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

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1st night Ossieres in Gt St Bernard

2nd over Col de Lissex [?] to Courmdyer[?]

3rd over the Cramont & Col de la Signe to Chapin

4th over to Bournhome [?] & Forclass to Chamonix

JULY

- Tuesday 19 Left home with Mrs & Miss D & Lewis on a foreign ramble with intent of following the Fancies to Switzerland or elsewhere. It rained hard to Lewis's great discomfort for his stationary in the Dicky. From the detention for want of Horses at Neath & Pyle it was ½ past 10 when we reached Newport & there Mr & Mrs Moggridge who had left Sketty yesterday joined us in their Carriage
- Wednesday 20 Got to sleep at North Leach. My dear Mary far from well
- Thursday 21 Mary better & we left North Leach about ½ past 9. At Witney Lewis & Mr M bought great Coats & a rug petticoat for Fan in case we should extend our ramble to Siberia. At ½ past 9 reached Gordons Hotel in Albermarle Street where a Courier (Buccini) & a Lady's Maid were waiting to receive us. I went for an hour to the House of Commons
- Friday 22 My dear Mary so far from well with a pain in her back that I put her in charge of Dr Sims. Busy in preparation with a hope of starting from Town on Monday. No House of Commons as 40 were not present at 4
- Saturday 23 Busy in preparation. Went at 4 to the House which sat proforma for half an hour
- Sunday 24 Mary so much better that in the Evening she ventured in a Coach to call on Mrs Jenner
- Monday 25 With the exception of yesterday Evening mary has not once ventured out in Town, but Dr Sims has recommended us to start tomorrow, I went to the House & voted with Ministers & Peel in opposition to the Radicals & other Tories for the English Church Regulation Bill. Voted who reported

[?] 9 with Ministers on the Poole Corporation Bill. Got to the Hotel about one

Tuesday 26

Started about ½ past 10. Dined at Rochester & slept at Canterbury

Wednesday 27

Started at ½ past 9 & reached Dover too late for the Packet. WE quartered at the Ship & the Weather being fine enjoyed ourselves variously in rambling about.

Thursday 28

At ½ past 8 we went in board the Fire Fly Government Steamer, Capt Sherlock. The weather delightful, the sea literally like a Mill Pond & in less that 3 hours were landed at Calais without even the possibility of being Sea Sick. Dined at Rigerolls [?] Hotel de Bourbon Conde. Strolled about the town & ramparts & the 2 Marys & I visited the Cathedral & at ½ past 3 started through St Omer & slept at Mont Cassel - Hotel de Bellevue

Friday 29

Dear Fan not being quite well we did not leave Capel till 11, & strolled about the Mount to enjoy the extensive view. Dined at Armentaires on some Eggs & 3 Veal Chops which was all the prog[?] this large place would afford. The charge for this miserable set out was exorbitant & I don't think I shall ever dine at armentaires again. Went on through a heavy Rain to sleep at Tournay where we arrived soon after 9

Saturday 30

I rose early & some of us went to the Cathedral where & also about the City we saw much to interest us. After breakfast we all walked to the Botanic Garden where there are few besides common Plants & many even of these are wrongly named. For instance what is called Sileria [?] conica is a totally different species, & aritilo [?] chiaclematitis is named Polygonum scandens or some such other specific name. Left Tournay about 10, & dined comfortably at the Ath- Hotel de Paon- & reached the Hotel de Bellvue at Brussels about 9

Sunday 31

I rose early & witnessed morning Service at the splendid Church in the Plus [sic] Royale. Lewis prevented by a violent head ache from stirring out all day & excepting him we all after breakfast walked to St Gudule. Mr Moggridge at 12 accompanied the 2 Marys to some English Chapel & we all afterwards walked to the Botanical Gardens where grandeur & science are happily united. I saw there cosica Papaya Knellia infundiliformis, Bankinica [?] racemose, Quisquilis indice & many other rare plants beautifully in flower. We dined at ½ past 4 at the Table d'Hote & strolled afterwards with Mr M & the 2 Mary's to the hotel de Ville & etc

AUGUST

- Monday 1 After Breakfast went again with the two Mary's to the Botanic Garden where they left me & with the rest of the party visited the Gallery of Paintings. In the Gardens there is the finest collection of the Cactus Family I ever saw. Dined at the Table d'Hote. Went with Mr M, Lewis & Miss D to the Theatre Royal where I left them, as the Balcon was unbearably hot & took a ramble about the City
- Tuesday 2 At 10 we left Brussels, & first changed horses at Waterloo. Then we left our Carriages & visited the Cemetary which contains the glorious graves of our officers, & another spot not less glorious where 400 of our brave Fellows who died in the Hospitals were buried. Next we proceeded to the immortal plains, & leaving Mary & Fan in the Carriage the rest of us proceeded along the Line occupied by the right of our Army to the immense Mound which has been raised to commemorate the Battle which is most strangely surmounted by the Belgic instead of the British Lion. It is 200 feet high from the Base of the Pedestal & commands a most interesting view of the whole Field. Leaving the others to sketch there I walked across to La Haye Saint - to the principal spot where Picton fell. I felt as every John Bull must do & could hardly keep my Hat on my Head. After having spent an hour & a half on this intensely interesting ground we drove off through La Belle Alliance & the French positions to dine at Genappes, & about ½ past 6 arrived at Namur
- Wednesday 3 Mr Moggridge & Lewis went to Fish in the Mause without much success & at 6 Is et off to ramble about the Town. Visited the Cathedral, most of the Churches & etc & all of us took similar rambles after Breakfast till we set off at 10 for Huy. The Hotel d'Harscamp is as comfortable as Inn as I was ever at. We dined at Huy & wandered round all day along the delightful Banks of the Meuse to Liege. Reached Liege soon after 7 & quartered at the Hotel Angleterre
- Thursday 4 Last Evening with Mrs D I saw St Johns Church & this morning with others of our party, the Cathedral & the Church of St James & etc. Left Liege before 10 & travelled over a fine hilly County to dine & sleep at Aix la Chapelle. Went to see the Cathedral, Town Hall & etc
- Friday 5 Moggridge & I took a Bath at 6, & afterwards went to the Soa [?] & etc. When breakfast was over we took another short ramble. Set off at ½ past 10 & dined at Juliens & reached Cologne about ½ past 8
- Saturday 6 After breakfast we all went to see the Cathedral, & Skulls & treasures of the 3 Kings of Cologne. All except Mrs D dined at the ordinary & afterwards lounged variously about the Town.
- Sunday 7 Rose at 5 & all was ready to start in the steamer for Huyence [?] at 7, but our dear Fan was too unwell to proceed. At 10 Lewis & I with the two Mary's went to witness high mass & some grand Festival at the Cathedral where 1000 Musicians were engaged & the high spectacle & music were

equally splendid. All except Fan who is confined to her Bed dined at the Table d'Hote & in the Evening took a walk to hear a Prussian Band on the Island.

