

The Dillwyn Collection

The Journals of Lewis Weston Dillwyn (b.1778 d.1855)

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NOVEMBER

- Monday 17 Spent the Day at Higham
- Tuesday 18 At a little before 10 I bid goodbye to my venerable Father, & went in his Carriage to Town on my homewards. Attended in Grays Inn & also at Smiths & Co respecting the Castellpigginn Mortgage & etc. Dined with Dr Sims in Cavendish Sq & in the Evening started by Mail for Oxford
- Wednesday 19 Arrived at ½ past 2 at Oxford, & went to Bed at the Star. At ½ past 9 went to Bucklands, & there unexpectedly found a large Geological party at Breakfast viz - W Coneybeare, Halifax, the 2 Duncans, Kiddy Vernon, Cleaver, Lyell, Woodcock, Miller & etc. Spent the day Geologically & dined with Buckland & a party at Corpus. Miller supped with me at the Star
- Thursday 20 Breakfasted with the Duncans & a geological party at New College, & also dined there. Spent the Day as yesterday
- Friday 21 Left Oxford about ½ past 7 & arrived at a little before 8 at bristol
- Saturday 22 After executing some Commissions at Bristol I started at ¾ past 10, & with Mr Nickoll for my Companion reached Swansea at 10 mins before 12. A detention at the Passage occasioned the Mail to s#arrive more than an hour later than usual
- Sunday 23 The Carriage which was waiting at Swansea for us brought me home at a little before one oclock this morning. The Weather being wet we did not go to Church but I read the Services to the Family as usual
- Monday 24 Engaged allday at home by various Business
- Tuesday 25 Drove to Cadly Mill & Swansea & took my Boy Lewis with me
- Wednesday 26 Engaged by Accounts at home
- Thursday 27 Variously engaged allday at home. Attempted to take a ride with Fanny but the rain turned us back from our upper Gate

Friday 28 The Weather being very bad I did not leave the House allday. Continued a Treaty with Matthews for the purchase of Tyllwyd

Saturday 29 The weather being very bad & I rather unwell, I did not leave the House allday

Sunday 30 A very wet day but Mary with her 2 elder Girls & Miss Brown went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Service to the others of our Family at home, as also again in the Evening

DECEMBER

Monday 1 As Lewis Thomas had engaged to be back from London I drove to Swansea in the hope of meeting him but was disappointed

Tuesday 2 Mr & Mrs John Nicholl with their infant & Miss Emma Talbot arrived to spend a few days with us

Wednesday 3 A very wet Day

Thursday 4 Attended a Petty Sessions & Militia Appeal at Llangafelach from ½ past 10 till past 4, & John Nicholl then came to ride back with me to Penllergare

Friday 5 Mrs Nicholl & Miss E Talbot returned to Penrice. Mr Nicholl went with me to Brynbach where I had ordered the Hounds to meet us & we saw a very good chase. he came back to dine & sleep at Penllergare

Saturday 6 Mr Nicholl left us. I drove to Swansea on Business at his office & in the expectation of seeing Mr L Thomas but he has not yet left London

Sunday 7 Went with Mrs D & Fanny & Lewis in the Socialet to Church, but John was too unwell to accompany us

Monday 8 For the first time this Season took my Gun in hand & walked through the Tuckers Comb but did not see a single Bird. Afterwards walked with Lewis to Gorseynon Fair

Tuesday 9 Rode in the morning with Fanny by Llangafelach, Ynysypergan [?] & etc. Mr A Jones & Mr Gilliet [?Gilbert] called here

Wednesday 10 Went to Swansea to get a Deed executed respecting the Castlepiggin proceedings by Rd Jeffreys, & Mary with Fanny & Sally accompanied me in the Carriage

Thursday 11 Engaged allday in a petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Dr Edwards who had been sent for to see John dined here

Friday 12 Engaged in preparing for our Rent Day tomorrow & etc

Saturday 13 Collected the Penllergare Rents at Swansea which lasted till about ½ past 6, when I drank Tea with Mrs Llewelyn who returned yesterday to Swansea & I reached home in the close Carriage about 9. In addition to the generally depressed state of Agriculture there has been lately a great mortality among Cattle by which many of our Tenants have suffered & I made out better than I had expected to do

Sunday 14 The Weather being rather rough & several of the Children poorly we did not go to Church & I read the Service to the Family as usual at home. Dr Edwards came over to see John & spent the Evening here

Monday 15 In the expectation of meeting Mr L Thomas who had engaged to return home last night I drove to Swansea, & was much disappointed by not seeing him

Tuesday 16 Closely engaged by Business till 12 & then went to course on Mynydd Garn coch. We put up 8 Hares but killed only 2

Wednesday 17 Was ready to start this morning for Brecon to look over 4 Cottages at Troedyrharn which have been offered for Sale by the Revd Mr Richards of Radnor for 200£ & which Mr Maybury has advised me to purchase. I should not for such a trifle & under all circumstances have thought it necessary to go over, but I have not yet made any purchase without personal inspection & feel a dislike to depart from my rule. The Rain fell in Torrents allday & obliged me to defer my Journey. Mrs Llewelyn ventured over in a hack Chaise to spend a few days here

Thursday 18 Rode to Tyllwyd again to look at the Estate which I have agreed to purchase from Mr Matthews & Fanny accompanied me on Horseback. Dr Edwards came to see John who still continues very poorly & dined with us

Friday 19 Drove to Penrice to call on Mr Strangways & Mr H Talbot & etc. & returned home to Dinner

Saturday 20 A Letter from A G Evans respecting the Castelpigin proceedings & another from L Thomas respecting the completion of my purchase

of part of Herbert Lloyds Estate obliged me to drive through heavy Rain to Swansea. In the afternoon Mrs Llewelyn left us to spend a few days at home & will return to us on Thursday

- Sunday 21 Mary went with Fanny & Sally to Church in the morning & I read both the Service as usual at home. Dr Edwards came here to see John & pronounced very favorably of his progressive recovery
- Monday 22 A Jones junr & the Revd Saml Davis came to Breakfast & I afterwards course with them on Mynyddgarncoch. About 2 the Honr W Strangways arrived & staid here till midnight when he went off to join the Mail at Swansea on his way to Abbotsbury
- Tuesday 23 Engaged by Business all day at home
- Wednesday 24 Lewis Thomas had written to me that he should positively return home by last nights Mail, & I drove over this morning in the expectation of seeing him but he had not arrived. Mrs Llewelyn is confined to her Bed by a violent pain in her back. Dr Edwards came to see John & found him decidedly much better for a course of Mercury which he has undergone
- Thursday 25 It being Christmas Day, Mary went with some of the Family to Church & I read the Service to the remainder at home. Mrs Llewelyn is prevented by illness from returning to us
- Friday 26 I had engaged to go to the Portreves Feats, but the Weather continues so remarkably bad & I am so far from well that I found it more prudent to stay at home
- Saturday 27 Having heard of Mr L Thomas's return to Swansea I went over & was engaged with him on Business for a few hours. The Weather being bad I went in the close Carriage & Mary accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn who is still confined to her Bed by Rheumatism
- Sunday 28 The Weather was too bad for any of us to go to Church. In the afternoon had such a violent pain in a decayed Tooth that we sent for Dr Edwards & the offender was extracted. The Revd Mr Rowlands came to sup & sleep here
- Monday 29 Went to meet L Thomas on Business, & attended a Meeting of the Trustees of Swansea Harbor. Mary accompanied me in the Phaeton to see Mrs Llewelyn who is still confined to her Room, & Mr (H) Talbot, the Revd Mr Darke & the Revd S Davis came to dine & sleep here

