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and speaks to me on behalf of Mr. Addington Davenport, his eldest Son, that he might have Liberty to Wait upon Jane Hirst now at my House in way of Courtship. He told me he would deal by him as his eldest Son, and more than so. Inten'd to build a House where his uncle Addington dwelt for him; and that he should have his Pue in the Old Meetinghouse. I gave him my Hand at his going away and acknowledged his Respect to me and granted his desire. He said Madam Addington would wait upon me.

His Honour the Lieut Governour visited me quickly after, and acquainted me that he design'd for Newbury in a day or two, to stay for a week or fortnight.

I inform'd his Honor of what Mr. Davenport had been about; His Honor approved it much, Cōmended the young Man and reckon'd it a very good Match.

[END OF THE JOURNAL.]

MEMORANDUM. Benjamin Bosworth, son of Edward Bosworth, came over to New England in the Elizabeth and Dorcas, Capt. Watts Cōmander. Mr. Ward, Mr. Bellingham, Mr. Bunker, Mr. Henry Sewall (Father of Samuel Sewall) came in this ship. Went aboard at Graves-End; arrived here Año 1634. Thirty were thrown overboard in the passage, of the Calenture. Edward Bosworth, the Father, being ready to dye, ask'd to be carried upon the Deck, that he might see Canaan. When he had seen the Land he resigned his Soul, and dyed: was carried ashoar and buried at Boston. Note. Edward Hutchinson, Col. Hutchinson's Father, came over in the same Ship. — "and his honourable, ancient, and sincere Friend, Samuel Sewall, Esqr., the Chief Justice of the Province." Life of Dr. Increase Mather, p. 85, by S. M. Printed at London, 1725. May 12, 1725. £.

[A fragment of Judge Sewall's Diary presented to the Society by J. S. H. Fogg, M. D., of South Boston. This is an account of one of Sewall's visits, made in April, 1702, as one of the Commissioners of the Society in behalf of the Indians.]

Before which time one [Thomas] Crocker comes up, who married the widow of young Mr. Lothrop, and becomes our Pilot. Saw Lieut. Howland upon the Rode, who tells us he was born Feb. 24. 1626, at our Plimouth. Visit Mr. [Isaac] Robinson, who saith he is 92 years old, is the Son of Mr. Robinson pastor of the Church of Leyden, part of which came to Plymouth. But to my disappointment he came not to New-England till the year in which Mr. Wilson was returning to England after the settlement of Boston. I told him was very desirous to see him for his Father's sake, and his own. Gave him an Arabian piece of Gold to buy a book for some of his grand children. Pass on to Melatiah Lothrop's, his wife very ill of a Chronical disease. Dine there. Barnabas Lothrop Esq. comes thither and earnestly invites me and my Son to lodge at his House. His Kinsman is glad of it because of his wife and the aproaching Court. Dine at Melatiah's. Leave our Horses there. Visit Mr. Russel, Mr. Hinckley.¹ Madam Hinckley reads to us a very pious Letter of her daughter Lord: and Gov. Hinckley of his daughter Exper. Mayhew. View the burying place, See Mr. Walley's Epitaph on a Rail broken off, and tumbled about; so well as could read the worn Letters, 'twas this: 'Here lieth the body of that blessed Son of Peace, and Pastor of the Church of Christ, Mr. Thomas Wally, who ended his Labour, and fell asleep in the Lord, 21 March, 1677.' Saw Mr. Whipo and his wife and children repair to our Lodgings. Burying place is just by the Windmill. Much Ice remained till Noon.

Sabbath, April 5. Very cold still, but fair: much Ice. Mr. Russell preaches morning and evening. As go home at night, Gov. Hinckley invites me to breakfast with him next day.

Monday, April 6. Goe and see the Court-house, Salt-pond, Crick where Mr. Lothrop lays his vessel: take leave of Mr. Lothrop. Breakfast with Gov. Hinckley. Set out with Mr. Russell about ½ hour past 7. Upon a small hill in Barnstable, he shows me both Seas. Brings us going to Cotuit, then he takes Leave. We miss our way a little and go up to a great Pond and small Orchard. Go back and then pass on. Call at Mr. Robinson's: they give us good Small Beer. Go to the Ferry-house: his Boat is at little Wood's hole: travel thither, there embark and have a good passage over in little more than an hour's time. Refresh at Chases, from thence ride to Tisbury.

¹ Thomas Hinckley had been Governor of the Plymouth Colony.

First man I speak with is Joseph Dogget: he tells me Kithcart keeps an Ordinary; we go thither, the Day-Light being almost spent. Mr. Robinson's Son helps us and bears us company awhile. Milton visits us. Got to Week's about 1 p. m.

