

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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**OCTOBER - continued**

- Monday 30 Mr.Lewis Thomas accompanied Col Wood to call on several Breconshire Freeholders in the neighborhood who had gone to vote for him, & I took a long ride with Lord Brecknock round by Oystermouth Castle, Swansea &c -Mr. & Mrs.Gabriel Powell dined with us as a Bride Visit, & returned to Swansea in the Evening -
- Tuesday 31 About noon Col.Wood & Lord Brecknock left us on their way to Brecon, & Lewis Thomas also returned went back to Swansea - Rd.Jeffreys came to Breakfast - Mr.Knight went in the Gig to Swansea this Evening on his way to Oxford where he intended to take his Masters Degree & to try for a Fellowship of Queens College -

**NOVEMBER**

- Wednesday 1 Rode this morning to make enquiries respecting The rights of Common on Forrest vach & Mynydd vach y glos & to take measures for securing the Rights of this Estate as the other Proprietors wish to exclude Penllwyniddu from a Share - Tradition says that only 7 Farms had a right to the latter Common & I contend that it is the 2 Ystrads, Talyforwe [?], Llettybrith [?], Login, Caergennith vach & Penllwynnidw - Tyr arlwyd which is the Dukes is said to have been originally an encroachment & therefore not entitles to a Share -
- Thursday 2 Mary & Fanny went in the Carriage to Swansea & I at home continued my enquiries respecting Mynydd bachyglos -
- Friday 3 Spent the morning with Wm.Thomas, Agent of Sir Jo.Morris in an endeavour to procure & arrange for a fair ~~Settlement~~ Division of Mynydd bach y glos -Vivian, J Morris & R Jeffreys came to shoot, & Mrs.Vivian Mrs. A.Jones & Miss Webber called here -
- Saturday 4 A baddish cold kept me in the House all day - Committed Davis the Surgeon of Langafelach for a violent & unprovoked assault on Joseph Edwards, a Laborer at Gorseynon & after remaining in custody all day the matter was settled between them -
- Sunday 5 It rained hard all day & I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home - This morning I received a Letter from

Berrington & Jenkins stating that Messrs. Haynes & Roby have employed them to file a Bill in Chancery against me, & am trying to force me to refund part of the Money they paid me for the Pottery Stock on the grounds that they purchased it too dearly - Luckily, knowing well the infamy of old Hayne's character I had throughout refused to have any other communication with them in writing & have preserved all their Letters & copies of my answers & of this I imagine they are not aware -

- Monday 6                      Employed most of the day in drawing up a Statement of my transaction with Haynes & Roby relative to their purchase of the Pottery Stock -
- Tuesday 7                     Finished my above mentioned Statement & sent it to Mr.Lewis Thomas - Went with Mary in the Carriage to dine at Mr.Gabriel Powells in Rutland Place where we met the Morris's, Vivians &c, who together formed a pleasant party & had the best Dinner we had either is us seen in Swansea -
- Wednesday 8                 Some Sweatmeats which I foolishly eat yesterday quite Knocked me up & I was very unwell all the morning - About Noon Mr.L Thomas came over & I signed the Contract for the Sale of Ynysygerwn Underwoods to Mr.B Gibbins - Mr T. is of the opinion that nothing can be more clear or conclusive than the Statement & the Documents which I have laid before him respecting my Treaty with Haynes & Roby -
- Thursday 9                    Spent most of the Day in a Militia Meeting at Langafelach with Sir Jo. Morris - Sir C & Lady Cole with Miss & Miss Charlotte Talbot arrived on a Visit - Revd.T Morris & R Jeffreys also come to dine, sleep & shoot here-
- Friday 10                     Walked in the morning with Sir Christopher to Gelly Evan, Hilfwennen, Tyr Donkin &c - The same party dined & slept except Jeffreys who after shooting with T.Morris returned home.- Jones of Tyr donkin offered me 1000 Guineas for the reversion which I purchased at the Popkin Sale of Gellywran issad for 650£ -
- Saturday 11                 It is 37 years since this day my Grand father Lewis Weston died, & tho' I had not seen him for 6 or 8 Months before I have still a clear recollection of his Person - The Cole's returned to Penrice & I rode as far as Swansea with T.Morris -
- Sunday 12                    A Letter arrived this morning from Mr.Knight who went to Oxford for the purpose, informing me of his having been elected Fellow of Queens College, & they paid him the compliment of considering his Character for learning sufficiently known & declined to examine him

- By another Letter it is agreed that the Dispute concerning the boundaries at Hirvenith of the Ynysygerwn & Dyffryn Estates shall be settled by Mr Lewis Thomas on beh our behalf of Mr M & by Mr.Miles on behalf of Mrs. Williams, & it is proposed that they shall meet at Neath on the 21st. for the purpose - Went to Church with Mary & our 3 elder Children in the morning, & brought home the a Parson from Llanelly who performed the Service to dine with us - In the Evening I read Prayers to the Family -

- Monday 13 Set off about 11, & went by Travelle, Ty Gwyn &c to see my new Farm at Burry's Green, & from thence to dine & sleep at Penrice Castle - It was Miss Jane Talbot's Birth day & in the Evening we went to be spectators of the Servants Ball -
- Tuesday 14 Rose early & took a walk on the Oxwich Sands before Breakfast - About 10 I left Penrice & returned home across the Commons.
- Wednesday 15 Rode in the morning to examine the best line for a Road to Gellywren issor &c & also to make some enquiry respecting Tyllwyd which I found cause to believe will soon be for Sale - Mr.& Mrs Arthur Jones & Miss Jones, Mr & Mrs.Vivian, Mrs Webber & Mr.A.Eden camne to dine & spend shoot & spend a couple of days here - Received a Notice this afternoon from Mansell Phillips that he will open the biddings & offer £200 for the Lot 63 which I purchased at the Popkin Sale -
- Thursday 16 Rode to look over some Lands of ours belonging to Tyrford fawr & Kill fwnwr which are intermixed with Tyr Donkin & to consider the propriety of an exchange which Mr.Jones is anxious for - The Gentlemen of our Party were out shooting nearly all day -
- Friday 17 Our Friends left us soon after Breakfast - Spent the morning in my Farm, & the afternoon & Evening in preparing for the Penllergare Rent day -
- Saturday 18 Spent the day in my Farm &c, & in attending at home to other Business.
- Sunday 19 As the Weather was very wet I read prayers in the morning & afterwards the Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family -
- Monday 20 The Weather very wet & we none of us stirred out all day -
- Tuesday 21 Employed principally in examining some Building Leases for William Street, Brighton, preparatory for their being forwarded tomorrow for my Fathers signature -

- Wednesday 22                    Drove over in the Gig to take Lewis Thomas the Ynysygerwn Maps preparatory to a Survey which he has engaged to make of that Estate -
- Thursday 23                    Spent the whole day on my Farm & in Business at home -
- Friday 24                        Mr.Knight returned from Oxford this morning & had there succeeded in gaining a Fellowship of Queens College & in taking his MA. degree - Weather bad & I went but little out -
- Saturday 25                    I was hardly well enough to leave home but had appointed the Rent Collection of the Penllergare Estate at Swansea & dined & spent the whole day accordingly at the Ship & Castle - Finished about ½ past 6, & had got in my Gig to come back but it rained so hard that I accepted of Mr.Lewis Thomas's invitation & went to sleep at his House -
- Sunday 26                        Returned home in time for the morning Service & in the Evening it was read by Mr.Knight to the Family -
- Monday 27                        Sir C Cole & Mr.Lewis Thomas came to dine & sleep here, & the object of the former is to return thanks to the neighborhood Freeholders who were polled for him at the last Election -
- Tuesday 28                        After Breakfast Sir Christopher & myself in his Phaeton, accompanied by Lewis Thomas went to Llangafelech, Peny bont, Ynystawe, Vagwr, Brimvillach, Cefn Forrest &c &c - in pursuance of our Plan, & returned home to Dinner -
- Wednesday 29                    After Breakfast ~~Sir~~ set out on Horseback with Sir Christ. & Mr.Lewis Thomas, & called at Gellyfethan, Gelly wren, Penrhew, Carregllwyd, Clyn casnod, Gerdinen &c - & then descended from the Mountain to Hendrewen, & called on many Freeholders in Landilo talybont.- Returned home by 5 to Dinner -
- Thursday 30                    After Breakfast set out with Sir Christr. & Mr.Thomas on Horseback & called at Gwenlais, Landremawr, Pontardylais, Pontrepriskedwin, Castel dû, Lanant, &c &c, &c - Mr.Thomas rode on to Swansea, & Sir Christopher returned to dine & sleep here -

## DECEMBER

Friday 1 Sir Christopher soon after Breakfast returned to Penrice & I spend the day on my Farm & in attending to Business

Saturday 2 Went with Mary, Fanny & Lewis in the Carriage to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 5.

