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DIARY OF LEWIS WESTON DILLWYN

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DECEMBER

- Monday 15 The jobs I brought with me to Bath are nearly exhausted & I did little more than lounge about this idly busy place all day
- Tuesday 16 Mr Elwin & Mr Ballieu [?] had engaged to dine with us, but the former by illness & the latter by the unsuddenly [?] expected decease of his mother in law was kept away. About 6 John returned from Oxford in time for Dinner & made a happy addition to our party
- Wednesday 17 Read a little & idled more
- Thursday 18 Attended an Auction at English the celebrated Upholsterer who has become Bankrupt & made several purchases. Mr Baillieu [?] was to have dined with us & was again prevented by indisposition. Lewis's Holidays have begun & he has joined us in Milsom Street
- Friday 19 Mary, Fanny & John went in our Carriage to a Ball at Oldtown 14 Miles distant & slept at the Inn there. I took Lewis & little Mary to the Play & we saw the Tragedy of Marls & the Battle Imp [?]
- Saturday 20 The Old Down party returned a little before noon & we have been busy in preparing for our return to Penllergare. In the Evening I took a warm Bath
- Sunday 21 In the morning we all attended the Catholic Church & heard a most admirable Sermon & much delightful singing by Madame Stockhausen & etc. I afterwards called on Mr Ellis, 18 Crescent, Mr Elwin & etc & after taking a good Lunch we left Bath about 3, & went to sleep at Aust for the purpose of crossing the old Passage
- Monday 22 We were detained 2 hours at Aust for want of the Steam Boat to take us across & then had a short & pleasant Passage. Slept at Pyle
- Tuesday 23 The rest of our party went direct, & I on Business with T Thomas went round by Swansea to Penllergare. All reached home well except that travelling as usual has disagreed with Lewis

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Wednesday 24 Rained in Torrents & I waited till one o'clock when I drove through it on an appointment to meet Mr T Thomas

Thursday 25 The two Mary's & Lewis went to Church, & I was employed all day at home on Trust Accounts

Friday 26 Drove to Swansea & by a Letter I was previously informed of Mr Lewis Thomas's resignation of the Duke's Stewardship for which his continued Insanity had quite unfitted him. Mr Chs Calland with whom Mr Llewelyn had formerly held communication on the subject offered again to shew me his Deeds of Evidence respecting the Duke's Manors, & I brought him over to dine & sleep here

Saturday 27 Engaged with Mr Calland in looking over his Papers till noon, without finding anything directly applicable to Mynedd Staffa, & I then took him back to Swansea

Sunday 28 The Weather being very bad in the morning none of us went to Church but I read the Service at home & the Carriage afterwards went to bring Miss Basset to dine & sleep here

Monday 29 Drove in the morning to Swansea & as usual retd. to Dinner at 5

Tuesday 30 Engaged in the morning with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & at noon drove to attend a Meeting of the Committee for completing the House of Correction. Sir Jo Morris & his Brother came to dine & sleep here

Wednesday 31 Engaged in the morning in calculating Interest & etc on the Tredegar purchase with Sir Jo Morris who left us soon after 11 & I then drove to Swansea. Mr & Mrs Vivian came to dine & sleep here

1829 - JANUARY

Thursday 1 Mr Vivian went to shoot with John & Mrs V Left us soon after 11. I then went to a petty Sessions at Miriest, determined to put a stop to the furious driving of the Carmarthenshire Butter Carts on our Roads by which one woman has been lately killed & several more injured. I fined Noah Williams & Henry Williams, both of Lanegwed 5£ each & the latter an additional 5£ for having assaulted a person who tried to stop him. Some others were also fined in smaller Sums. Our dear little Mary is unwell & has been all day in bed

Friday 2 The Committee met at the House of Correction at 10 to take possession of it & etc, & I remained there till near 4 when I returned home

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- Saturday 3 Drove to meet Sir Jo Morris & settle finally for Tredegar. As the Deeds are now completed I paid him 500£ more but reserved a small Balance till one of the Leases in Cefngfelach is finished [?]. Offered 3000 Guineas for the Cringallt Estate [?]
- Sunday 4 Weather very wet & stormy, & I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 5 Drive on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 6 At last found some Cuisine [?] for it & drove to Swansea & spent most of the day in attending to the Stock of the Pottery
- Wednesday 7 In October I had agreed with Mr James to give 750£ for the Coed Craig Howell, but Mr Williams the owner has refused to confirm the bargain or to sell it for less than 800£ [?] & it has remained till today when I drove to Swansea for the purpose & Mr Williams agreed that we should have it for 750. Lewis when out with John has to day killed his first Woodcock
- Thursday 8 Engaged with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn who came here last night, about preventing the Neath trustees from cutting a new Road through our Woods. Drove afterwards to Swansea. John [?] Morgan & his brother Evan dined with us
- Friday 9 Drove to Swansea & was nearly allday engaged about Pottery Accounts
- Saturday 10 Drove to Swansea chiefly to attend a Meeting of the House of Correction Committee. A Letter this Evening from Mrs Llewelyn brought us Intelligence of her Mothers approaching Dissolution & it will oblige me most unpleasantly to go to Town
- Sunday 11 Mary, John & Lewis went to Church & I read the morning Service to the two Girls & also the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 12 My dear Johns Birth Day, & a Gloom has been cast over it by the recollection of our lost Darlings merriment at the last Anniversary. I drove on Business for an hour to Swansea & in the afternoon went to shoot with my two Boys
- Tuesday 13 Drove to Swansea. Mr Frampton & Mr T Thomas came to dine & sleep here. In the Evening we received an Acct. from Mrs Llewelyn that her Mother died at 4 on Sunday morning
- Wednesday 14 Engaged in the morning in settling Bermondsey Accounts with Mr Frampton & in discussing the Evidence relating to Mynydd Stafford. A Cough which

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- long has infected me has become so encreasingly severe that I kept the House & sent for Dr Edwards
- Thursday 15 An emetic which Dr Edwards prescribed half killed me & I did not stir out all day
- Friday 16 Drove to Swansea & remained till I returned home to Dinner, in my office at the Pottery where Dr E. paid me a Visit
- Saturday 17 Drove to Swansea on various Business & inter alia agreed to consult Dr Edwards for I am still unwell
- Sunday 18 Weather very frosty with some Snow, & too cold for going to Church. My Cough being still bad Mary read in the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 19 Drove to Swansea on appointment to settle some Stock taking Questions at the Pottery but was followed by Mr Howells of Galtygog & much disturbed by Carmarthenshire Business
- Tuesday 20 Drove again to Swansea on various Business
- Wednesday 21 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner. About 9 in the Evening John & I went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms
- Thursday 22 John & I started from Swansea at ½ past 3 in the regulation & soon after 6 reached Gloster from where we posted on to sleep at the Plough at Cheltenham. Weather severely cold. Thermometer at the Plough 33
- Friday 23 Left Cheltenham in a Stage at 8, & at Oxford I parted with my dear John & came on to London. Drove immediately to Mrs Llewelyns at No 9 Berners Street, & slept at quarters provided for me at Berners Hotel nearby
- Saturday 24 Breakfasted at the Hotel, & devoted the day entirely to Mrs Llewelyns affairs, relating either to her Mothers will of which she is sole Executrix or to the Bankruptcy of her Bankers. Dined & etc with Mrs Llewelyn
- Sunday 25 Breakfasted & spent the whole day with Mrs Llewelyn or on her affairs at Russell Place except that I went for a couple of hours to dinner at the Atheneum where I met Broderip, Stokes, P Genistelli [?], Maule [?] & others of my Friends
- Monday 26 Breakfasted with Mrs Ll. Walked again to the City dined with her & was again allday employed about her affairs

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- Tuesday 27 Except half an hour with Mr Lake respecting the Cantetniggin [?] Mortgage I was again employed on Mrs Llewelyns affairs till I went about ½ past 5 to dine with Dr Sims
- Wednesday 28 Breakfasted & dined with Mrs Llewelyn & was again engaged allday about her affairs
- Thursday 29 Breakfasted early at the Hotel so as to walk to the City & be back by 11 to commence [?] the payment of Mrs Gorings Legacies & Debts. Dined at ½ past 5 with the Royal Societies Club with notable [?] but pleasant party consisting of the President, Dr [?] Manton, Chantry & others of my old Friends. Afterwards attended a Sitting of the Society
- Friday 30 Went with Mrs Llewelyn to get her Stock transferred at the India House & etc, & its being a Holiday at the Bank - both yesterday, today, tomorrow & Monday unfortunately prevents the completion of her other Business, & unexpectedly detained me in Town. Mrs Llewelyn afterwards accompanied me to dine at Dr Sims where we met Alfred & Mrs Janson & Judith
- Saturday 31 I breakfasted & dined with Mrs Llewelyn, & excepting about an hour given to the settlement for Kifwram [?] & the Centrepiggin [?] affairs I gave the whole day to her Concerns

