good offices in assisting Roman Catholic laymen who might, at times, have turned to him for burials, sick visitations or counsel. We have no evidence that he "received" into Anglicanism any of these deprived citizens. (We know that some of the Acadians expelled from Nova Scotia became Anglicans in and about Stratford.) His close friendship with Samuel Parker of Boston and the community of their views on traditional Christian history lead me to speculate about his instant sympathies. Parker, for example, became friendly with one of the French priests (a Fr. Louis de Rousselet), allowing him on occasion to use Trinity Church for services. (More about this itinerant and the problems he faced in New England will be found in Robert H. Lord, John E. Sexton and Edward T. Harrington, History of the Archdiocese of Boston in its Development, 1604 to 1943, (3 vols.) N.Y., 1944, I, chaps. 2-4, and in The John Carroll Papers, vol. I (1755-1791), ed. Thomas O'Brien Hanley, S.J., Notre Dame & London, [n.d.], 465ff.) (The two crosses in the following letter were meant to be priestly blessings!)

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R^d Doctor,
having nothing more at heart, but to help as much as you do yourself, the removing of the very indifference people in every corner of the world have to-day for any Kind of religion, I will be very happy, if you are pleased, as well as your worthy and respectable Wardens, to allow me the liberty of making use of your Church the day before Good-friday in the afternoon, Good-friday and Easter-Day too in the afternoon, when, I understand, your prayers are [i.e., will have been] performed. you are knowing me enough, I suppose, to be more than certain, that no matters of controversy are to take room in my performance. if it is your pleasure to have a little collection in those days for the poor of your Congregation, as well for those of mine, it will complete my happiness in this holy time. I am very sorry and feel very much the trouble I give you; but you know my own distress, which, I hope, will not be so next year, my Congregation being fully determined to build soon their house of worship. I wait impatiently for your answer, and am very respectfully, R^d Doctor, your most humble and obedient servant,

L. de Rousselet P. C.

Boston, April 12, / 1791.).

any time next week you will be pleased to attend divine service, you know my house to be yours.---

Solemnities of the holy Week in the house of the R^d M^r de Rousselet.

17 April, palm-Sunday, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 3 in the afternoon.

18, Monday, 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and Sermon.

19, Tuesday, 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and Sermon.

20, Wednesday, 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the office of tenebrae; afterwards Sermon.

21, Thursday, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 3 in the afternoon, washing of the poor's feet, afterwards Sermon and tenebrae.

22, Good-friday, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 3 in the afternoon Sermon upon the Sufferings of our Lord, and afterwards the last office of tenebrae.

23, Saturday, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 5 in the afternoon, and Sermon.

24, Easter-Day, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 3 in the afternoon.

25, Easter-Monday, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 5 in the afternoon, and Sermon.

26, Easter-tuesday, 10 o'clock in the forenoon, 5 in the afternoon, and Sermon.

All these days Collection for the poor.

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the R^d D^r Parker, Pastor of the trinity Church of Boston---

SOLOMON BLAKESLEE, May 16, 1791, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston. Confesses the need for uniformity in the American Church but desires a separate constitution for N.H. MS: Dio. Mass.

REV. JOSEPH GROVE JOHN BEND, May 23, 1791, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Introduces Andrew Bayard, who is worthy of SP's "polite regard." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PETERS, June 25, 1791, at London. To SP, Boston. Informs SP that the merchandise sent to him in Capt. Davis's vessel has been lost. Gives details of the disaster. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6: "...letter advising Parker that the Boston packet

has been wrecked on the Island of Alderney, and that all the goods he was sending have been lost, 'including the robes that were fit for an Archbishop and better than I have ever known sent to America.'"

SAMUEL PETERS, July 14, 1791, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Discusses aspects of the estate of Dr. Thomas Moffatt. MS: Dio. Mass.

ROGER VIETS, July 25, 1791, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Has received SP's letter of July 5 and the 21 barrels by the ship of Capt. Doucet and John Foxe. Reports a tedious pilgrimage to Halifax called a "triennial Visitation." Says the Methodists and New Lights "are tearing in Pieces this unhappy Province" much as did Whitfield's two visits to New England. Asks SP to forward the enclosed letters to Abner Viets and others and give his regards to Dr. Walter and Mr. Stoddard. MS: EDS.

ABRAHAM LYNSSEN CLARKE, Aug. 24, 1791, at Huntington, Conn. To SP, Boston. Mentions SP's letter to him of Jan., 1790. Explains how one of SP's books was lost. Says last Nov. 14 he became Benedict the Married Man and is very happy. "Mr. Sayre of Stratford continues an avowed Enemy to the New Constitution & is determined not to be reconciled to it. The Bishop, I suppose you know, has written him a very severe Satirical Letter, whh I fear has done no Good & by some supposed to have done much harm--but this is intra nos." Asks what has become of Montague since Dr. Walter ousted him, and of Oliver since he left Marblehead. Inquires about vacant parishes in Mass. Invites SP to the Conn. Convocation at Watertown on Oct. 6. MS: EDS.

MATHER BYLES, JR., Nov. 14, 1791, at St. John, N.B. To SP, Boston. Writes about the settlement of the administration of his father's estate. MS: Dio. Mass.

CHRIST CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 18, 1791, at Cambridge. To SP, Boston. The wardens (Jonathan Simpson and Nathan Bethune) offer the rectorship of Christ Church to SP. MS: Dio. Mass.

PRES. JOSEPH WILLARD, Nov. 30, 1791, at Cambridge. To SP, Boston. Writes that SP may collect the \$24 paid for the admission to Harvard of his nephew, J. P. Hale, by calling on the treasurer. Says the boy must return to the college library the borrowed copy of C. X. Millot's Elements of General History in 5 vols. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 3, 1791, at Boston. To Bp. Samuel Seabury, New London. MS: GTS. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 94:

Boston Dec^r 3 1791

Rt Rev^d Sir

I take the Liberty to enclose you a proposal of a very good Printer in this town to reprint our Book of common Prayer in Consequence of an Application from a Comtee of our Convention. The extravagant price of the Philadelphia Edition & the want of Books among the common people has put us upon this mode of supplying them, but a large number must be engaged to indemnify the Printer. If you approve of the plan you will send the proposal to those Parishes under your Care which you judge will engage the greatest Number, & I will thank you for your Sentiments upon the Subject.

I have another request to make which is that if you have any young Gentleman in Orders in your Diocese who

has not constant employ, & is disposed to pass the ensuing Winter at Cambridge to supply that Church till Easter, that you will sen[d] him there, where they will pay him at the rate of 2½ or 3 Doll^{rs} pr Week till Easter & after that time should he suit them they will raise his Stipend to what will be agreeable. M^r Warren is gone to Kennebeck River. D^r Walter & the Cambridge Proprietors have disagreed, & he & M^r Montague hold on at the North Church. I will thank you to let me know by the return of the Post, if there is any one who you think will accept the Offer & suit that church, which tho' small consists of Gentlemen of Taste & Education.

M^{rs} P joins in all due respects to you & Compl^{ts} to Miss Seabury with Rt Rev^d Sir your most obed^t & very humble Serv^t

S Parker

Rt Rev^d Bishop Seabury.

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 10, 1791, at Boston. To James Cutler, at Messrs. Harrison & Arsleys, Merchants, London, kindness of Capt. Barnard. A newsy letter about family and friends. Says the dispatched bundles of newspapers will convey more information than he can write. MS: NNPM.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 18, 1792, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila., kindness of Tobias Lear. Writes about the uneasiness caused by selling the copyright of the Prayer Book. Says Boston can produce a less expensive volume. "I should be very unwilling to see any coolness or disagreement take place between the Southern & Eastern States now we are so happily united, but this Evil must be remedied. The Copyright to the prayerbook we are well assured is not legal or valid, & was any one of our Printers to reprint it, no Damages could be recovered; still it might prove the means of disuniting us...." MS: AECA.

FRANCIS STONE (Robe Maker to His Majesty), Feb. 26, 1792. To [?James Cutler, at London]. A bill for SP's cassocks and accessories. MS: NNPM.

WALTER HARPER + SAMUEL PETERS, July 12 + 23, 1792, at London. To SP, Boston. Two letters sent under one cover. In the first, Harper asks about Henry Price, a relative. In the second, Peters offers details about Price and tells of legislation currently in Parliament favoring the Scottish bishops. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6: "...the Reverend Walter Harper, of London, is seeking a relative, Henry Price, who lived in Boston and was last heard of in 1771."

SAMUEL PARKER, Aug. 22, 1792, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. Reports that no delegates from Mass. or New Hampshire will attend the forthcoming General Convention in N.Y. because two attempts at a State Convention have failed to materialize. No delegates, therefore, could be elected. Refers to the matter of copyrighting the Prayer Book, the uneasiness it is causing, and the hardship on Churchmen in the Boston area. Hopes the Convention will remove the grounds of complaint. MS: AECA.

REV. WILLIAM SMITH (THE YOUNGER), [?early Sept., 1792], at ?Newport. To SP, Boston. For background of this letter one should consult the earliest

diocesan Journals of Rhode Island and pp. 43-47 of my The Younger Doctor William Smith (1754-1821).

(1) Smith had been Rector of St. Paul's, Narragansett, from July 7, 1787, until he became Rector of Trinity Church, Newport, on Jan. 28, 1790. (2) Dr. Walter Clarke Gardiner, a medical doctor and lay-reader at St. Paul's after Smith had left, desired to enter Holy Orders. At this time he was occupying (or had seized) lands left to the Church by an Indian king. (3) When the Rhode Island Convention of Nov. 18, 1790, passed a resolution that disqualified Gardiner from becoming a candidate for Holy Orders in R.I., he turned to the Standing Committee of Massachusetts, offering testimonials that blamed Smith for the growing rift in St. Paul's parish—a rift actually created by opponents of Gardiner's land-grabbing propensities. (4) Massachusetts promptly accepted his candidacy, and he was ordained Deacon by Bp. Provost of N.Y. on June 24, 1792. (5) Gardiner's father-in-law, Thomas Wickham, meanwhile, belonged to Smith's new parish (Trinity Church, Newport), which was still in a state of division occasioned by the departure of Smith's predecessor, the Rev. James Sayre. (Wickham was of Sayre's "party.") (6) The R. I. Convention of Aug. 20-21, 1792, rebuked St. Paul's, Narragansett, for not joining the Convention, but interestingly enough received a petition from a large part of it, asking to be recognized as the true parish, indicating a willingness to belong to the R. I. Convention instead of to Massachusetts, and desiring to be under the jurisdiction of Bishop Seabury. (7) A year later, at the R. I. Convention of July 31-Aug. 1, 1793, Wickham, a delegate from Trinity Church, Newport, walked out of the session when the discussion turned to the behavior of St. Paul's, Narragansett. I have supplied the bracketed portions of the following incomplete letter, the MS. of which is owned by EDS:

[Newport, ?Early September, ?1792]

[The Rev. Samuel Parker, Trinity Church, Boston]
Rev^d Sir—

Before I left Providence [i.e., after Aug. 21] I did myself the honor of addressing to you one of my little Books, entitled The Convicts Visitor [pub. 1791], the which, [I] hope you have received & find suitable for such scenes of woe and wretchedness, as it is calculated for.

I look for trouble enough in this church [Trinity, Newport] from the violence and resentful sentiments of your Deacon [Dr. Walter Clarke Gardiner] & his Father in Law [Thomas Wickham of Newport]. Just emerged from a Sea of troubles [i.e., the rectorate of James Sayre], we are but ill prepared for the Shock of such Convulsions, as we are now encountering—how they will terminate God only knows—this one thing I know, that whenever jealousies once get abroad among a Congregation in which the clergyman is any how concerned, he becomes the greatest sufferer—nor discerns [that] their reconciliation to each other ever prove[s] very favourable to him; for, when Pilate and Herod were reconciled, Jesus was put to death!—At the furthest, such convulsions as your [Standing] Committee [of Massachusetts] in their zeal to "promote the divine glory," have occasioned, seldom fail of producing the clergyman's Removal—but perhaps that is what your pious colleague aims at.

I now request the favour of your sending me a copy of the paragraph in the Letter of the Narragansett Committee to the Mass^{ts} Standing Committee, which expresses my Scotch "intolerance, and tendency both by practice and preaching to disturb public and private

tranquillity as also civil and religious liberty &c"—or some such words;—together with the date, place sent from, the signatures & the title & place of the addressed.—You need not be surprized, Sir, at this my request & the punctuality and earnestness with which I make it.—Many a man has been denuded of life & property upon an imputation of infinitely smaller magnitude—and I really think, that I should neither be just to myself nor to my children, were I supinely to neglect taking some decent, & I trust Xtian steps, to wipe off from the ecclesiastical annals of your State, such imputations which my soul utterly abhors.—You may rest assured, Sir, that, so far will your compliance with this my justifiable requisition be from bringing you into any trouble, that, if you desire it, your name shall not so much as be named as the medium of obtaining the Duplicate of such atrocious crimination. Self-preservation & my innocent children's future tranquillity and honor induce me to be earnest with you to send me this paragraph at as early a period as possible. Or if you chuse to deny me this favor let me know by the return of the post, that I may lose no time in procuring my request in some other way.

I am....

[Your obedient, humble Servant
William Smith]

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 5, 1792, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 95-96: Sends this letter in the care of the Rev. Walter Harper, not knowing whether Peters is in London or Canada. Says he has given Harper such documents "as must convince him that he has no Expectations from his great Uncle Henry Price Esq^r" Continues: "The attestation respecting Brother Montague I have delivered to him to make what use of he sees fit. It is said that the Evidence in his favour is negative only, whereas Dr Windship pretends to have positive Evidence from a Physician to whom Dr Lettsom recommended Montague that he absolutely cured him of a foul Disease or at least that it appeared he was infected. The Physicians name I never heard, but I suspect it to be a forgery of Windships or that he obtained it by indirect means. Montague is finally hunted out of the North Church by Dr Walter & his friends & has taken up his Abode at Dedham.... With respect to Dr W^m Tryon Peters, I find Montague has maneuvered with great adroitness to give him an Education here at a small Expence, but by all I can learn, it is striving agst the Stream, that he has no fondness for books & that his Improvement is by no means equal to the Expence." Says the United States has now five bishops—three via England, one via Scotland, and one "consecrated by the other four in Union, for Maryland. We are...wholefooted & Canterbury & the Nonjurors have coalesced." Mentions young Rev. Mr. Cutler, who has not yet had an opportunity of carrying out Peters's commission as regards Col. Norton. (Cutler is about to marry the daughter of Attorney-General Sullivan.) Says Peters's "Movements are so secret" that he is at a loss how to direct letters.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 5, 1793, at Boston. To Bp. William White, Phila. Says he is informed—but not officially—that each state may print a supply of Prayer Books if its Standing Committee send the Standing Committee of General Convention the name of its printer when asking permission to do so. Names Messrs. Thomas & Andrews of Boston. Says

Mass. churches badly need Prayer Books. MS: AECA.

SAMUEL PETERS, Feb. 26, 1793, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Gives his opinion concerning the Dr. Windship who attended or treated Wm. Montague. Discusses the estate of Dr. Thomas Moffatt. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PETERS, Apr. 11, 1793, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Discusses the estate of Dr. Thomas Moffatt. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PETERS, Apr. 12, 1793, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Discusses further the estate of Thomas Moffatt, indicating that he has reached a compromise with George Erving. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PETERS, July 21, 1793, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Comments on the Thomas Moffatt estate, on Dr. Mountain's appointment as Bishop of Lower Canada, and on the Canadian Church in general. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6: "...letter discussing the part politics has played in the appointment of a bishop to Canada and stating that Lord Dorchester has gone to Quebec very angry that Mr. Morgan or Mr. Toaply was not made bishop of Lower Canada."

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 12, 1793, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London, kindness of Capt. Scott. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 100: Has Peters's letters of Apr. 11 and 12, and July 21, delivered by Dr. Alexander A. Peters. Says Peters has been taken in by his agreement with John and George Erving. Asks what if Oliver Wendell should refuse his name in an application to the legislatures of these states for repayment of the confiscated property of Thomas Moffatt. Wendell, a good but timid man, on the Executive Council of Mass., does not wish his name to be used for this purpose in applications to Mass., Rhode Island, or Conn. Even if he had acquiesced, sees no prospect for Peters's success and explains the procedures regarding estates seized in the U.S. to support the War. Thomas Moffatt, moreover, was only a surety for one Smbert. As for John Moffatt's estate, Mrs. Thayer has a full discharge from all demands. Urges Peters no longer to be deceived or led on to expect more money "in an Affair which has already cost you so much."

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 19, 1793, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London, kindness of Capt. Cunningham. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 101: Says he wrote by Capt. Scott his candid opinion regarding the dispute between Peters and the heirs of the late John Erving. Asks two favors: (1) that Peters would reimburse postal clerks in London for paying a postage due; (2) that he would purchase and send Robert Hawker's two-volume Sermons on the Divinity of Christ, listed in a recent European Magazine. Thinks they may "do much good in this Country where a contrary Doctrine is fast prevailing." Says Peters's friend, John C. Ogden, has established himself in Vermont and prevailed upon the clergy to elect Dr. Bass Bishop thereof. Has not heard of an acceptance. Signed: "Your friend & Brother provided you are not a Bishop yet...."

SAMUEL PARKER, Jan. 9, 1794, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. Refers to a letter sent Peters last Nov. 12 by Capt. Scott, which may have been misdirected or lost. Says Wendell, now returned from a journey, declares his unwillingness to accede to George Erving's request. Encloses a statement from him,

which may hinder Peters in his suit in chancery. MS: NNPM.

BP. WILLIAM WHITE, June 2, 1794, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Introduces the Rev. Dr. Colin, pastor of a nearby Swedish Church, who visits Boston with Dr. Caspar Wistar, a Phila. physician. MS: NNPM.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 27, 1794, at Boston. To William Morice, Sec'y of the SPG, 53 Gower St., Bedford Square, London, kindness of Col. John Graham. MS. an incomplete rough draft in EDS. I edit the two following paragraphs:

"The last time I had the honour of addressing you was upon the Subject of the Lands originally granted by the late Governors of New Hampshire to the venerable Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts. The Society were so obliging as to convey their right in the Lands then lying within the State of New Hampshire to certain Trustees to & for the use of the Episcopal Church in said State, of which generous Donation the Church in that State retain a grateful remembrance. Sometime previous to the Separation of the Colonies from the parent State, there was a large tract of Land on the Western Side of Connecticut River & lying between said River & the Lakes which divide New England & upper Canada, which was then claimed by New Hampshire, & was granted into Townships to certain Individuals & an original right given in most if not all said Townships to the Society in England for propagating the Gospel. This Tract of Land was afterwards claimed by the Province of New York & was between the Years 1765 & 1770 decreed by the King in Council to be under the Jurisdiction of New York, but the Proprietors of the Soil were to hold their Grants taking out a new Patent from the Governor of New York.

"Many Settlements & great Improvements were at this time made on said Land, & the Inhabitants thinking it a Grievance to pay the patent fees in New York which amounted to more than the Land cost them under New Hampshire, some refused to take out a new charter, others however complied & in their charters the same grants were made or continued to the Society. This matter finally proved so great a Cause of altercation by the New Yorkers attempting to oust the holders of Land under New Hampshire, as in the final resort to oblige them to set New York at defiance & to erect themselves into a distinct Province or State under the Name of Vermont or the Green Mountain. This is now become one of the States of the Union & contains at least Souls. The Grants under N H are all confirmed & among the rest those to the Society. The Episcopal Church is becoming large & numerous & the Lands granted to it of considerable Value. The Members of it wishing to secure these Lands for the benefit of the Church have authorized the Bearer of this Col^o John Graham, whom I beg leave to recommend to your Acquaintance to apply to the venerable Society for a similar Conveyance of the lands granted to it, as they made of those in New Hampshire. This is the Object of this Gentlemans Mission, & in which I hope he may obtain such a reception & notice from the Society as may entitle him to Success."

BP. SAMUEL SEABURY, Dec. 29, 1794, at New London. To SP, Boston. MS: NNPM. Ptd. in Seabury Traditions, I, 125-126, which I reprint here:

New London Dec^r 29th, 1794.

Rev^d & dear Sir,

I take the liberty to transmit the enclosed to you, with the request that you would be so good as to put them into such a way as you think proper. If the Rev M^r Montague is within your reach, I should be glad one was given to him with my compliments.

Please to make my & Marias regards acceptable to M^{rs} Parker. Wishing you both many happy returns of this season, I remain your affect^e hum. serv.

S. Bp. Connect. & Rho. Isl.

The Rev^d D^r S. Parker

Rector of Trinity Church / Boston

[The enclosures were, doubtless, flyers of the "Proposals" for printing by subscription the projected new volume of the Bishop's observations and discourses, announced by the New London printer Thomas C. Green on Dec. 2.]