Sunday 3 As it rained hard all day, I read the morning Service & a Sermon to the Family at home, & Mr .night the Evening Service as usual -

Monday 4 Occupied all day by the Calls of those Tenants & others on Business who attended Cross Ieron [?] Fair. Weather very wet -

Tuesday 5 Wet day, spent wholly at home - Johnny on Sunday had a tumble which hurt his Knee, & as Mamma became uneasy about it we sent for Dr.Edwards who came to Tea -

Wednesday 6 I had been unwell several days & was this morning so much so that I regretted not having consulted Dr.Edwards last night - Spent the whole day at home -

Thursday 7 Continued unwell & spent the whole day at house.

Friday 8 Weather very wet & tho' better I did not go out - Mr.T.L Martin spent the Day here in examining Papers respecting Herrioters [?] & other claims which the Duke as Lord of the Manor has made - Received an Acct. that the purchase of Gelly isson, Funnon Saint, Treskirch, & Ty gwyn has been confirmed to me for 1725£, & this I think is considerably more than 1000£ less than the Value of the Reversion - The Biddings for Cathelyd isson & Hendy had been opened, & as my purchases were every where talked off [sic] as the cheapest [?], I was in great fear of an opposition & I had used every possible means to get the Sale confirmed.

Saturday 9 A North Welsh Harper came here yesterday morning & slept here last Night - Went in the Gig to Swansea on Business relating to the above mentioned purchases & to consult Do [?] Jones on the propriety of investing some of our Trust personal Property in Mortgages as I do not at present much like the look of the Stocks. Heard that T E Thomas who had opened the bidding for Cathelyd & Hendy has had his rule discharged with Costs, & that the Chancellor declared he would not allow a bidding to be opened by any Person who had himself been present at the Sale -

Sunday 10 It rained very hard all day so that none of us went to Church & Mr.Knight read both the Services & a Sermon to the Family as usual -

Monday 11 Weather very wet & I only could walk to my Farm -

- Tuesday 12 Rained very hard nearly all day - Mr.Bowdler spent the morning here & came to consult me on the propriety of sending up a loyal address to the King from Swansea & its neighborhood & I headed a requisition to the Portreve for calling a Meeting for that purpose -
- Wednesday 13 Rode to call at Rhydyngs & Marino & returned by Swansea home to Dinner -
- Thursday 14 Mrs D. went in the Carriage with ~~Mary & Sally~~ Fanny & Sally & spent the day at the Willows -
- Friday 15 Mary & I went in the Carriage to Swansea & from thence took Mrs.Llewelyn with us to dine at ~~the Willows~~ -St.Helens - Returned home about ½ past 11-
- Saturday 16 This morning I received proposals for my purchase of the reversion of that part of the Penllergare Estate which was settled by Griffith price on his wife Mrs.Wall for her Life, & which as she never would join so as to enable Mr. Llewelyn to pass a recovery, will now after her Decease belong to Popkin Traherne & which if Mr.Ll ~~[unreadable]~~ had survived Mrs.Wall so as once to put him in possession would be ours - There is no doubt of its having been Mr.Price's intention that the whole should go to the Traherne Family in the event of Mr.Ll's Death without issue & it was only through an accidental omission that he was able to pass a recovery at all on the Estate.
- Sunday 17 Went with the Family to Llangafelach Church in the morning & Mr.Knight read the Service & a Sermon as usual in the Evening - The following are the Tenements of which the Reversion is now offered for Sale by Popkin Traherne, as above mentioned.

Ty issa, Lanelly parish -	Mr.Neville Tenant	Rent-	90
---- part of Do	Mr Henry Eaton		5. 5
Bwysfa Do	John Owen		7. 7
Glyney &c Do	Rees Jones		105. 4 6
Part of Techon Do	John Rowland		45
Part of do Do	Martha Thomas		12. 12
Part of do Do	Owen Morris		1. 5
Ynysystyn Do	George Phillips		3 3
Brin mawr Do	John Hugh		25 10
Brin bach Do	John Jones		16
Part of Techan Do	Davd Griffiths		2
House in Llangennech parish	Eliz Lewis		5
Penyferdes, Llangafelach	Evan Howell		45
Gardinen Do	Edward Bevan		50

Peny guarra Do	John Williams	12 12
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- Monday 18 Rode to look over some Lands about Cadly & Mr.Bowdler came to dine here-
- Tuesday 19 Not very well & spent the whole day at home - ~~Went in~~
- Wednesday 20 Went in the Carriage with Mr.Knight to Swansea & attended the Meeting which the Portreeve had called to consider of a loyal Address to his Majesty. 4 Addresses were proposed by Sir.Manly Dixon KCB. Mr.Bowdler, Sir Robt. Kemys & Mr.Hewson & while they were debating & coquetting about clubbing their Productions together I brought one forward which I had hastily sketched & it was at once adopted by acclamation -
- Thursday 21 Rode to Swansea in Business & returned home by Morristown to make some arrangements for holding a Meeting at Llangafelach to address the King -
- Friday 22 A wet day & I did not leave the House.
- Saturday 23 Rode to Swansea on Business & heard that Sir Rt.Kemys, Genl.Warde & Dr. Collins had refused to sign & call our address a radical one-!!!- Genl.Warde has even been Ass enough to send up a protest against it & to have stiled our whole proceedings on Wednesday to be radical!- Johnny has been so unwell for the last day or two that I brought over Dr.Edwards to see him, & he dined with us.
- Sunday 24 Went with Mary, Fanny & Lewey & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Church & I walked home - Mr.Knight read the Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family as usual - Dr.Edwards called & found Johnny much better -
- Monday 25 As Service at the Church began at 10 I read the Service appointed for Christmas Day at home, & I afterwards rode to call on Sir Jo.Morris & Capt Hickey & then round by Swansea home - Mrs.Llewelyn came to Dinner & to spend her Christmas with us -
- Tuesday 26 Went on Business at one in the Carriage to Swansea & as a Compliment to our Co Trustee Mr.Jones of St.Helens who is the Portreve I dined at the Corporation Feast which was more numerously & respectably attended than was ever before known - Sir C.Cole, & most of the neighboring Gentry attended, & the total



number was 133 - In a remarkably handsome way my Health with thanks for the Swansea Address, was proposed by Sir Manly Dixon, & an absurd and solitary attempt at opposition by Genl.Warde occasioned it to be drunk with almost unprecedented acclamation & applause-

- Wednesday 27                      Walked with Mr.Knight to Swansea to arrange matters for our loyal Meeting at Llangafelach tomorrow - Dd.Saunders my Footman on Monday night went off with Mrs.Llewelyns Servant & ~~did not~~ returned home beastly drunk yesterday morning so that I at once discharged the former - Engaged Tom Beddew in his place -
- Thursday 28                        Walked to the Meeting at Llangafelach where Sir Jo.Morris took the Chair & it was attended by above 80 of the most respectable Inhabitants from all parts of the Parish - The address which I had prepared was unanimously agreed on, & the Parish ever so much pleased with it that they have ordered 1000 to be printed for circulation among the lower Classes - The Meeting went off most admirably - The Revd. Mr.Williams & Mr.Thomas curate of Llandilo tal ybont dined with me.-
- Friday 29                            Walked round by Swansea to dine & sleep at Marino where I met a small but pleasant party consisting of Sir John & Lady Morris, Sir C.Cole & young Joseph Peacock -
- Saturday 30                        Returned to Breakfast from Marino & walked most of the way till my Gig overtook me - Sir C.Cole & Capt.T Morgan came to dine & sleep here -
- Sunday 31                            Sir C.Cole, Capt Morgan Mr.Knight & myself walked to Llangafelach Church & there the Capt. left us & walked on to Swansea - Captn.Hickey joined us at Dinner & slept here -

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### JANUARY

- Monday 1                            Frost very severe & Sir C.Cole & Capt Hickey walked to Swansea - I walked to Pontardylais & took the Chair of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Llandilo taly bont where a Loyal address was unanimously agreed on -

Tuesday 2 Walked on towards Swansea till the Gig overtook me & spent half an hour on Business with Lewis Thomas - Dined & slept at the Bryn -

Wednesday 3 Walked most of the way home from the Bryn to Breakfast & think I never felt it colder.

Thursday 4 Spent the whole day at home or on my Farm, & the Frost continues very severe -

Friday 5 As our dear John is not quite well I walked to Swansea to consult Dr. Edwards about him & on other Business & walked back to Dinner - The Weather is still very severe -

Saturday 6 Took my Gun & walked with my two Boys through the Meadows in hopes of meeting with some water Birds but could not find one - Weather a little milder but it still freezes.