Tuesday 30 Went out with my Hounds to Curtmawr [?], accompanied by Mr Talbot & etc & etc but the weather was dreadfully bad & we had not much sport. Mr Crawshay & his wifes Sister Miss Thompson arrived to spend a couple of days here

Wednesday 31 Mr Talbot in the afternoon returned to Penrice

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Thursday 1 Soon after Breakfast Mr Crawshay & Miss Thompson left us & Mr Darke returned to Penrice. I was all day engaged at a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & John Traherne arrived to Dinner

Friday 2 Went with Mary & Jo Traherne to Swansea in the close Carriage & she found Mrs Llewelyn still confined & not better in her Room. I attended a Committee at the Harbor Office agreed to [last two words crossed out] we gave our Counsel for Mr Tennant to make a convenient entrance by the Salt House, & Wharfe [?] for the shipment of Neath Coal in our Harbor, which I have always considered to be an important point for the Ynysygerwn Estate. Lewis Thomas returned with us to Penllergare

Saturday 3 Engaged in the morning with L Thomas on Business. R Mansell came to dine here

Sunday 4 Mary & John being too unwell we none of us went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Service at home. Messrs Traherne, Mansell & Moule rode to Church at Swansea & they returned to Dinner

Monday 5 Mr Traherne & Mr Mansell rode to Swansea & in the afternoon I drove <Mary over to see Mrs Llewelyn who is rather worse than better. In the morning Mr Ostler breakfasted here, & shewed me the result of his Observations on the Pholades [?] with which I am much pleased. J Traherne returned to Dinner

Tuesday 6 Walked in the morning to inspect the rebuilding of Cadley Mill & the repairs of the Paper Mill & J Traherne accompanied me. Fanny went over in the Phaeton to see Mrs Llewelyn

Wednesday 7 Drove in the Socialet with Jo Traherne to the Mumbles & we returned to Dinner

Thursday 8 Mr Traherne left us about noon & Fanny went in the Phaeton to see Mrs Llewelyn who is still confined to her Room. Capt Richd & Mrs Jeffreys came to dine & sleep here & also Mr Penry Williams a young artist from Merthyr

Friday 9 Capt Jeffreys rode to Swansea & returned to Dinner. Mr P Williams gave John & Fanny a Lesson on Drawing. Weather very wet

Saturday 10 Capt & Mrs Jeffreys left us & Mary went in the close Carriage to see Mrs Llewelyn. Mr P Williams also left us in the afternoon. Weather very wet

Sunday 11 The Weather being fine we were all ready to start fro Llangafelach Church, when a Messenger informed us that Mr Williams had been taken ill & that there would be no Service. I read the morning Service & a Sermon & the Evening Service as usual to the Family

Monday 12 As this is my dear Johns Birth Day I took him & Lewis to course on the Commons but as bad luck would have it we did not put up a single Hare

Tuesday 13 Went to Swansea on Business with L Thomas & Mary accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn who is still confined to her Room. Called on Mr & Mrs H Leigh of Pontipool [?] who have taken Lodgings in Swansea

Wednesday 14 Variesly engaged all day at or about home

Thursday 15 Mr Ostler came early in the afternoon to assist me in dissecting some of the Mollusca & after dining here returned late to Swansea

Friday 16 Went in the Carriage on Business with L Thomas to Swansea, & Mary accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn who tho' better us still confined to her Room

Saturday 17 Engaged at home by Business till after 2 when I took a walk with John

Sunday 18 John, myself & Mr Moule walked to & from Llangafelach Church, & Mary went there with Fanny in the Carriage. Sir Jo Morris & his Son called in the afternoon

Monday 19 Closely engaged by all my Business till 2 which gave ma a bad head ach & I then took a drive in the Phaeton to Ynysyergwm & etc

Tuesday 20 Rode on Horseback on Business to Swansea & Fanny accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn who tho' rather better is still very unwell

- Wednesday 21 As there is a run on both the Banks I found it necessary again to go to Swansea & John accompanied me on Horseback
- Thursday 22 Variously engaged allday by Business at home
- Friday 23 Went early to Lunant [?] & Court Carney [?] to make some enquiries respecting a supposed Sheep Stealer. In the afternoon Mr Osler [sic] came & spent the Evening here
- Saturday 24 Went in the Phaeton to Swansea to see L Thomas who returned last night from Badminton & to follow up my enquiries respecting the Sheep Stealer. Mrs D accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn who is better. Dr Edwards came to Dinner & as I have been unwell for several days I counselled him about myself, & he recommended a sort of half starvation for a couple of Months!
- Sunday 25 The Weather being bad I read the morning Service to the Family & afterwards drove to Swansea where I committed to Cardiff Goal [sic] Stephen Wilkins on the 3 following charges. For stealing 4 Ewes from Thomas Evans of Cline [?], & 1 Ewe from Elizabeth Evans & also for stealing a Goat from Thomas Walknis [?]. I returned home about ½ past 4, & read the Evening prayers as usual
- Monday 26 Started in the Phaeton about ½ past 12 in a Journey of Business through Carmarthenshire & Breconshire & slept at Carmarthen
- Tuesday 27 Drove through a heavy Rain to breakfast at Llety's Goy & was all day engaged by Business with Mr Howells. Proceeded in the afternoon & slept at Llandilo
- Wednesday 28 Breakfasted at Lord Dynevors, & at ½ past 12 proceeded towards Brecon & slept at Trecastle
- Thursday 29 Reached Brecon about ½ past 8, & in an hour [?] afterwards went in a hack Chaise with young Mr Mayberry on Business to Troedyrharne [?], Bailyuith, Upper Chapel [?] & etc. Spent the Evening with Mr Mayberry who for two months has been confined through an accident & by illness, & who I found still unable to enter on the subject of Accounts so fully as I wished to do
- Friday 30 Breakfasted by Candlelight at Brecon & drove very early to Merthyr where I wished on Business to see Mr Crawshay, but he unluckily had been called from home through the Death of Mr Thompson of Tintern. Called at Pendarran & drove on to Neath where I arrived much tired about 6 o'clock. Sent for Mr Dd Powell & he spent the

Evening with me in consultations on various Concerns relating to the Ynysygerwn Estate

Saturday 31 Having appointed Griffiths to meet me I breakfasted very early at Neath & then drove to Ynysygerwn where I spent the morning in inspecting the Woods & etc. Reached home to Dinner & found my dear John so very unwell that Dr Edwards had been sent for

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1 The Weather being bad & John very unwell we did not go to Church, & I read the Service as usual

Monday 2 Engaged allday at home by Business & Dr Edwards visited John in the Evening

Tuesday 3 Drove in the Phaeton on Business with Mr L Thomas & returned to Dinner

Wednesday 4 Rode to see L Thomas, & took a Walk with Mr Ostler in the Sands

Thursday 5 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach which altogether lasted from 11 till ½ past 4 & Sir J Morris, Revd T Morris & Mr Leyshon dined & slept here. Dr Edwards who came to see John also dined here

Friday 6 As Sir J M & I could not agree respecting a Summons which on the complaint of the Surveyor of the Roads he had issued against some of our Tenants my Brother Magistrates had slept last night at Penllergare & immediately after Breakfast we went attended by our Clerk & inspected all the premises as far as Pontardylais. Mr Ostler came in the afternoon & dined here