FEBRUARY

- Sunday 1 My cough so very noisy that it was held improper for me to go to Church, & except that I went for an hour & took a quiet Dinner at the Atheneum I did not stir from Mrs Ll's allday
- Monday 2 Breakfasted & dined with Mrs Llewelyn & gave very nearly the whole day to the Settlement of her late Mothers affairs. Intended to have gone to the Soiree at the Atheneum but was too unwell
- Tuesday 3 Breakfasted with Mrs Llewelyn, & was engaged nearly all day at the Legacy Duty office & in settling for Kilfwram [?], for which Lord Long [?] has now accepted the same sum which he refused more than 2 Months ago - 1000£ ie 720 for Bale. of purchase money [?] & 288 for 10 years Int. As Mrs Ll dined with Mrs Hawkins I got a snack at the Hotel & remained till late engaged on her affairs
- Wednesday 4 Went with Mrs Llewelyn to the Bank & etc & compleated the transfer of her Mothers Stock & I also finally settled the Legacy & residue Acct at

the Legacy Duty Office. Miss Bradford dined with us, & I remained in settling papers & etc till 11 [?] o'clock at Mrs Llewelyns

- Thursday 5 Breakfasted with Mrs Ll & went afterwards about various minor matters to the City. At 3 Mrs Ll set off on a Visit to my Sisters at Tottenham & I went to dine at Dr Sims'. Having compleatly & satisfactorily settled all Mrs Llewelyns affairs, in compliance with a promise which on his Death bed Mr Llewelyn obtained from me, I left Town at ½ past 5 on my return home by the Company's Coach for Bristol
- Friday 6 I had left Town in the Company's Coach because it usually arrives at Bristol a full hour & a half before the Mail, & had thus hoped for a couple of hours rest. From the badness of the Roads & a heavy Load it was[?] unluckily 2 hours later than usual, & only reached Bristol just before the Mail for Swansea started. I came on & crossed the Passage in about 3 quarters of an hour & at ½ past 10 found all well at Penllergare
- Saturday 7 Drove on various Business to Swansea & my dear Mary accompanied me & called on Mrs Jones at St Helens
- Sunday 8 Mary, Fan & Lewis went to Llangafelach Church but on account of my Cough it was thought advisable for me to remain at home & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 9 Drove for a couple of hours on various Business to Swansea. Iltid Thomas came to spend a few days with Lewis
- Tuesday 10 Coursed in the morning with I Thomas & Lewis killed a brace of Hares. In the afternoon I went in the close Carriage with Mary & Fanny for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 11 Drove on various Business for 2 or 3 hours to Swansea
- Thursday 12 Engaged in the morning with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn about Ynysygerwn Accounts & about noon drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Friday 13 Capt Hickey came to breakfast, shoot dine & sleep here. After Breakfast I went with Griffiths in the Socialet to look over Abergelefach & Brynllwyd which was now ours & Abergelefawr which is likely soon to be for Sale. My dear Lewis was taken very ill & as the scarlet fever is in the Gorge, the Measles at Loughor, & the Small Pox at Swansea it rather alarmed us that Dr Edwards thinks it is nothing more than a bad bilious attack. R Mansell, Capt Morgan & David the collector dined with us & returned home at night

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- Saturday 14 Capt Hickey left us soon after breakfast & I drove to Swansea & attended the Sale of Peshole [?] & Turall [?] Farm of Jane Trahernes [?] - it was bought in at 400£ which is more than the Value. Lewis is rather better
- Sunday 15 None of us went to Church but I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 16 Col Jones of Veranda came to breakfast, shoot & dine here. I drove on various Business for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 17 Engaged in Accts & other Business in the morning at home & in the afternoon drove with Fanny for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 18 Spent the morning at home & in the afternoon drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Thursday 19 Drove respecting Coed Craig Howell & other Business to Swansea
- Friday 20 Engaged all morning in accts & etc at home & in the afternoon drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Saturday 21 Engaged at home all day till near noon & then drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Sunday 22 The Weather being showery none of us went to Church & I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 23 Started about ½ past 9 in the Phaeton with Fanny & Lewis & went with our own Horses as far as Pyle. From thence we went on with Post Horses & slept at Newport
- Tuesday 24 We embarked at 8 in the Cambria Steam Packet from Newport, & in less than 4 hours reached the Gloster Hotel at Clifton. We walked to Millers Nursery Grounds & etc & at 3 started for Bath where we arrived about ½ past 4. Found Mrs Llewelyn waiting for us at the York House, & took up our Quarters there
- Wednesday 25 Left Fan with Mrs Llewelyn who took apartments at No 3 Queen Square, & Lewis at Mr Kilverts. Dined at the York House & went on by an Evening Coach to sleep at the Bush, Bristol
- Thursday 26 Left Bristol by the Mail & before 9 in the Evening reached the Willows at Swansea where my dear Mary had come to spend a few days for my convenience with them

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- Friday 27 Variously engaged all day at Swansea
- Saturday 28 Much unwell. Principally engaged in planting in front of the Willows Gardens & dined at Capt Morgans

MARCH

- Sunday 1 The two Mary's went to St Mary's Church in the morning & I attended then to the Evening Service
- Monday 2 Capt Warde, Mr Kendall & Capt Hickey went to shoot at Penllergare & I met them at Dinner at T E Thomas's
- Tuesday 3 Engaged mostly in planting at the Willows
- Wednesday 4 Mary & I were both chiefly occupied in planting at the Willows
- Thursday 5 Went soon after 11 in the Socialet to hold a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & got back to the Willows about 4
- Friday 6 Variously engaged at Swansea
- Saturday 7 Mary & [I] spent most of the morning in planting at the Willows & after an early Dinner we all returned to Penllergare
- Sunday 8 The two Mary's & I went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service at home as usual to the Family
- Monday 9 Variously engaged allday at Swansea & returned home to Dinner at 6
- Tuesday 10 Drove to Swansea about the settlement & Title of Coed Craig Howell & returned at ½ past 5
- Wednesday 11 Drove after an early Breakfast to Swansea & engaged allday in planting at the Willows. Dined at the Willows & did not reach Penllergare till after 7
- Thursday 12 Drove latish to Swansea & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Friday 13 Again drove chiefly on Trust affairs to Swansea & brought back Mr J [?] Jeffreys & a Son of Major Edwards to dine & sleep here

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- Saturday 14 This Day having been appointed for planting my two Marys accompanied me in the close Carriage & we dined at the Willows & returned home about 7
- Sunday 15 My dear Mary having caught a baddish Cold we did not go to Church, but I read both the morning & Evening Services at home
- Monday 16 Drove to Swansea & brought J G Jeffreys back to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 17 Engaged on Natural History with Mr Jeffreys till near 2, & this is a treat for which I can hardly [?] find and leisure. Then drove him into Swansea where I left him & returned to Dinner
- Wednesday 18 Drove in early & breakfasted & dined at the Willows, where the planting in my new Ground was finished. Reached home about 6, & found Mary's cold heavy
- Thursday 19 My dear Mary so ill that I did not like to leave home, & in the afternoon I sent for Dr Edwards who bled her & she was much relieved by it
- Friday 20 Mary decidedly better but too weak to get up & was again attended by Dr Edwards. I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Saturday 21 Drove on Business of the Estate, & to finish some planting at the Willows, & returned home as soon as possible. My dear Mary better but very weak
- Sunday 22 My dear Mary much better & Dr Edwards asserts that she will be fit for a Journey by Monday. We had engaged a House in Gay Street Bath to which she was to have gone last Thursday, but as Johns Vacation will begin sooner than was expected we have given it up & shall go nearly direct to London. Mary was well enough particularly to join us in reading the morning Service
- Monday 23 My dear Mary better but not so much as I had hoped for. I drove for 2 or 3 hours to Swansea on various Business
- Tuesday 24 Variously engaged allday at home. Mary somewhat better tho' she had a bad night, & has been out for a walk for the first time since her illness
- Wednesday 25 Went in directly after Breakfast for the purpose of paying for Coed Craig Howell & the parties most vexatiously disappointed me. Returned to Dinner at 5
- Thursday 26 Drove to Swansea for an hour with the hope & expectation of letting Tredegar & returned early

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- Friday 27 Mary with little Mary, attended by Amelia & our Footman set out after Breakfast for Bath & reached Newport in the Evening. After an early Dinner I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & returned to Tea & remained busy till late
- Saturday 28 Finished my Business at Penllergare by noon when I drove to settle about Coed Craig Howell & etc to Swansea. Got a chop for Dinner & some Tea at the Willows & went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms
- Sunday 29 Started by the Mail at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 5 & arrived at Bath in time to dine with Mary & our two daughters at Mrs Llewelyns No 2 Queen Square. They all slept at Mrs Llewelyns & I at the York House after taking a warm Bath
- Monday 30 Breakfasted altogether at Mrs Llewelyns & soon afterwards Mary & our Daughters attended by our two Servants set off for London. I spent the day with my dear Lewis & after dining together at Mrs Llewelyns I started for London by the Mail
- Tuesday 31 On reaching London found that John had arrived yesterday from Oxford & we spent a couple of hours at Sir C Coles No 36 Berkeley Square. Lady Mary & the Miss T's unfortunately set off on their return to Glamorganshire about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour before Mary arrived, & we took up our Quarters at the Coburg Hotel in Charles Street Grosvenor Square