- Monday 8 Weather continues very sultry & fine. Did little except lounge about the City & went in the Evening to the Botanic Garden which is a respectable Establishment supported by the King. I there saw a Cherry new to me with long Ledinclles [?]& the Keeper called it *Prunus semperflorens*. At the Table d'Hote I sat next to Genl. Fink a Hanoverian who possesses an Estate in this Country. He commanded the Hanoverians attached to Pictons Brigade at Waterloo, & was the last Person who shook hands with the Hero. He says he went to him for orders - that they sat down together on some straw & that in 2 or 3 minutes after they had remounted their Horses Picton was a Corpse.
- Tuesday 9 Walked with Mary to a Nursery Garden in the morning & again to the Botanic Garden in the Evening. Dear Fan apparently much better
- Wednesday 10 We had yesterday determined to go this morning as far as Bonn but Mary & I were called up at 4 by the increasing illness of our dear Fan & the journey has been consequently postponed. Lounged about the City & in the Evening I walked with Mary outside of the Southern Gate to see the walks & Plantations on the Glacis
- Thursday 11 Walked in the morning to a Garden called a Botanical Garden about ½ a Mile outside of the City Walls & supported I believe by subscriptions & found much to interest me in the Arboretum. Walked with Mrs D in the Evening on the Bridge & to Dentz
- Friday 12 As the Steam Boat starts at 7 we thought it better for our dear Invalid to go by land, & at about 11 set off & in 3 hours reached Bonn. After Dinner Mr M & Lewis went to Geologise at Friesdorf & I with the two Mary's to the Botanical Garden which belongs to the University. It contains a very fine collection tastefully & scientifically arranged & both Mary & I were in all aspects highly gratified by it. We got back to the Star Inn to Tea at 7 & afterwards lounged about the City which is very superior in cleanliness & comfort to Cologne
- Saturday 13 Rose at 5 & soon after 6 set off with Mr Moggrudge to revisit the Botanic Garden & then by appointment met Professor Sinning [?] from whom I received the utmost attention & kindness & procured from him several seeds, & a plant of *Lobelia unidentata* for John [these last two words crossed out] In a pot which his mother is intent of carrying weith her for John. He has promised to send for me to Hennemans of [?] the Seeds of *Cuphea Silenoides* - *statice greminifolium* & *latifolium*, *Clematis campanulifolium* & etc. I am altogether much pleased with Bonn & a better Inn than the Star is rarely to be met with. As the Weather is unusually hot we thjought it better for Fan, & at 11 embarked in the

Steamer for Coblenz. We had unluckily considerable difficulty in getting onboard & it was so unusually crowded that dear Fan was much overtired at our arrival at 9 o'clock. Nearly a hundred of the wild students at Bonn accompanied us for a few miles, & besides [?] them we had about 220 passengers, 6 Carriages & etc inboard. In other aspects the Voyage was very pleasant & by the good management of our Courier were procured excellent apartments at the Hotel Bellevue

- Sunday 14 Mary & I walked to Ehrenbuitum [?]. Drove only a short stage to St Goar, where we arrived soon after one & dined & slept comfortably at the Hotel de Lys. Rambled about & enjoyed ourselves much in this delightful place. In the Evening a Trumpet exhibited a fine echo to us
- Monday 15 Rambles early with Lewis & Mr M to the Lurley [?] Berg. Left St Goar about ½ past 9. Lunched at Bingen where Mary herself clambered up to the old Castle, & arrived before 5 at Mayence. A letter from Sketty there gratified us
- Tuesday 16 Left Mayence before 10 & went to dine at Worms. There saw the Cathedral at which is Landram & contains many oddities of great antiquity. Also visited the Protestant Church, built on the spot where Luther appeared before the Diet at which Charles 5th presided & there is a curious painting of this conference. Before we reached Worms there had been much heavy Thunder & rain & we passed one place which must just before have been flooded by a Waterspout. I had intended to stop for the night at Manheim which is a fine City, but were induced to go on to Heidelberg. A heavy rain wetted us & we arrived there at 9, & at last found Quarters at the Hotel d'Hollande
- Wednesday 17 I rose at 5 & rambled about Town while Mr M, Lewis & Mary walked into the Country. After breakfast we all got into a hired Carriage & drove 2 or 3 miles out of Town & then ascended the Hills & came down on the ruins of the old Palace which looks very handsome at a distance but is not worth a Visit. The finest thing I saw there is the great Tun which holds 236 Tons of Wine. We left Heidelberg soon after 12 & in our way out of Town stopped for half an hour at the Botanic Garden which is yet in its Infancy & was first laid out by the Grand Duke about 4 years ago. We stopped to dine at ---- [no name filled in] a miserable Town but we got a tolerably good Dinner. After a desperate race in which we beat a Swiss Courier who had been sent to forestall us in apartments we reached Carlsruhur at ½ past & quartered at the Hotel d'Angleterre
- Thursday 18 I rose at Day break, & at 6 walked with Mr M & Lewis about the beautiful Town of Carlsruhur which is said to be the prettiest Town in Germany. After an early breakfast a party of us went to the Botanic Garden which is rather good but the Plants are nor very well named & from there to see the Palace. Mary (ie Mrs D!) Mr M, Miss D & Myself ascended to the top of the Tower of the Palace which commands a fine

View & from which as a Center [?] all the Streets of the Town diverge. I afterwards visited the Chamber of Deputies & every Member has there a Seat with a small Desk in front permanently allotted to him. At ½ past 12 we left Carlsruhur. [**check spelling**]. Stopped to dine at Rastiadt [?]. There took a turn in the Town & saw the Grand Dukes Palace. Reached Baden Baden before 6 & in the Evening went with Lewis & Mr M to see the Gambling Rooms & other gaities. [?]