Sunday 7 Went with Mary & our three elder Children to Llangafelach Church & Mr. Knight read the Evening Service & a Sermon at home as usual - A gentle thaw but raw cold.

Monday 8 Walked my two Boys to meet Griffiths & direct the making of a better Fence to keep the Gelly Evan Cattle from our woods - Mrs.Llewelyn this day received an Account of the sudden Death of her Father Charles Goring Esq at his House Rowdell near Lancing, Sussex - aged 78 -

Tuesday 9 A wet day & went but little out. Jo.Thomas brought the Carmarthenshire Rents in the Evening -

Wednesday 10 A wet day & went but little out -

Thursday 11 A very wet day - Mrs.Llewelyn came to spend a few days with us.

Friday 12 This Day my dear Boy John has completed his 11th. Year, & it has been kept as a Jubilee -

Saturday 13 Walked with Mary to Coedtrenig, & Rd.Jeffreys after an absence of 2 Months with his Brother in London, called on us - Occupied in investigating the nature of Mrs.Gorings & Mrs.Llewelyn's claims on an Estate at Lympsfield in Surry [sic] -

Sunday 14 Johnny not being quite well Mary & Mrs.Llewelyn staid at home with him, but I went wit Fanny, Lewey & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Church & I walked back with Lewey - Dr.Edwards dined with us.

Monday 15 Rained very hard all day, & having engagements on Business I was obliged to go in the morning in the Carriage to Swansea - Dined with Mr.T.Ed. Thomas where I met a large party of Gentlemen only & did not reach home till 11 oClock -

Tuesday 16 Took a long ride by Morristown, Ynystawe &c -

Wednesday 17 Wet day. Spent wholly at home -

Thursday 18 Spent the Day wholly at home -

Friday 19 Drive in the Gig on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner.

Saturday 20 Took a walk with my two Boys & Gun to Bryn David - My dear Mary has a bad swelled Face, & she never before had any thing of the sort in her Life-

Sunday 21 Wet Day - I read the Service in the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family as usual - Mary a little better -

Monday 22 Wet weather & engaged at home by Business &c all day -

Tuesday 23 Took my Gun & walked about the Farm with my two Boys in the morning -Mr.~~King~~ Leigh of Pontypool, Rawleigh Mansell, Rd.Jeffreys & Mr. & Mrs. Forman of Merthyr called here - Mary better -

Wednesday 24 Walked about my Farm with my Gun & two days [sic] -

Thursday 25 Engaged with Tenants &c nearly all day & only took an hours walk on the Farm with my Gun & two Boys -

Friday 26 Spent the day at home, engaged on Business, partly in superintending Henry Griffiths who I have employed to survey some parts of the Estate & who is now copying his own & other Maps into the regular Map Books - Mr.Knight went to spend a few days at home -

Saturday 27 A Messenger arrived very early from Sir Jo.Morris, urging me to meet him at Swansea to investigate a charge which had been brought against Sir Robt. Kemys for a rape, & I drove over accordingly after an early Breakfast - Sir Robts. conduct was proved to have been infamous, but tho' the Girl who is only 16 persisted in swearing the contrary, yet evidence of her having consented was produced & the charge so as to constitute as Rape was dismissed -

Sunday 28 Being a wet day none of us went to Church, & I read the two Services & a Sermon in the Evening as usual -

Monday 29 Spent the day at home. Dr.Edwards dined with us -

Tuesday 30 Not being very well I staid in the House all day -

Wednesday 31 Went with Mary & Fanny in the Carriage to Swansea & I attended a general Meeting of the Boys Free School of which I am President.- Engaged till 4 with Lewis Thomas &c -

## FEBRUARY

Thursday 1 Rode into Swansea to consult Lewis Thomas about resisting a claim which the new Tenants of Ynysygerwn Tin Works have made for Timber to repair their [word deleted - unreadable] Buildings & etc -

Friday 2 Spent this Day at home -

Saturday 3 Rode to Swansea to consult Ls. Thomas about some Trust Business - As the Farm of Penybont would make a desirable addition to the Baillibrith Estate & prevent the necessity for our laying out a good deal in building I have been in treaty for its purchase with Mr.Hopkins of Aberamwell & have been this day ~~th~~ surprised by his assurance that he will not take less than £3150 for it exclusive of Timber - It consists of 125A.1R.34P & is now let to Howell Powell [?] for 70£ on Lease -

Sunday 4 Being a wet morning we did not go to Church, but both Services & a Sermon were read by Mr.Knight & myself at home as usual - In the afternoon walked with Mary & our two Boys to Nydfwch &c

Monday 5 Mary went with Lewey & Mary in the Carriage to Swansea & I rode on Business to Tyrgweddyd, Knap goch &c on various Business -

Tuesday 6 Walked about the Woods &c with my Boys.

Wednesday 7 The Legacies left to the Poor of this Parish & the School at Llangafelach but Thos.Price having been strangely misunderstood I rode to Ynyspenllwch to shew the Will to Mr. [word deleted - unreadable] Cooke who is the most active Churchwarden & also sent a Copy of the Will to the Revd. Mr.Williams in order that it might be made public among the Parishioners -

Thursday 8 Rode today to consult with Mr. Lewis Thomas & Mr.Jones of St.Helens on Business -

Friday 9 Mrs. Leigh of Pontypool Park, Mrs. Jones & young Calvert Jones of Heathfield, Rawleigh Mansel & Rd. Jeffreys with a young Lady named Holdsworthy called & lunched here.

Saturday 10 Rode on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner - Met Evans of Yslynean & gave him notice that I would not agree to the enclosures which Col. Cameron is making on Mynydd Staffor -

Sunday 11 We all went to Church in the morning & Mr. Knight read the Evening Service & a Sermon to the Family at home

Monday 12 Mary went with Fanny in the Carriage to Swansea & I devoted the Day to Business & only took a short walk with my 2 Boys about the Farm -

Tuesday 13 Rode to look over some neighboring Farms & called on Mr. Leyshon at Ystrad, respecting the enclosures of the Commons which is so unfairly going on - Rd. Mr. Davis, Rector of Landilo talybont, Mr. Thomas, his Curate, & the Rd. Mr. Williams of Gelly Evan dined here -

Wednesday 14 Rode in the morning with the Rd. Mr. Davis who slept here last night, to Swansea on Business -

Thursday 15 Attended a Meeting of Appeals against Surcharges of the Assessed Taxes at Langafelach, & did not get away till near 9 in the Evening -

Friday 16 Rode to Swansea on Business -

Saturday 17 Mr. Lewis Thomas came to dine with us, & returned to Swansea late in the Evening - Mrs. Llewelyn also came to dine & sleep here preparatory to our Journey -

Sunday 18 Read the morning Service & after dining with the Children Mrs. Llewelyn & I started in a hack chaise at 4 -- In one hour & five minutes we reached Neath & in two hours & forty minutes were safely housed at Pyle, ~~where we slept~~ went on & slept at Cowbridge

Monday 19 Started a little after 7 from Cowbridge & soon after 9 in the Evening reached the Plough at Cheltenham where we slept -

Tuesday 20 Travelled very pleasantly & soon after 5 reached high Wycomb [sic] where we dined & slept.

Wednesday 21 About ½ past 11 we reached Mrs. Gorings in Russell Place, Fitzroy Square & there I left Mrs. Llewelyn to prepare for the Levee

which I find is to be held next Friday - Reached Higham about ½ past 9 & found my venerable Father tolerably well -

- Thursday 22      After Dinner at Higham went to Town, & drank Tea at Mrs.Gorings - Slept at my Brothers.
- Friday 23      Spent the morning on Business with Mr.Warde of Bedford Square who is Mrs.Gorings Solicitor, & at 2 went in her Carriage to the Levee, where I was presented by Sir C.Cole, & the two addresses were what is called very graciously received - The Levee was so crowded that the whole Ceremony was however but little better than a Farce & on receiving the Addresses the King only said 'I am very happy to see you Mr Dillwyn' & I was immediately pressed by the Crowd. Dined at Mrs.Gorings & slept at my Brothers.
- Saturday 24      Spent the whole morning with the late Mr.Gorings Solicitor in attempting to secure Mrs.G's & Mrs.Ll's rights & intended to have gone in the afternoon to Higham, but I obtained so much important information that I thought it right to go again to Russell Place - On my return about 9 to my Brothers found myself very unwell -
- Sunday 25      Very unwell from a bad bilious attack, & went to Higham about noon by the Stage -
- Monday 26      Mr. & Mrs.R D Alexander arrived at Higham from Ipswich to Dinner, & I soon afterwards walked to Newington where I took a Coach to Town - Spent the Evening with Mrs.Goring & Mrs.Llewelyn in Russell Place & returned to sleep at my Brothers -
- Tuesday 27      Occupied nearly all day in Town on Mrs.Gorings Business & returned to sleep at my Brothers -
- Wednesday 28      Went early to Higham & dined with all my Sisters & Brothers but my venerable Father was not well enough to join the Family party till the Evening -

