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The LORD be magnify^d for His
adorable Long-suff^g tow^{ds} me!

I am brôt to finish my 78th Year,
and to begin my 79th.

It is also a Sabbath Day! All
Glory to His Blessed & Holy Name!
I may wth highest Reason & Devout Gra-
titude utter my Self as St. Paul, in
Act. XXVI.22. “Having obtaind Help
from GOD, I continue unto This Day.”

The public Entertainm^{ts} A. & P.M. were
on these pertinent Words. May G, grant y^y
may be truely profitable to Me & to y^e Pp!
esp. to y^e Aged of y^e Flock.

Thô I have, thro y^e grt Gss of G. been fav^d
wth much Health, Strength & Comfort for one
of my Years, to y^e Alm^{ty} Author be y^e Praise!
Yet I may Still Say y^t this Year also hath
been more remarkable to me yⁿ any pre-

ceding. Chiefly as to my own Person,
and my manner of Living.

As to y^c Former, I have experienced a
gr^t Alteration in my Eyes. A Cloud has,
first more perceptibly at Evenings, arose
before each of my Eyes, for I know now how
many Months, for it has come on by de-
grees. But at length something has so
Seizd on my Right, w^c always hereto-
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fore was my Best, Eye, that at length
it is a black spot which now inter-
cepts between y^e Organ & y^e Object — it
lies one Object, for 3 or 4 Inches at
reading or writing distance; so black
that I can't see a Letter: not even
Capitals. I can't distinguish y^e Nose
from y^e Eyes in a persons Face. I can
See the Blaze of a Candle thrò the
Opake Darkness. Spectacles don't as-
sist. But all y^e circumjacent Objects
appear as they were wont to: till I
turn my Eye to fasten upon any
Particular; & then as my Eye moves,
the abumbration moves wth it.
My Left Eye, tho imperfect, is w^t I
use: & is helped by Spectacles: and has
sometimes a Cloud, and I am much put to it
to read or write in y^e Even^s or dark Wea-
ther. May G graciously com[m]iserate my
sorrowf. state! sanctifie y^s Dispensation,
relieve me or prepare me for w^t will

be next; y^t I may be wholly resigned! —

Respecting y^e Man^r & Circumst^{ce} of
my Living, they are very different.

My Son & Da^uter Brigham live in the
Same House: He takes Care of y^e work on
the place; has hird a Man &c. We board
in most respects in Com[m]on — in many in-
stances have peculiarly.

My People have paid me no Penny for
15 Months, & I know not w^t y^y will do.
—But I rely upon y^e good provid^{ce} of G!⁺

⁺Several Other Remarkable Occur^{ces} this Year were,

My Dauter Sophys Marriage: Ebenezers Return from y^e Army: Br^r
Smiths & afterw^{ds} Br^r Stones Death: My Strong Ague & w^t followd.
The Sorrowf. Burning of New-London by y^e Enemy.

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I have still fresh Cause
to praise & extol y^e Name of the
most High who endures me, and
permitts me to live in His World,
to enjoy innumerable Advantages
and esp. to enjoy both y^e Day & y^e
Means of Grace — W^d y^rf. offer
up a Sacrifice of Praise & Thanks
to His glor^s Name! — That
my Senses have been continued
in Such a Meas^e: & partic^{ly}
That my Sight has not been
utterly taken away — but y^t I
can in Such a Measure both read & write —
—that esp^{ly} y^e Day & means of Grace are contin^d
y^t I am yet permitted to Serve in y^e Sanc-
tuary, and have any Furneture & Ability
for it: (May I, my Self, Savingly profit y^rby!).

But while I have been thus highly in-

dulgd, O w^t Ingratitude & Unworthi-
ness I have been chargeable wth!

Therefore

1. Contribution for Necessarys

for y^e first Sacram^t £4.4. —

Each Member paying Six Shillings.

Over and above which Sunday persons paid in

Viz^t M^r Thomas Rice 6^s

M^r Jonathan Forbush 6^s

2. Contribⁿ For Vessels to be added to those
heretofore provided, for y^e Decent Celebration
of the Sacraments; Three Shillings each

Male Member. over & above w^{ch} Sam^l Fay 3^s

& Hez. Ward brought 2^s

Thy Heart is not right wth God.

Let me bear this Saying in mind that I may

keep clear of Such a Charge upon Me.