SAMUEL PARKER, Dec. 30, 1794, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: AECA. See Peters Papers, 110: Says the reason Wm. Montague and he sent no opinions on Peters's election as Bishop of Vermont was that they heard only rumors until last October, when Col. Graham was introduced to him by a letter from the Vermont Convention. Says he desired to send no opinion by that gentleman and even now wishes to offer no advice. "All I shall observe upon the Subject is that if D^r Bass preferred the small living he holds at Newbury^t to the Bishoprick of Vermont, I sh^d imagine that you w^d prefer at this period of life the ease, plenty & agreeable Society you are now in possession of, to the trouble, penury & Vexations that probably will be annexed to that Office. But perhaps a Mitre and the title of Right Rev^d have more charms in your Eyes than in mine." On the matter of the place of Consecration he thinks the Archbishop's reasoning has great weight especially in view of the state of affairs between Britian and the U.S. at this moment. In view of the constitutional set-up of the Church in the U.S., "it is my opinion your Reception at Vermont would be more agreeable, was your Consecration to take place here.... With respect to sending your Letter to Bishop Provost for his opinion whether he will consecrate, there has not been time since its reception, & it would be needless, for he could not have given an answer, before the request of the Convention came before him, as that body & not you are to petition, & then he must have the Advice of his Coadjutors. P.S. Says Peters is wrong in believing "every Denomination of Christians is independent of all Denominations in every other State." Says the government of the Episcopal Church is similar to that of the federal government. Having adopted the general constitution of the Church, Vermont is bound by the laws or canons of the General Convention, this mode of ecclesiastical government having been adopted by all the States. Each may elect its bishop, "but they must proceed conformably to the rules pointed out in the gen^l Constitution to obtain Consecration, & sh^d they act otherwise, the gen^l Government may refuse to consider them as part of the American Episcopal church."

SAMUEL PETERS, Mar. 20, 1795, at London. To SP, Boston. Reports that he has been invited to go to Vermont. Comments on American bishops and the General Convention. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6: "...letter stating that he, Peters, does not know how to act on the invitation extended to him to become bishop of Vermont (Vermont) because of the canon made at the Philadelphia general convention forbidding anyone

to be consecrated bishop unless he has lived and officiated in the States for three years, and he has therefore consulted with the Archbishop for advice."

ROGER VIETS, Apr. 8, 1795, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Sends a bill or draft on the SPG for £25 for SP to clear. Fears that Mrs. Viets, now returning to Conn. to settle the estate of her late father, may not survive the journey. "In Case of a War betwixt Britain & America I must depend intirely on your Goodness to secure the small Sum that will be in your Hands. I beg You would have it in such Situation as to be safe In Case of such a War. Then if the War should not happen, no Harm will be done. You secured a good Interest for Bro^f Walter in a similar Predicament." Desires news of Walter and Clarke; asks SP to give Mrs. Viets \$20 to help her to Conn., and requests him to ship certain commodities by schooner to Nova Scotia. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM MORICE (Sec'y of the SPG), Apr. 13, 1795, at Gower Street, London. To SP, Boston. Has received SP's letter of last Nov. 27. Sends a packet of SPG anniversary sermons or Abstracts. Cannot at present say much on the subject of the Vermont lands. Two Boards have deliberated and, though sympathetic, "don't think that the present situation of things in the country of Vermont furnishes sufficient grounds for their acceding to proposals which are liable to many inconveniencies, & involved in difficulties." As for Vermont, "I should apprehend there are very few Episcopal Ministers to need the care & superintendency of a Bishop. Be that as it may, I believe you will hear from other hands that the Bp. Elect of Vermont will not be consecrated on our side the water." MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, Apr. 14, 1795, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Adds to the list of commodities he desires SP to send. Indicates alarm about Mrs. Viets's health. Should she be ill in Boston, she will go to Mr. Stoddard's. Desires a copy of the pamphlet containing documents related to Bp. Seabury's first meeting with his clergy in Middletown. Says he has in his parish a Scottish gentleman, a nonjuror [Wm. Muir], who desires to study the succession of Scottish bishops and who has heard Bp. Skinner preach. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Apr. 16, 1795, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to direct the enclosed letter to Dr. Jeremy Belknap. Inquires after Wm. Walter, Edward Bass and W. W. Wheeler. "As to ecclesiastical affairs our Bishop is so industrious and vigilant as to preserve them in a respectable situation—eight new churches have been erected in the county of Annapolis—and we have one meeting house viz. a methodist—the congregation decreases both in number and reputation—the preacher for whom it was erected has entirely left those sectaries and adheres closely to the Church This goes by the Quaker schooner of Annapolis—Joel Webber, master." MS: EDS.

REV. JOSEPH WILLARD (Rector of St. John's), May 22, 1795, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to send by the bearer books recommended while at Portsmouth. Asks SP also to comply with another request, which will enable him to perform his ministerial

duties "to much greater advantage." Writes of the well-being of SP's Portsmouth friends. MS: EDS.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, May 26, 1795, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Had hoped to visit Boston with John Usher. Says the R. I. Convention, which was to have met this week in Bristol, has been postponed until July 8 so that Bp. Seabury might attend. Hopes the Mass. Convention will elect delegates for the General Convention because "there is no probability of Bp Seabury attending, & M^r Bowden writes me, he thinks there will be no representation from Connecticut & I am pretty sure there will be none from Rhode Island." Thanks SP for lending him some printed sermons. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PETERS, July 13, 1795, at Pimlico, London. To SP, Boston. Writes about the Church in "Vermont" and about the three "Georgite Bishops" who have agreed among themselves to ignore Bp. Seabury. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6: "...letter concerning the statement that Bishops Provost, White, and Madison are called by our Archbishop the 'Bishops of the United States of America.'"

WILLIAM MORICE (Sec'y of the SPG), Aug. --, 1795, at Gower St., London. To SP, Boston. Regarding Church lands in New Hampshire wrongfully conveyed to private persons. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6-7: "...letter enclosing the power of attorney properly executed which Parker had asked the Society to sign so that he [might] secure the return of church lands in New Hampshire."

RANNA COSSIT, SR., Aug. 11, 1795, at Sydney, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Joseph Peters, P.M. at Halifax. Sends another Bill of Exchange to SP, asking him to transfer the cash realized therefrom to his son, Ranna, III, at Dartmouth College. MS: EDS.

BENJAMIN MOORE, Aug. 24, 1795, at New York. To SP, Boston. Writes about the disposition of William Vassall's estate and the significance of the bishops' negative in General Convention. MS: Dio. Mass.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Oct. 27, 1795, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Writes of his attempts to send books or printed items to SP. MS: Dio. Mass.

REV. JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Oct. 30, 1795, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Sends 70 copies of the Journal of General Convention to SP for distribution in New England. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 9: "A report by James Abercrombie covers an incident at the Philadelphia convention of 1795 in which an impeached member [Rev. Henry Purcell] formally challenged Dr. Andrews to a duel with sword or pistol but was bound over to keep the peace and the duel thus avoided."

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 25, 1795, at Boston. To Samuel Peters, London. MS: ABCEA. Analyzed in Peters Papers, 122-123. See Appendix.

SAMUEL PARKER, Nov. 30, 1795, at Boston. To David Phipps. Has received P's undated letter sent to all the executors of the will of P's late father-in-law, Stephen Greenleaf, which is discussed at considerable length. MS: NNPM.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Dec. 18, 1795, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Sends SP the chant he desired (borrowed apparently from the MS. collection of William

Smith the Younger, Rector of Trinity Church, Newport, a work with the title: The Churchman's Choral Companion to His Prayer Book; consisting of Chants, Responses, and Anthems, with Scripture Hymns Set to Appropriate Melodies, N.Y., 1809.) Writes: "Brother Smith holds his Book of Chaunts in high estimation & is anxious for the publication of them but there seems no possibility of that at present---he is willing to send you on for perusal his Book in Manuscript, if you wish to see it, provided you will assure him that there shall be no copies taken from it. I wish you to do this, as you could then recommend the publication of the Chaunts for the Hymns in the Prayer Book as a first Part. [S]h^d this succeed he might then...at some future Period publish the remaining Ones, as a Second Part. I have advised him to this, but as yet he has not made up his Mind upon it." MS: EDS.

REV. JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Dec. 27, 1795, at Pine St., Phila. To SP, Boston. Has SP's letter of Dec. 11, complaining at not receiving the consignment of General Convention Journals. Apologizes for the printer's negligence. Sends three or four for the interim until the bulk shipment can be made. "The interference of the house of Bishops in [the Rev. Henry] Purcell's favor induced the house of C & L. Deputies to revise & soften, as much as possible, their minutes concerning him & his schismatic pamphlets; which, bye the bye, is made up of plagiarisms from the writings of Conyers Middleton, tacked together by his own original nonsense, which in almost every line contains such violations of grammar, and absurdities of sentiment & diction as a schoolboy ought to be ashamed of; I entirely coincide with you in opinion that he is a disgrace to his profession.... I wish the manners & morals of many of the Southern Clergy were more correct than fame reports them to be." MS: EDS.

BELA HUBBARD, Dec. 29, 1795, at New Haven. To SP, Boston. Writes in behalf of distraught Mrs. Sheafe, whose daughter (Mrs. Erwing or Erwin) is declining into a consumption after a recent childbirth. Says Mrs. Sheafe wishes that Boston friends, esp. Mrs. Lovell, should know of her circumstances and possibly come to Conn. for a few weeks to help lengthen the life of the daughter. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BURHANS (Rector of St. Luke's), Jan. 10, 1796, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston, kindness of Gideon Wheeler. Though unacquainted, hopes SP may have heard of him through Col. Hatch of Boston, who has offered to pay for a folio Prayer Book, the sheets of which are now being printed. Desires to know where they may be had. "I am young in the arduous task [and] placed alone in this part of the Country, while the Prophets of B--l, John Calvin & Tom Pa[i]ne, with a large tribe of Nothing-arians are numerous...." Says he was a pupil of Gideon Bostwick of Great Barrington, who died six days after B. had received Orders. Adds that Caleb Child, who succeeded B. at Great Barrington, is capable of considerable mischief. Should SP have any information about Child, asks that it be shared with him. Sends a pamphlet. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BARBER, Jan. 18, 1796, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston, kindness of Major Price. Asks to be favored by SP's correspondence because there is no clergyman within eighty miles. "The persecution

of the Church caused me to leave the State of Vermont." The General Court there has taken all the Church's and SPG lands and regranted them. Though suits have been begun, he says the matter must be settled in the Federal Court. Fears that Dr. Peters will not come over because of difficulties in Europe and America. MS: EDS.

REV. ADAM BOYD, Jan. 21, 1796, at Augusta, Ga. To SP, Boston. Reports terrible floods, some of which have injured SP's property. Says he is thinking of moving northward. "Glasscock's houses covered from my sight those of yours...almost everything I saw from the balcony was water...I dreaded to hear of Kingland...some stock is lost, and the fields must be...buried in sand." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PETERS, Feb. 1, 1796, at London. To SP, Boston. Discusses the canon of the General Convention made prior to his election as Bp. of Vermont. Complains about the American Church. MS: Dio. Mass. WPA, 6: "...letter in which Peters states that he does not yet feel he should go to America until he understands more fully the rulings of the aforementioned canon law."

JACOB BAILEY, Mar. 10, 1796, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his letter of last summer and for the packet from Dr. Jeremy Belknap. Was surprised at what SP wrote about Dr. Wm. Walter. Comments on the Methodists. Says Viets has never been troubled by these itinerants. Encloses a letter to be forwarded and asks how Thomas Paine's Age of Reason is received in New England.

REV. JOSEPH WILLARD, Mar. 11, 1796, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Asks to borrow for a few days SP's gown and cassock to be used as a model by the Portsmouth tailor. As for the adoption of the Mass. Church's constitution, Mr. J. Sheafe believes a postponement of the vote will help. (Many resent the way in which John Cosens Ogden left the Mass. Convention.) "As many of Bishop Seabury's Sermons as you can spare you will send by the bearer. I wish to circulate them in my parish...." MS: EDS.

BELA HUBBARD, Apr. 25, 1796, at New Haven. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mrs. Sheafe. Announces the death of Mrs. Sheafe's daughter, Mrs. Erwing or Erwin. "What a loss we have sustained in y^e death of Bp Seabury. Our State convention will meet on the 5th of next month...to elect a successor, but if we should happen to agree on one to hold this office what a falling off will it be, yet perhaps it will be best for us to preserve the office altho' y^e person may be far inferior to our late beloved diocesan." MS: EDS.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Apr. 26, 1796, at Providence. To SP, Boston, kindness of Nathan Miller. Thanks SP for his letter of Apr. 13. Remits for the small case SP purchased for him. On the eve of the election of a new bishop for Conn., "some think Doctor Dibble will be elected--others Bowden or Jarvis but Honest Doctor Hubbard says he would not accept it, if he was elected, for he knows he is not fit for it." Reports that Bowden will open an academy in N.Y. this summer, leaving his family in Stratford until the fall. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, III, May 14, 1796, at Dartmouth University (Hanover, N.H.). To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Dunham. Asks SP's help in forwarding letters to Nova

Scotia currently with Capt. Whitman in Boston's north end. Mentions a bill of exchange which his father soon will send to SP to be cashed, the proceeds to be sent to the writer (who boards with Mr. Dunham). Says it would be a favor indeed if SP could advance the sum before the bill arrives. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, May 21, 1796, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Ritchie. Encloses letters to Dr. Bass and Dr. Jeremy Belknap. Asks about a batch of letters sent to SP for distribution two months earlier, to none of which has he received a reply. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, III, May 31, 1796, at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. To SP, Boston. Says his friend, Mons. Legonider, formerly his instructor in French, will supply SP with the order he desires before advancing money on a forthcoming bill of exchange from Ranna Cossit, Sr. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BURHANS, June 16, 1796, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for the many favors conferred on him during a recent visit to Boston. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, SR., June 24, 1796, at Sydney, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Joseph Peters, P.M. at Halifax. Sends a bill of exchange with one of Pres. Matthew's certificates to accompany it. Others, he says, will follow. The proceeds are to be paid to Ranna, III, at Dartmouth College. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PETERS, June 30, 1796, at London. To SP, Boston. Mentions the death of Bp. Seabury, asks about the Convention of Vermont, and asserts that English bishops look down upon their American brothers. MS: Dio. Mass.

NATHANIEL ADAMS, July 10, 1796, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Has postponed answering SP's last letter hoping to see him. Says the real estate in Rockingham and Grafton was not included in the Administration Account "because as Adm^{rs} we have nothing to do with it." Thinks SP has a right to be paid for his time and expenses. Cannot give SP details about Mr. Hale's estate until he goes to Exeter. "I was very much mortified by your insinuations to John P. Hale that I had some design in keeping my transactions...secret from you." Says he has always shared the business with SP. MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, July 11, 1796, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Henry Rutherford. Says Rutherford, a parishioner and member of the Assembly, had a brig called George seized and carried into Boston harbor. Asks SP whether he can be of any service to the man. Says Mrs. Viets arrived back in Nova Scotia on Nov. 11, 1795. Asks SP to send him a copy of his account, a number of commodities and five books: (1) The Democrat or the Intrigues and Adventures of Jean le Noir; (2) The Democratiad, a Poem; (3) The Bloody Buoy by Peter Porcupine; (4) Chronological Abridgement of the Events of the French Revolution; and (5) Revolutionary Justice or the Inside View of the Prisons of Paris—most or all ptd. by Benjamin Davies of Phila. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, III, July 21, 1796, at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. To SP, Boston. Writes about

money realized from bills of exchange sent by his father, Ranna, Sr. MS: EDS.

PRES. JOSEPH WILLARD (of Harvard College), Aug. 15, 1796, at Cambridge. To SP, Boston. Answers SP's letter of this day by observing "that as the Vice President of the United States is President of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is, I suppose, now at home, the order wished for respecting M^r Taylor's paper must come from him...." MS: EDS.

REV. WILLIAM MONTAGUE, Sept. 29, 1796, at Quincy. To SP, Boston. Says Mr. Green has reported that SP was offended at what M. said in Green's store. Explains what he meant to say, for no offense was intended. Says that if SP had given him time to clear up the matter he would have seen it in the same light. Discusses the happenings at the last Convention and why he called one man's action a lie. "However improper my expression relative to the use that ought to be made of such a letter as Dr. Walter sent me, yet if I had been in town the day the convention sat I should not have attended, neither was it out of disrespect nor a want of a sense of my duty to them that I did not write my reasons for not attending, but purely out of love to the church and a regard to peace, and not by any means to discover the least disposition to make difficulties on what I consider for the good of the Church the consecration of a Bishop." MS: EDS.

ROGER VLETS, Oct. 17, 1796, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Explains why Mr. Randall deprived SP of the means of answering V's last letter. Asks SP for a statement of his account and whether any money has come into it from Conn. arising from the sale of Mrs. V's lands there. Asks SP to send him tea, chocolate, leather for shoes and India Cotton. Asks once more for a copy of Revolutionary Justice Displayed or the Inside View of the Prisons of Paris. [F. Stoddard has written SP on the outside: "Novem^r 22^d 1796—M^r Randall Says, he shall Sail in Ten Days for Digby, you can now have an Opp^y to write or Send by him, Enquire at Cap^t Lincoln's."] MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, III, Oct. 19, 1796, at Dartmouth College. To SP, Boston. Acknowledges SP's letter of Sept. 6 and thanks him for many kindnesses to "a lad who you know not, but sir he is a lad that perchance may or may not ever be known to the world, and is your most obedient humble Serv^t." MS: EDS.

DANIEL BURHANS, Nov. 6, 1796, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston, kindness of G. Wheeler. Asks SP about "the determinations of our Bp.-Elect" and the activities of "our Anti-Episcopal Brethren" in the Convention. Says he purposes being in Boston in the spring and "to act independant (i.e. of our opponents) & I Pray for the happiness of finding my Brethren more uniform in Sentiment & united in that love & friendship—the want of which sinks the Christian beneath the Infidel." Encloses a pamphlet mentioning Capt. Bradley and \$2 for vol. 1 of Studies of Nature, to be delivered to Mr. Nancrede. Adds that he may not stay long in Mass. because of scanty appropriations for the clergy. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Nov. 14, 1796, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Writes: "You mention the increase of luxury and the advanced price of provisions—we are in much the same situation here, and if we cannot equal you in luxury, dissipation and the politer vices of

the age it must be more owing to our poverty and local circumstances than either to our morality or religion." Condemns the "licentious principles and flagitious conduct of the French." MS: EDS.

JOHN COSENS OGDEN, Nov. 15, 1796, at Lansingburgh, N.Y. To SP, Boston. Says Daniel Barber of Claremont reports that a suit for the Vermont lands cannot be brought into Federal Courts. He himself believes the contrary. However that may be, he suggests a new approach to the problem: Hard work to propagate the Gospel! Says this evangelical method has not yet been tried. In particular, he recommends that Churchmen in New England's large towns might send religious books and pamphlets to Vermont parishes. "A few days before I left Portsmouth our trustees held a meeting. I proposed that they should commit the business of leasing and looking up the lands to Ambrose Cossit, Esq., and me—but M^r Adams and Judge Olcott had previously laid another plan in order to obtain the Bishoprick and income of the Lands for the Rev^d M^r H. of Charlestown. Death put an end to their wishes—but did not make amends for their mistake in making M^r Hutchinson an attorney." Thanks to financial help from Trinity Church, New York, he has income enough to devote full time to the Vermont problem. Asks SP for books and advice. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BARBER, Nov. 30, 1796, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Parkes. Is surprised to learn that Mr. Adams refused to bring suit for the SPG lands in N.H. and Vt. in the district Federal Court. Says that he and Ambrose Cossit had provided documents for this purpose. What is to be done? (Suits of all kinds are on the dockets of the State courts.) Says Tom Paine's and John Calvin's children are great enemies of the Church and are agreed "that sacrilege is no Crime." Hopes that the Trustees of the Church lands will not allow plunderers to pass with impunity. Mentions the recent introduction of an organ at Claremont. Desires SP to comment on the canon that impedes New Hampshire's joining the Mass. Convention. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, SR., Dec., 1796, at Sydney, N.S. To SP, Boston. Sends SP bills of exchange for processing, asking that his son, Ranna, III, be notified of the status of his account. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BURHANS, Jan. 19, 1797, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston, kindness of Azariah Eggleston. Asks SP to send vol. 1 of Studies of Nature if available. Hopes Edward Bass's acceptance of the episcopal chair will be for the welfare of the Church. Doubts his success because the "democratic Spirit so obvious in some of our brethren...will magnify (if not his superan[n]uated failings) at least themselves against him." Is happy with John Adams's election to the Presidency—a check to the "insolence of Jacobinism." MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, Apr. 7, 1797, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Capt. Lincoln. Reports on the weather in N.S. and an epidemic especially lethal to children. Says scarcity of farm labor is attributable to wages paid those employed in repairing military garrisons at Halifax, Annapolis, etc. Asks how the clergy are supported in New England. By taxes? Asks whether Jeremy Belknap has published the second vol. of his American Biography. MS: EDS.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, May 22, 1797, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Has been disappointed in his hope to visit SP and return his long-overdue books. Explains his dependence on Messrs. Dexter and Mumford. Will come to Boston next week if Mrs. Clarke's health permits. Mentions the vacancy at Newport and the expectation by some that John Sylvester John Gardiner will be called. Asks for SP's opinion of this possibility. Says that prudence keeps him silent. Reports Edward Bass's visit en route to his consecration. Regrets Mr. Jenkins's inability to see SP last week. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BURHANS, June 12, 1797, at Pittsfield. To SP, Boston, kindness of Dr. Wm. Towner. Says he has returned safe to his rural home. "Here retired from the noise of public amusements & the busy [plans] of catching money we live upon our own industry, but how long...God only knows." Hears that Jacobinism is triumphing in Europe. Fears the enthusiasm of French Principles is the "worst of evils." MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, June 17, 1797, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Dr. Tobias. Has SP's letter of Apr. 27. Introduces Dr. Tobias, a specialist in Scarlatina, an attack of which Bailey himself has recently suffered. Reports on local weather and news. MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, III, June 19, 1797, at Hanover, N.H. To SP, Boston. Requests SP to send money through the agency of Mr. Liberty Barrister, who comes to Boston on business. MS: Dio. Mass.

