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1829 DECEMBER

- Monday 21 Drove in the Phaeton to Swansea & was persuaded by Capt Hickey & Geo Jones to drop all proceedings against Capt Gifford in receiving their Guarranty [*sic*] that he should not again trespass on our Manor or otherwise annoy me
- Tuesday 22 Went in the Chariot with my two Mary's to Swansea & the Road was so glazed with Ice under a Cover of Snow as to be quite dangerous, & on our return we had a Cart Horse to assist in getting the Carriage up from Cadly. Mr Js Jeffreys walked over to dine & sleep here
- Wednesday 23 Frost & Snow in abundance, & being still a little tender from my late illness I did nor stir out, but was chiefly employed about Entomology with Mr Jeffreys
- Thursday 24 Drove through Frost & Snow on an appointment to pay C R Jones 1295£ for the purchase of 64.15.2 ground Rents. I had wished & intended to purchase for myself but found that the Lots were chiefly intermixed with the other ground Rents which I had purchased for the Trust Estate. Fan accompanied me in the Phaeton
- Friday 25 Xmas Day. Fanny with Lewis in the Phaeton went to Swansea Church, & to see Mrs Llewelyn who is now recovering from her long illness. I read the Service to the Family at home as the Frost continues very severe
- Saturday 26 Weather very severe & I drove in the Phaeton to Swansea on various Business
- Sunday 27 I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 28 John & Lewis attended by the Groom went on Horseback to call at Penrice the Roads were so slippery that they did not get back till 6 o'clock. I went on various Business to Swansea in the Phaeton
- Tuesday 29 John for his Greek readings went with me in the Phaeton to Swansea & we got home about 3. He then went on Horseback to dine & sleep at Capt Hickeys

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Wednesday 30 Fan went with me in the Phaeton to Swansea & the Frost still is very severe & the Roads very slippery. The Mail Coach last night near Pyle slid over & was overturned, but neither young Iltid Thomas or any of the other Passengers were hurt

Thursday 31 Engaged in the morning with old Griffiths of Ynysygerwn who arrived here last night, & about noon Fan Lewis & I went in the Phaeton to Swansea. Mary with John & our Servants followed in the afternoon & except that Lewis went to T E Thomas' we dined at the Mackworth Arms & all went in the Evening to a New Years Ball & Supper at the Assembly Rooms. Capt G Jones & R Mansell Stewards

1830 JANUARY

Friday 1 We did not get from the Ball to sleep at the Mackworth Arms till near 4. I was engaged allday about Stocktaking at the Pottery & we met together at Penllergare at Dinner

Saturday 2 Mr R Franklin & Sir Jo Ogilvie came early to shoot & at Dinner Cs Smith joined us, & they all dined & slept here. I went to Swansea & was nearly allday engaged at Pottery Accounts

Sunday 3 Our 3 Friends left us about 11, & I read both the Services to the Family at home

Monday 4 Drove to Swansea & was engaged chiefly in getting back our Deeds from T Thomas' office

Tuesday 5 Received again an offer to purchase Parkmawr with indemnities to secure the defect in the Tithe till John Collins is of Age to perfect the Tithe. In the Phaeton & Chariot & John on Horseback we all went in the afternoon to pay a Visit at Penrice Castle. Both our Girls as well as the two Boys accompanied us, & we there met Jo Traherne, R Franklin & Sir Jo Ogilvy

Wednesday 6 The Boys went to shoot wild Fowl on the Marshes. Sir J Ogilvy killed yesterday 14 & this morning 10 more Woodcocks. The Stouthalls came in the Evening & it being 12th day we drew for King & Queen & etc

Thursday 7 I drove to breakfast at the Mackworth Arms where another pair of Horses met us & I went to hold a petty Sessions at Llangafelach. soon after 5 I got back to Penrice Castle

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- Friday 8 We closed our Visit at Penrice Castle & all returned to dinner at Penllergare
- Saturday 9 Drove to Swansea on Various Business & continued a Treaty for the purchase of Parkmawr & Gellycwm from the Revd John Collins, but I fear that the obstacles to reaching a Tithe are insurmountable
- Sunday 10 Read both of the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 11 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 12 The Birth Day of my dear John who drove with his Mother to spend a couple of hours with Mrs Llewelyn. Except that I went out to see Lewis shoot for about an hour I was busily employed in the House allday
- Wednesday 13 Went for 3 hours in the Phaeton to Swansea & Mary accompanied me for the purpose of seeing Mrs Llewelyn who continues much unwell
- Thursday 14 Drove to Swansea & Fanny accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn. Had a further Treaty with Jenkins for the purpose of the Tyr-andwr property from Pocklington [?]. £13000 is still asked for it, & I doubt that the real value much exceeds 9000£
- Friday 15 Having a slight Cold, & the Frost being very severe I did not leave the House all day
- Saturday 16 Drove in the Phaeton on various Business to Swansea & Mary to see Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me
- Sunday 17 Frost still continued very severe & I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 18 Drove on various Business to Swansea. R Mansell, Capt T Morgan & T Thomas dined on a haunch of Venison & slept here
- Tuesday 19 Engaged about the repairs [of] [?] the Paper Mill & other affairs with T Thomas till noon & then drove to Swansea. On arriving there I was grieved to hear of the alarming illness of Captain Hickey, & that he had expressed much anxiety to see me about his Will. I immediately hurried to Parkwern where I had an interview with him, & from all the Doctor said it appears improbable that we shall meet again in this World. Reached home by 5, & Capt R Jeffreys dined with us. My two Mary's & John also went in the other Carriage to Swansea
- Wednesday 20 Drove in the Phaeton to Swansea & Fan accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn I was rejoiced to find that the alarming paralyss [sic?] of his

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Viscera has subsided & that Capt Hickey is out of danger. My dear John in the Evening went to sleep at Swansea, in order to start by tomorrows Mail on his return to College

- Thursday 21 Drove with my two Mary's to Swansea. From the Snow & badness of the Roads yesterdays Mail did not reach Swansea till about ½ past 7 this Evening, & we feared that John must have been snowed up on the Road, but as it turned out he got safely to Bath
- Friday 22 Drove on various Business to Swansea. From the state of the Roads yesterdays Mail was again about 24 hours after its usual time when it reached Swansea
- Saturday 23 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Fan to see Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me
- Sunday 24 Read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 25 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Mary to see Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me. T E Thomas & his Son & Nephew Robert & the 2 young Hickeys dined here. The 3 former returned home in the Evening & the other 2 slept here
- Tuesday 26 Drove, chiefly on Pottery affairs to Swansea & Fanny to see Mrs Ll accompanied me
- Wednesday 27 Drove to Swansea to see Mr T Thomas & others on Business, & met Mr D Powell who I met previously [?] on Ynysygerwn affairs
- Thursday 28 Went with the two Mary's to Swansea. Sir C Cole came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 29 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 30 Drove to see T Thomas on Business & Fanny accompanied me
- Sunday 31 Read both the Services to the Family at home

FEBRUARY

- Monday 1 A heavy fall of snow last night, & I went by appointment to attend a Harbor & Road Meeting at Swansea

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- Tuesday 2 Went with the two Mary's in the close Carriage & I attended a Meeting of the Committee at the House of Correction. Cold remarkably severe
- Wednesday 3 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 4 Weather still very severe with Frost & Snow on the Ground. Walked to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Lewis with the Keeper accompanied me to shoot in the neighborhood. T E Thomas met me at the Sessions
- Friday 5 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Fan accompanied me
- Saturday 6 Drove again to Swansea
- Sunday 7 When I got up the whole Country around was deep in Snow & after Breakfast time a thaw came on & Rain fell allday in Torrents. Read both of the Services at home
- Monday 8 Everything had been got ready for me to start with Lewis with the intent of leaving him at Bath & proceeding on to London, but the extreme badness of the Weather last night induced me to put off till Wednesday. I drove on various Business to Swansea where Lewis on horseback joined me & I took him to see the House of Correction
- Tuesday 9 Little Mary to have her usual Lessons on Writing, the Globes [?] & Dancing went with her Mother to Swansea & I in the close Carriage accompanied them. We did not get back till about 6 to Dinner
- Wednesday 10 Started with Lewis in the Phaeton to Pyle from whence we immediately posted on to sleep at Newport
- Thursday 11 Embarked at 6 in the morning aboard the St Davids Steamer, & reached Bristol about 10 [?]. Went to the Institution & then on to reach Bath at 3. I started by the Bath Mail in the Evening for London & Lewis returned to Mr Kilverts
- Friday 12 Reached Town at ½ past 8 [?] as the Mail was 2 hours later than usual through the excessive badness of the Roads. Took up Quarters at Hatchetts Hotel, & went as soon as I had breakfasted to see my Sister Mrs Sims of whom I had received very alarming accounts & who I found sinking fast from a decline. Being much tired I lounged the day away between Cavendish Square & our new Athenaeum which was opened last Monday. About 9 went to Bed
- Saturday 13 Went early & was engaged all the morning in the City & in Grays Inn on Business. Dined at Cavendish Square & spent the Evening chiefly with