APRIL

- Wednesday 1 Engaged principally in looking out for a House & fixed on No 10 Devonshire Street, Portland Place. In the Evening John & I went to see Fantacini [?] at the Argyle Rooms
- Thursday 2 I called on Lady Cawdor, J E Baillie & etc. John & I in the afternoon walked to the House of Lords to see the Lords arrive for the 2nd reading of the Catholic Bill. In the Evening I attended a Sitting of the Royal Society
- Friday 3 Moved in the morning from the Coburg Hotel to our House in Devonshire Street. I dined at the Club of the Geological Society at the Crown & Anchor, & there met Buckland, Sedgwick, Stokes, Lord Tyrconnal, Fitton [?Filton], Horsefield, Greenough, Mantell, Chantry, Murchieson & etc & afterwards attended a Meeting of the Society at their new apartments in Somerset House

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- Saturday 4 Fanny & John spent the morning in seeing Exhibitions. Mary was chiefly engaged about settling in our now House, & I made various calls & etc. In the Evening John & I attended the President of the Royal Societys Levee at the Thatched House Tavern
- Sunday 5 I went to breakfast at Mr Stokes's in Verulam Buildings where I met Buckland, Dr Sedgwick, Mr Murchieson, Mr Lyall & etc etc. The rest of the Family attended morning Service at Trinity Church in Langham Place. In the Evening I went for an hour to the Atheneum
- Monday 6 Called in the morning on Lords Bute, Cawdor & James Stuart. Afterwards with John to call on the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, on Sir C Cole & etc & etc. Went in the Evening to the Soiree at the Atheneum
- Tuesday 7 Called in the morning on Sir Geo Steventon [?], Capts Wollaston & etc. Mr & Mrs Rd Alexander & my Sister Judith dined with us at 2, & after an early Tea returned to Tottenham. In the Evening we all went to Drury Lane, & were much gratified by 'the Provoked Husband' & 'Charles the 13th'
- Wednesday 8 In the morning called with John on Lord Cawdor, Js Baillie & etc. In the Evening Mary with Fan & John went to the Ancient Music at the Hanover Square Rooms for which Lord Cawdor had procured them tickets & I went to the Atheneum
- Thursday 8 After attending a Charitable Bazaar at the Hanover House, I went with Mary, Fanny & John & Mr Baillie took us over Crockfords splendid gaming House in St James' Street. Sir C Cole & Capt Price of Brecon dined with us, & in the Evening later I took Sir C Cole to the Royal Society
- Friday 10 Went with John to the Crypts of the British Museum & to see Mr Yarrels collection of Birds & etc. He & I in the afternoon went to see the Bill for Catholic emancipation pass the Lords with Tickets of admission from Lord Cawdor, but the Heat & Crowd was such that we only staid about 3 hours
- Saturday 11 Went in the morning with our whole party to Convent Garden & an exhibition of Pictures in Suffolk Street. Lord Cawdor & Mr Davis Gilbert dined with us, & in the Evening we went with the President to his Levee at the Thatched House Tavern
- Sunday 12 We all went in the morning to Marylebone Church & in the afternoon, after Mary had made a Call or two in the Carriage we walked on the Regents Park

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- Monday 13 Weather very wet. In the morning I called on the Bishop of Landaff, & etc & in the Evening attended the Soiree at the Atheneum
- Tuesday 14 Spent an hour with Lord Cawdor & went afterwards with our family party to see some pictures of the great French Battles at the Egyptian Hall. John dined at Mr Edward's in Regent Street
- Wednesday 15 The two Mary's & John drove to Tottenham & paid a Visit to my Sister Sarah. In the Evening I took Mary to spend an hour at Dr Sims! Sent off a Letter signed S.N.N. for the Cambrian with an abstract of the report of the Commissioners recommending the abolition of our Welsh Judicature, & I had before sent an account to be inserted as an article of Intelligence of their decision
- Thursday 16 Mary went with little Mary to take a dancing Lesson at the Argyle Rooms from Monsr D'Edville. John Fan & I to see some pictures in Pall Mall, & in the Evening John & I went to Mr Henry's exhibition of Juggling & mechanical illusions at the Adelphi Theatre
- Friday 17 Good Friday. Mary & our two Girls went in the Carriage to Westminster Abbey, & John & I attended morning Service at St Giles'. In the afternoon after a short excursion in the Regents Park, Mary John & May drove to Kensington Gardens & in the Evening Fan being rather unwell we sent professionally for Dr Sims
- Saturday 18 Mary & the others went in the Carriage to the Zoological Gardens & to make several Calls & I to see Frampton & on other Business to the City
- Sunday 19 Mary & Fanny staid the Sacrament at Trinity Church close by us, & John & I went to hear the Revd Mr Irwin at the Scottish Church. I spent an hour in the Evening at Dr Sims'
- Monday 20 Called on Lord Cawdor & etc. In the Evening we all went to Convent Garden Theatre & saw the Point of Honor, Honest Thieves & a stupid but splendid new Melodrama called 'the Devils Elixir'
- Tuesday 21 Called & spent an hour with Lord & Lady Cawdor. Went to the Atheneum & in the Evening to the Linnean Society
- Wednesday 22 Again spent an hour with Ld Cawdor. In the Evening Mary & I drank Tea at Dr Sims'
- Thursday 23 Walked to the City on Business & spent an hour with the Lord Mayor. John for the last 2 days has been much confined by a bad Cold. In the

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Evening we all drove about to see the illuminations in honor of the Kings Birthday, & I remained till late at the Atheneum

Friday 24 We all went to see the National Repository & Cross' [?] exhibition of Wild Beasts which was last week removed to the Kings Mews from Exeter Change. I dined at Mr Murchiesons in Bryanston Place & met a large & pleasant party

Saturday 25 Weather very wet. Drove to the City with Fan [?] & John & the former bought Mant [?] Bike [?] at Arche's [?]

Sunday 26 We all attended Trinity Church which is close by in the morning & heard a Sermon in favor of a Charity School preached by Dr Turner who is just appointed Bishop of Calcutta. Spent an hour in the afternoon with Lord Cawdor

Monday 27 Accompanied by Dr & Mrs Buckland, Mary, Fan, John & I went in the morning to see Hopes Gallery & in the Evening we all went to Astleys. Early in the morning I spent half an hour with Lord Cawdor

Tuesday 28 We all went to see the Exhibition of Painters in Water Colors. In the afternoon I went to the House of Lords with Lord Cawdor, to inspect an Act of Parliament & endeavor to settle some disputes about the Lanelly enclosures. On my return I dined at the Atheneum

Wednesday 29 Went to my Solicitors in Grays Inn & afterwards to call on Sir C Lemon, Sir J Morris & etc. A swelled Face which yesterday returned gave John such severe pain that in the Evening we sent for Dr Sims to visit him professionally

Thursday 30 Went on Business to the City. John still very unwell & again visited professionally by Dr Sims. Attended a Sitting of the Royal Society in the Evening

MAY

Friday 1 John ought to have returned this Evening to Oxford, but tho' better he is too ill, & I applied for a Weeks leave of absence to the Provost

Saturday 2 John better & went out in the Carriage. Engaged in the morning with Lord Cawdor & Col Wood respecting the Welsh Judicature, & in the afternoon with Sir J Morris, about a defalcation in the Treasurers Accounts of the Morrision Savings Bank

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- Sunday 3 We all except John went in the morning to Trinity Church, & I dined & spent the Evening at the Atheneum
- Monday 4 Called in the morning & spent an hour with Lord Cawdor. Afterwards went to the City on Savings Bank & other Business. Dr Buckland & Arthur Barclay dined with us
- Tuesday 5 Went again to the City chiefly on Savings Bank Business. Dined with the Club of the Linnean Society at Freemasons Tavern & afterwards attended a Sitting of the Society
- Wednesday 6 Went again to the City & succeeded in looking up all the Money belonging to the Morrison Savings Bank, till its affairs can be investigated & new officers appointed. We all dined most pleasantly with a large party at my old Friend Charles Barclays in Gloster place
- Thursday 7 Called in the morning on Lord Cawdor & we afterwards rambled about together for 2 or 3 hours. John & I went to the Opera & there to my no small surprise met Wm Williams of Aberpergwm, who has just returned to England after an absence of 13 years
- Friday 8 Wm Williams called on me by appointment about noon & we afterwards rambled together for 2 or 3 hours. In the Evening Mary, Fan, John & I with Tickets procured for us by Lady Cawdor went to the fancy Dress Caledonian Ball where
- Saturday 9 My dear Fan came of Age. I was in Court Dress. John looked very gay as an Albanian Chief, & Mary & Fan were handsomely set out. We got back by daylight at a little before 4. Went about Fans affairs to the City, & only Wm Williams dined with us, as the measles having broken out at Dr Sims, preventing us from seeing any of my own Family
- Sunday 10 Mary, Fan, John & I went to hear Mr Irwin [?] at the Scotch Church
- Monday 11 John accompanied by our Friend the President of the Royal Society & his Son returned in the morning to Oxford. I called & spent an hour with Ld Cawdor. Dined at T E Baillies in Seymore Place with a large party
- Tuesday 12 Started about 7 with Wm Williams in the York Coach & reached Bath to Dinner. My dear Lewis spent the Evening with us
- Wednesday 13 Went on early in a Chaise to Bristol, & from thence I reached Swansea at ½ past 8. Engaged with T Thomas & etc, till midnight & slept at the Mackworth Arms