Saturday 7 Rained hard & none of us could stir out allday

Sunday 8 Rained hard, so that none of us could stir from the house & I read both the morning & evening service to the Family as usual

Monday 9 Walked in the afternoon with my Boys to look over the improved state of Cadley Mill

Tuesday 10 The Weather being very wet I remained in the House all day. John in the Evening was again seized with a violent headach & sickness

Wednesday 11 Drove to Swansea on Business to Swansea & from there to pay a Visit at Penrice Castle. Mary had yesterday got everything in readiness to accompany me with Fanny but John's indisposition prevented her

Thursday 12 Walked with Miss Talbot & Sir Christopher to Oxwich & etc

Friday 13 Walked with Miss Talbot to Oxwich Point & in the afternoon returned to Penllergare, where I was glad to find Mrs Llewelyn had arrived & found herself sufficiently recovered to visit us

Saturday 14 On Wednesday I had received an offer of Lewis Jones's Estate in Cwm Cothy [?Colty] but we have enough of these bad hilly Lands & the price which he expects to obtain is far too high. As however he had given me the first offer I drove to Glanbrane [?] to thank him for it

Sunday 15 I walked to & from Llangafelach Church & John walked back with me. Mrs D, Fanny, Sally & Miss Brown went in the Carriage. I read the Evening Service at home as usual

Monday 16 I went to Swansea on various Business with L Thomas & Dr Edwards came in the Evening principally to see little Mary who is not well

Tuesday 17 Variously engaged at home

Wednesday 18 Drove to Swansea on Business with L Thomas

Thursday 19 Engaged allday at an appeal meeting at Llangafelach & etc

Friday 20 Mr Ostler spent the afternoon & dined here. Dr Edwards also called in the afternoon

Saturday 21 Drove to Swansea, principally on Pottery Business & returned late to Dinner

Sunday 22 Mary with the 3 elder Children went to Llangafelach but as I had yesterday lost my Great Coat in Swansea I could not accompany them. Mr Jos Gilbins [?] & Mr Rowlands came over in the afternoon on Pottery Business

Monday 23 Set out in the Phaeton at 2 o'clock & went to sleep at Pyle

Tuesday 24 Started in the Cambrian Coach from Pyle at 6, & reached Bristol about ½ past 5. Spent the Evening with Mr Miller at the new Philosophical Institution

- Wednesday 25 Scientifically engaged in the morning with Cumberland, Conybeare & etc & at 4 went in the Portsmouth Mail to sleep at Warminster
- Thursday 26 Spent the Evening in examining Fossils & the Green sand quarries at Warminster, & about 12 went in a Stage to Salisbury. Saw Mr Shorter's Collection of Flint Fossils & visited the Cathedral
- Friday 27 Went in a Stage from Salisbury to London & slept at the British Hotel in Jermyn Street. Supped at Dr Sims' in Cavendish Square, & saw Lydia & her newly arrived Pikkaniny
- Saturday 28 Went by the 12 o'clock Stage to Higham & finding Father looking quite as well as when I last saw him
- Sunday 29 Did not leave Higham all day

MARCH

- Monday 1 Spent the Day at Higham
- Tuesday 2 Went to Town in the 10 o'clock Stage. Called on Sir H Davy, Dr Wollaston & Mrs Goring. Went to the Diorama¹ with Henry Talbot & spent most of the morning with him. Called also at Cavendish Square & John Nickoll[sic]. Took H Talbot in the Evening to the Linnean Society & afterwards drank Tea at his Lodgings. Slept at the British Hotel where I have taken Quarters
- Wednesday 3 Went after an early breakfast to Sowerby's Museum & afterwards on Business with Mrs Goring & to spend a couple of hours with Hudson Gurney at his fine new House in St James' Square
- Thursday 4 Engaged about Bermondsey Business & in transferring 4 per cents to the 3½ & etc. Went to Higham in the afternoon & slept there
- Friday 5 My Fathers Carriage took me to Town with Mr & Mrs Alexander, & I spent the morning most pleasantly in discussing various scientific questions with Dr Wollaston. Walked afterwards with him & introduced him to both Mr Leslie & to Penry Williams who he

¹Diorama in Regents Park. Gernsheim in his book on Daguerre lists the scenes on display as 'The Valley of Sarnen, Switzerland' by Daguerre himself, and 'Chapel of the Trinity in Canterbury Cathedral' by Bouton.

wished to make some sketches to illustrate his Ideas on the direction of Eyes in a Picture. I afterwards dined with the Geological Club at the Freemasons Tavern, & attended a Meeting of the Society. It was midnight when I parted from Dr Wollaston

- Saturday 6 Spent an hour in the morning with Clift at the College of Surgeons & afterwards attended to various Business respecting Castle piggin & etc. Dined at Hudson Gurney's with Prince Cimitelli [?], the late Ambassador from Naples & a grand party. Spent the Evening at Sir H Davy's
- Sunday 7 Went to Breakfast with Mr Stokes in Verulam Buildings, Grays Inn & was delighted by an examination of his extensive Cabinets. Mr Webb & another geologist met. Attended the afternoon Service at Bishopgate Church, & afterwards went in a Stage to Tottenham & from thence walked to Higham
- Monday 8 Engaged by Business of my Fathers all day at Higham
- Tuesday 9 Went to Town by the 9 o'clock Stage & was closely occupied by Bermondsey & other Business that I had only leisure to go for half an hour to the College of Surgeons. Returned by the 4 o'clock Stage to Higham
- Wednesday 10 Spent the Day at Higham
- Thursday 11 Went to Town in the morning on Business. Dined with the Club & attended a Meeting of the Royal Society after which Sir H Davy took me in his Carriage to my quarters at the British Hotel
- Friday 12 Breakfasted at Sir H Davy's & afterwards spent an hour & a half with Dr Wollaston. Afterwards called on Mrs Goring & then went to meet Mr Lake in Lincolns Inn respecting the Castle piggin Estate. Spent the Evening in Cavendish Square
- Saturday 13 Spent half an hour before Breakfast with Sir C Cole, & afterwards went about Business to Hoares' Grays Inn & etc. Went to Higham by the 4 o'clock Stage
- Sunday 14 George accompanied me in the afternoon to the Service at Walthamstow Church
- Monday 15 Having a bad cold I did not leave the House at Higham all day
- Tuesday 16 Spent the whole Day at Higham
- Wednesday 17 Spent the whole day at Higham

- Thursday 18 Went by the 0 o'clock Stage to see Mr Frampton on Bermondsey Business & etc. Called in at the Panorama of Pompeii & to see Perkins new Steam Engine & Steam Musket. Returned to Higham by the 4 o'clock Stage
- Friday 19 Spent the Day entirely at Higham. Mr Clarkson came in the morning & slept here. His well known Philosophy & successful exertions in favor of the Negroes made him a pleasing companion
- Saturday 20 Soon after 10 bid farewell to my venerable Father & his carriage took me with my Brother & etc to Town. Went to Mr Framptons on Bermondsey Business & etc & at 4 my Brother dined with me at the Spread Eagle in Greenchurch Street. At 5 I started in my way to the Potteries by a Manchester Coach through Woburn, Northampton etc.
- Sunday 21 Passed through Loughborough, Derby & several other places which I had never seen before, & at 2 o'clock reached Leek where I left the Coach. Attended the afternoon Service & slept at the George Inn.
- March
- Monday 22 Went in a hack Chaise to breakfast at Burslem & immediately proceeded to see and enquire respecting numerous persons who have applied for my Agency at the Pottery when the Lease expires next Michaelmas
- Tuesday 23 Walked to Hanley, Shelton, Keelings Lane & etc. The Weather very bad, & I very unwell
- Wednesday 24 Went in a hack Chaise to Lane end, & after having seen all the applicants I determined on appointing John Hancock to be my agent which I communicated to him in the Evening
- Thursday 25 Went with Mr Hancock to see Mr Kirk of Etruria & to consult him respecting a proposed alteration to our Flint Mill. At ½ past 9 started in a Coach for Litchfield on my way homewards, & indisposition obliged me to travel carefully
- Friday 26 Reached Litchfield about 2 in the morning & owing to some Horse Races the Inn was so full that I could only get a Sofa to sleep on. Went soon after 7 to see the Cathedral & to admire the beautiful monument of Chauntrey's. At 8 started in a Stage for Birmingham & arrived there in a little more than two hours. Went to see Thomasons Manufactory & afterwards dined with Mr Thomason. Slept at the Swan Inn