DANIEL BURHANS, July 4, 1797, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston, kindness of Capt. Quincy. Says Mrs. C. Grey has vol. 2 of Studies of Nature and copies of the Boston edition of the Prayer Book which he intended to take to Lanesborough. Asks SP to collect and hold them pending further instructions. Mentions a candidate named Amos Pardee who anticipates settlement at Manchester, Vt., if Bp. Bass will ordain him and if he can secure the necessary testimonials. (He has them from Connecticut.) Asks about procedures and whether [John Sylvester John] Gardiner has gone to Newport. What has become of our pamphleteering brother [John Cosens Ogden]? Recalls the agreeable evening spent at SP's house, when SP and Abraham L. Clarke found a "tincture of schism" in him. MS: EDS.

JACOB BAILEY, July 24, 1797, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Debue. Says the bearer, recommended by Col. Tyng of Portland, is a royalist escaped from Guadalupe, secretary of the late governor and married to his daughter. Says he has been honored at Halifax by Prince Edward, Sir John Wentworth and others, and desires refuge in the U.S. Asks SP to give him advice and direction. MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, July 29, 1797, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Has several hundred pounds due him from Connecticut—more than enough to cover what he owes SP, who is to charge interest on the debt until paid. Reports receiving the last shipment of articles. Hopes Bp. Bass will be remunerated according to his merits. Rejoices to observe greater amity between the U.S. and Britain. Says, "The States and Nova Scotia will be one Family." MS: EDS.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Aug. 1, 1797, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Reports having just returned from N.Y. and Conn., leaving his sick wife at Stratford

until cool weather. Says Ogden has disgraced himself in the State of N.Y. and that Dr. Walter Gardiner of Narragansett, the friend of Dr. Wm. Smith (the Younger), "is now on his Last Legs—is at New York with his Wife & Child—Obliged to flee from [Christ Church] Hudson [N.Y.] in haste, unable to pay his Debts & unable to Account for the Monies Rec^d from the Corporation of Trinity Chh. Amen." Says people at Newport are awaiting a return visit by John Sylvester John Gardiner and that Abraham Jarvis may be consecrated at New Haven in Oct. (Bp. White's answer to the Standing Committee has been received.) MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Aug. 13, 1797, at Boston. To James Cutler, c/o David Trumbull, Lebanon, Conn. A friendly letter to an old acquaintance suffering from hypochondria, who would like for SP to travel into Conn. to visit him. SP sends news of his Boston home, friends and children. MS: NNPM.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Aug. 17, 1797, at Providence. To SP, Boston, kindness of Rev. Henry Moscrop. Sends SP a copy of the [?R. I.] Convention Journal for 1792. MS: Dio. Mass.

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Aug. 19, 1797, at Providence. To SP, Boston. Asks SP to direct the enclosed letter to Wm. Montague, whom he wishes to supply for him during two Sundays in Sept. when he must be in N.Y. MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, Sept. 19, 1797, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Says his wife sold her land in Connecticut for \$200, to be paid for in instalments. Reports that Ezra and Roger Griswold, who collected some of the money, used it to care for their own debts, hoping eventually to replace it. Urges SP to send the enclosed letter to his brother-in-law, Benjamin Buckingham of New Milford, asking him to stop payment of further instalments lest they share the fate of those paid to the Griswolds. Speed is important for a considerable sum could be lost by even a day's delay in delivery. Fears that Bp. Bass will not be adequately provided for. "Bishop Seabury I imagine had as good as \$200 or \$250 Sterl. p^f Ann. Bish^p Provost as Rector of New York & Chaplain to the Congress, I suppose, \$800 or \$900 New York Currency. Will you tell me...whether your Bish^p is to have any thing to live on, or is [he] to be a pure, spiritual Bishop with Nothing corporeal or temporal to support him!" MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, Sept. 27, 1797, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston. Writes of difficulties in getting letters to SP and the high cost of provisions because of the War. Asks SP to transmit the enclosed letter to Springfield for Eliphalet Mitchelson to stop the payment of money that might otherwise fall into the hands of two young relatives who are now deeply in debt. Comments on Bp. Inglis, Messrs. Bailey, Wiswall, Weeks, and Dr. Byles. Describes the activities of Methodist and New Light preachers, who both excite and rob the poor. Asks for news of Dr. Walter, Bp. Bass, King's Chapel, and esp. Clarke: "...has he any Abatement of his Deafness? where does he reside? what are his Circumstances of Livelihood? His Health? Is his Wife mended in Health or Temper?" MS: EDS.

RANNA COSSIT, III, Oct. 9, 1797, at Hanover, N.H.

To SP, Boston. Asks SP to forward by Dr. Philips any money he may have received from his father, Ranna Cos-sit, Sr. MS: Dio. Mass.

DANIEL BURHANS, Jan. 2, 1798, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston, kindness of G. Wheeler. Has received SP's letter of Nov. 17, which implies that B. is an ignoramus and a wretched penman. As for the books, he asks that they be sent by Mr. Eggleston, who will call for them. Jests about being accused of extempore prayers at funerals. Says Ogden is now in Stockbridge publishing his tour through Canada, showing friends a letter from the Bishop recommending him to a parish in Maine, but his capers among the Dissenters have shoved him into a corner where he is little noticed and "from which I hope he may find a back Door & be gone." Ogden tells B. that he is going to Philadelphia to obtain the archbishopric of America!! Asks that the enclosed letter be forwarded to Bp. Bass. MS: EDS.

TRINITY CHURCH VESTRY, NEWPORT, Jan. 17, 1798, at Newport. To SP, Boston. Minutes of the Vestry meeting of Jan. 16, thanking SP for his exertions at the ordination of their new rector, Theodore Dehon, on Dec. 24, 1797, by Bp. Bass and desiring a copy of his sermon for publication. Signed by John Bours, Clerk of the Vestry. MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Apr. 10, 1798, at Boston. To Hon. Christopher Toppan, Hampton, N.H. Remits by Attorney Walker of New Plymouth, N.H., dividends on stocks. Sends Mrs. T. agricultural publications to help her in her dairy and potato field. Reports the death of Dr. Clark. MS: ABCA.

DANIEL BURHANS, May 24, 1798, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston, kindness of Dr. Wm. Towner. Regrets not being able to attend the approaching diocesan convention because of Mrs. B's illness, which requires a journey into Conn. Says they have elected Azariah Eggleston of Lenox as delegate. Asks SP to send books by stage in care of Dr. Kittredge, the inn-keeper at Pittsfield. Reports the disappearance of Ogden and the plight of Gt. Barrington because of the resignation of Caleb Child. ("Thus am I delivered from two enemies to the Cross & left alone in the County.") Says a candidate for the Congregational ministry preaches in the Gt. Barrington church, which cries for help. Asks when Bp. Bass may be expected to visit churches in his quarter. MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, July 26, 1798, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Dr. Byles. Has SP's letter of July 2. Believes the greater part of those left with Mr. Lincoln have miscarried. "Please to excite him to more Care for the future." Regrets hearing of Jeremy Belknap's death [on June 20]. Asks for a Yale Catalogue to note who of his old college friends are gone. Desires a succession of the non-juring bishops in Scotland for Wm. Muir, who knew some of them. Discusses his account with SP. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BURHANS, Aug. 14, 1798, at Lanesborough, Mass. To SP, Boston. Has SP's letter of June 27 and the books brought by Azariah Eggleston. Says his wife is near death. As for the recent diocesan convention, thanks SP for an account of the harmonious proceedings and for being nominated a delegate to the General Convention. (Is sorry he cannot accept the honor.) Is pleased with the account SP gives of Dehon of Newport.

"Child & Ogden are still hovering around--pitied by some & despised by others; I have no more to fear from either, as they have lost their influence among all." Says one is in N.Y. State; the other, in Conn. "While at Connecticut I became acquainted with Dr. Smith & his Lady, formerly from Newport. I am very well pleased with this man--think him a good Scholar & an able Divine--he is now deeply engaged with the dissenting Clergy on the old Subject of episcopacy--& I think him well equipped for the combat--yet afraid of his zeal for his driving is like the driving of Jehu." Discusses his own bad health. MS: EDS.

ROGER VIETS, Aug. 24, 1798, at Digby, N.S. To SP, Boston, kindness of Severio Jones. The complete letter is ptd. in Pre-Rev. Conn., 249, from which I select two of the seven paragraphs:

"Will you take the Trouble to call on Mr. Stoddard (He was formerly & I suppose is still a great Admirer of you) and give my Wife's and my own tenderest Respects to him, and tell him that We take the deepest Interest in his extreme Distress! Our heartiest Prayers to God are that he would give him 'Patience under his Sufferings & an happy Issue out of all his Afflictions!'

"I am sorry for the sudden Death of those two worthy Gentlemen of the dissenting Ministry Mr. Clark & Dr. Belknap. Not long ago We lost 5 Clergymen in this Province & New Brunswick in one year. 3 of them very good exemplary Gentlemen, the other 2 not bad Men. Mr. Cook formerly Missionary in Monmouth Co New Jersey since at St. Ann's New Brunswick drowned there--Mr. Roland died suddenly at Shelburne--Mr. Lloyd of Chester frozen to Death on a Journey thro' the Woods--Mr. Ellis of Windsor & Mr. Delaroche of Guysborough. Our Brethren are all well in these Parts.--"

ABRAHAM LYNSEN CLARKE, Dec. 7, 1798, at Providence. To SP, Boston, kindness of Rev. Joseph Warren. Says Warren will report on what Churchmen of Narragansett are doing to obtain possession of Chase's donation. "The new Charter of that Chh is copied from ours & the one in Newport & contains nothing essential to this Business." Would like to talk this over with SP. Says he could meet him at Newport. Mentions Dr. Walter Clarke Gardiner, who had earlier put his retainers or "party" under the jurisdiction of Mass. rather than Conn. MS: EDS.

GENERAL CONVENTION: STANDING COMMITTEE, Feb. 13, 1799, at Phila. To Bp. William White, Phila. A petition for a Special Convention to be held on or about June 11, 1799, signed by SP as member of the Standing Committee. See Appendix. A circular in EDS.

WILLIAM SMITH (THE ELDER), Mar. 1, 1799, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Encloses the printed circular dated Feb. 13, 1799, and requests SP's signature. Asks that the circular when signed be conveyed "to your Bishop." (The circular is the one described in the preceding entry.) MS: EDS.

Bp. WILLIAM WHITE, July 8, 1799, at Phila. To SP, Boston. Introduces the son of John Stuart. MS: Dio. Mass.

SAMUEL PARKER, Oct. 9, 1799, at Boston. To David S. Greenough. A receipt for \$2.20 in behalf of

the Humane Society, covering a two-year subscription. MS: AECA.

JACOB BAILEY, Jan. 13, 1802, at Annapolis Royal, N.S. To SP, Boston. Has SP's letter of Dec. 21. Thanks him for friendly attention to his unhappy daughter, regretting that her situation prevented her "from returning to her parents who are ready to receive her kindly. I have from her a very penitent letter and Capt. Stuart assures me that her repentance is sincere. She declares...that every art has been used and every advantage taken, by a libertine...to seduce her and then to expose her to greater distress among strangers." Sends related information. MS: EDS.

REV. JAMES BOWERS, May 22, 1802, at Marblehead. To SP, Boston. Asks to be presented for ordination by SP at Trinity Church either on Convention or Ascension Day. Regrets the circumstances that lie behind such a late application, but SP's compliance will meet the wishes of the Bishop. MS: EDS.

DANIEL BARBER, Oct. 18, 1802, at Claremont, N.H. To SP, Boston, kindness of Mr. Dunbar. Introduces Mr. Dunbar. "The Active part you took at the General Convention in favour of Our Petition, to be Constituted a District with the Eastern part of Vermont, Merits my Warmest Gratitude.... Bishop Bass, by his imprudent Ordinations has done Us much harm. [I]t is said by many, he will ruin the Ch^h. This was the only Reason these Churches would Not Consent to Join Massachusetts, by being under one Bishop." (Had SP been bishop it would have been different.) "[F]or the present we have put our Selves under Connecticut." Says he is thinking of applying to the SPG for a right or two of their lands in Vermont. Laments the fact that so much property lies useless and unimproved. MS: EDS.

JOHN BOURS, Feb. 15, 1803, at Newport. To SP, Boston. Reports that the Rector of Trinity Church, Theodore Dehon, is regaining his health in South Carolina but fears a relapse if he returns to the North. (Is this not a hint that the parish should look about for at least an assistant?) Says Mr. Merriam, the schoolmaster has left notwithstanding his having been given an usher to help him in school work. Says the church may have to close its doors unless SP can help locate a supply who might both take charge of the school and assist the Rector. Perhaps a lay reader would be better than nothing. Says New Light ranters abound in Newport. MS: EDS.

REV. JOSEPH WILLARD, Mar. 16, 1803, at Portsmouth. To SP, Boston. Thanks SP for his "very kind & useful labors in this place" during W's absence. Says \$15,000 which he obtained beyond N.Y. has already been received by the Committee. "The gold medal you intrusted to my care, I was not able to deliver to Doct^r Dwight owing to the late hour I arrived in New Haven; but being personally acquainted with Doct^r Hubbard I called him up, & he promised to hand it to Mr. Dwight in the morning." Sends warm regards to SP from the clergy in N.Y. and Philadelphia. "Bishops Moore & White express themselves with great severity relative to the conduct of our friend Doct^r Bass in ordaining Barfield." MS: EDS.

PHILLIPS GEDNEY, May 2, 1803, at Tewksbury, Mass. To SP, Boston. Says the Rev. Abraham Haskell brought SP's letter. Regrets H. cannot officiate on Sunday next. The parish Committee hopes that John Sylvester John Gardiner might come to their aid. Asks SP to

intercede with him. MS: EDS.

JOHN USHER, May 19, 1803, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. Writes in his 80th year of the deplorable state of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, for which some may blame him. Reports that Abraham Lynsen Clarke has resigned because of dissension in the parish and that he himself has "no expectation of stepping into the Desk again." Says he desires peace in the parish and will be no obstacle to any plan Bp. Bass and the clergy shall deem necessary. "This may properly be called my first Letter since You Dr Sir was at my bed side...." MS: EDS.

SAMUEL PARKER, Sept. 14, 1803, at Boston. To Bp. Abraham Jarvis, New Haven. Commends the bearer, the Rev. Galen Hickes, a native of Mass., with good testimonials and already in Deacon's Orders. Says he was to have been advanced to the priesthood on this day by Bp. Bass, whose death has prevented. Asks Jarvis to gratify the candidate. MS: Dio. Mass.

WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, Mar. 31, 1804, at Scituate. To SP, Boston. Has received the vote of the Committee and will lay the matter before the wardens at Marshfield and Scituate. Says his health will prevent his attending the Convention. "You seemed to hint that the Parish's selling the Glebe to me, and my buying it was sacrilege or alienation but if the Money for which it was sold is secured to the next Incumbent, and to the Church forever, where lies the Sacrilege [or] alienation? The old house was tumbling down, the land lying common, without fence, and running up into Brush, some part of the old house had tumbled down, and it appears that the whole would, if I had not taken care of it...." Laments the political picture in Mass. and in the Diocese. Asks SP to furnish him with some horsechestnut trees. MS: EDS.

WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER, May 28, 1804, at Scituate. To SP, Boston, kindness of Dr. Bailey, of Scituate. Says sickness will again prevent his attending the Convention, "but if it should be tho't proper to adjourn...to Commencement week, or any Other time, when the eastern Winds should be less unfavourable to my feeble constitution I might be able to attend." MS: EDS.

REV. HENRY WIGHT, June 8, 1804, at Bristol, R.I. To SP, Boston. At John Usher's request he informs SP "that all existing difficulties between [John Usher], his church and society are settled in a christian manner." Says Usher condolees with Theodore Dehon (who has lost his mother) and congratulates SP on his election to the episcopate. Reports that Alexander Viets Griswold, who has taken charge of St. Michael's, Bristol, is attending the funeral of Col. Updike of Wickford. Adds that John Usher bears the trials of old age with Christian fortitude. MS: EDS.

REV. JOHN LYNN BLACKBURNE, Oct. 24, 1804, at Quincy. To Bp. SP, Boston. Since visiting SP he has had no reply to his inquiries about the parish in Edenton, N.C. Recently he has learned that the climate is not "suitable to an european constitution" and therefore declines the offer. Should something worthy develop "in this neighborhood" says he would like to hear about it. Intends, meanwhile, to remain at Quincy. MS: EDS.

[May 30, 1784]

Rev'd. Sir:

I am informed by your Townsman ye rev'd. Mr. Clarke, that you wish to be informed of ye Measures in contemplation with ye epl. Clergy in these parts for ye continuance of our Church & that you did me ye honor to name me as one of whom you wished him to make ye Inquiry. I embrace ye Opportunity of opening my Mind to you in some sentiments additional to those general Principles which ye Clergy in this City forwarded to you by ye honl. Mr. Lowell. From these last you will learn ye outlines of our System: & it only remains to mention in what way we wish to see a representative Body of ye Church constituted in each State and a general Representative Body for ye Continent.

I therefore, Sir, propose for your consideration, whether it will not be expedient to have in each State a certain Body composed of all ye Clergy and Lay-Delegates from ye Congregations (perhaps) according to yr respective Numbers—Whether it will not be proper to provide that where ye Church is numerous in any State or may hereafter become so in others, such States should be divided into Districts & ye State representative Body formed by Delegation therefrom—Whether ye Church of a State thought not numerous enough to have a Bishop may not be perfectly organized, except a Dependence required on some other for ye single purpose of Ordination, a President in such case to be chosen annually; & Whether, if a State be divided into Districts there may not be a Bishop in each District, whereby each Bp. having a very moderate superintendence, might be also a Parish Minister & would not require a separate Revenue for his Support, ye getting such a Revenue being perhaps impracticable?

In respect to a continental Representative,—or a Convocation of ye ep. Ch. in ye U S, I submit to you, whether (were they even to meet but once in 3, 4, or 5 years) such a Body be not essential to our keeping together one Church as ye R. Catholics, Presbyterians & Quakers do respectively—and whether such a Body might not be formed, without any great Burthen, by a Delegation from each State?

I know, rev'd. Sir, that ye introducing the Laity into our Scheme is thought exceptionable by some of our Brethren. In answer, I will not pretend any apprehensions of ye Clergy acquiring extravagant Powers; altho' could I foresee such an event, it would confirm me in my principle. But under present Circumstances, I rather expect, that without ye Laity, there will be no Govt. at all; (1) and that there will be no persons capable of exercising that Authority which ye 20th & 34th Articles of ye Church of England consider essentially inherent to every Church; In short, whatever ye Clergy alone shall do will be treated as what a Congn. may either receive or reject & as not even binding on ye dissenting Members of their own Body; & ye Consequence will at last be, that ye several Congregations being independent of one another, will gradually widen in Doctrine, and Worship, agreeing perhaps in ye single circumstance of their requiring episcopal Ordination.