### MARCH

- Thursday 1      Spent the Day wholly at Higham, engaged principally on Business of my Fathers.
- Friday 2      Went early in my Fathers Coach with my Sister Lydia & Mr.Alexander to Town - Called on Sir Jo.Nicholl & dined at

- Mrs.Gorings - Afterwards drank Tea with Mr.Leslie & after spending another hour in Russell Place returned to sleep at my Brothers -
- Saturday 3 Engaged all the morning in the complicated affairs of Mrs.Goring & Mrs. Llewelyn, & went by the 4 oClock Stage to Higham - The wetness of the Weather has given me a badish cold -
- Sunday 4 Spent the whole day at Higham -
- Monday 5 Spent the Day in Business with my Father & my Sisters were preparing a parcel with presents for the Children to reach Penllergare on Mary's Birth Day -
- Tuesday 6 Went to Town early by the Stage, & met Dr.Goring & Mr.Gorings other Trustees & Executors, after which I went to Tennant & Harrisons who are the Solicitors of Mr.Leveson Gower, on the same Business - Dined at Mrs. Gorings & in my way back to my Brothers attended a Sitting of the Linnaean Society - Mrs.Llewelyn was so ill that she did not come down to Dinner & I only saw her for half an hour in her Chamber -
- Wednesday 7 Spent the morning by appointment in Bedford Square with Mrs.Gorings Solicitor, & afterwards called on Mrs.Goring, Hudson Gurney, Mr.Brogden & Col Wood - Got a hasty Dinner at the Cannon Coffee house & returned by the 7 oClock Stage to Higham -
- Thursday 8 Spent the day in settling some Accounts for my Father at Higham, & in carrying on a Correspondence respecting the purchase of Mr.Popkin Trahernes reversion of Mrs.Walls Estate, & other matters connected with the Penllergare Trust -
- Friday 9 Spent the morning on Business of my Fathers at Higham, & after Dinner his Carriage took me to Town. Mr.Attree arrived at Higham from Brighton just after I had left it, & he followed me to my brothers where he spent the Evening with me - I agreed to give him 3000 for the Ship Inn, & to grant him a 99 Years Lease at 180£ a Year -
- Saturday 10 The morning was almost wholly occupied by Business of Mrs.Gorings, so as to secure her & her Daughters Interest - Spent an hour with Lord James Stuart, & had some curious conversation with him respecting our Boroughs -Dined at the Cannon Coffee House & returned to Higham by the 7 oClock Stage.
- Sunday 11 Went with my Sisters to their Meeting at Tottenham - Mr.Leslie & Mr.Jos. Janson dined with us.-

- Monday 12                      Went to Town by the Stage in the morning to meet Mr.Tennant who wishes for leave to continue his Swansea & Neath Junction Canal through the Ynysygerwn Estate to Abergarwed & as a consideration will give a right to use his Canal so as to ship our produce at Swansea free of expense for ever -Dined & drank Tea at Mrs.Gorings, & returned to sleep at my Brothers -
- Tuesday 13                    Attended to various Business in the morning & dined with the Lord Mayor is state at the Mansion House - His Lordship had politely invited me to be one of his private party when the Queen went to his Concert a few days ago, & as I had both on political grounds & moral grounds refused to meet her I could not decline this second Invitation & spent a very pleasant Evening.
- Wednesday 14                Went to Higham by the 10 oclock Coach, & spent the day entirely there -
- Thursday 15                 Continued posting my Fathers Books at Higham till the afternoon, when his Carriage took me to Tottenham on my [way] to an appointment about Mrs. Gorings business in Town. Spent an hour in the Evening with some Entomologists at Mr.Stevens,<sup>1</sup> & afterwards attended a Meeting of the Royal Society -
- Friday 16                    Attended in the morning to various Business & dined & drank Tea with Mrs. Goring - Went to the House of Commons for an hour in the Evening & returned to sleep at my Brothers.
- Saturday 17                 Went to Higham in the morning by the way of Tottenham with my valuable Cousin John Elliott, who dined with us, & Mr. & Miss Harris came to Tea -
- Sunday 18                    Staid at home & read to my Father in the morning in the Evening went by the 8 oClock Stage to London
- Monday 19                    Set off early in a Post Chaise, via Godstone & Oxted to Lympsfield, & spent several hours in looking over Mrs.Gorings Estate - Upper Grants Farm, Lower Grants Farm & the Sutton or Clinch [?] Lands, are all quite separate, & do not at any point join each other - the two former are separated by Itching Wood Common, & the latter from lower Grants Farm by a part of Stockington Farm - The Clinch Lands to which I have been successfully asserting Mrs.Llewelyn's claim, are of more importance to Stockington than to Grants, but the former belongs to some Hospital & the Trustees cannot purchase - Got back greatly fatigued to my Brothers at ½ past 9.

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<sup>1</sup>Check Secretary of Linnean Society?



- Tuesday 20 After Breakfast went to Dr.Gorings Solicitors, & from thence to Mrs.Gorings in Russell Place, where I met my Sister who had come to take Mrs.Llewelyn on a Visit to Higham, but she was very ill & unable to leave her Bed - Called & spent an hour with Dr.Wollaston where I met Capt Kater, & returned to Higham by the 7 oClock Stage - Spent the Evening in making calculations preparatory for the Sale of a large Estate in Bermondsey next week, at which in the opinion of my Father & other Friends some desirable Investment on the Penllergare Account may probably be made.
- Wednesday 21 My Sisters went to London, to be ready with their Votes if necessary at a General Meeting of the Forth & Clyde Canal Company & I spent the whole day with my Father - They returned to Higham in the Evening, & brought Dr.Sims & a Mr.Willet Hicks an American with them - My time was principally spent in looking over the particulars & Plans of Mr.Wests [?] Estate at Bermondsey which under an Act of Parliament is to be sold by Auction next week -
- Thursday 22 Went early to Town ~~& then by a Boat to Ber~~ to meet Capt Sabine at Breakfast by appointment at my Brothers & at 11 went by a Boat to Bermondsey & Rotherhithe where I remained looking over the Estate which is for Sale till after Dark - Intended to have gone to the Royal Society but when I reached my Brothers I was too tired to move -
- Friday 23 Went early again after the before mentioned Estate which affords a fair prospect of some desirable purchases & I feel it right to take some trouble for our Trust Estate as I should have done on my own account, if my Money had not been locked up by my last Brighton purchase a fortnight ago - Called & lunched at 3 at Sir Jo.Nicholls - dined & drank Tea at Mrs.Gorings & went to sleep at my Brothers.
- Saturday 24 Some circumstances which occurred in my interviews with different [people] rendered it necessary for me to once again go to Russell Place, & I found Mrs.Llewelyn down Stairs but still very unwell - Returned to Higham in the Evening & there in addition to Mr.Hicks I found Mr.Graham of Glasgow who is a principal Proprietor of the Forth & Clyde Canal & a Friend of my Fathers.
- Sunday 25 Went to Meeting with Willet Hicks, Mr Graham & my 2 Sisters - Mr. Graham left us after Dinner -
- Monday 26 Went very early to London & from thence to Bermondsey to finish my Inspection of the Estate - Afterwards attended the Sale at the Auction Mart & by my Fathers desire bought Lots 17 & 18 for him & Lot 19 for our Trust Estate - I also bought Lot 21 for my Sister - Afterwards gave a dinner to Mr. T.K.Creak & entertained some

others at the Cock for the purpose of obtaining further information respecting some other Lots & think will be for Sale tomorrow.