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- my suffering Sister till 9 when I went to Davie [?] Gilberts [?] Levee & at Cawdors & staid till late at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 14 Spent an hour with Mrs Sims & then went to dine at Alfred Jansens at Tottenham & returned at ½ past 8 to Town where I again went to Dr Sims' & staid till late at the Athenaeum
- Monday 15 Made various Calls on Lord Cawdor & spent most of my time till about 6 with Lydia. I then went to see Mr Stephens Collection at Southampton & returned in time for the Soiree & a Ballot at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 16 Went by appointment to meet Mr Frampton on Business in Grays Inn. Afterwards spent a couple of hours at the British Museum then to see Lydia. Dined with the Linnean Club at the Freemasons Tavern & attended a Sitting of the Society to give my Vote for the Elections of Mr Jeffreys. Again till late witnessed the gay Soiree at the Athenaeum which the admission of Ladies creates
- Wednesday 17 Again occupied by going on Business to the City & to the Lawyers, & gave as much leisure as I could to poor Lydia. Dined late at Hudson Gurneys & again went to the Athenaeum
- Thursday 18 Called & spent an hour with Lord & Lady Cawdor & etc & etc & executed several Errands. Spent the Evening with Lydia till about 7 when I bid her, I fear a final farewell & at 8 started in the Mail for Bath
- Friday 19 Reached York House about ½ past 8, & Lewis joined me but was too unwell with a Sick headach to enjoy myself. At 7 I proceeded to Clifton & sent him a Sedan to Mr Kilverts. Slept at the Gloster Hotel
- Saturday 20 At 5 went onboard the Bristol Steamer & we started about 6 & at ½ past one I reached Swansea. Mr P Wilkins & Capt Morgan were my fellow passengers & the Voyage was very pleasant. Got to dine at Penllergare
- Sunday 21 Read the morning Service to the Family. My dear Mary far from well
- Monday 22 Drove on very various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 23 My dear Mary chiefly confined to her Bed with a severe Cold & billious[?sic] affection. Fanny accompanied little Mary to take her Dancing & writing lessons at Swansea & I was engaged allday at home
- Wednesday 24 Mary better. Drove again on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 25 Drove again to Swansea

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- Friday 26 Engaged at home in the morning & at 2 drove with Mary to Swansea. She went to see Mrs Llewelyn & I drove to the House of Correction
- Saturday 27 Drove to Swansea, & was engaged about various Trust Affairs & about completing Mrs Llewelyns purchase of Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 28 Fanny very unwell & kept upstairs. I read both the Services to the Family

MARCH

- Monday 1 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Found Mrs Llewelyn very unwell & much affected by the Death of her Friend Mrs Harriet Bowdler of the Small Pox aged 73
- Tuesday 2 Went with the two Mary's to Swansea & Fan was to have gone with us & the Miss Talbots had come there to take her back with them to spend a few days at Penrice but she is still too unwell. Mary was to have attended a Concert of the Tyrolese Minstrels, but she gave her time to Mrs Llewelyn who we fear has had a paralytic stroke. We were much shocked to hear of the Death this afternoon of our Friend Dr Edwards but it proved to be untrue
- Wednesday 3 Mary & I drove over to Penrice, & found Mrs Ll a little better but her Face is much distorted
- Thursday 4 Drove to Swansea with Mary immediately after Breakfast as I was sent for express on some curious magisterial Business, & at 12 the Carriage took me on to attend the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach from where I walked home. Mary did not return till after 5 & her account of Mrs Llewelyn is very distressing
- Friday 5 Drove after Breakfast with Mary to Swansea & she spent the whole day with Mrs Ll. Returned home to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Saturday 6 In consequence of Mrs Llewelyns continued illness we moved to Miss Williams Lodging House close by the Willows & we met there at a late Dinner
- Sunday 7 Mary & her two Girls went to Church in the morning, & I with the two Mary's in the Evening
- Monday 8 Engaged in various Business at Swansea allday

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- Tuesday 9 Engaged chiefly about making the new Bank & other improvements in the Garden of the Willows. In the Evening we received a Letter from Dr Sims which led us to conclude that my Sister could not last many hours
- Wednesday 10 Chiefly employed as yesterday. Fanny went to pay a visit to Penrice
- Thursday 11 The two Mary's went to sleep at Penllergare & I dined with T E Thomas
- Friday 12 Still employed in the Garden at the Willows
- Saturday 13 Employed chiefly as yesterday
- Sunday 14 We all went to St Mary's Church in the morning & rain in the Evening kept us at home
- Monday 15 Engaged chiefly in planting at the Willows. Fan returned from her visit to Penrice
- Tuesday 16 The Planting at the Willows almost entirely engaged my time
- Wednesday 17 The Account from Cavendish Square was if possible encreasingly alarming as to unfit me for Business & since this day sennight I have not even been to the Pottery or done more than amuse myself about planting at the Willows
- Thursday 18 Employed as yesterday
- Friday 19 Employed as yesterday & this Evening Post at last brought us the afflicting news that my dear Sister Lydia on Wednesday night about ½ past 11 o'clock was removed from a state of constant suffering to a better World. In digging at the Willows today I turned up a live Cockchaffer. The Keeper today shot a Woodcock & also shot a Sewin when swimming in our stream at Penllergare
- Saturday 20 We today gave up our Apartment at Mount Pleasant & returned to Dinner at Penllergare
- Sunday 21 Read both Services to the Family at home
- Monday 22 Mary went about noon in the Close Carriage to the Willows & I accompanied her. She brought Mrs Llewelyn over to Penllergare, & the Phaeton came to take her back
- Tuesday 23 Employed myself about accounts all morning, & in the afternoon I went through the Nydfwch Woods & etc & to fix on some plantations about

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Brynrose. Mrs Llewelyn & Mary took a drive in the close Carriage & as this is the day appointed for the funeral of my Sister at Tottenham we all felt it keenly

Wednesday 24 Drove on various Business to Swansea

Thursday 25 Drove on various Business to Swansea, with the two Mary's in the close Carriage, & little Mary had a back Tooth drawn by Mr Bird. Our dear John reached Swansea from Oxford by the Regulator Coach, & the Phaeton brought him to Penllergare about 10 o'clock

Friday 26 Drove to Swansea, & as I had otherwise disposed of my own Mary to suit Mrs Llewelyns convenience as she is too unwell to attend to Business, I finally agreed to purchase Mr Edwards [?] Vaughans Houses in Swansea for the Trust Estate

Saturday 27 Drove on Business to Swansea & visited the House of Correction. Weather remarkably sultry for the time of Year & in the Gardens at the Willows Cockchaffers & Butterflies were numerous

Sunday 28 The two Mary's & John went to Llangafelach Church where the Service is performed in the Chancel & when the new Church will be compleated is very doubtful. I read the Evening Service to the Family at home as usual

Monday 29 Went very early to Swansea to plant at the Willows a large Lot of fine Evergreens which I had purchased from Mr Eaton, & after breakfasting & dining at the Willows Mary joined me at Tea & we returned to Penllergare together late in the Evening. The Weather continues remarkably sultry

Tuesday 30 Left Penllergare in the Phaeton about ½ past 5 & spent the day as yesterday. The two Mary's came in the afternoon & I returned with them in the Evening. Weather still very hot

Wednesday 31 Drove over & continued yesterdays employment from early till late

APRIL

Thursday 1 Drove over early & continued planting till about 11 when I went to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & returned about ½ past 3 to Swansea Reached Penllergare about 8 in the Evening & the Weather has changed from being very hot to cold, & as it has snowed most of the day. This