On ye Subject of procuring ye succession I shall only observe, that if any private Measures said to have been undertaken for this End shd prove successful, I think ye whole Church shd gladly avail itself of ye Acquisition. If not, an Application to our Mother Church from Representatives of ye epl. Church generally will be surely too respectable to be slighted; & such an Application might be easily framed by correspondence among ourselves.

Should you, rev'd. Sir, think any Part of our Plan exceptionable or have any thing in Addition to offer, I shall be as friendly in attending to your Sentiments as I am free in offering my own.

I have ye pleasure to inform you, that last Tuesday there must have been a Meeting of ye Clergy of Maryld. & Delegates from ye Vestries; but their Proceedings are not yet known here.

By a Letter from ye rev'd. Mr. Beach of Brunswick, I am informed that at a late Meeting of ye Clergy of Connecticut, they appointed a Committee of their Body to meet us in N. York, on ye 1st Tuesday after Michaelmas & have

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From Bishop Parker's MSS. in the possession of his daughter, the wife of the Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., of Lowell, Mass.

of Worship be continued as near as may be to the Liturgy of said Church.

Fourthly. That the Succession of the Ministry be agreeable to the Usage which requireth the three Orders of Bishops, Priests, & Deacons, that the rights & Powers of the same be respectively ascertained & that they be exercised according to reasonable Laws to be duly made.

Fifthly. That the Power of making Canons & Laws be vested solely in a representative Body of the Clergy & Laity conjointly; in which Body the Laity ought not to exceed or their Votes to be more in Number than those of the Clergy.

Sixthly. That no Powers be delegated to a general ecclesiastical Government except such as cannot conveniently be exercised by the Clergy & Vestries in their respective Congregations.

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At a Meeting of the Episcopal Clergy of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held at Boston, Sept. 8, 1784,

Voted. That the Episcopal Church in the united States of America is & ought to be independent of all foreign Authority ecclesiastical & civil. But it is the Opinion of the Convention that this Independence be not construed or taken in so rigorous a Sense as to exclude the Churches of America separately or collectively from applying for & obtaining from some regular Episcopal foreign Power an American Episcopate.

Secondly. That the Episcopal Church in these States hath & ought to have in common with all other religious Societies full & exclusive Powers to regulate the concerns of its own Communion.

Thirdly. That the Doctrines of the Gospel be maintained as now professed by the Church of England & Uniformity

APPENDIX

Voted. That the Revd. Mr. Parker, Revd. Mr. Bass & Revd. Mr. Fisher be a Comtee. on behalf of the Churches of these States to correspond & consult with the Clergy of other Episcopal Churches in America in Convention, Committees or otherways.

Voted. That a circular Letter be written in the Name of this Convention to the Episcopal Clergy in the States of Connecticut, New York & Pennsylvania urging the Necessity of their uniting with us in adopting some speedy Measures to secure an American Episcopate. As it is the unanimous Opinion of this Convention that this is the primary Object

Church, the Revd. Mr. Parker be desired to meet & act with said representative body on behalf of this Convention.

Voted. That the Convention or Committee of Churches in the States of Connecticut, New York & Pennsylvania be informed of the Proceedings of this Convention & that they or some of them be requested to transmit the same to our more southern Brethren.

A true Extract from the Minutes.
Attest.

Reverend & Honoured Brethren.

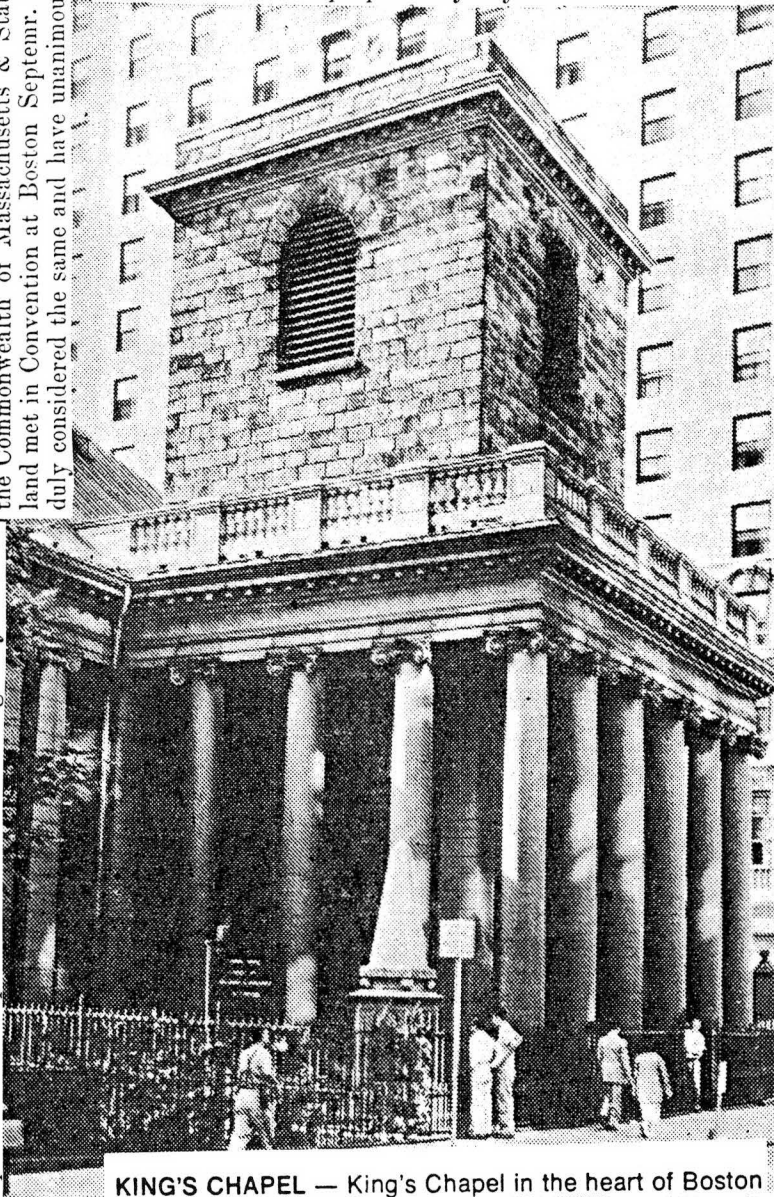
Having been favoured with the Minutes of the Meeting of the Clergy & Lay Delegates from sundry Congregations of the Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania held at Philadelphia the 25th of May last, communicated to us by your Chairman, We the Clergy of the Episcopal Churches in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & State of Rhode Island met in Convention at Boston Septemr. 8th, 1784, have duly considered the same and have unanimously adopted the

they ought to have in view, because the very Existence of the Church requires some speedy Mode of obtaining regular Ordination.

Voted. That in Case a general Meeting of the Episcopal Churches in the united States by their Representatives is now or shall at any future time before the next Meeting of this Convention be proposed by any number of Churches to

men bring or actic w you bourd, and think the same not only unexceptionable but such as the Episcopal Churches in the united States ought to adopt. We have indeed thought proper to add a Restriction or an explanatory clause to the first and fifth Article, more for the Sake of avoiding any Mistakes hereafter than because we suppose we differ from you in Sentiment.

But it is our unanimous Opinion that it is beginning at the wrong end to attempt to organize our Church before we have obtained a head. Our Churches at present resemble the scattered Limbs of the body without any common Centre of Union, or Principle to animate the whole. We cannot conceive it probable or even possible to carry the Plan you have pointed out into Execution before an Episcopate is obtained to direct our Motions, & by a delegated Authority to claim our Assent. It is needless to represent to you the absolute Necessity of adopting & uniting in some speedy measures to procure some reputable Person who is regularly invested



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with the powers of Ordination, &c. to reside among us, without which scarce the Shadow of an Episcopal Church will soon remain in these States. Many are the Congregations here destitute of a Clergyman, & we must be left to the disagreeable Alternative of having no Church in many of our Settlements where there would probably be a respectable one, or of having clerical Powers conveyed in an irregular manner.

As to the mode of obtaining what we stand in such need of, we wish above all things to procure it in the most regular manner & particularly from our mother church in England. Whether any of the Bishops in England or Ireland would

consecrate a Person chosen among ourselves & sent there for that Purpose without a mandate from the King of England or the authority of his Parliament, we are at a loss to determine; but we have no doubt that a regular Application made by a representative Body of the Episcopal Churches in America would easily obtain a consecrated head, & in order to this we earnestly wish a mode of applying in some such way may be immediately adopted by the American Churches.

We are of Opinion that we ought to leave no means untried to procure a regular Succession of the Episcopacy before we think of obtaining it in an irregular Manner. To accomplish this we have chosen a Committee of our Body to correspond with you upon this Subject & adopt such Measures for the same as may be expedient or necessary. And in case a Meeting of a representative Body shall be agreed upon, we have delegated a Power to one of our Number to represent us & our Churches in such a Meeting. We are extremely anxious for the Preservation of our Communion & the Continuance of an Uniformity of Doctrine & Worship, but we see not how this can be maintained without a common head, & are therefore desirous of uniting with you in such Measures as shall be found expedient & proper for the common good.

We are Gentlemen your affectionate Brethren
& Friends,

Signed in behalf of said Convention,

J. GRAVES,
Modr.

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At a Convention of Clergymen and Lay Deputies of the Episcopal Church of the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, held at Boston, Sept. 7 and 8, 1785.

Present.

Rev. Edward Bass, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler, Rector of the united Churches at Scituate, Marshfield, Braintree, and Bridgewater.

Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Rev. Samuel Parker, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
Hon. Tristram Dalton, Esq., Deputy of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Stephen Greenleaf, Esq., and Mr. Benjamin Greene, Deputies of Trinity Church, Boston.

Thomas Ivers, Esq., and Mr. James Sherman, Deputies of Christ Church, Boston.

Dr. Charles Stockbridge, Deputy of Scituate, Marshfield, and Bridgewater.

Timothy Cutler

and alterations, agreed upon by a Committee of Convocation, held at Middletown, in Connecticut, August 3, 1785, as contained in paper No. 1, serve as a basis for our present proceedings.

The Convention then proceeded to a revival of the State Prayers, in the Book of Common Prayer, and came to the following resolutions, as a substitute for the State Prayers.

That in the Suffrage after the Creed, in morning and evening prayer, instead of, "O Lord save the King;" it be read, O Lord save the Church, to which the congregation are to make the accustomed response, "and mercifully hear us," &c.

That the prayer for the King, in morning and evening service, be left out; and the prayer for the Royal Family be thus altered,—Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless the Governor and Council of this Commonwealth, endue them with thy Holy Spirit, and so on, as it now stands.

That in the Litany, the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th peti-

Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler, Deputy of Braintree.
Mr. Woodward Abraham, Deputy of Marblehead.
Mr. Joshua Kingsbury, Deputy of Dedham.
Mr. Joseph Aspinwall, Deputy of Stoughton.
Mr. John Bours, Deputy of Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island.

Mr. John Usher, Deputy of Bristol, R. I.
Dr. Francis Borland, Deputy of Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth, N. H.

Voted, Rev. Edward Bass, President of this Convention.
Voted, Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, Secretary.

Voted, That the Clergy and Laity now assembled shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Voted, That the Convention take into consideration the revival of the Liturgy and offices of the Church, as contained in the Book of Common Prayer, and make such alterations as may be necessary; and that the omissions

tions be omitted, and the petition for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, immediately follow that for the universal Church; the 20th and 21st petition be thus read,—that it may please thee to endue the Governor and Council of this Commonwealth with grace, wisdom, and understanding; that it may please thee to bless and keep the Judges and subordinate Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;—to both which, the usual response, “we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord,” is to be made by the congregation.

That in the prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church Militant, the part relating to Rulers and Ministers, be thus altered:—We beseech thee also to save and defend, all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors, and grant that they, and all that are in authority, may truly and impartially minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue; give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, that they may,—and so on, as it now stands.

That the prayers for the King, that stand before the Nicene Creed, in the Communion Service, be omitted.

That in the Answer in the Catechism, to the question, “What is thy duty towards thy neighbor,” for, “to honor and obey the King”, be substituted, to honor and obey my civil rulers, to submit myself, &c.

That during every session of the General Court, the following Collect be used in its proper place:—Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Commonwealth in general, so especially for the General Court at this time assembled, that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled, by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us, for all generations;—these, and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg, in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

That the observation of 5th November, 30th January, 29th May, and 25th October, be discontinued.

In the other parts of the Liturgy and offices of the Church, they came to the following resolutions:

That in the Te Deum, the sentence following this, “when thou tookedst upon thee to deliver man,” be thus altered, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a pure virgin.

That the Article in the Apostles' Creed, “He descended into Hell,” be omitted.

That the Creed commonly called the Creed of St. Athanasius, be wholly disused.

That it be left discretionary with the Minister, Wardens, and Vestry, of each particular Church, or congregation, to omit or use the Nicene Creed, as they shall severally choose.

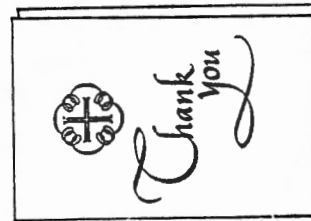
That the response after the suffrage, “give peace in our time, O Lord,” be thus altered, and make all nations to rejoice in thy loving kindness, O God.

That the Lord's Prayer, after the Apostles' Creed, and also what is usually called the shorter Litany, or the petitions, “Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy,”

Holy Communion, the word “damnation,” following these words, “increase your,” be read, condemnation; and the two paragraphs after these words, “or else come not to that holy table,” be omitted, and the following one be read, And if there be any of you, who by these means cannot quiet their own conscience, &c. The words “learned and discreet,” epithets given to ministers, &c. be also omitted.

That in the Exhortation at the Communion, the paragraph concerning the danger of receiving the same unworthily, be thus altered:—So is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily, not considering the Lord's Body, for then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour, we eat and drink judgment to ourselves, kindling God's wrath against us, and provoking him to afflict us with divers diseases, and sundry kinds of death.

That it be left discretionary with the Minister, whether the words, “The body of our Lord Jesus Christ,” &c., be



&c. be omitted, or left out. That the petitions in the Litany, from, “O Christ hear us,” inclusive, to the prayer beginning, “O God, merciful Father,” and from the end of that prayer, including the response, “O Lord arise, help us, and deliver us, for thy name's sake,” as far as the suffrage, “From our enemies defend us, O Christ,” exclusive, be also omitted.

That the Lord's Prayer, at the beginning of the Communion Service, be omitted; and that the Gloria Patri be repeated only at the last of the Psalms, read at morning and evening service, when more than one, or that it be repeated but once in reading the Psalms.

The Prayer for the Clergy and people, in morning and evening service, to be thus read, Almighty and everlasting God, from whom alone every good and perfect gift doth come, send down upon all Bishops and Pastors, and the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace, &c.

That in the first warning, for the Celebration of the

repeated to each communicant separately, when the bread is given, or whether it shall be repeated but once, for all then present at the Altar—and the same also at giving the cup; and if the latter is adopted, that the plural be then used, instead of the singular.

That at the Baptism of Infants, parents may be admitted Sponsors, with one or other person, if a suitable one can be procured,—if not, the parents alone, in their own persons, or by their proxies.

In the first address to the people in the Baptismal Office, the words, "All men are conceived and born in sin," be omitted, and the words, "our Saviour Christ," follow "for as much as."

That the words, "release him of his sins," in the address to the Sponsors, be omitted; that when the child or person is baptized in church, instead of repeating the Creed, the priest may say, Dost thou believe all the articles of the Christian faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed? to which the answer shall be, I do, and, by God's help, I will instruct this child in that faith; the following question to be thus altered, Wilt thou have this child to be baptized in that faith? The usual response to follow; the last demand and response to be omitted.

That the Sign of the Cross may be omitted, if particularly desired by the Sponsors.

In the last prayer, the following alterations to be made: "That it hath pleased thee, by thy holy baptism, to regenerate this infant or person," the words "Vulgar tongue," in the Exhortation and Charge to the Sponsors, be omitted; and the words, "if opportunity presents," be added at the end of the Charge.

At the Burial of the Dead, the Commitment of the Body to the ground, to be thus altered: For as much as it hath pleased Almighty God, to take out of this mortal life, the soul of our brother (or sister), here departed, we therefore commit his (or her) body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking for the resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious Body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

The prayer following the Lord's Prayer, to be omitted; and after the words, "beginning of the world," in the last prayer, be added this paragraph: So that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may then have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, grant this, &c.

That the office of Churching of Women, be omitted, excepting the introduction, the latter part of which shall be read: You shall therefore join in giving hearty thanks to God; and the Collect, which shall be thus altered: O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks, for thy great mercy vouchsafed to this woman, thy servant, who now desires to offer up her praises and thanksgivings to thee; and grant, &c.

The second paragraph in the Introduction to the Communion Service, to be thus read: instead whereof, it is thought good at this time, in the presence of you all, should be read the general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, gathered out of the seven

Voted, That it be recommended to the several Churches in these States, immediately to make the omissions, and adopt the alterations contained in the printed paper No. 1, and agreed upon by this Convention, as a substitute for the State Prayers, in the Book of Common Prayer, and that the using the other alterations be postponed till after the time to which this Convention shall be adjourned, in order that it may be seen, how far the other States will conform to said alterations.

Voted, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that it is not necessary nor convenient to send a Delegate or Delegates to the General Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia on the Tuesday preceding the Feast of St. Michael, but that a copy of the proceedings of this Convention be communicated, by a Committee to be hereafter chosen, to the President or some member of said Convention, to be communicated to said Body, and also to the Bishop or Clergy of Connecticut, previous to the Convention to be held at New Haven, to be communicated to them, requesting a speedy communication of



and twentieth chapter of Deuteronomy and other places of Scripture:—the remainder of this paragraph, with the Rubrick, that "the people shall answer and say, Amen," to the Curses, to be omitted.

That the Absolution, in the office of the Visitation of the Sick, be expunged, and the Absolution used in the Communion Service, be substituted in its stead, if necessary.

That the Introduction to the Marriage Service, containing the reasons why matrimony was ordained, be omitted, from the words, "holy matrimony," to "therefore, if any man can shew any just cause," &c.

That the words, "plight and give thee my troth," be altered to pledge thee my truth; that the words, "with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow," in giving the ring, be omitted.

That it be left discretionary with the Minister, whether the Collect for the day be read more than once in the morning service, and also whether the Communion Service shall be read in the Reading Desk or in the Altar.

each of their proceedings to said Committee.

Voted, That said Committee furnish all the Churches in the three States not represented here, and those whose members are absent, with a copy of the alterations in the Liturgy, agreed upon by this Convention, and request of them a return of their actings thereon, to this Convention, at their adjournment.

Voted, Rev. Mr. Parker, Thomas Ivers, Esq., and Mr. Benjamin Greene, be said Committee, with a power to employ a Clerk to assist them.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Bass and Mr. Fisher be a Committee to form a Collect, to be inserted among the occasional prayers for the case of persons who have lost their friends, for persons sick, and for persons bound to sea, and report at the adjournment.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned to October 26th, and in case the Committee shall not then have received the returns from the Conventions at New Haven and Philadelphia, that they be authorized to adjourn said Convention, to such future day as they shall judge best, and notify the members of the same.

In consequence of the preceding votes of Convention, attested copies of the proposed alterations in the Liturgy and Offices of the Church, were transmitted to the Churches and Clergymen.

One to the Right Rev. Bishop Seabury, New London, Con.

- " Rev. Bela Hubbard, New Haven, Con.
- " Rev. Benjamin Moore, New York.
- " Rev. William White, D. D., Philadelphia.
- " St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, Mass.
- " Trinity Church, Boston, Mass.
- " Christ Church, "
- " St. Peter's Church, Salem, Mass.
- " United Churches at Scituate and Marshfield.
- " Christ Church, Braintree, Mass.
- " Church, Marblehead, Mass.
- " Church, Falmouth, Mass.
- " Trinity Church, Newport, R. I.
- " St. Michael's Church, Bristol, R. I.
- " Church, Providence, R. I.
- " Church, Narraganset, R. I.
- " Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth, N. H.
- " Church, Claremont, N. H.
- " Church, Holderness, N. H.



In the year 1785, I think in the month of June or July, there being then but four Clergymen of the Episcopal Church in the three states of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and there being in those states eighteen or twenty Churches, three of the Clergymen of Massachusetts thought it advisable to invite a Convention of all the Churches to consult upon some plan for maintaining uniformity in Divine Worship, and adopting such other measures as might tend to the union and prosperity of the Episcopal Church. There being but four Clergymen, and so many Churches without, it was absolutely necessary to call in the Wardens and delegates from those Churches who had no Clergymen. This Convention was proposed to be held on Sept. 7, 1785. In the mean time, being informed that the Bishop of Connecticut proposed to meet his Clergy in Convention, on August 3, in that year, I was requested by my brethren in the ministry, and the wardens and vestry, to attend that meeting, in order to learn what proceedings that body would take, that the proposed Convention in this state might be able to act in unison with them. The attention and politeness I received from yourself, Sir, and the Clergy of your diocese, demand my grateful acknowledgments. I had the honour of a seat in the first Convention ever held in Amer-

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Boston, Jan'y 28, 1788.

