

In the years while I was in the Armeey all Canaday was in the Hands of the British Nor have thay [the French] Had aney Part of it Sins. All Canaday subdued I thought thare was no bisnes left for me and turned my atenshan to the Seas thinking to make it my Profesion and in Sixtey one I went a Voige to the Islands in the West Indees and Returnd Safe but found that my father Had gon a trading Voig to Detroit and my Mother falling Sick with a feaver Dide Before his Return. I was Oblige to Give up the Idea of going to Sea at that time and take Charge of a Young fammaley til my father Returnd after which I Bent my Mind after Differant Objects and tared in Milford three years which was the Ondley three years of my Life I was three years in One Plase Sins I was Sixteen years old up to Sixtey.⁵⁰

At ye End of the three years I went into trade first at Detroit. I Continued in trade for Six years in Differant Parts of that Countrey But Beaing Exposed to all Sorts of Company. It Hapend that a parson [person] who was in trade himself to Abuse me in a Shamefull manner Knowing that if I Resented he Could shake me in Peaces at same time supposing that I Dare not Sea him at the Pints or at Leas I would not But the Abuse was too Grate. We met the Next Morning Eairley & Discharged Pistels in which the Pore fellowe was unfortenat. I then Came Down the Countrey & Declard the fact But thare was none to Prosacute me.

I then Made a ture to ye West Indees & on my Return Home I Received a Letter from a Gentelman in New York to Com Down and Sea him for he was Desiras to Go into Partner Ship with me in trade. I Complyde and we Lade in a cargo to the

⁵⁰Mary Hubbard was married to Peter Pond Sr. in 1739 and died June 16, 1761, aged thirty-seven. Her husband died in 1765. There were nine children, of whom Peter was the eldest—the youngest being born at the time of his mother's death. According to the Pond genealogy, Peter Jr. was married during this three years' residence in Milford. The expression "Sixteen years old up to Sixtey," would indicate that the journal was written in Pond's later life, certainly after the year 1800.—Ed.