- Saturday 27 Went early from Birmingham to Worcester where I staid upwards of 3 hours & then proceeded to Cheltenham where I arrived soon after 4, & took up my Quarters at the Plough
- Sunday 28 Went to Church in the morning, & the rest of the day was principally given to looking out about apartments as Dr Edwards is anxious that John should be taken this Spring to Cheltenham. I went to a warm Bath in the Evening & my cold still is very troublesome
- Monday 29 Started from Cheltenham soon after 8 & reached Bristol in about 6 hours. Spent the Evening mostly at the Philosophical Rooms
- Tuesday 30 Left Bristol by the Mail at 11, & was detained much by the Passage so that we did not reach Swansea till about ½ past 11. My Carriage met me &
- Wednesday 31 I arrived home soon after nights Noon had passed. Spent the whole day at home to nurse my cold & cough

APRIL

- Thursday 1 Attended the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Mr Leyshon returned with me to dine & sleep here. Mr L Thomas, Mr Deere & Revd L [E?] Thomas came on Business & dined here but returned to Swansea in the Evening
- Friday 2 Engaged allday at home
- Saturday 3 Engaged allday at home
- Sunday 4 Mary with the two elder Children went to Church at Llangafelach & she stopped the Sacrament. Mrs Llewelyn went to Swansea & returned in the Evening. My cold did not allow me with propriety to go out & I read the morning Service to the younger Children & also the Evening Service s usual to the Family
- Monday 5 Went on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner.
- Tuesday 6 Drove after Breakfast in the Phaeton & spent the Day at Ynysygerwn & Neath, respecting the Sale of some Timber which gets more & more every year & prevents the growth of more flourishing Trees. Also on account of a rascally demand of 10£ a year which the Parson has made for the Tythe in Aberdylais Mill of which I am determined to the utmost to resist. Mrs Llewelyn closed her visit to us &

returned home this morning with the intention of starting for Bath next Thursday

Wednesday 7	Variouly engaged allday at home
Thursday 8	Went on Business of the Estate to Swansea, & Mary with Fanny & Sally accompanied me in the Carriage to bid Mrs Llewelyn good by as she started at 5 for Pyle on her way to Bath
Friday 9	In the morning inspected with Griffiths the repairs of Cadley Mill & found them generally much to my liking. Mr Ostler came in the afternoon & dined here
Saturday 10	Drove to Swansea on Business of the Estate, & during my absence Mr Harford of Blaize Castle called & lunched here. He is Sheriff of Cardiganshire, & on his way to attend the Assizes
Sunday 11	A heavy fall of Snow prevented us from going to Church & I read both Services to the Family at home
Monday 12	A violent Hail Storm prevented me from going to Llaneddy & I spent the day at home or about the neighbourhood
Tuesday 13	Spent the day about home in examining the new planting & draining of the Nydfwch Woods & etc
Wednesday 14	Drove to Swansea on Business
Thursday 14	The Phaeton was obliged to be repaired at Swansea & I was thus prevented from going to Laneddy. Engaged allday at or about home
Friday 16	Being Good Friday Mary went with both the elder Children & etc to Llangafelach Church, & my Cough continues so troublesome that it was deemed improper for me to accompany them
Saturday 17	Went to Swansea in the Phaeton on Business with L Thomas. Returned home to Dinner at 3, & Griffiths of Ynysygerwn came to settle the conditions of the Sale of Timber which is appointed for Monday next
Sunday 18	The 3 elder Children went to Llangafelach Church in the Phaeton but my cold made it imprudent for me to venture & Mary also staid at home. I read the Service as usual
Monday 19	Took Mr Martin with me as assistant & spent the Day at Neath where I at last succeeded in obtaining a good price for the Timber which from Griffith's report it is necessary to cut not only on

account of of annually getting worse but also because it prevents the young Growth from flourishing. Of the four Lots the first column contains Griffith's full valuation - in the second the Sums which were bid - in the third the price at which 3 of the Lots were bought in & in the fourth is the price at which at ½ past 7 I agreed to sell them -

Lot A	1220	1210		1210
B	930	735	900)	
C	998	880	950)	2290
D	626	505	575)	

Tuesday 20 Engaged at home all the morning, & in the afternoon Sir C & Lady Cole, Mr Talbot & Misses Charlotte & Emma Talbot arrived on a Visit. Ascertained that Wm Thomas who attended yesterdays Sale & had surveyed the Timber valued the 3 first Lots as follows

Lot A	1080
B	808
C	704

Wednesday 21 Sir Chr, Mr Talbot & I took a long walk round by Llangafelach, Penllerbrane & Cadley. Mr Vivian called

Thursday 22 Miss Charlotte being unwell the Penrice party left us & returned home a day sooner than they had intended

Friday 23 Drove in the morning on Business with L Thomas to Swansea

Saturday 24 Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton to call at Sketty Park & Marino, & afterwards went to Swansea for a short time on an appointment with Lewis Thomas. On our way back the Phaeton broke down near the Blacksmiths

Sunday 25 We all went in the morning to Llangafelach Church except Mary & our two youngest Children, & the Service was well performed to a crowded congregation by the Revd Mr Parry, but his sermon in English & Welsh lasted very near 2 hours, & it was near 2 when the Service was over. I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family

Monday 26 It being necessary to new roof the Cemetery in Llangafelach Church, as the Timbers are rotten, I have determined on enlarging it, & have procured the necessary Consents from the Vicar & etc. Drove over in the afternoon to see about this & other repairs at llangafelach & Lewis accompanied me

Tuesday 27 This is the fifth anniversary of the Day 'built in Eclipse & rigged with Curses dark' on which I lost my beloved Willy

