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OCTOBER

- Monday 19 Mr.Lockwood & Jo.Morris breakfasted with us at Burrows Lodge & we then went to attend a Meeting of Magistrates which as Sheriff I had called to be held at Pyle for the purpose of considering the propriety of holding the Great Sessions alternately at Swansea & Cardiff & the Quarter Sessions alternately at Neath and Cowbridge - This was negated by a Majority of 32 to 13, but tho' there was no division the majority against moving the General Sessions as a separate measure appeared to be very small, & occasioned only by the accidental absence of many of our Friends - Morris, Rous, old Wyndham Lewis & Blakemore dined with me at 7, after my return from Pyle.
- Tuesday 20 Coffin & Blakemore breakfasted with me & after dining together I continued with the Magistrates till 11 at night in settling the County Accounts - A House of Correction at Swansea which I have been long endeavouring to obtain has been at last agreed on - Mr.Edwards our worthless Member dared not face the Gentlemen of the County either at these Sessions or last week at the Cardiff Races & some curious accounts were given of the skulking system which he is compelled to pursue -
- Wednesday 21 Jo.Traherne breakfasted with us & we had the following party at Dinner, Mr.Benj. Rotch, Mr.Guest, Mr.Coffin, & Evan Thomas - Jo.Traherne dined with the Chairman at the Mackworth Arms but joined us soon afterwards -
- Thursday 22 Mr.Guest breakfasted with us & I afterwards took him to the Dispensary to have some wounds occasioned by the bursting of his gun examined by Mr.Edwards - At a Meeting of Sir Christopher Cole & his Friends it was agreed immediately to raise a Fund by Subscription to support the Independence of the County & thus to prevent our representatives from being again carried off by the mere weight of Purse. Jo.Traherne & Capt Morgan dined here -

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- Friday 23 Jo.Traherne to whom we could not give a Bed, breakfasted with us & afterwards set off homewards - Mary took the Baby with her in the Carriage & I accompanied her to spend the Day at Penllergare - For the association mentioned yesterday the Trustees of the Margam Estate had before offered to subscribe 2000£ to be at the entire disposal of the Gentlemen of the County & a further sum if Sir Chr.Cole should be brought forwards - As the Penllergare Estate in Glamorgan is only one fourth as large as that of Margam I have concurred with the other Trustees in taking this as our Guide & in subscribing 500£ - Such a Plan Mr.Llewelyn had long strenuously recommended, & several Gentlemen therefore think we ought to subscribe more, but tho' I know it would have been his wish we did not feel ourselves justified in doing so - As Jo.Traherne is mentioned in the entail I consulted him on the subject, & obtained his entire approval -
- Saturday 24 Mr.Edwards the Surgeon dined here, & he recommended a strict regimen & course of Medicins for the cure of the Pain which has so long infested my Thigh -
- Sunday 25 After morning Service rode to call at Marino, Rhydings & St.Helens - Went with Mrs.Ll, Mary, John & Fanny to St.Mary's Church in the Evening -
- Monday 26 Drove in the Gig to Penllergare & back to Dinner -
- Tuesday 27 Sir C.Cole, G.Grenfell, Capt Gasgoyne & Rd.Jeffreys dined with us -
- Wednesday 28 Sir C.Cole breakfasted with us & we afterwards walked to call on Lord Dynevor & his son at Lockwoods - Finished drilling Cae Owen with wheat -
- Thursday 29 Drove over in the Gig to Penllergare & afterwards went with Mary & Mrs.Ll. to dine at Arthur Jones's where we met the Jones's of St.Helens, Mrs.Jones of Heathfield, Miss Sproule, Mrs.Moody, Vivian &c -
- Friday 30 Dr.Edwards dined with us - This has been one of the most enjoyable fine Summer days I ever remember - An answer which I sent to some botanical Queries by Filicolistes in the last Cambrian appeared in the Paper today - I understand they came from the Revd.Mr.Plumtree of Cowbridge who is said to be a good Botanist. My answer is signed D -
- Saturday 31 Much plagued by a severe Erysipelas in my Thigh - Fanny, John & Miss Brown returned to Penllergare.

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 1 Confined to the House by the Erysipelas - Lewey & Mary returned to Penllergare.
- Monday 2 The rest of our Family returned from Burrows Lodge to Penllergare, & Mrs.Llewelyn went into Lodgings at Mount pleasant, in order that she might be at had to superintend the fitting up of the Willows -
- Tuesday 3 A wet day - Mr.Bowdler came on his way from Lord Dynevors to dine & sleep here, & Dr.Edwards also dined here - Received a large Box of Books, including Bayles Dictionary, the Gentlemans Magazine &c, as a present from my Father -
- Wednesday 4 Employed Griffiths of Box to attend the Sale at Landebie of Gellyergan, Brynrhyd & Wern du [**ADD ACCENT**] about 3 Miles north from Pontardylais & which from Surveys of Griffiths & Jo.Hay appeared to be cheap at 1900£ - The Timber was valued by Griffiths at from 500 to 560 & by Wm.Hay at 667 - The Coal of which there is a large quantity was not reckoned in the Estimate & it will notwithstanding become valuable if the Llaneddy Canal should be made if as I have reason to believe it soon will be - the Proprietors however refused to let them go for less than 2000 & they expected to get more.
- Thursday 5 Called at Clasemont, & as Deputy Lieutenant attended a Militia Meeting at Llangafalach - Griffiths of Ynysygerwn came to spend the day & Evening which were spent in settling divers matters with him -
- Friday 6 Rained hard all day, & it was spent in settling the Accounts & arranging the Papers of the Estate -
- Saturday 7 In the morning walked over Bryn David, Llewyn Cadwgan &c- & in the afternoon drove over to look at the thinning of the woods at Talyclyn. Mary was so unwell as to lie in Bed nearly all day, & Mr.Edwards came in the Evening & slept here -
- Sunday 8 Mary continued very unwell & in Bed nearly all the day. The Weather continues remarkably mild & this has been quite a Summers Day.-

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- Monday 9 Drove into Swansea to meet Jones of St.Helens, Vivian, Sir C.Cole & about a Dozen other Gentlemen who had agreed on a Beef Steak Dinner at the Plume of Feathers - Afterwards drank Tea with Mrs.Ll. & returned home about ½ past 9 - Mary continues quite ill & I not half well -
- Tuesday 10 Drove into Swansea to preside at a General Meeting of the Subscribers to the Boys School, & to attempt to enforce a more regular attendance at places of worship on Sunday. Had engaged to dine at Vivians but was not well enough - Mary still continued very unwell & Dr.Edwards dined here - A large Boil a posteriori is extremely troublesome & renders any other than a reclining posture very painful - The Tenant of Ynysygerwn Fishery arrived this Evening with information that Mr.Letson has claimed it, & ordered him to quit!-
- Wednesday 11 My Boil continued so painful that I could hardly move - received back an answer from Griffiths confirming the Account of the Ynysygerwn Fishery, & it appears that Mr.Letson considers it to be an appendage of Ynys neath Farm of which Mr.Llewelyns Lease under Lord Jersey expired at his Death -
- Thursday 12 Too unwell to go out, & continued to investigate our Title to the Ynysygerwn Fishery which I find is held under a purchase from Lord Pembroke - Took also further steps for *[word deleted]* bringing Mr.Llewelyns dispute with regard to General Wards Colliery to an Issue - Mary got up to Breakfast & appeared to be quite recovered from her Indisposition -
- Friday 13 Dr.Edwards & the Revd. J.Powell of Cantreff dined & slept here - David Saunders the Footman taken very ill -
- Saturday 14 Rained all day & particularly heavy the whole afternoon so that I could not leave the House - The Boil still very painfull -
- Sunday 15 My Boil being too troublesome, Mary read prayers to the Family - a fine day - Dr.Edwards dined here - After a long search I found a small Deed much torn which proved to be the purchase Deed dated in 1691 of a Fishery in the Neath River extending from Llynabar twrch to Llynddie & this confirms other Evidence which I have collected that Ynysygerwn Fishery is distinct from that called the Clyne & Hendre David which Mr.Llewelyn held under Lord Vernon -
- Monday 16 A very wet morning but in the morning it cleared a little so as to allow of my walking over the Farm - received the determination of

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Mr. Bayly not to sell the Cefn Myddfa Estate for 14000 which I had offered him for it -

Tuesday 17 Mrs. D took John & Fanny to receive their Dancing & Drawing Lessons in Swansea, & the day being very fine I spent most of it on my Farm - In the afternoon Mr. Lewis Thomas came on Business of the Estate & dined & slept here -

Wednesday 18 Drove Mr. Lewis Thomas in my Gig to Tallyclyn & he afterwards returned to Swansea - A very fine day -

Thursday 19 Mr. Sockett, Richd. Jeffreys & Dr. Edwards dined & slept here - Both Johnny & Willey very unwell -

Friday 20 Mr. Sockett & Mr. Jeffreys went out to shoot in the morning & returned to Swansea to Dinner - The air to day assumed a cold wintry feel for the first time this Season -

Saturday 21 A fine cold day - Mr. Edwards dined here - In the morning Johnny accompanied me about the Farm to shoot some small Birds, & in the afternoon I walked with Mary to direct some repairs at Bryn David bach -

Sunday 22 Having failed in an attempt to get an English Service performed, we have determined to attend the Welsh Service & I went in the Carriage with Mary & the two elder Children to Llangafalach Church accordingly - Mr. Williams however read part of the Service & gave us a short abstract of his Sermon in English -

Monday 23 This morning arrived here 10 Ewes of the best Cheviott Breed being part of a Flock which Rees Williams, Lewis Thomas & myself have imported from the borders of Scotland - They have been cupped by a Ram of the same breed which cost 10 Guineas & my object is to improve the Flocks of our Tenants by supplying them with Ram Lambs -

Tuesday 24 Fanny with her Governess & Johnny went with me early to Swansea & I attended a Meeting at the Infirmary where the registration of Mr. Edwards as Resident Surgeon was agreed on in consequence of his intended marriage with Miss Grove - 22 Gentlemen attended the Committee where the most cordial unanimity prevailed as to Mr. Edward's good conduct & ability & a piece of Plate was voted as a mark of our regard - He will now come in as Physician to the Establishment - Attended to some Business respecting our

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supposed claim on Caernewydd, & returned home to Dinner - A wet morning but afterwards very fine and warm -

- Wednesday 25 Spent the day in arranging Papers & in walking about the neighborhood - Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Thursday 26 A wet day spent in arranging Papers - Finding that Gorseynon Fair had been improperly advertised for the 23rd. & that the Matter has long been in dispute I have employed myself in collecting Evidence by which I find that the Monday preceeding old St.Andrews Day is the proper Day, & I sent notice of it to the Cambrian accordingly. -
- Friday 27 Mr. T E thomas came to walk with me over my Farm in the afternoon, & Mr.Sockett, Mr.Eden (a Nephew of the late Lord Auklands) Mr.Lewis Thomas & Dr.Edwards joined us in dining on a Haunch of Venison - Dr.Edwards took out a double decayed Tooth with 3 large Fangs, & which required 4 Pulls for my darling little Lewey, & he bore it most heroically -
- Saturday 28 It being too wet a day for shooting the Gentlemen who dined here yesterday returned to Swansea in the morning -
- Sunday 29 Being too wet to go to Church, I read prayers & a Sermon to the Family -
- Monday 30 Not well & spent the day in sorting Papers at home -

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 1 Went with Fanny, John & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Swansea, & attended a Meeting of the Boys Free School - Dr.Edwards came & dined here-
- Wednesday 2 Spent the Day on my Farm & at home not well -
- Thursday 3 Breakfasted very early with the intention of spending the day at Ynysgerwn bit it rained ion torrents nearly all day -
- Friday 4 Rained hard all the morning, & I employed myself in completing a Paper for the Linnaean Society on the Shells figured by Lister -
- Saturday 5 A showery day, & I only could walk as far as Bryn David - Dr.Edwards dined here -

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- Sunday 6 The weather was dreadfully wet & stormy so as to prevent our going to Church, & I being prevented by having taken some Mercury, Mary read prayers to the Family -
- Monday 7 Walked in the morning with Johnny to Gorseynon Fair & afterwards dined with the Children at which Rd.Jeffreys joined us.
- Tuesday 8 Occupied the whole morning with Williams of Tylecoch, Jones of Cwmlerach, Griffiths of Box & other Tenants & only walked for a few minutes to the Pig Fair at Gorseynon. Williams proved that the repairs have cost him 18£ more than the sum I had contracted for with him besides Haulage, & there is an understanding that his rent shall not be altered at present - Mary, Miss Brown & the two elder Children went in the Carriage to Swansea.- In the afternoon Mr Lewis Thomas came on Business of the Estate & Dr.Edwards dined here.
- Wednesday 9 A Frosty day, but I was too unwell to go much out - Employed myself in completing an Account of the Shells figured by Lister for the Linnaean Society which I began some Years ago -
- Thursday 10 A Frosty day - Mary took a Drive in the Carriage with Willey to see a poor child who was dreadfully burnt at Bryn Rhos & she afterwards took Lewey to call at Clasemont.
- Friday 11 Mr.Lewis Thomas came in the morning on Business & staid to dine & sleep here - The weather has till lately been so unusually mild that is now a second crop of ripe strawberries in the Gardens, & the Hazel bushes are every where in Flower -
- Saturday 12 Occupied in the morning in looking over the Papers & consulting Mr.Thomas on Mr Llewelyns supposed claim on the Cadoxton Estate, for the support of which he before thought we had sufficient Evidence, but in further investigation we were satisfied to find that it is useless again to agitate the matter - Dr.Edwards dined here & performed an operation on Willeys Leg to which the dear Fellow submitted with great resolution -
- Sunday 23 Mary, Miss Brown & Johnny went in the Carriage to Llangafelach Church but I was not sufficiently well - Jo.Morris called & spent an hour here in the afternoon -