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- Thursday 14 Closely engaged allday by various Business. Dined at 6 & slept at the Willows
- Friday 15 Again closely engaged by various Business allday. At 7 dined at Vivians & returned to sleep at the Willows
- Saturday 16 Engaged with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & etc till noon & then drove to Penllergare where I continued closely engaged on various trust affairs. By this nights Mail an Account reached me of little Mary's having sickened with the Measles
- Sunday 17 Having finished the rent & other Accounts I left Penllergare about 4, & my anxiety to return to London on Account of the measles made me exert myself to the uttermost. Drank Tea with Mrs Llewelyn, & then continued engaged till Midnight at the Mackworth Arms on Business
- Monday 18 Left Swansea soon after 4 by the Mail & without stopping at Bristol went on to Dinner at Bath where Lewis joined me & we went to the Play together. It was the Castle Spectre & Gilderoy [?]
- Tuesday 19 My dear Lewis has this day compleated his 15th Year & tho' in a hurry to join our sick House in London, I could not resist the temptation of spending it with him. About noon we went to Sydney Gardens, where as if in honor of his Birth day, Mr Green ascended in his Balloon & there was rope Dancing & etc. His kind Friend the Revd Iltid Thomas, & his fellow pupil at Mr Kilverts of the same name dined with us at the York House & about 7 I left them by the Mail for London
- Wednesday 20 Reached London at ½ past 6, & found little Mary getting better & Fanny not yet exhibiting any marks of having taken the infection. I was more than usually fatigued & did little more than take a drive in the Evening with Mary & Fanny in the Park
- Thursday 21 Spent an hour each in the morning with Lord Cawdor & the Duke of Beaufort & afterwards made various Calls. In the Evening I went to a Sitting of the Royal Society. Mary much better & the measles have so nearly vanished that she came down to the Drawing Room
- Friday 22 Engaged in the City & Grays Inn, chiefly on Trust affairs, & at ½ past 6 dined at home
- Saturday 23 Went to meet Sir Jo Morris in the City respecting the Morriston Savings Bank. Dined at Hudson Gurneys in St James' Square & afterwards went to D Gilberts Levee at the Thatched House
- Sunday 24 Mary Fanny & I attended morning Service at Trinity Church

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- Monday 25 Spent an hour with Lord Cawdor on the morning & then went about Bow Lane & other Business. Afterwards attended the annual Meeting of the Linnean Society & also the Anniversary Dinner at the Freemasons Tavern. On my return in the Evening Fanny was unwell
- Tuesday 26 Attended in the morning to various Business & afterwards the Sale by Auction of old Dr Sims's Library. Sent for Dr John Sims & it is now decided that Fanny has the measles
- Wednesday 27 Went again to the Sale of Dr Sims' Library & again made several purchases. Sir C Cole, John Duncan & Rawleigh Mansell dined with us. Fan in Bed all day & in the Evening the Fever ran very high
- Thursday 28 In the morning attended to various Business & in the afternoon went for an hour to the Sale at Evans's of Mr Hibberts Library. Attended a sitting of the Royal Society in the Evening
- Friday 29 About noon called on & sat two hours with the Bishop of Salisbury. Afterwards attended Hibberts Sale, & inter alia was tempted by its cheapness to buy the colored Copy of Seba [?] for £37.16.0. Very few ever published & the one at the British Museum is said to be the only other Copy in England. In the Evening walked for an hour to the Atheneum
- Saturday 30 Engaged all morning with Sir J Morris about transferring the Accounts of the Morrison to the Swansea Savings Bank. Dined at home & in the Evening took Jo Traherne to Dr Gilberts Levee
- Sunday 31 The two Mary's went to Christchurch in the morning & I staid at home with Fanny, who in the afternoon for the first time since Tuesday was allowed to leave her Bed

JUNE

- Monday 1 Met Sir Jo Morris by appointment at the Savings Bank office in the Old Jewry & he soon afterwards set off on his return homewards. Went in the Evening to the Linnean Society & afterwards to the Soiree at the Atheneum
- Tuesday 2 Went again to the Old Jewry about the Savings Bank, & paid Fannys Legacy Duty at Somerset House. She was to day allowed to leave her Bed Chamber & came down to our Drawing Room

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- Wednesday 3 Made various calls in the morning. Weather very hot & Dr & Mrs Sims spent the Evening with us. Fan so nearly recovered as to take a Drive
- Thursday 4 Went with the two Mary's to the Colliseum & Fan had with John been there before. Called on the Bishop of Salisbury & etc & etc & in the Evening attended the Royal Society
- Friday 2 In the morning made various Calls. In the afternoon took a walk with Lord Cawdor & in the Evening went to the geological Society
- Saturday 6 Went early & was engaged till one on Savings Bank Trust & other affairs in the City. Afterwards went to a Sale of Artis's [?] collection of Fossil Plants, & got to Evans's just in time to see Luthers own copy of his own Bible with the autograph of himself, Milan [?] & other reformers sold to the British Museum for 255 Guineas. Robt Brown & Mr Lyall dined with us & we afterwards went to the Presidents Levee at the Thatched House
- Sunday 7 The three Ladies went to Church & I to spend the day with ny Sisters at Tottenham. I had intended to return in time for Evening Service but was induced to stay longer than I had intended
- Monday 8 With Mary & the 2 Girls visited the Zoological Museum in Bruton [?] Street, & I afterwards called & spent an hour at Sir Jo Nicholls. I then went about Bow Lane Bermondsey & other Trust affairs to Grays Inn & etc & in the Evening attended the Soiree at the Atheneum
- Tuesday 9 Made various Calls & attended to some Business in the morning. Prince Cimililli [?], Dr Buckland, Mr Wm Miller (the Biblio polis!) & Mr Murchieson dined with us
- Wednesday 10 Spent an hour with Lord Cawdor & otherwise dawdled about allday
- Thursday 11 The two Mary's went about ½ past 10 to spend a couple of hours with Mrs Jenner of Clayhill & I took Fanny to see an exhibition of the Solar Microscope in Regents Street. I afterwards attended an Auction of Artis's Collection of Fossil Plants & purchased many Specimens of what Robt Brown called 'Calamities & Felicities' i.e.Calamites [?] & Felicites [?]. Mary came back in time & we all dined at Dr Sims'
- Friday 12 Drove with Fanny on Business of hers to the City. Spent the Evening in preparations for our return to Penllergare
- Saturday 13 Mary with our two Girls went to spend the day with my Sisters at Tottenham & I had engaged to dine with the Royal Society at Greenwich

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- [?] but the weather was too sultry. I dined at the Atheneum where Mr Greenough joined me
- Sunday 14 It is a Year this Day since my beloved Sarah died. In the morning we all went to Trinity Church & drank Tea at Dr Sims'
- Monday 15 Went to Bermondsey & with Mr Frampton took a Survey our or Estate with a view to some repairs & Improvements. Went in the Evening with Mary & Fanny to a dress Evening party at the British Institution for which we were furnished Tickets by my Friend Mr Baillie. Got my carriage knocked to pieces
- Tuesday 16 In the morning spent a couple of hours with Lord Cawdor, in endeavoring to settle his dispute about the boundary of the Lanelly Marsh, & called on the Baron de Ferrisae [?] & etc. Sir Charles Lemon & Mr Thackery & his new Wife - the late Mary Ann Shakespeare dined with us
- Wednesday 17 Went to see Mr Broderips superb Collection of Shells & I partly engaged to breakfast with him but got too late. [sic] Met the Baron de Penepac [?] & etc there. In the afternoon walked with Mary & Fanny to hear the Troubadours & see Turner's paintings, both in the Egyptian Hall
- Thursday 18 Went to the City in the morning on Mrs Llewelyns Trust, & other Business. In the Evening took Mary & our two girls to the Diorama & from thence little Mary & I walked on to the Zoological Gardens. Dined at ½ past 7. Our Butler & Cook started by Coach homewards this morning
- Friday 19 Mary & our two Daughters attended by a Footman & Amelia started about 10, intending to visit John at Oxford on their way homewards. I for the purpose of taking up Lewis whose Vacation has commenced set out by the Mail in the Evening for Bath
- Saturday 20 Reached Bath at 8, met Lewis & Mr Kilvert at the York House, & they both breakfasted with me. At ½ past 9 I started in a hack Chaise for the Hot Wells & soon after 11 embarked by the Cambia for Newport & after a tedious Voyage arrived there at 6. Posted on to sleep at Cowbridge
- Sunday 21 As this is the anniversary of the Burial of my much beloved angelic Darling I was intent on attending the Service at Llangafelach & was started in a hack chaise about 4 & getting a hasty breakfast at Pyle posted on to Neath where our own Socialet met us. We reached Llangafelach Church through heavy Rain soon after 11 & about ½ past one arrived at Penllergare. At ¼ before 10 in the Evening Mary & her party unexpectedly arrived & had travelled from Newnham [?] today