- senior, Mr Price & of Pontardawe & Mr Martin. They all left us in the Evening except Mr Price who slept here
- Friday 14 Mr Price left us soon after Breakfast & it rained or snowed so hard all day that I did not leave the House
- Saturday 15 Went to Swansea in the Carriage on Business with L Thomas & Miss Brown with the 3 Girls accompanied me. Dr Edwards drank Tea here
- Sunday 16 Mary being too unwell to go out I read the Service as usual at home. Walked in the afternoon with Fanny & John to see some Poor people at Rhydymardy
- Monday 17 Drove to Swansea early on Business with L Thomas, respecting Genl Wardes Debt & Capt Hickey, Wm Jones, Mr Place,[?] Rd Jeffries, Mr Richards of Landaff, Capt Penrice, & Mr Phillipson (of Suffolk) came to shoot Rooks & dine here. All returned home in the Evening except Capt Penrice
- Tuesday 18 Capt Penrice left us immediately after Breakfast & in the afternoon I drove to dine with him at Kilfrough where I met a party of 17 among whom were Sir C Cole, Mr Talbot & etc
- Wednesday 19 Returned from Capt Penrice's before breakfast time as it was my Boy Lewis' Birth Day, & I had promised him that for the first time he should try his hand at Rook shooting. We went out about noon. The first two shots he bagged his Birds, the 3rd he hit the Bird hard & brought it down with his 4th shot. John in his alternate 4 shots killed only two of which one remained in the Branches. In the afternoon we again went out & each of my Boys killed 4 Birds in good stile
- Thursday 20 Engaged in sorting Papers & etc at home allday
- Friday 21 A letter from Lewis Thomas obliged me to drive to Swansea , & as every other means to obtain payment have failed I directed him to proceed in Chancery against General Warde
- Saturday 22 Took Griffiths with me & drove to inspect the new plantations & Woods at Gellyorgan[?] & Werndêr, & they much please me
- Sunday 23 Went in the Coach with Fanny & John & Miss Brown to Church & walked back with John. In the afternoon walked with Griffiths to fix on the alterations at Llwyn Cadwgan. Read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 24 Mr Vivian & his Father & Mr Davis the Collector & his Brother Capt Davis dined here & returned home in the Evening. Mr Talbot said he should be here but did not come

Tuesday 25 Engaged all day at home

Wednesday 26 Engaged all day at home. Mary & Fanny went in the afternoon to Swansea. In the Evening took Lewis to shoot Rooks & John was too unwell to accompany us

Thursday 27 Went on various Trust Business to Swansea. Dr Edwards came in the Evening to see John

Friday 28 Took Fanny & Lewis to the Mumbles. Dined at Mrs Stephens, drank Tea on our way back at the ½ Way house & returned home about ½ past 7. John was too unwell to accompany us

Saturday 29 John was taken very ill last night & at 5 we sent for Dr Edwards & he continued confined allday to his room. Having appointed this Day for receiving the Penllergare Rents at the Ship & Castle I was obliged to leave him after Breakfast, & could not get back till after 8 in the Evening when I found him still very far from well

Sunday 30 Johns illness in the morning kept us all at home & I read the Evening Service to the Family. Dr Edwards however considered John to be convalescent

JUNE

Tuesday 1 Went in the afternoon on Business to Swansea & afterwards dined at Parkwern with Capt Hickey

Wednesday 2 Variously engaged all the morning, & Mr Strick Jnr came on Business & slept here

Thursday 3 Engaged all day at magisterially,[?] it being Petty Sessions & Sir Jo Morris & Mr Leyson met & dined with me at Llangafelach. Reached home again soon afterwards

Friday 4 Went on Business to Swansea, & afterwards dined with Vivian at Marino

Saturday 5 Variously engaged at or about home, & Dr Edwards who came in the \Evening found John greatly better

Sunday 6	Drove Mary & Fanny in the Phaeton to Church, & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family
Monday 7	Drove to Swansea on various Business & attended a Harbor Meeting. Brought Richard Phillips back to dine & we sent him home in the Evening
Tuesday 8	Weather very sultry, & was engaged at or about home allday. Dr Edwards came to see John who has not yet recovered from his late attack & drank Tea here
Wednesday 9	My dear Mary very unwell & in Bed most of the day. Did not leave home
Thursday 10	Mary still very unwell & mostly confined to her Bed. Drove Fanny in the Evening to call on & drank Tea with Mrs Llewelyn who returned home this afternoon from Bath
Friday 11	Drove on Business relating to the Timber to Neath & Ynysygerwn & on my return at 5 Mrs Llewelyn & Dr Edwards dined with us. Mary better but still confined almost entirely to the Bed or Sofa
Saturday 12	Drove to Swansea on various Business & returned to Dinner at 5
Sunday 13	The Weather being wet & my dear Mary still very unwell we did not go out, but I read the Service & a Sermon in the morning & the Evening Service as usual
Monday 14	Went on various Business to Swansea, & Mrs Llewelyn came on a visit to us
Tuesday 15	Engaged with Tenants & etc at or about home. Fanny & Miss Brown went in the Carriage to Swansea
Wednesday 16	Variouly engaged at or about home
Thursday 17	Drove in the Socialet to inspect proposed Repairs of the Paper [?] Mill, having served a notice on the Tenant, & also those which are going at Llwyn cadwgan. My two Boys accompanied me. Dr Edwards dined with us
Friday 18	Busy all day in writing & making of the arrangements for leaving home, as Dr Edwards continues to be increasingly desirous that John should be taken to Cheltenham
Saturday 19	Drove on various Business to Swansea

- Sunday 20 Troubled with spasms in my Stomach, which have lately infested me, & busy all day
- Monday 21 Leaving Mrs Llewelyn behind us with the intention of returning to Swansea soon after our departure, we started about 8. In our own Coach was Mary with the 3 Girls & Miss Brown & Amelia & T Beddow on the Box. I followed with my 2 Boys in a hack Chaise. Business detained me about 20 minutes at Neath, & we stopt for 2 hours & dined at Cowbridge. Went on to sleep at the Kingshead at Newport
- Tuesday 22 Started in the same order after an early Breakfast about ½ past 8 from Newport. Dined at Newnham [?] & reached Cheltenham soon after 6. Quartered ourselves at the Plough for the night
- Wednesday 23 We this morning engaged a House with a castellated Front which bears the name of Grove Cottage, & it is delightfully situated at the upper end so as completely to look down the whole of the old well Walk. We moved in about noon & found it in all respects comfortable
- Thursday 24 Subscribed at the old We;; & looked for masters [?] & etc. Having been lately occasionally troubled with spasms in my stomach, I this morning consulted Dr Boisragon & he has directed me to lay by for a fortnight. Met my old Friend Richd Gurney the Radical Member for Norwich. Was weighed by Battisons [?] Machine & found a record of a similar weighing viz:
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| In September 1820 | 12 stone 11 lbs 8 ozs |
| This day | 14 stone 2 lbs 0 ozs |
- Friday 25 Took the usual mornings walk to drink the Waters with the Children & again in the Evening to hear the Music. John began to take Lessons on Turning which greatly delighted him
- Saturday 26 Took my Boys in the afternoon to see the Chinese Juggler. Mr Dinsdale commenced attendance on Fanny as Drawing Master at 10/6 per Lesson
- Sunday 27 I was prevented by the D. Medicine from going out in the morning but Mary with the 3 elder Children went to Church, & Fanny & Miss Brown took the younger ones in the afternoon. I also attended the Evening Service at 7 with Fanny & John
- Monday 28 Mr Laurent[?] began to give Lessons in Italian to Fanny & we have also engaged him to instruct the two Boys in Greek & Latin. I went in a warm Bath in the Evening

Tuesday 29 Drank waters, walked & etc

Wednesday 30 Ditto, Ditto

JULY

Thursday 1 Ditto, Ditto

Friday 2 Took all the Children to see a Glass blower & it rained so hard that we were obliged to send back the two younger Children in a Fly

Saturday 3 Took my Boys in the Evening to the Theatre & saw the School for Scandal well performed after which we saw the Farce of the Sleepwalker

Sunday 4 Miss Brown & Fanny went to Church in the morning & in the afternoon went with Mary & our 3 elder Children

Monday 5 Richd Gurney dined with us

Tuesday 6 John has a violent return of his Headachs being the first since we left home