R't Rev'd Sir:

Your favour of the 15th did not reach me till the evening of the 21st instant, and the departure of the Post the next morning prevented my answering it the last week.

I am very sorry to find that you have any reluctance to pass the festival of Easter at Boston, on account of any irregular or unprejudiced conduct in our Church. I know not what accounts may have come to your ears respecting the great alterations we have made in the Liturgy of the Church. I flatter myself you have heard more than is really true. I had the honour of transmitting to you, Sir, a copy of these alterations, adopted by a Convention held in this state, Sept., '85: no others have been since added, except the Psalms. The gentlemen of the Charitable Society would think themselves honoured with your company at their annual festival; but I cannot feel myself at liberty to promise a recession from our present mode of carrying on the service, as I apprehend it would be attended with great convulsions in our Church. And if you will indulge me in the statement of a few facts relating to those alterations we have really made, and the grounds upon which they were adopted, you will be the better able to judge how far our conduct has been reprehensible

ca. Upon discussing the subject of the expediency of some alterations in the Liturgy of the Church, it was proposed and agreed to, to choose a committee to attend the Bishop, to propose such alterations as should be thought necessary, and to report them to the next meeting of the Convocation. Having the honour of being named on that committee, in conjunction with Rev'd Messrs Jarvis and Bowdoin, you will recollect, Sir, that we spent Friday and Saturday in that week upon this subject, and that most, if not all the proposed alterations were such as we were under obligations to you for, or such as you readily agreed to. These proposed alterations were to be reported to the next meeting of your Convocation, and by your express desire, to the Convention that was to meet in this town the following month, and were, I think, transmitted by you to the Rev'd Dr. Smith, of Maryland, to be communicated to the Convention to be held at Philadelphia, in the month of October. The substitutes for the state prayers were to be immediately recommended to the Churches of Connecticut; and your injunction was received and adopted, with the alteration of one single word by our Convention. The other proposed alterations were also agreed to, and were to be sent to all the Churches in those states for their ratification. In our peculiar situation, without a Bishop, and most of our Churches without a Clergyman, what other mode could we devise? Till then I had not made, and did not think myself at liberty to make, any alterations, even in the state prayers, otherwise than by omitting the prayers for the King, &c. Give me leave, R't Rev'd Sir, to ask what other mode we could have devised, in our peculiar situation, without a Bishop, and most of our Churches without a Clergyman? As we could not proceed in the most regular way of having our Liturgy altered by a Bishop, we thought we had taken the next most regular step, that of

gaining the consent of a neighbouring Bishop, who, we were led to suppose, would enjoin the same in his Diocese. We kept our Convention under adjournments till July following, in order to see what would take effect in Connecticut, and at the Southward. The Convention held in Philadelphia, in October, went more thoroughly into alterations than we had proposed, which terminated in reprinting the Prayer Book. The Churches in Connecticut, taking the alarm at the proceedings of the Philadelphia Convention, began to think it best not to start from the old ground; and, if I am rightly informed, sent memorials to the Bishop in Convocation, not to accede to any alterations in the Liturgy, further than the substitute for the state prayers.

When our Convention met in July, by adjournment, we found that we were left by our brethren in Connecticut—that they thought it not advisable to make any alterations. The Convention at the Southward, though they acceded to some of our alterations, had gone much further, and did not adopt the substitute for the state prayers; and the Churches in this and the neighbouring states had readily come into our proposed alterations, as they had signified to the Convention, one only excepted: what was there, in the power of the Convention, then left to do, to preserve a uniformity? For my own part I was nonplussed—we found we missed our object, and the only thing left to our choice was, to leave it to the option of the several Churches to adopt the new alterations, or continue the old Liturgy, as should be most agreeable.

My Church chose the alterations, and on the first Sunday in August, 1788, they were introduced, and have been strictly adhered to ever since. With those alterations suggested by yourself, and adopted by this Convention, it was judged best by some of our Church, to take the Psalms as selected by the Convention at Philadelphia. The reasons adduced for this procedure were, the great length of the morning service, which the reading the Psalms thus selected would considerably shorten, and that certain passages, which were peculiar to the state of the Jewish Church, and in particular those called the cursing Psalms, and not so well adapted to worship under the Christian dispensation, were omitted.

This, Sir, being the true state of facts, you will be able to judge how far we have acted irregularly, and whether you can with propriety visit us under these circumstances. I am not, for my own part, so much attached to our alterations, as to be unwilling to part with them, save in two instances: I mean the omission of the Athanasian Creed, and the frequent repetition of the Lord's Prayer. To return to these I should feel a reluctance; but still would be willing to sacrifice my own sentiments to the general good.

I am at the same time confident that, should I attempt it, it would cause a convulsion in my Church, [such] as would go near to its total

thing slip that is improper, for I assure you it was not intended.

I can only now add, Sir, that the gentlemen of the Charitable Society, and particularly myself, would think ourselves honoured with your company at the annual festival, and highly favoured by your preaching to them on that day, (and I will add, on the Sunday preceding, if you can make it convenient;) but at the same time they cannot authorize me to promise a recession from our present mode of performing the service, as they are apprehensive that such a measure would especially at the present time, when the Episcopal Church is peculiarly situated, tend to create divisions and parties among ourselves.

A committee of the Society was chosen at the last yearly meeting, to appoint some other gentleman to preach, in case you should not accept the invitation. You will, therefore, please to let me know, as soon as convenient, the result of your determination,

And believe me to be, with all possible respect and esteem,

R't Rev'd Sir, your most obedient,
And very humble Servant,

S. PARKER.

R't Rev'd Bishop of Connecticut.



destruction. And sure I am that is an event you would not wish to see take place. But let us suppose it might be effected without this risque. Will our returning whence we have departed produce a uniformity through these states? If this was probable, I should most surely advise it. You value us in this state at much too high a rate, by supposing that our joining either side will bring about the desired uniformity. The Church is inconsiderable here, compared with what it is in yours or the Southern States. And would not our returning without producing the intended end, discover an instability and fondness for change, that would be greatly prejudicial to the welfare of the Churches? This I will venture to assert, that when the several Bishops in America have agreed upon a uniform Liturgy, that it will be adopted by the Churches in this state.

Thus, R't Rev'd Sir, I have taken the liberty to lay before you this statement of facts, and the probable consequences of our compliance with what you wish; and however mistaken I may be, I have endeavored to do it with all that respect due to your character and office. Your known goodness and candour will excuse me if my pen has let any

Boston, January 20th, 1789

Right Rev. Sir:

I was honoured sometime last month with your letter, which being without date leaves me uncertain how long it was on its passage, nor could I find out the bearer. I have been waiting some weeks for an opportunity to send to Philadelphia by a private hand, otherwise should have been more punctual in acknowledging the receipt of yours.

You ask, Sir, "whether your brethren of Massachusetts are determined still to keep at a distance from you?" I am quite at a loss how to answer the question. True it is that the Churches in Massachusetts have at present more the resemblance of Independent congregations than of Episcopal Churches, having one common centre of union and communion. There are but six Episcopal Clergymen in the state: two of these have received Orders since the Revolution; one from yourself, the other from Bishop Seabury; two of the other four are so lax in their principles of Episcopal government, that I rather think them averse to uniting under any common head. The Churches are without funds, and the Clergy supported by voluntary contributions, and most of them so small and poor as to afford their ministers but slender support. This being the case, your supposition that the respectability of the Church of Massachusetts would warrant your looking to them to complete the number of Bishops in the English line, is not, you will readily perceive, well founded. Greater difficulties would arise in this matter than a stranger would imagine; so great, indeed, that I despair of ever seeing it effected here.

If there is anything in the power of the clergy here that could effect a reconciliation between the Church of Connecticut and Philadelphia, it will, I am sure, be embraced with cheerfulness. Something I hope will be attempted in the spring. It appears to me that a union might take place, even if the constitutions of government and the Liturgy varied a little in the different States. An absolute uniformity of government and worship, perhaps, will never take place under a Republican form of civil government, and where there is such a variety of sentiments in religious matters. Still I conceive we may become so far united as to be one Church, agreeing in the general principles of discipline and worship.

The late alteration that has taken place in the political principles of the Non-jurors in Scotland, their being no longer entitled to that name, I should suppose will remove one bar to a reconciliation with Bishop Seabury. If our brethren in Connecticut are so tenacious of the rights of the Clergy, as not to be willing to yield any part of Church government to the Laity, why need that be an impediment to an union with those in offices pertaining to the Episcopal chair, who think the Laity are entitled to a share of the government? For my own part, I am not of opinion that the Church of England is entirely free from Lay government, and I am still more of the opinion that a Church existing under such constitutions of civil government as are adopted in the United States, especially where it has no funds of its own to support its officers, can never flourish without yielding to the Laity who hold the purse-strings, a share in the government.

This, however, in my mind, is the greatest obstacle to a union with our brethren in Connecticut. It is in vain to dispute which form comes nearest to the primitive practice. The question is, which is most expedient under our present circumstances? They are doubtless too rigid in their sentiments, at least for the latitude of America, and must finally be obliged to relax a little. They think, on the other hand, that your Constitution is to democratical for Episcopal government, and especially in permitting the Laity to sit as judges at the trial of a Bishop, and to have a voice in deposing him. Bishop Seabury in a letter to me last month, has these words: "All the difficulty in effecting a union lies with the Southern Churches, and not with us in Connecticut. I have several times proposed and urged a union, it has been received and treated, I think, coldly. And yet I have received several letters urging such an union on me, as though I was the only person who opposed it; this is not fair. I am ready to treat of and settle the terms of union, on any proper notice; but Bishops White and Provost must bear their part in it actively as well as myself, and we must come into the union on even terms." Here certainly appears a disposition to unity; where, then, is the impediment?

I have lately heard that some proposals have been made by the Convocation at New York for a reconciliation. What they are, if any such have been made, I am not yet able to learn. I heartily wish that we were one body, and the Church in every state completely organized. Nothing on my part shall be wanting to effect this desirable end. If my meeting you in Convention next July would have any tendency to bring this to pass, I would willingly accept your kind invitation, and would endeavour to come properly authorized to accede to any proper terms of accommodation. In the mean time, I could wish to know if any general principles are agreed upon which it is supposed the opposite parties will accede to, and which would be the basis of the union. If some preliminaries of this kind were previously settled, it would much facilitate the business, and afford a more pleasing prospect of success.

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*Any communications of this kind you can find leisure to make will be most gratefully received by
Your most obedient and very humble servant,
Right Rev. Bishop Wain
H. PARKER*

Peters Papers, 122-123

PARKER, REV. SAMUEL. Nov. 25, 1795, at Boston. To SP, London. Says he has SP's letters of July 13 and Aug. 24, which indicate that SP misapprehends the situation from want of information. "You are perfectly right in your idea that had we not obtained the Episcopal Succession from Scotland, the English Bishops or rather the civil Government from a chimerical idea of keeping up some sort of dependence of this Country upon that, would have still refused it. The generality of the Churches in the United States, being mostly ignorant of the History of the Scotch Episcopal church, did not know how to receive Bishop Seabury when he came with the Authority of that church & being desirous of continuing a Connection with the Church of England applied for the Succession from them. This was granted by Britain when they saw we should otherwise be members of the Scotch Church, & it was

agreed by the King & Parliament to give us a College of Bishops in the English Line. Accordingly White & Provost went over, & it was understood between the Primate of England & them that a third sh^d be sent to complete the College. Upon their Return a general Convention was held to which the Churches in each State were invited to send Delegates & form a general Constitution. I foresaw that a plan was laid to divide the American Episcopal Church, & in order to determine whether our Georgite Bishops, as you term them, w^d acknowledge the Jacobin one, I proposed to the Clergy of Massachusetts to put the matter to a test, & we agreed to chuse Dr Bass Bishop of this State & present him to be consecrated upon the express proviso that the Bishops of Connecticut, New York & Pennsylvania sh^d join in consecrat^g him. This was in June 1789 & our Letter was laid before the Convention the following Month. It answered the end I had predicted & brought the validity of Seabury's Consecration into debate which by some oblique motions was intended to be invalidated. The Result was an Adjournment of the Convention to the Octo^r following & an Invitation to Bishop Seabury & all the Eastern churches to send Delegates & join in one general Constitution, & in the mean time to write to Lambeth for Liberty to acknowledge Dr Seabury for tho' the Georgite Bishops did not pretend an Injunction from that See to the contrary, yet they felt some Delicacy on account of a promise made that three sh^d be consecrated there for America. However without waiting for answer from the English Bishops Dr Seabury was in Octo^r 1789 acknowledged by the general Convention in which the Churches in eleven States were represented as a valid Bishop of the American Church, & he & Bishop White made a separate house, Provost being detained by Sickness. It was then the Constitution made in July preceeding was amended & established & declared to be binding upon the churches in all the States, whose Conventions acceded to it. After this, & before the meeting of the next general Convention, which is held triennially, in order to comply with the Engagement that three sh^d obtain Consecration in England, Dr Madison went over for that purpose. Upon his return we had four valid Bishops in America. At the next general Convention in 1792 Dr Claggett of Maryland came forward duly elected & was consecrated in New York, the whole four assisting Dr Seabury preached the Sermon. At the last Convention in Sept^r 1795, Dr Smith of Charlestown S^o Carolina was consecrated, there being no Representation to the Eastward of New York owing to the Epidemic prevailing in that City; Dr Seabury was not present. You see by this detail that we have now Six Bishops in America, 1 Jacobite, 3 Georgite & 2 manufactured here, one of which is part Georgite & part Jacobite. From this state of facts Let us consider your articular Case, which tho' I acknowledge to be a hard one, I cannot see that you can any where justly impute blame, or a particular Design to exclude you. The English Bishops are right in their Supposition that when they had given three Bishops to America, their Commission expired, & it w^d be indelicate in them to proceed further, for upon the same principles that they sh^d consecrate a fourth they might a fourth & an hundred & fourth & thereby furnish us with more Bishops than we have churches. And give me leave to ask this Question, Would you, if you were an American Bishop, chuse to have persons consecrated in England of whom you had no knowledge & be obliged to receive them

into the College, be their principles religious & political what they may. I can only answer for myself that was I one, I sh^d think it a Hardship. Let us look now upon this side of the Water. By our general Constitution it is determined that no one shall be consecrated a Bishop who has not been a Resident in the States two Years. By the bye I did not advert to this Article when I wrote last. But is there a possibility that this Article could have been pointed at you when the Constitution was made at least four Years before an Election in your favour was or could have been made? You observe that I led you into an Error by holding up the Idea 'that the Episcopal Church in each state is no[w] independent of the church in her Sister States & that our general Convention pervades every State by its Constitution.' This however is strictly true under two Limitations, first that this Independence must mean such an one as each State enjoys under the federal Government; it is independent as to certain points but not as to others, & as each State must yield a certain part of its Liberties or independence to the federal Government, so must the churches in each State give up certain Rights to the general Convention. The second Limitation is that each State by its State Convention must agree to accede to, or adopt, the general Constitution. You perceive that in America, & indeed it has been the Case in all Countries, that the Constitution of the Church assimilates itself to the civil Government of the Nation under which it exists. Whether the Churches in Vermont had adopted the general Constitution I cannot say; it was my Idea however that they had. Why then you say 'did you & others that knew it suffer Col^l Graham to fulfil his Mission by coming her[e] to solicit a business which you & Bishop Provost opposed as contrary to your federal Constitution.' What you intend by Bishop Provost & my opposing this business I cannot conjecture, unless it was by being concerned in framing the Constitution; but this you will please to notice was four Years before your Election & a matter that could not then possibly have been foreseen, & with respect to that Gentleman, I scarce ever exchanged three words with him in my life, for we do not ride in the same Troop." As for the article requiring residence in the U.S., says when Col. Graham passed through Boston he did not recollect that there was such an article, but "I mentioned several discouraging Circumstances to him upon this Subject, & as he had other business to carry him to England, I doubt whether he w^d have suspended his Voyage if he had foreseen all the Impediments. Nor have I any faith that either of the persons mentioned in your Letter ever interposed or endeavour^d to obstruct the Attainment of your Wishes...."



To the Right Reverend WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. *presiding Bishop in the last General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held at Philadelphia, the 2d Tuesday of September, 1795.*

TO BE COMMUNICATED.

Right Reverend Sir,

The subscribers, members of the Standing Committee of the Church, represent,

THAT it is provided in and by the Constitution of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the *United States of America*—

1st, "That there shall be a *General Convention* of the said Church (*viz.* of the *Bishops*, and of *Clerical and Lay Deputies*) held *triennially*, on the 2d Tuesday of September, commencing from September 1792.

2d. "That a majority of the states, which shall have adopted the constitution, shall be represented, to form a QUORUM in order to proceed to business; but that a representation from *two* states shall be sufficient to *adjourn*.

3d. "That SPECIAL CONVENTIONS may be called, in a manner to be afterwards provided for."

That the General Convention, which ought to have been held on Tuesday the 11th of September last, was prevented by the distressing calamities, with which an all-wise Providence permitted the city of Philadelphia, and others of our chief towns and cities, to be visited at that time; and even a representation from two states could not be assembled to form an *adjournment*.

That sundry urgent affairs of the church, render it expedient and necessary to resort to the provision made by the Constitution and Bye-laws, for calling a *special* Convention, without waiting till the period of the next *General Convention*, in September 1801; for which purpose it is provided as follows, *viz.*

1. In p. 19, of the Journals of the General Convention, held in September and October 1789, among other powers granted to the standing Committee, appointed to act *during the recess of the General Convention*, "the *Standing Committee*, or a majority of them, have power to recommend to "the Bishops the calling of *special meetings* of the *Convention*, when they think it necessary; and

2. "The Bishops have a right, when they think it necessary, to call *special Conventions*, &c."

3. These powers, among others, were recognized, as belonging to the Standing Committee, or Bishops, as the case may be, at the last General Convention, 1795. See the note p. 19 of the journal of the *Clerical and Lay Deputies*, on these general heads.

But it has been doubted, and with apparent good reason, whether a *Standing Committee*, appointed to act *during the recess* of a General Convention, (whose term of existence is limited to three years) can continue to act after the expiration of that body, from which their authority emanated? Had the *Convention*, which expired, September 11th, 1793, been succeeded by a new Convention, the *recess* of the old Convention would have been constitutionally supplied; there would have been no *recess* of a Convention for the Standing Committee to act in; and the end of their appointment would have been fully answered. But as the *recess* of the Convention has never been supplied; as it is still continued from the term of the *old*, into the term of the *new*; and as the *Standing Committee* were appointed *generally*, to act *during the recess* of the Convention, (not mentioning the Convention by which they were chosen) the words *recess of the Convention*, might well be understood to mean "until a new Convention shall meet, and be organized for business." This construction would be justified by the necessity of the case, and by various precedents, *civil and ecclesiastical*, if no other remedy were

left for *reviving* our proceedings. It is happy, however, that there is such a remedy; namely, by the interposition, and immediate agency, of the *Bishops*; who are authorized to call *special Conventions*, when they think it necessary, either *with* or *without* the recommendation of a Standing Committee.

But as you have suggested, Sir, on this subject, that the sentiments and advice of the late standing committee, or of so many of them as could conveniently be obtained, whether *officially* or *not*, would be satisfactory to you, and, as you believed, to your right reverend brethren (especially as to the most proper time and place of holding the Special Convention) we beg leave, after due deliberation, to submit it as our opinion, that the Convention ought not to be later, and cannot conveniently be much earlier, than the 2d. Tuesday, being the 11th. day of June next; and that the city of Philadelphia, where the Convention ought to have met in September last, ought to be the place of the *special* meeting.

We would, therefore, *recommend* and *request*; that a *Special Convention* be called for that day and place, by your agency, on the following plan, viz.—

That a copy of this letter be transmitted by you, as last presiding Bishop, to each of your Right Reverend brethren, in the different States; requesting their concurrence, as to the time and place of the *special Convention*; and that they would notify the same to the Clergy in their respective Dioceses or Districts, or call a State Convention, as the case may require, if any new appointment of *Clerical* and *Lay* Deputies should be necessary—Such members of the Standing Committee as are not among the subscribers to this letter, may add their names, if they judge it necessary, to the copy which will be in the hands of their *Bishop*; and in States, where there is no Bishop, a copy of this letter may be transmitted to the Standing State Committee, or officers of the State Convention,

Philadelphia, February 13th, 1799.