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- Monday 14 Mr. & Mrs. Calvert Jones, Rawleigh & George Mansell & Rd. Jeffreys dined with us & the two latter slept here -
- Tuesday 15 Went in the Carriage with Mary, John & Fanny to Swansea -
- Wednesday 16 Immediately after Breakfast I drove Griffiths of Box in the Gig to look over Gellyergan & the other Farms mentioned at p.14, [Wednesday 4 November] & for which I am still in treaty. Returned to Dinner at 6, much overtired - received a requisition for convening a County Meeting to offer an address of condolence on the Queens Death to the Regent, & I appointed it to be held on Wednesday the 23rd. at Pyle Inn -
- Thursday 17 Employed most of the day in settling Ynysygerwn Accts with Lewis Griffiths, & I also concluded my Treaty with Mr. Lewis of Llysnewydd for the purchase of Gellyergan, Brynrhyd & Wern dû for 1900£ - I am of opinion that the Timber now 32 years old is well worth 600£, & that the Coal whenever the Laneddy Canal is made, will become valueable -
- Friday 18 Finished with Griffiths in the morning, & spent the Day in arranging his & other accounts belonging to the Estate -
- Saturday 19 Took a long walk to look over Briny duon & Caenewydd, on which latter Farm the Trustees have a doubtful claim & called & spent half an hour with Mr. Leyshon at Ystrad. - Mr. Williams the Curate of this Parish & Dr. Edwards dined here -
- Sunday 20 A wet day - Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - Another enormous Boil a posteriori is extremely painful -
- Monday 21 The Boil on my Thigh very painful, & I hurt it by going in the afternoon to overlook the erection of Mr. Llewelyn's Monument & some repairs at Llangafelach -
- Tuesday 22 Went to attend a Meeting of the Free School & transact some Business at Swansea -
- Wednesday 23 Went to attend a County Meeting at Pyle, as mentioned at page 26 & as has been usual in such merely formal occasions only about 30 Gentlemen had assembled to meet without any Idea of Mr. Edwards intention to make it a party matter which he had studiously kept from our knowledge - We were compleatly taken by surprise & some of the Lawyers in his pay arrived with a large hired

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rabble of the lower orders, so as to outvote us two to one - On Mr.Greys moving that the Sheriff should present the Address they insisted on coupling the Member with me, & it being contrary to all precedent I refused to present it in this way - It was more like a Jail broke loose than a County Meeting, & it was with difficulty that any Gentlemen could obtain a hearing - The Riot was so great that I was once obliged to leave the Chair & threaten to dissolve the Meeting, which had the effect of producing some order -

Thursday 24

Lewis Thomas who accompanied me from Pyle slept here last night - spent the morning with me on Business - At the Meeting yesterday the only Person besides myself who attended from this Hundred was a Tenant of Vaughans who is not even a Freeholder, & Mr Vaughan also took his Taylor there in a Chaise from Lantrissant to swell the Majority - Edwards himself however did not dare to shew his Face & such a disgusting & disgraceful trick was I believe never before attempted by any County Member - In order to ascertain what right any of his Gang had to attend it was proposed that the names of the Majority & Minority should both be printed with the resolutions, but this of course was negatived by the Mob. Dr.Edwards dined here -

Friday 25

The weather which for the last few days has been a sharp frost changed to rain in the afternoon, & so many of us were unwell with Colds or Head aches that we could not go to Church - Mary read prayers to the Family - Many china roses were in flower & Bud in the Front of the House on this being Christmas day -

Saturday 26

Mr.Guest & young Mr.Foreman of Merthyr came to dine & sleep here, & Mr.Leyshon of Ystrad also dined here - Mr.Guest says that the Snow drops were yesterday generally out at Penrice -

Sunday 27

Messrs.Guest & Foreman left us about Noon & I then read Prayers as usual to the Family - Dr.Edwards came in the Evening - The following is the list of the Minority at the Meeting on the 23rd. - Honl. W.G.Grey, Llewelyn Traherne Esq. Revd.Mr.Watson. Sir C.Cole. Richd.Blakemore Esq - Revd.J.M.Traherne. Revd.W.B.Knight - Henry J.Grant Esq. Revd.Rd.Pritchard. Eawd.Forman Esq. Griffith Llewellyn. Wm.Llewellyn of Margam - John Deere. M.P.Smith Esq. Geo: Traherne Esq Richd.H.Jenkins Esq. Thos.Franklen Esq - Richd.F.Rickards Esq - Wyndham Lewis of Lanishen Esq. Wyndham Lewis of Green Meadows Esq. Wm.Llewellyn of Pyle - Josiah Js.Guest Esq. Richd. J.Hill Esq. Revd.Wm. Mitchell - Revd.Mr.Morgan - Capt May [*?Capl Mwg*] -

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In the Majority were Dr.Collins. Mr.Sockett, Sir Rd.Kemys, Mr.J Bassett & his two Sons, John Wood & his two Brothers, Revd.Ben Jones, Mr.Morgan of Watford, Mr Davis of Cwm, Mr.Edmunds of Penrhoss - Several attornies in Mr.Edwards employ - Benj.Thomas, an itinerant Taylor of Caerphilly - Mr Stibbs of Cardiff, Barber, 2 Lloyds of Cardiff, Mercers, Mr.French of Cardiff Taylor, Wm.Jones of Merthyr Shopkeeper - David Thomas of Crewka a Tenant of Vaughans & not even a Freeholder & a host of others who nobody knew - They were all brought & treated with a Dinner &c at the expense of our Member -

Monday 28 Sir Jo.Morris with his Daughter Charlotte & his Grandson John called & spent an hour with us in the afternoon - Engaged all day in writing Letters on the Subject of our Members disgraceful conduct at Pyle, & since the Meeting my Correspondence on the subject has been constant - Have written to Lord Sidmouth, Sir Jo.Nicholl, Wm. Beach &c &c -

Tuesday 29 Attended a general Meeting of the Subscribers to the Infirmary & proposed Dr.Edwards as a Physician to the Institution which was seconded by Mr.Jones of St.Helens & carried unanimously - A Mr.Wasdall was elected House Surgeon in his place - Dr.Collins as usual made a Fool of himself & was without a single supporter - Before I set out Sir C.Cole breakfasted here on his way to Lord Dynevors -

Wednesday 30 In the afternoon Geo Mansell & Geo: Grenfell called, & Sir C.Cole, Jo.Morris & Dr.Edwards dined & slept here.- Dr.Edwards Horse had fallen with, [*sic*] owing to the extreme slippery slipperiness of the Roads & hurt his Leg severely.

Thursday 31 Morris & Sir Chr. left us soon after Breakfast, & Dr.Edwards leg was so [*word crossed out*] bad that I was obliged to send him home in the Gig - The Frost very severe - Johnny walked with me to inspect Mr.Ll's Monument & Vault at Llangafelach. The latter has been made quite dry & the Coffin slate looks fresh - Memorandum - There is no Sherry belonging to the Estate left in the Cellar, & the Hogshead which has this day been brought here is my own -

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JANUARY

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- Friday 1 In the afternoon John Thomas arrived here with the Rents from Mr.Lewis, & Edwd.Hawkins came to dine & sleep here with a view to a consultation respecting some parts of the Ynysygerwn Estate - The Mespilier Oyxcantha [?] was in flower last week at Coytraherne, & is said in the Papers to be commonly sold in London at 6d. a bunch - Mr.Llewelyn's Monument was this day finished, & does great credit to the Marble Manufactory at the Mumbles -
- Saturday 2 Hawkins went a shooting & also Arthur Jones, Grenfell & Johnson - Hawkins retd. to Dinner -
- Sunday 3 Hawkins left us soon after Breakfast & Mary, Johnny, Fanny & Miss Brown went with the Servants to Church - In the afternoon Mary & I walked to visit some Poor People at Gors Eynon & at 7 in the Evening I read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - Thank God I feel satisfied with the manner in which I have spent this day, & with the solid Happiness it has produced no other can compare -
- Monday 4 In the afternoon walked about Bryn David with John & Lewey to shoot some small Birds - Mr.Lewis Thomas came to Tea & slept here.
- Tuesday 5 Breakfasted soon after 6 & at day break took Mr.Thomas ~~with~~ in my Gig, & my Servant with a Horse to look over some Farms on Sale in Carmarthenshire - We first inspected Pentre & Brynhyr about 1 Mile beyond Lanon, for which Mr.Lewis of Llysnewidd has now lowered the price to 2500£, but under all the circumstances I ~~do~~ have determined not to encrease my former offer of 2000 Guineas - We then got some Dinner at Landarroy, & went on to look at Blaenysvale about 3 Miles from Carmarthen near the Road opposite to Coedgain, but it did not answer the character we had heard of it - I offered 600 inclusive of the Deeds - Got home soon after 8. very much tired. Dr.Edwards had dined here
- Wednesday 6 Walked with Johnny & Lewey about the Farm to shoot small Birds -
- Thursday 7 A raw wet Day, & I only walked to the Farm -
- Friday 8 Went in the Carriage with Mary to Swansea & retd. to Dinner -
- Saturday 9 A violent Thunder Storm while we were at Breakfast & it rained hard all day - The Revd.Mr.Anderson, Rd. Jeffreys & Lewis Thomas with us & Mr.Edwards slept here -

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- Sunday 10 Weather so stormy that we could not go to Church & I read the Morning Service at noon & the Evening Service with a Sermon to the Family at 7 -
- Monday 11 Went to Swansea to meet a Committee of Magistrates appointed to fix on a Plan for erecting a House of Correction there, & brought back Mrs.Llewelyn with me in the Carriage - The Revd.Mr.Anderson dined & slept here -
- Tuesday 12 This is my dear Johnny's Birth Day, & I pray God that he may always possess that amiable & affectionate disposition for which he has been heretofore distinguished by every body who knows him - Mr.Anderson left us in the morning & Richd.Jeffreys joined our Family Party with Mrs.Llewelyn at Dinner to celebrate the day -
- Wednesday 13 The Carriage took back Mrs.Llewelyn to Swansea about Noon & Dr.Edwards came just after we had dined - Willey was very ill in the Evening - & Mary was a good deal alarmed by his appearance -
- Thursday 14 It rained hard all day - employed myself in drawing up a Report of the State of our County Goal *[sic]* by the direction of Lord Sidmouth & it is to be laid before the House of Lords - Willy appeared very ill in the morning but got better towards noon & continued so the rest of the Day -
- Friday 15 A wet disagreeable day & I could only go for an hour about my Farm - The Children gathered some Snowdrops in the Garden -
- Saturday 16 Went in the Carriage on some Business to Swansea & returned home soon after 3 - Sent off an account of the State of our Goal,*[sic]* & of its capability for classing the Prisoners &c by the direction of Lord Sidmouth for the House of Lords - Dr.Edwards dined here - Offered 600£ for Blaenysvale & 20£ towards the expense of the Deeds & conveyance -
- Sunday 17 Weather so stormy that none of us could go out & I therefore read the morning Service to the Family at 12, & the Evening Service with a Sermon at 7 - Concluded a Bargain with Mr.Lewis for Pentre & Brynhir for 2000 Guineas which is certainly an advantageous purchase -
- Monday 18 *[entry for the following day crossed out]* Showery Day, & I walked only about my Farm & to inspect the neighboring Woodlands -

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- Tuesday 19 Mr Lewis of Gallygog came to settle some Accounts with me in the afternoon & brought Mr.Howells his intended Son in Law with him - A cold & showery day - Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Wednesday 20 A showery day & I walked only to the Farm - Examined Mr.Lewis's Accts of the Carmarthenshire Estate -
- Thursday 21 In the morning took John & Lewey to shoot some small Birds at Bryn David, & in the afternoon John walked with me to look at some repairs which we found to be greatly wanting at Gelly Hill -
- Friday 22 Spent the Day at home
- Saturday 23 Went with Mrs.D. in the Carriage to Swansea & brought Miss Brown back - Dr.Edwards dined here - Another large Boil in Aus began to be very troublesome -
- Sunday 24 The Day being very wet & stormy again prevented us from going to Church, & I read prayers & a Sermon to the Family in the morning - Mr.Lewis the Agent for the Carmarthenshire Estate with Mr.Howells came to dine & sleep here -
- Monday 25 Spent the morning in settling Accounts & other Business with Mr.Lewis - The Boil became as large or larger than a Hens Egg & the pain made me quite ill - A violent Storm which did great damage & unroofed several Houses both at Swansea & in this Neighborhood.
- Tuesday 26 The Boil continued so very bad that I could hardly get up & Dr.Edwards came to dine here -
- Wednesday 27 The pain so great that I remained in Bed till noon & soon afterwards Mr.Richd.Hill & Hy.Grant called on their rounds to collect Subscriptions for ~~opposing Mr~~ bringing in Sir Chr. at the next Elections - Capt Jeffreys also called.
- Thursday 28 The Boil still very bad & I was hardly able to get up all day -
- Friday 29 The Boil still renders a sitting posture very painful & confines me wholly to the House - The Ewes lambed -
- Saturday 30 The Boil rather better & in the afternoon I took a walk to the Farm. Dr.Edwards dined here -

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Sunday 31 Mary took Fanny, John & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Langafelach Church, but I was too unwell to attend them - In the afternoon I saw a pair of Golden crested Wrens on the Lilac close to the Garden back Door - Mr.Lewis Thomas came on Business & dined here -

FEBRUARY

Monday 1 Kept my Brother Georges Birth Day. The *Fragaria sterilis* every ~~in~~ flower where in flower -

Tuesday 2 Some snow fell last night, & the weather clear & frosty - Dr.Edwards dined here -

Wednesday 3 Some Snow & hail in the morning but the afternoon fine - My Boil still so bad that I am unable to walk far -

Thursday 4 Spent the Day at home in settling Accts. with Griffiths &c &c -

Friday 5 Sir Chr.Cole, Capt Rd.Jeffreys, & Mr.Thomas (Curate of Landilovach)_ dined here -

Saturday 6 Sir C.Cole left me about Noon, & Dr.Edwards dined here. - Evening stormy

Sunday 7 Morning very wet & I therefore read the Service to the Family at 12, & the Evening Service with a Sermon at 7.- This day our dear Willey began to take a Decoction of the *Pyrola umbellata*, which is called by the Indian name, *Pepisaiva*, & of which my Father had procured a supply for us from America-

Monday 8 Went in the afternoon with Mary in the Carriage to Swansea & after staying there but little more than an hour returned to Dinner -

Tuesday 9 Occupied in settling accounts nearly all day - Last night was very stormy & injured roofs of several of our Farms -

Wednesday 10 Dr.Edwards dined here -

Thursday 11 Walked in the morning to look at the Roof of Nydfwch which has been injured by the Storm, & Tiles have been in such request at Swansea that none can now be procured. Walked also through the Nydfwch plantations which I am having cleared from Brambles.

