

APPENDIX

A LETTER OF JERUSHA EDWARDS

A part from her father's report of the letters he received during the summer of 1747, this fragment is the only written record that Jerusha Edwards left. Likely written during the same trip in which she accompanied David Brainerd to Boston, the letter is written on paper reclaimed by her father for a November 1747 sermon from Zechariah 4:12–14. The manuscript is located in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University. It was transcribed by George Claghorn and is made available here by the kind permission of the Jonathan Edwards Center.

got ye reminder of my fathers sermons & a newspaper which ye
bearer will bring if he Can[.] I keep at Mr Bromfields & hop[e] to
return ye week after next[.] tel[l] my father y[e]t Gidion Lyman is
not in town & I do not know how I shall know if he has got any
Chocket[.] your

D[ea]r Sister

Jerusha E.

Chocolate seems to have been a favorite delicacy of the Edwards family. Edwards noted in his account book in 1745 that he had “sent to Boston...for chocolate.”¹ In a June 1755 letter to Captain Timothy Woodbridge, Edwards mentions a still-unreceived purchase of Chocolate from

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Colonel John Lydius of New York.² Whether or not Jerusha's anticipated purchase ever happened, Edwards "delivered 5£ to buy chocolate in October 1747."³ In all, there are seven recorded instances of Edwards purchasing large quantities of chocolate for his family.

ENDNOTES

1 *Jonathan Edwards, Autobiographical and Biographical Documents*, ed. Jonathan Edwards Center (*The Works of Jonathan Edwards Online*, vol. 40; 2009). Accessed January 31, 2009; available from <http://edwards.yale.edu>.

2 Letter to Timothy Woodbridge, June 4, 1755, in *Letters and Personal Writings*, ed. George S. Claghorn (*The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, vol. 16; New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998), p.669.

3 Edwards, "Account Book" in *Autobiographical and Biographical Documents*, ed. Jonathan Edwards Center (*Works Online*, 40).