WILLIAM SMITH, - - - - - Chairman

SAMUEL MAGAW,

JOHN ANDREWS,

ROBERT BLACKWELL,

FRANCIS GURNEY,

JOSEPH SWIFT,

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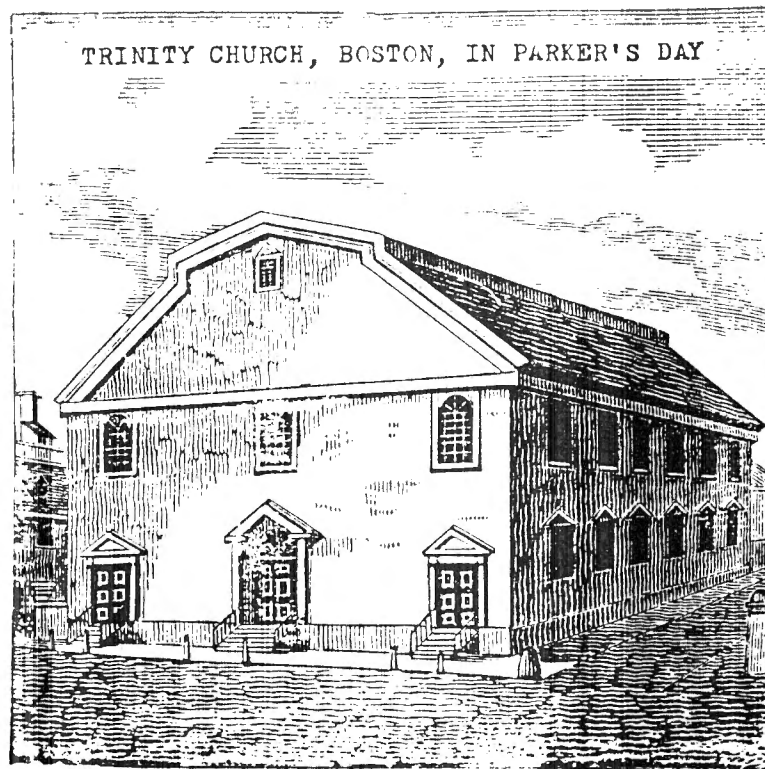
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From a large canvas mural, probably on the ceiling of the chancel, cherubs' heads peered down from a cloud-filled sky. Two of the heads, which had been cut out from the canvas and given away when the first church was torn down in 1828, were returned in 1878. Phillips Brooks had them restored and framed, and carefully labeled the back of each, noting that they were said to be by "Smybert," the colonial portrait painter.

Diary Of Samuel Parker – 1771

January

- 1 Din'd at Mr. Macclintock's & drank Tea there. Even at office;
read Dr. Watts.¹
- 2 Even at office with Selectmen doing Business for them; at Mr
Mac's with Dr. Langdon &c. Saw George Brackett.
- 3 At office part Evening. not very well, read Dr. Watts.
- 4 Capt. Johnson. Evening at office with me & I at Clarks with
him; lost & won $\frac{1}{2}$ Bowl Punch with Mrs. Clark. Sup'd there.
- 5 Col. March & Mr. Toppan at office. P.M. I went to Portsmouth
with Capt. Tilton. Even Jac Shafe, March.
- 6 At Dr. Langdon's meeting. Even Dr. Bracketts & Mrs. Shaeff.
- 7 Rode to Greenland morning. Mrs. Brackett dined with me.
Even office.
- 8 At School all Day. Even office.
- 9 Mr. Macclintock took Tea, Office Even with J. Pick.
- 10 Jac Sheafe & Greenleaf Clark at office Even.
- 11 Jos Moulton call'd; Select Men office.
- 12 At Wm. Simpsons Noon & Clarks with Company; rode to
Portsmouth with Mr. Pickering. Even G. Boyd.
- 13 Rain'd. At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even Mrs. Went-
worth's & Mr. Pickering.
- 14 Paid Hale. Rode to Greenland. Even G. Brackett.
- 15 School all day; took tea E. Clarks. Even Office.
- 16 At School all Day. Even Office writing Letter, Capt. Johnson
there.
- 17 At School all Day. Rain very hard. Even office.
- 18 Dea: Langdon &c din'd, took Tea at Clarks. Even office, Se-
lectmen &c. there. Josiah Moulton till 9.
- 19 Went to Portsmouth with G. Clark to dine. Aftern with Pick-
ering.
- 20 At Dr. Langdons meeting. Even Mrs. Shacfords & Mr. B.

R U A R Y hath 28 Days. 1771.

neighb'ring States a terror grown
light and glory of his own.
Ye Kings who vainly seek renown
ye ruin'd and from battles won ;
By Nimrods, who mean laws despise,
but a princely exercise,
hoodless for should steal away
Titus, they have lost a day.

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1. At school all day Even office Slemt March 9. Even
2. At office alone Afternoon & Evening
3. At meeting Greenland m^r Mac (this House Even)
4. At Church when w. in. Whitel^d Even m^r Mac
5. At school & at home all day & evening
6. At Josh: Sicking's when & Evening & Mr. Thaden
7. At school all day Even at office Storm Snow
8. At school all day: Even at Office Sam^e Langdon's
9. Capture Storm then Snow & Thunder & Wind Afternoon
at office & even
10. Greenland meeting read the m^r Mac preach'd for
School 2nd time Even at Mr. Mac's m^r Mac
11. At school all day Even at office o Sally Moody's
12. Storm Snow & Rain Even at home very cold
13. At Home came to see me & went to Port's office
Even at Mr. Brachette's m^r Lowell
14. Note to Greenland & select men at noon Even at
Josh: Sicking's writing Testimony deposition.
15. Went to F. Hille to take deposition for select men
Even at office. Very cold
16. Mr. Kaven Sick. Aug. Channan at office Afternoon
Wrote to Boston o Capt. Sellen Even at Mr. Sicking's
17. At Mac preach'd for Greenland & Sea Dr. rolled
to Greenland again in Storm Snow at his house & the
18. At Mr. Mac's at Langdon there.
19. Went to Dorset's o Dearborn on sled no. 10. ^{very cold}
wrote deposition at Willers m^r Johnson returning
20. kept one school 6 hours went to Dorset's o Sam^e
Sicking Even at Dr. Brachette's at home & Hale
21. At school at Dorset's Greenland in a trial yesterday
the cold day & this day don't look to Greenland
22. At office Sat. Even m^r Mac's other part both very
23. At Thompson's first office maker at Mr. Mac's ^{Thompson}
24. At Greenland Meeting m^r Mac preach'd & written
25. At Mr. Mac's at Langdon's went o Sally Moody's
wrote today at Mr. Sicking's
26. At home to Greenland before 11 Even off at school
Storm rain Wind & m^r Mac

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Diary of Samuel Parker, a typical page showing entries for February of 1771.

¹Dr. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. English dissenting clergyman and hymn writer; also wrote theological works.

- 21 Rode to Greenland morning. Even at Office, Dr. Weeks there.
- 22 At School all Day. Even at Mr. Macclintocks.
- 23 Went to Portsmouth, stop'd at Col. March's.
- 24 Rode to Greenland morning. Went to Capt. Langdons till 2 o'clock, return'd.
- 25 At school all Day. Even office.
- 26 Drank tea at Mr. Mac with Pick & Hale. Went to Hampton.
- 27 Heard Mr. Hastings preach at Mr. Thayers with him, took Tea. Even. Col. M.
- 28 Breakfasted Col. Moultons, went with Shannon to Exeter, took Tea at John Emery, lodg'd at Billy's with Shannon.
- 29 Rode to Greenland morning. Even at office, Library meeting.
- 30 Even at Home; Mr. Macclintock spent Evening.
- 31 Went to Portsmouth. Mr. Mac. preach'd, return'd with him.

February

- 1 At School all Day. Even office, Clem^t March there Evening.
- 2 At office alone Afternoon & Evening.
- 3 At meeting Greenland, Mr. Mac, at his House Evening.
- 4 At Clarks Noon as an Arbitrator. Evening Major Weeks.
- 5 At School & at home all Day & Evening.
- 6 At Josh: Pickering Noon & Evening with Mr. Haven.
- 7 At School all Day. Even at office. Storm, Snow.
- 8 At School all Day. Even at Office. Sam^l Langdon there.
- 9 Excessive storm, Rain, Snow & Thunder & Wind. Afternoon at office & Even.
- 10 Greenland meeting, read the psalm. Mr. Mac preach'd. Jos. Frost took Tea. Even at Mr. Mac's with Mr. G. Clark.
- 11 At School all Day. Even at office with Sally Moody &c.
- 12 Storm, Snow & Rain. Evening at Home, very cold.
- 13 Mr. Haven came to see me morning. Went to Portsmouth afternoon. Even at Dr. Bracketts with Mr. Lowell.
- 14 Rode to Greenland morning. Select Men at Noon. Even at Josh. Pickering's writing Folsom's Deposition.
- 15 Went to J. Hills to take Deposition for Select Men. Even at office. Very cold.

- 16 Mess: Haven, Pickering & Shannon at office. Afternoon rode to Portsmouth with Capt. Tilton. Even at Mr. Pickering.
- 17 Mr. Mac preached for Dr. Langdon; took tea; [?] rode to Greenland with him in Storm, Snow, at his house with Dr. Langdon.
- 18 At Mr. Mac's, Dr. Langdon there.
- 19 Went to Portsmouth with Dearborn in Sley, no School, out of wood; wrote Deposition at Tiltons; Mrs. Johnson return'd to Greenland.
- 20 Kept one School 6 Hours went to Portsmouth with Sam^l Pickering. Even at Dr. Brackets & at Home with Hale.
- 21 No School, at Portsmouth, Greenland case tried; yesterday the coldest Day & this Day almost; rode to Greenland with Pick.
- 22 At office Part Even, Mr. Mac's, other Part, bott Perry.*
- 23 Pickering & wife &c at office. Mother at Mr. Mac took tea there. Even office.
- 24 At Greenland Meeting Mr. Mac preach'd. Even at his House.
- 25 At Major Weeks, Dr. Langdon &c there went with Sally Moody, Durham, lodg'd at Esq^r Frosts.
- 26 Return'd to Greenland before 11. Even office, load of Wood cut. Storm rain. Bridge carried away.
- 27 Went to Major Weeks. Even return'd with Sally Moody.
- 28 School all Day. Even at home.

March

- 1 School all Day. Even at Col. March's with G. Clark.
- 2 Went to Exeter with Sally Moody. Even return'd.
- 3 Earthquake 5 before six. Stormy all Day. Mr. Mac preach'd; read the Psalm.
- 4 School all Day. Even at Mr. Mac. Library meeting.
- 5 School all Day. Even at home.
- 6 Do. Even at office.
- 7 Mr. Toppan & Wife din'd with me. Afternoon went to Portsmouth with Sally Moody. return'd & at Mr. Mac's till 1, morning.

*A fermented liquor made from pears.

- 8 At School all day. Even.
- 9 At Mr Mac's at Noon went to Portsmouth with Dan¹ Clark. Even at Mr. Pickering's.
- 10 At Dr. Langdon's Meeting all Day. Even at Mrs. Wentworth's and Dr. Bracket's.
- 11 Great Storm, Rain. Greenland Bridge carried away.
- 12 Din'd at Pickerings, at Court, rode to Greenland, sat up with S. Mac. Afternoon at Mrs. Whidden's & Even at Home.
- 13 At School all day. Even at Mr. Mac's till 12, at Josh. Pickerings first.
- 14 Went to Portsmouth. Afternoon at Tiltons & Pickerings.
- 15 At Torreys morning, rode to Greenland; with Select Men P.M., kept school 6 Hours & Even till 12.
- 16 Rode to Portsmouth in Storm, Snow; at Mrs. Adams with company. Even at Home.
- 17 At Dr. Landgon's meeting, Din'd & Evening at Torrey with E. Williams.
- 18 Rode to Greenland, P. M. with Select Men. Even at Mr. Havens.
- 19 E. Williams din'd with me, went to Newbury with him. Even at Assembly, lodg'd at Lowells.
- 20 At Newbury all Day. Din'd at Jackson's, lodg'd at tavern.
- 21 Rode to Greenland 1/2 after 9 o'clock Mr. Pickering up, drank Tea at Mr. Mac. Even at office.
- 22 Afternoon with Select Men. Mr. Atherton at Clark's. Even with him.
- 23 Went to Portsmouth P.M. with Sally Moody. Even at home.
- 24 At Dr. Langdons meeting all Day. Even at Dr. Langdons.
- 25 Town meeting Portsmouth, Din'd at Mrs. Adams, rode to Greenland P.M. with the Select Men. Evening.
- 26 At Clarks all Day with Select Men, log'd at G. Clarks.
- 27 With Select Men & Auditors all Day. Lodged at E.[noch] C.[larks]
- 28 Town meeting Greenland, lodg'd at G. Clarks new Place.
- 29 At Office all Day. Lodg'd at Enoch Clarks.
- 30 Went to Portsmouth P.M. at Tiltons with Jos. Moulton.
- 31 At Dr. Langdon Meeting all Day. Even Mrs. Shackfords.

April

- 1 Rode to Greenland morning, began to keep School, went to dine & board with Esqr Clark. Even Col. March. Libra: office.
- 2 At office morning & noon. Afternoon Mrs. Whiddens. Even G. Clarks.
- 3 Lecture, went to Portsmouth. Even with Hale at Mrs. Adams.
- 4 Rode to Greenland morning. Afternoon at office with Dan¹ Clark.
- 5 With the Select Men in afternoon. Vendues at 4, rain'd.
- 6 At office Afternoon. F. Berry &c. there, Colo Willard. Rode to Exeter with Dr. Tilton, lodg'd with Wm.
- 7 Heard Mr. Rogers A.M. Mr. Odlin P.M. Evening with Dr. Tilton.
- 8 Rode to Greenland morning. School all Day. Evening with Select Men signing Agreements.
- 9 Wrote a Complaint & Warrant for Select Men. Even at office writing Lease.
- 10 At Greenleaf Clarks took Tea, at Colo March's Even.
- 11 Went to Newmarket with Haven & Clark, Court there. W. Bryant Esq. at Lottery house, return'd P.M. Even office. T. Packer there.
- 12 Morning went to Haines to sign Leases. P.M. rode with E. Clark to G. Clarks. Even at Mrs. Whiddens.
- 13 Afternoon at Office; Esqr Pierce, Pickering &c. there, walk to Portsmouth. Even with him at Mrs. Adams new House.
- 14 At Dr. Langdons meeting all Day. Even at Dr. Bracketts.
- 15 Rode to Greenland morning. Evening Library meeting, office.
- 16 At School all Day till four in Afternoon then Went to Portsmouth with Mr. Mac. in chaise. Vendue, return'd. Even lodg'd at Mr. Mac's.
- 17 Rode morning to Packers Neck*, went to Portsmouth After & lodged.
- 18 Rode to Greenland with Pickering in morning, fast Day.

*Packer's Point is on the shore of the Great Bay, between the mouth of Winnicot river and that of Packer's creek. M. P. Thompson, *Landmarks in Ancient Dover* (1965). 190.

- 19 Went to Portsmouth at three kept School all Day till Vendue of Books. Rain'd hard.
- 20 At Portsmouth all Day took Tea at Pickerings. Even at home.
- 21 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even at Dr. Havens.
- 22 Walked to Greenland morning. Evening with March's.
- 23 Walked to Greenleaf Clarks after School.
24. At Office Afternoon.
- 25 At School all Day. Even at Office & with the Select Men.
- 26 Went to Portsmouth morning for Select Men, returned by 9. Even at Capt. Johnson's &c.
- 27 Mr. Pickering & Wife at office. Walked to Portsmouth.
- 28 At Dr. Langdon's meeting all Day. Evening at his House.
- 29 Rode to Greenland morning. Afternoon & Even at office with J. Brackett.
- 30 At Mr. Macclintocks. Afternoon went to G. Bracketts with him.

May

- 1 Lecture, Dr. Langdon preach'd. Went to Exeter, Jac. Sheafe's Launching, return'd Evening.
- 2 Col. Stoddard &c at Clarks. Went to Portsmouth with Mr. Mac., he preach'd. Evening returned with him.
- 3 With Select Men Even, drawing a Warrant &c.
- 4 At office Afternoon writing, Jos. Moulton there.
- 5 At Greenland Meeting Mr Mac preach'd. Even at his House.
- 6 Library meeting at Clarks. Jos. Moulton there.
- 7 Mr. Smith &c at Clarks at Tea. Even at Sam^l Pickerings Vendue.
- 8 At School all Day. Even at Majr Weeks's.
- 9 At School all Day. Even at Colo March's 1 hour. Mr. Mac at office with me.
- 10 At School all Day. Even at Thom. Packers with Mr. Mac.
- 11 Pickering & Hale &c at office. Even Mr. Macs & went to Portsmouth with them.
- 12 At Dr. Langdons meeting all Day & his house Evening.
- 13 Breakfasted at Pickerings. Town Meeting Portsmouth, rode to Greenland & Stretham Afternoon.

- 14 White & Woodward din'd. Took Tea at Mr. Mac's.
- 15 At School all Day. Even at office.
- 16 Catechising Afternoon. Went to Hampton Lodged at Toppans.
- 17 Rode from Hampton morning; took Tea at Col. March's with Mr. Hancock. Went to Portsmouth, walk'd with N. Blodget.
- 18 Rode to Greenland with Mother, din'd at Mr. Mac's & took Tea. Went to Portsmouth Even.
- 19 At Dr. Langdons meeting all Day. Even at Mr. Hurd's.
- 20 Rode to Greenland morning, Town meeting. Even at Mr. Mac.
- 21 School all Day. Evening at Portsmouth, return'd in Rain.
- 22 At office morning with J. Bracket. Even at Mr. Mac's.
- 23 At School all Day. Even with Select Men & Surveyors.
- 24 Mr. Toppan din'd with me. Afternoon at office. Even at Col. March's.
- 25 At Office Afternoon Walk'd to Portsmouth. Even at Dr. Bracketts.
- 26 At Dr. Langdon's meeting, Mr. Marsh preach'd. Even with Nabby B. at Mr. Hurds &c.
- 27 Rode to Greenland morning & returned to Portsmouth.
- 28 Rode to Greenland morning, Mr. Pickering up. Even at office.
- 29 At school A.M. Lecture Afternoon, Dr. Haven preached; took tea at Mr. Mac with large Company.
- 30 Went to Hampton with Lydia⁴ & Blodget. Even Portsmouth & returned.
- 31 [no entry]

June

- 1 At office P.M. Mrs. Adams & Portia there. Took Tea at Clarks. Even, office.
- 2 At Greenland Meeting, Mr. Benedict preach'd, with him Even.
- 3 Mr. Sewell din'd. Even Selectmen at Office, at Mr. Mac.
- 4 Ministers Meeting at G. Mr Parsons preach'd, din'd at Mr. Mac's. Even at office.
- 5 Joshua Pickering died; on Jury forenoon. School P.M. Even office.

⁴Lydia Parker, sister.

- 6 Went to Portsmouth; 5 o'Clock P.M. at Tilton's. Even Mrs. Adams.
- 7 Rode to Greenland morning. Even at Office with Mr. Barker.
- 8 Dismissed the School, at Mr. Haines Funeral P.M., at office Even.
- 9 Mr. Stevens preached at G, din'd & drank Tea with him at Mr. Mac's, there Even; received Portia's Piece.
- 10 At office all Day, Col. March's P.M. Walk'd to Portsmouth, very hot. Even at Tilton's.
- 11 At Portsmouth A.M., went to Kittery P.M., lodg'd at Mr. Steven's.
- 12 Went to York with Portia, lodg'd at Mr. Sewells with Mr. Mayhew.
- 13 Return'd to Kittery din'd at Mr. Stevens. Lecture there; went to Portsmouth & lodg'd.
- 14 Rode to Greenland din'd at Majr Weeks, Mr. Mac's child buried. Even at office.
- 15 At Office all Day. Mr. Serjeant &c. A.M., Pickering, Williams &c. P.M. took Coffee with them at Clarks, rode to Portsmouth. Even at Mrs. Adams.
- 16 At Dr. Langdon's Meeting all Day. Even at Torreys and Do [Mrs. Adams] with William & Atherton.
- 17 At Portsmouth A.M., din'd at Torrey's, walk'd to G. Even at Clark's.
- 18 Williams & Atherton din'd with me, went to Exeter with them, lodg'd at Billy's, thunder & Lightning in Night.
- 19 Return'd in forenoon to Greenland in Rain. Sch: office. Even Mr. Macs.
- 20 At School, in office, all Day.
- 21 Fowle at office P.M. Took Tea at Clarks with Mr. Rindge.
- 22 Company came to see forenoon & Afternoon. Went to Portsmouth. Even at Mrs. Adams with Hale & many others.
- 23 Mr. Belknap preach'd at Dr. Langdons, at his House Even with Pickering.
- 24 Mr. Belknap breakfasted at fathers. Rode to Greenland din'd at Mr. Macs. Even with Select Men, after going to Rye.