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- such [?] interfered with our proceedings but we finished bringing the Tress & Shrubs from Bryn y mor
- Friday 2 I went early through a heavy Snow Storm & it continued so heavy allday that the men found it impossible to plant or go on with other work in the Shrubbery. I returned to Dinner
- Saturday 3 It snowed heavily all last night so as to have covered the neighbourhood, but about breakfast time it cleared of & I drove on various Business to Swansea, & returned soon after 6 to Dinner. The weather on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday was oppressively hot, & I never heard of such a perfect contrast in any Weeks
- Sunday 4 Fanny & John went on Horseback to Llangafelach Church & I read both the Services at home. Weather fine & frosty. Mrs Ll's recovery retarded by a Cold
- Monday 5 Drove on Business to Swansea & Mr J G Jeffreys returned with me to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 6 Took Mr Jeffreys to Swansea, sent the Phaeton back & in the afternoon returned in the close Carriage with the two Mary's who came over for a dancing lesson & etc
- Wednesday 7 After looking at some new Plantations of Johns, I went about noon to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 6
- Thursday 8 Went planting with John about ½ past 11 & then drove on various Business to Penllergare
- Friday 9 Being Good Friday Mary, John & little Mary went to Llangafelach Church, & at 7 in the Evening I went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms preparatory to going per Mail to bring Lewis home for the Easter Holidays
- Saturday 10 Started about ½ past 4 per Mail, & reached Bath about ¼ before 7. Much tired from jolting & being alone in the Coach, & went early to Bed
- Sunday 11 My dear Lewis joined me at the York House soon after 9 & went with T E Thomas & his Son to the morning Service at the Abbey. Afterwards called on Sir C Cole at 54 Pulteny Street, & etc. Dined at the York House at 4 & at 5 we went on by a Birmingham Mail to Bristol. Thence in a Hackney Coach we went to the Gloster Hotel at the Hotwells & spent an hour at W Clayfietly [?] **{NOT INDEXED}**

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- Monday 12 At ½ past 8 embarked in the Cambria Steam Vessel Vessel [sic] & had a rough voyage of 4½ hours to Newport. Lewis & most of the Passengers very sick. Got on per Mail for Pyle where our Phaeton was waiting & reached home at ½ past 9
- Tuesday 13 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned home to Dinner
- Wednesday 14 Drove again as yesterday to Swansea
- Thursday 15 Engaged about Accounts in the morning & in the afternoon drove for an hour to Swansea. Richd Jeffrey came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 16 Fished with my Boys in the morning, & afterwards drove for an hour to Swansea. Capt Morgan came back with me to dine & sleep here & Mr Charles & Miles Smith also dined with us
- Saturday 17 Mrs Llewelyn went with Mary in the close Carriage & remained at Swansea to prepare for her removal to Bath. I also went to Swansea in the Phaeton & Capt Morgan accompanied me. Met Mr Neville to consider of Mr R Goring Thomas's attempt to break the Hay Modus in Llanelly Parish
- Sunday 18 The Boys & Girls went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Service at home to Mary & some of the Servants
- Monday 19 As I was driving to Swansea in the morning I in the Upper Field met Mr A H Davis of London Fls [?] driving down with introductory Letters & I returned to shew him my Collections & etc & in the afternoon went with him to Swansea. I returned to Dinner at 6
- Tuesday 20 Drove for an hour to Swansea & afterwards fished till Dinner time with Lewis
- Wednesday 21 Started with my 2 Boys in the Phaeton at ½ past 4 & as the Weather was calm they preferred the Palmerston Steam Boat to the Cambria Coach, & at 6 exactly she paddled off to Bristol. it soon afterwards came to blow & rain hard & kept me in a fidget allday. Returned to Penllergare in the afternoon
- Thursday 22 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & Fan accompanied me. It rained hard without the smallest intermission the whole day
- Friday 23 To compleat some planting I drove in early & breakfasted at the Willows. Weather still very wet & I left Swansea about 3 to see about some planting at Penllergare

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- Saturday 24 Went in the close Carriage with Mary & she took back Mrs Llewelyn. Fanny came over from Penllergare in the Phaeton & I returned with her
- Sunday 25 The two Girls went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family. Mary had set out for Church but her anxiety about Mrs Llewelyn brought her back
- Monday 26 Drove to Swansea on an appointment to meet Mr Edward Vaughan & pay for the Houses in Swansea purchased from him for the Trust Estate, but Mr Thos [?] Thomas shamefully disappointed us & the Deeds will not be ready till tomorrow
- Tuesday 27 Drove to Swansea & compleated the purchase from Mr Edwards Vaughan. We had a long haggle about 7 or 8£ & settled it by paying him half Mr Socketts recommendation
- Wednesday 28 Drove about noon for a couple of hours on various Business to Swansea, & was all day engaged inn preparations for leaving home. Mrs Ll & Fanny started about 2 with the intention of sleeping at Pyle
- Thursday 29 After an early breakfast started at ½ past 7 & went by way of Swansea in the Phaeton to Pyle, where I met my two Mary's & posted on with them in our Chariot so as to reach Newport & join Mrs Llewelyn & Fan soon after 7. In my way I stopped a few minutes at Swansea & for an hour on Business of the Estate at Neath
- Friday 30 We all embarked at 10 in the Lady Rodney & after a delightful passage reached the Hotwells & took up our Quarters at Eves Hotel in Queens Square Bath which we reached to Dinner

MAY

- Saturday 1 Mrs Llewelyn engaged Quarters at 3 Queen Square & as we could not get any whole House sufficiently near her we took apartments at 11 Milsom Street. In the Evening we all went to the Theatre to see an Elephant perform, & Mrs Ll would accompany us. Fanny afterwards returned with her to Eve's Hotel & we went to our new Apartments
- Sunday 2 Mary accompanied Mrs Ll to Queens Square Chapel & I went with the two Girls to Dr Gardners. Made calls in the afternoon & I took a long walk with Sir C Cole, who with the Penrice Family are at 54 Pultney Street

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- Monday 3 Did little but lounge about the Streets of Bath & met James Baillie & several other of my Friends
- Tuesday 4 Lounded about Bath till Evening & then went to the Gloster Hotel at the Hotwells on my way to Brecon where it is desirable that I should go to arrange several disputes with the Tenants preparatory to a Settlement of our Accounts during the regency of the late Mr Mayberry
- Wednesday 5 Left the Hotwells in the Bristol Steamer at a little before 7 & about $\frac{3}{4}$ past 2 reached Swansea. Engaged all the afternoon & Evening in various Business & slept at the Mackworth Arms
- Thursday 6 Breakfasted with T E Thomas & at 11 went to the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where C H Smith met me being his first appearance as a Magistrate. Drove for an hour to Penllergare, & then to dine & sleep at Gwernllwynwith in my way to Brecon
- Friday 7 Started from Gwernllwynwith at 6, & Charles Smith accompanied me to breakfast at the Lamb & Flag, & thence to see after our Iron railings to Merthyr where we dined & slept at the Castle Inn. The Crawshays were from home
- Saturday 8 Started from Merthyr at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 & drove to Brecon which I reached to breakfast at 8. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 I began I began [sic] at Accounts with the two Mr Mayberry's & to receive the Tenants till after 10 at night when I went much fatigued by the exertion to Bed
- Sunday 9 Started at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 from Brecon & drove through torrents of rain which wet both me & the Phaeton through, to Breakfast at Hirwain. Took an early Dinner at Aberpergwm & about $\frac{1}{4}$ before 9 reached Penllergare where from my dear Mary I received a very alarming account of Mrs Llewelyn
- Monday 10 Worked from early with Griffiths on Trust Affairs & Accounts till about 3 when after an early Dinner I drove to Swansea, & was equally engaged till the Mail arrived. The account brought by a Letter from Mary of Mrs Llewelyn's situation continued to be so very alarming that I sent back my Phaeton to Penllergare & decided on setting off per Mail for Bath. Engaged in Business till near 11 & then went to Bed at the Mackworth Arms
- Tuesday 11 Started about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 4 in the Mail - was near 2 hours in crossing the Passage & at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 reached Bath where I found Mrs Llewelyn rather better but still ill

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Wednesday 12 Mrs Llewelyn rather better, but both mind & Body is still sadly dilapidated

Thursday 13 Willm Williams of Aberpergwm on his way to London dined & spent most of the day with me

Friday 14 Mrs Llewelyn decidedly better but the Doctors still think her in a very precarious state. Did nothing but lounge about Bath

Saturday 15 Mrs Llewelyn so as far as Health goes is rather better, but we are alarmed by our encreasing apprehension that her mind will never recover. As it is better for my dear Mary who is often called up to her in the night we this afternoon removed to apartments in the same House, No 3 Queens Square

Sunday 16 Fanny & I went to the Abbey in the morning & heard a good Sermon by Mant - the Irish Bishop. Mary & I were going to Church in the Evening but were prevented by the distressing mental state & excitement of Mrs Llewelyn.

