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WHEREAS *Eunice Davis*,
Wife of me *John Davis* of Portsmouth,
Taylor, has absented herself from me, with-
out just Cause, and refuses to live with me,
tho' often requested, and has left three
small Children in a very unnatural Manner:

THIS is therefore to forbid any Person
entertaining or harbouring her on my Ac-
count, or giving her Credit for Money or
any Thing whatsoever. And yet notwith-
standing this Conduct, I promise, in Case
she will soon return to her Duty, and the
Care of her Children, as a Mother ought
to do, she shall be kindly received, provided
her future Conduct is agreeable to Reason.

his
JOHN † DAVIS,
Mark.

FIGURE 0.1 John Davis advertisement, *New-Hampshire Gazette*, July 30, 1762
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To Mr. JOHN DAVIS, Taylor:
WHEREAS You have been pleased in
your great Wisdom, to represent me in
the public Prints, as an absconding Wife,
without any just Cause for so doing, and still
refuse to live with you, tho' often requested:
And as an additional Aggravation, to compleat
my Character, you say, I have left three small
Children in a very unnatural Manner :
This is therefore to give public NOTICE,
That your Charge is unjust as I can easily
prove. I challenge you to produce one Instance
wherein I have misbehaved towards you. If
I am your Wife, I am not your Slave, and
little thought when I acknowledg'd you as my
Husband, that you would pretend to assume
an unreasonable POWER to tyrannize and
insult over me ; and that without any just
Cause. What is become of your pretended
Love and Affection ? The Consequence of
your Conduct, and the Childrens Misfortune,
is a great Trouble that lays upon my Mind,
as they ought not to suffer for the Iniquities
of their Father. I always was, and still
am willing to do my Duty, provided you put
it in my Power, and behave as you ought
to do. Tho' for six Years past you have
had the Power over me, you shall not any
longer. if Justice can be obtain'd, unless
something Extraordinary should happen in
your Conduct. My Proposals of Reconciliation
you shall know at a proper Season. In the
mean Time, the first Step you have to take,
is to make an Acknowledgement, in a public
Manner, and retrieve my Character, which
you have unjustly aspersed.
Your Injur'd Wife, EUNICE DAVIS.

FIGURE 0.2 Eunice Davis advertisement, New-Hampshire Gazette, August 6, 1762
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