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- Monday 22 Immediately after breakfast drove on very various Business to Swansea & returned to Dine at ½ past 5
- Tuesday 23 Engaged all the morning at Trust Accounts. Dined at 3 & afterwards drove with Mary & Fanny for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 24 Drove to Swansea & was engaged with some Carmarthenshire People in endeavouring to settle a dispute between a Mrs Richards & our Tenant at Ty Coch respecting a Water course. Returned to Dinner at ½ past 5 & Mrs Llewelyn came on a Visit to us
- Thursday 25 Drove to Swansea & after attending a Meeting at the House of Correction, brought back Mr J G Jeffreys to dine & sleep here
- Friday 26 Mr Jeffreys left us about noon & not being well I did not leave the House all day. Mrs Ll, Mary & Fan went into the Carriage to Swansea
- Saturday 27 Drove in the afternoon for half an hour to Swansea
- Sunday 28 The body of Llangafelach Church having been pulled down & the Chancel where the Service is performed much overcrowded, I read both Services to the Family at home. Towards Evening Mrs Llewelyn returned to Swansea for a couple of days
- Monday 29 Drove to Swansea for a couple of hours
- Tuesday 30 Walked with Griffiths in the afternoon to inspect Draining & Improvements at Brynches [?], & the two Mary's accompanied me as far as Nydfwch

JULY

- Wednesday 1 Drove for an hour to Swansea & brought Dr Edwards over to see Lewis who has a bad Boil on his knee
- Thursday 2 Attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Vivian met me. Mary, Fan, Mrs Ll & I dined at Marino & we left Mrs Ll to sleep at Swansea
- Friday 3 John returned from Oxford, having walked over from Swansea before Breakfast. I drove over to a Meeting of the Visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction to set the Tread Well at Work. Mrs Ll returned to us

- Saturday 4 **JULY 1829** Drive to Swansea & attended a Savings Bank Meeting & also a Meeting about improving the Police. About 10pm Mr Leslie, his wife & 2 Children arrived, under an agreement made last November to gratify my dear Mary by painting some Family Memorial of our lost Darling
- Sunday 5 On account of the state of Llangafelach Church I read the Service to the Family at home
- Monday 5 Soon after 10 o'clock I went with Fan in the Carriage to Swansea where John joined us & after dining with Mrs Llewelyn we went [to] a Play which Vivian had bespoke. It was the Three & the Deuce[?] with the Farce of the Juveneilles [?] & we got home by ½ past 11
- Tuesday 7 Morning very wet. Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea. Capt Hickey & Mr Smith, for a Haunch of Venison joined our Dinner party
- Wednesday 8 Drove for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea. John went to dine at Gwernllwynwith [?] & afterwards to see a Conjuror at the Swansea Theatre
- Thursday 9 In the afternoon went in the Socialet with Mr & Mrs Leslie & Fan to Swansea for an hour
- Friday 10 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. John went to dine & sleep at Marino
- Saturday 11 If my dearest William had been spared to us he would this day have compleated his 17th Year. I drove on various Business to Swansea & Mrs Llewelyn returned here for a few days
- Sunday 12 Read both the Services to the Family at home. Sir Jo Morris & his Son came to Tea with us
- Monday 13 **JULY1829** Drove to a Meeting at the House of Correction & on various Business at Swansea. In the morning early I had sat for my Portrait in the affecting picture which Mr Leslie is now making, & as it is the 22nd anniversary of my Marriage I returned home by 3, to take a Walk with my beloved & excellent Mary
- Tuesday 14 Having agreed to take the Chair of the Quarter Sessions I went to Neath, but arrived too late & refused to displace Coffin who had taken it till I arrived. This enabled me to attend for a couple of hours to Trust affairs & having finished the Sessions by 7 I dined with the Magistrates & returned home before 11

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- Wednesday 15 Engaged at home about Trust affairs all this morning & in the afternoon drove with Fanny & Mrs Leslie for an hour to Swansea
- Thursday 16 Engaged on Trust Accts all morning, & in the afternoon Mary & Fanny accompanied me for half an hour to Swansea. Little Mary went with Mrs Llewelyn in her Carriage & Lewis on Horseback to see Monsr [?] Tistol [?], a celebrated Jugler [sic] at the Theatre & they & Fanny all slept at the Willows. Rd Jeffreys & Mr Leyson dined with us
- Friday 17 Was prepared to go on various Business to Lanelly Marshes but the rain till about 4 fell in Cascades. Mrs Llewelyn in the afternoon returned with our 3 Youngsters all highly delighted by the Conjuror
- Saturday 18 Drove to Swansea on Trust & Magisterial Business & to meet Griffiths of Ynysygerwn
- Sunday 19 **JULY** On account of the Church at Langafelach having been pulled down, I read both the Services to the Family at home. In the afternoon Mary took Mr & Mrs Leslie & their Children a drive in the Socialet
- Monday 20 Drove to Swansea on Pottery affairs, & returned at ½ past 2, on an engagement to meet Mr Howells of Lletti Gog [?], but he did not arrive till 9 at night. John & Lewis in the morning rode to call at Penrice
- Tuesday 21 Breakfasted at 8 & drove Mr Howells to Swansea to endeavor [sic] to settle a dispute with Mrs Richards about our claim to a Stream on Tycoch. The Carriage returned with Mr Howell to join the Gig at Penllergare & came again to meet me on my road home in the afternoon
- Wednesday 22 Again a wet day, & I was prevented from doing more than drive for an hour or two in the afternoon to Swansea
- Thursday 23 Went part of the way in the Carriage to Swansea after Breakfast, & a party consisting of Mary, Mrs Leslie & our two Girls drove over in the afternoon & brought me back to Dinner
- Friday 24 Drove over in the afternoon with Mary & Fanny for an hour to Swansea. The Boys went after wild Ducks to the Llanely Marshes
- Saturday 25 Drove to Swansea soon after Breakfast on House of Correction & various other Business. On my return home a water spout had apparently broken near our upper [?] & the Road from there to the Blacksmiths was strongly torn up, & covered by a Torrent
- Sunday 26 Read both the Services to the Family at home

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- Monday 27 Engaged all morning with L Griffiths senior & junr & Tom Morgan about Ynysygerwn affairs. Drove in the afternoon to see L Thomas for an hour on Business of the Estate
- Tuesday 28 Engaged at home all the morning & about 2 in two Carriages Mrs Leslie, Mary, Fan, Lewis & little Mary went with me to see the Swansea Regatta. Lewis from having a sore throat returned with us, but John & Fanny staid at Mrs Llewelyns to go to the Play
- Wednesday 29 Mrs Llewelyn who had gone to Swansea for a couple of days returned to us, & Mary, I & Lewis went in to two Carriages to join Fanny & John & occupy her House. Mary, Fan, John & Lewis & I attended an excellent regatta Ball & did not get back
- Thursday 30 to the Willows till about 4 this morning. We returned to Penllergare in the afternoon
- Friday 31 Engaged allday at home. Received the intelligence that my Sister Mrs Sims second Boy 'Arthur John' died yesterday morning & he was a fine little fellow

AUGUST

- Saturday 1 Drove to Swansea on various Business. After Dinner Mrs Llewelyn returned to the Willows
- Sunday 2 Very unwell, as I was yesterday. Mr J G Jeffreys came to an early Dinner at 2
- Monday 3 Engaged nearly all day about Entomology with Mr Jeffreys. Weather very bad
- Tuesday 4 Engaged at home, mostly with Mr Jeffreys about Entomology. John & Lewis went to pay a Visit for a couple of day to Penrice, & were prevented yesterday by the badness of the Weather
- Wednesday 5 Took Mr Jeffreys to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the House of Correction Committee & etc
- Thursday 6 **august** Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Mr Leslie accompanied me & as it lasted till late we dined there. The 2 Boys returned from their Visit at Penrice to Dinner