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- Friday 12 A very rainy morning & I was kept busy at home nearly allday.
- Saturday 13 A fine day. Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Sunday 14 Owing to my dear Willeys illness & the badness of the Road we did not go to Church, & I read the Service at noon & again with a Sermon in the Evening to the Family - My News Paper of this Paper announces the appointment of Josiah John Guest Esq to succeed me in the office of Sheriff -
- Monday 15 Principally engaged about the Woods, ~~which~~ & young Plantations at Nydfwch which Griffiths inspected &c - A fine cold morning but the Evening wet - A Fire broke out in the Brewery this morning & destroyed the northern wing of it -
- Tuesday 16 Dr.Edwards dined here - A Letter from Mr.Lewis of Llysnewidd informs me that he cannot make out a proper Title to his Farms if Brynhyr & Pentre which as a Trustee I had purchased of him -
- Wednesday 17 Spent the morning with Griffiths of Box in inspecting the new plantations at Nydfwch & other woods in the neighborhood which I have directed to be cleared out & enclosed - Devoted the afternoon & Evening to a Settlement of Accounts with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn, & a days worry gave me a bad head ach - After an early dinner Mrs.D. went in the Carriage & spent an hour with Mrs.Llewelyn at Swansea -
- Thursday 18 Lewis Jones, Richd. Jeffreys, & Lewis Thomas dined here -
- Friday 19 Went with Lewis Jones Thomas in my Gig to Gellyclynn where I am having a large number of Trees planted & spent most of the day there - Johnny began to learn Welsh of the Revd.Mr.Williams who is Curate of this Parish our Tenant at Gelly Evan -
- Saturday 20 Walked with my Gun & Johnny about Nydfwch &c - & shot some Redwings - Dr.Edwards dined here & returned home about 9 through a heavy Storm of Wind & Rain -
- Sunday 21 The Weather being too bad for going to Church I read the morning & Evening Service to the Family - The wind ~~Hi~~ was so violent as to blow a Tile which was falling from the Roof through the large window on the best Stair case, & in other ways did us considerable damage.

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- Monday 22 Walked with my Gun & Johnny to look after the Men employed in cleaning the Nydfwch Woods & shot some Redwings - Arthur & Mrs.Jones called & lunched here.
- Tuesday 23 Occupied all day by Tenants, & from Jo.Williams of Tyn darry in Breconshire I received an offer for Sale of a small Farm called Blaen y dole which adjoins Dys gwilfa & wrote to Mr.Mayberry about it, stating that I dislike the neighborhood & would only buy it as a great bargain - John & Fanny went with Miss Brown & Ormond in the Carriage to Swansea & attended the dancing School as usual. Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Wednesday 24 ~~————— Mr Hopkins~~ A good deal of Snow fell last night & this morning & I think it the most wintry day we have had this Winter -
- Thursday 25 Mr.Hopkins of Trosser spent this morning here respecting the Rent of some Land shares which he says was owing by Mr.Llewelyn to Lord Cholmondely & of which I have disputed payment - He brought also a private overture from Mr.Simmons about the Sale of the Llangennith Estate - In consequence of a continued dispute about our boundaries of Llwyn Gwyn, Spentre [?] & Tossy gassey by the Commissioner of the enclosure Bill I have sent the Maps of these three Farms to Mr.Lewis -
- Friday 26 Spent the Day in seeing about the clearing the Plantations at Nydfwch & other
- Saturday 27 Dr.Edwards dined here & while he was with him in the Evening our dear Willey had a Fit which was much more severe & alarming than either of his preceeding ones.
- Saturday 28 A variety of circumstances prevented us from going to Church & I read the morning & Evening Service with a Sermon as usual to the Family - I received ~~a~~ an Application from the Portreve of Neath for a Subscription towards building a new Town Hall of which measure ~~which~~ Mr.Ll- had been an original promoter & to which I believe he meant to subscribe largely - I wrote a letter to the other Trustees (Mr.Jones & Mrs.Llewelyn) & they agreed with Mary in thinking that we ought to subscribe 100£ but I was not inclined to give a Shilling, owing to the absurd & riotous support which the Corporation had given to that Blackguard Mr.Edwards - I accordingly wrote & subscribed that Sum,- The absence of the other Trustee Wm.Williams who has been abroad ever since Mr.Llewelyns decease occasions me much inconvenience -

MARCH

- Monday 1 At $\frac{1}{4}$ past 7 set out in the Gig & breakfasted with Edwd.Hawkins at Dylais, from whence I walked to settle some Business by appointment at Ynysygerwn, & then took Griffiths ~~me~~ with me to inspect the Woods &c - We looked over the Farm called Aberdylais Farm of Lord Jerseys which is for Sale, & walked on to look over the repairs of the Cottages at Cadoxton &c, where my Gig from Dylais met us & I reached home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 - During my absence Mary took John, Fanny & Lewey to see a Giant & some Wild Beasts at Llangafelach Fair - It was the coldest morning I had felt this winter & Mynydd Drymena [?] & the other Hills were capped with Snow -
- Tuesday 2 Mary went with Miss Brown & the two elder Children to the Dancing Master at Swansea - In the afternoon for the first time for more than 4 Months I got on my Horse & rode to Llangafelach, where I took old Wm.Llewellin of Gerdinen & Roger John of Travelle with me to see the Giant - He is a native of Lincolnshire, named Hunter & certainly is, tho' not so tall as OBrien the best formed, most muscular & finest Fellow I ever saw - In the Bills he is said to be 8 feet high, but in fact he is only 7 feet 6 inches without his Shoes - He took by the Collar Roger John & ~~other~~ another Farmer, one in each hand, & in spite of all resistance which he had desired them to make, he whirled both of them about in all directions with great ease at the same time - Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Wednesday 3 Walked with Johnny & my gun to the Nydfwch Woods & thence to the Blacksmiths whose Stable has been broke open & the Horse stolen the Night before last - Dined with all the Children & Rd.Jeffreys with us - Johnny for the first time in his Life this afternoon fired off my Gun - The Mail Coachman was yesterday by a Jerk while he was placing some luggage on the Roof, thrown off & killed on the Spot. Since I have been a Visitor at Penllergare this is the third Mail Coachman who has been killed between Swansea & Carmarthen besides one who had his Arm broke, & the Hostler at Pontardylais who was killed by a kick from one of the Horses while they were being changed.
- Thursday 4 Drove by appointment to breakfast at Neath Abbey at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 & from thence to meet Griffiths at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 at Aberdylais - There we met Mr.Hawkins who agreed to accompany us, & looking over diff't Farms in the way we proceeded to Crinant where we staid engaged

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- in various Business for 3 hours - Walked in to Ynys y bont &c- & drove back to Aberdylais from whence we crossed thro' the River to Hawkins House where I got a hasty Dinner & reached home soon after 8 - I hardly never suffered more from cold in the morning & was much fatigued at night -
- Friday 5 Spent the day principally on my Farm & in settling Accts. for Repairs of Llwychyvawch &c -
- Saturday 6 My dear Mary very unwell & most of the Children have bad colds - Spent the Day at Business & in examining the Woods about Nydfwch which I am having cleaned, thinned, drained & planted, as great numbers of the Trees which Mr.Llewelyn planted about 12 year ago have ~~de~~ been killed for want of care. Josiah Price came to dine & sleep here, & Dr.Edwards also dined with us.
- Sunday 7 Mary continued ill all day & Fanny's cold is very heavy. The other Children are better but several of the Servants have bad colds, & the House is like an Hospital -
- Monday 8 Mary & the Children tho' better are still very poorly - For the first time for 18 Weeks I rode to Swansea, where I took the Chair at a special Meeting of the Harbor Trustees, & attended a Committee of the Bible Society - Mr.Gough shewed me a powerful Loadstone which he found near Ynyskedwin -This is our dear little Marys Birth Day, & having neglected to provide a present for *[sic]* was one of my objects in going to Swansea - Began sowing Vetches on Wanspulte[?] on which Field I have spent a large Sum in draining, weeding & manuring. Weather very fine
- Tuesday 9 Mary contd. a good deal unwell - Discharged my Footman David Saunders for getting drunk & other gross misconduct - Weather very fine -
As an experiment dibbled in a Row 28 feet long of Talevera Wheat in the Garden, consisting of 112 Grains - Some more sown broad cast in a bed of the same length & 4 feet wide -
- Wednesday 10 Mary very unwell in the morning but better in the Evening - Poor Willey had two severe Fits in the afternoon which a good deal alarmed us - Dr.Edwards dined here - Weather delightful - Frederick¹ the third Son of Calvert Jones was buried this day in Swansea Church. He died of the Measles which prevails every where in the neighborhood, & on poor

¹Brother of Calvert Jones III, the photographer and friend of John Dillwyn Llewelyn.

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Willeys Account in particular keeps us in a constant state of alarm & anxiety

- Thursday 11 Mary much better - Sowed Oats in Caer Hairwell [?] - spent the afternoon in settling Accts. & Business with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn. Weather fine -
- Friday 12 Weather fine - Spent the day on my Farm & in settling various matters with diff: tenants, Griffiths of Box &c -
- Saturday 13 Spent the Day on my Farm &c - Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Sunday 14 A very severe head ach prevented me from reading Prayers & Mary read them in my stead - Arthur Jones called & spent an hour with me - I had desired the Corporation of Loughor to send up a Petition against the proposed Tax on Coal at the Pits Mouth, & they sent this afternoon a request that I would prepare one for them which I did accordingly instead of a long rigmarole which they had sent for my correction - Took Dd.Saunders back to his place in consequence of his contrition & promises of amendment - Our dear Willy was much affected by a kind of Erysipelas, & we in consequence sent over Charles with a Letter to Dr.Edwards.
- Monday 15 ~~The~~ Nearly whole day occupied by Tenants, & in the afternoon I walked with Griffiths to the Nydfwch Plantations - In consequence of the great Depredation which in spite of a watch which I have kept has lately been committed on the Woods at Cefn Ferwch [?] vach I issued a Search warrant & had the homes of William John & 4 or 5 others at Velindre searched but in vain -
- Tuesday 16 Dr.Edwards could not come yesterday he having then been married to Miss Grove, but came about Noon & found our dear Willey much better of his Erysipelas.
- Wednesday 17 Mr.Gronow called in the afternoon, & Mr.Williams from Mr.Lewis spent the Evening here on Business relating to the Carmarthenshire Estates - Finished sowing Peas in Cae Eris at Bryn David.
- Thursday 18 Finished my Business with Mr.Williams very early & Dr.Edwards came to Breakfast - Weather very fine & mild -
- Friday 19 Spent the Day principally on my Farm & looking after the Woods - Rd.Jeffreys called. Fine dry weather

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- Saturday 20 Weather very fine & dry but rather cold - Spent the day in settling various Accts. & on my Farm -
- Sunday 21 Mary went with the two elder Children & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Church, & I staid at home to look after our poor Willey as Mary was not easy for us both to leave him - Mr. & Mrs. Vivian rode who are just returned from London rode over & spent the afternoon with us - In the Evening I read prayers to the Family
- Monday 22 Rode into Swansea on Business - Dr. Edwards, Richd. Jeffreys & Lewis Thomas dined & the two latter slept here -
- Tuesday 23 Engaged in the morning with Lewis Thomas on Business, & about Noon he & Rd Jeffreys returned to Swansea - Our dear Willeys Eyes have been severely drawn & affected by his Fits, & we were this Evening greatly disturbed by discovering that the sight of his right Eye is entirely gone - I pray God it may be restored -
- Wednesday 24 Spent the Day at Business & on my Farm - Weather fine & we finished sowing Oats with Rye Grass & Clover in Cae du main -
- Thursday 25 In the afternoon took a long walk with Johnny through all the Woods which are being cleared & returned home by Nydfwch
- Friday 26 Mr. Lewis Thomas came here on Business & we rode together to Tallyclyn, after which he dined here - Dr. Edwards breakfasted here, & holds out some hope that my dear Willeys eye may be restored -
- Saturday 27 A very wet day & I was occupied in settling Accts. with Griffiths of Box & Griffiths of Ynysygerwn -
- Sunday 28 A very wet day - Read Prayers & a Sermon to the Family at 12. & the Evening Service at 9 -
- Monday 29 Occupied by Tenants all the morning & in the afternoon on my Farm. Dr. Edwards dined here -
- Tuesday 30 A very wet day. Mrs. Llewelyn arrived to spend a few days with us.
- Wednesday 31 A wet Day - employed in writing Letters & settling Accts. - In the afternoon inspected the clearing of the Woods near the House, & the transplanting of young Trees to fill up Vacancies occasioned by Wind falls &c -

APRIL

- Thursday 1 Held a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach for appointing overseers of the Poor, inspected sundry repairs &c, & returned home to Dinner -
- Friday 2 Dr.Edwards came to Breakfast -
- Saturday 3 Mrs.Llewelyn returned home about Noon & I rode to Swansea, in consequence of a Letter of Mr.Jones of St.Helens with whom I have joined for several Years as Visiting Magistrate of the Lunatic Asylum - It was in consequence of a charge of brought by Dr.Mitchell against Dr.Hobbs of his having treated a Miss Oxenham who is confined there with unnecessary harshness, & my opinion is that the charge is groundless - Did not return to Dinner till near ½ past 6.
- Sunday 4 Read the Morning Service at 12, & the Evening Service & a Sermon at 9, poor Willey being so ill that we disliked to leave him by going to Church - Mr.Lewis Thomas & Howell Williams called in the afternoon - Received a renewed offer of the Langennith Estate from Mr.Symonds, on 2 folio Sheets closely written, but still without any Copy of the Rental for which I had repeatedly applied - It comprises 2380.0.3 Acres, & he says the Amount of the Rental is £2371.17.0 but I am unable to make out where much more than half of it comes from - He offers the Surface including the Tythes & Advowson of Langennith & the Timber (which is of trifling Value) for 45000£. The Collieries on which many thousands have certainly been expended & which he says for a small Sum may be made to pay 10,000 a year, he offers 3300 which is the Sum he originally gave for them to Sir Jo.Stepney - Spitty Bank & Buildings Steam Engine, Rail Roads, Stocks Crop[?] & Furniture he says are to be taken by Valuation, & this with respect particularly to the three former I in to object [?] - He offers to leave 24000 in Mortgage & to take the remainder by a transfer of Stock at 2 per Cent above the Market price -
- Monday 5 A Toll Bar having been paid up at the Bolgoed which a good deal affects some of our Tenants I went to attend the Trust Meeting & had the illegality of taking double Toll resolved on - Again went with Mr.Jones to the Lunatic Asylum, & spent half an hour with Mrs.Llewelyn at the Willows - Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Tuesday 6 Inspected the clearing of the Woods &c -