Monday 17 Mrs Llewelyn rather better tho' still in a precarious state. None of my acquaintances were in Bath & I am miserably tired of it

Tuesday 18 Mrs Llewelyn rather better. Miss Bassett came from Clifton to see her & spent a few hours with us

Wednesday 19 My dear Lewis has this day completed his 16th year & he spent it all as a holiday with us. Mrs Llewelyn so unwell all day that neither her or I saw her, & his [her?] melancholy situation sadly marred our pleasures. We went to see the Siamese Twins whose Bodies are naturally united, & I took him to practice with pistols at Cloughs

Thursday 20 Mrs Llewelyn had a wretched night, & is so much more unwell that I at last prevailed on her to procure further advice & Sir Geo Gibbs was called in. I had intended to start by tonights Mail for London but her situation prevented me. Capt T Morgan [?] called & spent an hour with us in the Evening on his way to Town [?] having left Swansea this morning

Friday 21 Mrs Ll's malady has encreased, & she gave us much uneasiness & fright by persisting in going to Miller's Nursery Garden at Clifton, & we were obliged by artifice to prevent her. Lewis about noon came to us with bad Tooth aches, & as he decided on having the offender extracted it was done after repeated failures by Mr Shaw who said he had never before seen such monstrous fangs. Lewis remained with us & slept here

Saturday 22 Mrs Llewelyn more composed

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- Sunday 23 Went in the morning with my 2 Girls to the Octagon Chapel, & Mary went there in the afternoon. Mrs Llewelyn better & much more composed but she exhibits much mental imbecility
- Monday 24 Went to Clifton to arrange about Miss Bassetts coming here to assist in taking care of Mrs Llewelyn & to consult with Dr Edwards but he had not yet returned from Clevedon
- Tuesday 25 Miss Bassett joined us about noon & I started in the Mail for London
- Wednesday 26 Reached London early in the Bath Mail & took up my Quarters at Hatchetts Hotel. Engaged on various Business in the City &[?] so that I did not dine till ½ past 8, & then went & remained till late at the Athenaeum
- Thursday 27 Engaged with Mr Frampton in Grays Inn & on other Business till I dined at ½ past 7. Afterwards attended a Sitting of the Royal Society, & Gossiped till very late at the Athenaeum
- Friday 28 Made various calls & compleated my Business in Town. Dined with Wm Williams at Falkes Hotel, & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum
- Saturday 29 Made several Visits & etc & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 30 Having been rather unwell ever since I came to Town I took a Prescription of Dr Sims's & did not move out till 2 o'clock. Went to St James's Church in the afternoon & started in the Evening per Mail for Bath
- Monday 31 Reached Queens Square before 8 & found Mrs Llewelyn gradually improving & her mind in a more natural state. It being Whitmonday Lewis was with us, & I went with him & Miss Bassett & Fanny to the Theatre where Miss Fanny Kimble performed Juliet

JUNE

- Tuesday 1 Purchased another Carriage at Fullers & lounged about without much employment allday
- Wednesday 2 Started about ½ past 7 in the Mail from Bath & reached Swansea soon after 9. Spelt at the Mackworth Arms

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- Thursday 3 Drove to Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where C Smith met me & then went on to dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Friday 4 Drove for a couple of hours on Business with T Thomas & etc at Swansea & returned to Penllergare. Engaged on Trust Accounts & preparing for the Rent day tomorrow
- Saturday 5 Drove to Swansea & was engaged in collecting the Penllergare Rents at the Ship & Castle from noon till after 6 when I returned to Penllergare
- Sunday 6 Drove by 11 to the Church at Mumbles but there was no morning Service, & then with Griffiths who had accompanied me I went to look over some Fields which are for Sale near Langland Bay. I then went to Swansea on Business for a couple of hours & returned to a late Dinner at Penllergare having sent an excuse to Mr Vivian
- Monday 7 Left Penllergare about ½ past 5, & at 7 embarked in the Bristol Steamer from Swansea & reached Bristol at about ½ past 5 in the afternoon & Bath at 9. Found Mrs Llewelyn bodily much better
- Tuesday 8 Did little but lounge about with Mary, Mrs Llewelyn, my Daughters. In the Evening I went with Mary to see Charles & Miss Fanny Kimble play Lord & Lady Townly but we could not get any places
- Wednesday 9 Not thinking of stopping much at Bath I had brought no Books or Papers with me, & it seems useless to go to Town as Mrs Ll has so far recovered as to give us hopes of returning home next week
- Tuesday 10 In the Evening Fire works had been appointed at Sydney Gardens, & to little Marys great disappointment the exhibition was put off on Account of the Weather
- Friday 11 Called on John Duncan & lounged about as heretofore
- Saturday 12 Dawdled & lounged about with the Ladies all day
- Sunday 13 Miss Bassett with the 2 Girls & Lewis went in the morning to the Octagon Chapel, & I accompanied Mary in the afternoon to the Abbey
- Monday 14 Busy most of the day in preparing to leave Bath. This is the second anniversary of the Death of our much beloved Sarah
- Tuesday 15 Mrs Ll had a good night & appearing better the Doctor advised us to start homewards & we accordingly set off about ½ past 5 & took up our Quarters at the Clifton Hotel in the Mall at Clifton

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- Wednesday 16 Employed the morning at Millers Nursery Garden & in visiting Dr Edwards who is slowly recovering from a very alarming illness. At one we all embarked in the Lady Rodney Steamer & about ½ past 5 reached Kings Head at Newport
- Thursday 17 The party started homewards at 9, & I at one embarked in the Steam Boat & got on to sleep at York House, Bath
- Friday 18 Engaged in settling Bills & etc. & dined with Mr Spry the Mayor
- Saturday 19 Lewis joined me at breakfast at the York House & we then went on in the Coach & reached Oxford about 5. Took up our Quarters at the Star. John dined with us, & Lewis went with his Brother to spend the Evening at Oriel. I joined a party at Dr Bucklands & spent a pleasant Evening
- Saturday 20 Took a walk early in the afternoon with my two Boys to Hinksey & I returned in time for the afternoon Service at All Saints Church. They dined together at Oriel & I with the Duncans at New College where I met Burchall the African Traveller, Genrl Peachey & etc & again met the same party at Dr Bucklands in the Evening
- Monday 21 Engaged in the morning about settling Johns Debts which had brought me to Oxford, & in making various Calls. We went in the afternoon to see Blenheim House & Grounds with Mr T E Thomas & his Son & Mr Pierrepoint & dined at the Bear at Woodstock. John & I spent the Evening at Dr Bucklands where we again met Mr Burchall & etc
- Tuesday 22 We all breakfasted at the Star, & were afterwards engaged about various settlements & in consulting the Provost about Johns wish to leave Oxford. The Boys dined out together & spent the Evening with some of Johns Friends. I dined at Bucklands where Davis Gilbert with his Wife & 4 Daughters had just arrived
- Wednesday 23 John started early this morning for Bath with a Friend of his on Horseback. Lewis & I breakfasted at Dr Bucklands where me met the Gilbert party & etc & he went with young Gilbert to the Commemoration. We got an early Dinner after which he skulled himself in a Wherry by himself to Iffley & Back & I attended in another Boat by him. We afterwards went to Dr Bucklands where with a very pleasant party I spent the Evening, & Lewis accompanied the Gilberts to a concert where Madame Stockhausen performed
- Thursday 24 I was in readiness to start for Clifton by 8, but Lewis was made too ill by a bilious headach & we did not get off till ½ past 2 when we posted to sleep at Cirencester