- Tuesday 27      Went early to Bermondsey where I remained till noon & then returned (for) the second days Sale, but made only 3 small purchases of which two were for my Sisters & one for myself - The Lots which I had thought of buying for our Trust Estate, all sold too high, as with respect to several others, was also the case yesterday - Went to Higham in the Evening & afterwards offered ~~him~~ my Father the Estate which I lately purchased in Brighton from T.Attree in lieu of Lots 17 & 18 which ought to be annexed to Lot 19, & as his main object was to invest 3000£ which he had idle he agreed to do -
- Wednesday 28      Went early from Higham to breakfast with Col Wood at No 27 South Street, Grosvenor Sq- & from thence to attend the third days Sale, but all the Lots sold so very high, & so much above the valuation which the Messrs. Symonds had made for me that I could not make a single purchase - Afterwards attended to some Business of Mrs.Llewelyns, & went in the Evening to meet her at Mrs.Gorings - Returned to sleep at my Brothers -
- Thursday 29      Went again early in a Boat to Bermondsey & remained there all the morning - Again attended the Sale but could not make a single purchase & I am confident that few of the Purchasers will ever make 4 per cent of their money - Returned to Higham in the afternoon -
- Friday 30      Attended to various Business about the City in the morning & afterwards went to consult Messrs.Wintle, Perkins & Frampton on the propriety of my becoming a nominal purchaser of Lots 17 & 18 so as to enable me to grant a concurred Lease with Lot 19, for which Mr.Creak has offered me 150£ a Year during the 3 first Years & 250£ for the remainder of the Term, & then afterwards to transfer them to the Trustees - Went on to Mrs.Gorings Solicitor &c - & afterwards dined with her in Russell Place. -
- Saturday 31      Went in the morning to Bermondsey & consulted with Mr.Pearce, the late Agent of the Estate & others on the policy of reserving a power for long leasing, which they think is unnecessary & that Lots 17 & 18 will always let to most advantage as Rope Walks - During the War Lot 17 was let for 180£ a year & the Rope ground only of Lot 18 without Quallets House is now ~~let for 12~~ underlet for 125 - Went down to Higham by the 5 oclock Stage -

## APRIL

- Sunday 1 Spent the morning at home with my Father & in the afternoon walked to Walthamstow Church - Dr.Foster came to Tea, & Mr.James Forster & an American named Walker came to spend the Evening & sleep at Higham -
- Monday 2 At Noon went in my Fathers Carriage to Town & among other Errants paid 10 Guineas as my subscription to the African Institution, to the first formation of which my Father was very instrumental, & to whose Funds he has lately largely tho' privately contributed.- My Brother who had been in the Country for over a Month returned to dine with me at 5, & I set out by the Mail on my return home in the Evening -
- Tuesday 3 Arrived at Bath about ½ past 9 immediately took a Dip in the Kings Bath, after which I went to Sir C.Cole's at No.10 Catherine Place - Walked about to see sights with Jo.Traherne & the Miss Talbots - Among others saw the Musk Ox which Capt.Parry brought from Melville Island - Dined with Sir Christopher at 3, & went on to Bristol in the Evening -
- Wednesday 4 Started from Bristol by the Cambrian at 6, & after a pleasant Journey met our Carriage at Wych Tree Bridge & reached home a little before 10 - Fanny was waiting with her dear Mamma to receive me, & I was happy to find all well -
- Saturday 5 Attended a Meeting to appoint Overseers at Langafelach & spent the rest of the Day with my beloved Children who are all delighted by my return -
- Friday 6 Variously engaged in the morning & in the afternoon Mr.Lewis, our Agent for the Carmarthenshire Estate arrived here on Business - In the Evening about 10 while I was sitting with Mary Mr.Lewis Thomas most unexpectedly arrived with a Notice which he had received from Haynes Solicitors of their intention to file a Bill against me in the Chancery of the next Great Sessions at Cardiff -
- Saturday 7 Mr.Lewis Thomas went to Swansea in the morning & offered Mr.Haynes's Solicitors that he would accept of Service & on my behalf engage that an answer to their Bill without giving them any trouble should be put on the File next Monday sen'night, provided they would let me see their Bill or inform him of the nature of their Complaint, so as in the interim to allow of my consulting London Counsel - They however refused to do so, & proved that their object is to take me by surprise & harrass me as much as possible - Mr. Thomas came back to Dinner at 5, & returned to Swansea in the Evening.

- Sunday 8 Busy all morning in arranging my affairs so as to enable me to leave home, for it is likely that I may be compelled to dance through the whole circuit to Presteign - Information from the Revd.Mr.Williams that a Person who had died of a infectious Fever would be carried into Church prevented us from going there & I read the Service at home to the Family. Mr.Thomas joined us at Dinner at 2 & returned home in the Evening -
- Monday 9 Went in the Gig & spent the whole day in looking over Mrs.Walls Estate about Llanelly, of which Popkin Traherne has offered me the reversion for Sale - Lewis Thomas came over & returned to Swansea in the Evening -
- Tuesday 10 Being served with a Subpoena about 11 I almost immediately set off in my Gig to Neath, & thence on in Chaises so as to reach Cardiff about 9.- Mr Thomas procured a sight of the Bill by which I find I am accused of having conspired with divers persons unknown to defraud John Roby, Geog.Haynes the elder, Geo Haynes the younger & John Bevington & by various misrepresentations to have fraudulently prevailed on them to sign ~~a Lease~~ an Agreement for renting the Pottery & to pay a much larger Sum for the Stock in Trade than it was worth - Mr.Counsellor Nicholl told me at Cowbridge that no Person who only wants Justice would ever trust any important cause to the Welsh Chancery, which Parliament is about to abolish -
- Wednesday 11 Set hard to work to prepare my answer, & am happy to find that all as or nearly all the vile Assertions which these Scoundrils have made, may be flatly contradicted by Papers which I fortunately possess in their own hand writing - Their prayer to the Court is that all that their remaining Debts to me may be declared void & I that I [sic] may be obliged at once to take the Pottery again & to pay them for all the Losses they have sustained & a proper remuneration for their troubles!!!!- The Scoundrells offered to let me off from all this Trouble for 500£, & every body says it is the most rascally attempt to extort money that was ever made -
- Thursday 12 Mr.Thomas on Tuesday had retained Mr.Moysey, Mr.Maule & Mr.Ricketts, & I this Evening added Mr.Kean to the number of my Council - By employing 3 Clerks at an extra expense we got an Office Copy of the Bill compleated ~~be~~ early in the afternoon, & it fills 240 Folios - The impossibility of finishing our answer in less than a week was admitted to be obvious but merely because an answer was not filed this Evening the Scoundrels by an absurd & oppressive Rule of the abominable Court obtained an Injunction to restrain me from

inforcing any payment of their Debts or Rents or otherwise to proceed at Law ag in any way against them -

- Friday 13 Continued to work all day with Mr.Thomas & Mr.Ricketts in drawing up my answer - Mr.Jenkins who is nominally the Solicitor for the Complainants, told me he was only employed professionally to engross & file the Bill without having ever been consulted on its merits, & said that neither of the Complainants had ever seen the Bill, but that in short it was the work of Mr. Sockett - I told him to tell all those who were concerned in this rascally transaction that whoever asserts the Bill to be true I should every where proclaim to be 'a most infernal Liar & infamous Scoundrell' He soon afterwards set off in a Chaise for Swansea & we saw nothing more of him during the Circuit -
- Saturday 14 Mr.Ricketts in the most gentlemanly manner has determined to give up some other Briefs & engagements to give himself up wholly to my cause - He continued to work almost all last night & of this day in framing my answer so as to make it technically unexceptionable, & as to force the Rascals either to abandon their Injunction or bring forward their merits, which is all I wish for -
- Sunday 15 With an allowance of only about 3 hours for Sleep I continued to work hard with Mr.Ricketts & Mr.Thomas in preparing my answer -
- Monday 16 Continued to work as yesterday about my answer
- Tuesday 17 Finished the rough Draft of my Answer about 3 this morning - At 7 Mr. Ricketts set out for Brecon, & at 10, I set out with Mr.Thomas & his Clerk in a Chaise for Brecon by way of Newport & Abergavenny, as we heard that no Horses could be procured at Merthyr - Reached Brecon soon after 7 - Mr. Ricketts at the opening of the Court at Brecon had obtained leave for further delay to put in our answer on Thursday - Worked hard with several extra Clerks who Mr.Thomas had engaged, all night in ~~prep~~ comparing & engrossing my Answer -
- Wednesday 18 Continued all Day to assist Mr.Thomas in superintending & engrossing my Answer -
- Thursday 19 Did not go to Bed till 4 this morning & resumed my Labors soon after 7.- At ½ past 5 I ... [?] to my answer before Mr.Justice Wingfield at his Chambers & it was then immediately put on the File - The Rule nisi for dissolving the Injunction was moved for in the Evening Court, & I afterwards drank Tea with Mr.Mayberry with whom I had Business to transact respecting the Breconshire Estate.

