

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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**OCTOBER CONTINUED**

- Monday 25            Messrs. Sockett, Lewis Thomas, Evan Morgan, Richd. Jeffreys & Benj. Rotch junr. dined here, & the latter returned to Swansea at night alone -
- Tuesday 26           Settled divers matters with Mr.Sockett & with Lewis Thomas relating to my dispute about the Modus in Cadley Mill &c, & agreed on a joint case with the Revd. Mr.Lloyds Agent & which is to be referred for decision to a Doctor of Laws at Doctors Commons - The other Genl. having returned home Mr.Thomas & I rode to Tally clyn -
- Wednesday 27                It is six months this Day since I lost my darling Boy, & every such recollection serves to break open afresh the wounds which his Death has inflicted on my Heart.- Mr. & Mrs.Calvert Jones<sup>1</sup> called in the afternoon & the Revd. Thos. Morris & Rd.Jeffreys dined & slept here -
- Thursday 28            Rode on Horseback with Johnny to pay my respects to Charles Morgan who this morning held the Bishops Court for the Manor of Clase at Langafelach-
- Friday 29                Rode in the morning with John round by Cadley to inspect the new Barn which has been built at Glyncilling & returned home by crossing the Rivers to Gors yr uchan - In the Evening Mary & I took John & Fanny to the Plays at Swansea, & they were greatly delighted by it - There was performed the Comedy of Man & Wife, with a foolish Interlude called Lilliput, & the Melodrama of Wallace - It was about ½ past 12 when we reached home again -
- Saturday 30            Inspected some neighboring parts of the Estate &c -
- Sunday 31                I read the morning & Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family - Took a scrambling walk with Mary & the three elder Children in the afternoon to Penywain &c - My dear Boy Lewey was breeched this morning to his great delight & satisfaction -

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<sup>1</sup>Parents of Calvert Richard Jones the marine painter & photographer

## NOVEMBER

- Monday 1 Rode with my Boy John to Swansea to attend a Meeting of the Harbour Trustees & to see a Mr.Boon who has made an offer for the Colliery in Neath Valley which on Mr.Llewelyns behalf I let some years ago to Mr. Tweedell -
- Tuesday 2 Rode with Johnny to decide on the scite [sic] for a new Stable which is said to have been promised there 20 years ago at Penllwyniddan & which is greatly wanting - Returned home by our other Penllwyniddan & Bryn y avon-
- Wednesday 3 John rode with me ~~to attend~~ part of the way to Swansea where I went to attend a Meeting of the Paving Act Commissioners at which it was determined to light the Town with Gaz [sic] - Dressed at the Willows where Mary called for me in the Carriage, & we went to dine at St.Helens - Returned home about ½ past 11 -
- Thursday 4 Occupied in the morning in settling Business with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn &c & in the Evening set off by the Mail on a Visit to my Father - Mr.Lewis Thomas accompanied me to assist in settling some of the Trust Affairs -
- Friday 5 Had a rough but short passage of 22 minutes across the Severn & arrived at Bristol about ½ past 10 - Went on again by the Mail at 11 -
- Saturday 6 Got to breakfast at my Brothers about 8, & afterwards walked to see Mrs. Bazely in Piccadilly, after which on my return to the City I spent a short time with my respected old Friend Sir Joseph Banks - Having taken an early Dinner at my Brothers & written to Mary I set off on the 4 oClock Stage for Walthamstow, where I found my venerable Father in an obviously tho' gradually declining state - My Sister Mrs.Alexander was there on a Visit, & my Sister Sally absent at Ipswich -
- Sunday 7 Found myself very stiff & tired & did not leave the House all the Day -
- Monday 8 Passed the morning & afternoon with my dear & venerable Father & in the Evening went in his Carriage to Town where I met Mr.Rd.Alexander & my Sister Sally who had just arrived from Ipswich - Spent the Evening with Mr. Leslie at his apartments No.8 Buckingham Place, Fitzroy Sq - Slept at my Brothers - Called at

Exeter Change & heard that the Chimpanzee which I saw last ~~Autumn~~ Summer died a few days afterwards -

- Tuesday 9                      Breakfasted with Mr.Lewis Thomas on Business, & then went to spend an hour with Mrs.Bazely at her Apartments No. 160 Piccadilly - Being detained there longer than I expected prevented me from seeing the 3 Men in Armour but I saw the Lord Mayors Shew on the Water, & then with Mr.Rd. Alexander returned to Higham.
- Wednesday 10                      My Fathers Carriage brought me to Town, & I went with Mr.Richd. Alexander to Mr. Mawes to assist him in purchasing Shells &c - From thence I went to the British Museum & in the Evening with my Brother to see Keane in Richard at Drury Lane. Macready is performing the same part at Covent Garden & the two Theatres are trying to outvie each other in getting up this play - The acting was very fine & the Scenery magnificent - In the Farce of Modern Antiques Munden as Cockletop created much laughter - Mrs.Bazely & her Daughter Sophia left town to join Mr B. in Scotland -
- Thursday 11                      Spent the morning in trying to settle my Legacy Duty & Probate Accounts at Somerset House & then went to see Sir Jos Banks's where I staid near 3 hours & saw the only live Toucan which was ever in England - It is the Toucan bicolor - is very tame & eat freely of some bread & milk which was given him - Dined at the British Museum with Doctor Leach, & afterwards attended the Royal Society where I met Dr.Wollaston, Sir Jo.Nicholl & many others of Friends - Slept at my Brothers -
- Friday 12                      Spent most of the day in looking over & purchasing part of Mr.Samouelles Collection of Insects, & in the Evening returned by Stage to Higham -
- Saturday 13                      Spent the whole Day at Higham - Dr.John Sims came in the Evening to see my Father & slept here -
- Sunday 14                      Went in the morning with my Sisters to Tottenham Meeting & Mr.Leslie, Mr.Lewis Thomas, Mr.Wilkins &c - joined us at Dinner - Dr.Sims left us in the Evening -
- Monday 15                      Came in my Fathers Carriage to Town on an Engagement about the Legacy Duty Business at Somerset House from which I did not get clear till 4 & then went to call on Dr.Leach &c - Spent the Evening in looking over Mr. Samouelles Collection of Insects & slept at my Brothers.
- Tuesday 16                      As my Father wished to look over his Estate & settle some matters at Brighton, I set off by the Hero Coach at 10 & arrived there about

½ past 5- Took up my Quarters at the Regents Hotel, & called immediately on Mr. Glaisyer who collects my Fathers Rents to arrange my proceedings tomorrow - Went to the Royal Baths & took a hot one at 100°. - My Father formerly for several Years rented No.13 on the North Parade but it is 22 years since I last saw Brighton, & it is so amazingly altered & enlarged that at my entrance to the Town I should never without being told at all have guessed where I was - it rained hard all day.

Wednesday 17

At 8 this morning breakfasted with Mr.Glaisyer, & spent nearly the whole day with him & Messrs. Brooker & Colbatch who are my Fathers Solicitors in examining his Estate which has long wanted the Eye of a Master - I dined with Col & Mrs.Elliott & afterwards went to see Mr.Farren in the Deaf Lover - The many fantastical Domes & Minarets of the Regents Pavilion astonish everybody & a Gentleman is said to have exclaimed when he entered Brighton - 'Why St Pauls has pupped' -

Thursday 18

Mr.Glaisyer breakfasted with me at the Hotel & I spent the whole day in walking about & ascertaining the Value of Land at Brighton - Was in the Evening so tired as to be good for nothing else & spent it at the Theatre in seeing the Road to Ruin & a Trip to Dover in which Mr.Farren & Miss Brunton [?] acted -

Friday 19

Mr.Glaisyer breakfasted early with me, & I succeeded in acquiring the information I wished for so as to set off by a coach at ~~10 oClock~~ ½ past 10 oClock & arrived in the Evening at Higham where I found Mrs.Llewelyn who had gone there on a Visit -

Saturday 20

Spent the whole day at Higham & accepted my Fathers offer of his remaining Estates at Hig Brighton for 2500£ - The most valuable part at the back of the new Steyne, & which comprised the Steyne Hotel &c he had already sold to a Mr.Walker.-

Sunday 21

Went to Tottenham Church with Mrs.Llewelyn, & returned to dine at Higham - In the Evening I read the Sermon on the Mount, & some Tracts suitable for this day to my venerable Father - [line of writing illegible and overwritten]

Monday 22

Went in the Carriage with Mrs.Llewelyn & my Sisters to London & spent nearly all the Day in endeavours to settle my Business as Executor of Mr. Llewelyn with the Legacy Duty Commissioners but in vain - Dined at my Brothers with Mr.Lewis Thomas, Mrs.Llewelyn &c & returned to Higham in the Evening -

Tuesday 23

Mrs.Llewelyn went with my Sisters to ~~the~~ see Loddiges great Nursery Gardens, & I spent the morning with my Father - Mr.Lewis

Thomas came to dine & sleep here, & we looked over the Deeds of the Brighton Estate together -

- Wednesday 24                      Was taken ill with something like Cramp in my Stomach last night & felt very unwell all day - I believe it arose from my having eaten too many apples yesterday - Mrs.Llewelyn left us & returned to her Mothers House in Russell Place -
- Thursday 25                      Last night my Fathers Dairy ~~was~~ & Larder were broke open & some Woodcocks which arrived from Penllergare yesterday were with many other things stolen - I spent the morning with Mr.Raikes, the Magistrate in endeavouring to trace out the Robbers, & in the Evening went to Town & took Dr.John Sims to the Royal Society -
- Friday 26                      Spent the morning in Business with Mr.Lewis Thomas & afterwards 2 hours at Sir.Joseph Banks's - Dined at 4 with my Brother & returned by the 5 oClock Stage to Higham -
- Saturday 27                      The morning was occupied in looking over my Fathers Accounts, & in the afternoon I walked round by the Copper Mills to follow up some enquiries respecting the late Robbery & by Upper Clapton to Hackney Bridge where I took a Stage to London - Dined with Dr.Wollaston where I met Mr. Buckland the Professor of Geology at Oxford, Capt Hall & several other Scavants [sic] - In my way back to my Brothers called & spent an hour with Mrs.Llewelyn at her Mothers in Russell Place.-
- Sunday 28                      Not having any Great Coat with me & there being a severe Frost I could not go as I wished to any place of worship but returned by the Stage to Higham -Read the Epistle of James to my Father & this appears to be one of ~~the most fav~~ his most favorite parts of the Testament - Mr.Forster & my Brother dined here on a Haunch of Venison which Mary had sent me -
- Monday 29                      Spent the whole day at Higham in transacting some Business of my Fathers & in endeavours to detect the Robbers of his Larder - We signed a Memorandum of our Agreement for the Brighton Estate, but Mr.Thomas thinks it will be better & cheaper to have it conveyed to me by Will -
- Tuesday 30                      Went with Lydia in the Carriage to Town, & spent the Day in attending the Annual Election of officers for the Royal Society, & in endeavours to make a Settlement with the Commissioners of the Legacy Duty - They however refuse to make any return for the Probate unless I produce stamped receipts for all the Sums I have paid as Mr.Llewelyns Executor & this they have a right by Law to require - Also busied myself in assisting Dr.John Sims who is a

Candidate for the Office of Physician to ~~the~~ the Guys Hospital vacant by the Death of Dr.Currie who procured for him the support of Sir Jos Banks &c &c - Dined with the Royal Society where I spent most of the Evening with Hume the Opposition Leader & went afterwards for half an hour to Covent Garden Theater with Mr.Konig -

## DECEMBER

- Wednesday 1      Spent the morning in assisting Dr.Sims with his Canvass & went to see the late Mrs.Blighs Cabinet of Shells which is for Sale at Mrs.Mawes - It is extremely beautiful & not dear at the price as bid for it which is 700 Guineas - Returned in the Evening by the Stage to Higham -
- Thursday 2      Spent the whole day at Higham in arranging Accounts of my Father
- Friday 3      Some accounts of my dear Boy Johns indisposition determined me on leaving Town on my return home tomorrow if Mary's report should there prove unfavorable, & I accordingly went there early to finish my remaining Business - In my rounds of various errands I called on Sir Jo.Nicholls, Sir Jos Banks &c - drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn at her Mothers, & supped with Lewis Thomas who I went to meet respecting the reports of the Bankruptcy of Mr Letson who is our Tenant at the Ynysygerwn Works, Aberdylais Mill &c - The share [?] of Houses of Mr Ll's in the City which are now 200 years old & sadly in want of Lease repair will be soon out of Leases & a new Lease is desirable but I find myself unable to join the other Proprietors in granting one.
- Saturday 4      Returned immediately after Breakfast to Higham & spent the remainder of the Day with my Father - Received good accounts from Mary & a letter from Griffiths informing me of the stoppage of the Ynysygerwn Works.
- Sunday 5      Went in the morning with my Sisters to their Meeting at Tottenham, & there saw the Funeral of a young Lady who had been at Meeting on that day fortnight in high Health, & who had died very suddenly a week before on the very day on which her Father had died last Year - Lewis Thomas came to dinner & brought me word of Mr.Letsoms name having appeared among the Bankrupts in last Nights Gazette - Went in the Evening to Sir Jos Banks & introduced Dr.Sims - Spent a most pleasant Evening with Buckland, Basil Hall, Wollaston &c &c. Was introduced to Mr.Perkins, the American Engraver &c -