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- Friday 25 Lewis & I left Cirencester in a Post Chaise about 8, & at one we found John at the Clifton Hotel where after spending a couple of hours with the Dean, we dined at 5. In the Evening there was a violent Storm of Thunder & Lightening. We drank Tea at Dr Edwards & I afterwards spent a couple of hours at Lord James Stuarts
- Saturday 26 About 11 we left the Hotwells in the Bristol Steamer & soon after 7 reached Swansea. where we were met by my Phaeton, & proceeded to Penllergare. Found Mrs Llewelyn still in a settled state & on the whole without improvement since we left Bath
- Sunday 27 The four Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual at home
- Monday 28 Closely engaged all the morning about the Castelpiggin & other Business & soon after noon drove on other Business for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 29 Drove for a few hours to Swansea & was closely occupied by various Business allday
- Wednesday 30 Drove after breakfast with Lewis to Swansea & John went on Horseback, & they then took a Sail in Sir Hussey Vivians Yacht "Paul Pry". I should have accompanied them but the Plaintiffs Solicitor Mr W O Price arrived from Landilo, & under the Direction of the Court I appointed tomorrow for the settlement of our Castelpiggin Mortgage. Lewis walked with Sir Christopher Cole to Singleton & Fan called for me in the Carriage & took me there to Dinner where we met the Penrice Family. We all except John returned at night

JULY

- Thursday 1 Attended the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where C Smith met me & I then drove to Swansea & finally settled the Castelpiggin Mortgage, & which probably for 50 years had been a perpetual source of Litigation & trouble. Got home to Dinner soon after 6
- Friday 2 Drove to Swansea to attend the Proclamation of our new Sovereign William the 4th, & it was done in a very handsome manner at the expense to the Corporation
- Saturday 3 Engaged about Accounts all the morning at home & in the afternoon drove with Mary to Swansea & returned to dine at 6

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- Sunday 4 Fan with the 2 Boys accompanied their Mother to Llangafelach Church, & a violent rain prevented me from joining them. Read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 5 Drove to Swansea soon after breakfast & took the Chair at the Road & Harbor Meetings & also at the Meeting of the House of Correction. Rd Jeffreys dined with us
- Tuesday 6 Busy all the morning about Accounts. A Messenger from Penrice brought me Letters announcing Sir Christophers intention to resign & Mr Talbot to become Candidate for the County. Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 7 Engaged on Trust affairs till near 2, & then drove for an hour to Swansea
- Thursday 8 Spent precisely as yesterday
- Friday 6 Spent precisely as the two preceding days
- Saturday 10 Drove to a Meeting of the House of Correction & other Business
- Sunday 11 Rain fell in Torrents, & I read both the Services to the Family at home. This is the blank Birth Day of my lost, my darling Willy
- Monday 12 Variously engaged chiefly in Trust affairs & drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 13 Drove after Breakfast to Neath where I had some Appointments on Business, & assisted Evan Thomas in some appeal cases which lasted till past 7. I then dined with the Magistrates & reached home about 11. Some arrangements about Trust affairs which I had made without thinking of it obliged me to go & I regretted to be absent from home on this our Wedding Day
- Wednesday 14 Drove at noon with Fan to Swansea she thereafter returned to Penllergare. The Boys came over in the Chariot to meet me at Dinner at T E Thomas, & we went to a Play bespoke by Sir Geo Leeds [?] & Vivian as Stewards to the Boat Races after which Lord Js Stuart came back with us
- Thursday 15 Young Calvert Jones came to breakfast here & accompany Lord James to visit the Burgesses of Loughor. As every body was engaged otherwise we had nobody to meet Lord James at Dinner
- Friday 16 Drove Lord James soon after breakfast to Swansea form where he went to Singleton, & I attended he annual meeting of the Infirmary. Mr Talbot

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- arrived to Dinner, with the intention of commencing his Canvass & C Smith met him. Smith drove the two Boys in to the Regatta Ball & they slept at Capt Morgans. Mary, Fanny, Mr Talbot & I went & returned about 4 in the morning in our Coach
- Saturday 17 Rained in Torrents all the morning. In the afternoon drove Mr Talbot to canvass at Ynystawe & etc. Mr T E Thomas & son, C Smith & Mr Berrington dined here & Sir J Morris & other Gent. possessing Estates in Llangafelach were prevented from meeting Mr Talbot
- Sunday 18 Went with Fanny, Mr Talbot & our two Boys to Llangafelach Church. Mr Talbot, John & I afterwards took a long canvassing walk to Twyddfa [?], Lan, Pendrevelin [?] & etc
- Monday 19 Drove Talbot to call at Ynyskedwin & etc & etc. Calvert Jones Jnr dined and slept here
- Tuesday 20 About 2 Talbot left us on his way to Margam & C Jones ret'd to Heathfield. I then drove for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 21 Detained by Business at home till about 2, & then drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & renewed my Treaty for the Purchase of PenPound & Tyrarian [?]. Mary accompanied me in the Phaeton. Calvert Jones jnr came to dine & sleep here, in order to make a drawing of old Dash
- Thursday 22 Busy in the morning with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & etc & drove at noon to Swansea about the Treaty for PenPound & Tyrarian [?]
- Friday 23 Had appointed People to meet at Ynysygerwn & Fan & the 2 Boys were to have accompanied me so as to spend the Day there, but an incessant rain prevented us. Drove in the afternoon to Swansea, & found Lewis Thomas offers to be so wild that I again renounced the Treaty for PenPound & Tyrarian [?]
- Saturday 24 Drove for 2 hours to Swansea
- Sunday 25 The morning being wet we none of us went to Church but I read the Services at home to the Family. The afternoon became fine & sultry for the first time this season
- Monday 26 Started after an early Breakfast with my 2 Boys in the Phaeton & stopped at Ynysygerwn where I had appointed Griffiths to meet me on various Business. Again waited at the Lamb & Flag, & called at Aberpergwm. Went on to dine at Crawshays where we met Mr Talbot & a large party & finding the measles in his House I sent the 2 Boys to sleep at Mr

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Meyricks. The Weather having heretofore been remarkably cold, this morning became very sultry & the heat made me very unwell

Tuesday 27 In the morning in a Field near Cyfarthfa there was a match at Pidgeon Shooting, & John was beat in 20 Rounds only by Mr Francis Crawshay - see p 111. Mr Talbot in the afternoon pursued his Canvass towards Cardiff, & on account of the Measles I set out a Day sooner than I had intended with my 2 Boys to Brecon. One of our Horses being lame I left them at Cyfarthfa, & with posters reached the Castle at Brecon about 5, & took up our Quarters there.

Wednesday 28 With hack [?] horses to my Phaeton I spent this day on various Business, & shewing several parts of the Estate to John. We lunched at the Upper Chapel & got back at ¼ before 6 to dine at the Castle Inn. The Boys in the Evening went to try to fish with a Fellow named Martins & I continued engaged with Mr Mayberry on Business

Thursday 29 Left Brecon at ¼ before 10. Lunched in Crawshays Works as we would not go to the House for fear of the Measles, & about ½ past 1 started homewards with our own Horses. Dined at the Lamb & Flag & reached Penllergare about ½ past 8. Weather still continues excessively close & sultry

Friday 30 A pain in my Face, accompanied with swelling has pestered me for several days & still continues. In the afternoon I drove for half an hour to Swansea & in the Evening Mrs Geo Jenner arrived on a Visit

Saturday 31 Engaged all the morning at home & about 2 drove for an hour to Swansea

AUGUST

Sunday 1 Weather very wet, & I have not yet got clear of the pain in my Jaws. Mary read the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 2 Drove to Swansea accompanied by John & we went together to the first of a course of Lectures on Chemistry by Mr Day at the new Town Hall

