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Note: Journal records Hoyt's travels as a member of the Canal Commission, charged with evaluating feasible routes for a canal from Boston to the Connecticut and thence to the Hudson River. Hoyt journeyed from Boston to Albany, very roughly along the current Route 2, making observations about agriculture, geology, topography, and local industry as he went, all related to the possible construction of a canal. He made a second reconnaissance for a southern route, returning to Boston along (again very roughly) the current Route 20. There is a brief reference to the Hall Tavern in Charlemont.