- Monday 6                      Buckland breakfasted with me at my Brothers, & we then went with an order from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to see the Mint of which we saw every part to the highest possible advantage. We then met Basil Hall & his Brother at Mr.Perkins's & being all FRS's were shown the whole of the apparatus by which he ~~makes~~ [?] has proposed to Engrave Notes for the Bank of England, & were filled with admiration by the extreme ingenuity & excellence of the contrivance - Went in the Evening to see Lewis Thomas in Business & drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn after which I called on Mr.Leslie & returned to sup at my Brothers -
- Tuesday 7                     After executing several Errands in Town in the morning I went with my Cousin Luke Howard in his Carriage to Tottenham & dined with him - My Fathers carriage was sent for me & I returned to Higham in the Evening -
- Wednesday 8                Spent the whole Day at Higham -
- Thursday 9                  Spent the whole morning with my Father & went up by the Evening Coach to attend the Royal Society - When I entered Somerset house the weather was quite fine & when the Meeting was over I found the Streets so covered with Snow & slippery that it was a work of some danger as well as difficulty to get back to my Brothers - Prince Leopold was at the Society & during the whole Meeting we sat almost toe to toe & directly opposite each other -
- Friday 10                    Attended the Sale at the Auction Mart of the Castle Inn Stables at Brighton which was bought a ~~few~~ 9 months ago in Speculation by Mr.Shoebridge a Hatter in Bond Street for 3000 Guineas & they were knocked down for 5100£.- I returned with Sally in the Carriage to Higham & we took with us Mr.Leslie's picture of Mary & myself to shew my Father who is delighted with the Likeness of both -
- Saturday 11                 Went up late in the afternoon in the Carriage to Town & dined with Lewis Thomas - I afterwards spent an hour or two with Dr.Leach & Professor Bonelli of Turin at the British Museum, & slept at my Brothers -
- Sunday 12                    About 5 this morning I was roused by the awful cry of Fire & it proved to be at the Woolpack Tavern which adjoins my Brothers Warehouses - I remained inn the thickest of it, half smothered by Smoke for about 3 hours, & then by the activity of the Firemen & Engineers the Danger was got over -By the 10 oClock Coach I returned to Higham, but my Brother was made so sick by the Smoke that he could not accompany me & it had the affect of very much irritating my Lungs so as to give me a Cough all day - Mr.Leslie & Mr.Head dined with us -



- Monday 13 Spent the whole day at Higham in arranging some Accounts of my Fathers. The Thermometer at Tottenham last week has fallen so low as to be only 9 degrees above Zero -
- Tuesday 14 After spending the morning with my Father his Carriage in the afternoon took me to Town, & I expected to have found places ready for me & Mr. Thomas in this Nights Mail - He however had been obliged to defer his Journey till tomorrow & the advantage of a travelling Companion particularly at this time of the Year is so great that I determined on waiting for him - Not being able to get any place in the Walthamstow Stage, & the Carriage having returned before I knew of this delay prevented me from going back to my Father & I spent the Evening in playing Billiards at my Brothers.
- Wednesday 15 In the morning called on Mr Leslie &c & met Mr.Thomas at Dinner at my Brothers - In the Evening we started together by the Bath Mail -
- Thursday 16 It froze hard & we had a cold but otherwise pleasant Journey to Bath, & leaving me there Mr.Thomas went immediately to Bristol, where after having enjoyed a hot bath I soon afterwards joined him - Dined & slept at the Bush Inn -
- Friday 17 Started with Mr.Thomas at 6 by the Cambrian Coach, & breakfasted on the Gloucestershire side of the Passage where we waited for about an hour & a half for the Tide to become more favorable - We crossed in 17 minutes but the Waves were high, & some of the Passengers were much alarmed by the tossing of the Boat - I had taken a Daughter of the Revd.Dr.Williams under my care & delivered her safe at Cowbridge about ½ past 5. The Rain had fallen in Torrents since yesterday Evening & this added to the sudden Thaw had so flooded the Country that the Roads were in many places almost impassable & the Torrents were so violent at Merthyr Mawr that we were obliged to take circuitous route by Bridgend &c -
- Saturday 18 My carriage having met the Cambrian Coach at Swansea I reached home in safety but much fatigued at a little before 2 this morning - It continued to rain hard all day -
- Sunday 19 The rain continued to fall in Torrents all day & prevented us from going to Church - I read the Service at noon & again in the Evening with one of Gisborne's Sermons to the Family - Continued a correspondence which has long been carried on respecting the propriety of calling a County Meeting & addressing our assurances of Loyalty to the Throne at the present alarming Crisis - The

Gentlemen of the County however unanimously refuse to call or attend any such Meeting & do not choose to afford our Member another opportunity for hiring a pack of Blackguards to bully them & preach up those levelling Doctrines which so compleatly accord with the views of Hunt & Cobbett.-

Monday 20 Engaged in Business all day at home

Tuesday 21 Engaged on Business all day at home -

Wednesday 22 Busy at Accounts at home or on my Farm all day -

Thursday 23 A letter from the Commissioners for the redemption of the Land Tax respecting Cadley Mill obliged me to go to Swansea & Mary accompanied me in the Carriage - Mr.Sockett & Lewis Thomas on Business dined & slept here.

Friday 24 Mr.Sockett & Mr.Thomas left us in the morning & having finished my Accounts I spent the rest of the day in arranging my Collection of Insects according to Letrelles [?] System -

Saturday 25 Being too cold for the Children to go to Church I read the Service appointed for Christmas Day to the Family in the Evening - At night it snowed hard -

Sunday 26 A deep Snow prevented us from going to Church, & I read both the morning & Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family -

Monday 27 A deep Snow - My leisure from Business employed in rearranging my Cabinet of Insects -

Tuesday 28 The compleat ditto of yesterday -

Wednesday 29 The Snow continues thick on the Ground, & my employment continued as above - Most afflicting accounts were this morning received from Higham of my Sister Emlens alarming illness from the rapid spreading of a Cancer & there now seems to be no hope of her recovery -

Thursday 30 A short Letter from George informed me that my excellent Sister Emlen was translated to a better world on the 27th. of November & buried where she died at Burlington in New Jersey on the 27th. My own sufferings from the late Loss of my beloved Boy enable me most keenly to appreciate the feelings of my Brother Emlen & I immediately forwarded a Letter ~~of conde~~ expressing my sympathy to him - These two dear relatives tho' so different in age were I believe equals in purity & equally entitled to the assurance that 'of

such is the Kingdom of Heaven' - They have both been released from a state of suffering & the Loss is only ours - Sir C.Cole was to have dined here but I sent to stop him from coming -

Friday 31

My anxiety on Account of the effect which Mrs.Emlens Death may probably produce in my venerable Father would last night have taken me off to Higham, but the severity of the Weather & my being a good deal troubled with the Sciatica prevented me - When the account was sent to me it had not been communicated to him & I expected a Letter by this mornings Post but none arrived to my great disappointment -

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### JANUARY

Saturday 1

A letter from Higham this morning informed us that my Father was at first most severely affected by the melancholy News but soon afterwards bore it with much more firmness & resignation that could at all have been expected -

Sunday 2

The Snow being too deep & the Roads too slippery for us to go to Church I read the morning & Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family as usual -

Monday 3

In the morning Mary & I performed our promise of taking Fanny, John & Lewey to see a Collection of Wild Beasts at Swansea, & for a travelling exhibition it proved a very good one, & comprised a fine Elephant, two Lions, two Lionesses, three Cubs, a Royal Tiger, Zebra &c - One Lion & Lioness (the Parents of the Cubs) were in a Cage together & the Keeper got into the Cage & after putting his Head into the Mouth of each, sat down & played & fondled with them for a good while - the Lions Den. It reminded me of Daniel in the Lions Den - Lewey who had never seen anything of the kind before was immediately delighted, & mustered up sufficient courage after one failure to give the Elephant an Apple himself - Messrs. Rawley & George Mansell & Mr.G.Haynes junr. dined here .-

- Tuesday 4 Walked in the morning to attend a Militia Meeting at Llangafelach & met Mr.Lockwood there - The Snow still very deep on the Ground & the Winter thus far has been unusually severe -
- Wednesday 5 In the morning took a Walk with my two Boys & Gun for an hour & killed a Magpie, 3 Fieldfares, 2 Redwings &c - Dr.Edwards came to dine with us & the Children at 2 oClock -
- Thursday 6 John Thomas arrived in the afternoon with some Carmarthenshire Rents & Accts. which occupied my Evening -
- Friday 7 Having taken some Blue Pill by Dr.Edwards desire I did not leave the House all day, & gave my time to Entomology. It freezes hard & there is still Snow on the Ground -
- Saturday 8 For a wonder I was hardly interrupted by Business all day & spent my time from about 5 in the morning till near 11 at night in arranging my Insects.
- Sunday 9 The weather continues intensely Cold & more Snow fell today - Being too unwell Mary read in the morning & I read the Service & a Sermon to the Family in the Evening - I received a Letter from Mr.Tennant of Cadoxton asking for my consent to his making a Tram Road from the Vale of Neath to the source of the Dylais River - My answer was that as we have a large quantity of Coal in the Vale of Neath to dispose of with a ready access to the Canal it cannot be our Interest to increase the competition & the opening into such an extensive new line of .....[?] would therefore be disadvantageous for the Ynysygerwn Estate -
- Monday 10 Spent the whole day at home at Business principally - One of my Ewes dropped a fine Lamb which is the earliest beginning ever known here -
- Tuesday 11 Spent the whole day at home at Entomology & Business -
- Wednesday 12 The Birth Day of my dear Boy John who has now compleated his 10th. year, & as a reward which he richly deserves for his constant good conduct we excited ourselves to make him happy - The recollection of the delight which these little domestic Jubilees used to afford my late afflicted & lost Darling was however too often uppermost in my Mind & tended greatly to mar my enjoyments -
- Thursday 13 I made an attempt to walk to a Meeting of Subscribers to the Boys School, but when I got almost to Swansea I met with a bit of a Launch [?] & found the Roads so coated with Ice & slippery that I turned back -

Friday 14 Took a walk with my two Boys & my Gun to Bryn David - The Frost continues unusually severe & it is the hardest winter I ever knew in this country except that six Years ago - The Snow was then deeper but I doubt whether the cold was so intense -

Saturday 15 Took a walk with my Boys & shot several Fieldfres, Red wings & Thrushes -The Rooks which always used to darken the air as they descended to roost in the Wood every Evening have now left us, & I suppose are to some warmer sleeping place -- Felt very unwell in the Evening -

Sunday 16 Being too unwell Mary read in the morning & I the Evening Service -

Monday 17 Not being well I did not leave the House all day.

Tuesday 18 Walked thro' a heavy Snow to draw for the Militia at Langafelach at 11, & met Mr.Lockwood there - Returned home at 5 -

Wednesday 19 Mr.Williams arrived with some Carmarthenshire statements from Mr.Lewis in the morning, & Mr.Lewis Thomas came on Business in the afternoon - In the morning it thawed but froze hard again at night -

Thursday 20 Walked only to inspect the repairs at Beddows &c [?] -

Friday 21 The Snow very deep in the ground, & walked about the ~~Neighbourhood~~ my Farm only - Employed my Leisure in examining Lamarcks new arrangement of Shells.

Saturday 22 Walked about the neighbourhood with my two Boys & my Gun & in the afternoon to see some Poor people with Mary -

Sunday 23 Snow still continues very deep in the ground, & Mrs.Llewelyn remains weather bound at the Revd.Mr.Beadins [?] at Christian Melford [?] near Chippenham - Read the morning & Evening Services & a Sermon as usual to the Family -

Monday 24 Occupied mostly by Business - Mr.Henry Tennant came by appointment respecting the proposed Tram Road up the Neath Valley, but he failed to convince me that it would be for the Interest of this Estate to give him the consent he requires - The Neath Canal in which the Trustees possess 13 Shares, would be greatly injured by, it & this would turn the Scale if the matter was otherwise in a balance. The Thaw has at last commenced & it rains hard -

Tuesday 25 Rained hard & a compleat Thaw. Gave most of the day to Conchology -

Wednesday 26 Not well & did not leave the House all day -

Thursday 27 [sentence crossed - illegible] Mr.Henry Knight arrived yesterday after we had gone to Bed to undertake Johns Education as his Tutor - The day being very wet I went in the Carriage to Swansea to compleat my purchase from the Representatives of the late Mr.Walters, but some irregularity appearing in the Deeds the Business was deferred till the necessary alterations can be made -

Friday 29 [Repeat entry of the previous day crossed out] Began early this morning at Ynysygerwyn Accounts with Mr.Lewis Griffiths who arrived here last night & was occupied all day by Business -

Saturday 29 Wrote several Letters & among then one which I hope will close a tiresome correspondence with the Board of Ordinance respecting Mr.Llewelyns Accounts as Colonel of the West Glamorgan Local Militia - In the afternoon walked with my two Boys to overlook the draining, fencing & clearing of the Woodlands at Coedtrenig -

Sunday 30 Rained all day & Mr.Knight read both Services & a Sermon to the Family at home -

Monday 31 Went in the Carriage, as the Weather was very wet, with Mr.Knight to Swansea, & paid for the Estate in Swansea which I purchased from the representatives of the late Mr.Walters - Found the Town in a great bustle in consequence of a report brought by the Mail Guard that the King died on Saturday night, & preparations for a Canvass already making by the Friends of Sir C.Cole -

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1 Met Sir Chr. at Swansea, & spent the whole day in arranging matters with our Friends for the approaching Struggle -

Wednesday 2 Spent nearly all last night in writing Letters, & the day in making arrangements for a Canvass - Sir C.Cole came to Dinner - after having commenced his Canvass at Swansea -

Thursday 3 Went with Sir Cr. to canvass Swansea & he returned with me to a very late Dinner - Met with great success -

- Friday 4                      Went with Sir Cr. to continue the Canvass at Swansea & was greatly pleased with the very numerous promises of support which were personally given to me in the most handsome manner possible as a token of respect for my services as a Magistrate while I lived in the Town - Afterwards [word deleted unreadable] rode to a Militia Meeting at Langafelach where Lockwood took the Laboring Oar [?] & left me at Liberty to Canvass - I directed my attention principally to those who had formerly inclined to Mr.Edwards, & did not meet one refusal, or even hesitation in promising to go with Penllergare -
- Saturday 5                    Drove over to Ynysygerwn to secure Interests there but it rained too hard for me to do much -
- Sunday 6                     Abstained from all canvassing, except so far as relating to Letter writing & went alone to Langafelach Church
- Monday 7                     Started early & met Mr.Barrington & Lewis Thomas to canvass Languke [?] - Reached Ynyskedwin about 7 & slept there -
- Tuesday 8                    Started at 8, & took the skirts of Breconshire & Carmarthenshire ~~Be~~ Hills, & finished Languke & Rhyadery Clydach [?] - Was on Horseback all day & own [?] I have rode 50 Miles - Reached home at ½ past 7. Met with great success in my object of encurring [?] Penllergare Interests -
- Wednesday 9                Wrote Letters & saw some Freeholders in the neighborhood in the morning & rode into Swansea in the afternoon -
- Thursday 10                Went to a Meeting at Pyle of Sir Christophers Friends, & it was unanimously resolved to support him to the interest of our power. The question now involved in the approaching Election is whether the Landed Interests should possess the Influence & respectability which they have heretofore held in the County or be trampled under foot by the law Attornies & the rabble - All the principal Attornies who are Land owners have joined us & subscribed, except Gwyn of Neath, & his deciding for Edwards arises wholly from a Quarrel with Grant of the Gnoll -
- Friday 11                    In the afternoon rode over to Swansea, & I found that the sitting Member had arrived the night before, & had commenced his canvass with a large distribution of Ale & Money, & ~~also~~ much low & virulent abuse of all who are respectable in the County -
- Saturday 12                 Started about 9 & canvassed around Loughor, Penclawd & the 3 Crosses with Mr.Lewis Thomas & with good success - Reached home about 7 - Fanny very unwell & attended by Dr.Edwards daily -