Tuesday 3 Drove about [an] hour to Swansea & we went to Mr Days second Lecture

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- Wednesday 4 Mrs G Jenner left us & our Carriage took her as far as Neath. I drove about an hour to Swansea & again attempted a Treaty for P...hertil [?], Penpound & Tyrarian
- Thursday 5 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach which lasted about 2 hours & I then drove to Swansea & joined Mr Talbot in his Canvass of the Town
- Friday 6 Engaged by Business at home in the morning, & in the afternoon went with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Saturday 7 Went to investigate a Felony at Odinvole [?] North of Llangafelach & from there drove in the afternoon to Swansea. Rawley Mansell came back with me & Mr Talbot & Mr Sockett also came to Dinner. Mr Talbot only slept here
- Sunday 8 After taking an early Dinner at our Luncheon Mr Talbot left us for Penlline. The four youngsters went to Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 9 Drove for an hour to Swansea, & after an early Dinner John & I in the Phaeton went to Ynysygerwn about having it repaired, & then to sleep at the Ship & Castle at Neath. This is the anniversary of the Birth of my lost darling beloved Sarah
- Tuesday 10 John & I went to breakfast at Pyle, & then with post Horses went on to attend the Election of Mr Talbot at Bridgend. We stopped the Dinner & reached home at 9
- Wednesday 11 Drove for an hour on Business to Swansea. Sir Geo Leeds & Col Jones came to dine & sleep here
- Thursday 12 Sir Geo Leeds, Col Jones & my two Boys started about 7 through a heavy Rain for the Gwmm [?] Hills, & Lewis killed 2 Birds out of 5 which is all they brought home. The party returned by 4, as the Weather was too bad to allow of much sport, & Col Jones went back to Veranda. Mr Talbot joined us at Dinner, & about 11 I accompanied him to a Ball given by the Officers of the Swansea Cavalry where we staid a short hour & then came back to Penllergare
- Friday 13 Sir Geo Leeds left us soon after Breakfast & Mr Talbot staid here till the 3rd Bell had rung for Dinner, & then started for Penrice where he had an appointment. In the afternoon I left him & drove with Fan for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 14 Drove in the Phaeton with Mary in the afternoon to Swansea

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- Sunday 15 The Weather being still wet none of us went to Church & I at home read both the morning and Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 16 John & Fan went in the Socialet to Ynysygerwn, & after breakfast to Swansea where John joined me at 7, & we dined at Mr Hewsons to meet the Bishop of St Davids, Mr Talbot & etc & etc. Got home at 12
- Tuesday 17 Went with Mary in the Phaeton to Swansea where Lewis met us, & went with his Mother to be confirmed but owing to some blunder & mismanagement on the part of the Clergy he was passed over
- Wednesday 18 Drove to Swansea for an hour after an early breakfast & returned about 11 to Penllergare. My 2 Boys & I in the Phaeton afterwards went as far as Pyle & then posted on to Cardiff where we attended Lord Js Stuarts election Ball at the Castle
- Thursday 19 It was past 2 when we left the Ball & at 3 set out for Newport & then started at 5 in the Lady Rodney & reached Bristol to breakfast. Leaving my dear Lewis at Mr Kilverts John & I went on by the Mail for London
- Friday 20 Reached London early & at once began preparations for a Journey on the Continent. Engaged Pareij [?] as a Courier & we left Town by the Union Night Coach for Dover
- Saturday 21 Reached Dover about 8 & at ½ past 10 sailed in the Crusader Steamer & at a few minutes past 1 we landed at Calais. It is my 52nd Birth Day & I had never left Great Britain before
- Sunday 22 Left Calais in a hired Carriage early & passing through Dunkirk, Mont Capel & etc reached Lille to sleep. Of the Journey thus undertaken a separate & more particular Journal is kept
- Monday 23 About 9 or 10 left Lille early & passing through Tournay & all [?] we slept at Engheim
- Tuesday 24 Started early from Engheim & reached Brussels about 11. Took up our Quarters at the Hotel de belle Vue
- Wednesday 25 Amused ourselves all day at Brussels
- Thursday 26 We were woke early by the continued discharges of Musketry & shouts of the Populace & found that a revolution had commenced. Hurried away as fast as possible & passing through Tournay & etc reached Maestricht to sleep at

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- Friday 27 At 11 left Maestricht & in less than four hours reached Aix la Chapelle, where we stopped the night
- Saturday 29 Left Aix la Chapelle after breakfast & at Dusk reached Cologne by posting
- Sunday 29 At 6 in the morning left Cologne in the Concordia Steam Vessel, & landed about ½ past 6 in the Evening & slept at Cologne
- Monday 30 Embarked again in the Concordia at 6 & in the Evening about ½ past 6, landed & slept at Mayence
- Tuesday 31 Spent the morning at Mayance. Drove with Mr Bristow to spend the afternoon & dine at Weisbaden & in the Evening we returned to Mayance

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 1 Went in the morning in a Steam Boat up the Main to Frankfurt & took up our Quarters at the Hotel de Russe
- Thursday 2 Spent the day at Frankfurt
- Friday 3 In the afternoon returned by the Steam Boat from Frankfurt to Mayence
- Saturday 4 Went from Mayence in the Steam Boat from Mayence to Cologne
- Sunday 5 John for the last 3 days had suffered with a baddish Cold, & when I called him early this morning with the view of proceeding by the Steam Boat to Rotterdam, I found his Chest so much affected & that he had passed such a wretched night as to be unable to proceed. I called in a Physician, Dr Sliccker [?] & was employed nearly all [day] in watching him
- Monday 6 John a little better but still too unwell to leave Cologne, & he was confined to his room all day
- Tuesday 7 With the Doctors consent we started about noon in a close Carriage which I had hired & posted to Dusseldorf where we stopped the night
- Wednesday 8 About nine in the morning we got into the Steam Boat from Cologne & at about

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- Thursday 9 3 this morning we reached Rotterdam. In the afternoon with Mr Bross for our companion we started via Delft & posted to sleep at the Hague
- Friday 10 In the afternoon we posted via Leyden to Haarlem
- Saturday 11 About 11 we left Haarlem & posted into Amsterdam
- Sunday 12 Went on to see the celebrated Village of Brock & thence to dine at Saardam & returned in the Evening to Amsterdam
- Monday 13 About noon we bid Goodby to our Companion Mr Bros, & posted on by way of Alphen [?] & Garder [?] to sleep at Rotterdam
- Tuesday 14 Spent the day at Rotterdam
- Wednesday 15 At 2 in the morning we left Rotterdam in a Steam Vessel & before 2 in the afternoon were landed at Antwerp
- Thursday 16 Left Antwerp at noon & posted on in a hired Carriage to sleep at Ghent
- Friday 17 Having taken the whole Coupe of the Dilligence[?] for our two Selves we started at 11 & went on to sleep at Ypres
- Saturday 18 Left Ypres rather early & posted on to dine at Dunkirk & from thence reached Calais in the Evening
- Sunday 19 Embarked at Calais at ½ past 10 & at 3 after a rough Voyage reached Dover & posted on to sleep at Rochester
- The particulars of this Journey are recorded in a separate Journal [*not survived ? RM*]
- Monday 20 Posted on from the Crown Inn at Rochester & reached London about 5 minutes before 12. Went immediately to Mr Frampton & to settle the Bankers Accounts, & having no more Business in town started with John in the Mail for Bath
- Tuesday 21 Reached York House at Bath about ¼ before 8. Went in the Hot Baths. Sent for my dear Lewis to spend the day with us. At 8 John & I went to sleep at the Bush at Bristol
- Wednesday 22 Started at a ¼ before 10 in the Mail & after a pleasant Journey reached Penllergare about ½ past 9 in the Evening

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- Thursday 23 John went shooting, & found Partridges unusually scarce & it is everywhere a bad Season for them. I drove in the afternoon for an hour or two to Swansea & Mary accompanied me
- Friday 24 Drove on Business to Swansea with T Thomas & etc for a couple of hours in the afternoon to Swansea
- Saturday 25 Engaged on Business at home till 12 or should otherwise have gone to meet the Corporation & open the New Market at Swansea. Went there soon after 12 & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Sunday 26 The Youngsters all went to the new Church at Llangafelach which during our absence has been opened
- Monday 27 Engaged with People at home till near noon when I drove to Swansea & returned to dine at ½ past 5
- Tuesday 28 Drove in the afternoon with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea]
- Wednesday 29 As Mrs [?] Llewelyn had taken our Horses I went with Posters to dine with the Corporation at Swansea & returned home about 8
- Thursday 30 Drove again in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