- Friday 19 Fan having been overtired last night was to have stopped at Baden to rest her for a day. Rose at 5. Walked out before Breakfast with Mrs D & afterwards with Mr M, Lewis & Miss D to the Grand Dukes old Palace called the New Castle & there saw the extraordinary & interesting remains of the secret tribunal which answers to Mrs Trollopes description. In the afternoon in a hired Carriage we all drove up a Road as Steep as the Reofafaloren [?] to the ruins of the old Castle, from whence it is said that Strasburgh may be seen. At night we again went to see the Gaming Rooms.
- Saturday 20 Walked early & again after breakfast with Mary in the public Walks & about the Town. At ½ past 12 we left Baden, & the Lamb Hotel at which for want of anything better we were obliged to quarter has a high claim to celebrity for dirt & extortion. Stop'd to dine at Holhofsheim & reached Kiel about ¼ past 6. Quarters at the Hotel du Porte
- Sunday 21 This is my Birthday & I am 58. Leaving Fanny to rest at Kiel the rest of us after an early Breakfast drove in a hired Carriage to Strasburgh chiefly to see its splendid Cathedral, & returned to dine at the Table d'Hote at Kiel. At ½ past 2 set off & passing through Oppingham we went on to sleep & found totally comfortable Quarters in the Village of Biberach, which is the pretteli [?] situated in a hilly & well wooded County. Mr M & Lewis tried their fishing Rods without much success.
- Monday 22 Started after an early breakfast & drove to change Horses at Hansach & through a beautiful woody Valley to Hornberg. We there ascended a Mountain with 6 Horses to our Close & 8 to our Open Carriage till we reached Schildach, a lovely House where we dined very comfortably, & as all the Children of the neighbourhood had been brought there for the purpose of vaccination Fanny had a good opportunity for sketching their costumes. From there after ascending with 6 Horses for a few miles we descended to the town of Villingen, & as usual while the Horses were changing I went to see the Church & etc. Reached Donaschirehen at Dusk & stopt for the night at the Hotel de Porte
- Tuesday 23 Mr M & Lewis went to fish & caught several of the species which we believe is unknown in England & which the former had last year taken lower down in the Danube. The River is here called the Pirsck or some such name & a small spring which runs into it from a Well in the Grounds of the Duke of Badens Palace close to the Town they strangely

choose to call the Danube. Left Donaschirchen at ¼ past 11, & changed Horses at ---- [blank in original]. There we had six Horses to ascend a very high Hill thorough the Black Forest & the drive was most delightful, & from the summit we had our first distant view of the Swiss Mountains. At ½ past 3 we reached Schaffhausen, & after a hurried Dinner went on in a hired Carriage to the Falls of the Rhine 3 miles distant. They are ultraissimus magnificent. The Blue of the Water is no earthly color & contrasted with the driven Snow of the Foam & Spray is beyond anything I ever before saw - superb. We crossed in a Boat to the other side in front of the Fall, & then in the n#midst of the boiling Eddies if I had thrown a Pound of Pins every one of them might have been counted at the bottom of the Pool. We were all in the highest degree delighted, & should have waited to see it by moonlight if the Evening had not been too cloudy. No Pen can describe or Pencil do justice to the Scene. We lingered there till it was nearly dark, & did not get back to the Golden Crown at Schallhausen till after dark. ie it was near 9 o'clock.

Wednesday 24

Rose early & rambled about Schaffhausen. Left it about 10. Dined at --- [left blank] a wretched place. Arrived about 6 at Zurich & found 'L Epic' [?] Hotel far from comfortable, tho' prettily situated to command a View of the Lake.

Thursday 25

Left Zurich about ½ past 9 & at the foot of the Mont Albis took 2 extra Horses for the close Carriage & I extra for the Phaeton. it took us about 1½ hours to ascend & then while the Horses waited [?] at ---- [left blank] we walked 1½ miles further to the Summit which commands a splendid view of the Lakes of Zurich, Zug & etc. From there we went on through a delightful County to Zug where we dined & stop'd the night most comfortably at the Stag Hotel.

Friday 26

Rose before 5 & from the Banks of Lake Zug saw the effects of Sun Rise on some distant snow capt [sic] Mountains. In a Chapelry in the Church Yard which is open on one side there are a vast number if Bins like those of a Wine Cellar for receiving the Bones of the different Families, & some of them are there exposed all ready for the resurrection with an emblazoned Coat of Arms to distinguish them from the remains of their humbler neighbours. left Zug about 10 wound [?] along the Banks of the Zug to Aut [?] where Mr M, Lewis & Miss Mary left us to ascend & sleep on the Riggi [?Rizzi]. Then we again would along the Lake Zug & crossed over to Lake Lucerne, & arrived at Luzerne [sic] soon after 6. The whole of this days Journey has been without the smallest exception through by far the most magnificent Scenery I ever saw & we have right thoroughly enjoyed it. Quartered at the Hotel de Cygne.

Saturday 27

Leaving Fan at Lucerne, Mary & I embarked after breakfast in a Boat with 3 Rowers & in little more than 2½ hours reached Cuznach at the foot of the Rizi & there met Mr Moggridge, Lewis & Miss D who had slept at the Kulen [?] at the Summit of the Mountain. Found much to

interest us both in the Scenery & Church at Curnach [?] & got some lunch at the Hotel. After which we returned to Lucerne. The Lake is wonderfully beautiful, & it is impossible to enjoy an Excursion more than we did. Got back just in time for the Table d'Hote dinner soon after 4.

Sunday 28 My dear Mary being confined by a bilious attack to her Room & Fanny by a Head ache to the House we did not nothing more than ramble about the Town of Lucerne.

Monday 29 Mrs D & Fanny still to unwell to go out, tho' I trust that nothing of any consequence is the matter with either. At 25 mins past 8 Mr M, Miss Mary, Lewis & I embarked in a Boat with 3 rowers, & at ¼ before one were landed at Brummins. This place is situated on the edge of that part of the Lake of the 4 Cantons which belong to Schwytz & two or 3 miles behind it is the Town of Schwytz at the foot of those magnificent rocks mountains Mythen [?] & Hagen. It commands a most lovely view of the mountainous Banks of that branch of the Lake which goes up to Altdorf. On the rocky Bank is nearly [?] opposite is the Grufli in which the three first asserters of Swiss Independence held their nocturnal meetings, & further up we saw the Tellanspring on Rock on which Tell leapt when he escaped from Geslars Boat. Having got some Dinner we embarked about 3 on our return to Lucerne & 2 hours after our Boatman landed at Gersau & in defiance of our threats, refused to proceed any further, tho' it did not appear to us that the weather was at all sufficiently rough to prevent us from going on. We had not however been there many minutes before the correctness of their decision was proved, & the most violent Storm assailed us that is said to have occurred on the Lake this Year. The Hurricane accompanied by Thunder & Lightening & a heavy Rain in a few minutes raised the surface of the Lake to a boiling Fury, & our prospect was most uncomfortable, for other Boats drive there for protection had already overfilled the only Inn in Gersau & any escape from there by Land is utterly impracticable. In little more than half an hour the Storm fortunately abated & the agitation of the Lake subsided as rapidly as it had come on. Taking with us an extra Boatman we therefore reembarked, & after a dark, wet & comfortless voyage were all safely landed at Lucerne at ¼ before 10. I am sick of boating on mountain Lakes.

Tuesday 30 Rose early & went to see the Levis Lion by Thoroldston [?] & etc. Left Lucerne at 10. Dined at Entlebuch & went on to sleep at the Village of Eschollsmatt. Quartered at a large Swiss Cottage called the Lion Inn & every thing was remarkably clean & comfortable.