- Friday 20  
Went to Breakfast with my Friend Williams of Penpont but had only time to stay there a short hour - This morning our opponents succeeded in putting off every further Argument till Thursday next at Presteign & Wingfield has suggested that he shall not be able to take off the Injunction consistently with the practice of his Welsh Chancery till the merits have been somewhat enquired into & for this he doubts whether there will be sufficient time till the next Sessions - In consequence I redoubled my exertions to bring on the merits & Mr.Thomas hired other extra Clerks to prepare the Briefs.
- Saturday 21  
Our opponents Council yesterday obtained their motion to suspend proceedings till Thursday on the grounds that it would be impossible to procure and office Copy of my Answer till Monday, & I obtained authentic Information that the Copy was finished & sent off to Swansea for fresh Instructions last night - As the Judges had been misled when they granted the suspension we therefore moved ~~to ha~~ this morning to have the order reconsidered, & tho' Wingfield thought it now too late to make any alterations, yet our motion obviously had the effect of opening his Eyes to the nature of the proceedings. We continued to work hard all day at the Briefs -I was much interrupted by Business with Tenants of the Estate.
- Sunday 22  
Continued to work hard all day at the Briefs, & I went to dine with Mr. Powell of Cantraff, but came away when the Cloth was moved - To the astonishment of every body Mr.Sockitt has turned tail & is gone back to Swansea!- He is every where asserted to be the Instigator of this infamous Proceedings, & it is supposed to have been hatched up by some of Edwards's Gang as a revenge for my exertions against them at the Election, & particularly for my having canvassed the Pottery Votes.
- Monday 23  
Leaving Mr.Thomas to finish the Briefs at Brecon I set out at noon in my Gig - dined at the Hay & slept at Kington on my way to Presteign -
- Tuesday 24  
Went to Presteign early & took up my Quarters at a Grocers named Morris in the principal Street - Mr.Ricketts arrived there about one, & in an hour or two afterwards Mr.L Thomas & his two principal Clerks followed - On Mr. Ricketts arrival a Letter was put into his Hands announcing the sudden Death of his Sister & he was obliged to go immediately to Clifton - His having drawn the answer made him so intimately acquainted with every Item of my Case, that the other Council had relied on him for rebutting their technical quibbles by which Mr.Knight is Instructed to resist our motion for dissolving the Injunction on Thursday & his absence ~~Los~~ will prove a serious Loss -

- Wednesday 25                    Worked hard in possessing Mr.Moysey with ~~supplying the~~  
~~the~~ more of the minutiae of my Case in order that he may better  
supply Mr.Ricketts's place tomorrow - None of the Complainants or  
even their Solicitor since the 13th have thought fit at all to appear  
on the Circuit, & Mr.Knight who is their only remaining Council  
since Sockett deserted him, is known to be quite disgusted with  
their proceedings -
- Thursday 26                    Immediately as it opened Mr.Knight stated that he would not  
uselessly occupy the Court by offering any opposition to making the  
Rule absolute, & before my Council had time to take their Seats, the  
Injunction was dissolved!- Mr. Knights refusal at all to ~~enter~~ express  
any opinion in favor or at all to enter into the merits of his Clients  
case has opened the Eyes of the whole Court, & a more speedy &  
complete Triumph than was ever atchieved [sic] in Chancery must  
obviously be mine -
- Friday 27                        The Court this morning to prevent me from being again harassed in  
the way I have been, made a Special Decree that if the Compts. again  
proceed at all it shall be only by an amended Bill (for their Council  
allowed that they can have no other chance) & that such amended  
Bill shall be filed on or before the 28 of June so as to secure me form  
being again taken by surprise, & to enable me to arrange my answer  
leisurely at home prior to the Autumn Circuit.- I wished for nothing  
more, as the forms of the Welsh Chancery will not allow the Bill to  
be kicked out of Court & the Tide now forms a torrent in my favor -  
My heart is torn by a recollection of the Sufferings of my darling Boy  
who I lost this day 2 Years - Drove to dine at Eardisly - drank Tea at  
the 3 Cocks, & slept at Brecon -
- Saturday 28                    Accompanied by our Servants on Horseback Lewis Thomas set out  
early with me in my Gig from Brecon, & after stopping to bail both at  
the Lamb & Flag & at Neath Abbey I reached my happy home in  
Triumph soon after 6 - Found Mrs.Llewelyn with Mary & she had  
been on a Visit at Penllergare since Tuesday -
- Sunday 29                        Went to Church with Mrs.Llewelyn, Mary, Mr.Knight & Fanny in the  
Socialet & Mr.Knight read the Evening Service as usual -
- Monday 30                        Spent the whole day engaged in various Business at home.

## MAY

- Tuesday 1 Spent the Day as yesterday, & Dr.Edwards who has latterly been visiting my dear Johnny, came to dine with us - I do not however think that much is the matter with John, but his anxious Mamma thinks that some Spring Physic & attention is necessary
- Wednesday 2 Being lame I walked only to my Farm & was confined nearly all day by Business with Tenants & others at home -
- Thursday 3 My Heel having got chaffed & neglected during the Chancery proceedings has formed a large Sore, & confined me to the House all day -
- Friday 4 It is two Years this day since my Boy to his last home was carried & he had so eminently endeared himself by his sweet disposition & strong natural Talents that Memory makes this a painful week to me. - Mrs.Llewelyn in the afternoon returned to Swansea & Mr.
- Saturday 5 Staid at home all day & Mr.Lewis Thomas came to dine & sleep here -
- Sunday 6 Mary went with the 4 elder Children and Miss Brown & Mr.Knight to Church in the morning, but I was too lame & unwell to go out & Mr.Knight read the Evening Service as usual - Mr.Ll.Thomas who slept here last night left us soon after Breakfast - A Letter from Mr.Deere as Attr. of Popkin Traherne informed me of his having offered 8400£ for the reversion of Mrs. Wells Estate & requesting my immediate decision.
- Monday 7 My Foot continues lame & I spent the day at home -
- Tuesday 8 Spent the Day in attending to various Business at home - Mrs.Llewelyn returned to us in the afternoon -
- Wednesday 9 My dear Fanny has this day compleated her 13th. Year & it has been kept as a Holliday & Jubilee - At Dinner we all wore bunches of Lillies of the Vally which is her Mothers favorite Plant & which happened first to come into Flower on the day of her Birth so that I threatened to name her Convallaria -My lameness being better I ventured on a walk in the Wood with my two Boys & killed 28 Rooks of which we brought 26 home -
- Thursday 10 Attended a Tax Meeting at Llangafelach & dined with the Commissioners at John Samuels - Afterwards drove to Lletiadu which is the only part of Mrs. Walls Estate I had not seen, & reached home about ½ past 7.



Friday 11 Drove John in the Gig to look over the enclosures which are making on the Commons, & called on Mr.Leyson at Ystrad.-

Saturday 12 Mrs.Llewelyn returned home & I went with Fanny in our Coach which took her to Swansea -

Sunday 15 Mary being unwell & I ~~still lame~~ having yesterday encreased my Lameness we did not go to Church but I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service as usual -

Monday 16 Spent the whole Day at home -

Tuesday 15 Drove in the Gig on Business to Swansea - Capt Hickey came to dine & sleep here -

Wednesday 16 Mr.Arthur Jones, Gabriel Powell, three Carews of Creckhams & a Mr.Sneate [?] from Devonshire came to join Capt Hickey in shooting Rooks, & after Luncheon they all returned to Swansea -

Thursday 17 A very wet day - Lewis Thomas came to dine here -

Friday 18 Took Lewey in the Gig with me to Swansea, & as my dear Mary has been far from well for several weeks I engaged Dr.Edwards to visit her in the Evening -

Saturday 19 Mr.Arthur Jones & his Son, Capt Hickey, Mr.Leyson, Capt Morgan & Richd. Jeffreys came to shoot & dine here - My dear Boy Lewey has this day compleated his ~~8th~~ 7th. Year, & in the morning before the Company arrived I went with him & John to shoot Rooks & killed 20 -

Sunday 20 I was knocked up soon after 5 this morning by an Express from Lewis Thomas with the glad Tidings that the Jersey Leases were confirmed by the House of Lords on Friday Evening & I also received the same intelligence by a hasty letter from ~~Lewis Thomas~~ Mr.Deere - I immediately dispatched several Messengers to spread the [word deleted - unreadable] news among the Tenants - Mary, & John being both rather unwell, staid at home & I went with Fanny, Lewey & little Mary & Miss Brown to Church - Sir John Morris came & drank Tea with me -

Monday 21 Spent the whole day at home - Mr. & Mrs.Hewson called -

Tuesday 22 Drove in my Gig on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner -

Wednesday 23 Spent the whole Day at or about home - Dr.Edwards came to see Mary & drank Tea here -