- Sunday 13 Mr.Knight read the Service to us at home as usual -
- Monday 14 Started at 9 with Mr.Berrington & Lewis Thomas &c & canvassed the whole of Landilo tal y bont Parrish with great success - Reached home at ½ past 7 having been more than 10 hours in sharp exercise -
- Tuesday 15 Started at 9 & canvassed Parcelmaur & other parts of Langafelach with good success, & did not reach home till near 9 in the Evening, after having been near 12 hours on Horseback - Besides Mr.Berrington Mr.Lewis Thomas & the Revd.Mr.Thomas of Landilo talybont I was accompanied by the following freeholders,- Revd.Mr.Williams of Gelly Evan - Hopkin Bevan of Kilfwynnur - Mr Oliver of Vagaer - Mr.Jones of Tyr Donkin - Jones of Llysimmny (?) - Jones of Penywain - Powel of Cefn Forrest - Griffiths of Bathygrinen, Griffiths of Pencmy (?) - Jenkins of Gellyfethen (?) - Heberkuk of Peny bont [] - Rees of Carreg llwyd - Wm Llewelyn of Gardinen [?], Morgan of Treyntyle - W Edwards of Langafelach - Revd.Wm.David &c &c - Mrs. Llewelyn returned to Swansea
- Wednesday 16 This being the Funeral day of our late good old King I abstained from any public Canvass, but several Freeholders came or sent to promise me their Votes -
- Thursday 17 Spent the whole day at a Militia Meeting & at another of appeal for the assessed Taxes at Langafelach & did not return home till near 10 at night -
- Friday 18 After Breakfast rode to Swansea & from thence to canvass in Lansamlet.- Reached home again about ½ past 7 -
- Saturday 19 Canvassed a ~~large bod~~ Swansea Market with a large body of most respectable Freeholders, & Edwards set a drunken rabble at us, which at last infiltrated (?) our party & we drove them in all directions - Edwards escaped off to Rheola from the back Door of the Inn - & I never either saw or heard of such a low lived Blackguard as he appears to be -
- Sunday 20 Spent the whole day at Swansea & dined at Lewis Thomas's -
- Monday 21 Attended a Meeting of the central Committee at Pyle, & was much pleased with the appearance of spirit & unanimity which prevails among the Gentlemen of the County - Canvassed in my way there & back & did not reach home till past 11 -- I have been much pressed to offer myself for the Boroughs with the Margam & Dukes Interests, & if I had stood I have strong reasons to believe that Lord James



would not have opposed me - Lord Butes determination to stand neuter had disgusted the Gentlemen of the County -

Tuesday 22                      Wrote Letters in the morning & went to Swansea in the afternoon on Election Business -

Wednesday 23                      Went to Swansea & as Chairman attended a Meeting of Sir C.Coles Committee for the united Hundreds of Swansea & Langafelach - R Mansell came to dine with us - Snowed hard all the afternoon -

Thursday 24                      With Mr.Berrington & R Mansell canvassed the out voters in Lanon, Langennech, Lanveddy, Landabie &c - Reached home about 9 - Weather dreadfully bad.

Friday 25                      Invited the Freeholders of this Parish exclusive of the Morrystown Voters to a Supper at 6, at the two public houses in Langafelach & about 80 attended who had all resolved to go with Penllergare - I came away about 10, but the party did not break up till 3 & some remained till day light next morning - 'Kings may be blessed but we were glorious' & such a stoop to conquer I hope I shall not be obliged to repeat - Accounts were today received that Lord Bute has taken alarm at our threats, & has now resolved in giving us his utmost support -

Saturday 26                      The Fumes of Tobacco, Ale, Noise & Heat of last night has quite ~~K~~[?] knocked me up, & I did not get up till afternoon - I however did not myself yesterday drink more then one or two Glasses of Ale, & some of my own small Beer -

Sunday 27                      Mr.Knight read the morning & Evening Services & Sermon to the Family as usual - I see the road so plainly open that I am much tempted to come forward for the Buroughs but it would divide my attentions from the County Concerns in Langafelach where Voters are more numerous than in any other Hundred & where I am left almost alone to repel the unremitted activity & dirty manoeuvres of our opponent - No consideration shall interfere to prevent me from doing all I can towards the redemption of our County from its present degraded state & I should not like it to be said as it might be if I became a Candidate that my efforts in favor of Margam were made with an interested motive & that I was thus to be repaid for them - I moreover dislike the terms on which I could have Lord Butes Interest, for tho' he as well as Margam & the Duke would support me yet his Interest would only be given on an Understanding that I should resign at the next vacancy in favor of one of his Family - Especially while Mr.Peter Walker is his Manager I cannot brook the Idea of being the Marquess's Locum tenens.

Monday 28 Sir C.Cole attended by his Friends made a public entry into Swansea & we were pelted by a Mob regularly trained & made drunk for the purpose by Edwards's Committee; when opposite the Mackworth Arms the Mob made a desperate attempt to overturn Sir Crs. carriage & very nearly succeeded - It consisted principally of a Rabble brought for the purpose from Neath, & I saw them in training before Sir Chr. arrived by Lockett & young Johnson -Sir Chrs. Friends dined together at the Mackworth, & I went with Mr. Berrington, Henry Lucas & Lewis Thomas to give a Supper to our Party at Pontardylais - Henry Lucas slept here -

Tuesday 29 Attended the Committee at Swansea &c - & took some depositions concerning the outrages at Swansea -

### MARCH

Wednesday 1 Sir Chr. came to Breakfast & with an Escort of about 40 respectable Freeholders who I collected went to Langafelach Fair where Edwards also made his appearance with a large rabble but hardly any Votes at his Heels -- A letter from Sir Jo.Nicholl informed me that Lord James would retire & that Mr.Ludlow, the Dukes Auditor would start for the Boroughs - I sent up my protest against this arrangement, & persisted in my determination not to take them myself -

Thursday 2 Attended the Committee at Swansea, & took Langafelach Fair in my way home -

Friday 3 Rode through a heavy Snow to attend the Committee at Swansea &c -

Saturday 4 Rode through very bad weather of Snow & Sleet to Swansea & canvassed in the Market - Mr Ludlow not finding himself at all supported by the Independent Interests had withdrawn from the Burroughs, & Mr.Wyndham Lewis of Green Meadows had started - T Ll [?] Martin dined here & we worked in examining the qualifications of the Langafelach Voters till a late hour -

Sunday 5 Mr.Knight read the Service as usual, but I could not attend being wholly engaged in making up the returns of Langafelach hundred which I am requested to send to the central Committee at Pyle tomorrow - The numbers are as follows -

	Cole	Grey	Edwards	Doubtful	
Neuter					
Parish of Langafelach	122	7	34	12	4
----- Lansamlet	27	2	13	9	
----- Languike	48	9	13	2	
Hamlet of Iscoed	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	-	
	206	10	58	34	6

(Sir Jo.Morris had first promised me 129 Votes which was afterwards reduced to 65, & I do not believe he polled a majority of 10, as his hold on his Tenants is very small & many turned against him) - Every Dukes Tenant was also polled against us, & Mr.Gough brought only 24 instead of 45 Votes which he had promised, ~~and~~[?] owing to the others not having been properly assessed.- The Jersey[?] Voters were all rejected by the Assessors, as the Court [?] decision, altho' it is appealed against, declares the Leases to be invalid-

- Monday 6                   Examined the qualifications of our Langafelach Voters, & as much as possible those of our opponents all the morning, & in the afternoon took a short canvassing ride in the Neighborhood
- Tuesday 7                 Went on Election Business to Swansea, & there found that Mr.Ludlow had again unexpectedly come forward to oppose Mr.Lewis,- tho' the Dukes Agents had yesterday been canvassing for the latter - Tried to reconcile them but in vain - I have promised my Vote to Mr Lewis, but as a large proprietor of the Dowlais Works he is so obviously under the Thumb of the Marquiss, that I cannot consider him as much more than a Locum tenens, or take any great Interest in the Borough Contest -
- Wednesday 8             Went again to Swansea on Election Business -
- Thursday 9               Fully occupied on Election Business at Swansea & elsewhere. The Poll began for the Boroughs at Cardiff, & the numbers were for Ludlow 31 - Lewis 30 -
- Friday 10                 Fully occupied by Election Business at Swansea & elsewhere - Numbers at Cardiff this day - Ludlow 67. Lewis 66 -
- Saturday 11              Occupied at Swansea in examining the Land Tax assessments & dined with Lewis Thomas - did not reach home till after 11 - Numbers at Cardiff - Lewis 131. Ludlow 130 -
- Sunday 12                Spent the Day at Swansea, & felt uncomfortable at my inability to attend a place of worship - Sir Jo.Morris returned from London after stopping a day at Cardiff & came to dine & sleep here -

- Monday 13                      Made a successful canvass of Lansamlet with Sir C.Cole, Sir Jo.Morris & a large party - Sir Chr. & Sir John came to dine & sleep here -
- Tuesday 14                     Sir C.Cole & Sir Jo.Morris left us in the morning, & I spent the day in preparing for the approaching Contest - The numbers this morning at Cardiff were for W Lewis 457 & for Ludlow 245 leaving a majority for the former of 212 - The latter resigned & Mr.Lewis was chaired.
- Wednesday 15                 About 2 I left Penllergare at the head of about 30 Freeholders who I left at Pyle, & went on with Sir Jo.Morris to dine & sleep at Sir John Nicholls - In ~~my~~ our way through Neath we were pelted with Stones ~~of wh~~ by a drunken rabble in the pay of Edwards, & I was severely struck on the Thigh, but pursued & succeeded in detecting the offender -
- Thursday 16                    At ½ past 8 we were met by about 300 Freeholders at Sir John Nicholls Gate, & I went in Sir C.Coles Carriage with Sir Jo.Morris to Bridgend - About 11 ~~Sir Cr~~ Mr Edwards was proposed by John Bassett of Boulston & seconded by young Crawshay - Mr.Grey was proposed by John Bruce & seconded by Robt.Jones - Sir C.Cole was then proposed by Sir Jo.Morris & seconded by Revd.J.Traherne. I had declined to come forward either as mover or seconder as I thought some others might be pleased with a distinction about which I cared nothing - Edwards had collected a large rabble & the shew of hands was declared to be in his favor - Polling commenced at 3 & closed at 5 when Sir Cr. was 2 ahead -
- Friday 17                        Spent the whole day at Langafelach Booth, & on my return about Midnight to my quarters at Merthyr mawr, I was assaulted most violently by a party of Crawshays, but escaped without Injury - At the close of Poll Sir Cr. was 6 a head -  
Cole 216            Edwards 204 Grey 113 -
- Saturday 18                    In consequence of the assault last night I was strongly recommended to move my Quarters from Sir Jo.Nicholls to the Committee Rooms at Bridgend, & there found a very comfortable Bed in the House of Mrs.[?] Kerr at Old Castle - was extremely busy all day, & at the close of the Poll Sir Christopher was only 5 ahead - Grey after polling as many Coleites as he could resigned in the afternoon, & offended many of the Gentlemen who supported him by this attempt to injure us from mere pique -  
Cole 320            Edwards 315 Grey 151 -
- Sunday 19                        Spent the whole day at the Committee Rooms in examining the returns, which in some of the Eastern Hundreds we found to ~~have been~~ very erroneous & calculated to mislead.-

- Monday 20 Fully occupied in the Langafelach Booth all day till late at night with the Managing Committee - At the close of the Poll the numbers were for  
Cole-453. Edwards. 438. Majority 15.
- Tuesday 21 Fully occupied as yesterday -  
Cole 546 - Edwards. 514. Majority. 32.
- Wednesday 22 Spent the morning in the Langafelach Booth, & when I gave my vote in the Swansea Booth every possible affront was put on me by the express orders of Mr. Edwards, & I had to take the Bribery Oath & c - In the Evening drove off to look after our remaining Forces in the West, & slept at the Cottage at Margam where Lady Mary & the Miss T's were staying - At the close of the Poll the numbers were  
Cole 624. ~~Majority~~ Edwards 571. Majy. 53 -  
before I left Bridgend I called in Crawshay for some explanation of his conduct on Friday evening, & he apologised to me for it in the most handsome & gentlemanlike way -
- Thursday 23 Drove to Breakfast at Swansea, & spent the morning in the Committee Room there - In the afternoon went on to Penllergare - An express from Swansea brought the following Statement of the Poll -  
Cole - 677. Edwards 607. Majority - 70 -
- Friday 24 Having finished the arrangements about which I came ... [?] in the afternoon went to Swansea & from thence to sleep at Mr. Bruce Knights, where Lady Mary & the Miss T's were spending the Evening - Sir Chrs. this Evening was 88 ahead.
- Saturday 25 Left Tynycail about 6, & drove to Breakfast at the Committee Room in Bridgend at 8 - At 10 received a Message from Crawshay stating that Mr. E. (who had not made his appearance on the ground since Thursday) would retire if we would allow him to do so handsomely & we agreed thereto on receiving a pledge that he would not either by a Petition or otherwise give us any further trouble - He accordingly at 4 drove in his Carriage to the Sheriffs Booth, & overwhelmed into Tears by extreme mortification this Arch Demagogue bid good by to his hopes in a short Speech & immediately left the Town - The chairing of Sir Christopher was splendid, & by 7 this glorious Triumph of the Landed Interests over the Attorneys & rabble of the County was complete. Edwards strength was completely exhausted & ours was kept back by the long oaths which he administered to our Friends so that at 3 o'clock when the polling stops by Agreement the Majority in favor of Sir Christopher was only 135 but we still had about 100 unpolled in the