Wednesday 31 Started at ½ past 8 & at 5 reached Thun. Much dissatisfied with the Swiss Scoundrels who had brought us from Lucerne. Quartered at the Hotel de la Bellevue & moved to a House belonging to the Landlord in the very bank of the Lake & our sitting room with Glass on two sides like

a Lanthorn, commands a View of the Jung Fraus & such a Galaxy of magnificent Mountains as I never saw before.

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 1 Rose early & walked over the Town of Thun, & got a most acceptable Letter from Sketty. Dear Fan very unwell. At 2 we embarked in the Steamer, & after paddling for an hour 20 mins along the most magnificent Scenery we were landed at the head of Lake Thun. From thence in 2 Carriages we proceeded to Interlacken, where apartments had been procured for us at a Pension attached to the Hotel d'Interlacken & we dined at 4 at the Table d'Hote except dear Fan who on our arrival was obliged immediately to go to Bed. The Jung Frau appeared in full splendor above us all the Evening, & nothing but Fans recovery is wanting to compleat our Enjoyment. Having been recommended to a Doctor who speaks French, we sent for him at our arrival, & he reports favorably of Fanny's early recovery. Rambled about Interlacken till dark
- Friday 2 Fan being considerably better this morning her Mama consented to leave her to the care of her Maid & of Mr M & with Miss Molly & Lewis accompanied me in a hired Carriage to Lanterbrun, & we thoughtfully enjoyed the Drive thro' this extravagantly magnificent Valley. Got an early Dinner at Lanterbrun & we all went off to the Stobach, the highest Waterfall in Europe. We walked about a little beyond the Stobach & Lewis left us to visit another Fall which we saw at the Head of the Valley & we were shortly afterwards beset by a tremendous storm of Thunder, Lightening & rain. We sheltered ourselves under the projecting roofs of some Chalets [?] for an hour or more & reached the Inn without being very wet at 6 past 6.
- Saturday 3 My dear Mary has this day compleated her 60th Year & more delightful Weather for the enjoyment of a Birthday was never seen. After breakfast at 8 Miss Mary on Horseback & Lewis on foot with an attendant left us to cross the Wingern Alp to Grindwalsen [?] & Mary & I got a Charabanc, a sort of half socialet or Gig met lengthways, & rambles for 4 or 5 hours towards the Head of the Lanterbrun Valley called Schmadribach a Cascade which we saw at a distance & which falls from the Glacier of the Breiglthorn [?]. The Carriage could not however go more than about half way, & we found the distance too great, but we enjoyed a vast number of other Falls, & an extravagant display of majestic Scenery. We did not find any Plants which were entirely new to us but many which we had never seen wild before & among them Linaria alpina, which grows larger & of a much richer color than in the Rockwork at Sketty. We returned about ½ past one to Tenterbrun where we got an early Dinner, & I have not met with a more comfortable Hotel than the Capricorne since I left England. It was about half past four when

we reached Interlaken, & were much disappointed & grieved to find Fanny still unwell. she is attended by Dr Charles Eversold who has a reputation & appearance of being a clever man.

Sunday 4

Fan so unwell that her Mother feared it impossible to leave her & I decided on going alone to Grindelwelden. Before Breakfast to my no small surprise our Friends Mr, Mrs & Miss V came to our apartments, & I staid with them till 11 when I started in a hired Chaise & arrived about 2 at Grindelwarden [sic]. There I found Bob & Polly both highly delighted with their yesterdays Expedition across the Wingen Alp. We at once got a Cutlet & then walked to the Lower Glacier where there is a large Cavern of brilliant blue & white Ice from which a River of milky Water issues. This is splendid but the Glaciers themselves have a dirty appearance like Snow in the London Streets & they have rather disappointed me. The View from our Hotel (the Black Eagle) at the feet of the Wetter Horn, the Eger & other mountains is magnificent, but not sufficiently different from others we have seen to be worth coming after. The Vivians arrived about ½ past 5 & we spent the Evening together.

Monday 5

The rain fell all day in Torrents & the 3 Vivians, Bob & Molly & I were confined to a Room, the only Sitting Room which the Black Eagle at Grindelwalden affords, measuring 13 feet by 7½ with the house [?within the house] of stirring out. We dined at the Table d'Hote & passed away the time merrily.

There are only 2 Apple Trees at Grindelwalden & none of the Fruit has ever been known to ripen. There are no Plums & the only fruit it produces is a small Cherry.

Tuesday 6

Rose at 5 & found the Weather again delightful. At 8 Mr, Mrs & Miss Vivian & my Miss Mary on horseback & Lewis on foot set out for the grand Shidach [?] pass. At the same time I started in a hired Carriage & at 11 reached Interlaken where I found dear Fan better tho' still chiefly confined to her Bed. Two or 3 Miles from Grindelwald I for the first time saw the Finsterahorn [?] the highest of the Bernese Alps & I also by the Road side saw a most disgusting object, an old Woman with a bunch of huge Goiters which reached nearly to her waist. As Mr M had gone out for a Ramble Mary had ordered a bot of Dinner for herself & Fan at one & I joined them but Fan was only able to come half dressed from her Room & returned to it when she had eat next to nothing. She was however on the whole so much better that at ½ past 2 Mary embarked with me in a Boat for Briense & in our way stopped for nearly 2 hours at the beautiful Fall of the Giesbach. The height tho' often broken by Ledges was to form a Series of Cascades is altogether said to be 1150 feet & the foaming Cataracts many. The Fir Trees & Rocks are seen to great advantage. We ascended first to a public [?pull in] House about half way up which is kept by 'the Regent Kirle' as the Landlord who is a Singing master calls himself & were afterwards tempted to go nearly to the foot of the highest Fall. We then returned to our Boat, & found the

upper third of the Lake to be much more beautiful than the other part. It was Dusk when we reached the Hotel of the White Cross near Brientz [?] & thinking it too late to join the party at Maringen we stopt at these comfortable Quarters for the Night.

Wednesday 7

I was all ready to start soon after 5 to breakfast at Meyringen but the rain fell in Torrents & after breakfast we were only able to walk to the Town or Village of Brientz, & to see a fine Cascade called the Michlbach which falls from the Mountain above it. It was near 12 when we set out towards Meiringen, & when opposite to another very fine Cascade called the Olchreback which falls from the Mountain on the opposite side of the Valley we met our party & returned with them to Brients. There we got some Lunch & our party consisting of Mr, Mrs & Miss Vivian & Mary & I & Bob & Molly with three attendants & 4 Boatmen all stowed ourselves into one of the three Crazy Washing Troughs which navigate the Lake, & were rowed to the Griersbach where we heard some National Airs sung by 'the Regent Kirle' & his Pupils. It was 6 o'clock when we got back to Interlacken, & we were delighted to find Fan so much better that she was able to join our Family Circle. The Vivians dined with us at our Hotel.