Wednesday 7 John continues very unwell

Thursday 8 John was better in the morning & went with Lewis & me to an Auction of Pictures, but in the Evening he had a relapse & Mary sat up most of the night with him

Friday 9 Dr Boisragon in the Evening found John very much better

Saturday 10 John continues better but still on the Sick Lists

Sunday 11 Went with Mary & the Girls in the morning to Church but neither of our Boys were well enough to accompany us. Dr Boisragon had promised to be here immediately after the morning Service & kept us waiting till near 9 in the Evening, so that only Miss Brown & Fanny attended Evening Church

Monday 12 Attended the close of a Sale of Prints

Tuesday 13 In the Evening Mary & I took our 3 Girls & John & saw the Rivals & the Speel Walker at the Theatre, & neither Mary or Sally had seen a Play before. Lewis was taken sick when dressing to accompany us

Wednesday 14 Engaged chiefly all day in following up some Enquiries respecting a Tutor for my Boys

Thursday 15 Chiefly engaged in writing letters & etc

Friday 16 Went with Mary & Fanny to a Sale of Lace & etc. Richard Gurney dined with us

Saturday 17 Met Wyndham Knatchbull who is arrived to spend a couple of days here. Attended Mary to a continuation of yesterdays Sale. About ½ past 9 in the Evening went to see Othello & King Charles 2nd or the Merry Monarch performed by Col Berkeley & a set of Amateurs at the Theatre

Sunday 18 Mary went with the 3 elder Children to Church in the morning & in the Evening with Fanny & John

Monday 19 Wyndham Knatchbull called, & the time has been variously lounged away

Tuesday 20 Employed in writing letters, following up queries respecting Tutors & etc

Wednesday 21 Cheltenham Races began this day but none of us were inclined to attend them. Took my two Boys in the Evening to see Horsemanship & Rope Vaulting at the Circus

Thursday 22 Dawdled away the Day

Friday 23 Much occupied in writing Letters

Saturday 24 Variously engaged in writing & preparations for leaving Cheltenham

Sunday 25 Charity Sermons for the Infirmary were preached both morning & Evening, & we all attended with one or other of the Services. Mary & I called on Lord & Lady Js Stuart, who called yesterday, & are stopping Sunday here on their way to Cardiff

Monday 26 Principally occupied in preparing to leave Cheltenham. In the Evening took Sally & Mary with Miss Brown to see the Feats of the Diavolo Antonio & various Horsemanship & etc at the Circus

Tuesday 27 Busy in preparing to leave Cheltenham

- Wednesday 28 My dear Mary being unwell prevented us from starting so early as we had intended & as she wished to avoid Oxford we drove to dine at Cirencester. proceeded on & slept at Wallingford
- Thursday 29 Reached London about 3. Took a walk with Mary & the 5 Children to the Soho Bazaar, where John & I left them & went on to see after a Turning Lathe at Holtzapffels in Cockspur Street. spent the Evening at Dr Sim's & when the others returned to our Quarters at Had...[?] Hotel I went & spent an hour at the Athenaeum where I met Mr C Stokes
- Friday 30 Went early with Mary & the 3 Children to the Park to see the Guard mounted at St James'. Miss Brown took the 2 younger Children in my Fathers Carriage & the rest of us went in our own & reached Higham soon after 2 to Dinner. In our way I took Mary & the 3 elders to see the Diorama
- Saturday 31 Went on Business relating to the Bermondsey Estate & other Trust affairs by the Stage to Town, & found Lewis Thomas still there

AUGUST

- Sunday 1 Fanny went with Mrs Branton to Walthamstow Church, & I with Mary & the 2 Boys to Tottenham Church
- Monday 2 Took John with me by the 9 o'clock Stage to London & went first to look at a Turning Lathe which belonged to the late Ambrose Lloyd & which is now for Sale. Showed him the Finsbury Museum, Surgeons Hall & etc. We dined at the Athenaeum, & returned to Higham by the 4 o'clock Stage
- Tuesday 3 Mary took the 3 Girls in the morning to Tottenham to call on Mrs Stacey[?] & Martha Horne & we afterwards all dined together on a Haunch of Venison at Higham
- Wednesday 4 As a Treat for our 3 elder Children, Mary & I took them to Town for a few days, & I engaged Apartments at Gordons Hotel in Albermarle Street. We went to the Bullocks Collection of Mexican Curiosities & etc & etc while Fanny went with her Mother to see some exhibitions of Pictures I took John for a Lesson on Turning at Holtzapffels
- Thursday 5 Took John to Practice on the Lathe which we had before seen on Monday & Lewis accompanied while Fanny went with her Mother to

see pictures & etc. In our way back I shewed my Boys the Bank, St Pauls & etc. In the afternoon both Fanny & John took a Lesson on turning at Holtzaffels, & Mary went to see our two younger Children who had come up with Miss brown in my Fathers Carriage to spend a couple of Days at Dr Sims! We went in the Evening to the Haymarket Theatre

- Friday 6 Took my Boys to see the British Museum, the Museum of the Linnean Society & etc & Fanny went to see the picture Exhibitions with her Mother. In the afternoon John took another Lesson on Turning & in the Evening we all went to see the Beasts fed at Exeter Change
- Saturday 7 Left Mary with the 3 Children at the Panorama & I was engaged all the morning with Dr Banderil[?] in enquiries about a Tutor. In the afternoon Mary called for the 2 younger at Dr Sims & took our 3 Girls & etc back to Higham. I went by water with my Boys to the City & from their to Walthamstow by the Stage
- Sunday 8 Mary had a Tooth ach so as not to go out but I went with Mary & our 2 Boys to Tottenham Church
- Monday 9 Went to Town in the Stage to settle about an arbitration of the Dispute with Genl Warde, the Bermondsey Business & etc & got back to Tea
- Tuesday 10 I did not leave Higham all day, but Mary accompanied by our two elder Children & my Sister Sarah went to spend the Day in Cavendish Square. Fanny had two teeth drawn by Cartwright of Old Burlington Street
- Wednesday 11 Spent the Day at Higham
- Thursday 12 Mary & I took Fanny & we spent the Day at Gordons Hotel where Mrs Geo Jenner met us by appointment, & we dined there & etc. I took Fanny to see several exhibitions & we returned in the Evening to Higham
- Friday 13 Some enquiries respecting the Sale of Sir W Paxtons Estate took me to Town, & as I found that the Coal is reserved & in fact has been sold to Genl Warde I determined not to meddle in the matter. I took John with me & he took another Lesson on Turning at Holtzaffels. I also took him to the Panorama of Waterloo & other exhibitions. We dined at the Athenaeum when it set in for heavy Rain & we were obliged to wait for the 8 o'clock Stage
- Saturday 14 Spent the Day at Higham

Sunday 15 Fanny & John went with Miss Brown to Tottenham Church

Monday 16 Having Business with Lewis Thomas & with Miss Naylor respecting the repairs of the old Houses by Bow Chase[?] I went in the Stage to Town & took John with me. I gave him another Lesson at Holtzaffels, & shewed him the China exhibition. We went back to the City in a Boat & returned by the 4 o'clock Stage to Higham

Tuesday 17 At a little before 11 o'clock we bid my venerable Father farewell & proceeded on our Journey homewards. We spent half an hour at Dr Sims, & reached Reading to sleep. In the way we dined at Salt Hill

Wednesday 18 Dined at Marlborough, & reached Bath at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 6. Called on Mr Kilvert respecting a Tutor & walked about Bath in the Evening. I went into a hot Bath

