

January Anno Domini 1817.

Adjournment, proceeded to business, & took up the 2^d article, and attended to a Communication, made to the Town, by Mr. Rufus Hurlbut, and is as follows, Viz^t —

Sudbury Jan, 27. 1817.

To the Town of Sudbury,

Although, a considerable number of your Inhabitants, have expressed a strong desire to settle a man only whilst he supplies the pulpit; & although I cannot make up my mind, to settle in that Mode; yet as that appears to be the only obstacle to my remaining with you, I have thought that there might be a compromise between us, I will therefore take the liberty to say that if the Town, are willing to vote me \$700, 00, whilst I am your Minister, I am willing they should also add, that if I am unable to supply the pulpit, for a year at a time, during that period, my salary shall be only three hundred dollars, I am the Town's Obedient Servant

Rufus Hurlbut,

Then after a considerable time had been taken up in the Discussion of the Mode, & the sum, to be given, &c, — the Question was put, to see if the Town, would once more try the vote, as it respects their giving Mr. Hurlbut the sum of \$650, 00 annually, during his Ministry with us, which being put to vote, it passed in the affirmative, by 65, for, & 49, against, it — It was then voted, that the Committee which waited on Mr. Hurlbut, at the last Meeting be a Committee to wait on him this afternoon, to inform him, of the doings of the Town, and request of him an answer, as soon as conveniently may be, —

3^d article the Town by their vote, directed their committee which were appointed for to view the land mentioned in this article