Thursday 8

Fanny very much better but the Weather being cold in the morning & very wet in the afternoon she did not venture out. Mr M took Mary & me to a beautiful rocky Valley about a Mile from our Hotel & we there found Gentiana purpurea, Cynandum Vincitoxicum [?] Digitalis grandiflora & many other beautiful Plants & the Turf in some places was mostly formed of Hepaticas & Cyclamens. We dined at the Table d'Hote at 4 & the Weather prevented us from any further rambling.

Friday 9

Mr Moggridge shewed to Mary & me a very pleasant public [?] Walk to a Seat on a Hill which commands a View of the Lakes both of Brientz & Thun. Lewis there joined us & went with Moggridge to the top of a Mountain over Brientz from which they enjoyed a magnificent View of all the Bernese Alps. Fan tho' getting better did not move out & I dined with the two Marys at 4 at the Table d'Hote. The Gents did not return till late from their long ramble & got some Dinner at the public Supper Table.

Saturday 10

Fan much better & it was determined to take her to Lauterbrun, but from the appearance of the weather & other circumstances, as well as by the Doctors advice it was more prudently decided that we should return to Thun. When we arrived at Interlacken on the 1st she was obliged at once to go to bed, & has never since moved further from her Chamber than to the adjoining room. Busy in preparing for our start & did little more than go to see a live Chamois which belongs to our Hotel. Except Fan we all dined at the one o'clock Table d'Hote, & at ½ past 2 drove in 2 Carriages to the Banks of Lake Thun where at ½ past 3 we embarked in the Steam Boat, & about 5 resumed our old Quarters at the Hotel de Bellevue at

Thun. In the Evening Mary & I walked till dusk along the Banks to the broad part of the Lake.

Sunday 11

We had intended to attend an English Service at 11. but the rain fell in torrents & prevented us from stirring out. We dined at one at the Table d'Hote of our Hotel (Bellevue) & at ½ past 2 started & reached Berne soon after 5. I was very unwell with a Heart Burn & sick head ache. Quartered at the Falcon.

Monday 12

I rose at ½ past 5 & on the promenade near the Cathedral met Sir Robert Inglis, & we had a clear & beautiful View of the whole of the Bernese Alps. Mary (ie Mrs D) was happily awake & at 7 I took her to the Bastini [?] where she saw the whole of some & the tops of the other Mountains, tho' the Clouds were forming thick at their Bases, & the whole Panorama was soon after invisible. At ½ past 8 I recd a Letter from John announcing the sudden Death of my old Friend Sir C Cole, & it threw a gloom over us which we could not at all shake off the whole day. In the morning we walked about to see the Lions & in the afternoon visited the Museum & Botanical Garden. The latter has what few plants there are rightly named, but on the whole as a public establishment it cannot rank higher if so high as the miserable concern at Tournay. Dined at the Table d'Hote.

Tuesday 13

Nasty day. Rain with but little intermission. Employed in the morning in soliciting a set of Swiss Engravings & Paintings for my dear Mary & others which she wished to procure as presents. Called on Mr Morrier [?] the Ambassador who lives about a Mile out of Town & to whom I had letters from Lord Palmerston & found him confined to his room by rheumatism. Saw also the Bears of Baden & other Lions. Dined at the Table d'Hote, & fan was happily sufficiently recovered to join us. Some of the Fountains in berne are very curious & one of then is surmounted by a large Statue of the Devil I suppose in the shape of Man who is devouring an Infant & round the Base of the Pedestal is a group of Bears of which one is grotesquely dressed in armour & another as a Fiddler & etc.

Wednesday 14

The Clock struck 9 as we left Berne & at a little before one Mr M, Lewis & I left our Carriage & walked over the new splendid Wire Bridge into Trey [?] County. Each of the 4 Cables from which the Bridge is suspended is formed of 3000 Wires. On arriving at the Hotel des Marchants we were informed that the fine Organ at the Cathedral which is said to be excelled only by those of Hard--- [?] & Seville was then playing. & we were all so much delighted by it that I bespoke a separate Exhibition for ourselves. We also went to see the Hollow Trunk 20 feet in circumference & a few Branches of a Lime Tree which is known to have been planted on the day when Charles of Burgundy was overthrown at Morat on June 22 1476. Having taken a hasty Dinner at this interesting

- Town we drove out to sleep at Peyerne. Quartered at the Hotel de Ville. A poor Town.
- Thursday 15 Left Peyerne soon after 9. Dined early at Mondan [?] & reached Lausanne before 5. a\bout ½ way between Mouden [?] & Lausanne was saw the dusk [?] ----- & a fine range [?] of the real Alps.
- Friday 16 Rose as usual at day break. Looked about Town. At noon walked with the two Marys nearly to the edge of the Lake & called on Miss Syms [?Lyms] at Beauregard the House of her Brother in Law Mr Pierson. The Weather has become fine & the Lake has been beautiful.
- Saturday 17 Left Lausanne soon after 9. Passed through Vevny & etc & along the delightful Banks of the Lemman to dine at Bex & sleep at St Maurice. Stopped to see the Castle of Chillon & the name of Byron cut by himself in the Central pillar of the largest Dungeon. Equally with the secret Chambers at Baden it is a fine relic of those old Tory [?] times for a return of which the Cumberlandites are incessantly praying.
- Sunday 18 Left St Maurice soon after 8. Saw the great Waterfall called Passevache & went into Martigny. As the Quarantine on the return from Italy to Switzerland across the Simplon & Mont Lewis [?] has been recently removed we had decided in going over the former that we turned back to dine at St Maurice. Lewis at Martigny left us with the intent of crossing the Col de Baume & etc & meeting us at Chamonix. From St Maurice we proceeded on the Southern edge of the Lake to sleep at St Gingoulph.
- Monday 19 The situation of St Gingoulph on the Bank of the Lake is delightful, & the Hotel de Porte at which we quartered is very comfortable. We left it a\bout 9 & a Quarter to 4 reached Geneva. Procured excellent apartments at the Hotel de Bergues which is said to be the largest Hotel in the World, & has 180 Bed Rooms. Met Sir Wm Gossett & his Family.
- Tuesday 20 Rose at day break but had no fine View of the Montblanc range at Sunrise. Shopped & walked about the City all day. Visited the Botanic Garden which in size & Glass falls very short of those of Bern & Brussels. Was disappointed to find that Decandolle [?Delandolle] & his son are both absent at Montpellier. Dined at the Table d'Hote.
- Wednesday 21 We left Geneva at 9 in two hired Carriages, & stopped to bait the Horses at Bonville & our dear Fan then appeared totally hearty & much enjoyed the magnificent scenery through which we passed. At ¼ before 5 we reached the Hotel de Montblanc at St Martins, & on getting from the Carriage she was suddenly seized with a croup like sort of attack & great shortness of breathing. We immediately sent to Salmanches [?] for the Country Surgeon (& such a Surgeon I never saw before) who bled her & continued to attend her with considerable success the whole Evening.