Fields.- Sir Chr. was chaired up to the Committee Room, where I got with him into the Phaeton & we drove to Merthyr mawr - Sir Jo. Nicholl had declared that if the result had been otherwise he would have sold all his Estates in the County for 10,000£ under their Value, & the large party at his House was the most rationally happy one I ever witnessed -

- Sunday 26 Drove to Breakfast at Margam, & afterwards in triumph home through a heavy Rain - The support & marks of attachment which I have received from most of my neighbours has greatly endeared me to them, & their steady & orderly conduct throughout the Election has ~~great~~ been the Theme [?] of general praise -  
The Numbers declared by the Sheriff at the final close were  
for Sir C. Cole ----- 951 791  
for Mr. Edwards ----- 656  
for Hon. W. B. Grey ----- 151.
- Monday 27 Spent the whole day in settling Accounts & attending to Business -
- Tuesday 28 Spent this day as yesterday & in the afternoon drove over to see Mr. L. Thomas at Swansea -
- Wednesday 29 Intended to have gone off by to nights Mail to see my Father but was unable to get through the asscarage [?] of Business which the Election has left me -
- Thursday 30 Spent most of the Day on my Farm, & drove to Swansea after Tea, & from thence proceeded by Mail on my way to London -
- Friday 31 Crossed the passage very pleasantly in about ½ an hour & reached Bristol in time to send Mary a Letter by the Swansea Mail - Spent a couple of hours in the Commercial Rooms & again set out by the London Mail at 4 - Good Friday

#### APRIL

- Saturday 1 Reached my Brothers House at a little before 8, & found that he had gone yesterday to Higham for the first time since his illness - He returned about 11, & I then went in his Carriage to my Father who I found but little altered since I left him in December last -
- Sunday 2 Except that I went with my Sisters to Meeting I spent the whole day at Higham & for a wonder without any other Company -

- Monday 3                      Went to Town to see my Brother in the morning & returned by the Stage to Higham in the Evening - In the News Papers of to day I saw an account of the Death abroad of my old friend Sir Charles Blagden -
- Tuesday 4                     Went with my Sister Sally in my Fathers Carriage to Town & returned in the Evening to Higham -
- Wednesday 5                Spent the day with my Father at Higham - Mr. & Mrs.Travers [?] & their Daughter came to Dinner -
- Thursday 6                    Went by the Stage on an appointment to meet Dr.Baillie respecting Mrs. Llewelyn, & after called on Hudson Gurney, Mrs.Goring & Sir Joseph Banks - About 2 called at the British Museum, where I met Dr.Goodall the Provost of Eton, & tho' I had no intention of stopping half an hour I did not get away till 10 at Night - The Museum being shut on account of the Easter Holidays we had it to ourselves, & dined with Dr.Leach - Slept at my Brothers -
- Friday 7                      Called at Mrs.Mawes & other Shell Shops - Went also to see Haydons picture of our Saviours entrance to Jerusalem, & in the afternoon by appointment met Mr.Webster to make some arrangements respecting the Houses of which I have a moiety at Hertford - In the Evening returned to Higham -
- Saturday 8                    Spent the whole day at Higham with my Father -
- Sunday 9                     Staid at home with my Father - Mr.Head came to my Brother to dine & sleep here -
- Monday 10                    Went to Town after Breakfast in the Coach with my Brother Sister Sally & Mr.Head - Met Governor Forbes to settle about our joint Property at Hertford, & transacted other Business - Spent the Evening with the Revd.Mr. Owen, Sec: of the Bible Socy. at Richd. Phillips's, & slept at my Brothers -
- Tuesday 11                    Sally & George this morning set off this morning to spend a fortnight at Brighton, & I afterwards went to look over some Insects at Mr.Samouelles, & from thence to see Mr.Macleays superb collection in Queen Square - Returned to Higham in the Evening -
- Wednesday 12                Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham -
- Thursday 13                    Went to Town & spent the morning at Business - In the afternoon spent a couple of hours at Sir Jos: Banks, & from thence went to dine with Mrs. Goring - Intended in the Evening to have gone to the Royal Society but it rained almost in Torrents, & I turned for shelter into

the British Museum where I remained till near 10 - Slept at my Brothers -

Friday 14            Attended some Business in Town in the morning, but as I had a Cold & it rained very hard I was obliged to leave many of my Errands unfinished - Filled up my time at the Auction Mart where I bought, Gibbons Rome, Robertsons Works, Halls Chronicles & several other good Books - Returned to Higham by the Stage -

Saturday 15           Spent the whole day at Higham with my Father

Sunday 16            Went to Meeting with my Sister Judith in the morning & spent the rest of the day with my Father -

Monday 17            Went in my Fathers Coach to Town, & spent the morning at Business & in calling on Sir Jo.Nicholl, Mrs.Goring &c - Spent the Evening with Mr. Stevens & looked over his fine Collection of British Insects - Slept at my Brothers -

Tuesday 18           Made an Affidavit before Mr.Stevens a Master in Chancery & finished my other Business relating to my Property in Hertfordshire - Returned in the afternoon early to Higham -

Wednesday 19                      Went to Town after Dinner in my Fathers Carriage & set off homewards in the Bristol Mail -

Thursday 20           Arrived at Bristol about 11, & spent the whole day in looking over the Collections of Mr.Miller & Mr Millard [?] -

Friday 21              Started from Bristol in the Cambrian Coach at 6, & at 9 at Night reached Swansea where I drank Tea with Lewis Jones & afterwards went home in my Carriage - Found John very unwell -

Saturday 22            John was so unwell in the Night that we sent for Dr.Edwards, & he continued very feverish & irritable all day - Mrs.Llewelyn who had been spending a few days with Mary returned home in the Evening -

Sunday 23            Johnny very unwell all day, & Dr.Edwards again visited him. Sir Jo.Morris called on me -

Monday 24            Engaged in writing & Business all Day - Dr Edwards dined with us & Mr. Lewis Thomas on Business spent the afternoon & Evening here -

Tuesday 25            Johnny still very poorly - Engaged at home on my Farm all day - By the day of the Week this is the Anniversary of my Boys death, & the recollection of his suffering has quite unhinged me -



Wednesday 26      APRIL 1820    John still under Dr.Edwards care, & Sally also poorly with teething - Rode to meet Griffiths about some Timber & Lands at Cadly -

Thursday 27        Rode to examine some repairs & a new Dairy which we are building at Abergwenlais &c - It is twelve Months this day since I lost my darling - my beloved Willey -

Friday 28          Rode to examine some repairs at Penllwynilddan, & from thence to call at Bryn, Marino, Rhydings & St.Helens - Rode with Vivian to Swansea to consider of the formation of a select reading Club - Returned to Dine at home about 5 -

Saturday 29        Rode to Swansea & joined in the formation of a select reading Club, & to attend to other Business - Returned to Dine at 5 & Dr.Edwards joined us - John better -

Sunday 30          All the Family went to Church in the morning & Mr.Knight read the Evening Service at home

### MAY

Monday 1            Spent the Day at home, engaged in Business &c -

Tuesday 2          Spent the Day at home engaged in Business &c -

Wednesday 3       Spent as yesterday -

Thursday 4          This is the anniversary of the Day in which the deserted tenement of my Willy was conveyed to its last home & still more to depress our spirits John was taken so ill in the Evening that Dr.Edwards was sent for to Neath & arrived about ½ past 10 -

Friday 5            Johnny better, & I spent the day at home. Rd.Jeffreys dined with us -

Saturday 6          Johnny better but still very unwell -

Sunday 7            Mary staid at home with John who tho' better is still far from well & the rest of us went to Langafelach Church - The Evening Service was read to us by Mr.Knight as usual -

Monday 8            Mrs.Llewelyn arrived to spend a few days with us - Lewis Thomas came on Business & Lewis Jones & Rd.Jeffreys also dined here - Spent the morning in burning a vast quantity of useless Letters &c -

- Tuesday 9 This is my dear Fanny's Birth Day & she has now become a Miss in her Teens - ~~Dr Edwards who is still~~
- Wednesday 10 Dr Edwards who is still in attendance on John, dined with us - In the Evening I convicted David Owen of the Parish of Lougher & William David of Forrest vach in the mitigated penalty of 10£ each for cutting down & carrying away two ash Trees the property of Sir Jo.Morris from Tredegar - The latter was committed to the House of Correction -
- Thursday 11 Attended a Fox meeting at Langafelach & rode afterwards to Ynystawe on some Justice Business - Sir John Morris & Mr.Lewis Thomas dined here -
- Friday 12 Went for a short time with John & Lewey to shoot Rooks - These Birds having been much too numerous I had them repeatedly fired at in the Night while they were setting, so as to drive many away, & addle the Eggs of others by which means the numbers have been much reduced -
- Saturday 13 Went on Business respecting the Llanelly enclosure Bill to Swansea - Some heavy Thunder in the Evening -
- Sunday 14 Attended the morning Service at Langafelach Church & in the Evening it was read as usual at home.
- Monday 15 A claim was made by Mr.Llewelyn to about 26 Acres of Marsh adjoining Tyr Morfa & the Meeting which decided against him was held at the end of June 1817 when he was too ill either to attend or give me the necessary directions - Mr.Rees Jones however attended on his behalf & the Commissioners decided that the disputed Tract was part of the public Marsh -The appeal ought to have been made to the next Quarter Sessions at which time Mr.Ll. was a Corpse, & I this day took Mr.L Thomas to Llanelly to try to have the Case reheard as I have since found some fresh Evidence & to examine the Commissioners books but am afraid it is now too late to remedy the Error - Spent the whole day at Llanelly & on the marshes - On my return in the Evening found Dr.Edwards here & Johnny very unwell.
- Tuesday 16 Rode to Swansea on Business - Johnny more unwell & the giddiness in his Head has prevented him from sitting up all day -
- Wednesday 17 Spent the Day at Accounts & on my Farm - Johnny continues too unwell to be able to sit up, & the bare Idea of losing another of my Boys makes me tremble -

- Thursday 18 Dr.Edwards came to see John & confirmed my opinion that he is very considerably better - Mr. & Mrs.Arthur Jones, Mr. & Mrs.Vivian, Mr.R Mansell, Lewis Jones & Capt Morgan dined with us & all but the two last slept here -
- Friday 19 Our Friends left us soon after Breakfast, & I rode into Swansea & attended a Meeting of our new reading Club - Met Mr.Nevile & endeavoured to bring Genl.Wardes affairs to a close - This is my Boy Lewey's Birth day, & he dined & drank Teat with us to his great delight & mine too - Johnny so much better that he began to use Horsee [?] exercise with Mr.Knight, & Lewey took his first Lesson in riding -
- Saturday 20 Spent the whole day in preparing my Executorship Accounts for a Settlement with the Commissioners of the Legacy Duty -
- Sunday 21 A report that a Woman who had died of a Fever was to be carried into Church prevented us from going there, & we read the Service at home - In the afternoon took a ride with Johnny & Mr.Knight to Gwilais vawr, & Dr. Edwards who came to see him in the Evening found John to be much better & in the high road to a compleat recovery -
- Monday 22 Had a large rook shooting party in the afternoon & the following Gentlemen dined here - Rawley Mansell - Christopher Hancorne, Mr.Griffith Jenkins, Portreve of Swansea, Mr.Howell Williams, Mr.Berringtons eldest Son, & the two Sons of Arthur Jones - Mr.Long the Surgeon & Mr.Macnamara - Weather very sultry -
- Tuesday 23 Spent the morning in examining some of our Ynysygerwn Tenants to ascertain whether we have a right to enclose a part of Hirvenith for which the 3 following of our Farms appear to have an exclusive Liberty - Llwyn felish, Tir isson & Llwyn Griffith - - I then set off to inspect a Farm called Tyr y bedw at the northern extremity of Landilo tal y bont P...[?] Parish which I had been offered for Sale - It contains about 38 Acres & tho' let for 30 is certainly at the outside not worth more than 25 a year - At last I succeeded in letting the Aberdylais Mills which had been vacant since Mr.Lettsoms scandalous Bankruptcy -
- Wednesday 24 Dined at 2 with the Children & Rd.Jeffreys dined with us. Jane who a year ago was married to my Butler Dd.Charles & whose approaching confinement compelled her to go to Swansea this Evening left us - She has had the entire bringing up of Mary & Sally & has proved herself a most excellent & invaluable Nurse -

- Thursday 25 Spent the whole day & dined with the Commissioners of the Land Tax in order to compleat the Assessments of Langafelach - Dr.Edwards was here & gave a good report of my two Boys -
- Friday 26 Spent the whole day in ~~old~~ looking over a Chest of Deeds to find a Paper respecting our claims on Hir velnith [?] - Rained hard all day -
- Saturday 27 Rode in the morning to collect the Penllergare Rents at Swansea & dined & remained at the Ship & Castle Public House till 7 in the Evening - Then drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn & returned home about 10 -
- Sunday 28 It rained very hard & Mr.Knight read the Service & a Sermon at home - Llewellyn Traherne & Miss Kennedy came in the afternoon to dine & sleep here on their return from Llanwrtyd -
- Monday 29 Mr.Traherne & Miss Kennedy left us soon after Breakfast & I then rode to inspect several Farms belonging to the Estate about Brisnydison [?] Penllwyniddan, Forrest &c & was stopped in my way to Traville [?] by a violent Storm of Hail & rain which wetted me to the Skin - Dr.Edwards came to Dinner & found Johnny getting better but he still requires a good deal of care & watching -
- Tuesday 30 John still continues very unwell, but I hope his present ailment perceeds [?sic] only from a Cold, & he did not rise to day till after 12 - Weather very showery & I employed myself at home at Accounts of the Estate -
- Wednesday 31 Rode with Mr.Knight to call on Mr.Bowdler & afterwards in some Business to Swansea - Returned home as I had appointed to meet Lewis Thomas at 3, & the Revd.Geo Thomas & Capt.T.Morgan joined us at Dinner -

## JUNE

- Thursday 1 John & Fanny went with their Mother to dine & drink Tea with Mrs Ll. at the Willows  
[The entry for the following day is placed here and crossed out]
- Friday 2 After an early Breakfast Mr.Knight accompanied me in the Gig to Ynysygerwn & by appointment Mr Ls.Thomas met me at Aberdylais Mill of which Mr.Letsoms Assignees have given up the Lease in a shameful state - Finally let it to a Miller named Jones with Mr Baker a Butcher of Neath for his Surety - Our object was to examine the

boundaries of the Ynysygerwn & Dyffryn Estates by an old Arbitration Deed which was made in 1714, & to assert the Right of our Tenant at Llewyn Felish to pasture his Sheep & Cattle on the Common throughout the whole Year, which right Mrs. Williams has refused him from Nov 1 to May 1 - We had taken some Dinner in the Gig & reached home again soon after Dusk - Found Dr.Edwards here & Johnny much better.