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- Friday 7 Variously engaged allday at home. Iltid Thomas came for a day or two's Visit to my Boys. Mr & Mrs Saml Hawkins, Mr & Mrs Wilkins & Mr Franklin junr dined with us
- Saturday 8 Drove to Swansea & was unexpectedly detained all day at the Pottery. My agent Mr David Edwards had discovered a Fraud practised [?] by some of Mr Smiths People through which since June 1828 we have paid for upwards of 650 Tons of Coal not one ounce of which had ever been received. Mr Smith's shipper John Et.....was committed for examination on Monday & others held to bail
- Sunday 9 Read both Services to the family at home. Weather very wet. Had my angel Sarah lived she would this day have compleated her 11th Year
- Monday 10 Engaged most of the day in following up Saturdays Investigation at the Pottery
- Tuesday 11 Variously engaged all the morning at home & drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea with Mr & Mrs Leslie & Fanny. Capt Hickey came to sleep here preparatory for shooting tomorrow
- Wednesday 12 Capt Hickey & John, attended by our Groom started about ½ past 3, & at ½ past 10 Mr Leslie & I followed them in the Socialet to the Grouse Hills. 5 only were killed. Col Jones & Mr Vivian were the only additions to the shooting party but Mrs Vivian & Will [?] Henry joined us at Dinner. Weather very fine & we reached home about 7
- Thursday 13 Dr Daubeny, the Chemical Professor at Oxford arrived on a Visit about Noon, & I was obliged to go on Certilpiggin [?] Business to Swansea but returned as soon as possible. T E Thomas also came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 14 **AUG** Being much engaged on Certilpiggin [?] & other Trust affairs I got Edwd Thomas to show the Copper Works & etc to Dr Daubeny, & I went to T Thomas's. Mr Leslie accompanied the party to the Copper Works & we all met again at Dinner
- Saturday 15 About noon Mr Thomas took Dr Daubeny to see a Mineral Spring at Llanrhiddian, & the Dr did not return to us. Variously engaged allday at home
- Sunday 16 In the morning Mary & our four Youngsters & Mr & Mr Leslie went to Loughor Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 17 Drove in the morning with Mr Leslie to Swansea & in the afternoon walked out with my two Boys to shoot leverets but we had no success

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- Tuesday 18 Mr & Mrs Leslie left us about ½ past 10, & I then drove Fanny & John for a couple of hours to Swansea. In the afternoon went again with my Boys to shoot Leverats without success
- Wednesday 19 At ½ past 8 to take my dear Lewis to Mr Kilverts we went to Swansea, with the intention of going to Bristol by the Palmerston Steamer, but the Weather was too rough & we went on in the Socialet to Pyle. From there we posted, dined at Cowbridge, & reached Newport about 7
- Thursday 20 Embarked at 7 on board the Lady Rodney from Newport & reached Bristol by ½ past 10. Spent an hour at the Institution. Called on the Dean, & reached the York House at Bath about 5. Dined at 7 & slept there
- Friday 21 I went early to the Kings Bath & my dear Lewis after breakfasting with me at the York went to his Studies at Mr Kilverts. Before one I called there for him & at 3 he saw me off by the Mail through Bilton on my return home. In the Evening I spent ½ an hour at the Institution drank some Tea at W Clayfields. Slept at the dirty hole the Bush. I this day compleated my 57th year, & it was only marked by that unoccasional depression of Spirits which I cannot overcome, & which always attends the parting with either of my Boys
- Saturday 22 Left the Bush at Bristol by the Mail at a little before 10. Made a stormy passage of the Severn in 25 Mins & very soon after 9 in the Evening reached Penllergare. The Road on the Lansamlet side was so flooded that for half a mile the water nearly reached the Body of the Coach
- Sunday 23 Weather very wet. Read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 24 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea. In the afternoon Sir Chs Lemon & Miss Charlotte Talbot arrived on a Visit
- Tuesday 25 Walked about with Sir Charles most of the morning & in the afternoon He, Miss Charlotte, Fan & I drove to the Goppa. Mrs Llewelyn joined our party. Sir Charles tells me that he has found Erica ciliaris, undoubtedly wild in a Heath at Carclew near Penryn, bundant [?] & also on a Heath in the Parish of St Agnes on the north coast of Cornwall
- Wednesday 26 Sir Chs Lemon & Miss Charlotte left us about noon & I then drove for a couple of hours, chiefly on Trust affairs to Swansea. Weather very wet & stormy & I went in the close Carriage
- Thursday 27 Weather still very wet & stormy & I went in the close Carriage with John for a couple of hours o Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn returned home
- Friday 28 Remained at home & about my Farm allday

- Saturday 29 Drove on very various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 30 Mr Jeffreys came to Dinner, & to spend a day of two about Natural History with me. I read both the Services to the Family
- Monday 31 Much interrupted by various Business, but was otherwise wholly occupied at home about Insects with Mr Jeffreys. My dear Mary was so unwell that I sent for Dr Edwards & he bled her

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 1 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & after Dinner Mr Jeffreys walked back to Swansea. John went to shoot on Llanelly Marshes & brought home of his own killing 5 brace of Partridges. Mary continues very unwell. Mrs Llewelyn in the morning set off for Cheltenham
- Wednesday 2 Mary continues very unwell & was again visited by Dr Edwards. Except for a short walk with Mr Jeffreys I did not leave the House allday. Mr J had returned to us in the morning early
- Thursday 3 My dearest Mary has this day compleated her 53rd Year & to our great mortification has been confined entirely to her Bed. I was reluctantly obliged to leave her & attend a long Petty Sessions & License Meeting at Llangafelach
- Friday 4 Mary tho' she had a bad night got up about noon & the Dr in the Evening found her decidedly better. In the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea. Having a Haunch of venison Capt Morgan, Thos Thomas, My Lyson [? Leyshon], & young Mr Cheshire who had been shooting with John, & also young Jeffreys dined here
- Saturday 5 Mr Jeffreys closed his visit & in the afternoon went with me to Swansea, where I had various Business which detained me a couple of hours
- Sunday 6 My dear Mary still more [?] unwell & Dr Edwards is in constant attendance. We read the Service in her Bedroom
- Monday 7 Variously engaged in the morning & in the afternoon drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 8 Variously engaged at home allday. My dear Mary exhibited more signs of a med...[?] that we had yet witnessed, & sat up for a few hours

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- Wednesday 9 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea. Dr Edwards came again to see Mary & also John who has an awkward tightness of breathing
- Thursday 10 Took John in the Phaeton as he is still too unwell to go on Horseback to read Greek with Mr James, & after spending a couple of hours at Swansea returned home with him
- Friday 11 Rained hard & I have been variously engaged at home allday. John gathered this day at Tredegar [?] the loveliest little Plant I almost ever saw. A white Variety of the Anagallis arvensis with a small well defined bright pinkish purple Eye in the centre of every Flower. He had last year gathered the anagallis corulea [?] near Brynbach
- Saturday 12 Drove after Breakfast & spent the day at Swansea. Mary sufficiently recovered to take half an hours drive in the close Carriage
- Sunday 13 Weather bad & I read both the Services to the Family at home. Mary in the afternoon took another half hours drive in the close Carriage but her Cough continues very severe that her general health has suffered [?improved ?]
- Monday 14 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 15 Mary continues her daily drives & tho' there is some gradual improvement in her general Health her Cough continues very severe. I was allday variously engaged at or about home
- Wednesday 16 I drove for a couple of hours on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 17 Took John in the Phaeton to read as usual with Mr James, & about 2 returned home
- Friday 18 Heavy Rain all the morning & in the afternoon I accompanied Mary & little Mary for a Drive to Swansea but staid there barely half an hour
- Saturday 19 Engaged most of the day at home & Swansea respecting a trespass made on our Coal by Mr Drew
- Sunday 20 Little Mary so ill with a severe bilious attack that we sent for Dr Edwards, & my dear Marys recovery is rather retarded by a fresh Cold. Mr Frampton arrived from Town on Business & a visit to us]
- Monday 21 Mr Frampton went out with John to shoot & I drove on various Business for a couple of hours to Swansea. John went to dine & sleep at Sketty

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- Park. Mr Thos Thomas on Business & Mr Rogers Jones came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 22 Drove to Swansea for a couple of hours & Mr Frampton accompanied me
- Wednesday 23 Capt Franklin came to breakfast & dine here & went to shoot with John & Mr Frampton. I drove in the Phaeton in the morning on Business to Swansea. Returned by 2 & then went in the Socialet to examine the state of Glyncasnod [?] & on our return at 5 took up the 3 Shooters at Velindre. T E Thomas joined us at Dinner & slept here
- Thursday 24 By walking up the Bank quickly from Glyncaswod[?] & then getting a Chill in the open Socialet on the mountain I caught a pain in my Face, & was confined by it all today. Chiefly occupied in settling the Bermondsey Accts & other Business with Mr Frampton
- Friday 25 Mr Shears came in the morning about Llanelly Tram Road Business & in the afternoon I went in the close Carriage for half an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 26 Went on various Trust affairs in the close Carriage to Swansea & Mr Frampton accompanied me. Weather very wet, & I increased the pain in my Face
- Sunday 27 John & Mr Frampton rode to Llangafelach Church & my Face was so troublesome that I could not read in the morning, but in the Evening I read as usual to the Family. Heard that Mrs Llewelyn returned home yesterday Evening from Cheltenham
- Monday 28 Went in the afternoon in the close Carriage to Swansea with Fanny, & she brought back Mrs Jones of Heathfield on a Visit to her. R Mansell & D Davis also dined & slept here
- Tuesday 29 Went with Mr Frampton in my Phaeton on Business to Swansea & Mr Mansell accompanied us. Mary also went in the Chariot to see Mrs Llewelyn & the exertion was too much for her. Henry Jones joined our party at Dinner
- Wednesday 30 John went to shoot with Mr Frampton & Henry Jones & I drove on various Business to Swansea