- Thursday 24           Went in my Gig to met Thos.Edwd.Thomas & inspect the Road from Morristown to Pontardawey, with a view to several alterations & improvements - Dined with Mr.Martin at Ynystawe & returned home to Tea-
- Friday 25             Drove on Business to Swansea where I dined with Ls.Thomas & drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn - As my old Gig was so nearly in pieces as to be unsafe I bought another for 40 Guineas from T E Thomas.- it was knocked up by the bad Roads in the Service of the Estate -
- Saturday 26           Messrs.Vivian, A Jones, Lewis Jones, Rawleigh Mansell, Lewis Thomas & Richd.Jeffreys dined here, & Ls.Thomas remained the night - In the morning from 5 till about 10 ~~at~~ [?] there was a very heavy fall of Snow, & in the upper parts of the Parish it laid 2 or 3 inches deep in the ground! -
- Sunday 27            Being rather unwell I staid at home, & Ls.Thomas escorted Mrs.D & the Children to Church - Mr.Knight read the Evening Service at home as usual -Dr.Edwards called to see Mary
- Monday 28            Went in the morning in my Gig to Neath where I inspected the Houses belonging to the Estate, & thence to contract for a new Trough & Penstocks for Aberdylais Mill, which cannot be let without one - Went also to Ynysygerwn &c & returned home about 7 - Mrs.Llewelyn had been dining with Mary -
- Tuesday 29           Went in the Gig to inspect the Farm House at Penhafode which is greatly in want of a thorough repair from Age, & took Mary with me - Mr.Knight went to meet Lord & Lady Bute at Thythegston.
- Wednesday 30        Went with Mary, ~~Fanny~~ John & Lewey in the Socialet to call at Marino where the two Boys got a lunch, & we afterwards eat some Sandwich's' &c which we had taken with us in the Sand Hills & drank Tea at a Public House on the Burrows called the Golden Lion - Reached home again soon after 7 & the Boys were greatly delighted with this sort of Gipsej [sic] Party -
- Thursday 31         Went on Business in the Carriage with Mary & our two older Children to Swansea - They dined with Mrs.Llewelyn & I at T Edwd.Thomas's -

## JUNE

Friday 1 Had promised to take all the Children as a treat to spend the Day on the Sand Hills by Sketty but the weather proved unfavorable -

Saturday 2 This being the day appoinued, I was occupied in receiving the Rents of the Penllergare Estate at the Ship & Castle at Swansea & afterwards drank Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn -

Sunday 3 John being unwell Mary staid at home with him & Miss Brown took Fanny & Lewey on the Socialet to ~~Langa~~ while I walked to Llangafelach Church - I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual -

Monday 4 Engaged all Day at home.- Mr.Knight returned to us from his Visit to Tythegston in the Evening -

Tuesday 5 Took Mary & Miss Brown with the 5 Children in the Gig & Socialet to dine & spent the day at the Golden Lion on Sketty Burrows, & Mr.Knight & our Footman attended us onm Horseback - We spent a very pleasant day but it rained rather hard as we returned between 6 & 7 in the Evening -

Wednesday 6 Mr.T E Thomas, Capt Hancorne & Rd.Jeffreys dined here -

Thursday 7 Mr.Ls.Thomas came in the afternoon on Business & dined with us -

Friday 8 Spent the Day at home or in looking over some neighboring parts of the Estate - [two lines deleted - unreadable]

Saturday 9 Went to Swansea on Business & afterwards dined at Marino where I met Mr. Vivians Father, Capt Hickey & A Jones & Family - Met John Jones who has a great dispute with Calvert Jones about some Seat in the Church, & obviously because I declined to support him by joining in the Quarrel, he as usual annoyed my by threatening to assume the Management of our ~~Trus~~ Estate as my Senior Trustee! Whenever I do not actively join in supporting his consequence & Views in the Town he always vents his Spleen in this way, & it is only by great exertion that I can keep my Temper -

Sunday 10 As it was a wet day I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service at home - Mr Lewis Thomas dined here.

Monday 11 Went to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea, where I staid but a short time & returned home -

Tuesday 12 Walked to Nydfwch Woods & afterwards took Mary for a Drive in the Gig on the Swansea Road as she is again far from well - John accompanied us on horseback -

Wednesday 13                      Spent all day at home or about my Farm

Thursday 14                      Fanny accompanied us [on] horseback & I drove Mary in the Gig to look about the School at Langafelach - Lewis Thomas came on Business in the Evening -

Friday 15                          Engaged by Business all day at home

Saturday 16                      Went on Business to Swansea with Mary & Fanny in the Carriage -

Sunday 17                         Rather unwell & I did not leave home - The rest of the Family went to Church in the morning & in the Evening Mr.Knight read prayers as usual to the Family -

Monday 18                        Drove about settling Bark & other Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner-

Tuesday 19                        In the Evening Mary, Fanny, John & Mr.Knight accompanied me to drink Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn at the Willows where they left me about 8, & I then went to sup at Lewis Thomas so as to be in readiness for starting by the Mail-

Wednesday 20                      At one this morning I got into the Mail Coach - crossed the Passage in 1¼ hours - reached Bristol at ¼ before 3 & at 4 proceeded in the Mail for London -

Thursday 21                        Arrived at the Gloster Coffee House soon after 6 & breakfasted at my Brothers - Attended all day to the completion of the purchase at Bermondsey about which some difficulties had occurred & went to Higham by the 7 oClock Stage - Found my Father remarkably well, but he had been cupped the day before -

Friday 22                         After Dinner my Sisters Judith & Sarah took me in their Carriage to Town, & I succeeded in getting an interview with Mr.Berrington who I had heard was employed professionally to bid against ~~for~~ me for the purchase of Popkin Trahernes reversion of the [word crossed out - unreadable] Mrs.Walls Estate - Called afterwards on Mrs.Goring & returned to sleep at my Brothers.

Saturday 23                        Met Mr.Hanbury Jones & others respecting the Bermondsey Estate, & spent a few hours in attending to Mrs.Gorings Concerns. Also in the printing of my Bill & answer &c & returned to Higham in the Evening -

Sunday 24                         Not being very well I did not go out but spent the whole day with my Father.

- Monday 25 Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham -
- Tuesday 26 Went to Town early in my Fathers Carriage, & spent the Day in attending to various Matters - Wrote Letters in the Evening & slept at my Brothers.
- Wednesday 27 Engaged all the morning about various Business & went to Higham by the 4 oClock Stage - A Letter from Mary informed me of Mrs.Llewelyns illness, & of her going over Daily to the Willows to attend her -
- Thursday 28 Spent the morning at Higham with my Father & after Dinner walked to Hackney Bridge & from thence proceeded to my Brothers with whom I went to rent [?] the performances of Monsr.Alexander the celebrated French Ventriloquist.
- Friday 29 Engaged in Town all Day about the Bermondsey purchase & other Business -Dined with Mrs.Goring & slept at my Brothers.
- Saturday 30 Spent the morning in Business & about 2 went by water to Greenwich to join the Royal Society in their annual inspection of the National Observatory - Dined with the Society at the Crown & Sceptre & by invitation from the Lords of the Admiralty returned to Town in their State Barge - Reached my Brothers to sleep about 10 after having enjoyed a thoroughly pleasant afternoon -

## JULY

- Sunday 1 Went to Tottenham Meeting where I joined my Sisters & went with them to Higham - My Cousin Luke Howard came to Dinner & a Yankee from New York named Leggatt came to spend a day or two here -
- Monday 2 Went by the 9 oClock Stage to Town where I was all day occpd. in endeavoring to compleat the Bermondsey Purchase about which some difficulties respecting the boundaries have occurred, & finishing the Printing of my Bill & answers.
- Tuesday 3 Returned by the 10 oClock Stage to Higham where I met Capt Sabine & Mr. Willet Hicks came over in the Evening -
- Wednesday 4 My Sisters brought Mr.Hicks, Capt Sabine & myself in the Carriage to Town & I went with Capt Sabine to see the Exhibition at Somerset House - Having business near Westminster Hall I accidentally got a

ticket to see the preparations for the Coronation of which I availed myself & was much gratified - In the Evening about 9 George took me to Covent Garden Theatre to see the 2nd. part of Henry 4 which ends in a Coronation & which has been got up in a stile of magnificence which is said never to have been equalled on any Stage - Returned about midnight to sleep at my Brothers.