- Saturday 3 I have this day closed the Colliery Lease Account with Genl.Warde & after a great deal of trouble which has lasted nearly 3 years have succeeded in getting altogether near 1400£, tho' Mr.Llewelyn had repeatedly offered to sell the whole Debt to Robt.Thomas & others for 200£ - I was to have had half of whatever I might recover, & I have now Mr.Llewelyn's order on Genrl.Warde to pay me ~~half the~~ 400£ to which is half the amount of his Bond - Engaged in Business all day at home -
- Sunday 4 Johnny not being quite well enough, Mary staid at home with him, & I went with Fanny, Lewey & Miss Brown to Church - In the Evening Mr.Knight read the Service as usual -
- Monday 5 Lewis Thomas came over on Business & also Rd.Jeffreys - A wet day -
- Tuesday 6 By eating some hard Crust at Breakfast I broke out a Tooth which gave me great pain, but was obliged to ride to Swansea ~~on~~ respecting Mr Letsoms Bankruptcy & other Business -
- Wednesday 7 Mary in the afternoon went to make some Calls at Swansea & I accompanied her in the Carriage - I agreed to be one of the Trustees of Mr.Gabriel Powells Marriage Settlement -
- Thursday 8 Took a ride on Horseback with John to Rhydy mardy & leaving him to return with Davy it was then my intention to have gone on to Loughor, Traville &c, but the Tooth which I broke on Tuesday was very painfull & on my return home I succeeded in pulling it out -
- Friday 9 Set of immediately after Breakfast with Mary & Fanny to pay a Visit to Lady Mary Cole at Penrice Castle, & got there to an early Dinner after which I took [a] long walk with Miss Talbot - In our way to Penrice we stopped near an hour at St.Helens & got some Luncheon there -
- Saturday 10 Took a long walk with Miss.T to the Torrs, & dined at 3 - Soon after 5 we left Penrice & drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn on our way home - It was Sir Christophers Birth Day & he completed his 50th. Year, but was absent on his Parliamentary Duties in London -

- Sunday 11 As it rained very hard all day I read the Morning Service & a Sermon & Mr. Knight who had gone in the morning to Church read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 12 Rode to Swansea on Business & to Forrest &c - On my return was disturbed to find ~~that~~ Johnny again suffering from the same Complaint which has latterly assailed him & complaining of giddiness & a sickness at his Stomach - A dry feel of the Skin & hot Ears are invariable symptoms -
- Tuesday 13 Spent nearly the whole day in walking about my Farm - John is rather better, & Dr.Edwards who dined here has suggested the propriety of our taking him to Cheltenham -
- Wednesday 14 Rode with Johnny to Coedtrenig - Capt Jeffreys & T E Thomas called here -
- Thursday 15 Started in the Gig after Breakfast with Griffiths of Box to examine some Marsh Lands near Llanelly belonging to Steven Jones which are offered for Sale & returned to a late Dinner -
- Friday 16 In the morning walked over parts of Kilfwnnor with a view of planting some clumps of Trees to form [?] objects from the Road in case it should ever be brought up the Valley to the House from Cadley .
- Saturday 17 Went in the Gig to Swansea & was occupied all day by my treaty for the purchase of Steven Jones's Estate on Llanelly Marsh - On my return to Dinner I found Mrs.Llewelyn & Miss Bassett here, & they went back to Swansea at Dusk -
- Sunday 18 Went to Church with Mary & John in the morning, & Mr.Knight read the Evening Service at home as usual - John appears quite well again but Fanny was left at home by a Cold -
- Monday 19 In the morning walked with Griffiths round Melin Llan & Tyrford vach, of which it is right to preserve the boundaries, & which is rather difficult from the Proprietors of Penllergare having rented them for almost two Centuries, & from their being now much intermixed with our Lands - In the afternoon rode with Griffiths to inspect our Bank at Cadley &c, & from thence to look over Forrest vach common, of the best of which Sir Jo.Morris has already enclosed near 40 Acres, & to propose a Plan to Mr Lyson for enclosing the whole by a private Agreement on fair principles - Fences had been begun to enclose parts of the Common which are

adjoining our Lands & I have threatened to knock all the enclosures down if I cannot obtain a proper proportion for this Estate -

- Tuesday 20                      Went in the Gig on Business to Swansea & received Stephen Jones's answer that he will not take less than 3650£ for his 90 Acres of Llanelly Marsh - It is excellent Land but has been let on a Lease which has 15 years to run to 6 Paupers who will ruin it by overcropping, & I have refused to give more than 3300£ - On my return home to Dinner at 5 I found Mr.Bowdler here but he staid only a few minutes - In the Evening I issued a Warrant for John Rees, a Shoemaker of Landilo taly bont for stealing Sheep from Dd.Hopkins of Cwm Catlan [?] -
- Wednesday 21                      Occupied all day in Business of the Estate & in preparing for my Journey to London tomorrow -
- Thursday 22                      To settle my Executorship Accounts with the Commissioners of the Legacy Duty, & to endeavour to get from them a return of 300£ for the probate Stamp, which must be done before the expiration of 3 Years from Mr. Llewelyn's Death I set out by the Mail this Evening for London -
- Friday 23                      Crossed the Passage delightfully in about 35 minutes & at 4 went on in the London Mail - Weather very sultry & for the first time like Summer -
- Saturday 24                      Arrived at my brothers about 8 & soon afterwards went by Boat to Waterloo Stairs & engaged an Apartment at Holylands Hotel adjoining Somerset House, on account of its convenient situation for settling with the Legacy Tax Commissioners - My Fathers Carriage brought Lydia to Town, & as she was too unwell to go back I went alone soon after 6 to Higham - About an hour before my arrival my Father had a sort of Fit, & tho' he had very much recovered, appeared very drowsy & feeble all the Evening -
- Sunday 25                      My Sisters went to Meeting & I spent the whole day in watching my Father who continued almost continually sleeping in his Chair till near 5, & then revived & tho' very feeble appeared as intelligent & cheerful as I ever knew him - Dr.Sims who had been sent for did not arrive till near 7, & at once pronounced his Fit to have been apoplectic -
- Monday 26                      Dr.Sims bring of the opinion that my Father ought to be cupped Mr. Heywood was sent for & he underwent the operation about  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 12 - Quiet was then so much recommended & he was so much better that I set off in his Carriage for London, & spent the afternoon on Business with Lewis Thomas who had arrived in Town by this

mornings Mail - In the Evening I took him in a Boat to Vauxhall & we were astonished by the performance of Made. Saqui who ran backwards & forwards along a single rope 60 feet high & 200 long, amidst clouds of Fire & Rockets & all the beauties of the Pyrotechnic Art - Came away about ¼ past 12 -

Tuesday 27 Spent the morning in arranging & arguing matters with the Tax office, & then should have gone to Higham if I had not received good accounts of my Father - Made several calls on Sir Cole, Wm. Beach, Sir Jo. Nicholls, & spent the Evening on Business with Lewis Thomas at Mr. Hanbury Jones's -

Wednesday 28 Met the Tax Officers again at 10, & remained examining my Vouchers with them till near 1 when we again adjourned till 10 tomorrow - I then immediately set off for Higham & found my Father much better -

Thursday 29 Left Higham early so as to reach Somerset House by 10 but got on very slowly with my Accounts & afterwards went to the House of Commons & to see Westminster Hall which is now nearly fitted up for the approaching Coronation - From thence went to the Edgware Road, in the neighborhood of which Freehold Ground Rents to the Amount of 2800£ a year are for Sale by Auction under a decree from the Chancellor - Continued examining the Estate till dark & dined at a sort of Tea Gardens called the Yorkshire Stingo - Got back to Somerset House in time to see my Friend Dr. Wollaston take the Presidents chair -

Friday 30 Continued fully occupied at the Legacy Tax Office ~~till 4 o'Clock~~ from 10 till 1 & made a great progress - Then attended the first days Sale of the before mentioned Ground Rents, but could not make any satisfactory purchase which I thought Eligible for our Trust Estate, & afterwards went to look over the remainder of the Property where I remained till it was too dark to do more - It comprises Crawford St. Molyneux St. &c &c - Reached Holylands about ½ past 10, greatly fatigued -

## JULY

Saturday 1 At 10 I renewed my Business at the Tax Office but was only detained about an hour, & then went with Lewis Thomas to Edward Forsters respecting my Marriage Settl. as the Tax Commissioners have refused to pass my Accounts till this is settled, & to get my claims of a return on the Probate Duty every thing must be completed before



next Thursday - Went afterwards to the before mentioned Sale at Robins's in Covent Garden, with the same bad success as Yesterday & in the Evening I returned in my Fathers Carriage to Higham -

- Sunday 2                      Went in the morning with my Sisters to their Meeting at Tottenham, & spent the remainder of the Day at Higham -
- Monday 3                     Went by the morning Stage to meet Mr.Lewis Thomas & settle with Edward Forster as the Trustee of our Marriage Settlement & which must be completed before the Accounts can be settled for the Probate Duty at Somerset House - Met also Jo.Bevington who arrived in Town with a proposal that I should release the Haynes's & Roby from their responsibility at the Pottery, & accept that of the Bevingtons only in stead which I refused to do - Dined with Mr.Rotchs at my Brothers & consulted with both on these Pottery Proposals - In the Evening went to consult with Mr.Hanbury Jones at whose House I met Lewis Thomas on Business concerning the Legacy Duty - Slept at my Brothers
- Tuesday 4                    Attended to various Business in the morning, & ~~after t~~ with Lewis Thomas &c, & after taking an early Dinner at my Brothers where I again met Mr. Bevington I went back to Higham by the afternoon Stage - Lewis Thomas & Mr.Bevington went back to Swansea by the Mail -
- Wednesday 5                Went early in my Fathers Carriage to London, & resumed my Quarters at Holylands Hotel, & made considerable progress in my Business at Somerset House - The Sale of Ground Rents which was adjourned from Saturday to this day has been put off, owing to the Death of Mr.Robins, & from the Prices at which the previous Lots were sold I think it not worth my while to attend any more - In the Evening I went to the House of Commons where Sir C.Cole got me a Seat in the Gallery, & being turned out by a Division I went to ~~Dan-?] Covent Garden Theatre to see the new Farce 'a short reign & a merry one!~~ - The Crowd & Heat in both places gave me a bad head ach - I also in the aft. spent ½ an hour at the British Museum -
- Thursday 6                    This being the 3rd. Anniversary of Mr.Llewelyn's Death was the last day allowed by the Act I was obliged to work hard & succeeded in getting all my Accounts passed, & sworn to before the Commissioners - This occupied [words crossed out - illegible] me till after 3, & I then went to get the Stock transferred into the Names of the Trustees at Hoare's - This should have been done before if it had not been for the absence of Mr.Williams, & the uncertainty of his return to England has now obliged me to omit his Name -In the Evening went to the House of Commons where I spent 2 or 3 hours very pleasantly with Col Wood & Hudson Gurney -

- Friday 7 In framing the Mandates for a return of £308.10 which I have claimed, some unexpected technical difficulties have occurred, & Mr.Campbell tho' fully disposed to befriend me could only get over them by obliging me to make an affidavit before a Master in Chancery which took me twice to Lincolns Inn & the Chancery Office, & occupied most of my time till 3 in the aft.- I then hastened to a Sale in King St. & got there just in time to buy a few stuffed Birds for my dear John - As the Mandates & other Papers cannot be got ready till next week I left Holylands & returned by the Evening Stage to Higham -
- Saturday 8 Spent the whole day at Higham, & in the Evening Mr.Forster accompanied Lydia on Horseback from Town - My time thus far has been so wholly occupied by the Business of the Estate that I have not taken a single Meal with any of my Friends & acquaintances & have refused all the numerous Invitations which I have received in Town -
- Sunday 9 Staid at home in the morning with my Father & read to him his favorite Sermon on the Mount &c - Walked in the afternoon with my Sister Judith to Tottenham Meeting -
- Monday 10 Went early to London & was occupied all the morning at the Bank of England & at Hoares, respecting the investment of Mr.Llewelyn's Funded Property in the names of his Trustees &c - Called also to see that no fresh difficulty had occurred at Somerset House, & at Exeter Change saw a young Elephant only 8 Months old - it is about 3 feet high, & as playful as a Kitten but laughably awkward in his movements - At 2 hurried to a Stage & arrived about ½ past 8 at Brighton where I took up my Quarters at the Regents Hotel-
- Tuesday 11 Fagged about all day in looking after my Property & marked out a new Street to be called William St. in memory of my second Self, my lost Darling, who as firmly possesses a large corner of my Heart as he ever did & of whose Birth this is the 8th. Anniversary.- Being greatly jaded I went into a hot Bath in the Evening which much refreshed me -
- Wednesday 12 Worked incessantly all day in dividing my Property into Lots for Building Leases &c -
- Thursday 13 I found it impossible to compleat all my Business without remaining a day or two more in Brighton, & this my engagements at Somerset House with the Commissioners at 10 tomorrow rendered impracticable, so as I could get no inside place I was obliged to mount on a Coach at 3 & at a little after 9 I reached my Brothers

where I slept - At Croydon I had a tumble which lamed my right Leg  
- It is 13 Years to this day since I was united to the best of Wives &  
most affectionate of Mothers -