- 25 Went to Portsmouth P.M. Col. Packer buried. Even with Miss Trail.
- 26 Rode to Greenland morning, kept school; S. House, Smith &c. din'd. Afternoon at Office.
- 27 Mr. Pickering & Wife up morning, took Tea at Mr. Mac. with Mr. Hastings, Ward & Esq. Story. Even with Mr. Pickering & with Select Men at Vendue.
- 28 Went to Portsmouth Afternoon with Mr. Mac, returne'd with him Evening.
- 29 Went to Portsmouth in rain on foot. Toppan & Wife down.
- 30 At Dr. Langdon's meeting all Day. Even at his House with Do [Toppan & Wife].

July

- 1 Walk'd to Greenland morning. Even at office &c with Select Men.
- 2 Mrs. Bracket & Wentworth &c took Tea at Clarks, went to Portsmouth with them & return'd Night.
- 3 At School & office all Day & Evening.
- 4 Lecture at G. Went to Portsmouth with Boys at M. Hales; P.M. Took tea at Pickering. Even Dr. Langdon's Lecture.
- 5 Rode to Greenland morning. Even at Mr. Mac. P.M. at office.
- 6 Jarvis & Austin din'd with me. Pickering up at office P.M. Mr. Farnham lodg'd at Clarks.
- 7 At Meeting Greenland. Mr. Parsons din'd at Clarks. At Mr. Mac, Even.
- 8 Very hot. Mich. Wentworth &c din'd at Clarks. At Mr. Mac. Even.
- 9 Went to Portsmouth on I. Packers Horse. Mr. Adams, Durham, Down. Even at Mrs. Bracketts.
- 10 Rode to Greenland morning sent for Mr. Pool to take Tea. Even at Col. March with Mr. Clark.
- 11 Went to Portsmouth with Mr. Mac. Took Tea at Mr. Newmarch. Even Lecture, Work house, Mr. Mac, return'd with him.
- 12 Wrote a Leciphanick Letter to Mr. Pickering, went to Stret-ham & Majr Weeks Afternoon.

- 13 At Office early morning & in Afternoon took Tea at Clarks with Capt. Holland, Mr. Pickering &c. Went to Portsmouth.
- 14 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even at Dr. Langdons.
- 15 At Mr. Wentworths Morning, sat out for Cambridge din'd at Clarks, lodg'd at Newburyport, walk'd with Portia to Mrs. Cutlers House.
- 16 Din'd at Mr. Pickman's at Salem, lodg'd at Cambridge with T. Barnard at Gamages.
- 17 Commencement Breakfast at Mr Marsh's, din'd at Tracy's, lodg'd over the Common with T. Bernard.
- 18 Went to Boston with Dr. Sawyer, din'd at Mrs. Perkins, went to Cambridge P.M., drank Tea at Curtis, lodg'd *ut sup*.
- 19 Breakfast at Bradisks, din'd at Mr. Sewells, went to Boston, lodg'd with Mr. Hunt.
- 20 Breakfast & din'd with Mr. Hunt & went to Roxbury. Took Tea at Mr. Pembertons, lodg'd at Mrs. Perkins.
- 21 Went to Dr. Byles meeting to hear Mr. Hunt, din'd with L. Jarvis. Went to Mr. Howards meeting, heard Mr. Shaw, spent evening at Mr. Fletchers with Mr. Hunt, lodg'd with him.
- 22 Din'd with Mr. Bowen. Rode to Cambridge with Mr. Hunt. Took Tea at Mr. Serjeants. Even at Mr. Bants with Hunt.
- 23 Sat out for Portsmouth, din'd at Salem, lodg'd at Newburyport at Wm. Atkins.
- 24 Breakfast at Sanborne. Din'd at Mrs. Adams, Portsmouth, lodg'd at Father's, took Tea at Pickerings.
- 25 Confin'd all Day with Cholic. Company took Tea here.
- 26 Went to Greenland in Stage Coach, kept School all Day. P.M. went to Majr Weeks. Even Mr. Mac.
- 27 Kept School A.M. Walked to Portsmouth.
- 28 At Dr. Langdon's meeting all Day. Evening at his House.
- 29 Rode to Greenland on Mare. Kept school; with Select Men; Mr. Frothingham lodg'd with me.
- 30 At office A.M. preparing to make Rates. Select Men Afternoon, Mr. Hurd &c. din'd at Clarks.
- 31 With Select Men all Day. Lecture Afternoon Mr. Adams preach'd. Even making Rates.

- 1 Went to Exeter morning, din'd at Wms.; lodg'd at Carltons with Hale.
- 2 Rode to Greenland, very hot, with Select Men. Office making Rates.
- 3 Rode to Portsmouth about 12 o Clock excessive hot, din'd at Mrs. Adams. Rode at 5 with Peggy to Knights Ferry.⁵
- 4 At Dr. Langdons meeting all day, Mr. Mayhew preach'd A.M., at Mr. Pickerings Evening, at Mr. Sheafe's Night.
- 5 Went to Greenland morning, return'd A.M. Mr. Sewall over. Company took Tea to 28 in Number. Even at Mrs. Wentworths.
- 6 At home all Day. Even at Mrs. Adams. Mr. Stevens din'd.
- 7 At home all Day; rain'd in Afternoon; at Mrs. Adams Even.
- 8 Mr. Whipple & Wife drank Tea, walk'd in Evening with them.
- 9 Went to Hampton with Mrs. Adams &c, return'd in Rain.
- 10 Went to Greenland at Pickerings with Claggett &c; return'd in chaise with J. Pickering.
- 11 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. At Torreys Evening.
- 12 At Home making Proportions. Even with Mr. Pickering.
- 13 At Home A.M. Evening at Mrs. Adams.
- 14 With Mr. Sewell in morning at Mrs. Adams drawing Writs & writing to Cambridge. Afternoon at Mr. Torreys &c.
- 15 Breakfasted at Mr. Hurds with Governor &c. P. M. was Bearer to S. Champney. Even at Mrs. Adams.
- 16 At home most of the Day. Even at Mrs. Adams with Hale.
- 17 Rode to Newington with Peggy. Din'd at Greenland. Took Tea at Mr. Mac.
- 18 At. Dr. Langdons meeting all Day. Even at Pickerings & Mr. Sheafe's & Mrs. Adams.
- 19 Waiting for Jos. Moulton, with him A.M. & Wife P.M. Even at Mr. Butters.
- 20 Began School, had 11 Scholars, din'd at Home. Col. March called. Took Tea at Mr. Newmarch's. Even Mr. Sheafe.

⁵Knight's Ferry ran from Bloody Point to Hilton's Point and also to the Kittery shore. Thompson, *Landmarks*, 117.

- 21 At School all Day. Even at Mrs. Adams with Hale.
- 22 Rode to Greenland morning, return'd before 8 morning. At Funeral. Even at Mr. Hurds with Women.
- 23 Din'd at Mrs. Adams, drank Tea there. Even Walked.
- 24 Drank Punch at Fowles rode to Greenland with Pickering. At Dr. Havens Evening.
- 25 Mr. Thayer preached at Dr. Langdons. Even with him at Fathers.
- 26 At School all Day. Even Mr. Macclintock spent.
- 27 At School all Day with Hale. Even at Mrs. Adams playing chequers, lodg'd at Hurds.
- 28 Breakfasted at Mrs. Adams, Din'd at Home with Johnny; at Hurds. Even with Polly Trail, lodg'd there.
- 29 At Home. Afternoon raking hay, walk'd Even with Mrs. Partridge & Mrs. Trail, lodg'd at Hurds.
- 30 At School all Day. Even at Trails with girls. Mr. Mendum died.
- 31 Rode to Knights with Polly Trail, then to Clarks; Mrs. Livermore there & the Langdons &c.

September

- 1 Mr. Ordway preach'd at Dr. Langdons. Took Tea with him. Even at Pickerings, went home with Polly Sheafe.
- 2 At School all Day. Even at Mrs. Adams, at Capt. Newmarch & Mr. Torreys singing.
- 3 Judges went to Exeter: at Jo. Whipples with J. Henderson. Took Tea at Mr. Butter.
- 4 At Probate Court at Tilton. Mr. Adams down. Even at Fowles & at Home paging Boyds Papers.
- 5 Went to Exeter. Return'd with J. Wentworth, at Clarks with Tory & Whipple & supp'd at Torreys.
- 6 Employ'd about Mendums Will. Even at Mrs. Bracket, lodg'd at Mrs. Adams.
- 7 At School forenoon; Din'd at Dr. Brackets. Rode to Greenland with Jo. Pierce; lodg'd at Hurds.
- 8 At Dr. Langdons meeting all Day, rain'd, at Torreys & Pickerings with Atherton Evening.

- 9 With Atherton at Noon & Jac. Sheafe Even & at Mrs. Adams with Mr. Whipple.
- 10 At Fowle morning, Noon &c, took Tea at Mrs. Livermore's. Even at Mrs. Adams with Dr. Langdon &c.
- 11 Wrote to Atherton by Fowle. Even at Mrs. Adams.
- 12 Gathering Pears, & Capt. Warners Funeral. Even at Dr. Langdons.
- 13 At School all Day. Took Tea at Capt. Newmarch, Even with Jac. Sheafe at store [*crossed out*]
- 14 Rode to Greenland with Mrs. Brackett. Even Mrs. A.
- 15 At Dr. Langdons meeting A.M. Dr. Havens to hear Mr. Mac. P.M. Drank Tea there with him. Even at Mr. Pickering.
- 16 At School all Day. Even at Mrs. Adams with Ward &c.
- 17 Wrote to Marrett & Mr. Hunt by Mrs. Whipple; at jail. Even at Mr. Jaffreys with Mrs. Brackett.
- 18 At Tiltons at Noon with Judge. Even at Home.
- 19 Went to Greenland with Peggy, came home Evening.
- 20 Esqr Emerson at morning. Even walking with girls.
- 21 Din'd at Bracketts, Afternoon making Perry. Even with Polly Sheafe. 8
- 22 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even Walk'd with Elias Warner.
- 23 At School all Day. Even at [*blank*]
- 24 [*blank*]
- 25 Probate Day. Even Walk'd with Elias Warner.
- 26 [*blank*]
- 27 [*blank*]
- 28 Mr. Hale din'd. Mrs. Perkins came in Stage; rode to Knights Ferry with Mr. Derbage. Even at Torreys with him.
- 29 At Dr. Langdons meeting Mr. Bowen preach P.M. Even at Torreys with Dr. Cutter, Derbage &c.
- 30 At School all Day, at Torreys at Noon. Drank Tea at Joseph Whipples with Mrs. Perkins. Even Torreys & Mrs. Adams.

October

- 1 Mrs. Perkins & Peggy went home. Father went to Wolfeboro; at Dr. Havens at Noon. Mr. Pickering & Wife took Tea. Maj. Hales Even.

November

- 2 Dr. Haven, Mr. Bowen &c. din'd. Pickering drank Tea & spent Evening.
- 3 Din'd at Capt. Hollands & Drank Coffee. Evening Lecture Dr. Langdons, with Mr. Mac at Mrs. Bracketts & Torreys.
- 4 At School all Day. Evening at home in Cellar.
- 5 Din'd at Dr. Cutters, Mr. Fisher came to School, rode to Gr. Clarks with Mr. Derbage. Even at Torreys.
- 6 At Dr. Langdons Meeting; received a Letter from Mr. Hunt.
- 7-15 [No entries]
- 16 At Col. Warners after School, then with Derbage. Even at Home taking Account of Books.
- 17 Rode to Greenland at Mr. Macs. Evening at Torreys.
- 18 At School all Day. Even with Derbage reading Fool Quality.*
- 19 Rode to Greenland. Even at Torreys & Mrs. Wentworths & Hurds.
- 20 Mr. Macclintock preach'd at Dr. Langdons. Evening heard Merrill, walk'd with Bass &c.
- 21 At Home writing, noon & Even Part, at Dr. Brackets with Mrs. Hurd.
- 22 Miss P. Langdon took Tea & Mr. Derbage, Evening at Torreys with Austin &c. till 2 o'clock.
- 23 At School all Day. Even at J^{no} Langdons dancing.
- 24 Capt. Holland & Mr. Derbage spent Evening.
- 25 in office. Mr. Livius & Mr. Ward spent Evening.
- 26 Din'd at Mrs. Adams. P.M. at Torreys playing chess. Even at home.
- 27 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even at Mrs. Wentworths & Dr. Brackets.
- 28 Drank Tea & spent Evening at Mrs. Wentworths with Mr. Derbage &c.
- 29 At School. Even at Torreys &c.
- 30 At School. Even with Derbage at his Lodging.
- 31 Went to Kittery to a Dance at Austins & lodg'd there.

- 1 Return'd from Kittery in morning. Even at Mr. Butlers [?] & Torreys.
- 2 Din'd at home. Mr. Toppan here; Mr. Whipple spent afternoon there. Even Mrs. Adams & at home.
- 3 Stormy all Day, at Meeting. Even at Derbage.
- 4 At School all Day. Even with Sewell & at Derbages, at their Lodgings.
- 5 At Plains dancing, return'd at 2 o'clock.
- 6 At School & Court at Noon. Even at Mr. Derbage with Mr. Austin & at Stoodleys; at Whipples shoeing.
- 7 Din'd at Mrs. Adams after drinking Punch at Tiltons with Col. March. Even, spent Evening with Sewell at Mrs. Adams.
- 8 At Mr. Derbage in the Evening with Mr. Sewell & Michelson.
- 9 Din'd at home. Afternoon wrote to Austin & Evening at Mrs. Wentworths & Dr. Bracketts.
- 10 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even at Dr. Bracketts with Mr. Derbage & Mr. Wright.
- 11 Rode to Greenland & settled with Select Men, returned & found Wm. Hunt of Newbury here & lodg'd with him.
- 12 Drank Punch at Dr. Cutters with him at Noon. Evening at Sewells & at home writing to Williams; first Assembly.
- 13 On the Parade with Company at Noon. Even at Torreys & Butlers &c.
- 14 Court of Admiralty set, a Mob.' Evening at Mrs. Wentworths looking at moon &c.
- 15 At School all Day. Evening at Torreys playing chess &c.
- 16 Din'd at Mr. M. Wentworths. Even at home.
- 17 Went to meeting, obliged to come out & at home all Day & Evening.
- 18 At Court of Admiralty after School P.M. Evening at Mr. Derbage & Mrs. Adams.
- 19 Evening at Mr. Sewells & Noah Parkers. Rain.

*Henry Brooke, c. 1703-1783. Irish author. Published *The Fool of Quality*, a novel in 5 volumes, 1765-70.

*The Brigantine *Resolution*, seized for not paying duty on cargo of molasses and libelled before the Court of Vice Admiralty, was freed by persons in disguise October 29, 1771. N. Adams, *Annals of Portsmouth*, 233.

- 20 At School Afternoon putting up Stove. Even Dr. Bracketts & with Whipple at John Parkers.
- 21 Thanksgiving went to Kittery to Col. Sparhawk Dance. Return after 12.
- 22 No School A.M. because putting up Stove. Even at Home.
- 23 Din'd at home. P.M. at School with Capt. Doakes & surveying with Mat. Even at home with Hale.
- 24 At Dr. Langdons meeting, Mr. Mac in A.M. & Mr. Stevens preach'd P.M. Took Tea & spent Evening at Dr. Bracketts with Derbage.
- 25 Mr. Stevens din'd here. At Mr. Butters & Mr Derbages Even.
- 26 Din'd at Mrs. Adams. Even at Mr. Sewells, Esqr Torrey & at home. Col. Weare lodg'd there.
- 27 Rain'd. Even at Lecture at Dr. Havens, Mr. Murray;⁹ Col. Weare.
- 28 Afternoon at Lecture Dr. Havens, Mr. Murray preach'd. Even at Dr. Brackets & Mr. Derbages.
- 29 At mills in morning. Wrote a Deed at noon. Even at Sewells with Austin & other Actors.
- 30 Din'd at home. Afternoon at School. Even at Tiltons & home.

December

- 1 Mr. Murray preach'd A.M. at Dr. Langdons. Even at Home reading South.^{*}
- 2 Very cold. Murray preach'd at Drownes. Even at home writing to Mr. Fisher.
- 3 At School as usual. Took Tea at Stoodleys with Brde[?] Hale & I play'd chess at Home.
- 4 Spent Evening at Torreys playing chess.
- 5 Afternoon at Mr. Langdons, Mrs. Wentworth. Even at Mr. Sewells with Pickering, very cold.
- 6 Snow Storm, 5 Boys only at School, din'd at Mrs. Adams. Even at Dr. Brackets & at home.

^{*}*The New Hampshire Gazette*, Dec. 6, 1771, describes the Rev. John Murray's preaching tour and six day visit to Portsmouth in glowing terms.

^{*}South, Robert, 1634-1716. English clergyman. Published *Sermons Preached on Several Occasions*. Defended Church of England.

- 7 Din'd at home. Took Tea at Stoodleys. Even at home.
- 8 At Dr. Langdons meeting all Day. Even at Sewell's.
- 9 At School all Day. Evening at home writing Syphax.
- 10 Spent the Evening at Sewells with Michaelson.
- 11 Paid Mr. Penhallow. Even at home with Mr. Hurd.
- 12 Court of Admiralty P.M. Even at home playing chess with Hale.
- 13 Sent Atherton his Papers, spent Evening with Mr. Derbage. 6 Quarts Wine at Cutters.
- 14 Mr. Ward in the Afternoon, paid Foster. Even with Mr. Derbage.
- 15 At Dr. Langdons Meeting. Evening at Dr. Brackets, went home with Polly Trail.
- 16 The Actors at School, Evening till 11 Clock.
- 17 At Miss Trails with Austin at Noon. Evening at Dance Assembly Room.
- 18 At Mr. Derbage's Noon, din'd at Jo. Whipple. Even at Dr. Brackets & at home. Headach.
- 19 Load of Wood Yesterday & to day was out. Tuesday Road to Greenland. Even Mr. Macclintock.
- 20 At School all Day. Even at School, N. Parker & Mr. Sewell.
- 21 At Home afternoon & Even. Mr. Hale there.
- 22 At Dr. Langdons Meeting all Day. Even Mr. Pickerings.
- 23 Spouters at School Evening & N. Parkers.
- 24 Drank Tea at Governors. Evening at Torreys.
- 25 At church A.M. Din'd at Livermore's & Even.
- 26 Jack Wentworth din'd here. At printing office P.M. Even at Dr. Brackets & Mr. Rindge's with Polly Trail.
- 27 Mrs. Wentworth died. Even at home reading Robertson.¹⁰
- 28 Afternoon at Mrs. Adams. Evening Jac. Sheafe's store.
- 29 At meeting Dr. Langdons all Day. Even Dr. Langdons.
- 30 At School all Day. Even at School & home.
- 31 Mrs. Wentworth buried. Even rode to Greenland in harts sley.

¹⁰Robertson, William, 1721-1793. Scottish churchman and historian. Published *History of Scotland during the Reigns of Queen Mary and King James VI* (2 vols., 1759); *History of the Reign of Charles V* (3 vols., 1769).