Thursday 22

Our dear Fan very ill. The Sun shone & Montblanc appeared in full splendour. In the morning Molly & I walked to the little Town of Salauches not ½ a Mile distant & in the afternoon I drove about 4 Miles with the two Mary's to the Baths of St Gervais & to see the handsome Falls of Bonthnant [?]. There is a hot spring strongly impregnated with Sulphuretted Hydrogen

Friday 23

Leaving our dear Fan who appeared better to the care of her Sister, Mr M & Ungaro at ¼ past one Mary & I in a Charabanc set off to take at least a peep at Chamonix. On the Road about 6 Miles from St Martins we passed the Waterfall & Lake of Chede, & were particularly struck by the brilliant green appearance of the bottom of the latter. On the Road just beyond Chede we met Lewis who had left us at Martigny & who in 4 days had reached Chamonix after having clambered round which [?] is called the lesser & it is by far the most difficult Tour of Montblanc. He declined to come into the Carriage but for a great part of the way kept pace with us in foot & reached Chamonix nearly as soon as we did. We stopped for half an hour to bait at Servon [?] (a small Village) & there made some purchases at a Shop or Cabinet d'Histoire naturelle which exhibits a good collection of the mineral [?] productions of Montblanc. We there began the ascent of a most beautiful pass where Mary was delighted by Rhododendrons & other mountain plants, which except in a Garden she had never seen before. It was past 6 when we reached the Hotel de Londres where our Courier who I had sent on for the purpose had provided a good Dinner & appartments for us. We did not forget E's Birthday.

Saturday 24

Yesterday was cloudy & it was with almost indescribable delight that at day break I witnessed a clear Sky & the effects of Sun rise on Montblanc & on all the glorious Aiguilles which towered over us. About 8 Mary & I started in a Charabanc & drove through the Villages of Les Pres & Les Bois to the Source of the River Asveron [?] as it issues from a Cavern (now nearly all fallen in) at the foot of the Glacier de Bois. We went 2 or 3 Miles in the Carriage & then had to scramble across masses of Stones & Streamlets for about a Mile more to the Glacier where we remained about an hour & Mary near the Ice dug up a young Plant of the Rhododendron fermegincum [?] which we hope to make grow at Sketty. We ere delighted by the Aiguille du Dru which rises most majestically above the Glacier & by the whole of the Stupendous Scenery which was exhibited in the utmost splendour around us. It was not our intention to stay so long away from St Martins as to ascend the Mountainvert but we should in our way back have visited the Glacier des Boissons if we had not on returning to our Inn received a Letter from Mr M with a distressing report of our dear Fan & we lost no time on hurrying back to her. As the Weather continued fine our drive exhibited Montblanc in various points of view & on reaching St Martins we were gratified to learn that another more experienced Doctor had been found & that symptoms which occasioned much alarm had quite subsided. In the

Evening the appearance of Montblanc was unusually splendid & its eternal Snows were tinged of a bright rose Color which gradually died away below till at last the Sun set on its Summit & the twilight become universal.

Sunday 25

Our dear Fan is considered rather better but the best to be said is that she mends very slowly. In the afternoon I took Molly a drive to Chede from whence we walked up to the Cascade which is a beautiful Fall of 250 feet among many handsome Rocks & surrounded by a more variegated autumnal Foliage than I ever saw except in this neighborhood. Many of the wild Pear Trees are of a rich crimson while those of the Walnut are bright yellow & the other Trees have generally retained the full green of Summer. From the Fall we descended to the Village & then again ascended about a Mile on the Chamonix Road to the Lac de Chide & I there ascertained that its brilliant patches of green are occasioned by an absence of the Charn which nearly fills the Lake & by a Sulphur deposit on its bottom. The Sun shone brilliantly on the Alpine Range & Montblanc was most beautifully reflected on the surface of the Water. The Weather continued very fine & the setting Sun against the Alpine Summits of a rose color.

Monday 26

As nothing but Charabancs can be had here we detained the two Carriages which brought us in readiness for our return to Geneva, but the uncertain continuance of Fans illness induced us to send one of them back last Friday & we sent off the other this morning. We also sent Buccini to bring some of our Cloathes [sic] which had been left there, & also our Chariot as Mary thinks it ----- than any Country Carriage. Lewis & Molly walked to Nantarpenny [?], a beautiful Fall nearly equal to the Stobach about 2½ Miles of which we had passed in coming here, & Wife & I took a ramble over & about the Town of Salende [?]. Our dearest Fan still very ill.

Tuesday 27

My only rambling wish before we start homewards has been that Molly may see Chamonix & Lewis has taken her in a Charabanc to sleep tonight there. Remained the whole day at or about the Inn with my dear Mary who is much out of Spirits at the slowness of Fans recovery.

Wednesday 28

This has been a day of great suffering for our dear Fan & neither Mary or I have done more than lounge a few yards from our Hotel. Miss Mary & Lewis returned in the Evening from Chamonix.

Thursday 29

If it had been otherwise I had determined on going or sending this morning for further advice to Geneva, but there is happily a very marked improvement in our dear Fan & it continued all day. Mary & I in the afternoon walked to Sallanches [?].

Friday 30

The improvement of our dear Fan is progressive & she sat up for an hour [&] a half, tho' she had not before left her Bed since she took to it on the

21st. The morning was raining & in the afternoon I took a pleasant walk with the two Marys on the Chamonix Road. Lewis confined to the House by a sore Throat which has troubled him fro several days.

OCTOBER

Saturday 1	Fan continues to improve apace. Walked in the morning to see a Fair at Shallanches, & in the afternoon went with Mrs D & Mr M in a Charabanc to a Mill above Sallanches which commands an extensive view of Montblanc & the Aiguiles. Mr M & I tried to amuse ourselves with fishing, but there was no sport & I only caught a small one. Lewis still confined by his Cold.
Sunday 2	Weather very wet, & we could not get out. Fan better & Lewis's throat very bad.
Monday 3	Weather very wet & could not go out. Fan is better, so is Bob.
Tuesday 4	Fan well enough to take a short drive to Sallanches.
Wednesday 5	Drove with the two Mary's in a Charabanc to Sallanches & after ascending the Hill about SW [?] for nearly 2 Hours reached the Village of Conableu which commands a beautiful View of Montblanc & the best of the whole range of Aiguilles which we had seen.
Thursday 6	Fan being pronounced well enough we drove 18 Miles to dine & sleep at Bonneville. Tho' on the whole glad to get away we all felt much regret at quitting the vast Variety of magnificent scenery which on every side surrounds St Martins, & in the delightful Valley which ends in the Gorge at Cluse we occasionally stopped to take Sketches. Lewis walked all the way, & Mr Moge. joined in the Walk from Cluse where they stopped to dine. The Town of Bonneville commands a fine Alpine View & Mary & I enjoyed a stroll till dark. Quartered at the Hotel de la Couronne.
Friday 7	Soon after 10 I went with Miss D, Lewis & Ungarro in a hired Carriage & the remainder of our party followed soon after in our own & by 2 o'clock we were all safely stationed at the Hotel de Bergues at geneva. Fan has borne the Journey so well & is so decidedly better that our hopes have revived of being able to return to England with her this Winter.
Saturday 8	Stopped & strolled about Geneva all day
Sunday 9	All except Fan went to an English Service at the Hospital in the morning & in the Evening we were gratified by an unusually clear & distinct appearance of the whole Alpine range. Saw le Geant which none of us but Lewis had seen before. In the former there hangs the Portrait of Frederick the Great which was sent to him by the Monarch himself, & a

likeness in Tapestry of the Empress Catherine which was worked for him by her own imperial hands.