- Friday 14                      Fatigue & the pain of my Leg prevented me from sleeping & I found myself badly fitted for the days work which I had cut out - Soon after 10 I reached Somerset House, & at a little before 3 I had finally & successfully compleated my Business there - I went in a Hackney Coach to spend the Evening with Dr.Leach at the British Museum & slept at Holylands - Saw an exhibition near Waterloo Bridge of a large Cage containing an Owl, a Mouse, a Cat, a Sparrow, a Hawk & about 20 other Birds all of which had been trained to live together in perfect harmony! -
- Saturday 15                    My Knee continued very sore & I could only hop about without a Shoe - Spent a couple of hours again at the Museum, called on Mrs.Goring &c & having finished my Business in this part of Town & at the Bankers I left Holylands & reached Higham by the 7. oClock Stage -
- Sunday 16                     Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham, as Dr.Lines [?] has recommended me to keep my Leg very quiet for a couple of days - The following Lines were written by my Uncle George Dillwyn when 80 years old on first seeing a Kaleidoscope.
- Thus the vain mind is tempted on  
By Pleasures ever varying hues  
Which tho' no sooner seen than gone  
The gull'd Insatiate still pursues  
As if it would for ever shun  
Substantial good & shadows choose.
- Monday 17                    Spent the whole day with my Father -
- Tuesday 18                   Spent the whole day at Higham with my Father -
- Wednesday 19                                     Went to London in the morning to see Edwd. Forster on Business relating to my Marriage Settlement & came back by the 4 Oclock afternoon Stage - My Heel not yet sufficiently recovered to wear a Shoe.-
- Thursday 20                   Spent the whole Day at Higham with my Father -
- Friday 21                     Left Higham after an early Breakfast & spent the day chiefly at my Brothers as my Heel was not sufficiently well to make me to walk much about - Set out homewards in the Evening by the Mail - Spent half an hour in the morning with Ed.Forster on Business & called on my Friend Wm.Allen &c -

- Saturday 22 Arrived in Bristol about 11, & immediately proceeded in the Swansea Mail of which the hours & regulations had just been altered - As Wind & Tide were both against us we could not cross the Passage in less than an hour & a half & it was
- Sunday 23 at 20 minutes past one this morning that I reached Penllergare & found my dear Mary waiting for me & the whole Family well - Being much fatigued by the Journey I did not go to Church but read the morning Service at home, & in the Evening & went early to Bed -
- Monday 24 Spent the whole Day in settling the Accounts of the Estate - Johnny not very well & Dr.Edwards drank Tea with us -
- Tuesday 25 Spent the Day as yesterday at home.-
- Wednesday 26 Johnny continues very unwell & I went with Mary to Swansea to consult Dr. Edwards on the propriety of taking him to Swansea in order that Dr.Hobbs might have an opportunity of watching the nature of his disease - Looked at several Lodgings but suspended our determination -
- Thursday 27 Spent the day at home & Mr.Lewis Thomas on Business & John Traherne dined & slept here - Dr.Edwards visited John who still continues very unwell, & has so earnestly recommended us to take him to Cheltenham that we have determined on this sacrifice of our domestic comforts - Our new Socialet came this afternoon from Swansea, & Mary & I took John & Sally a drive to look at the Hay in the Nydfwch Meadows -
- Friday 28 Took Jo.Traherne in our new Socialet to Swansea, & procured from Messrs. Berrington & Davi Jenkins the MS particulars & Maps of Mr. [?Mrs.] B Popkins Estate which will be sold by Auction in September - Returned home about ½ past 2 in order that John might have a ride in the Carriage -
- Saturday 29 Walked in the morning by Kilverenough [?] & Tyr Donkin to Cefn Cadley, & find that it connects Glyncilling with Tyrgweddyd so as to form a chain from Penllergare to the Road from Langafelach to Swansea - By planting it would much improve the View from the House, as the Farm is now quite bare, & I think it a very desirable Purchase - In the afternoon Mary took John to spend a few days at Mrs.Llewelyn in order that she might leisurely consult Drs.Hobbs & Edwards about him -
- Sunday 30 Went in the Socialet with Fanny, Miss Brown & Lewey to Langafelach Church, & leaving the 2 former to walk home I took

Lewey with me to survey Parthi Têg which is a part of Popkins Estate for Sale, & also to consult Haberkuck about the Value of Pen y bont - Jenkins of Gelly fethan who for many years managed the Estate came in the Evening to assist me in estimating the different Lots.

Monday 31

Set out after an early Breakfast to Travelle, & from thence to inspect Ty Gwyn which is adjoining, then three Crosses & c - Then went on to Pennard, Ilston & Bishopston & looked over the Popkin Farms in these Parishes - Dined at the Alehouse in Park Mill, & reached home at 7 in the Evening - Just as I was setting out I received a Letter from Higham to announce the Death at Burlington in America of my excellent and venerable Uncle George Dillwyn in his 83rd. year, & which event was occasioned by a fall in frosty Weather last Winter -

## AUGUST

Tuesday 1

Took Fanny & Lewey in the Carriage to dine with Mrs.Llewelyn & brought Mary & John back -- From 11 to 1 Dr.Hobbs & Dr.Edwards were in consultation about our dear John & they have both strongly urged our taking him to Cheltenham - When the Consultation was over Dr.Hobbs went in better health than usual to his Country house at Clydach, & in the Evening while walking in his Garden suddenly dropped down dead - He was much respected for his g medical Talents & great good nature & is a loss to our neighborhood -

Wednesday 2

In the morning rode to look over Penllwyniddan, Weeg fach & Cwmbach, & also Talyvrawe which is a part of the Popkin Estate for Sale, & adjoins this part of our Trust Estate - In the Evening I went with Mary & Fanny to drink Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn & from thence to see the Play of the Rivals & the Agreeable Surprise under the Patronage of Sir C.Cole - The House was excessively crowded & we afterwards slept at Mrs.Llewelyns.

Thursday 3

Returned home from Swansea in time to dine with the Children at 2 -

Friday 4

Spent the whole day in preparing the yearly Trust Accounts of the Estate & c - The Honr.Mr.Strangways - a Brother of Lord Ilchesters arrived to dine & spend a few days here - Dr.Edwards came to see John in the Evening -

Saturday 5

Mr. & Mrs.Jones of St.Helens & Mrs.Llewelyn came & in the afternoon Mr. J. inspected the Trust Accounts which were signed by the other Trustees - After Dinner they returned home -

Mrs.Llewelyn & Mary strongly urged the propriety of my taking a larger sum than 400 for my Losses & expenses on account of our Trust Estate & the more especially as the 250£ a year which by the Mr.Llewelyn's Will is given me for bringing up my lost Darling has now fallen to the Estate. Mr.Jones expressed the same opinion & tho' I could wish to put the property of my two Boys a little more on a par, yet the younger I trust will have enough to make him independent & I dislike the Idea that my precious John should owe nothing to his Father. -

- Sunday 6 Mr.Strangways, Mr. ~~Bro~~ Knight, Miss Brown, Fanny Lewey & self went to Church & Mary staid at home with Johnny who has a bad whitlow on his Finger which is very painfull - The arrearage [?] on the Breconshire Rental is still so heavy that I am afraid to rely on my own Judgement & as Mr Ll. Thomas is well acquainted with the relative advantages & Value of Lands I have engaged him to look over the Estate & give me his opinion in the following points - What repairs are wanting or Improvements desirable & a rough calculation of the Expense  
What repairs have been made or begun during the last three Years & whether they have been substantially & properly compleated.  
Whether the Farms respectively are let too high or too low & how far the abatements per Cent which Mr Ll. agreed to allow, are necessary & whether they ought to be increased or diminished.  
Whether the Lands are properly cultivated & whether the Tenants appear capable of paying their arrears & of continuing to occupy their Farms with advantage -
- Monday 7 Mr.Strangways returned to Penrice in the morning, & I parted with reluctance from him as he is a very pleasing Companion - Dined with the Children, & then walked to Gellywran Isaf [?] which ~~is~~ joins to Cefn Forrest vach & Abergwenlais, & forms part of the Popkins Estate now for Sale -
- Tuesday 8 Spent the whole day at Business preparatory to our setting off for Cheltenham, & in drawing up instructions for Mr.Ll.Thomas's proposed Survey of our Breconshire Estate - Dr.Edwards came to see John in the Evening & give us his final directions -
- Wednesday 9 Lewis Thomas dined with us & I spent the whole day in arranging Business preparatory to my leaving home - Our precious Sally this day compleated her second year -
- Thursday 10 Mary, our three older Children, Miss Brown & myself in the Carriage & David Saunders & Ormond on the Box set out with 4 post Horses at 8, & we got on so prosperously & the Weather was so fine that we

determined on going on to Chepstow where we arrived at a little after 8 in the Evening -

Friday 11

As the weather appeared very [?] likely to be very hot we set out before 8, & as both John & Lewey were rather sick they went most of the way on the Box with David - We arrived at Cheltenham soon after 2, & while Miss Brown gave the Children their Dinner, Mary & I went out to look for a House - We at last fixed on No.3 Suffolk Place which is close to Thompsons Spa, & then went back went back to dine & sleep at the Plough Hotel - Johnnys head was so hot & his Eyes so much inflamed in the Evening as to alarm his Mamma & she slept by his side to watch him -

Saturday 12

Johnny had a very restless night, & his dear Mamma obtained very little of the rest which she required to relieve her from her fatigues. After Breakfasting at the Plow [sic] we went in the Carriage to our new House, as Johnny was not well enough to walk, & found it as comfortable & convenient as we wished it to be.- Drs.Hobbs & Edwards had recommended the old Well for my Boy at which I subscribed accordingly & also at Thompsons on account of its being so near us & handy when the weather is wet.- In the Evening I walked with the Children to hear the Bands at different Spas & John tho' still unwell appeared better -

Sunday 13

Understanding that no room could be found at Church I read the Service at our new Residence & in the afternoon Fanny & Miss Brown went there, but Johnny's increased indisposition prevented us from going - We sent for Dr. Boisragon who unluckily could not come, & by the advice of my Friend Mr. Gronow<sup>2</sup> who was formerly an Apothecary in large practice at Neath & who happened to be at Cheltenham we applied Leaches to his Temples - He continued very unwell the whole Evening -

Monday 14

Waited all the morning at home in the hope of seeing Dr.Boisragon who however did not call till 3 in the afternoon & his opinion was that some stronger Medicine must be resorted to before the Waters can be made efficacious - Our dear Boys Eyes in the morning were very bad, but had been relieved by some more Leaches which Mr.Gronow applied, & he appeared rather better towards Evening - In the Evening the Bell tolled on account of the Funeral of the Duchess of York & almost every body appeared in full mourning more particularly as a Compliment to the Duke of Gloster who is here -

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<sup>2</sup>His son, Lieut Gronow was educated at Eton and fought at Waterloo. He wrote some memoirs on the battle. The son visited LWD later on.

Tuesday 15 Walked for an hour in the morning with Fanny & Lewey on the Parades which were crowded & the Duke of Gloster there - Our dear John appeared rather better but still very unwell allday -

Wednesday 16 Spent the Day about as yesterday & Mr.Knight joined us in the Evening - Dr. Boisragon came in the afternoon & found Johnny decidedly much better - Fanny began to take Lessons in Music from Mr.Hale -

Thursday 17 Spent the day in reading, lounging about & doing nothing - John certainly better -

Friday 18 Hired a Donkey for my Boys & Mary & I took them in the afternoon to see what is called `the Grotto' which is about a Mile off on the Bath Road -

Saturday 19 Called on Mr.T E Thomas who with his wife & son arrived yesterday from Swansea & have taken Nelson Cottage - In the evening I went with Mr. Thomas to see Mr.Farren act the part of Lord Ogleby in the Clandestine Marriage & was much pleased with it -

Sunday 20 Took a walk in the morning & in the afternoon went with Mary, Miss Brown & the Children to Church - Mary much affected with the unexpected news of Miss Charlotte Jones's Death at Swansea - The melancholy event occasioned by an obstruction in the Bowels, & her Charities will long be remembered by the Poor & her example I hope by the Rich -

Monday 21 I have this day compleated my 42nd year - Johnny again very unwell -

Tuesday 22 John continues very unwell & is hardly able to leave the Sofa -

Wednesday 23 John is rather better -

Thursday 24 John considerably better - Mr.Minshull & Capt Richd.Thomas of the East India Company's Service dined with us -

Friday 25 John very much better & Dr.Boisragon has thought him well enough to begin regularly with the Waters as follows - On alternate mornings before Breakfast to take 2 or 3 quarter of Pint Glasses of Thompsons No.1 & No.4, & at every noon a quarter Pint glass of the Cambray Chalybeate.

Saturday 26 John much better -



Sunday 27 Mary, Fanny & Lewey & Miss Brown went in the afternoon to Church -

Monday 28 Spent the morning with Mr.Miles our Agent at Cowbridge who has come here for his Health -

Tuesday 29 Mary & I in the Evening took our three Children to see some French Rope Dancers & Fireworks which were exhibited at the Riding School - A girl who was said to be 7 years old but did not appear larger than our Mary, in imitation of Made. Staqui walked up & down a Rope 40 feet high enveloped in Fire works, & danced to the admiration of every body -

Wednesday 30 Mr.Miles our Agent at Cowbridge dined with us - John not quite so well again to day -

Thursday 31 John better - but I was very unwell allday -

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 John much better - Mary, Fanny & I went in a hired Socialet to call on Mr. Prynne at Charlton & we walked back by the Fields -

Saturday 2 Went with Mary in our Carriage to dine at Mr.Prynns & there met a very large party among whom were Mr. & Mrs.Bush, Genl.Laird, Col.Leggate &c &c - Returned home about 10 -

Sunday 3 Went to the afternoon Service with Mary & our 3 Children & Miss Brown -My dear Mary has this day completed her 44th. Year -

Monday 4 Johnny appeared rather unwell all morning, but Dr.Boisragon thinks him on the whole ~~better~~ much better, & has prescribed a tepid Bath & a suspension of the Chalybeate Spa for a few days - Attended a Book Auction & bought a few Books which Mr.Knight had recommended as desirable for Johns Education - By a Machine at Bettisons Library my weight was ascertained to be 12 stone 11½ lb.