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- Wednesday 7 Our dear Willey appeared so very ill that Dr.Edwards who we had sent for came over to Breakfast - Spent the day at home or in walking about the Neighborhood.
- Thursday 8 Mr.Gough of Ynyskedwin called & lunched here - walked with John & Lewey through the Woods & fired a large shot thro' the bottoms of the Rooks Nests to break their Eggs, as they have become during the last year almost unbearably numerous -
- Friday 9 Mr.Edwards breakfasted here, & we were flattered with some appearance of amendment in our dear Willey - Finished setting Potatoes in Cae du bach - Weather quite like that of Summer -
- Saturday 10 Walked over Coedtrenig Farm with Mary, & notwithstanding the late unusual series of dry weather we found it almost possible to get along -The previous Tenant Jenkin John of Penywain, tho' he pay only a Rent of 30 Guineas has neglected it shamefully & it become like a Wilderness - Mary stuck in a Bog, & was much overtired.
- Sunday 11 The overfatigue of yesterday prevented Mary from going to Church & I went with the two elder Children & Miss Brown in the Carriage - Read the Evening Service for Easter at 9 to the Family - As I declined to purchase, by the desire of Mr.Simmons I returned his various Letters on the subject of Langennith Estate to him -
- Monday 12 As a great number of Slates are wanting for the repair of this Estate I directed Mr.Lewis to send a Cargo from Galtygog, & in order to save Duty had them landed at Tallyclyn uccha which is within the same Port as Carmarthen - I was obliged to ride there this morning but had not time to go up to my own Farm of Tallyclyn genol [?] & I find that the trouble much exceeds the saving- Dr.Edwards dined here, & about an hour after he left us, & as we were going to Bed our dear Willey had a very severe & alarming Fit of a longer duration than either of his preceeding ones.
- Tuesday 13 The two elder Children with Miss Brown went to the Dancing Master in the Carriage & I accompanied them to Swansea to consult with Mr.Edwards respecting our dear Willey & ~~other~~ on various other Business - Succeeded in knocking up the Toll Bar at the Bolgoed.
- Wednesday 14 Rode early to Swansea to see Dr.Hobbs & Mr.Edwards respecting our dear Willey, & returned home to Dinner -

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- Thursday 15 The Tenant of Crinant Mill who owes near 3 years Arrears of Rent not only refuses to pay any thing but as I was this morning informed will not give up ~~his House~~ possession to the new Tenant tho' her Lease expired at Lady Day & I in consequence rode to consult Mr.L.Thomas on the subject - On Acct. of her being a very old Tenant to the Estate Mr.Ll. had always disliked to sue her, & I think her one of the most complete old knaves I ever met with, & am determined to make an example of her - Mr.Edwards breakfasted here & found my beloved Boy very ill - Dr.Hobbs to whom I spoke appeared too unwell to come over - Finished sowing Barly in Caebach Bryn David -
- Friday 16 *[words crossed out - unreadable]* Our dear Willey has all day appeared very ill & I sent off for Dr.Hobbs & Dr.Edwards & the latter remained here all night -
- Saturday 17 Willey continued very ill all day, & towards Evening became so very alarmingly so with convulsions & delirium that we often thought him dying & the Doctor seemed to think it hardly possible that he could survive for many hours - To Mary & me it has been a day of the severest trial I ever witnessed, & the poor Boy in his Delirium would at times beat us away from him & afterwards resuming his old affectionate ways implore me to relieve him from his Misery - Dr.Edwards, Mary & myself all sat up with him
- Sunday 18 Willey continued in a very alarming state all Night & at 5 this morning I sent for Dr.Hobbs who soon after arrived - About 9 after a long consultation they ~~said~~ sent for me & said that as the Pulse & respiration were still strong they thought it right to propose an application of Cataplasms *[?]* & Blisters as the only chance for saving him & yet they considered the chance to be so small that they left it for my decision - I at once decided on making the Trial, but ti threw my dear Mary who had before borne all the affliction with universal Fortitude into an Agony, & she begged that her Boy in his last moments might not be so unnecessarily tormented - The application was obviously beneficial & our dear Sufferer became much more tranquil & composed. At Night however a new source of alarm assailed us for since Thursday he had taken nothing either for nourishment or Medicine except by Force & his increased composure enabled him successfully to ~~administer~~ resist either - Bribes & Threats had equally failed till
- Monday 19 about 4 this morning when I recollected his former excessive fondness for a Watch of his Mothers, the Loan of which used to be

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one of his greatest treats, & I offered to give it to him for his own if he would drink a Glass of Milk - To our delight & astonishment he almost immediately consented to make a trial & drank it without difficulty, & Dr.Edwards says if our Boy recovers it will be this Watch that saved his Life - He has continued dreadfully weak & languid, all day, but without any return of the vomiting Convulsions or other of the most alarming symptoms - Dr.Edwards continued to remain with us & Mary & I by turns went to Bed for some hours at night, but I only slept with my Clothes in a Room adjoining to my Boys -

Tuesday 20

Our Darling continued very ill but without any occurrence of alarming symptoms all day, & the Doctors say that the chances in favor of his recovering are hourly encreasing - Mary's Distress has so much affected her Milk as to make the Baby ill, & she has in consequence determined on weaning her abruptly - This happens unluckily because the Teething has just commenced but she is such a remarkably stout healthy Baby that we are under no apprehensions on her Account -

Wednesday 21

My precious Sufferer continued without the recurrence of any of the most alarming symptoms till 4 in the afternoon when he was again seized with Convulsions which became dreadful at 10, & we spent the night in hourly expectation of his dissolution -

Thursday 22

After passing a dreadful Night our Darling rallied very surprisingly in the morning, & Dr.Hobbs when he arrived about 10 was astonished to find him alive - ~~He doe~~ In the course of the day he exhibited some apoplectic symptoms & a determination [?] of blood to the head which greatly alarmed us & at night his Fits came on again with such violence that Dr.Edwards thought it impossible for him to survive - Dr.Edwards remains here entirely, & Dr.Hobbs as well as Mrs.Llewelyn spent the whole day here.

Friday 23

Till 4 this morning when the Convulsions after an almost uninterrupted succession began to subside we had no longer any Idea of my dear Willeys recovery, & he remained so extremely reduced & languid all day that he could only speak at most times in a low whisper - There was however less irritation about him, & I could not give up all my hopes - I have hardly had my Cloaths off at all for the last week, but the Evening I threw myself on a Bed in the next room & fell asleep but

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- Saturday 24 was waked at one this morning to witness as the Dr. thought the termination of all my beloved Boys Sufferings - Dr.Edwards says he would have staked not only all his professional reputation but also his Existence on the utter impossibility of his continuing till the morning, for the Pulse sank gradually to almost nothing & every appearance of approaching Death took place - To our entire astonishment the dear Fellow however began to rally about 8, & when Dr.Hobbs arrived at 10 he declared he had never in his life seen any thing which approached so nearly to a Miracle, or such proofs of internal Strength & Stamina -
- Sunday 25 By the use of Dover Powders & Laudanum every four hours, the recurrence of our darlings Fits was prevented & he has been moderately comfortable & taken a little Food which is allowed him with considerable relish - He however never closed his Eyes after 9 this morning till 8 on Monday, & in the Evening alarmed us a good deal by talking almost incessantly & other symptoms of an improper incitement- Dr.Hobbs yesterday expressed his conviction that Medicine could be of no further avail, &N left us to hope from nothing but his remaining stamina & an effort of nature for his relief -
- Monday 26 Our dear Boy appeared very much exhausted in the morning, but at last began to doze about 8, & slept tolerably quietly for near 3 hours - Dr.Edwards had been sent for away at Night by the illness & expected confinement of Mrs.Hewson, but I sent the Carriage with him & he was only absent about 3 hours -
- Tuesday 27 Our dear Boy passed all last night without any sleep, & continued sinking ~~till~~ gradually till about 4½ past 4 - The rattling in his Throat then came on & after a hard struggle which lasted 3 hours my beloved Darling expired at ½ past 7 - His Mother, Dr.Edwards, Ormond & myself were present the whole time, & it was a time of indescribable anguish - I made this sacrifice of my feelings to my affection & closed his Eyes with my own hand -
- Wednesday 28 The Loss of a Boy whose Heart by a variety of circumstance had become peculiarly entwined with mine & on whose superior Talents & amiable Disposition I had raised the fondest hopes seems to have upset my whole Frame & I have been very ill all day - My dear Mary in religion has found a sure solace & bows with becoming resignation to the Divine will, but material Feelings have at times almost overwhelmed her & she is much reduced by grief & fatigue -

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Thursday 29 Our beloved Willeys sufferings had been so great that the deep affliction into which his Death has thrown us may perhaps be considered of a selfish nature, & the Loss is only ours - A thousand little proofs of his excessive attachment to me are however always rushing on my Mind & in defiance of reason almost fill me with anguish - Oh, my darling beloved Boy - He has left this aft. been placed in a Shell - Mrs.Llewelyn came in the Evening & will remain with us till after the Funeral -

Friday 30 Spent much of the day with the remains of my Darling, & he looks as if only asleep & as interesting as Ever - Suffering has rather added age to his appearance & encreased his resemblance to his Mother which is now very striking -

MAY

Saturday 1 Fanny, John & I joined their afflicted Mother in reading some prayers & parts of Scripture suited to the occasion by the side of my Darlings Corpse & I earnestly hope it may impress their Minds with proper ideas of the uncertainly of this Life & with the high importance of preparing for a better -

Sunday 2 My dear Mary is very unwell & I have spent most of the Day with her in her Room or with the remains of my Boy who still retains much of his interesting look & is very little offensive - Mrs.Llewelyn read prayers to the Family - In the afternoon heard that one of my Laborers Willm. Walters who has a large Family has been taken ill with a Fever, & in consequence I sent over for Dr.Edwards who came here in the Evening -

Monday 3 This morning about ½ past 8 for the last time I saw the deserted Tenement of my beloved Boy, & moistened his cold cheeks with my Tears - The Lid of the Shell was then nailed on & immediately afterwards his Copper Coffin was soldered down - The outer Coffin is of strong Oak covered with black Cloth & edged with rows of gilt Nails but without any ornaments & the Handles are quite plain - On the brass Plate is engraved the Day of his Birth & Death & on the copper Coffin is another small Plate with his name & the Year 1819 -

Tuesday 4 The Funeral of my beloved Willey took place this morning & was conducted without much regard to Former Custom & made consonant only to our own Feelings - The Coffin was too large for our own Carriage & as Mary disliked the shaking of a Hearse it was

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borne gently by 10 of my own People who relieved each other on the Road - Mary & myself, Mrs.Llewelyn & Dr.Edwards, & Ormond with our Housekeeper & the Revd.Mr.Williams accompanied it in 3 Carriages - I had desired as a token of that respect which the Neighborhood was anxious to shew that we might be left entirely to ourselves was most strikingly attended to, so that probably there was never a more private Funeral - My darling by his strong intellects & sweet disposition was known to every Person present except the Clerk & had so gained their affections that it was altogether a most interesting scene -

- Wednesday 5 Mrs.Llewelyn returned home after the Servants Dinner & I went with *[her]* in the Carriage as far as Cadley - There I met Griffiths & walked with him to inspect the Woods about Cadley, Castel moel, Glynscilling & Kilfwener *[?]* - returned home well tired to Dinner at ½ past 5. In the Evening Lewis Thomas who had been completing the purchase of Gellywogan *[?]* &c at Carmarthen, came here on Business -
- Thursday 6 Spent the Day in attending to the Business of the Estate which by the illness & Loss of my beloved Boy I had suffered to fall into arrears -
- Friday 7 Spent the Day as yesterday -
- Saturday 8 One of my finest Lambs having been stolen from the upper Field last *[week]* I rode into Swansea to try to discover the Thief who had left a strong impression of his Foot marks - Wm.Walters & Morgan Hugh two of my Laborers being both very ill with a sort of Typhus Fever which is very prevalent Dr.Edwards came over to see them & drank Tea with us - The Measles are every where about & the Son of my Bailiff hired *[?]* has them at the Farm which makes us very apprehensive that the Children will catch them.
- Sunday 9 The Carriage was ready & we were on the point of setting off for Church when my dear Mary's spirits failed her, & I therefore read the morning Service at home -- Walked with Mary & our three elder children to see after Will. Walters who continues very ill at Bryn David & in the Evening John Bevington came here to consult with me on various matters - My good & affectionate Daughter Fanny has this day completed her 11th. year, but the Birth Day is to be kept tomorrow.
- Monday 10 Mrs.Llewelyn came over in the morning to keep Fanny's Birth Day & will stay till tomorrow - John & Lewey claimed an old promise that I

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- would for this day kill them some young Rooks & I went with *[them]* to the Wood where we saw & killed only four Perchers -
- Tuesday 11 Mrs.Llewelyn returned home in the afternoon. In the morning John Morris came over on Business & we rode together to inspect the Road as far as Pontardylais - he was to have staid Dinner but was afraid of the Measles -
- Wednesday 12 Spent the Day in attending to Business or in shooting Rooks with my two remaining Boys & killed 19 - Employed myself also in investigating a claim which has been made for Tythe on Cadley Mill, in consequence of an attempt made by the Vicar to set aside the Modus, & found that two new Stones have been added but the Mill enlarged only in height - The length & breadth of the present mill, & consequently the Roof is the same as in the ancient one - The Stream is also precisely the same - Dr.Edwards who I had employed to visit several of the Sick Poor hereabouts came in the Evening -
- Thursday 13 Went to Swansea to see Lewis Thomas & several others respecting the Modus in Swansea Mill & various other Business - returned home to Dinner -
- Friday 14 Inspected Cadley Mill & the Woods which are being cleaned from thence to Glynsceiling - returned to Cadley & then looked over Brynyderon *[?]* & Llwneadwgan *[?]* the Barn of which latter Farm was blown down in a Storm a few Months ago - I was called away from Llwneadwgan *[?]* by Mr.Hopkins of Trosserch who on behalf of Mr.Simmons came to show me some Valuations &c of the Llangennith Estate.- In the afternoon shot Rooks with my 2 Boys & killed 15.
- Saturday 16 Spent the Day about home & in shooting Rooks with Johnny, killed 26.
- Sunday 16 Mary was too unwell to go out & I read the morning Service at home, but in the Evening she was rather better & we went to Church -
- Monday 17 Mr.Edward Thomas came over on Magistral Business & Lewis Jones, Gabriel Powell, Richd. Jeffreys & Rawleigh Mansell to shoot Rooks - ~~Mr. Mr. Mans~~ They all dined with me but Mary was not able to appear & Mr.Mansell slept here -

