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Satterday night. A suspected Indian is put in Prison. It seems were in Arms last Sabbathday at Dedham, some way knowing of Meadfield Mill being burnt. People are much perplexed.

Tuesday, Sept' 15. Take leave of Mr. Bond and give him Mr. Oxken's Artillery Sermon to read at Sea, stitched in Marble paper. Sails in Mr. Smith.

Tuesday, Sept' 15, 1685. Mr. Barns tells me the Governor of Carolina is come to Town this day for his health: is so weak that stumbled at a pebble and fell down. Name, West. Mr. Willard speaks to the 7th Commaundment, condemns naked Breasts: and seems to be against the Marriage of First-Cousins.

Thursday, Sept' 17. News comes to Town of the rising of the Negros at Jamaica. Proves nothing answerable to the Rumor.

General Court having Voted that care be taken to see that all Persons are furnish'd with Arms and Ammunition according to Law because of Indians, that Wonomac have £10. given him to avenge [him] because he alledges some of his carried away contrary to safe Conduct, and for his late Service; that the West-end of the town-house be secured with Lead at the country's Charge. Adjourned to the 2nd Wednesday in October at one of the Clock. Mr. Frout made surveyor general and Mr. Stoddard's Room, to look after stock of Powder.

Mr. Dudley, Saltonstall, Buckley, to say whether they will accept their Commissions as Majors.


Note, Sabbath-day, Sept' 20. Mr. Jrn. Bally preaches with us all day: Mr. Willard at Watertown. In the Afternoon from those words of Job, Till my Change come. Doct. Death a very great Change.

Thursday, Sept 21. Shewed Mr. Tho. Chiever, Schoolmaster, in the Evening, what had received from Jamaica concerning Zadori. [a stranger from Hungary.]

Tuesday, Sept 22, 1685. Mr. Gardener came in last night; this morning the News he brings runs throw the Town, viz. that James late D. of Mommouth was beheaded on Tower-Hill on the 10th July last. Argyle drawn, hanged and quartered. Neighbour Pifield brought me the News, who had it from the Cryer of Fish.

Mr. Nowel and Moody called here, having been seen to see sick father Porter, this morn. 7th 22.

7th 22. This day Mr. Morgan, his Lady and Family arrive from Barbados intending to dwell here for some time.

By the same Ship word is brought of the death of Mr. Henry Higginson of the Small Pocks.

7th 22. In the Afternoon I visit Father Porter, and Mr. West late Governor of Carolina, who comes hither for cure of the Dry Gripe.

Wednesday 7th 23. Cous. Nath. Dunn and I ride to Milton Lecture. Before Lecture, I went to Anthony Gulliver and got him to go with me to Penny-Ferry and shew me the Marsh [he] was to buy of Mr. Gardener. He ownd that he hired the Marsh 5 Acres of my Father at fifty shillings and would see me paid; seemed to say he hired it for his Son. Dined at Mr. Thachers.

Wednesday night, Sept 23. Mr. Clutterbuck Arrives from New-Castle and brings word that he saw Argyle's head cut off June the last; and the certain Newes of the Death of Mommouth about the middle of July. Dissenters in the North released, and Scotland in quiet.

'Ts remarkable that Clutterbuck should from Ocular Testimony contradict diametrically the Rumors that were spread in Town Friday was Sefight and strongly propogated, said to come by Clutterbuck: which was a meer Lye.
May 19. Mr. Moody preaches both parts of the day, in the afternoon partly a funeral Sermon on the suddenness of Mrs. Redford's lamented death. Great Rain in the Afternoon.

May 20. Ride to Newbury. I treat Mr. Danforth, Cook, Hutchinson, Moody, &c. with Salmon at Capt. Serjeant's. I lodge at Newbury.

May 21. Ride to Ipswich in Company Capt. Sergeant, Mr. Mayo, Paisted. It seems Cous. Hobart of Hingham was buried this day. Sent Joanna Gerrish home. Lodge at the Widow Aplon's with Major Esq.

May 24. Friday. Walk to Argilla, and visit Madam Symonds, who sits up in her chair, but is weakly.

May 25. In our way home divert to Col. Aplon's, who keeps house by reason of a Sore Legg. The day is very hot, which makes us almost faint by that time we reach Lewis's; there refresh very comfortably. Got home seasonably and found my family well, except Sarah, blessed be God.


Maine, Wheelwright 71. Frost 72. Mr. En Hutchinson 34. in stead of Major Hock, deceased.

1 Argilla was the name of an estate formerly belonging to Deputy-Governor Samuel Symonds. In his will (printed in "The Ancestry of Priscilla Baker"), he gives his widow £12 annually, to be paid out of his farm called Argilla, also the east end of his dwelling-house at Argilla. Field's "Ipswich," p. 183, says of Symonds that "his farm at Argilla has been long noted." March 15, 1713-4, Timothy Thornton had one quarter of Argilla in fee. — Ees.


Thacher had 46. when voted for Plymouth, yet there lost it.

Voters, Depts. 56. 82. Note. Every One of the Council living, was there; but the Lieut. Governor did not vote.

Friday, June 14. The Bill against Incest was passed with the Deputies, four and twenty Nos, and seven and twenty Yes. The Ministers gave in their Arguments yesterday in Writing; else it had hardly go, because several have married their wives sisters, and the Deputies thought it hard to part them. 'Twas concluded on the other hand, that not to part them, were to make the Law abortive, by begetting in people a conceit that such Marriages were not against the Law of God. Mr. Secretary treats the Lieut. Governor, Council, Ministers; Major Townsend and Mr. Bromfield, at James Meers's. Mr. Allen in returning Thanks, mentioned the passing of this Act, and that relating to Ministers.