Tuesday 5 John much better to day - Mrs Richd.Hill arrived this morning from Landaff, & I busied myself in looking out a House for her - In the Evening Mary & I took Miss Brown & our 3 Children to the Theater - The Play was the Heart of Midlothian with ~~the~~ Blue Beard for the afterpiece & Lewey who had never before been at the Theater was frightened by the appearance of the Giant - After the Play Kia Khan Kouse who calls himself Chief of the Indian Jugglers exhibited his

Performances & utterly astonished me - Among other things an immense Block of Bath Stone weighing 7 Cwt & was placed by 8 men on his Breast & then broke to pieces by large Sledge Hammers -

- Wednesday 6 My Friend Brogden who is Chairman of the Ways & Means arrived to spend a fortnight here, & I have spent most of the Day in walking about with him -In the Evening I took Mary & Fanny to hear the Music at Bettisons Library -
- Thursday 7 Enjoyed a very fine view of what was called a Total Eclipse of the Sun, & about four fifths of the Surface was obscured - Mary & I afterwards took the Children to see an exhibition of Java Sparrows & Canary birds which had been trained to fire a Cannon & other wonderful Feats. Mr.Brogden breakfasted with us, & Edwd.Thomas came to Tea -
- Friday 8 Took an early Breakfast with T Ed.Thomas & we then went together by a Stage through Tewkesbury & Upton to Malvern where we spent the Day & reached home again about ½ past 8 in the Evening - Both at Great Malvern & at Malvern Wells the prospect, & a remarkably fine invigorating air delighted me & I should like to spend a few day at either - We dined at Essingtons Hotel -
- Saturday 9 I was very unwell & went out but little all the morning - Mr.Brogden dined with us - A Letter from Dr.Edwards strongly recommended us on our dear Johns Account to stay here a fortnight longer.-
- Sunday 10 ~~Mary~~ Miss Brown went with Fanny & Lewey to the afternoon Service & I went with Mary, Fanny & John to Church in the Evening to hear a Sermon by the Rev.Mr.Simeon on the Conversion of the Jews which was highly interesting -
- Monday 11 Feeling [?] disappointed by the non arrival of our Carriage which I had ordered we went to Prestbury with the assistance of a Donkey Car & drank Tea in a Yew Bower at the Grotto Tea Gardens where the Children were much delighted with the Arbours, mock Ruins &c - I had sent for a Socialet & we returned home in it in the Evening - The weather continues wonderfully delightful, & it is the finest Summer I ever remember -
- Tuesday 12 We had bespoke a Socialet to take us to the top of Leckhampton Hill but just before our time for setting out John was taken with a violent Sickness, & exhibited most of the usual symptoms of his former illness which put us quite out of Heart - With some difficulty we found Dr.Boisragon & in the Evening he appeared better so that I went for an hour to the Play where I had engaged to meet Mr.Brogden - The Indian Juggler repeated some of his astonishing performances -

Wednesday 13                      Sir John & Lady Morris arrived last night at Cheltenham & have today taken the House next to ours - Our dear John was too ill all day to leave his Bed, but Dr.Boisragon assures us there is no danger -

Thursday 14                      John is better & able to lay on the Sofa in the afternoon -

Friday 15                      Mr.Denman, the Queens Solicitor General arrived here this Evening & was drawn into Town by a Mob who broke all the Clergymans Windows for refusing to let the Bells be rung- The Mob however broke into the Church & rung the Bells the whole Evening. John is better & able to sit up a good deal to day -

Saturday 16                      My Friend Brogden returned to Town this morning - John much better - Dined at Mr.Prynnes where I met Mr.Brown of Frampton who was an old Friend of Mr.Llewelyns, Major Jordan &c -

Sunday 17                      It rained so very hard all day that we could not get out to Church - Fanny & Lewey went to drink Tea with Mrs.Hills -

Monday 18                      Dr.Boisragon gave it as his most decided opinion that these Waters can be of no further use to John & strongly recommended us to return home.- Mrs. Hill drank Tea with us -

Tuesday 19                      Busy in preparing to leave Cheltenham tomorrow - Mr.Knight drove Mary & John in a Poney Cart to call on Mr.Prynn at Charlton -

Wednesday 20                      At ½ past 2 Mary, our three Children, Miss Brown, Mr.Knight set out to reach Newnham on their way homewards in our Barouche at 4, & I went off at ½ past 5 in the London Mail -

Thursday 21                      Reached London before 4 & in the Gloster Mail from Cheltenham & went by the 4 oClock Coach to Higham where I found my Father to be looking quite as well as when I left him in July -

Friday 22                      Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham

Saturday 23                      Spent the whole day at Higham with my Father - Heard of my dear Mary's safe arrival at Cardiff on Thursday night on her way homewards. My Father shewed me the Will of my late excellent Sister Mrs.Emlen, & one part of our old Family Estate in America over which she had retained a power she has left to my Sister Mrs.Alexander - It however appears to me to be clearly a lapsed Legacy, for it is now not possible that my Father should depart this life before her & therefore that the reversion after Mr.Emlen's Death is vested in me as her Heir at Law - See page 118 - [Diary appendix]

- Sunday 14 Spent the whole day at Higham with my Father, except that I walked & attended the afternoon Service at Walthamstow Church -
- Monday 25 Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham, & heard of my Family's safe arrival at home on Friday Evening -
- Tuesday 26 After an early Breakfast my Fathers Coach too me [to] London, & spent the morning in settling some Accounts with Messrs Hoare & with Messrs.Naylor respecting the Estate in Bow Lane, &c - At 3 I set off in a Brighton Coach & arrived there a little before 9 in the Evening - Returned to my former Quarters at the Regents Hotel.
- Wednesday 27 Agreed with John Rolfe for 4 pauls [?] in the East Lane 6th. Furlong & which are nearly covered with Buildings - I have agreed to pay him 600£ besides 10£ towards the Expense of the Deeds, & to grant him a Lease for 99 Years at 36£ a Year.- I might have made a better bargain, but the Vendor is an honest Man in Distress, & being compelled to sell he left the Terms to me. Employed the whole day in looking after my Property & in arranging the building Lots in William Street - At 9 in the Evening I went to the Play & saw the close of Honey Moon & the Ninth Statue -
- Thursday 28 A Strip of Copyhold Land which Mr.Attree had peremptorily refused to enfranchise runs across my Gardens, & I was therefore obliged inconveniently to make this the Street so as to have no buildings on it - Mr. Attree some Months ago refused my offer of 200 Guineas besides the Expenses to enfranchise, & as he found me determined to do without him he has now agreed compleatly to enfranchise for 125£ including all Expenses - This is a most capital Job - Mr.Glaisyer & Mr.Benson dined with me at my Hotel -
- Friday 29 The enfranchisement of my Copyhold has induced me to alter all my Plans, & has given me a close days work - Drank Tea at Mr.Glaisyers -
- Saturday 30 Very busy all day - Dined with Mr.Attree & took his Sister to the Play in the Evening -- Sir Benj.Bloomfield in the morning gave me an order to see the Pavilion & I went over every part of it - This was a special favor as his Majesty was there & ~~passed~~ walked past me -

## OCTOBER

- Sunday 1 Tried in vain to get a Seat at St.James's Street Chapel where Dr.Carr who ~~just~~ is Vicar of Brighton, & has just been made Dean of Hereford, usually preaches- In the Evening I went for the first time in my Life to an Unitarian Chapel & did not like it at all -
- Monday 2 My venerable Father has this day compleated his 77th Year, & I fully intended to have spent it with my Sisters & Brother at Higham - but all my endeavours to get Mr.Attrees enfranchisement compleated was ineffectual till this afternoon - ~~At 6 this~~ Soon after six this morning I began to mark out William Street in an improved Plan which the effranchisement [sic] has enabled me to make - Saw the King review the 85th. Regiment, & he then drove off very slowly through a long train of Equippages [sic] which were waiting to see him & went on to Windsor - Took Mr.Attrees 2 Sisters to see Munding [?] in old rapid [?] -
- Tuesday 3 Had intended to set off for London this morning but Mr.Attree unexpectedly agreed to give me a Rent of 245£ a year for the whole of the Ground on which William Street is to be built - This has again deranged my Plans & has obliged me to stay longer here.- Agreed to purchase from Mr.Colburn or Colbross for 600£ a piece of Ground 145 feet long & 75 feet deep at the upper end of the upper Rock Gardens & to let him a lease of the same for building on at 36£ a year for 99 Years - It is in the upper Furlong, little Lanes.- Dined with Mr.Brooker at No.10 Richmond St.-
- Wednesday 4 Received the rough Draft from Mr.Attree of his proposed Lease which contains some clauses at variance with our Agreement & thro' his absence in the Country & Mr.Brookers engagement at a great Methodist Meeting I could get nothing done - It has been the most dawdling tiresome day which I have yet spent at Brighton -
- Thursday 5 As Mr.Attree admitted that the Clause, tho' essential to his Interest was inserted contrary to our original agreement & offered in the most handsome manner at once to erase it, I offered to cancel his Bargain, & our Treaty thus ended in a friendly way - I then resumed the letting of my Ground in separate building Lots & spent most of the day at or about William Street- In the Evening I drank Tea at Mr.Attrees & went afterwards to a warm Bath -
- Friday 6 Busy all the morning & at a little after 3 left Brighton in a safety Coach & reached my Brothers at 9 in the Evening -
- Saturday 7 In the morning settled some Accounts at the Bankers &c & called at the British Museum & at Mrs.Gorings - In the afternoon went to Higham -

- Sunday 8                      Went in the morning with my Sisters to Tottenham Meeting & in the afternoon to Walthamstow Church -
- Monday 9                     Spent the whole day with my Father & my Sisters Judith & Sarah went in the Carriage to Town -
- Tuesday 10                 Spent the morning with my Father & went in my Fathers Carriage to dine at 5 with Edward Forster at his new House at Hale end which is about 2½ Miles distant.
- Wednesday 11                Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham -
- Thursday 12                Walked with my Sisters as far as Tottenham in the morning & I then went on to London - Transacted various Business & spent the Evening at Mr. Stippiers with an Entomological party - Slept at my Brothers -
- Friday 13                    Transacted various Business in London & after dining with my Brother returned to Higham by the 4 oclock Stage - Mr.Benson my Agent arrived at Higham in the Evening from Brighton
- Saturday 14                 Completed the purchase of the Land in the East [?Earl] Lane 6th. Furlong at Brighton, but the Leases which he brought for building Lots in ~~Brigh~~ William Street were not drawn according to my directions & Mr.Benson took them back with him by the 5 oclock unexecuted - I should have gone back for 2 days to Brighton but my wish to purchase part of Mrs.Popkins Estate at the approaching Sale at Swansea prevented me -
- Sunday 15                    Spent the whole day at Higham with my Father - My Brother & Mr.Joseph Janson came to Dinner -
- Monday 16                    Set off at 2 with my Sister Lydia in my Fathers Coach for London & after dining with my Brother started homewards by the Bath Mail, as I could not get a place in that for Bristol -
- Tuesday 17                 Arrived at Bath about ½ past 9 & washed & dressed myself at the Kings Bath, soon after which I went on to Bristol.
- Wednesday 18               Started at 6 in the Cambrian Coach & crossed the Passage very pleasantly in 25 minutes - Our own Carriage met me at Witch Tree Bridge, & I reached home at ½ past 9 - On Llangafelach Hill I saw a fine Lunar Rainbow for some description of which see folio 120 -
- Thursday 19                 Spent the day pretty much as a Holiday with my Family -

- Friday 20 Spent the whole day at Penllergare, closely engaged by the Accounts of the Estate &c -
- Saturday 21 Went on Business with Mary & our two elder Daughters to Swansea & to call on Mr. & Mrs. Gabl. Powell & at St. Helens - Heard that the Chancellors decree for the Sale of the Popkin Estate by an accidental omission extended only to the Freeholders & therefore that the Sale of Cefn Cadley, Penyvant & Perthi Teg which are all Customary held must be suspended - Mr. Lewis Thomas dined & slept here
- Sunday 22 The day was too wet to allow of our going to Church & Mr. Knight therefore read the Service at home - Mr. Ll Thomas left us at 2 & we then dined with the Children - As I find it does me no good I have resolved for the future not to drink more on any occasion than two Glasses of wine after Dinner -
- Monday 23 Spent the whole day at Business & only took a Walk to look over the repairs at Ty nyrheol which without them must have tumbled down - Harvest home which had been deferred till my return was kept this Evening & our Hall remained full & merry till near 12 -
- Tuesday 24 Went at Noon to attend a Meeting of the Savings Bank at Morristown, & to various Magisterial & other Business with Sir Jo. Morris - Returned home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 - Spent the rest of the day in completing the ~~ve~~ reversionary Calculations against tomorrows Sale &c - Johnson of Lluyn felish brought me a Notice which had been served on him by the Tenant of the Dyffryn Estate forbidding him to pasture on Hir venith after the 1st. of November -
- Wednesday 25 Busy all morning with Jenkins of Gellyfethan in relooking over the Valuation of the Popkin Estate, & at 11 set out to attend the Sale which lasted till near 7, & I then dined with Mr Ls. Thomas at whose House I met Mr. Tennant of Cadoxton - Found out that the only monied Purchasers were the Margam Trustees & Capt. Penrice & arranged with them not to buy any of the Lots they wanted in Gower if they would not bid for any Lots in either Langafelach or Loughor tomorrow - I bought only one small Tenement called Burry's Green in Llangennith Parish for myself -
- Thursday 26 From early in the morning I was fully occupied with Griffiths of Ynysgerwn & several Tenants & about 10 Jenkins of Gelly fethan arrived with some additional information which was wanting relating to some Lots in this days Sale - Jenkins went with [me] in the Carriage & the Sale lasted 4 hours, after which I took a Snack with Mrs. Llewelyn & then brought Jenkins back with me - I was eminently successful in my Views for our Trust Estate, & the particulars are related at p.122 -

- Friday 27 Closely engaged all day by Business at home with Griffiths of Box &c - When we were going to Bed Johnny was suddenly seized with something of the Croup kind & he exhibited for a few minutes such appearances of suffocation as greatly to alarm us - We gave him immediately 15 grains of Zinc which had the desired effect & he passed a tolerably good night - An Account of Dr.Edward's illness increased the uneasiness on our dear Boys account.-
- Saturday 28 Dr.Edwards who we had sent for came over about noon & found Johnny much better - Col Wood the Member for Breconshire & the Earl of Brecknock who is the eldest Son of the Marquiss Camden arrived to spend a few days here - Mr.Jones of St.Helens & Rd.Jeffreys joined us at Dinner.
- Sunday 29 It rained very hard all the morning & Mr.Knight therefore read the Service to us at home - In the afternoon we took a ride & called on Jones of Llisinniny [?] who had gone with me to vote for Col Wood at the Breconshire Contest. Lewis Thomas joined us at Dinner & slept here.-

**END OF DIARY**

## APPENDIX

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Altitudes of Stations taken during the Trigonometrical Survey under General Mudge [?]

