

Hawes, James - Confession

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To the Chh of Christ in Westboro'

Beloved Brethren

Knowing there is uneasiness among y^e Brethren
concerning my conduct when Transacting
Business in behalf of Adonijah Rice with the
Selectmen in which I have been supposed
by many to have Transgress^d the Truth –
I Acknowledge myself out of the way in
answering the Select Men – when Asked by them
whether I had paid the whole face of a Note
against s^d Rices [Estate?] in favor of Doc^r Dan^l
Brigham to which [^]l hastely Replied in the Affer-
-mative, whereas the Circumstanerces demanded
a Negative, on account of which Affermative
I gave the Select men just Reason to suspect my
Veracity – and have exposed myself to your
Chrestian Resentment. am sorry therefor
and now ask Your forgeveness. & Charity

May 2. 1785

James Hawes

The Chh Voted to Accep^t the Above

as Satisfactory – Att E Brigham [illegible]

May the 2^d 1785 the Chh met According to
adjourment to consider the Difficulty that had
arose Respecting Deacon Hawes in a Settlement
between him & the Selectmen in the Interest of
Adonijah Rice –

Voted [there?] a Committee to make [word struck through]

a draft [o?] that Elijah Brigham

 Joseph Harrington

 Jonhh Baker

 be a Com[m]ittee

Deacon Hawes's

Acknowledgement

May 2^d 1785