Account of Expenses in the Year 1771

Janry	4th	Enoch Clark Cr 1/2 Bowl Punch	£ 0.12.4
Janry	12	Cash Cr By 7 1/2 lb. Candles of Wm. Simson	5.12
	16	Greenleaf Clark Cr By chaise to Portsmouth	1.10
	14th	Samll Pickering Cr By keeping Horse 1 Night	1.4
	18th	George Lang Cr By a Pair Shoes	£ 8.0
	23	Greenleaf Clark Cr By Horse to Portsmouth	1.10
	29	William Sanborn Cr By a Horse to H. & Exeter Cash Cr By 1/2 Pistreen at Exeter for Hair Dressing	£ 3.12. .12
	31	Greenleaf Clark Cr By Horse to Portsmouth	1.4
Febry	13th	Greenleaf Clark Cr By a Horse to Portsmouth	1.4
	15	Enoch Clark Cr By 3 Lemons & 1/2 lb. Sugar	
	15	Greenleaf Clark Cr By Rum	
	16	Samll Pickering Cr By mull'd Wine	
	19	Enoch Clark Cr By 2 Lemons	
Febry	20	Greenleaf Clark Cr By Horse to Portsmouth	1/4
	21st	Samll Pickering By Slay from Portsmouth	1/4
	22	Danl Clark By mending office Door & Corks	1/
	23	Samuel Pickering Cr By Cash	1/4
	25	Cash Cr By Contribution & to Esqr Frost	1/4
	26	Cash Cr By cutting a Load Wood	1/10
March	2d	Cash Cr By Hairdressing Exeter	/12
		Greenleaf Clark Cr By chaise to Exeter	£ 2.0
	5	Enoch Clark Cr By 1 Pint Wine - - -	
	7	Samll Pickering Cr By Chaise to Portsmouth	1.10
	9th	Greenleaf Clark Cr By chaise to Portsmouth	1.10
	14	Enoch Clark Cr By keeping Horse 3 Nights	3.12
	16	Samuel Pickering Cr By Do 1 Night	1.4
	19	Samll Pickering Cr By Do 1 Night By 2 Lemons	1.4 .12
	21	Cash Cr By Expences to Newbury of Which was paid for E. Williams	£ 7.3.4 1.6.8
	25	This Day settled all Accts with Greenleaf Clarke	

27th Then settled & balanced all Accts with Enoch Clark

30th	Cash Dr for Ivory Pocket Book	£ 2.8
	Do Dr for writing votes for Enoch Clark	2.1.4
	Cash Cr By a Penknife	.12.0
April	1st Enoch Clark Cr By keeping Horse 2 Nights	2.0
	8th Cash Cr By a Breakfast at Mrs Chases	.12.0
	11 Wentworth Cheswill Cr By 1/2 Ticket & one Share in 500 Tickets	£ 12.0.0
	Cash Cr By Expences at Newmarket	£ 2.3

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Janry	2d	Enoch Clark Dr To a Writ vs. S. D. Lovering	4/
Janry	10	Joseph Wiggin Dr To a Writ vs. W. Philbrick	4/
Janry	12th	Abner Haines Cr By Cash	12/
Janry	14	William Simpson Dr To a Spelling Book	1/6
	16	Ichabod Weeks Dr To a Spelling Book	1/6
	21	Samuel Pickering Dr To a Spelling Do	1/6
	24	Hannah Whidden Dr To 1 Day & Night with you settling your Fathers Estate	6/
	25	Ichabod Weeks Dr To a Deed	2/
	22	Matthias Haines Dr to writing A Hodgdon Deposition in your case with Pitman	2/
Febry	1st	Jonathan Baily Dr To a Spelling Book	1/04
Febry	8	Cash Dr for casting Interest Notes for S L &c Hannah Whidden Dr To copying Accts &c	2/8 1/2 2/
	13	Georg Urin Dr To writing a Deed from you to John Haven	2/
Febry	14	Joshua Pickering Dr To writing John Folsoms Deposition for you	3/
	15	George Urin Dr To two Deeds	4/
	20	Samll Pickering Dr To a Writ vs. N. Barker	8/
	23	Cash Dr To writing Dep. for Jona Trickey	1/6
March	8th	George Urin Dr To a Deed from Mr. Haven to you	2/
	14th	Joshua Pickering Dr To copying Accts	2/
	18	Wm Simson Dr. To Cash on Norton's Acct	2 1/2
	21	Enoch Clark Dr To Dr Whitakers Sermon	1/
	22	Abner Haines Dr To the Interest of my Note of Hand against the Selectmen	3/

		Samuel Pickering Dr To writing Discharge for James Berry &c	1/22
	28	Jona Bailey Dr to Cash	4/7½
April	2	Samll Whidden Dr. To writing Indentures	2/
	6th	Danl Clark Dr To Filling two Deeds	3/6
April	12th	William Simpson Dr To writing long leases for Parsonage & Bond	£ 0.6.0
		William Jenkins Dr To Copy Complaint & Warrant to carry out Charles Crimble	0.1.6
	19	Ichabod Weeks Dr to a Deed from Mrs. Huggins	1.6
		Samuel Pickering Dr to a Writ vs. J. Mason	8/
	25th	Samuel Pickering Dr To a Just. Writ T. Cotton vs. J. Randall	4/
May	22d	Enoch Clark Dr To a Writ vs G. Philbrook	8/
		Do Dr To Do vs Samll Clark	8/
		Do Do To Do vs Simon Dearborn	4/
		Jeremiah Mason Dr To a Writ vs John Weeks	8/
		Do Dr To Do vs Lewis Haines	4/
	25	Ichabod Weeks Dr To a Writ vs J. Rawlings	4/
		Enoch Clark Dr To Cash pd I. Brackett for Service of Writs more than what you pd	1/6
		To two Do vs Simon Philbrook	8
		Col March Dr to writing an Agreeemt	2/
		Jona Barker Dr to making your Will & filling two Deeds	6
June	17th	Enoch Clark Dr To Entry Action vs G. Philbrook	10/
		Greenleaf Clark Dr To a Cordercius	2/
		Samll Hale Dr To Cash	3/7½
August	14	Wm Cotton Junr Dr To a Writ vs Jona Colcord	8/
		Thomas Chadbourn Dr To a Writ Bickford vs Mace	8/
Augst	22	Wm Torrey Esqr Dr To a Spelling Book for your Son	1/4
Sept	4	Capt Holland Dr To a Spelling Book for your son	
Novr	20	Thomas Packer Dr To Copies &c	3/
Novr	30	William Simson Dr To a Deed Haines to you	1/6
		Samuel Hale Junr Dr ½ Pistareen	

APPENDIX

Names of persons mentioned in the diary who have been identified are listed below. For clergymen see F. L. Weis, *The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England* (1936). Interesting biographical sketches by Clifford K. Shipton are in *Sibley's Harvard Graduates*. Other information has been obtained from town histories and genealogies.

Adams [Joseph], 1689-1783. Harvard, 1710. Minister at Newington.

Adams [Joseph], 1720-1785. Harvard, 1742. Minister at Stratham. New Light preacher.

Adams, Mrs. Elizabeth (Parker), 1734-1814. Sister. Widow of Capt. Nathaniel Adams, Portsmouth merchant, who died in 1768 leaving six children.

Appleton, [William ?]. Bookseller in Portsmouth; married Sarah Odiorne Appleton; died 1785, age 38.

Atherton, [Joshua], 1737-1809. Harvard, 1762. Lawyer; practiced in Merrimac 1768-1773; made Register of Probate, Hillsborough County and moved to Amherst.

Atkins, William, 1711-1788. A churchwarden in Newburyport; buried in St. Paul's Churchyard there.

Barnard, T[homas], 1748-1814. Harvard, 1766. Son of the Rev. Thomas Barnard, Newbury. Ordained, Salem, North Church, 1773. Unitarian.

Belknap. [Jeremy], 1744-1798. Harvard, 1762. Ordained, Dover, 1767; removed to Federal Street Church, Boston, 1787. Author of *History of New Hampshire*.

Benedict, [Joel], 1745-1816. Princeton, 1765. Travelled supplying churches in Massachusetts and Maine; settled, Lisbon, Conn. 1771.

Berry, F[rancis]. Greenland. Elected tythingman.

Bowen, [Penuel], 1742-1788. Harvard, 1762. Minister New South Church, Boston, 1766-1762. Later became an Episcopalian.

Boyd, G[eorge]. Died 1787. Portsmouth merchant.

Brackett, George, 1737-1825. Greenland. Married Ann March. Brother of Dr. Joshua Brackett.

Brackett, J[ohn], 1734-1800. Brother of George and Dr. Joshua. Unmarried.

Brackett, Dr. Joshua, 1733-1802. Harvard, 1752. Portsmouth physician. Brother of George Brackett. Married Hannah Whipple.

Bradish, Ebenezer. Died 1785. Owned the Blue Anchor Tavern in Brighton Street, Cambridge.

Bryant, W[alter]. Newmarket. Surveyor for Masonian Proprietors. Allowed to raise money for a bridge from Stratham to Newmarket by lottery.

Butler, [Benjamin], 1729-1804. Harvard, 1752. Minister, Nottingham, 1758-1770.

Byles, Dr. [Mather], 1706-1788. Harvard, 1725. Minister, Hollis Street Church, Boston.

Champney, S[arah]. Died Aug. 13, 1771. Daughter of the Rev. Joseph Champney of Beverly, Mass.; sister of Richard Champney of Portsmouth.

Claggett, [Wyseman], 1721-1784. Attorney General of Province of New Hampshire.

Clark, Daniel, 1744-1835. Greenland. Brother of Enoch and Greenleaf.

Clark, Enoch Esq., 1735-1774. Innkeeper, Greenland. Selectman; town clerk. Married Mary, daughter of Col. Clement March.

Clark, Greenleaf, 1737-1776. Greenland. Selectman, 1771. Married Mary Moody of Kittery.

Cutter, Dr. [Ammi Ruhamaii], 1735-1820. Harvard, 1752. Portsmouth physician.

Derbage, [George ?]. He married, in Portsmouth, Betsey, daughter of Capt. Lewis Turner, late of Boston. [*N. H. Gazette*, Dec. 10, 1773.]

Drown, Samuel, 1721-1770. Minister of First Independent Church in Portsmouth. A Baptist who became a New Light Congregationalist.

Emery, John, 1746-1787. Exeter merchant. Appointed clerk of Court of Common Pleas, 1776.

Fisher, [John], 1736-1805. Born in England; married Anna, daughter of Mark Hunking Wentworth. Collector of customs in Salem, 1770.

Folsom, [John]. Greenland. Town officer, tavern keeper.

Fowle, [Daniel and Robert]. Portsmouth printers. Published *New Hampshire Gazette*.

Frost, [George], 1720-1796. Moved from Rye to Durham in 1770. Appointed associate justice of Court of Common Pleas for Strafford County, 1773.

Haines, [William]. Died 1771. Selectmen of Greenland.

Hale, Major [Samuel], 1718-1807. Harvard, 1740. Master of the Latin Grammar School in Portsmouth.

Hale, Samuel, Jr., 1758-1828. Son of Major Samuel. Barrington merchant.

Hale, Samuel, 1745-1787. Son of John Hale, brought up by his uncle, Major Samuel. Harvard, 1766. Practicing law in Portsmouth in 1771. Married Lydia, daughter of William Parker. Loyalist.

Hastings, [Joseph Stacey], 1745-1807. Harvard, 1762. Minister North Hampton. Embraced Sandemanianism.

Haven, [John], 1735-1813. Harvard, 1757. Taught school in Exeter and Greenland. Selectman of Greenland.

Haven, Dr. [Samuel], 1727-1806. Harvard, 1749. Minister, South Church, Portsmouth.

Holland, Capt. [Samuel]. Died 1801. Surveyor General of the Colonies north of Virginia. Made a map of New Hampshire.

Howard, Dr. [Simeon], 1733-1804. Harvard, 1758. Minister of West Church, Boston.

Hunt, [John], 1744-1775. Harvard, 1764. Ordained minister of Old South Church, Boston, 1771.

Hurd, [John], 1727-1809. Harvard, 1747. Born and died in Boston. Personal secretary of Gov. John Wentworth. Appointed Chief Justice of Inferior Court of Grafton County, 1772.

Jaffrey, Mr. Possibly George Jaffrey, 1716-1802. Harvard 1736. Member of Council and Treasurer of Province. House on Daniel Street.

Johnson, Capt. [Nathan]. Selectman of Greenland.

Langdon, Deacon [Mark]. Died May 1, 1776, in his 78th year. North Church, Portsmouth.

Langdon, John, 1741-1819. Portsmouth merchant. Later U.S. senator; governor of New Hampshire.

Langdon, Dr. [Samuel], 1722-1797. Harvard 1740. Minister North Church, Portsmouth. President of Harvard College, 1774.

Livermore, [Samuel], 1732-1803. Princeton, 1752. Lawyer, practiced Portsmouth, Londonderry, and Holderness. Advocate in Court of Admiralty; Kings attorney; Chief Justice of Superior Court, 1782-1790. Married Jane, daughter of the Rev. Arthur Browne, who was Rector of Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth.

Livius, [Peter], 1727-1795. Portsmouth merchant, member of Governor's Council; judge of Common Pleas until 1771,

when he laid a complaint against Governor Wentworth for maladministration.

Lowell, [John ?], 1743-1802. Son of Rev. John Lowell of Newburyport. Harvard, 1760. Became Chief Justice of Circuit Court for Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

MacClintock, Samuel, 1732-1804. Princeton, 1751; M.A. Harvard, 1761; D.D. Yale, 1791. Minister in Greenland.

March, Col. [Clement], 1707-1777. Greenland. Prominent in town affairs. Moderator of town meeting; representative to legislature.

March, Clement, Jr. Baptized 1751. Youngest child of Col. Clement March.

Marrett, [John ?], 1741-1813. Harvard, 1763. Supplied pulpits in New England; ordained Second Church of Woburn [now the First Church of Burlington], 1774.

Marsh, [John], 1742-1821. Harvard, 1761. Licensed to preach, 1765; preached in Hampton for a time; appointed Tutor at Harvard, 1771; ordained Wethersfield, Conn., 1774.

Mayhew, [Zachariah ?], 1718-1806. Ordained, Martha's Vineyard, 1767; worked among the Indians.

Mendum, Nathaniel. Member of North Church, Portsmouth. Died Aug. 30, 1771, in his 82nd year.

Merrill, Nathaniel, 1713-1796. Harvard, 1732. Minister, Nottingham-West (Hudson).

Merrill, Nathaniel, 1743-1791. Harvard, 1767. Minister, Bosca-wen, 1768-1774; later became a Presbyterian.

Moulton, Col. [Jonathan], 1726-1787. Hampton. Prominent in town and province affairs.

Moulton, Josiah, 1749-1794. Son of Col. Jonathan Moulton. Representative to General Assembly, 1771. Married Dorothy, daughter of Major John Shackford of Portsmouth.

Murray, [John], 1742-1793. Presbyterian minister at Boothbay, Maine.

Newmarch, Capt. [John], 1700-1776. Keeper of jail.

Odlin, [Woodbridge], 1718-1776. Harvard, 1738. Minister at Exeter.

Osborne, Capt. School teacher in Portsmouth. Kept school in his own house, no. 19 South Street.

Packer, Col. Thomas, 1699-1771. Sheriff of Province.

Parker Family:

William Parker, 1703-1781, married Elizabeth Grafton.

1. Zerviah, 1728-1750, married William Earl Treadwell.
2. William, 1731-1813, married Elizabeth Fogg.
3. John, 1732-1791, unmarried.
4. Elizabeth, 1734-1814, married Capt. Nathaniel Adams.
5. Mary, 1738-1788, married David Sewell.
6. Lydia, 1740-1787, married Samuel Hale.
7. Samuel, 1744-1804, married Anne ["Nancy"] Cutler.
8. Catherine, 1744-1817. Unmarried.
9. Sarah, 1746-1837, married Christopher Toppan.
10. Matthew Stanley Gibson, 1748-1787, married Anna Rust.

Parker, Noah, 1734-1787. Son of John Parker, brought up in home of his uncle, Judge William Parker. A Universalist minister. His son John was a surveyor; made a map of Portsmouth with Nathaniel Adams in 1778.

Parsons, [Moses], 1716-1783. Harvard, 1736. Minister at Byfield, Mass.

Peirce, [Daniel] Esq., 1709-1773. Harvard, 1728. Recorder of deeds for Province; member of King's Council.

Pemberton, [Ebenezer ?], 1705-1777. Harvard, 1721. Minister Presbyterian Church, New York, 1727-1753; New Brick Church, Boston, 1754-1777.

Pickering, John, 1737-1805. Harvard, 1761. Portsmouth lawyer; became judge U. S. District Court. Married Abigail, daughter of Jacob Shaefer. Brother of Joshua and Samuel Pickering.

Pickering, Joshua. Married Mary Brackett, Jan. 31, 1759; died June 5, 1771. Lived in Greenland.

Pickering, Samuel, 1732-1797. Innkeeper, Greenland. Married Elizabeth Brackett.

Pickman, [Benjamin], 1740-1819. Harvard, 1759. Salem merchant.

Rindge, Mr. Possibly Daniel Rindge, 1731-1799. Member of Council. Lived in large double house, corner of Daniel and Market Streets.

Rogers, [Daniel], 1707-1785. Harvard, 1725. Minister of Second Parish in Exeter.

Sawyer, Dr. Micajah, 1737-1815. Harvard, 1756. Physician, Newburyport.

Serjeant, [Winwood], ca. 1739-1780. Rector Christ Church, Cambridge, 1767-1774. Married Ann, daughter of the Rev. Arthur Browne of Portsmouth.

Sewell, David, 1735-1825. Harvard, 1755. Lawyer, York, Maine. Became judge of U. S. District Court, 1789. Married Mary Parker.

Sewell, [Stephen], 1734-1811. Harvard, 1761. Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Languages.

Shackford, Mrs. [Catherine ?]. Widow of Major John Shackford. See administration of estate, 1767. [*State Papers*, XXXIX, 40.]

Shannon, [Richard Cutts], 1743-1821. Studied law with Samuel Livermore in Portsmouth; one of the attorneys of the town in 1774. Removed to Hollis.

Shaw, Oakes, 1736-1807. Minister of Congregational Church of West Precinct of Barnstable.

Sheafe, Jacob, 1715-1791. Portsmouth merchant. Representative to legislature in 1771. Married Hannah Seavey of Rye.

Simpson, William. Greenland. Town officer.

Sparhawk, Col. [Nathaniel]. Kittery merchant. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Pepperell.

Stevens, [Benjamin]. 1720-1791. Harvard, 1740. Ordained colleague pastor with the Rev. John Newmarch, Kittery, Maine, 1751.

Stoddard, Col. [Samson ?], 1709-1777. Chelmsford, Mass., Harvard, 1730. Large landholder in New Hampshire; town of Stoddard named for him.

Stoodley's. Portsmouth hotel kept by Col. James Stoodley. Stopping place for travelers from Boston to Maine.

Thayer, [Ebenezer], 1734-1792. Harvard, 1753. Ordained minister at Hampton, 1766.

Tilton's. A tavern in Portsmouth kept by Jacob Tilton. See *Provincial Papers*, VII, 283.

Tilton, Capt. [Jonathan]. Died 1796. Hampton Falls. Town officer and representative to legislature in 1771.

Tilton, Dr. [Joseph], 1744-1838. Exeter physician. Studied with Dr. Ammi R. Cutter of Portsmouth, married daughter of John Shackford.

Toppan, Christopher, 1735-1818. Hampton. Selectman, representative to legislature, senate and council. Married Sarah Parker.

Torrey, [William]. Portsmouth merchant. Member of North Church; children baptized 1764, 1766, 1767. Loyalist.

Trail, [Robert]. Comptroller of port of Portsmouth. Married Mary Whipple. Died, London, 1785. Daughter, Mary 1753-1824.

Ward, [Ephraim?], 1741-1818. Harvard, 1763. Ordained minister, West Brookfield, August 1771.

Warner, Col. Daniel, Member of Governor's Council.

Warner, Capt. Samuel. Died in Portsmouth, Sept. 10, 1771, in his 34th year.

Weare, Col. [Meshech], 1713-1786. Harvard, 1735. Hampton Falls. Justice of Superior Court. President of New Hampshire during Revolution.

Weeks, Dr. [Ichabod], 1738-1807. Physician, Greenland.

Weeks, Joshua Wingate, 1738-1806. Harvard, 1758. Minister of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Marblehead. Born in Greenland.

Weeks, Major William, 1723-1798. Greenland. Town officer. Married Elinor, daughter of Col. Clement March.

Wentworth, John, 1737-1820. Harvard, 1755. Governor of New Hampshire 1767-1775.

Wentworth, John Jr., 1745-1787. Harvard, 1768. Studied law with William Parker, commenced practice in Dover in 1771; judge of probate, Strafford County, 1773-1787.

Wentworth, Michael. Born in England. Married Martha (Hilton) Wentworth, widow of Governor Benning Wentworth, Dec. 19, 1770; died 1795.

Wentworth, Mrs. [Penelope]. Wife of Hugh Hall Wentworth, Lieut. Governor of Grenada and the Grenadines. Died in Portsmouth Dec. 27, 1771, in her 30th year. Member North Church.

Whidden, Mrs. [Hannah]. Widow of Samuel Whidden of Greenland. See will 1769. *State Papers*, XXXIX, 333.

Whipple, Joseph, 1737-1816. Portsmouth merchant. Later Collector of Customs at Portsmouth; large landowner in North. Married Hannah Billings of Boston. Brother of William Whipple.

Whipple, Mr. This may be Oliver Whipple, ca. 1743-1813. Born in Rhode Island; Harvard, 1766. Lawyer in Portsmouth. Married Abigail, daughter of Dr. Sylvester Gardiner of Boston.

Willard, Col. [Josiah], 1716-1786. Winchester. Representative to legislature.

Williams, Elijah, 1746-1793. Harvard, 1764. Lawyer in Keene. Loyalist.

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