Thursday 19 Reached Bristol about 11, & sundry enquiries respecting a Tutor & Business induced us to stop the day there. I spent the Evening at the Deanery. We had taken up our Quarters at Queens Hotel

Friday 20 Took a walk with Fanny & my 2 Boys round by the Hotwells & Clifton before Breakfast, & I afterward spent another half hour with my Friend the Dean. We started from Bristol at $\frac{1}{4}$, before 11, & were detained waiting for the Tide at the New Passage full 3 hours. We crossed pleasantly in half an hour, & went on to sleep at Cardiff. My dear Mary is very unwell & little Sally has suffered severely from sickness both in the Boat & the Carriage

Saturday 21 My dear Mary continued so unwell as to be hardly able to proceed but fortunately the journey seemed to do no harm, & we all reached home in safety about 5 o'clock. I have this day compleated my 46th Year

Sunday 22 My dr [sic] Mary being too unwell to go out I read the Service to the Family as usual at home

Monday 23 Engaged allday at home by Business. Mrs Llewelyn came on a visit to us

Tuesday 24 Engaged allday by Business at home

Wednesday 25 Engaged at home till 5 & I then accompanied Mary in Mrs Llewelyns queer Carriage to execute some Comissions[?] in Swansea

- Thursday 26 As I was informed that Mr Lewis Thomas would positively return home last night I this morning drove to meet him at Swansea but was disappointed
- Friday 27 Drove in the morning to inspect the enlargement of our Cemetery at Llangafelach & etc. The roof of the old Building was rotten & a change in its structure necessary & as I got the necessary consents from the Vicar & etc I thought it better at the same time to enlarge it. Punch arrived in the afternoon to the great diversion of the Children
- Saturday 28 Engaged allday by Business at home except that I took a walk over Coedtrenig & Fanny accompanied me.
- Sunday 29 Fanny & Lewis went to Church & I read both the Services at home as usual. Weather very sultry, & a finer Season for the Harvest is not remembered
- Monday 30 Engaged all day by Business at or about home. About 7 in the Evening a violent Thunderstorm came on suddenly & lasted for 2 or 3 hours
- Tuesday 31 Being informed of Mr L Thomas's return after an early Dinner I drove in to see him & Mary & Fanny accompanied me in the Phaeton

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 1 Drove in the afternoon to see L Thomas & after stopping about an hour at Swansea went to dine at Vivian's, where I met Sir Alexander Crichton & Family. Reached home at ½ past 10
- Thursday 2 Spent the Day at petty Sessions & Licence Meeting at Llangafelach & Lockwood & T Morris met me there
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Friday 3 Mr Arthur Jones, his brother & Son breakfasted & dined here & spent the Day in shooting. Mr Lewis Thomas on Business came in the afternoon with his Brother & dined here. Mr Reynolds in the subject of his late offer for the Pottery also came to Breakfast, & spent 3 or 4 hours with me. My dear Mary has this day completed her 48th Year
- Saturday 4 Spent the whole day at or about home. The Weather continues very sultry & fine. Dr Edwards came in the Evening for a general inspection of Health

- Sunday 5 My Boys & I walked to & from & Mary went with Fanny in the Socialet to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 6 Drove into Swansea to see L Thomas on Business of the Estate but he had gone unexpectedly to Cardiff
- Tuesday 7 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Morrision Savings Bank at the Copper Works, & returned home to dine with the Children at 2. I afterwards drove Mary to do some errands at Swansea & Fanny & John accompanied us. While we were at Mrs Llewelyns news was brought us [?] that Bowen our Housekeeper had fallen down when walking in the Wood & broke her Lag. It was set about 8 o'clock by Dr Edwards & Mr Osler
- Wednesday 8 Drove in the morning on Business to Swansea
- Thursday 9 Engaged closely by accounts allday. John followed by Davy rode in the afternoon to Swansea
- Friday 10 Drove Mary in the Phaeton to call at the Bryn, & with the hope of seeing L Thomas on the subject of Genrl Wardes reference we went round by Swansea & returned by the Cocketts. Dr Edwards arrived just as we had finished Dinner & drank Tea here
- Saturday 11 Engaged allday at accounts. Mrs & Lady Julia Lockwood called & Mrs Llewelyn came to Tea
- Sunday 12 Went with Fanny & Miss Brown in the Socialet & John on Horseback to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home. Dr Edwards came in the afternoon
- Monday 13 Went to Swansea in[?] Business with L Thomas & afterwards dined with a large party at T E Thomas to meet Crab the Poet who I find to be a very pleasant man. Returned home late
- Tuesday 14 Went round by Llangafelach on Business to Swansea & afterwards dined with a party at Mrs Llewelyns & as the weather came on to be very bad I slept there. Committed John Stokes of Loughor for stealing some Planks for trial at the Quarter Sessions
- Wednesday 15 Took Mary, Fanny & John to hear the first of a series of Lectures which are to be delivered at Swansea by Mr Webster on the Steam Engine, & which are demonstrated by a series of the most beautiful models I ever saw. Returned home to Dinner, where we found Dr Edwards & in the Evening Mr M Price & John Grove called on Business relating to the Pottery

- Thursday 16 My dear Mary was too unwell & I took Fanny & John to attend Mr Websters second Lecture
- Friday 17 Went with Mary & Fanny in the Carriage to Mr Websters third Lecture & John accompanied us on Horseback. Attended a Meeting of Magistrates to examine an infamous woman named Shaw alias Pack who had been apprehended at Swansea with a stolen Child in her possession & we consigned her to the care of a Constable who had been sent for her from Leeds. Lewis Thomas drove me home & Lord & Lady James Stuart & a Mr McCormick the Sheriff of Buteshire came to dine & sleep here
- Saturday 18 Lord & lady Stuart & Mr McCormick left us about 11, & I then went with Mary & Fanny in the Carriage & John on Horseback to attend a Lecture of Mr Websters on Hydrostatics & Hydraulics. Dr Edwards dined with us
- Sunday 19 Went with Fanny, Lewis & Miss Brown in the Socialet & John on Horseback to Llangafelach. In the Evening little Mary went for the first time into a warm Salt Bath which has been constructed for her
- Monday 20 Went with Mary & our 3 elder Children to attend Mr Websters last Lecture on Pneumatics
- Tuesday 21 I had just compleated my calculations & etc & had appointed Thursday & Friday next for an inspection of the Callwn[?] Estate when the arrival of a note from Mr Howells[?] informed me of its having been sold by private contract. Engaged by this & other Business all day at home. Mr Hancock my new Pottery agent who had arrived last night at Swansea spent the Evening with me
- Wednesday 22 Drove to Swansea on Business with L Thomas. Dr Edwards drank Tea here
- Thursday 23 Engaged chiefly about Ynnsygerwn Accts allday at home
- Friday 24 This mornings Post brought an Acct that me venerable Father was taken ill on Wednesday morning but the Doctors desired me to wait for another Letter, & I drove to Swansea to make various preparations in case on leaving home
- Saturday 25 Drove in the Evening to Swansea, prepared for starting to Essex but when the Mail arrived I received a flattering account of my excellent Father & I returned home about midnight