OCTOBER

- Friday 1 The Prince of Cimitile arrived here on a Visit to us & Mr Meredith from Dumfries came to dine & sleep here
- Saturday 2 John rode with Mr Monteith to Ynysygerwn, & I drove the Prince to Swansea. Rawleigh Mansell came to dine here, & in the Evening returned with Mr Monteith to Swansea
- Sunday 3 Mary, with Fanny & John went to Llangafelach Church
- Monday 4 Drove with the Prince to Swansea & I attended a Road & Harbor Meeting. T E Thomas & his Son dined here
- Tuesday 5 Drove on Business with T Thomas to Swansea & the Prince accompanied me. I then drove on to show him Mr Vivians (who is abroad) & to lunch at the Mumbles. We returned home by the Cockets & Mr Smith & Capt Hickey (who had been shooting with John) joined us at Dinner

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- Wednesday 6 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea, & the Prince accompanied me. In the morning Miss Lord [?] arrived here having been engaged as a Companion for Mrs Llewelyn
- Thursday 7 Attended a Petty Sessions with C Smith at Llangafelach & it lasted till near 4. I then drove with Prince Cimitile & John to dine at Capt Hickeys & we got home about 12
- Friday 8 Drove on the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 9 Drove to Swansea & waited before I could find Dr Howells for 2 hours to send him over to Penllergare on account of Mrs Llewelyns encreased illness. On my way home I took the Prince who had accompanied me to see Vivians Copper Works. Mr Calland & T Thomas dined here. & the latter had come over early to meet Griffiths & prepare to defend the Weir of the Curcher [?] Mill which had been broke down by the Tenant of Brinwillach [?]
- Sunday 10 Mary remained at home with Mrs Llewelyn who continues both mentally & bodily very unwell & I staid with the Prince. The others with Miss Lord went to Llangafelach Church
- Monday 11 John & I in the Socialet took the Prince de Cimitile as far as Neath in his way back to Bath, & we then attended to various Business at Neath & Ynysygerwn. We returned to Dinner & Mr Cheshyre [?] came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 12 Drove in the morning on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner. In the Evening went in our Coach with Mary, Fanny & John to Mr Talbots Election Ball. Mary on Acct of Mrs Llewelyns illness soon returned to Penllergare in another Carriage provided for her, & it was 5 when John, Fan & I reached home
- Wednesday 13 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea on Business with Mr T Thomas respecting the destruction of the Weir at Crick Mills [?]
- Thursday 14 Drove again in the afternoon on various Business for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Friday 15 Drove again in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea. Lord & Lady Js Stuart were to have come here on a Visit today, but Mrs Ll's situation prevented us from receiving them
- Saturday 16 Drove again to Swansea & attended at the House of Correction to pass the Accounts & etc, preparatory for the approaching Quarter Sessions

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- Sunday 17 Mrs D remained with Mrs Llewelyn who continues encreasingly ill, & the rest of us went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 18 Sir Ashley & Lady Cooper would have paid us a Visit but Mrs Llewelyns wretched situation prevented us from receiving them, & they only sent in their cards as they passed our Gates. Dr Howell is now in daily attendance on Mrs Ll & breakfasted here. I drove in the afternoon on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 19 Drove early to Swansea Quarter Sessions & sat allday with Evan Thomas to assist him as Chairman. Dined afterwards with the Magistrates, & as Fanny & John came to the Sessions Ball I went there & returned with them at about 3 o'clock to Penllergare. The Chairman had written to say that he should visit us but for reasons above stated we could not receive him
- Wednesday 20 Drove again to the Swansea Sessions & again sat all day as assistant Chairman. Returned home at 6 to Dinner
- Thursday 21 Drove to Swansea early & took the Chairman to inspect our House of Correction. Engaged afterwards on Trust affairs & returned home about 4 to assist little Mary in searching for her favorite Canary Bird which made its escape in the morning
- Friday 22 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn continues in a very distressing & precarious state
- Saturday 23 Drove at Noon for 3 hours on very various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 24 Miss Lord & the 3 youngsters went to Llangafelach & to the remainder of the Family I read the morning & also the Evening Service at home
- Monday 25 Drove about noon on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 26 In the afternoon drove with John to bespeak a Birstea [?], & werthings [?] for him at Swansea
- Wednesday 27 Drove in the afternoon for an hour or two to Swansea
- Thursday 28 Mary & I went in the Phaeton in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea
- Friday 29 Engaged at or about home all day. Fan & John drove after breakfast & paid a Visit at Penrice. Harvest home was kept as usual this Evening

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- Saturday 30 During the absence of his Wife & Children at the house this Evening my Butlers House was broke into & robbed, & I chiefly employed myself in trying to detect the Thief. Mr Frampton came over to spend a couple of days here & went to shoot with John. I drove to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Sunday 31 Engaged with Tom Morgan who came here last night on Ynysygerwn affairs, & in trying to detect the above mentioned robbery so that I did not get any regular Dinner. Fanny, John, Miss Lord & Mr Frampton went to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Service to Mary & such of the Family as remained at home

NOVEMBER

- Monday 1 Mrs Llewelyn who in a sad state of excitement arising from (as we appertained) from a sudden wish to shew her new Furniture to Miss Lord, had been rambling almost all night about the House, left us immediately after breakfast & Mary accompanied her to Burrows Lodge, while Miss Lord & her Servants went in another Carriage, & did not return. I took Mr Frampton in my Phaeton, & took the Chair at a large Turnpike Meeting about making a new Road towards Carmarthen. Miss Bassett who is very unwell returned with Mary on a Visit to us
- Tuesday 2 John went in the Socialet to spend a couple of days & shoot at Ynysygerwn which has been fitted up for the purpose. soon after 11 I drove Mary to Swansea & we found that Mrs Ll had passed a good night & was better
- Wednesday 3 Drove again with Mary to Swansea & found Mrs Llewelyn considerably worse
- Thursday 4 Attended the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & the Socialet which took me went & brought John from Ynysygerwn. I walked back. Mary & Fanny went in the Phaeton to Mrs Llewelyn
- Friday 5 John & I went to dine & sleep at Penrice Castle
- Saturday 6 On our return from Penrice through heavy Rain the waters to Park Mill were so high that they quite covered our Wheels. On reaching Burrows Lodge we found Mrs Ll was very ill & that Mary had come over yesterday Evening & slept there. she returned to Penllergare with us

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- Sunday 7 Mary, Miss Bassett & little Mary went in the morning in our Chariot to Swansea & John & Fanny on Horseback to Llangafelach Church. Mrs LI continued very ill
- Monday 8 Drove in with Mary to attend on Mrs Llewelyn & she had determined on setting up with her at Burrows Lodge. John rode in the afternoon & met me at Dinner at T E Thomas's. He went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms preparatory to starting by the Mail for Bath & Oxford & I slept at the Willows
- Tuesday 9 Drove home with Mary early in the afternoon
- Wednesday 10 Mary & the 2 Girls drove to Swansea & I was engaged allday at home. Sir C Cole, T E Thomas & the Revd C Jones dined & slept here
- Thursday 11 My Guests left me soon after Breakfast & C R Jones went with me to Neath where I attended the Sale of the Estate of my old Friend the late Counsellor Bevan. The Lots were bought in, but I afterwards made a good purchase of Brysncallwg [?], Gellygaled [?], Burnant, Llwynon, Ddroscol, Blaennant and Meyrick & Gwain y Cadus. Reached home again about ½ past 6. For particulars of the purchase see p 112
- Friday 12 Went with Mary to Swansea
- Saturday 13 At 3 o'clock Mary drove to see Mrs Llewelyn & returned without stopping more than a few minutes. It rained so heavily that none of the rest of us left the House allday
- Sunday 14 A very wet day & I read the Service at home. Mary being too unwell Fanny drove over in the afternoon to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Monday 15 Drove soon after Breakfast with Mary to Swansea & was engaged by various Business allday
- Tuesday 16 Morning very wet & I devoted it to examining T Thomas's Bill for Conveyancing & etc. Walked in the afternoon with Mary to look over the new Buildings at Brynrhos
- Wednesday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea where she left me & I dined at Parry Wilkins & slept at the Willows
- Thursday 18 Breakfasted with T E Thomas & Fanny came over in the afternoon to Swansea & took me back to Penllergare
- Friday 19 Drove Mary over about noon to see Mrs Llewelyn & by Dr Howells desire she had not before seen her since Monday

