

## MOOR'S INDIAN CHARITY SCHOOL COLLECTION, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

### Jacob Woolley, confession, 1763 July 25

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I Jacob Woolley acknowledge I have been scandalously guilty of several gross Breaches of the Law of God. Particularly, I have been scandalously guilty of drinking strong Drink to excess; And of being in a very sinful passion of Anger, which I showed by a very boisterous Behavior, doubling and swinging my fists, stamping with my Feet, and many violent Motions and gestures of Body, attempting to throw the Bed and Bed clothes out of the Chamber window; And also by very vile and profane Language, daring God Almighty to damn me if I were guilty according to what had been reported of me [when at the same Time the Report was true] and frequently challenging of God to it, saying I did not care if I was damned, threatening Vengeance upon the Boy who had reported what he had of me, saying I would be revenged if I were damned for it. And thus I persisted in Imprecations of Damnation upon myself, and blasphemous Treatment of the sacred Name, against the much repeated and most forcible and kind and urgent Entreaties of Mr. Wheelock and Mr. Lesley , in opposition to whose Entreaties to spare and desist from my irreverent and abusive use and Treatment of the sacred Names, I increased in it with the more Fury and Violence; And also in attempting to go away with [gap: worn\_edge] [guess: out]

Leave or Advice from Mr. Wheelock, under whose Conduct Providence has placed me, and pursuing that design in a very tumultuous Manner, which was aggravated by this circumstance, that it was on Saturday Evening, Time observed as Holy by Mr. Wheelock and Family, who were kept in a Ruffle 'til late in the Night; And also by many undutiful, proud, and ungrateful expressions towards Mr. Wheelock

And all this has been greatly aggravated by the peculiar Obligations I am under to God and Man, by whose goodness and their Charity I have been so distinguished from all my Nation Hereby I have much dishonoured God, wounded the Hearts of my kindest Friends and Benefactors, brought great dishonour upon the Christian Name, and done much to discourage and cool that Christian Charity, which has so remarkably appeared of late towards my perishing Savage Bretheren, and particularly much to discourage and hurt the interest and progress of this School, in which I have received so great Favours, and which I am under so great Obligations by all possible Means to encourage and promote.

I desire to be humbled in the dust for these things before God and Man, and to implore the divine Pardon and forgiveness through the Blood of Christ. I ask forgiveness of Mr. Wheelock, Mr. Lesley , and of the whole Family and School, and of all my kind Benefactors who shall hear of it. And desire they will pray to God for me that Iniquity after all Endeavors used with me may not prove my Ruin — and I do solemnly warn all the

Members of this school against Pride of Heart and a sensual course of Living,  
and that they take Warning by my Falls. not to imitate my Example

Jacob Woolley

Lebanon July 25th 1763.

Signed in presence of us

Samuel Gray

David Fowler

Joseph Woolley

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### **Daniel Simon, letter, to Eleazar Wheelock, 1771 September**

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I now make bold to write to the most  
Reverend Doctor, when I Came first to  
this School, I understood that this  
School was for to bring up Such  
Indians, as was not able to bring  
up themselves, but the doctor is to learn  
them to work, but I have been to  
work Ever Since I have been able;  
and therefore if the doctor will let

me follow my studies, I Shall be  
thankful, as I understood the doctor.  
when I talked with him, that we  
must work as much as to pay our way;  
and if we Should, what good will the  
Charity money do the Indians; which was  
given to them, if we poor Indians Shall  
work as much as to pay for our learning,  
we Can go Some other place, as good as here  
for learning, if we are able to work and  
pay for our learning, and I Say now,  
woe unto that poor Indian; or white man  
that Should Ever come to this School,  
without he is rich; I write as I think,  
and the doctor must not get mad with me,  
as I am a going to tell the doctor, what I  
think. I intend to deal with the doctor, as  
honest is Ever the doctor had a Indian, and  
if the doctor dont let me follow my studies  
more that I have done; I must leave the  
School, I Cannot spend my time here,  
I am old, and I must improve all the  
time I Can if I undertake to get learning,  
and if I Cannot get learning here as I

understood I might; I have no business  
here, and I must leave the School and if the  
doctor will let me go home to Charlestown ,  
this fall I will will Strive to get somebody to  
pay the doctor, his money for my learn-  
ing, and if I Cannot I will come back,  
and pay the doctor for the journey; and I  
will go to studying arithmetic this winter, and  
in the Spring I will go among the Indians  
if the doctor and I Can agree, and if So be  
I Can get anybody to pay for my learn-  
ing I Shall follow my studies, and if I Cannot  
I must leave the School, and if I have  
a wrong understanding of this school, I am  
willing to acknowledge but I believe I  
have not and So I write no more but

your most Dutiful pupil Daniel Simon

I should be glad if the doctor will

give an answer to this

From Daniel Simons

September 1771.

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