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- Tuesday 18 Lord Cawdor came in the morning & spent several hours in looking over my Farm &c - In the Evening settled various matters with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn who slept here -
- Wednesday 19 My dear Lewey has this day compleated his fifth Year & I drove over to Swansea through heavy rain to procure for him a Birth Day present, & returned to share in the Treat at the Childrens Dinner Table - In the afternoon it held up for an hour when I took both my Boys with me to shoot Rooks & killed 18 -
- Thursday 20 Drove to Lannelly to settle some disputes about Land Shares belonging to this Estate in that neighborhood, & to meet some People respecting the Value of the Langennith Estate &c -
- Friday 21 Dr.Plumb, who when at Llanwrtyd was extremely kind to my Angel Boy, came over in the morning to shoot Rooks with his Cross Bow, & fired away at a great rate without killing one - He dined & slept here -
- Saturday 22 Leaving Dr.Plumb at Luncheon, I went in the Carriage to Swansea to see Lewis Thomas & others respecting our Treaty for the Langennith Estate, & Mary & fanny accompanied me - They went to spend the Evening with Mrs.Llewelyn & I to dine with Mr.T Edwd. Thomas -
- Sunday 23 Read prayers to the Family at noon & went in the Evening with Mary & John to Langafelach Church - Mr.Williams the Clerk of Mr.Lewis of Galtygog arrived early on Business relating to the Carmarthenshire Estate, & I was reluctantly obliged to devote the morning to it -
- Monday 24 Rees Jones came here to assist me in ascertaining the boundaries of Troes [?] y Gassig [?] in Carmarthenshire which have been disputed by Mr.Smith as the Commissioner of an enclosure act, & about which I have before had a great deal of trouble - This morning the distressing news arrived that the Court of Exchequer by a Majority of 4 Judges against 3, reversed the Judgement of the Kings Bench, & decided that the Leases of Lord Jerseys Estate are bad - It is an infamous proceeding & I would not have his Lordships conscience for all his riches - The black lettered noodles [sic] of the Exchequer will however be appealed against by the House of Lords
- Tuesday 25 Went in the carriage to Swansea & purchased the reversion of about 223 Houses & Cottages in the Town from the representatives of the late Mr.Walters for 3700£ - The present Rental is 189.19.0 & the

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estimated annual Value at a moderate computation £1159.7.0 - Fletcher who robbed my Bailiff hired [?] in August 1817 & who was then committed to the House of Correction as a Rogue & Vagabond has been again caught at Swansea & we have ordered him to be well flogged at the Cats tail through the Town -

Wednesday 26

This & the two last Days have been very wet & I have hardly been able to move out - The more I calculate & consider of my yesterdays purchase the more I like it - As by his lameness he was less likely to be less able than my other Boys to provide for himself I first began the Treaty with a view to give this Estate to my dear William & the thought that he is now no more brings back the anguish of his Loss in full force -

Thursday 27

Finding ~~that~~ from all my general enquiries that Mr.Symmonds reduced offers of the Langennith Estate are now worthy of more serious attention I have employed Mr Lewis Thomas & Griffiths of Box (in whom Mr.Llewelyn always confided on such occasions) to make an accurate Survey & valuation of the whole Estate, & immediately after Breakfast I went with them to make a beginning - Mr.Thomas returned with me to Dinner & slept here -

Friday 28

Mr. Thomas breakfasted at 6, & immediately proceeded with Griffiths on his Survey - Mr.Williams on Business of the Carmarthenshire Estate & other Business occupied me in the morning & in the afternoon I drove Mary over to look at the Langennith Estate where we found Mr.Thomas &c - Mr.Thomas returned to dine with us at ½ past 8 & slept here -

Saturday 29

After an early Breakfast drove with Lewis Thomas to assist Richd. Jeffreys in collecting the Penllergare Rents, & to consult with my Co Trustees, Mr.Jones of St.Helens & etc - In consequence of the Death of my ever to be lamented Darling, & of my having bought another Estate last Tuesday, I this morning executed another will which is witnessed by Mr.Lewis Thomas, Mr.Guy of Swansea & my Butler, Dd. Charles.

Sunday 30

It being a wet morning I read the Service & a Sermon to the Family at noon, & we had intended to go to Langafelach Church in the Evening but there was no service - Mr.Thomas came to Tea to prepare for our tomorrow's proceedings at Langennech -

Monday 31

Lewis Thomas after breakfasting with me at a little after 6 set off for Langennich, & I intended to have joined him in the afternoon but

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was prevented by a heavy rain - In the morning went to inspect the clearing of the Woods about Nydfwch -

JUNE

- Tuesday 1 Went this morning to a Sale of the late Sir Gabl.Powells Estates & purchased the following Lots - 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 30 & 42. for 1061.2.0 - I bid for Windsor Lodge 344£ & it was knocked down to Edward Hughes for one pound more, which considering the existing Lease is much too high - For the Estate I bid for West Kengoed 525 & for Forest Vach, subject to Lease- 107£ - These both bought by Jo.Williams the parson [?] for 575£ & the latter for 108 - I dined late at St.Helens & drove in the Evening after having stopt to transact some Business with Lewis Thomas in my way -
- Wednesday 2 In the morning inspected the proceedings in the Woods about Nydfwch, & in the afternoon drove over to Swansea ~~with~~ in the Carriage with Mary & the Baby - Drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn-
- Thursday 3 The Revd.Thos.Powell & his son Gabriel with Rd.Jeffreys & Capt Morgan dined here, & the two former, as also Mr.Lewis Thomas on his return from the Survey of Llangennech, slept here -
- Friday 4 Mr.Williams from Galtigog slept here last night & we settled some matters concerning the Carmarthenshire Estate very early - The two Powells & Lewis Thomas returned to Swansea soon after Breakfast, & Mr.Morris the Agent of Llangennech arrived on Business relating to our Treaty for this Estate -Dr.Edwards dined with us & vaccinated out little Sally - if little she can be called for her Age she is a Thumper - Lewis Thomas came back to sleep here. As it is my wish that all the Property which I bought last Tuesday should descend for the benefit of my younger Children I this Evening executed a republication of my Will -
- Saturday 5 Breakfasted with Mr.Lewis Thomas at a little after 6, & we then rode to Loughor where Griffiths of Box met us, & after inspecting some repairs crossed the River to Spitty Bank which with the Copper works is offered separately for Sale as a useful Appendage & Shipping place for the Langennech Estate - Mr.Thomas then went back to Swansea & I took Griffiths on to look over Cefn Penkaluckwydd [?], Tyrmarva &c - We took a long walk round the bulwark & I satisfied myself about some disputed Land Shares & etc

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- We then rode through part of Langennech Estate to the Village where we got some Lunch, & I reached home about 5, greatly fatigued -
- Sunday 6 Went with Mary, Fanny & John to the morning Service at Langafelach, & I staid to take the Sacrament with Mary -
- Monday 7 Drove to Swansea in the Gig to examine into & compleat the valuation of the Langennech Estate, & sent Mr.Lewis Thomas over again in the Evening to ascertain some further points respecting it - My Boy John has kept an Account of the Rooks which in the last Month I have killed by going occasionally for a spare hour with him to the Woods, & the number is 257.- (I afterwards killed 5 more).
- Tuesday 8 Mary went with John & Fanny to Swansea & I remained at home engaged on Business relating to our proposed purchase of the Langennech Estate of which Mr.Lewis Thomas assisted by Wm.Griffiths of Box has now compleated a Survey by an accurate joint examination of every field & part - They report that the Timber is worth at least from 2000 to 2500£ & without reckoning either this or the Coal of which there is an immense quantity the valuation amounts to 48,533.17.6 exclusive of Spitty Bank & Mrs. [?] Thomas thinks the whole Estate would make a cheap bargain at 50,000£ - The present fair Rental they make to be 2016.10.0, but some of the Farms are let on old Leases considerably below their Value -
- Wednesday 9 Made up my mind to offer 42,000 for the whole of the Langennech Estate, & to let Mr.Simmons reserve a Lease of the Spitty Bank & Collieries for 50£ a year, & a Royalty of 6d. a Ton on all Coal which may be worked - received a letter from Jo.Morris informing me of his Fathers alarming illness in Town & also that he acceded to my request by appointing the Revd.Mr.Williams our Curate at Langafelach to the Living of St.John's at Swansea - Drove Mary in the Gig to call at the Bryn & Marino & got well soaked by a heavy Rain on our return -
- Thursday 10 Engaged the whole morning with Tenants, & after noon drove in my Gig to Penrice to dine & sleep - It happened to be Sir.Chrs. Birth day & I met there the Jones' of St.Helens & Col.Gregory of Veranda & in the Evening was a large party to hold a kind of Fair at which various articles made by the young Ladies were sold for the benefit of some Charity Schools in the Neighborhood.

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- Friday 11 Left Penrice about noon, & in my way home called at Veranda - Dr.Edwards dined with us.-
- Saturday 12 Engaged all morning with Tenants, & among others with Hopkin Bevan who occupies Kiffiemawr [?] which we have purchased from Lord Jersey, & who came to say that it was now in our power to take from him & his 11 Children their only Bread - I told him the determination of the Trustees that as the 12 Judges were only equally divided in opinion on the dry Law of the case while all must be agreed on the point of Equity, & in conformity to Mr.Llewelyns well known abhorrence of Lord Jerseys conduct & of the quibble in which the matter rests, that we should not proceed to break his Lease - It was thus my happiness to make an honest Man happy & save his Family from ruin - In the afternoon I drove over to see Lewis Thomas at Swansea & brought back ~~Llew~~ Mrs.Llewelyn in my Gig -
- Sunday 13 Read Prayers to the Family at Noon, & leaving Mrs.Llewelyn with Mary set off after an early Dinner in my Gig with Mr.Lewis Thomas for Glantren - Got some Tea at Lanon & about 10 reached Carmarthen where we put up at the Ivy Bush -
- Monday 14 Set out in a Post Chaise from Carmarthen at 6. Breakfasted at New Inn where our Woodward Jo.Thomas met us, & soon after 10 reached Glantren where it had been stated to me by Mr.Lewis that two parts of a large Meadow of ours had been taken & fenced off from our Tenant & that two other parts have also been claimed from us - We spent the whole day in examining all the old Evidence we could collect, & there can be no doubt that the whole of the Meadow is ours - The 4 following Farms ~~have~~ Pistill Gwyn, Sarnginny,, Llwyn y fedw, & Blaen cynhenfod fach have however a claim to some Shear Hay from it, & it is the occupiers of the two first of these that now have claimed an exclusive right to those parts of the Meadow from which they are only entitled to this privelege - It rained hard & we got back to Carmarthen about 10 at night greatly fatigued.
- Tuesday 15 Left Carmarthen soon after 6 & breakfasted at Lanon - From thence we proceeded partly in the Gig & on Foot & Horseback to look over the upper parts which I had not seen of the Langennech Estate.- Went first along the Lanelly Road through Penllwynracca, Tygwyn &c, turned off at Clockurie through Clyngwernon, Cwminbuch &c to Langennech Village - Reached home about 4 & after Dinner Lewis Thomas returned to Swansea - Dr.Edwards came to see John & some others of the Children who are unwell -

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- Wednesday 16 As it is an Undertenant of Major Evans of Highmead who by Virtue of his occupation of Sarnginny has most impudently encroached on our Meadow at Glantren, & as he is supposed to influence Wm.Lloyd who has made the other encroachment, I this morning wrote him a full account of the whole transaction, & requested his interference so as to save us from the trouble & vexation of a Law Suit - In the afternoon drove Mrs.Llewelyn in the Gig to look at Langennich -
- Thursday 17 Drove in the afternoon to see Lewis Thomas in Business relating to the Langennech Estate, & from Swansea to dine at Marino where I met the Penrice Family &c - Returned home about 10 by the Cocketts.
- Friday 18 Received a letter from Mr.Simmons which leaves very little doubt of my being able to make a highly advantageous purchase of Langennech Estate, & luckily both Mr.Jones of St.Helens & Mr Lewis Thomas came over here so that I had an opportunity for consulting them without going to Swansea - Spent the whole day in making Estimates & calculations & in considering of the Treaty in every point of view - Dr.Edwards dined with us -
- Saturday 19 Mrs.Llewelyn returned to Swansea about noon after having spent a week with us - Wrote again to Mr.Simmons who it is my wish should reserve a Lease for 31 years of the Colliery & thus prevent it from being shut up without my incurring the risk & trouble of a Business which I do not understand. If once the Colliery should be closed & the Machinery removed neither the Trustees or in all probability my Son would be able to give a Lease sufficiently long to induce any adventurers to reopen it for in the opinion of all the Colliers who I have consulted a grant for 31 years would be insufficient -
- Sunday 20 Mary was too unwell to go to Church, & I read the morning Service as usual at home - Declined the offer of an Estate which adjoins & comprises Troederharn within its Manor -
- Monday 21 June Drove over to Swansea on various Business, & attended a large Meeting of Magistrates where it was unanimously resolved that in account of his disgraceful conduct we cannot act with Steven Jones, & that the circumstances be stated to the Lord Lieutenant. Returned home to Dinner - Proposed to the Agent of our Vicar the Revd.Mr Lloyd that we should agree on a Case & leave our dispute with regard to the Tithes of Cadly Mill to be decided by any

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indifferent ~~LLD~~ Doctor of Civil Law - I contend it to be still an ancient Mill, for neither the length or breadth, or water course have been altered, & on the other hand he contends that the exemption has been destroyed by our Tenants erection of a new pair of Stones. so as to make a new mill -

Tuesday 22 Intended to have gone this morning to Ynysygerwn but other Business with several Tenants of the Estate &c. prevented me & I wrote to desire Griffiths to meet me instead at Neath on Thursday - Engaged in enquiries about Cadly Mill &c. all day - Inspected also the repairs which are stated to be necessary to keep up the roof of the old part of Penllergare, & gave directions for employing the necessary workmen therein -

Wednesday 23 After Breakfast Mr L.Thomas came & immediately afterwards Mr.John Dillon arrived unexpectedly from London with full powers to close our Treaty for the Langennech Estate - Mr.Morris, Mr.Simmons Agent also came here & I kept Griffiths of Box in the House that I might have his occasional assistance - We continued to ~~bar~~ discuss & bargain for various stipulations till after 11 at Night, & the over exertion & anxiety gave me a bad Head Ach - Mr.Dillon proves to be a sensible well informed Man & I find that he is the Author of Retribution - a Tragedy brought out a Year ago at Covent Garden -

Thursday 24 ~~After Breakfast~~ Mr Dillon & I renewed our discussions at 7 this morning & soon afterwards as the two principal points on which we had differed were settled he sent for Mr.James to join Mr.Lewis Thomas in drawing up an Areement - Horses had been ordered for me to set out with my Family at ½ past 12 on a Visit to my Father & I had settled to overtake them by the Mail on Saturday bit as some technical difficulties occurred in ~~the former~~ wording the Agreement from the legal Estate not being in Mr.immons but vested in Mortgages I did not think it prudent to sign without first consulting some of the Council, & I agreed to meet the parties again at Bristol to take the advice of Mr.Ludlow - By delaying ~~my Fam~~ the start till 3 I was thereby enabled to accompany my Family & Mary, Fanny, John, Lewey & I with 3 Servants reached Pyle Inn to Tea -

Friday 25 I had yesterday sent back my own Horses from Neath, & afterwards proceeded with post Horses to our own Chariot & a Hack Chaise - We left Pyle at a little after 7 - breakfasted at Cowbridge, dined at Newport, & reached ~~the New Passage~~ Black Rock soon after 6 where we took up our quarters for the night - it has rained hard the whole way & poor Lewey has been very sick without being able to put him

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~~on the~~ occasionally in the Barouche Box as I had intended, & that he might be more safely trusted there was in a great measure the reason ~~of~~ for our bringing our Coachman with us - I am to day better but still unwell, & the over anxiety which the late Treaty occasioned me had almost knocked me up, for I could hardly sleep while it was pending.

