

Letters of Levin and Deborah Warrin to Ebenezer Parkman, 1770-1771

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Levi and Deborah Warrin to Ebenezer Parkman, December 18, 1770

To the Revd. Mr. Ebenezer parman to be
Communeated to ye Church with respect to
our admittance in to your Holy fellow Ship
We Do understand that Some of the Bretheren
are uneasy with us Because we had a Chld Born
So Swoon after marrage we know it to be the duty
of every person ouer taken in a fault to give
Gloory to God by Confesing it but we cannot
confes our Selves guilty of the sin of fornication
in the Begiting of the above mentioned child
with out [roning?] our Selues which we think no
Chrisstan person can Desire thouwe we under
Stand Some of the women that war with
us at the time of the Birth of the Child hath
Said that it is their Judgment that the
Chld was Ripe for Birth and that the mother
went her time with the Child which
we know was not So that the truth of it
my not bee Scrupled we have taken the pains
to get a Certifycation from the Docter that
Delivered the mother of the Child we have a

Desire to come to our Duty & hope we
Shall not be denied but if what is hear Said doth
not give Satisfaction but we are Denied we can
Do no more but must Set Down Easey and can ancer
it before God and man no more only Subscrbe our
Selves your friends & well wishers in all

December ye 18 1770
we hope being Debar'd of Church
preuiledges wil not Debar ous of
an intrest in our Lord and Sauer
Jesus Crist

Levi Warrin
Deborah Warrin

Levi and Deborah Warrin to Ebenezer Parkman, April 30, 1771

To the Revd. Ebenr. Parkman, Sir whereas we in time past
offered our desiers to you, to be communicated to this Chh that
we might be Recd. into full communion their
with, but by Reason of Some Suspisions in the mind of Some
of this Chh with Respect to our Chastity before marriage
we ware not Charitably Recd., but nevertheles, we being
Still desierus to Come to our duty to Say that we have
no Reason to think that our Child was Begotten before
our marriage, and if this will be Satisfactory to your Selfe
and to this Chh we Intend to procede fur ther in order to
Come up to our duty, this to be Communicated to the Chh

Westboro April 30 1771

Levi Warrin
Deborah Warrin

The above was communicated to ye Chh [*sic*]
May 19. 1771. and was accepted--
above 2,3ds. for the Affirmve.