- Monday 10 Walked with the two Mary's & Mr M to a Nursery ground near the City in search of a dwarf Vary. of the Pomegranate which we had seen at the Botanic Garden & which was there called Pernicanasia [?]. It was for John that we wished to procure it & regretted our inability to do so. At 2 we left Geneva with the intention of proceeding homewards by short [?stages] & with a hope that Fans gradual recovery may thus enable us to reach home this Winter. Mr M, Lewis, Miss M & I stopped to see the Voltaires Seat at Terney & we visited the Salon & Bed Chamber which are preserved as he left them. His old Gardener who lived with him 4 Years shewed us the Grounds & pointed out his favorite promenade & Seats. We then went on & met Mrs D & Fanny at Gax where at the Hotel de Parte we dined & slept, quite comfortably enough. Before Dinner Wife & I walked to the upper part of the Town which commands a beautiful View, & as the Horizon was quite clear we enjoyed the most splendid possible Views of the whole Alpine range. The View from Terney is also most beautiful.
- Tuesday 11 Rose early & walked to the Hill above the Church where I again enjoyed a most magnificent view of the Alps. There was no Cloud of Haze & every point of all the Aiguilles might be seen on the Horizon. Started from Gax which on the foot of the Jura & continued a steep ascent for 2¼ hours during all which time the Lemman & the whole Alpine range from the St Bernard to Annessey appeared in full unclouded Majesty & splendour. Some Clouds, however rested on the Summit of the Jura & some rain fell. We changed Horses at a solitary House called La Vattey & drove a long very high Ground to La Rousse where at the Customs House our Baggage was examined & etc. We then descended to dine & sleep at Morey which is a neat thriving Town prettily situated in a narrow Valley.
- Wednesday 12 Changing at St Laurens, Maison Neuve, Champagnolle, Montroud we arrived to dine & sleep at Poligny, where I suppose that the descent of the Jura may be said to end. The Road is in some places beautiful, & particularly so in the narrow Gorge between Montroud [?] & Champagnolle. The entrance to the Hotel is the worst I ever saw. Very little better than up a Ladder & yet it is otherwise very comfortable. At Poligny I saw 2 Woodcocks for Sale in a Window & Mr M & Lewis saw others in the Town.
- Thursday 13 Changing at Mens sous Vandray (where Mrs D learnt from a Cottage [?] how to fatten children) at Doler, Aurozini [?] & Garlis [?] we reached Dijon soon after 6. Hotel de la Cloche very good.
- Friday 14 Started for a stroll at day break & found so much at Dijon to interest me that I hardly sat down till we left at ¼ past 2. Visited the Cathedral, 2

other principal Churches, the Ancient Palace which contains tow most splendid monuments of the Dukes of Burgundy & the Botanic Gardens. The Spire of the Cathedral with its twisted flutes [?] is curious & looks rather well at a distance, but is unsuited to the stile [?] & majesty of the building. The old one having been two [sic] small the present Garden was built 2 years ago at the expense of the City & if the ----- [?] is equal it will shortly much excel the one at geneva. It contains a poplar which is one of the most enormous & best grown Trees I ever saw & its girt at 4 feet from the Roots exceeds 26 feet. In the Garden we observed the Miseltoe [?] flourishing both on a Accacia [?] & a Willow & in this County it seems to be common on every thing but apple Trees. We went 3¼ Ports [?] to sleep at St Seyne, a poor place & it has the worst & nastiest Hotel I ever entered.

Saturday 15

Huckennel'd [?] rom the Soleil d'Or at St Severne at 9. While Fan as usual got an early Dinner at Montlard [?]. I went with Mr M & Lewis to see Buffons House & Gardens & they are handsome & extensive. The present Professor is the Widow of his Son & the rooms are ----irtly[?] papered all over with colored prints from his works on Natural History. We had intended to stop for the night at Ansyle Frawe [?], but owing to the arrival of a manoevering [?] Regiment the Hotel was full, & we were obliged to go on to Tonnerre where we arrived soon after ½ past 6. A Journey of 11¼ Ports [?] was too much but Fan appeared to be less over tired than her Mamma.

Sunday 16

Went out at day break to see the Source of the Tonne which is interesting, & the Churches of Notre dame & l'Hopital. The latter contains the Tomb of Margaret of Burgundy, & a Meridian [] Lion curiously carved on the Floor. We left Tonnerre at ¼ past 10 & arrived at Sens partly over a new Road at ¼ before 5. In the Evening Lewis & I walked out to witness some of the merriments which mark a Sabbath Evening in France. We found L'Ecu to be a capital Hotel.

Monday 17

Before breakfast we all, except Fan visited the magnificent Gothic Cathedral & the interior is excelled only at Cologne. The Tomb of the Dauphin who was the Father of Louis 16th is superb [?], & the figure of Religion particularly struck is. In it Majesty, beauty & loveliness are most happily blended. We left Sans about 10 & at the post [?] House at Fossard saw 4 Canon [sic] shot from the Army of the Allies in 1814 still sticking in the Walls. Reached Fontainbleu soon after 3 & spent 2 hours in the Gardens & grounds of the Palace. Quartered at the Hotel de France opposite the Palace.

Tuesday 18

Went over the gorgeously magnificent apartments of the Palace & saw the Table on which Burnepart [sic] wrote his resignation & many reliques of that unprincipled wonder. We were detained an hour for want of Horses & it was ½ past 7 when we alighted from our Carriage at Paris. I had endeavored to procure apartments at Meurices that Fan from our

Windows might look into the Palace Gardens, & by Vivians assistance we found most comfortable appartments ready for us at Le Hotel de Londres in Plas Vendome.