At night, reading in course in the family the Eleventh of the Revelation, it brought fresh to my mind what I had
said to Mr. Mather a pretty while agoe, that if we could pass the Law against Incest, might help to finish our Testimony.

June 16, 1695. Lord's Day. Mrs. Willard is brought to bed about noon, and her Daughter Eunice baptised. Four Males baptised; Robert, John, John, William. Mother goes to Church in the afternoon, and so is at the Baptism. Last night were comfortable Showers after much dry weather.

Friday, June 21. My dear Mother Hull tells me of Capt. Daviss Invitation, and bids me to remember to be at the Meeting. Mr. Willard preaches excellently. At home, at prayer, we read the 16. of the Revelation; I spake somthing to the Sixth Vial, but little thought how presently those awfull Words, Behold I come as a Thief! did concern me and my whole family: And then, and at prayer with my Wife in the Chamber, was wofully drowzy and stupid. About one at night, Jane comes up with an unusual Gate, and gives us an account of Mothers Illness, not being able to speak of a considerable time. I went to Capt. Daviss and fetched some Trecle Water and Syrup of Saffron; Dame Ellis made a Cake of Herbs to try to strengthen Mothers Stomach. In the morn Roger Judd is sent to Cambridge for Dr. Oliver, mother choosing to speak with him and no other. When he comes he advises to a Plaister for the Stomach, which is applied; and a Potion made of Bezar [Bezár] to be taken in Syrup of Saffron and Trecle water; of which took once or twice. About 8. or 9. I call'd Mr. Willard at her desire, who prays with her. Finding the room free once, and observing her very great weakness; I took the opportunity to thank her for all her Labours of Love to me and mine, and ask'd her pardon of our undutifulness; She, after a while, said, God Pity 'Em; which was the last prayer I heard her make. About six I ask'd if I should call Mr. Willard, (for had said to him that he should come again if he could). As far as I could perceive, she said, Not so soon. But I called, or sent; yet could not discern any attention to the prayer, her disease had prevail'd so far, and a little before Sunset she expired, to our very surprising Grief and Sorrow. Roger Judd was here about noon, and said, that when some in the next room spake about who should Watch, my dear Mother answer'd, She should need no Watchers, she should be above at Rest.

June 24. About Seven o'clock, my dear Mother is entombed. Bearers, Mr. Danforth, Russell, Cooke, Elisha Hutchinson, Addington, Sergeant.

July 7. Govr. Bradstreet is seised again with his old pains.

July 15. I discourse Capt. Sam! Checkly about his taking Sam. to be his Prentice. He seems to incline to it; and in a manner all I mention is to encourage me. The good Lord direct and prosper.

July 12, 1695. Kept a Day of Prayer in secret Respecting my dear Mother's death; and Sam's being to be placed out, &c.


July 23. Council at Charlestown: Was at Watertown this day Sennight.

July 26, 1695.Poor little Mary falls down into the Cellar of Matthias Smith's house, and cuts her head against the Stones, making a large orifice of more than two inches long; 'twas about 6 post meridian. The Lord sanctify to me this bloody Accident.

July 30, 1695. Mr. Cook and I ride to Cambridge, there with Mr. Justice Danforth to hold the Court.

Judith Shepard of Charlestown is tried for her Life for firing the house of Mr. Richard Foster; clear'd by the Jury; but bound in a Bond of an hundred pounds to answer for other Crimes at the next Superiour Court and to be of the good Behaviour. Trial held so long that 'twas nine o'clock ere we got out of the Meetinghouse; and then dark and like to rain, so lodg'd at Mr. Danforth's.
Fifth-day, May 7, 1696. Col. Shrimpton marries his son to his wife’s sister’s daughter, Elizabeth Richardson. All of the Council in Town were invited to the wedding, and many others. Only I was not spoken to. As I was glad not to be there because the lawfulness of the intermarrying of Couizen-Germans is doubted; so it grieves me to be taken up in the lips of Talkers, and to be in such a condition that Col. Shrimpton shall be under a temptation in defence of himself, to wound me; if any should happen to say, Why was not such a one here? The Lord help me not to do, or neglect any thing that should prevent the dwelling of brethren together in unity. And, Oh most bountiful and Gracious God, who givest liberally and upbraids not, admit me humbly to bespeak an invitation to the Marriage of the Lamb, and let thy Grace with me and in me be sufficient for me in making my self ready. And out of thy Infinite and Unaccountable Compassions, place me among those who shall not be left; but shall be accepted by Thee here, and Taken into Glory hereafter. Though I am beyond Conception Vile, who may say unto Thee, What dost thou? Thou canst justify thy self in thy proceedings. And O, Lord God forgive all my unsuitable deportment at thy Table the last Sabbath-Day, that Wedding Day; and if ever I be again invited (Invite me once again) help me entirely to give my self to thy Son as to my most endeared Lord and Husband. And let my dear Wife and all my children, partake in this privilege and that not as Umbra, but on their own account.

May 11th 1696. Joseph falls down and breaks his forehead so as bleeds pretty much.

May 19th 1696. Town-Meeting to choose Assembly-men,

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1 Much interesting information about the Shrimptons and their connections is given in General Sennett’s History of East Boston. It may be noticed that Mrs. Shrimpton married, thirdly, Simon Stoddard; and her niece, wife of Samuel Shrimpton, Jr., married, secondly, David Stoddard, son of Simon; thus in two families successively maintaining the same relationship to each other. — Eoe.