Saturday 26

Mary & the children seated in our Carriage as it rained hard crossed the Passage after an early ~~passage -xxxx~~ Breakfast & in about an hour arrived at the new passage from where we immediately drove on to Reeves Hotel at Bristol - We had intended to have driven to the Hotel at Clifton, & I was not to have met Mr.Thomas & Mr.Dillon till ~~Saturday~~ Sunday, but to my no small surprise they overtook us at Black Rock, & we lost no time in proceeding to consult Mr.Ludlow which with other consultations occupied me till late at Night so that I saw but little of my Family. ~~xxxxx~~ I however took & introduced them to Dr.Dyers where they spent the Evening in looking over his Museum but was obliged to leave them there - Heard to day of the Death of my old Friend Sir John Morris at his House in London on Tuesday last.-

Sunday 27

Before Breakfast took a walk to the Basin where the West India Ships lie, with the 3 Children, & we all went on board a fine new American East Indiaman called the Mentor - Mr.Thomas after having breakfasted with us returned to Swansea & Mr.Dillon to London without our having signed any Contract - The fact is that the Estate is under mortgage for 24,000£ which it is engaged shall not be paid off in less than 5 years & Mr.Ludlow rather doubts whether I as a Trustee can purchase what is in fact only the equity of redemption & not strictly a freehold of Inheritance [?] - I have such a good opinion of the bargain & am desirous of purchasing it without incurring any more risk by waiting of meeting with a Competitor that Mr.Ludlow advised me to purchase it at once in my own Name & transfer it hereafter to the Trust Account, but into an engagement to such a large amount of money I would not prudently enter for in case of my Death before the Transfer is compleated it might involve my Family in difficulty. Mr.Dillon moreover thinks that the Mortgagee may be prevailed on to accept payment at once & then every difficulty may be removed. After taking a walk to Clifton with John & Fanny we all attended the morning Service at the Cathedral, & after ab early Dinner set out for Bath where we arrived about 5 - It rained hard most of the Evening & we could only go to the Cathedral, Baths, Parades &c & at 9 I went into a hot Bath - We went to the White Lion

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which House I have used more than 15 years and found it very comfortable.

Monday 28 We began early & by half past 11 I had shown John & Fanny the Crescents & most of the better parts of Bath - We then went on to dine at the White Hart at Chippenham, & about 8 reached the Castle Inn at Speen Hill where we took up our Quarters for the Night - The Journey thus far has been singularly wet & stormy for the time of Year but both John & Lewey have got the better of the sickness with which a Carriage used generally to affect them, & on the whole we have got on very comfortably.

Tuesday 29 Breakfasted early at Speen Hill - dined at the Windmill, Salt Hill & about 7 arrived at the Bath Hotel corner of Arlington Street, Piccadilly which noisy station we chose for one night that the Children might enjoy all the bustle of the Mail Coaches - Walked till Dark with Mary, John & Fanny to see the Improvements at Waterloo place, Burlington Arcade &c, & I afterwards went to the Haymarket Theatre where Munden [?] kept the House in a roar of Laughter by his performance of Old Dozey in 'Past 10 oClock'.

Wednesday 30 My Brother breakfasted with us at the Hotel & we afterwards took the children too see the Guard mounted at St.James's, the Bazars, Weeks's Museum &c - Left Town for Higham about 4 & found my venerable Father encreasingly infirm but in his usual Spirits - At Weeks's the Children were weighed as follows - Fanny 5 stone 4 lbs, John 4 St: 2lb & Lewey 3 Stone.

JULY

Thursday 1 Received last night a Letter from Mr.Symmons stating that he cannot get rid of the Mortgage, or other difficulties, & obviously shewing that he dislikes the strict terms on which I have insisted & from which as I will not relax one jot or tittle, I suppose our Treaty must close - His well known character added to some suspicious circumstances which I detected rendered extreme caution necessary, & it will relieve me of a great Load of anxiety & care to be rid of the Business -

Friday 2 Mr Brother drove me in his Gig after Breakfast to London & I entered into a Treaty for the purchase of the Tithes of my Fathers Estates at Walthamstow - Went afterwards to the British Museum &

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- to call on Sir Jos.Banks, Hudson Gurney, Sir Jo.Nicholl &c. Dined & drank Tea with Mrs.Goring & slept at my Brothers.
- Saturday 3 My Sister Sarah brought Mary, Fanny & John to join me in London & I took them to the Exhibition at Somerset House, St.Pauls, & Guildhall -- I afterwards took John to see the Fun of a Chop House, & gave him a Beef Stake at the Red Lion in Sweatings Alley, & then to London Bridge & Billingsgate from whence I treated him with a row down the Thames to London Docks &c - Dined at 5 at my brothers & returned to Higham in the Evening - About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 to my great astonishment we most unexpectedly observed a large Comet in the North with a Tail from 5 to 7 degrees in length -
- Sunday 4 Went with Mary & Fanny to Tottenham Church in the morning, & spent the remainder of the day most happily at Higham - I received last night another Letter from Mr.Symmons but it is not an answer to mine of Thursday & reverts only to the one which I wrote from Bristol - It is obvious that he dislikes the degree of vigilance which I have exercised & all who I have consulted think that he was trying hard to hamper me by a trick, as he has often done to others before, & it is the strict wording of the Contract on which I have insisted that he in fact objects to -
- Monday 5 Spent the whole day happily at Higham - Johnny being rather unwell we in the Evening sent for young Mr.Toulmin whose Grandfather had attended my Grandfather & me in infancy -
- Tuesday 6 Went to Town in the 9 o'clock Stage & spent an hour with Dr.Leach at the British Museum - Then called & settled some Business for Mrs.Goring with Mr.Ward of Bedford Square who is her Solicitor - Called also on Sir Jos Banks, & went to Bullochs Sale where I bought some South Sea Curiosities &c - Afterwards the two Gurneys took me up on the way to the House of Commons where I spent about 5 hours very pleasantly, & heard a long & good speech of Sir Jas.Mackintosh's on the subject of a revision of our Penal Laws - Went with the Gurneys to dine in Gloster place at 9 where I met Mr. & Mrs.Sampson Hanbury.
- Wednesday 7 My long Fast & the excessive heat of yesterday quite knocked me up & I was so ill that I did not get up till near one - Was then obliged to attend to some Business of the Estate &c & by the 7 o'clock Stage returned to Higham - Found Mr.Toulmin in attendance & John much better - Had a good view of the Comet about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 -

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- Thursday 8 Continued very unwell & spent the Day quietly at Higham - Had a good view of the Comet at Night -
- Friday 9 Better but still not well - Mary took the Children in my Fathers Landau to see the Bell at Edmonton, call on Mrs.Stacey &c, & I remained quiet at Higham all day.
- Saturday 10 Went with Mary, Judith & Fanny in my Fathers Carriage to Town & my Sister took Fanny to see the Panorama's of Spitzburgen, & Petersburg - Mary & I bought a ~~new~~ Second hand Landau which had been but little used at Turrills in Long Acre for 170£, & afterwards called on Mrs.Goring &c - We all dined at my Brothers & reached Higham late in the Evening.
- Sunday 11 Went with Mary, Fanny & John in my Fathers Carriage to Tottenham Church, & spent the rest of the Day at Higham - At Church John struck his Head against a Brass Hat Peg in the Pew which made it bleed violently but Dr.Toulmin who came to see him in the Evening relieved us from all anxiety on this account - This is the Birth Day of my lost precious Darling & had he lived he would now have completed his 7th. Year - I have had a ~~piee~~ lock of his Hair enclosed in a small gold Locket in which his name & the Day of his Death are inscribed & have this day begun to wear it near my Heart for the remainder of my Life -
- Monday 12 Spent the Day at Higham in overlooking my Fathers Estate & in attending to his Business - A Correspondence still continues between Mr.Simmons & me with regard to the Langennech Estate, & I unite with Mr.Thomas in thinking that he is vexed at having failed in an attempt to trick me, & still wishes to make a bargain -
- Tuesday 13 This is our Wedding Day & Mary & I are now honestly entitled to our twelfth Flitch of Bacon - My Sister Lydia returned from Ramsgate where & at Dover she had been spending a few weeks.
- Wednesday 14 Mary is too unwell to go out & we spent the whole day at Higham -
- Thursday 15 My Fathers carriage took me to Stamford Hill from whence I went in the Stage to London - Called at Sir Jos Banks's where I met Sir Chs.Blagden, Tayler Combe [?] &c - & ~~afterwards~~ also called on Sir Jo.Nicholl, Dr.Leach & Mrs.Goring - returned to Higham by the 5 oClock Stage to meet Mrs.Jansen &c who had been diding there -

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- Friday 16 Went with my Sister Judith, Mary, Fanny, & John in my Fathers Landau to see sights & drove first to the Panorama of Venice in the Strand - From thence proceeded to Piddocks at Exeter Change whose collection of Wild Beasts ~~particularly~~ greatly gratified us particularly a Lioness with three Cubs two Months old, & we were allowed to handle & play with a young Lion which was as full of antics as a kitten - Went also to see Munito the Learned Dog, & the Panorama of Spitzburgen which I greatly admired - Returned by water from Westminster Bridge to my Brothers where we dined at 5, & Mary, John, Fanny, Mr.Forster, Mr.Head my Brother & self afterwards went to Astleys, & back to sleep at my Brothers.
- Saturday 17 After Breakfast took Mary, John & Fanny in a Boat from London Bridge to see Westminster Abbey, & spent about two hours in viewing the Tombs &c - Mary then went on to see Mrs.Bazely at Chelsea, & I took the Children to Bullocks, & several other places as also to call on Mrs.Goring who we found at home. At 5 we got to Dinner at my Brothers where e met Mary & my Fathers Carriage took us back to Higham in the Evening.
- Sunday 18 Mary found herself rather too much tired by the preceeding Days exertion to go to Church & I accompanied my Sisters to Tottenham Meeting. My Brother brought down Mr.Head & Mr.Forster, & Mr.Leslie² who painted the portraits of my Father & Sister Emlen also dined with us - He is a very pleasing young Artist & his picture of Sir Roger de Coverly attracted a good deal of notice at the Exhibition.
- Monday 19 Spent the Day at Higham -
- Tuesday 20 Went with my Sister Sarah, Mary, Fanny, John & Lewey to London, & took Mary & the two elder children over the British Museum through which we were privately conducted by Dr.Leach, the Museum being shut to the public - Leaving Mary & Fanny at the Soho Bazar I took John to Sir Jos:Banks's Library, & we all returned to dine at 5 at my Brothers, after which the rest of our party returned to Higham & we slept at my Brothers -
- Wednesday 21 In the morning I took Mary to see West's Pictures which are now exhibiting in Pall Mall & we were particularly struck by 'Death on the pale Horse' - I then left her at Wentworths Hotel in Jermyn St. where she had appointed to meet her Mother & after calling on Lord

²C R Leslie. Portrait now at the Friends Meeting House, Euston.

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- Bute, & transacting various Business with Messrs.Naylor &c I called again for her at 7, & we went to see the Comedy of 'She stoops to Conquer' at the Haymarket Theatre - Listow [?] performed Tony Lumpkin very laughably but the House was so hot & crowded that we only staid about an hour & returned to sleep at my Brothers -
- Thursday 22 In the morning my Fathers Carriage, took us back to Higham -
- Friday 23 Spent the Day at Higham & I went to call on Mr.Thorpe [?] & Mr.Evans.
- Saturday 24 Went with Lydia, George, Mary & Fanny in my Fathers Carriage to Town, & took Mary by a Boat to Chelsea to see her Mother - From there I returned by a Boat to Waterloo Bridge to meet Mr.Campbel on Legacy Duty Business at Somerset House &c &c - Dined at my Brothers & we returned ~~late to the~~ in the Evening to Higham. The Row along the Thames was delightfull - The Comet which I have regularly watched has now become so small as to be hardly ~~observable~~ distinguishable by the naked Eye from a common Star.
- Sunday 25 Mary being too unwell to go out I read the morning Service to her & the two elder Children at Higham -
- Monday 26 Mr. & Mrs.Alexander arrived to breakfast & to spend a few days with us at Higham - I went by the Stage to Town to close a Treaty for the purchase of the great Tythes of my Fathers Estate at Walthamstow for 1125£., & after spending half an hour with George Jenner &c I returned in the Evening -
- Tuesday 27 Went with Mr. & Mrs.Alexander in my Carriage to Town & after transacting sundry Business spent an hour at the Auction Mart where I purchased Bowyers History of England, Perry's Shells & Thornton's Flora - Returned to Higham in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 28 Mr.Alexander drove me up to Town where I had an appointment on Business at the Legacy Duty Office, & I returned home by the Stage in the Evening -
- Thursday 29 Spent the Day at Higham & in the Evening Mr. & Mrs.Alexander set off on their return to Ipswich -
- Friday 30 Went with Mary, Fanny & John & my Sister Judith to Town & from London Bridge in a Boat to the Tower where we saw the Armories, Regalia &c - In the afternoon I took Johnny to see Wm.Phillips's

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printing [?] office, the Auction Mart &c & at 7 we set off back to Higham -

Saturday 31 Went with Lydia & Mary in my old Chariot to London & took Lydia to see the Fun of a Book Auction where I bought Hunters Edition of Levater for 9 Guineas &c - Mary went to meet her Mother in Jermyn St, & we returned to Higham in the Evening in my new Landau -

AUGUST

Sunday 1 Attended Tottenham Church with Mary, John & Fanny, & my old Friend Jos Woods came back to dine with us at Higham - He had returned only on Friday last from a three years ramble in Italy, Greece &c, & spent one Winter at Athens - An unusually long spell of hot weather ended this afternoon in one of the loudest Thunder Storms I ever heard -

Monday 2 Went by the Stage in the morning to Town in Business of my Fathers & returned in the Evening - A letter from Dd Charles my Butler stated that owing to the extreme illness of our two Carpenters it would be impossible to compleat the repairs so as for Penllergare to be ready for our Reception, & we therefore deferred our Journey which we had intended to commence till this day sen'night -

Tuesday 3 Spent the Day at Higham -

Wednesday 4 Went to Town by the Stage in the Evening; took a Boat & rowed down the Thames to meet the Margate Steamer Vessel but she was detained longer than usual in the passage & we did not succeed - The row back by Moonlight was delightful. Slept at my Brothers .