OCTOBER

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- Thursday 1 Miss & Mr Henry Jones left us. I attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & drove home by Swansea. Mr Socket came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 2 John went with Mr Sockett & Mr Frampton in the Socialet to shoot on the Grouse Hills, & I drove for an hour on Business to Swansea. Mt T Thomas on Business came to dine & sleep here
- Saturday 3 Mr Sockett left us after breakfast & I went on Business with Mr Frampton in the Phaeton & Mary with our 2 Daughters in the Chariot to Swansea
- Sunday 4 Weather very wet & I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 5 Mr Frampton who had been detained here on Business about a Mortgage for Fanny left us, & I was engaged for 2 or 3 hours on various Business at Swansea
- Tuesday 6 Engaged by Business at home in the morning & in the afternoon drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Wednesday 7 Started with John soon after 6 in the Phaeton & breakfasted at the Gower Inn where I met the Coroner, Magistrates Clerk, Surgeon & etc & we proceeded to Penmaen Cottage to enquire into the horrible murder of Mary Cavanagh. Committed Benj Beynon on suspicion & it was near 8 when John & I got back to Dinner
- Thursday 8 Drove on very various Business & spent most of the day at Swansea. Again examined Benj Beynon at the House of Correction. My opinion of his guilt is unchanged but I fear it will be impossible to obtain any legal Evidence
- Friday 9 Drove about the murder & other Business to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn, after paying a Weeks Visit to Mr Knight at Tythegston, came to us
- Saturday 10 Drove about the murder & very various Business to Swansea & Mr J G Jeffreys returned with me
- Sunday 11 John very unwell with a sever oppression [] in his Lungs, & I have a baddish faceach. Mary read the Service
- Monday 12 Mary with John & Fanny in the Chariot started for Cardiff Races, & I in the Phaeton went round by Swansea after them. Mrs Llewelyn remained at Penllergare to take care if little Mary. We had engaged our Quarters at the Cardiff Arms

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- Tuesday 13 Attended a public Breakfast given by Mr Talbot & Mr Miers, the Stewards. We afterwards all went to the Course. John & I dined with the Stewards at the ordinary & in the Evening we all went to the Ball
- Wednesday 14 All attended the Members Breakfast, & Mary & Fanny went with Lady M Cole to the Castle which had been lent by Lord Bute to Sir Christopher. John & I went to the Courses & dined at the ordinary & we afterwards all attended the Ball
- Thursday 25 John after Breakfast started for Oxford, & the rest of us returned home in the same manner as we came. I had made some appointments on trust affairs which detained me till late at Neath & I did not reach Penllergare till about ½ past 10
- Friday 16 I drove on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 17 Mrs Llewelyn left us & returned home. Fanny accompanied me in the Phaeton to Swansea & we brought back Mr Frampton to stop another two days with us
- Sunday 18 Read the Service at home as usual
- Monday 19 Mr Frampton left us, & I drove with him to Swansea where I was chiefly engaged in enquiries about the Manor of Landilotalybont which in the last Cambrian is advertised for Sale by the Crown on Friday next at Carmarthen. Sir C & Lady Cole, Mr Talbot & the 4 Miss Talbots arrived on a Visit
- Tuesday 20 Sir Chr, Mr Talbot & I went to the Quarter Sessions when the new Town Hall was opened, & we dined with the Magistrates at the new Rooms on the Burrows where there was afterwards a Ball at which the Ladies joined us. Returned home about ½ past 3 in our 3 Carriages
- Wednesday 21 Sir C Cole & I drove in to the Quarter Sessions which ended about 2, & Mr Talbot on Horseback also came to Swansea & we returned to Dinner
- Thursday 22 The Penrice Family, except Mr Talbot returned to Penrice & Mrs Llewelyn again came to us. I drove to continue my enquiry about the Manor of Landilotalybont to Swansea
- Friday 23 Breakfasted at ½ past 7, & Mr Talbot & I then drove to Pontardulais, where we took post Horses, & went round to look at Lord Cawdors new House at Golden Grove so as to reach Carmarthen about 12. The Manors were put up at ½ past 2, & for the particulars of the Sale see p 111. We got some Lunch with Lord & Lady Cawdor who on other Business

happened to be at Carmarthen & we reached Penllergare to Dinner soon after 8

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At ½ past 12 the Crown Manor of Landilo tal y bont which for Ages the Duke of Beaufort had held by Leave was put up for Sale by Auction at Carmarthen & as the Crown has reserved all the Minerals it is in fact worth next to nothing for the Chief Rents amount only to about 4£ in two pences [?] & other such trifling Sums as to be hardly worth collecting. Col Cameron gave public notice by an old Grant in the Reign of Elizabeth that he had claim to it & said as he could prove his right that he was determined at any price to purchase from a notion that the Crown when his Deeds are inspected will not require payment. It seemed however to me that his Claim extended only to the Hamlet of Tir y brwein [?] & I agreed n to bid against him if he would sell me the right to shoot & appoint a Game Keeper over the whole for ever. To this he agreed & the Sum to be paid for it was ultimately fixed at 100£ & as there was nothing to make any written memorandum his Solicitor Mr Jackson Price & others were called in to witness our bargain. The Mabor was put up at £100 & after a long & strange contest with Mr Thomas who bid for the Duke, it was knocked down to Col Cameron for 2060£!!! By the conditions of the Sale, the Purchaser was besides bound to take a Fee farm Rent of 7.6.8 charged on the Rectory at 28 years purchase & it grieved me to fear that Col Cameron has allowed himself to be drawn into much loss & Inconvenience. The Commissioners said that he did not exclusive of the Minerals expect to get more than 300£ for the whole! The Manor of Walterson & Killibion were next put up & purchased by Mr Talbot for 370£

Saturday 24 Mary & our two Girls went in the Chariot & I in the Phaeton to Swansea. Mr Talbot left us in the afternoon

Sunday 25 I read both the Services to the Family at home

Monday 26 Drove early to Swansea on various Business & returned about one to Penllergare. Soon after 2 Mary & I & our 2 Daughters started in the Chariot & Phaeton to visit Lord Cawdor, & we reached Carmarthen about 6. I had appointed our Agent Mr Howells to meet me there, & was engaged with [him] on Business till near 9. Slept at the Ivy Bush

Tuesday 27 Soon after Breakfast set out & reach [sic] Stackpole Court about 5

Wednesday 28 Little Mary was left with the Ladies Campbell & Mary & I accompanied Lord & Lady Cawdor to Pool Slaughter, the Stackrocks & several

interesting Bays about the Coast. John Traherne in the afternoon arrived to inspect the Golden Grove Manuscripts. In these Manuscripts our name is spelt with two ll's - Dillwyn

Thursday 29 Fan & I in the morning walked with the Earl & Countess to the Sea Shore, & in the afternoon we all went in their Carriages to St Govans Well & etc

Friday 30 Walked with Lord Cawdor to the Sea Shore in the morning & in the afternoon the Ladies joined us in a walk to the Church & etc, but a shower of rain turned us back

Saturday 31 Soon after 11 we left our kind Friends, much gratified by the Visit & in our two Carriages reached the Ivy Bush at Carmarthen to dine & sleep

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 Little Mary & I went on to breakfast at Porthyrhyd & Mary & Fanny who staid over Church time [?] at Carmarthen joined us at Penllergare to Dinner at 6

Monday 2 Drove over to Swansea chiefly respecting the Manor of Landilo taly bont, respecting which Col Cameron has dishonorably refused to complete his bargain

Tuesday 3 Drove again to Swansea on the same Business as yesterday

Wednesday 4 Drove in the Phaeton on various Business to Swansea. The Carriage went for Miss Charlotte Talbot & Mrs Llewelyn also came on a Visit

Thursday 5 Attended the Llangafelach Sessions where Mr Leyshon met me & we had as usual much to do. Mary accompanied me & drove to call at Gwennlynwith [?]