- Sunday 26 Read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family. Sat up at Night & at 25 Minutes before 12 I procured[?] a Letter from the Officer which contained an alarming acct of my Father. In consequence
- Monday 27 I left Penllergare at 2 in the morning. Got into the Mail at Swansea at 3. Crossed the Passage in $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Went by the London Mail immediately
- Tuesday 28 Reached London at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 7, & arrived in a hack Chaise about 8 at Higham, where I found that my beloved Father had been dying since 4 o'clock this morning. His strength had been so reduced by a violent Diarrhea that he had never spoken since 10 o'clock last night, & then only on taking his usual night Draught said "I hope this will be the last" It was not till 11 minutes past 11 at night that Death had compleated his Conquest, & till the last Struggle was over my hand remained locked in his
- Wednesday 29 Remained the whole day at Higham & our Family party consisted of my two unmarried Sisters, George, Mr & Mrs Alexander & Dr & Mrs Sims
- Thursday 30 Remained allday at Higham, & my worthy relation & coexecutor John Elliott who I had sent for spent the afternoon here

OCTOBER

- Friday 1 The Duke of Beaufort & Marquess of Worcester had engaged to spend a week at penllergare & Mary in a Letter informs me of their arrival according to their engagement to Dinner on Tuesday last, but left next morning in consequence of my absence, & of my Fathers approaching Decease of which I had informed him by a Letter he received on the Road
- Saturday 2 The Funeral of my excellent Father is appointed for Monday & Business of great importance will oblige me top return by that nights Mail to Swansea. It has been necessary for me to prove the Will & I therefore went as privately as possible to Doctors Commons & with the professional assistance of Geo Jenner fulfilled this Duty. If my venerable Parent had lived to this day ne would have compleated his 81st Year, & as the progress of corruption made it necessary to close the leaden Coffin, I gave him the last kiss & caught the last glance of his still interesting countenance at a few minutes past 8 this Evening

Sunday 3 Remained all day at Higham

Monday 4 The Funeral of my beloved Father took place this day & in appointment [?] to the wishes of his neighbors & Friends I endeavored to keep it as private as possible by not letting the time be know till Saturday last. The Corpse in a Hearse & 4 attended by his Children, his Executors & Domestics in 6 Carriages left Higham at ¼ past 10 & was carried to a special Meeting at Tottenham Meeting House, after which it was deposited in a bricked Grave in the adjoining burial Ground. We all dined together at Higham, & as my Business obliged me to return immediately to Swansea, I took a most affectionate farewell of the mournfull [sic] party & started by the Bristol Mail

Tuesday 5 With George Jenner for one of my Companions as far as Cardiff I got on tolerably [?] pleasantly & soon after 11 at night found all well at Penllergare

Wednesday 6 Drove about ½ past 9 to my office at the Pottery & remained there till 10 at night, & got my Meals over from a neighboring public House. Mrs Llewelyn is at Penllergare but she offered me a Bed & I went to sleep at the Willows

Thursday 7 Spent the Day as yesterday from 7 in the morning till 10 at night in my office & slept at the Willows

Friday 8 Spent the Day as yesterday, & on going at night to the Willows I found that Mrs Llewelyn had returned from Penllergare. In the afternoon my two Boys came over & spent a few minutes with me at the Pottery

Saturday 9 Spent the Day exactly as the predeeding [?] & about 9 at night returned to Penllergare

Sunday 10 The Weather being very bad I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home

Monday 11 Drove early to Swansea & spent the whole day as heretofore at the Pottery, & slept at Mrs Llewelyns

Tuesday 12 Spent the whole day till 9 in the Evening at the Pottery, & then went home with Mary who had come to say good by to Mrs Llewelyn

Wednesday 13 Drove over early to Swansea & Fanny accompanied me to bid good by to Mrs Llewelyn who set out for Bath. Spent the day as heretofore at the Pottery, & slept the night at the Willows

Thursday 14 Spent the Day as heretofore & drove home about 9 in the Evening

Friday 15 Went after an early breakfast to Swansea & spent the Day as heretofore. Slept at Mrs Llewelyn

Saturday 16 Spent the Day at the Pottery, & at 5 in the afternoon returned to Penllergare

Sunday 17 Mary with Fanny & the Boys went to Church but as I had taken [?] a Cold I stopped at home & read the Service to the younger Children. I also read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 18 Went to Swansea & was engaged allday as heretofore at the Pottery

Tuesday 19 Mrs Llewelyn having offered us the Willows Mary with Fanny & our two Boys joined me there

Wednesday 20 The two younger Children joined us at the Willows

Thursday 21 Engaged all day at Swansea by various Business

Friday 22 Continued at the Willows

Saturday 23 In the afternoon Miss Brown & our 4 younger Children returned to Penllergare

Sunday 24 Mr C Francis as a Tutor for my Boys arrived & breakfasted with us at the Willows. We attended Swansea Church in the morning, & went afterwards to Penllergare. I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 25 Drove to Swansea on various Business & returned to a late Dinner

Tuesday 26 Occupied as yesterday, & engaged in Business Accts

Wednesday 27 Occupied precisely as on Monday

Thursday 28 Attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & returned home to Dinner at 5

Friday 29 Drove on various Business, & returned home to Dinner

Saturday 30 Drove to Swansea on an appointment to meet Mr David Powell, on Business relating to the Ynysygerwn Estate, & returned home to Dinner at 5

Sunday 31 As it rained very hard I read the morning & Mr Francis the Evening Service to the Family at home

NOVEMBER

Monday 1 Went to Swansea on various Business & returned at 5

Tuesday 2 Lay awake most of last night with the Face ach, & Mary & Fanny about ½ past 11 went with me in the close Carriage to Swansea as I had an engagement at Mr Thomas's & we reached home soon after 3

Wednesday 3 My Face very bad, but I was obliged by various Business to go to Swansea

Thursday 4 Attended Petty Sessions at Llangafelach tho' I was more fit to be in Bed

Friday 5 Very unwell & I was confined to my Bed Room till Evening. Mr & Mrs Jones of St Helens & Miss Phillips came & lunched here but I was too ill to see them

Saturday 6 Obligated by Business to go for a couple of hours to Swansea & tho' still unwell am much better

Sunday 7 Mary went with our three elder Children & Mrs [?] Francis to Church & I read the Service to some of the Family at home. Dr Edwards drank Tea here & Mr Francis read the Evening Service

Monday 8 Had intended to go to Ynysygerwn respecting some Timber which has been improperly cut, but neither my Health or the Weather would allow it & I sent Griffiths in stead. Went a short time in the close Carriage to Swansea

Tuesday 9 Drove to Swansea & attended a general Meeting of the Infirmary when Mr Rowland. H Griffiths returned, wet to the skin after spending two days in the Ynysygerwn Woods, & he has executed his commission satisfactorily

Wednesday 10 Went to Swansea in the close Carriage & returned to Dinner at 5

Thursday 11 Engaged in Trust Affairs at home. Weather very wet

Friday 12 Drove in the Phaeton to Swansea

Saturday 13 Went in the close Carriage to Swansea. Weather continues remarkably wet

Sunday 14 Weather too bad to allow of our going out & Mr Francis read both the Evening & morning Service to the Family at home. Dr Edwards drank Tea here

Monday 15 Went in the close Carriage & brought back Miss Bassett on a Visit to us

Tuesday 16 Mr T Morris & Capt Hickey came here to shoot & dined & slept here. Weather very bad

Wednesday 17 Morris & Hickey left us about 11, & I then went & Miss Bassett accompanied me back to Swansea in the close Carriage

Thursday 18 Engaged till hour [sic] by Business at home, & then drove for about 3 hours to Swansea

Friday 19 Attended a Militia Meeting at Llangafelach

Saturday 20 Drove to Swansea

Sunday 21 Fanny & John with Miss Brown went to Church, & I read the morning Service to the rest of the Family at home. Mr Francis read in the Evening as usual

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