Thursday 5 Took a Boat with my brother before Breakfast & saw 'the Favorite' Margate Steam Vessel get under weigh which was a fine & curious sight - Spent the morning with Drs.Leach & König at the British Museum, & while I was siting with the former a message arrived from Mr.Cross the Proprietor of the Menagerie at Exeter Change, stating that he had recd. the day before a Chimpanzee Ourang Outang from Guinea & that on Saturday he intended to take it to Paris - We went to see it & found it to be a Female about _ grown, & perfectly docile & intelligent - Returned to Higham in the afternoon -

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- Friday 6 Altho' the Chimpanzee is not to be exhibited till after its return from Paris, yet Mr. Cross had obligingly given me leave to show it to a Party - My Sisters Lydia & Sarah, with Mary, Fanny, John & myself set off accordingly in my Fathers Coach - From London Bridge we went in a Boat to Waterloo Stairs, & then to Exeter Change - From thence we went to see the Panorama of Petersburg in the Upper Circle of at Leicester Square, & then after walking about Burlington Arcade &c, over Westminster Bridge to the Blind Asylum in St. Georges Fields - Nothing can exceed the Interest which this most admirable Institution creates, the remembrance that my indulgent Mother was blind, & that my darling Willey had lost an Eye a good deal affected me - All my family were Subscribers before & I added my name to the Number which I hope my Children after me will continue - We dined at my Brothers, & returned home in the Evening
- Saturday 7 Went in the Stage this morning to Town in hopes of finally settling the Deeds for the purchase of the Tythes of my Fathers Estates at Walthamstow, & was miserably plagued with the Lawyers all day - Returned to Higham in the Evening -
- Sunday 8 Rather too unwell, & spent the Day wholly at Higham
- Monday 9 After an early Dinner we bid farewell to our affectionate relatives at Higham & at a little after 2 set out in our new Landau on our return homewards - Drove through Town without stopping longer than was necessary to change Horses - drank Tea at Uxbridge & at 8 reached Wycomb where we took up our quarters for the night at the Red Lion.
- Tuesday 10 Left Wycomb at 7 & reached Tetsworth to Breakfast - Stopt about 4 hours at Oxford & took Fanny & John to see most [?] of the Lions, among which were the Theatre, the view of the City from the top of the Radcliffe Library, the Botanic Garden &c - The weather was so sultry & the Road so oppressively dusty that we were again obliged to stop near 2 hours more at Witney, & did not reach North Leach till 9 in the Evening - Took up our nights Quarters at the Kings head.-
- Wednesday 11 Went from North Leach to breakfast at Cheltenham & spent 3 or 4 hours there in shewing the Children the Promenades, Spa's &c - We dined at Gloster & staid 2 hours to see the Spa, Jail &c - Arrived at Newnham about ½ past 5 with the intention of going on immediately to Chepstow but my dear Mary was too much fatigued

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- & we spent the Evening in lounging about the beautiful banks of the Severn - Found the accommodations at the Bear very comfortable.
- Thursday 12 Left Newnham after an early breakfast at a little before 8 & were almost 4 hours in accomplishing the tiresome stage to Chepstow. From thence we had intended to have rowed up to Tintern Abbey but were an hour too late for the proper Tide & therefore contented ourselves with a ramble among the ruins of the old Castle - We proceeded on with stopping no more [?] than change Horses at Newport & reached Cardiff about ½ past 5 - I generally use the Angel but as the sleeping rooms are more Airy we took up our Quarters at the Cardiff Arms.
- Friday 13 Left Cardiff about ¼ before 8 & breakfasted at Cowbridge where I spent half an hour with Counsellor Nickoll - Stopt at Sir John Nicholls for about an hour & lunched at Tythegston with Col Knight - Reached home about 6 in the Evening & found all well - Absence seems only to have encreased the sadness of the chasm which Death has made in our little circle, & for the first time I had no Willey to hail my return -
- Saturday 14 Spent the whole Day on my Farm & in attending to the long arrears of Business which my absence has created.-
- Sunday 15 Went with Mary, Fanny, John & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Langafelach Church - Rd.Jeffreys came to Dinner & both he & Dr.Edwards spent the Evening here.-
- Monday 16 The Carriage took John with little Mary to have her Hair cut in Swansea & brought back Mrs.Llewelyn to spend a few days with us - Spent the day in preparing the Trust Acct. of the Penllergare Estate, & Mr.Lewis Thomas came in the aft. & stopt till late at night
- Tuesday 17 Spent the ~~Day~~ in morning on the Accts. of the Estate & in the afternoon my Books & Luggage which had been sent by Waggon ~~fr~~ arrived from London -
- Wednesday 18 Occupied principally in unpacking & arranging the Books which arrived from London -
- Thursday 19 Mrs.Llewelyn returned home in the morning & Mr.Lewis Thomas dined & spent the Evening with me on Business.

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- Friday 20 Spent the whole Day at home in attending to Business & arranging the Accounts of the Trust Estate -
- Saturday 21 This is my Birth Day & I have now entered my 42nd. year - A retrospect of the past Year is satisfactory as far as relates to my civil & domestic duties but in religious improvement I am sadly deficient & I earnestly pray that I may be enabled so to conquer every corruption of my Nature as may fit me for Happiness in that everlasting state of existence to which I am hastening -Mr. & Mrs.Rotch arrived to Dinner & to spend a couple of days with us.
- Sunday 22 The Rotchs being with us was a prevention to our going to Church - The new Sir John Morris & his little Boy called here -
- Monday 23 Our Carriage took the Rotchs' in the morning to Swansea in their way to Bath - Mr.Bowdler & his Sister Harriet spent an hour or two here in the afternoon -
- Tuesday 24 Mr.Leslie who I have before mentioned as an eminent Young Artist arrived this morning by the Mail to spend a few Weeks with me - In the Evening I rode with him on Horseback round by the Cocketts.-
- Wednesday 25 Worked hard all the morning to get the Papers relating to this Estate in readiness for the Trustees, but Mr.Jones of St.Helens was prevented from coming here according to his Engagement by the unexpected Death of his Wife's Sister in Law - Mr.Leslie & I went in the Carriage in the afternoon to bring over Mrs.Llewelyn & she returned with us - It was intended not only to have settled the Trust Accounts but also to have christened little Sally at this ~~intended~~ meeting of the Trustees -
- Thursday 26 The Christening of Sally took place in the afternoon when Mr.Jones of St.Helens arrived, & he was Godfather & Mrs.Jones & Mrs.Llewelyn, Godmothers - The former was however prevented from joining us & Mary stood as her Proxy - She was to have been named Sarah only after my ever to be lamented Mother but Mary to please Mrs.Llewelyn added the name of Llewelyn against my wishes - Old Mr.Harcourt Powell & the Revd.J.Powell of Brecon joined our party at Dinner - The Revd.Mr.Williams, Curate of this Parish, who teaches John, Welsh performed the Ceremony -
- Friday 27 Mrs.Llewelyn & Mr.Jones after having examined the Accounts of the Estate returned in our Carriage to Swansea about Noon, & the Carriage brought back Mrs.Martha Horne to spend a day or two with

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us - To this Lady several Years ago while we were on a Visit to Higham during the illness of some of our Family we were indebted for the care of Fanny & John, & they spent 2 or 3 Weeks at her House at Tottenham - In the afternoon Mr.Leslie began to paint a portrait of me³ - The Miniature painted 3 years ago by Baxter, tho' good as a picture has always been said by Mary & Lady Mary Cole to be a very bad likeness, & not at all expressive of my Countenance.⁴ See p.117 [This refers to the Appendix in original Diary]

- Saturday 28 In the morning I sat again to Mr.Leslie, & about Noon Mr. & Mrs.Biggs arrived & after Dining with us returned with Mrs.Horne to Swansea - I wish in my Portrait to introduce some Memorial of my lost Darling & the Black Coat in which I am painted is worn on his account -
- Sunday 29 Went with Mary, Fanny, John Lewey Miss Brown & Mr.Leslie to Langafelach Church - It was Lewey's first attendance at any place for public worship - Rd.Jeffreys called in the afternoon & Jo.Bevington came in the Evening on some Business -
- Monday 30 Spent the Day in attending to Business at home & in sitting to Mr.Leslie for my picture -
- Tuesday 31 Set off in my Gig to dine & sleep at Tythegston on my way to the Assizes at Cardiff, having been summoned to the Grand Jury - At Tythegston I met Mrs.Llewelyn who is on her way to visit her Mother at Charlton in Kent -

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 1 Mrs.Knight gave us some Breakfast at 6 & I then accompanied the Colonel in his Carriage to Cowbridge where he had engaged to take up Mr.Markham, & I went on from thence in my Gig - Reached Cardiff in time & went with the Judges to Church - Was introduced by Wingfield to Mr.Casberd who took his Seat on the Bench for the

³Still in the family together with a portrait of Mary Dillwyn

⁴The painting, now badly faded, is on loan to the Glynn Vivian Gallery, Swansea from the family. Modern technology has allowed photographic reproductions of the painting in its original colours. It was painted on thin ivory sheet cut from the tusk.

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first time in the place of old Moysey, & he appears to me an able & clever Man for the situation. Dined with the Judges as usual & attended a crowded Concert by the Bath Singers in the Evening-. Our degraded Member, Mr.Edwards had forced himself on the Jury, & was kept compleatly at Coventry by every Gentleman - Called with Sir Jo.Nicholl at the Corner house [?] &c & with him inspected the Improvements on our County Jail -

Thursday 2

The Grand Jury had got through all their Bills soon after 3 & I then took an hours walk with Sir Jo. Nicholl - At the Grand Jury Dinner Mr.Edwards thrust himself up to the top of the Table & was doomed to drink the very dregs of mortification - The customary County Toast of our County Members' was wholly omitted as it had also been when he was present at the Sheriffs Dinner on Tuesday, & he was treated by every Gentleman with that marked contempt & dislike which he deserves - He had just been sailing for 4 days with the Regent in his Yacht, & appeared to think that by talking of his high Honors he could command our attention, but we only considered this as another lamentable proof of the Princes known fondness for low Society -At 9 o'clock the Grand Jury attended the Judges at their Chambers, & were discharged - I should then have started homewards but it rained hard.-

Friday 3

As this is my beloved Mary's Birth Day I started homewards at 6, & David drove me in my Gig to breakfast at Cowbridge - In the way David amused me with his Observations on our treatment of the Member, & expressed his astonishment that he did not leave the Room & said he felt ashamed for him -From him I found that none of the Gentlemens Servants would condescend to wait on him, & that he would get nobody but Billy Vaughans Man to change his Plate, for he had not thought proper to bring any Servant of hos oown with him to witness the doubtful issue of his attempt to appear in good Company - From Cowbridge I brought Mr.Picton of Iscoed to dine and sleep at Penllergare, & stopt about 2 hours at Neath to bait our Horses, & I then inspected some of the houses there belonging to the Estate.

Saturday 4

Mr.Picton left us soon after Breakfast, & I spent the Day at home without being sufficiently well to resume my sittings to Mr.Leslie -

Sunday 5

As the morning was rainy I read prayers & a Sermon to the Family at home -In the afternoon it cleared & I went with Mary & Mr.Leslie in the Carriage to call at Clasemont.

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- Monday 6 Drove Mr.Leslie over in the Gig to breakfast with Lewis Thomas & then proceeded in the Tram Car to the Mumbles. Mr.Leslie amused himself with Sketching in the neighborhood, & Mr.Thomas & I examined the Thistleboon Estate which is for Sale next Thursday - It is wholly Copyhold & therefore not suited for an addition to the Penllergare Estate as Mr.Llewelyn has restricted the Trustees to the purchase of Freeholds of Inheritance - We dined at the Mumbles & reached Penllergare about 9 in the Evening -
- Tuesday 7 Spent the whole day at home in attending to Business & in sitting for my Picture to Mr.Leslie
- Wednesday 8 All day at home employed in settling various Business, & in sitting to Mr. Leslie for my Portrait - Mr Middleton & Gabl. Powell called in the afternoon-
- Thursday 9 Drove in the Gig to Swansea attend the Sale by Auction of the Thistleboon Estate, & it sold for 2410£ - I bid 2150 which I think is very little if any under its full Value - Repurchased from Mr.Barrington 7 Houses & 3 Cottages which he had bought at the Sale on the 25th of May for 630£. Returned home to Dinner & in the Evening we kept our Harvest home - Dick the Harper attended & after an early Supper the whole party kept dancing till 11 o'clock -
- Friday 10 Went after Breakfast with Mary, Mr.Leslie, Fanny & John in the Carriage to Ynysygerwn, & got out to look at Aberdylais from whence we walked to the house - Found Griffiths too ill to have prepared some Business which I went to investigate & was myself s good deal unwell, having been seized with an odd spasm last night - Reached home at Dusk -
- Saturday 11 Very unwell all day but sat in the morning to Mr.Leslie & he finished my Portrait which Mary says is the most striking & admirable likeness that without any exception she ever saw - In the afternoon Mary began to sit for her Portrait at my particular desire as I much wish to hand down such a Memorial of the best of Wives & of Mothers to the Children -- In the Evening Jo.Traherne with his Sisters Charlotte & Louisa arrived from Tenby to spend a few days here - John Traherne was a god father to my lost Darling-
- Sunday 12 Our party being too large for the Carriage to take us to Church Jo.Traherne read the Service to the Family -