Friday 6 Drove on various Business to Swansea & was allowed to see the Dukes Deeds & Papers respecting the Manor of Landilotalybont, & they leave me almost as much in the dark as ever. Went as a makepeace to meet Mr Calland at Sir Jo Morris's & returned home late

Saturday 7 John Traherne had for several Years[?] repeated proposals to Miss C Talbot & had ben again refused within the last 10 Days. Mary had been instructed by Lady Mary to prepare her & about ½ past 10 he unexpectedly arrived & before Dinner time her acceptance of him was

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announced. I drove for 2 or 3 hours on Business to Swansea, & rejoicing in the happiness which I trust avails our two much valued Friends we spent a happy Evening together

- Sunday 8 John Traherne read both the morning & Evening Service to us
- Monday 9 In the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea & Mary accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn who is unwell
- Tuesday 10 Drove to Swansea to see Mrs Llewelyn & etc & by extreme badness of the Weather encreased my Cold. John Traherne went on to call at Penrice & returned to us to Dinner
- Wednesday 11 My Cold so bad that I did not leave the House allday. Mr Arthur Jones, his Wife & Daughter Catherine, Mr & Mrs Webber, Sir John & Lady Morris, Chs Callan & Mr Harison dined here. I have this day dated mt memoranda relating to the Swansea Coleoptera & this is the Anniversary of the Day on which I lost one of my earliest & kindest Friends - my Grandfather Lewis Weston
- Thursday 14 My Cold very bad but as Mary went in the close Carriage to see Mrs Llewelyn in the afternoon I accompanied her
- Friday 14 John Traherne soon after Breakfast in a hack Chaise started homewards, & Miss C Talbot accompanied Fanny & myself in our Coach went to Swansea & there Mr Talbots Carriage met her to take her to Penrice. Found Mrs Llewelyn still confined to her Bed but better
- Saturday 14 Drove with Mary to Swansea to see Mrs Llewelyn who continues very unwell, so that Mary dislikes to leave her, & we have given up our Plan for going on Monday to Bath, where it was our chief object to get Masters for our two Girls. For the sake of being nearer Mrs Ll. we propose going to Swansea & we looked about for a House
- Sunday 15 Read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 16 As Mrs Ll. continues very unwell, Mary who accompanied me in the Phaeton to Swansea decided on taking the House on the Burrows next eastward to the new Rooms & we have fixed on going there next Wednesday
- Tuesday 17 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & Fan accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Wednesday 18 After an early Dinner we all drove in & took possession of our hired apartments at Swansea

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- Thursday 19 Mrs Llewelyn no better & Mary & Fanny chiefly occupied in going to attend on her
- Friday 20 Occupied chiefly by Pottery Concerns
- Saturday 21 Attended the Savings Bank Meeting & etc. The two Mary's went to call at Marino
- Sunday 22 Laid up all day by a bad faceach. Mary & the two Girls went to St Marys Church in the morning
- Monday 23 Had engaged to dine at Vivians but my Face was too much swelled to allow of my stirring out. Fan went in the Chariot to Penllergare to see after her School
- Tuesday 24 Had engaged to dine at T E Thomas's but am still plagued & kept a Prisoner by the Face ach
- Wednesday 25 Ventured in the close Carriage for a few minutes to the Pottery, which I fear renewed my Cold & an Ear ach came on in the Evening
- Thursday 26 In excruciating pain allday with the Ear ach
- Friday 27 The Ear ach continues & I feel very ill besides
- Saturday 28 Not much if any better
- Sunday 29 The Ear Ach still violent, & Leaches were applied in the afternoon
- Monday 30 Too ill all day to move out to see any body. Mary & Fanny went for an hour to Penllergare

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 1 Passed miserably as Yesterday
- Wednesday 2 In less pain but my Face is still strangely distorted, & the muscles on the left side nearly useless. Mary & Fanny went to dine at Mr Parry Wilkins & little Mary was my nurse in the Evening
- Thursday 3 Better, but still wholly confined & unfit to see any body

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- Friday 4 Well enough to see 2 or 3 people on Business, but my Face tho' better is still much distorted. Mary & Fanny in the Evening went to a public Ball at next Door, & the Penrice Family was to have been there, but were kept away by the news of Lady Nicholls' Death
- Saturday 5 Rather better today & saw some of my Friends who called on me. ie. Sir J Morris, Vivian & etc
- Sunday 6 My Ear more troublesome & I have been again too unwell to see any of my Friends. Mary & the two Girls went to Church
- Monday 7 Mary had directed a room to be prepared & I went with her in the close Carriage for an hour to Penllergare
- Tuesday 8 Drove with Mary as an airing for an hour on the Mumbles road & was well enough to see T Thomas & others on Business. John Traherne who had arrived by Coach on his way to Penrice came about 9 & spent an hour with us
- Wednesday 9 John Traherne breakfasted with us & I received visits from Sir C Cole, Sir J Morris, Vivian & etc. Drove with Mary for an hour on the Mumbles road & on the whole am getting better
- Thursday 10 Walked out for the first time & went to T Thomas's office on Business
- Friday 11 Went in the Carriage for an hour to the Pottery & afterwards walked to T Thomas & etc on Business. T E Thomas came & spent the Evening with us
- Saturday 12 Walked to make some Calls & etc & in the afternoon we gave up our apartments at Swansea & returned to Penllergare, where about 9 o'clock the two Boys joined us. John in his way from Oxford had called at Bath for Lewis & brought him on to Clifton yesterday. This morning they started in the Steam Boat at ½ past 7 & reached Newport after a short tho' rough passage & from Newport came on in Post Chaises
- Sunday 13 Mary read the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family. I am not yet well & rather less so than yesterday
- Monday 14 Engaged till about ½ past 11 with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn. Mr Morgan of Buckinghamshire whose Estates in Carmarthenshire are much intermixed with ours then unexpectedly arrived with a view to prove that our Agent Mr Howell has defrauded us as well as him, & I spent some hours in examining various accounts & Documents which he brought here. Mr Morgan staid to Dinner & returned to Carmarthen later in the Evening by the Mail

- Tuesday 15 Went with Mary & little Mary in the close Carriage to Swansea
- Wednesday 16 Did not feel well enough to leave home & Fanny went alone in the Phaeton to see Mrs Llewelyn who is getting slowly better
- Thursday 17 John & Lewis went to shoot at Ynysygerwn & after a hard days Fag returned home without an single Bird. Mary, I & little Mary went in the close Carriage to Swansea
- Friday 18 Fanny went in the Phaeton to see Mrs Llewelyn & John accompanied her to read Greek with Mr James. As Lewis & I were walking out we were met near the inner Gate by a Capt G Gifford who told me in great wrath that he had [?been] turned by the Keeper from coursing on the Cwm [?Common] & beating the Bryn David Hedges, & threatened me with a Challenge if he was not redressed. he became very insolent & I had him turned away from my Premises
- Saturday 19 Engaged till 12 with Mr Howells of Lletin [?] Gog about Carmarthen affairs. Vivian & A Webber came to shoot with John & with the forman. I was consulted about Capt Gifford & determined on proceeding against him for coursing without any qualification & on serving the peace against him. I drove to Swansea with my two Mary's & Mrs Llewelyn was well enough to take an airing on our Carriage. On arriving at Swansea some stranger named Bevan Rees [?] said to have been in the navy brought me a challenge from Ct Gifford but I refused to receive it, & suspended the issue of any Warrant till Monday as the Fellow turned out to be cracked
- Sunday 20 John & Lewis went to Llangafelach Church & Mary & our two Girls to Church at Swansea, & Mrs Ll. took another airing in our Carriage. I read the Evening Service to the Family. For many years I have had but 3 personal Quarrels & they all relate to Shooting ie. with Mr R Kerrys [?], Col Cameron & this Capt Gifford - who is a half-pay [*this latter crossed out. RM*] Captain of some [?] Invalid Regiment. My Friend Hudson Gurney found Game to be such a general source of disputes that after his Fathers Death he threw open nearly all his Preserves & renounced Shooting

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APPENDIX

1. Why is a Short Negro like a white Man
 He is not a tall Black
2. Why is a stormy windy Day like a Child with a Cold in its Head

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- It blows - its snow - (it blows its nose)
- 3 Why is a Man making Cent per Cent by Trade like Ireland
His Capital is doubling (Dublin)
- 4 Why is a Jew in a Fever like a Diamond
He is a Jew ill
- 5 Why is a Dandy like a Haunch of Venison
He is a bit of a Buck
- 6 Why is St Pauls like a Birds Nest
It was built by a Wren
- 7 Why is a Mouse like a Turnip
the Cat will eat it - Cattle eat it
- 8 Why is a Letter N like a Pig
It makes a Sty Nasty
- 9 Why is the Letter S like an Artillery Furnace
It makes hot shot
- 10 Why is a darned Stocking like Dead Men
It is mended - men Dead
- 11 Why is the Wick of a Candle like Athens
It is in the middle of Greece
- 12 Why is Richmond like the letter R
It is next to Q - Kew
- 13 Why are three [?there] objections to a Glass of Spirits
there are 3 Scruple to a Dram
- 14 Why is a Fish Hook like a Badger
It is often baited
- 15 Why is a door a little open - not a Door
It is a jar
- 16 Why is a Door shut more than a Door
It is too - too
- 17 Why is Westminster Abbey like a Fender
It holds the ashes of the Great - (Grate)

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- 18 Why are Pens Ink & Paper - liked the fixed Stars
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- 19 Why is a bloody Battle, like the letter G
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