Aberystwyth	feet	496	Carnedd Llewellyn	3469
Agnes Beacon (Cornwall)		621	Cawsand Beacon (Devon)	1792
Anns head (Milford)		235	Cafn Bryn (Gower -	583
Arran Fowdry (Merionh)		2955	Chanctonbury Hill	
Banstead, Surry		576	(Sussex)	814
Beachy head		654	Cheviot (Northd)	2658
Beacons, Brecon		2862	Cleave Down (Gloster)	1134
Bowfell, Cumberland		2911	Cradle Mountain (Brecon)	2545
Brenen fawr, (Pembroke)		1285	Ditchling Beacon (Sussex)	858
Brightling Down (Sussex)		646	Dover Castle	262
Brown Willy, Cornwall		1368	Dundry Beacon	1168
Cader Idris		2914	Dunnose (I of Wight)	792
Carmarthen Van or			Dwggan, near Builth	2071
Trecastle Beacon	2596			
Capellante, Brecon		2394		
Capel Kynon, (Cardigan)		1046		



Epwell Hill, Oxford	836	Shotover hill, (Oxford)	599
Fairlight Down, Sussex	599	Skiddaw (Cumberland)	3022
Firle Beacon do	820	Snae Fell (I. of Man)	2004
Fairly Down near Bath	700	Snowdon	3571
Folkestone Turnpike	575	Stow hill (Hereford)	1417
The Garth (Glamorgan)	981	Stow in the Wold (Glosetr)	883
Grassmere Fell (Cumlerd)	2756	Symmonds Hill - Do	795
Greenwich Observatory	214		
Helvellin (Cumberland)	3055		
Highbeach (Essex)	750		
Ingleborough	2361		
Leith Hill (Surry)	993		
Llangenior Mountain (Glamorgan)	1859		
Llanon (Carmarthen)	912		
Malvern Hill	1444		
Margam Down	1099		
May Hill (Gloster)	965		
New Inn Hill (Carmarthen)	1168		
Ogmorr Down (Glamorgn)	292		
Paddlesworth (Kent)	642		
Penmain Mawr (Carnarvn)	1540		
Plynlimmon	2463		
Portsdown Hill (Hampshire)	447		
Precelly down (Pembroke)	1754		
Radnor Forrest (Radnor)	2163		
Rippin Tor, Dartmoor	1549		
Saddleback (Cumberland)	2787		
Sca Fell, highpoint Do.	3166		
Shooters Hill (Kent)	446		

Talsarn (Cardiganshire)	1143	
Tregarron down Do.	1747	
Trelleg Beacon (Monmouth)		1011
Wendover Down (Bucks)	905	
Whitehorse Hill (Berks)	893	
Wrekin	1320	

[Appendix page 118]

Extract from the Will of my late Sister Susanna the Wife of Samuel Emlen of Burlington in North America, Esquire.

Item - I give and devise to my dear and honored Father of Walthamstow should he survive my said Husband and myself all that Tract of Land situated in the Northern Liberties of Philadelphia aforesaid on the West side of the Road leading to Frankford contained 54½ Acres be the same more or less to hold to him my said Father his Heirs & Assigns for Ever - But in case my said Father should depart this Life before my said Husband and me Then after the decease of my Husband I give and devise all the said Tract of Land unto my Sister Ann R Alexander wife of Richard Dykes Alexander of Ipswich to hold to her my said Sister Ann her Heirs & Assigns for ever. She paying thereout within two Years after the same shall come into her possession the sum of 600 Dollars each to her Brothers & Sisters Lewis Weston Dillwyn and George Dillwyn, Judith Nickolls Dillwyn, Lydia Dillwyn & Sarah Musgrave Dillwyn & the like Sum of 600 Dollars to my Cousin Susanna Parish the Wife of Joseph Parish of the City of Philadelphia. M.D.n -

[Appendix page 120]

Extract from my Letter to Luke Howard Esq Oct. 23. 1820 -

"Last Wednesday Eveg in my return from London my own Carriage met me at Witch Tree Bridge & in passing over Llangafelach ~~Bridge~~ Hill about 10 min. past 9 I was struck by a fine object which was new to me & of which I hasten to send you the particulars. It was a Lunar Rainbow in the North West which appeared in front of a dark Cloud when the Moon nearly full, was shining bright in the opposite direction; it had all the Color of a common Rainbow but they were much fainter & a whitish cast was diffused over the whole - The Arc was very large & perfect & appeared at one end visible over a Heath which was almost close to my Carriage but I could not help fancying that it was flatter at the top & more parabolic than in a Solar Rainbow - I was however much jaded by a long Journey & the fatigue may possibly have affected my Vision so as to have deceived me - I enjoyed the sight for about five minutes without thinking of the Moon when in the twinkling of an Eye she became darkened by a Cloud & the whole was over - The Weather before was & has since continued to be very unsettled & stormy both as to Wind & Rain & the sudden Tempests which have arisen during the last eight days have proved highly dangerous to the Navigators of the Bristol Channel.

Of the circumstance which I before mentioned to you I cannot now find my Memoranda & I only recollect that it occurred near Pyle when I was Sheriff of the County & I therefore know it must have been in 1818 - The Weather was stormy & misty & while the Sun was shining from an interstice in the Clouds on one side there appeared in an opposite direction a large & splendid rainbow including a vast number of concentric arcs which became gradually fainter so as in the centre to be hardly discernable - It was a beautiful sight & I remember five distinct arcs but the others became so faint & confused that it was almost impossible to make any further reckoning -

[Appendix p 122 etc]

Sale of Popkin Estate see page 114

- Lot 1st. day of Sale.-
- 1 Langrove, in Pennard Parish, bought by Capt Penrice whose Demesne at Kilfrough it joins for 470£ - my Valuation was 470.
  - 2 Penypool in Do---- bought for Do. for 170 - I had valued it at 182£.
  - 3 Rotheroes &c & in Do ---- bought by C Callard, & is so intermixed with Kettle hill that boundaries are unknown - it was knocked down to his first bidding of 200£, but I had valued it at 340£.-
  - 4 Pwll dy meadow in Bishopston - by Capt Penrice for 20£ -
  - 5 Paradise in Do----- by Capt Penrice for 110£ - my valuation was 72£
  - 6 Lower Newton in Landewy - by the Margam Trustees for 570£ & my valuation was £650 -
  - 7 Upper Newton in Do.-- by Do. for 330£ & my Valuation was 300 -
  - 8 Pilton Green - Do---- by Do. for 355£, & my Valuation was 350.
  - 9 Kings Hill - in Do &c - by Do. for 310£ & my valuation was 320.
  - 10 Pilewell ---- in Do---- by Do. for 42£.
  - 11 Tithes of Henllys & Catham Hamlets in Landewy, which is let for 2 Lives [?] (instead of one as stated in the printed particulars for 18) - bought by the Margam Trustees for 230£ which is very cheap.
  - 12 Lot divided & Wernhalog of 60 Acres sold to Margam Trustees for 540£ - the other Fields [?] of which Dr.Long has a long Lease were sold to his first bidding of 80£ which is very cheap - but the Lands were so much intertwined with his Estate as to be of little value to any body else - I had valued the whole at 600£ -
  - 13 Frida [? Fields] in Lanrhidian - bought by Margam Trustees for 330£ & my valuation of the double reversion was only 220£ -
  - 14 Wirn lwyd in do - bought by Capt Penrice for 630£ & my valuation was only 450£.
  - 15 Cwmerewidd [?] in do - bought by Tenant Jo.Evans, through my Interest for 160£ as he had behaved very handsomely to me at the Election, & my Valuation was 200£.
  - 16 Lammerlais in Llanrhiddian - bought for 31.10.0 by Sir Jo.Morris with whose Estate it is intertwined & the present Rent is only 2 Guineas instead of 3.10.0 as stated in the particulars
  - 17 Hainspark in Do- bought by Margam Trustees for 40£ & my valuation was 40£
  - 18 Three Crosses in Do. - bought for 355£ by Griffith Eaton to be divided with Mr.Berrington & my Valuation was 325£.
  - 19 Wernfrod in do. - by Jo.Hugh the Tenants Brother for 86£ & I bid 85£ which was the extent of my valuation -
  - 20 Langwern in do- by Sir Jo.Morris for 210, & I bid 190 which was the extent of my valuation-
  - 21 Killibirn - in do - after a sharp contest with James the Attorney was bought by the Margam Trustees for 750£ & my valuation was only 448£ -
  - 22 Dwrthlas in do- bought by Sir Jo.Morris (who has a lean) [?] for 150£ & my valuation was 170£ -
  - 23 Penygare in do. - bought by Do. for 12£ -

- 24 Cwmynant in do- & joins Lot 15 - bought by Jo.Evans for the same reasons as Lot 15 for 105£ & my valuation was 120£ -
- 25 Penrheol &c in do - do - do-- Do- for 125£ & my valuation was 180£ -
- 26 Berwick in do- This House lately cost about 400£ but is too large for the neighborhood & no Tenant can be found - bought by Thos Powell, Grocer of Swansea for 110£ -
- 27 Caevorgan in do- bought by Sir Jo.Morris for 70£ & my valuation was only 42 -
- 28 Penyrallt in do - after a sharp contest with Billy Vaughan of Lanelay this was bought by the Margam Trustees for 425£ & my valuation was only 220£ -
- 29 Cot &c near Parkyrhed in in do- bought without opposition by Dr.Lang who has the Lease for 20£ & my valuation was 52£ -
- 30 Lands at Crofte in do- bought under similar circumstances by Dr.Long for 45£ & my valuation was 65£, but I did not chose to oppose him -
- 31 Horwoods Farm in Llanrhidian, bought by the Margam Trustees for 105£ & my valuation was 180£ -
- 32 Black Lane in Do.- bought by do. for £18 -
- 33 Crofts in Nicholston - Do.Do. for 111£.-
- 34 Landshare in Knelston - by Jo.Hughes (Lot 19) for 15£ -
- 35 Frogmore in Reynoldstone - by Mr.Lucas with whose Estate it is much intermixed for 106£- My Valuation was 125£ -
- 36 Harcornes [?] Land [?] &c in Do.- by Do- for 50£. my Valuation was 60£- but it was imperfectly made for want of the date of the Lease -
- 37 Hills - in Ilston - by Capt Penrice for 240 - my Valuation 270 -
- 38 Courthouse in Do- by Do.- for 550£ - my Valuation was 580 -
- 39 Burry's Green in Langennith by myself for 180£, & my Valuation was 200£ for the double reversion -
- 40 Hardens Down - in Do- after a sharp contest with myself was bought by Mr.Grove for Mr.Paul Bevan for 465£ - My Valuation was only 350£, but some subsequent information from the Tenant & a private arrangement with the Tenant induced me to bid higher -
- 41 Western House in do - bought by Jo.Taylor for 55£ - my Valuation 45 -

2nd day's Sale.-

- 42 Pilton &c in Rossily &c bought by Margam Trustees for 360 but the present Rent is only 30£ instead of 36 as it is printed.
- 43 Vernals in Rossilly - bought by Do. for 200, but it is worth much more as the present Rent is 9 instead of 3. as printed in the particulars.
- 44 Middletown Hall in Do.- by Do. for 450£ - my Valuation 440 -
- 45 Dowls - in Penrice. by D.o for 300£ -
- 46 Penyponnt in Langafelach ) not put up as they are all Customary
- 47 Cefn Cadley in Do ) 1 hold of Clase manor -
- 48 Perthi Teg in Do- )
- 49 Cathylidissen in Do.- bought by Mr.Berrington with whose Estate it is mixed for 350£ - my Valuation was 530£ but an arrangement with respect to some other Lots in this Parish prevented me from bidding -

- 50 Fynnon Saint in Langafelach - bought by myself for the Trustees of the Penllergare Estate for 150£, - & my valuation for this reversion is 360£.-
- 51 Gellywranissa in do.- I was most anxious to add this to the Penllergare Estate for many reasons, & including only 200£ for the Timber tho' it is worth more, my Valuation amounts to £1220 - After a short contest with Billy Vaughan whose Estate at Crwca it joins I was delighted to find myself for the Trustees to be the purchaser for 650£ -
- 52 Hendy in Do.- so essential to Mr.Berringtons Estate that he was determined at all events to buy it, & I had restricted [?] myself from bidding against him - My Valuation was 1050£ & he bought it for 970 -
- 53 Caewagrath in Do- This spot is essential to Calvert R Jones for working his Coal, & R M Phillips with whom he has some quarrel therefore sent from Carmarthen Jail to oppose him & compelled him to give 500£ for it - My Valuation was 204£.
- 54 Letty Skilp is do- As Rd.Jenkins of Gelly fethan was certain of being opposed he desired me to bid & I bought it for 380£ - his Valuation of it was 540£ but it is worth less either to us or to any other Person -
- 55 Gellyonnan in do.- After a sharp contest with me this Lot was bought by Mr.Cook of Penllwch Ynysy penllwch for Mr.Myers Estate for 485£ - I bid £480 -
- 56 Tyr Efan Lloyd in do.- After a sharp contest with Mr.Martin & me this Farm was bought by Mr.Cook (for himself) for £420 - & on account of its being such a compound reversion I had valued it at only £395 -
- 57 Tresgyrch is do- After a short contest with Mr.Cook I bought this Lot on the Trust Account for 520£ - It is worth 45£ a year & I had besides the Coal it contains, & I had valued it at £720 -
- 58 Ty Gwyn in Loughor Parish - bought by myself on the Trust Account for 400£, & on account of its Coal I should have considered it cheap at 565£ -
- 59 House in Swansea - bought by myself for 105£ -
- 60 Taly vrawa in Swansea Parish - On Account if its contiguity I wished to add this to the Penllergare Estate & as he wished equally for Ty Gwyn we agreed not to oppose each other & Sir Jo.Morris was therefore the Purchaser for 215£- On account of its Coal I had valued it at 480£ -
- 61 Tynycae in Do- Intermixed with Sir Jo.Morris Lands & Mansell Phillips has therefore given directions to bid against him so that he was obliged to pay 265£ for it - My valuation was 190£ -
- 62 Land near Cwmburla in do-- Mansell Phillips knowing that Sir Jo.Morris wanted this Lot had it run up & it was declared the purchaser for 550£ - I bid 490 which was the extent of my valuation
- 63 Cottages in Cwmburla in do- I purchased this Lot for 156£ -
- 64 Undefined part of a House in High St. Swansea. Bought by Col.Cameron for 20£ -

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