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- Monday 13 Mary went in the Carriage with the Trahernes to Swansea & I remained occupied by Business at home - Mr.Henry Knight a nephew of Col Knights of Tythegston came to spend a few days with us.
- Tuesday 14 Messrs. Traherne, Leslie & Knight rode to Loughor - Lewis Thomas came at Dinner time & stopt the Evening which I spent with him on Business.
- Wednesday 15 Engaged in the Morning with Mr L Thomas on Business soon after which he & the Trahernes left us, & I went to attend the Licence Meeting at Langafelach - Sir Jo.Morris & Mr.Lockwood met me there -
- Thursday 16 Mary sat for her Portrait in the afternoon to Mr.Leslie, & Mr.Lewis Thomas dined with us.
- Friday 17 Went with with [sic] Mary, & Messrs. Knight & Leslie to dine at Sir Jo. Morris at Clasmont where we met Mr. & Mrs.Tibbetts, Mr. & Mrs.Jesse, Rawley Mansell, Gabl.Powell &c - Our Carriage took on Mr.Knight to meet the Mail at Wych Tree Bridge & he went on to Tythegston.
- Saturday 18 Mary again sat for her Picture to Mr.Leslie & I drove over in the afternoon on Business to Swansea, & called on the Honl. Mr Grey, Mrs. Morse &c -
- Sunday 19 Went in the morning with Mary, Mr.Leslie, Miss Brown & John & Fanny in the Carriage to Langafelach Church, where was the Funeral of a Collier who was killed by an Accident in the works last Tuesday - The poor Widow regardless of everything around her knelt in the aisle with her head over her Husbands during the whole Service, & her Children stood around their Fathers Coffin - It as a most affecting Scene, & I had the Luxury, which is the greatest that Money can bestow, of contributing to her relief- Read the Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family -
- Monday 20 Set off after an early Breakfast on horseback & at Loughor met Griffiths of Box with whom I proceeded to meet Capt Wedge [?] the Commissioner, he having obligingly offered to accommodate met as much as possible with ~~the~~ respect to the allotments under the enclosure Act to which Penhalnewith [?] & other Lands in Berwick [?] are entitled - Went over three Farms, & then returned with Capt Wedge to ~~Lough~~ inspect our Maps which I had sent for that

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purpose to Loughor - My ~~Visit~~ examination was of great service - Robt. L Thomas on Business, & the Revd. Mr. Anderson dined here -

Tuesday 21 Went with Mary & the Children in the Carriage to Swansea & she went to call at Danygraig &c -

Wednesday 22 Mr. Leslie finished my dear Mary's portrait & it is a good likeness, but not such a surprising resemblance as every body says mine is - Jas. Young who has been Gardner [sic] here for several Years left me owing to his Father's illness in Scotland, & Js. Crombie is engaged to supply his place -

Thursday 23 After an early Breakfast drove Mr. Leslie to the Aquaduct [sic] in Neath Valley, & he from thence ~~went~~ proceeded on my Servants horse to spend a few day at Pont Nedd Vechn - I from thence crossed over with Griffiths & inspected the Farm & Woodlands at Tyr ty newidd which Mr. Letson has offered me for sale for 800£ - he at first asked 900 & he gave about this Sum for it to Lord Jersey since which he has planted more than 20 Acres with Larch &c, & laid out a good deal in improvements, & also added two slips from Ynys duntant & Cline Farms. - Dined at the public House at Ynys gollen, & thence walked to inspect repairs which are wanting at several Tenements &c at Ynysygerwn - Thence up to Forrest Farm, where a Stable has been promised & reached home much fatigued before 6. -

Friday 24 The quantity of Land in Tyrtynewidd is ~~59~~ 52 Acres & 29 Poles, & it was valued by Adam Nurray at 797£ besides 242£ for Timber - Spent the whole day at Business -

Saturday 25 Spent the whole day at Business - Mr. Rolles & Rawley Mansell called, & unite with every body in declaring that mine os the compleatest likeness that ever was seen - They think Mary's also is very like -

Sunday 26 Being myself too unwell Mary read the morning Service & I read the Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family at ½ past 7. A Letter from the Revd. Bruce Knight informs me that a Treaty which he had negotiated is compleated & that Mr. Henry Knight will undertake the education of my dear John as a private Tutor - My object is to possess him with general Knowledge, gentlemanly manners & good principles, rather than to make him a walking Lexicon & Mr. K, besides being an excellent classical Scholar appears to unite all these requisites -

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- Monday 27 Spent the day examining my private accounts, & in regretting that my expenditure in this terribly expensive House, exceeds what I could wish it should - Mr.Leslie returned to Dinner from Pont Nedd Vechan, & young Pocklington who had been shooting here also dined & stopt the night -
- Tuesday 28 Mary went with the children in the Carriage to the Dancing School & brought back Miss Morse to spend a few days with them during her Mothers absence at Coy trahern -
- Wednesday 29 Drove Mr.Leslie over the Commons in my Gig to spend as couple of Days at Penrice Castle - Master Talbot showed me a Grey Phalarope which he had shot in the Marshes, at Penrice & I have heard of others which were killed on the Pond at Margam -
- Thursday 30 Spent the whole day in walking about, & the Revd. Mr.Evans & Mr.Davis met us at Dinner at the Castle -

OCTOBER

- Friday 1 Left Penrice soon after Breakfast, & called & spent an hour with Sir Jo. Morris in our way home - Sir Cr. Cole followed us to Dinner, & was so much struck by our Portraits that he had prevailed on Mr.Leslie to take Lady Mary's - Mr.Leslie this afternoon made a sketch of my dear little daughter Mary & it is a capital likeness -
- Saturday 2 Leaving Sir Chr. at home, I & Mr.leslie went in the Carriage to breakfast at Mr.Rolles's & admire the beauties of Briton Ferry, where we met Mr. A Chalons the Acadamician [sic] & spent a very pleasant morning - Reached home about 4, & found Mr.Henry Knight waiting to see me - My venerable & much respected Father this day compleated his 76th. Year, he having been born in 1742 on the 21st. of September Old Stile [sic]. Tom Morse came over from Swansea where he is at School to spend a few days here with his Sister -
- Sunday 3 Mr.Henry Knight went to Langafelach Church to see Mr.Williams respecting his procuring a Title for ordination, & came back to an early Dinner with us after which he returned to Newton - It being stormy I read the Service both in the morning & Evening & in the latter a Sermon also to the Family -

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- Monday 4 Sir Christopher & Lady Mary Cole with her two elder Daughters arrived here on a Visit, & for the purpose of having Lady Mary's portrait taken by Mr Leslie - He this morning made a little Sketch of my laughing cherub Sally, & it is exactly like her in one of her funny moods. Both this & the one which he sketched of Mary last Friday are intended to be given to my Father -
- Tuesday 5 Lady Mary began to sit for her Portrait to Mr Leslie - Capt Jeffreys joined our Party at Dinner - Lady Mary says that Mrs.D's picture is if possible a still greater likeness than mine, & she as well as all the others of her party think both are admirable -
- Wednesday 6 With Sir Jo.Morris & Lockwood I went to hold a Petty Sessions at Langafelach, & the former returned with me to Dinner -
- Thursday 7 Weather very wet, & we all spent the Day at home in entertaining Lady Mary by turns while she sat for her picture - Capt Jeffreys returned to Swansea
- Friday 8 Weather very wet & spent as yesterday -
- Saturday 9 Mr.Leslie finished his picture & it is thought not only good as a Painting but to be also an excellent likeness of Lady Mary. Mr. & Mrs.Jones of St Helens dined with us.
- Sunday 10 Went with Sir Christopher, Lady Mary &c to Langafelach Church - Mr. Williams Sermon was an hour & a quarter long -
- Monday 11 The Penrice Family left us & went to Merthyr mawr - Mr.Leslie made a Sketch of Mrs.D which shews more of her side Face in her usual morning Dress & it is a capital Likeness - Mr.Chalons the Academician & Mr. Delamotte⁵ a Landscape Paper [sic] came to dine & sleep here - Heard this morning of the Death on Saturday last of the Revd. Mr.Montgomery of Neath whose many excellencies as a Clergyman had endeared him to all who knew him - John this day began to learn to ride on Horseback -

⁵Probably George Delamotte who later made portraits of John, Lewis and two of the Talbot girls. Uncle of Philip Delamotte the photographer

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- Tuesday 12 Rode with Messrs.Chalons, Delamotte & Leslie to the Goppa & in the afternoon the two former returned to Mr.Rolles at Briton Ferry -
- Wednesday 13 Mr.Leslie in the morning made a very fine Drawing of Penllergare⁶ & in the Evening set off by the Mail on his return to London -
- Thursday 14 ~~Rode to~~ Drove in the Gig to Swansea, & took the Chair at a Meeting at the Boys School - Afterwards met Mr.Thomas respecting the proposed purchase of Tyr ty newidd - Drove home by Marino, & the Bryn -
- Friday 15 Spent the Day on Business at home & in walking on my Farm -
- Saturday 16 In the afternoon drove Mary over to Swansea in the Gig to call on Mrs. George Bevan &c -
- Sunday 17 Went with Mary & the 3 elder Children to Langafelach Church in the morning -
- Monday 18 Col Cameron spent the morning with me in looking over my Farm - & in the ~~Evening~~ afternoon the Revd.Bruce Knight his wife & Miss Charlotte Traherne arrived to spend a few days with us - Mr.Wm.Nicholl, the highly respected Chairman of our Quarter Sessions also came to dine & sleep here -My principal object was to consult him with respect to the old Indictments on which the Clerk of Peace has now proceeded against almost every Hamlet in this Neighborhood & which if not checked will half ruin some of our Tenants both in this & the Ynysygerwn Estate -
- Tuesday 19 The Children went to the Dancing School in the Carriage & Mr.Nicholl, Mr. Knight & myself to the Quarter Sessions - We dined with the Magistrates at the Mackworth Arms & Mr. Js. Bruce returned home with us in the Evening - Our pettifogging County Member was there, & all the Gentlemen persevered in their general determination to keep him in Coventry, so that very soon after Dinner he was obliged to go down & console himself by joining a party of Attorneys - Misy [?] Morse went home -
- Wednesday 20 Took Js.Bruce & Mr.Knight with me to attend the Quarter Sessions, & returned home to receive Sir Jo. & Lady Morris & Miss

⁶Still exists in family archives

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Caroline Morris who came to dine & sleep here - There was a Ball at Swansea in the Evening but our County Member did not choose to face it & staid away on the pretence of a Head ach - The Clerk of the Peace has been hunting up all the old Indictments on public Roads which had not been regularly discharged, & had issued process on one which had lain dormant for near 32 years against Hamlet of Penderry with a demand for 85.5.8! - By paying 13£ I got it settled -

Thursday 21 Our Visitors all left us about Noon & I then drove over to attend the Quarter Sessions which had just ended - In the morning for 2 or 3 hours there was an unusually heavy fall of Snow - The Clerk of the Peace has offered to take a small sum as an accommodation for the Indictment on Neath Bridge, & I am advised thus to settle it rather than go to Law, tho' I am confident that his Demand is altogether illegal - Find that my offer for Tyr ty newidd is likely to be accepted.-

Friday 22 Confined to the House by a violent bilious attack - Finished sewing wheat -

Saturday 23 Still very unwell & unable to leave the House - Mr Rotchs Son Benjamin who is about to be called to the Bar paid us a Visit in the afternoon - As the House Duty of Penllergare is rated at only 40£ & as a new Survey has been talked of I have thought it better to compound for both this & the Window Duty for 3 years according to the Act, which has been lately passed, & also for the Duty on Agents which have been rather underreckoned [sic] -

Sunday 24 Weather cold & frosty - being still unwell Mary read the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family -

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APPENDIX

Memorandums

respecting the allowance made by the Trustees to LWD on Account of the Expenses which he has incurred by undertaking the management of the Penllergare Estates.

Mr.Llewelyn never had any general Agent but was himself the Manager of his Property & being of remarkably reserved habits the only Person with whom he had ever consulted on his affairs or who was at all acquainted with them is myself - By his Will he has left the use of Penllergare to Mrs. Llewelyn till the eldest of our Boys comes of Age, but on his Death bed he obtained as promise from me that I would undertake the management of all his affairs & for this purpose offer my House at Swansea to Mrs.Llewelyn & come to reside at Penllergare where he expressed much anxiety that his Grandsons should be brought up - He ~~also proposed~~ [?] was also very anxious that I should immediately withdraw from all other Business so as to give my undivided attention to his Estates, & the more especially as he foresaw that his power to bequeath some of his Estates would be disputed by their respective Heirs at Law - Without naming any particular Sum he repeatedly said that I must 'of course have a handsome allowance for my trouble' & during his short illness he often expressed a strong desire to alter his Will but the Physicians expected his recovery, & thought that any such exertion would be dangerous by encreasing the determination of blood to his head - To oblige Mr. Llewelyn I had prior to his decease entered into a Treaty for parting with the Pottery but I had refused to part with the China Works which at great expense were just brought to perfection & ~~from~~ which I had every reason to expect under proper management would be made very lucrative. The complicated nature of the Trust affairs however obliged me to part with them & even before the Funeral an attempt was made to dispossess us of Llw chysawell [?] & Castel du by the Heir at Law of the Person from whom Griffith Price had purchased these Farms, as also soon afterwards of the Penllergare Estate itself by Mr.Price's heir ex parte paterna & of the Baillibrith Estate by Mr. Williams of Velin newydd so that the multiplicity of important Business which fell suddenly on my hands obliged me almost wholly to neglect my own Concerns - Mr.Llewelyn's Deeds are so extremely numerous & were in such utter confusion that it was several Months before I could get them properly sorted so as to ascertain the various Titles by which the Estates are held & as I had neither room to arrange them or for transacting the trust Business in my own House, I knew not how to avoid removal to Penllergare altho' I could obviously live at the Willows with equal or greater comfort for full a Thousand a year less. The other Trustees all thought that in Justice to my younger Children I ought to have taken a larger Sum but I refused to accept of more than 400 a year which I thought would be sufficient to allow of my keeping an extra Carriage, Horse & Servant for the purpose of overlooking the scattered Estates, as well as for entertaining Agents, Tenants, & other Persons who came on Business to Penllergare & for such expenses as must unavoidably attend my assumption of the management & my keeping aired & open a large Family Mansion as a Homestead & office for the Estates. These Expenses or others incurred in supporting the influence of the Estate & for converting the Personal into Freehold Property by advantageous purchases & for finding employment for all Mr.Llewelyn's old workmen which on his Death Bed he particularly requested might be done, I believe have amounted to nearly or quite double this allowance, & the Expenses of living here have altogether much exceeded my expectations - As Mrs.Llewelyn is now established at the Willows it is however too late to retract, & I regret it only in as much as the Interests of my younger Children must suffer by it for my savings

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since my removal have been smaller than in any preceeding Year since our Marriage, but in the Event of my Death, if either of them should ever require it I confidently rely that my eldest Boy from his ample means will remunerate them for the Loss which my almost exclusive attention to his Concerns must more or less occasion them.