Tuesday, April 7. Mr. Sheriff Allen having visited us over night in his way from the old Town, comes to us this morn. From thence we pass to his House, see his wife and little daughter. Then visit Major Mayhew, then Exper., whose wife lyes in of a Son. Dine at Major Mayhew's, then ride to the Gay-head Neck, to Abel's Wigwam, where was pleased with the goodness of his house, especially the Furniture, demonstrating his Industry, viz, Two great Spining Wheels, one small one for Linen, and a Loom to weave it. When Abel came in from his sowing of Wheat, I discoursed him to mutual satisfaction. He gave us very good Milk and Water to drink. As came back saw an English House of Harry, but he not at home. Saw four good Oxen which belonged to one Indian. *Nota.* Abel says there are Fifty-Eight houses in the Gay-head Neck: Major Mayhew says 'twill entertain 58 more, and less than forty Rod of Fence takes it in — 1,000 Acres. Two Schoolmasters chiefly for Winter, Jonas Hassaurt, the Anabaptist preacher, and Peter Châvin. No-Man's-Land is an Island of about 1½ mile long, ½ broad, better than a League from the main Island, well watered and wooded, and inhabited mostly by the 7th day Indians. No-Man's-Land and the Gay-head are the only certain places for Fishing for Cod, which this Week they have begun to be successfully engaged in. Visit Mr. Thacher in our return. 'Tis a pretty while within night by that time we get from our Quarters at Mr. Allen's, where sup with Sheriff, his wife, Major Mayhew, Mr. Torrey, Exp. Mayhew. Have a very good Chamber and Bed to lodge in, one of the best in Chilmark.

Wednesday, April 8. Japhet, Jonathan and Stephen come to me: I have much discourse with them; try to convince Stephen of his Anabaptistical Errors; Jonas and he have a Church of about 30, ten men. I perceive by Mr. Exper. Mayhew and Japhet 'tis hardly feasible to send any to the Eastward to convert the Indians, their Language is so different. Gave Japhet two Arabian pieces Gold, and Stephen two pieces $\frac{3}{4}$ to buy Corn. Mr. Exper. Mayhew proposes to me as a thing very expedient that some Short Treatise be drawn up and translated into Indian to prevent the spreading of the Anabaptistical Notions. Mr. Thacher and Mr. Thomas Mayhew and Mr. Athern accompany me in my way towards Edgartown. Dine at Mr. Athern's; his wife not 14 when he married her. Mrs. Thacher on her death-bed troubled at her Marriage to Mr. Kemp, her first husband, some smell of Relation between them.

On the Rode, first Mr. Mayhew, and then Japhet, tell me the story of Japhet's birth. Get to the Town about 3 p. m. Visit Mr. Diman. Go aboard and visit Capt. Jonas Clay, sick of the Gout. Lodge at Parsons.

Thursday, April 9. Breakfast at Major Mayhew's. Major Mayhew and his Brother accompany us to Chases, where meet with Mr. Exper. Mayhew and Mr. Allen the Sheriffe. Chases Boat not come. By the time I got over 'twas near sunset. Madam Hinckley embarked in the boat and brought us over to visit her daughter Lying-in. Lodge at Lieut. Hatches.

Friday, April 10. Sam. and I rode along to Sandwich, very good Rode. Bait at Mr. Chipman's. Taken in the Rain, Lodge at Capt. Morey's. One Bears our Pilot from Sandwich to Plymouth. Bait at Plimouth. Dine at Barker's. Bait at Cushing's. Drink at Miller's. Got home about 9: too late. Were well and found all Well. *Laus Deo.*

[Fragment.]

March 15th, 1694. Lt. Thomas Mumford informs me that about eighteen years ago the eldest daughter of Nimerad, being regent after her father's death, during the minority of her Brother, that she might cleanse herself from her Mourning for her deceased father, gave notice that she had a mind to wash herself from her mourning and be clean, and for that reason appointed a Dance to be held upon such a day. To which many resorted at 40 miles distance to a very large house prepared for that solemnity. When the Assembly was full she stood up and acquainted them that she had had much adversity and now hoped for prosperity; that Wenoquaspouish was now her name, and then set a Tune and began a Dance, then call'd a person and gave him a string of Peag, then he made a speech desiring that she may have long prosperity of her Name, mentioning it; and then shouted three times and gave thanks for her Gift and sat down. Then the Queen set another Tune, call'd out another man, and *sic deinceps*. When a woman was call'd, she only after receiving the gift makes three shouts and sits down.

NOTE. — When a person desires to have a new name they propound several to the Elders, and that which is allowed and ratified by them, that Name the person is called by, and no other. Psalm 30. 11. Jer. 31. 13. Lam. 5. 15. Luke 15. 25. Wenoquaspouish signifies as much as bright Lady.