- Wednesday 19 Walked about chiefly to get a general Idea of Paris. Lewis went with the Vivians to the French Opera
- Thursday 26 Took a long walk before breakfast. Spent the morning & till it closed at 4 in the superb picture Gallery at the Louvre. It is 1720 feet 6 in long. Lewis & Mr M went to the Italian Opera.
- Friday 21 Took a long walk with Miss Mary before breakfast round by the Hospital des Invalides, L'Ecol Militaire, Champ de Mars & etc. At 12 under the guidance of our Valet de place we drove round by the plas Victories. Along the Bouelvards [sic] saw the scite [sic] of Feschies crime. The Elephant that marks the Scite of the Bastile. Walked for an hour & a half through Pere la Chaise & then drove by devious [?] squares the Hotel de Villi [?] & etc to Notre Dame. Particularly admired the carved oak stalls & the Altar piece which is the Chef d'Oeuvre of the elder Coustou[?]. it represents the descent from the Cross & is white marble. In the Sacristie we saw Buonopartes Coronation Robe & the splendid Robes which were made at the Gobelins for the Archbishop & Bishops who assisted at the Ceremony. We afterwards saw the Morgue & Palais royal. In the Evening Lewis & Miss Mary went with the Vivians to the Theatre du Gymnase.
- Saturday 22 Again took an early walk & afterwards drove with the two Mary's & Lewis to the Garden des Plantes & saw both the Botanical & Zoological Departments. Fan came to us there & we then went over the Gobelin Manufactory of Tapestry. Met my old Friend Perice Civitate [?] & after having taken a drive with him he came to see us at our Hotel. In the Evening the two Mary's & Lewis went to the Italian Opera. The Garden at the Jardin de Plants when the new Glass is finished will in the Glass department beat Bonn but in nothing else.
- Sunday 23 Too a good walk before Breakfast. Afterwards I attended high mass at the splendid Church of St Roch & others went to English Service near the English Ambassadors. In the afternoon we went over the Hospital des Invalides, & afterwards took a drive in what they call the Bois de Bologne, tho' it has hardly timber enough for a manufactory of Toothpicks, & we passed through hundreds of acres of mere nursery. We got out on our return to look at the splendid Ave de Triomphy which has lately been finishing by the Barrier de Neuilly & the King & his Family passed us in 2 Carriages with a handsome Cortege & well guarded.
- Monday 24 Soon after 7 Molly & I started to see the Nursery grounds of Messrs [?] Cols & of M. Noisette [?]. At the former I bought a new Rosa Roas Hardii [?] for 25 franks & Clorodendrum specississimus. Occupied most

of the morning in witnessing the preparations for a air [?] attempt to raise a large Egyptian Obelisk in the center of the Plas de Concord. In the afternoon went with Mary to the Statue Gallery at the Louvre & our Lacquay deplace [?] had neglected to inform us that Monday is the only day in which it is not opened. We then went to the Bourse with Lewis who we happened to meet & much admired some Fresco paintings at the top. Again took a short walk to shop with Molley.

Tuesday 25

Started before 7 with M Moggridge to see the Abbatoir at Montmartre & all that has been said of its being no Musanies [?] true. From thence we drove & walked through the Quarries of Montmartre. After breakfast walked with Miss Mary & saw the Obelisk nearly raised to its place in the presence of the King & Royal Family & an enormous crowd of People. We also went through the Statue Gallery at the Louvre. At ¼ before 2 we left our excellent Hotel de Paris, & drove to St Denis where we staid an hour to admire its splendid Church. The Monument of the late Kings, particularly that of Francis the 1st in the body of the Church are magnificent, & those of the ancient Kings in the Crypt are extremely curious & interesting. About 7 we reached the Hotel de Bourbon Conde at Chantilly to dine & sleep.

Wednesday 26

Breakfasted at ½ & were detained for want of a Carriage we had bespoke to see the Conde palaces which are now belong to one of the Kings Sons, the Duke d'Aumale [?]. From thence we drove to the Pavilion of Queen Blanche about 4 Miles distant & the Furniture is said to be the same which her Majesty used 800 [?] years ago. It wanted but a ¼ of 12 when we left Chantilly, & were admirably driven so as to reach the Angel Hotel at Bartuiel [?] in 5 hours. In the Forest of Chantilly the Misseltoe abounds on Poplars, Orle & etc.

Thursday 27

Reached Amiens about ½ past 12 & spent the afternoon in the magnificent Cathedral & etc. I visited the Hotel de Ville in which the Peace was signed.

Friday 28

Had intended to sleep at Montreuil [?], but the wants of Horses & other delays & the extreme coldness of the Weather induced us to stop at Bernay. Hotel de Porte very comfortable.

Saturday 29

We left Bernay about 9 & about 3 reached Bologne. It froze hard all day & the drive over a bleak Country was dismally uncomfortable. Soon after our arrival the Popkin Trahernes called on us, & at Dusk a heavy Storm came on which covered the Country several inches deep in snow. The Snow continued to fall during most part of the night accompanied with thunder & lightening & I never before saw such severe wintry Weather in October.

Sunday 30

Thunder, Lightening Hail & Snow prevailed during the night, & this morning presented such a Siberian prospect as is rarely seen in October.

Crossing over to Dover was quite out of the question & the Ladies were unable at all to stir out the whole day. Mr M, Lewis & I could only take some short rambles at the expense of a wetting & from the ancient rampart of the upper Town we saw the Lines thrown up by Buonapartes Army of England, & much of the surrounding Country.

Monday 31

A wretchedly comfortless morning with heavy snow & I got very wet going to some Nursery grounds in the Skirts of the Town & by a call on Popkin Traherne. A Government Ostend Steamer by the foul Weather had last night ben blown from her Station in to Bologne & has offered such superior accommodation that we thought it on the whole better to take advantage of them. AT one we embarked accordingly & after a very rough Voyage in less than 4 hours were safely housed in the Ship Hotel at Dover. The 3 Ladies were dreadfully sea sick Mr M & I for a couple of minutes only & Lewis not at all. Our Courier suffered so severely that we were rather alarmed at it, & he was so totally unable to give any assistance that all the Custom House work fell on us & prevented us from getting any Dinner till 8 o'clock.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1

Called in Factor [?]. My dear Mary the only one of our party who has not rallied from seasickness. We left Dover at 20 mins past 11 & drove to dine & sleep at the George at Sittingbourn.

Wednesday 2

Left Sittingbourne soon after ½ past 9 & reached Gordons Hotel in Albermarle St at 4.

Thursday 3

Did nothing. Nobody of my acquaintance in Town.

Friday 4

Went in the Evg. with Lewis to the St Jame's [sic] Theatre.

Saturday 5

Went with Lewis & Miss D to Visitors' Theatre.

Sunday 6

My dear Mary so unwell that I sent for Dr Sims & tho' all our packages were ready for a start tomorrow we have postponed our Journey till Tuesday.

Monday 7

Both Mrs D & Fanny much unwell. Dr Sims came in the morning & also dined with us.

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