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- Saturday 20 Capt Hickey & Mr Vivian had engaged to shoot & dine here, but the Weather was too bad. About noon I went on various Business to Swansea & Mary accompanied me
- Sunday 21 My dear Mary much unwell & the Weather being very bad none of us went to Church but I read the Service to the Family at home
- Monday 22 Drove over to Swansea & took the Chair at a Special Meeting of the Trustees to consider about an amended Road Bill which is proposed for the County
- Tuesday 23 Went in the morning in the Phaeton on various Business with Mary to Swansea & she returned home early in the afternoon. Fanny at 5 called for me in the Chariot & we went to dine & sleep at Singleton
- Wednesday 24 Mary & little Mary came to Swansea in the Phaeton which they left for me & returned with Fanny in the Chariot to Penllergare. I went to dine at Capt Hickeys & slept at the Willows
- Thursday 25 Saw Mrs Llewelyn this morning for the first time since the 8th & thought her on the whole rather better. Soon after Breakfast I returned to Penllergare
- Friday 26 Engaged allday at home, & Mary & little Mary went to Swansea to see Mrs Llewelyn. John in the Evening returned by Mail from a Visit with Lewis to Mr Wickhams & subsequently to Oxford
- Saturday 27 I went an hour on Business to Swansea. The three first came early to shoot with John & the following party dined with us. Sir Geo Leeds, Vivian, Capt Hickey, Miss Leeds,, Mrs Vivian, Arthur,, Mr & Miss Capt Jones & Mr Rodney Eden. Weather very cold
- Sunday 28 An inclination to Earach kept me at home but Mary & our three Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 29 Drove with Mary to Swansea about noon & she went to call on Mrs Richd Jeffreys at Norton
- Tuesday 30 Drove again to Swansea on various Business & Fanny to visit Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me

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- Wednesday 1 Drove with Mary to Swansea & she today found Mrs Llewelyn rather better tho' still in very precarious & shattered state
- Thursday 2 Went soon after 11 & remained till near 4 at the petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Mr Smith met me
- Friday 3 Drove for a short time in the afternoon to Swansea & Mary to see after Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me
- Saturday 4 Went after breakfast with H Griffiths to Swansea, & remained collecting the Penllergare Rents till I finished so as to reach home to Dinner at 6
- Sunday 5 A bad cold & sore throat confined me to the House all day. Mary & the youngsters all went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 6 My Cold very bad & confined me to the house allday & I buried myself with Lewis Griffiths etc. The two Mary's drove to Swansea to see Mrs Llewelyn who continues in a very lamentable situation with regard to both mind & body
- Tuesday 7 I am still confined to the House & not well. Mary & Fanny & John went in the afternoon to dine at Singleton
- Wednesday 8 Still to unwell to go out & Mary & Fanny went in the Phaeton to see Mrs Llewelyn. The Chariot went to bring Mrs Jeffreys & 3 Children & afterwards Richd Jeffreys & Mr Edward Kendall arrived in a Visit for a few days
- Thursday 9 The two Mary's went to see Mrs Llewelyn & I am still confined to the House. The Gentlemen went to shoot & Cs Smith joined us at Dinner & announced his intended Marriage with Miss Leeds
- Friday 10 Being better I drove for an hour to Swansea & Fan to see Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me. The Gentlemen went after Cocks & met fine sport
- Saturday 11 Drove with Mary to Swansea, & Jeffreys also went there in his own Carriage but rejoined us at Dinner. John & Kendall shot as usual
- Sunday 12 Some of our party went to Swansea & some to Llangafelach Church. Some depositions sent to me from Margam respecting 2 Vagrants who were supposed to be Incendiaries obliged me to go to Swansea & enter into a long private examination at the House of Correction but it ended in nothing

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- Monday 13 I drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea. Capt Thos & Evan Morgan joined our party at Dinner
- Tuesday 14 Our friends the Jeffreys & Kendall left us soon after Breakfast, & Mary went again to see Mrs Llewelyn. In the afternoon I walked to look over the necessary repairs at Coed Craig Howell & etc & Mr Haycock. the Architect, came to dine & sleep here
- Wednesday 15 Drove again with Mary to Swansea for a couple of hours. Mr Haycock who went early into Carmarthenshire returned to dine & sleep here. My dear Lewis for his Holidays arrived by the Mail
- Thursday 16 Drove to Swansea with Mary for a couple of hours, & Mr Haycock accompanied us to make a survey of the Willows
- Friday 17 Not having quite recovered from my Cold I remained all day in the house, & Mary went to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Saturday 18 Drove with Mary about noon to Swansea & we got back to Dinner by ½ past 5
- Sunday 19 Now being quite well I did not move out but the rest of the Family went to Llangafelach in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 20 Engaged all the morning at Accounts, & at one drove with Mary to Swansea & returned to Dinner. She found Mrs Llewelyn in a sad situation without indications or chance of Improvement
- Tuesday 21 Lent the Socialet to the Boys & they went to spend a few days at Ynysygerwn with the intent of dining tomorrow at Sir Geo Leeds & going to a Ball at Neath. The two Mary's went to Swansea & I spent the day at home
- Wednesday 22 Drove with Mary in the afternoon to Swansea
- Thursday 23 About 12 went in the Chariot with the two Mary's to Swansea. A heavy Snow
- Friday 24 At one Mary & I set off in the Phaeton for Swansea but the Road was so slippery that when halfway down the hill towards Esselwen [??] we turned back. The Boys who yesterday dined & danced at Duffryn returned this afternoon from Ynysygerwn
- Saturday 25 Christmas Day. The snow was too deep to allow of our going to Church & I read the Service to the Family at home

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Sunday 26 Snow too thick to allow of our going to Church & I read both the Services to the Family at home

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APPENDIX TO VOLUME XIII

List of Vessels cleared out from Swansea in the Harbor Trust Years ending at Micss:

1823	Xmas	488)	
1824	Lady	522)	3206
	Midsmr	1014)	
	Michs	1122)	
1825	Xmas	468)	
	Lady	621)	
	Midsr	1138)	3289
	Michs	1062)	
1826	Xmas	402)	
	Lady	536)	3324
	Midsr	1294)	
	Michs	1112)	
1827	Xmas	442)	
	Lady	522)	3067
	Midsr	1004)	
	Michs	1099)	
1828	Xmas	489)	
	Lady	586)	3570
	Midsr	1095)	
	Michs	1340)	
1829	Xmas	504)	
	Lady	831)	3538
	Midsr	1119)	
	Michs	1084)	
1829	Xmas	559)	
1830	Lady	695)	3841
	Midsr	1268)	
	Michs	1319)	

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	Xmas	550)	
1831	Lady	571)	3803
	Midsr	1313)	
	Michs	1369)	
	Xmas	451	
1832	Lady	943	

From the above it appears that the number of Vessels in the Years ending at Xmas is as follows

1824	3186
1825	3223
1826	3384
1827	3114
1828	3525
1829	3593
1830	3831
1831	3704

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At a match of pidgeon shooting at Cyfathfa the following is a list of the Birds which fell within 100 years from the Trap. see p.64

	Mr Crawshay	Talbot	Jo Dillwyn	L L Dillwyn	Fs Crawshay	H Crawshay	G Llewelin
1st round	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
2nd	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
9	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
12	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
15	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

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16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
18	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
19	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
20	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
	10	6	10	2	12	5	10

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Memorandum relating to my purchase of Brynscallwg, Gelly galed, Burnant, Llwynon, Driscol, Blaenant Mayrick & Gwain y Cadnon

Lewis Griffiths valued the Estate at 188.9.0 per anum, but in some Instances his Valuation proved to be too low - for instance Gelly Galed he valued at 80 per annum but 90 has been offered for it & it is said by Rees Williams & others that it would be cheap at 100

On account of the great quantity of Coal it contains & its immediate contiguity with our Estate I had determined to go as far as 28 years purchase. It is said by T L Martin who valued the Estate for the Vendor that there are 62 Acres occupied by Woods the Land of which he valued at 10£ per acre, ie 640£ & his total Valuation of the Seven Tenements, exclusive of Timber, was 6220

Taking then the annual rental on Griffiths' valuation at 28 years purchase & the Lands under the Wood at half of Martins Estimate the amount is 5590.12.0 & I therefore consider my bargain to be a decidedly good one at 550£. The whole comprises 980 Acres