- Thursday 5 Started in the 7 oClock Stage & reached Brighton about one in the afternoon when I proceeded immediately to inspect the Buildings in William Street & attend to other Business till about 10 when being much fatigued I went into a hot Bath - Employed a little leisure in writing to my Boy John -
- Friday 6 Received a Letter from Mary stating that the Trees on the supposed waste are cutting down by the Dukes orders & having arranged it to meet Mr.Attree & compleat my Business with him in Town I set off by the 3 oClock Coach & slept at my Brothers.
- Saturday 7 Went to the Duke of Beaufort in Grosvenor Square & he received me very kindly & sent off orders that no more Trees should be cut, which are at all ornamental to Penllergare. As our claim in the Trees is very [? above the word very in original] doubtful I have agreed to let the question be settled by Mr.Leedlock & if the decision is against us the Duke will let us have them at a valuation &c - Called on Sir Jo.Nicholl & attended the Committee for Conducting his Election at Oxford - Went to see Belzoni's Tomb, & began & ended the Day with the Business at Bermondsey - Returned to Higham in the Evening -
- Sunday 8 Spent the whole day at Higham -
- Monday 9 Walked in the afternoon to Hackney & from thence in a Coach to settle the Bankers Acct. with Hoares, & by appointment to consult Mr.Ricketts respecting the legality of allowing any fixed Sum towards the expenses incurred by executing the Trusts under Mr.Ll's Will -
- Tuesday 10 Called on Sir Jo.Nicholls Election Committee - Afterwards on Mrs.Goring & then proceeded with my attempts to get the Bermondsey Business settled -Returned to Higham by the 4 oClock Coach -
- Wednesday 11 This is the Anniversary of my beloved Willey's Birth, & the whole Day (spent quietly at Higham) has been embittered by the recollection 'that Lycidas is dead - dead are his prime - Young Lycidas & has not left his Peer'--

- Thursday 12           Went to Town early & spent almost the whole day in endeavoring to complete the Bermondsey Estate purchase, & settling the Bow Lane Rents &c - Went to Sir John Nicholls Election Committee - Dined at Mrs.Gorings & afterwards went to the Royal Society - Slept at my Brothers -
- Friday 13             Resumed the same Business as yesterday & returned in the Evening to Higham in the Evening - It is 14 years this Day since I was married to one of the most affectionate of Wives & best of Mothers.-
- Saturday 14           Spent the whole Day at Higham & mt Father presented me with 3000£ -
- Sunday 15             Went to Tottenham Meeting with my Sisters, & my Brother & Mr.Richd. Fisher came to dine with us at Higham -
- Monday 16            Went in the Stage to Town & spent the whole day in endeavoring to settle the Bermondsey purchase, but found it impossible & as some of the Vendors have left Town I thought it useless to wait any longer & determined on returning tomorrow - Went back to Walthamstow in the Evening -
- Tuesday 17           About ½ past 11 I left Higham with my Sister Lydia in my Fathers Carriage, & dined at my Brothers - As Business & the settlement of the annual accounts of the Trust Estate required my presence at home I withstood the temptation which the approaching Coronation on the 19th. offered & started homewards y the Bristol Mail -
- Wednesday 18           Arrived at Bristol at 10, & proceeded immediately in the Swansea Mail - Crossed the passage in about 35 Minutes & my own Carriage which met me at Wych Tree Bridge brought me home a few minutes after Midnight -
- Thursday 19           Engaged all day on Business at Penllergare - Old Morgan Hugh, to whom on Account of his being a very old Servant of Mr.Llewelyns I had continued to pay 9/- [?] a week was buried this Day -
- Friday 20             Engaged all day in Business at Penllergare -
- Saturday 21           At one went with Mary & Fanny to call on Lord & Lady James Stuart at Swansea, & to arrange some Business with Lewis Thomas - Returned home to dine at ½ past 5 -
- Sunday 22             Went with Mary, Fanny, Lewey & Miss Brown in the Carriage & John & Mr.Knight on Horseback to Langafelach Church - Mr.Knight read the Evening Service to the Family as usual -

Monday 23 Spent the whole day with Tenants & with Griffiths of Box in receiving his Account & report of the Woods till 4 oClock & then Mr.Lewis Thomas arrived to Dinner with whom I remained engaged till near 10 on Business of the Estate -

Tuesday 24 Busy all morning with Tenants &c - Mrs.Llewelyn came to Dinner & to spend a few days with us.

Wednesday 25 Busy all the morning with Tenants &c - Lord & Lady James Stuart came to Lunch here on their way from Swansea through North Wales to Scotland.

Thursday 26 Spent the Day in preparing the annual Accounts of the Trust Estates &c -

Friday 27 Walked to Tyrdonkin where I at last succeeded in letting to Glynschilling, without any deduction on the Rent to M Jones but it is on an understanding that the Rent for 9 years is not raised in consequence of any improvement which the Tenant may make on it - from thence walked over to look over Tyr gweddyd which Jo.Samual has given notice to quit, & there I was met by my Gig in which I returned home to Dinner -

Saturday 28 Spent the Day at home -

Sunday 29 In the morning Mary, Mrs.Llewelyn & Fanny in the Carriage, John & Mr. Knight on Horseback & I on foot went to Llangafelach Church, & Mr.Knight read the Evening Service at home as usual -

Monday 30 A very wet day & I did not leave the House -

Tuesday 31 Mary went with Mrs.Ll. & Fanny in the Carriage to Swansea & they returned to Dinner -

## AUGUST

Wednesday 1 A very wet day & I did not go out - Very busy in preparing the Trust Accounts of the Estate -

Thursday 2 Mr.Lewis, our Agent for the Carmarthenshire Estate came in the morning & brought a bad account of the Agricultural Interests in that Quarter. Butter 6d. per lb & Wheat 5/9 a Winchester - Set out on Business to Swansea in the afternoon but was stopped by meeting Mr. & Mrs.Gab.Powell who came to call here -



- Friday 3 Went to Swansea to settle the Bankers, Groves & other Accounts belonging to the Estate preparatory to the Settlement next week - Called on Mr. & Mrs. Morgan of Buckinghamshire with whose Estates in Carmarthenshire ours ~~had been~~ are very much intermixed - Returned to Dinner -
- Saturday 4 Mary went with Mrs.Llewelyn in the Carriage to Swansea & while they were making Calls in the Town the Pole broke - Mrs.Llewelyn did not return here - Employed all the morning in writing Letters about our dispute with Mrs. Williams respecting Goiter hir fenith, to Mr.Maybury &c -
- Sunday 5 Being showery we did not go to Church but I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service at home as usual - Johnny being a good deal unwell we sent for Dr.Edwards - Papers which arrived respecting the Bermondsey purchase occupied me in the afternoon -
- Monday 6 Dr.Edwards came to see John, & having business with Lewis Thomas respecting Bermondsey &c ~~I~~ he went back with me in the Gig to Swansea & I returned to Dinner -
- Tuesday 7 The Horses went to fetch Mrs.Llewelyn & Mr. & Mrs.Jones of St.Helens arrived in the morning to spend the Day here -- Mr.Jones examined the yearly Account of the Estate of which I had before sent a Copy, & they were afterwards approved & signed by him & the other Trustees - Mr.Williams still continues abroad without having returned to England since Mr. Llewelyns decease, & his relations rarely know where a Letter will find him so that from his incapacity to act, we are obliged to consider him as having declined the Trust -- Mr. & Mrs.Morgan (see p 89) [Friday 3rd] & also her Aunt Mrs.Shakspear called to Lunch here -
- Wednesday 8 A wet Day & I did not go out -
- Thursday 9 My precious Pat Sally has this Day compleated her third Year & Mrs. Llewelyn came over to join in the Jubilee - Johns knuckle having swelled very much we sent for Dr.Edwards, & it was happily pronounced to be nothing of consequence - In the Evening I drove on Business to Langafelach -
- Friday 10 A change of Air having been recommended for our dear John, who has exhibited some symptoms of his former Complaints I drove Mary to the Mumbles, & we engaged two Cottages to which we intend to move some part of the Family on Monday next - On our return we called at the Bryn & there met Mrs.Lockwood, Mrs.H.Bowdler &c - On our return home we expected to have found

Popkin Traherne, who is coming to settle about the Sale of Mrs.W his reversionary Estate, but he did not arrive -

- Saturday 11 Mary so much knocked up by her yesterdays Journey that she did not get up till near 3, & remained in her room all day. I set out to go on Business to Lewis Thomas, but my new mare who had never before made a false step, suddenly fell on her Head, & broke the Harness so that I was obliged to turn back - Mr.Lle Traherne & his Son George came with Popkin Traherne early in the afternoon, & staid to dine & sleep here.-
- Sunday 12 Mr.Lle Traherne returned home with his Son in the morning, but not in time to allow of my going to Church, to which Popkin Traherne drove in my Gig & the Children in the Socialet as Mary continues too unwell to go out - Having Business with Lewis Thomas I then walked to meet P Traherne at Langafelach & drove him to Swansea - Ls.Thomas returned to dine & sleep here -
- Monday 13 Drove Popkin Traherne through the Ford at Loughor to look over Mrs.Walls Estate & spent the whole day in Llanelly Marshes. Returned to Dinner at 7, by the way of Pontardylais, & met Ls.Thomas who had rode to Swansea in the morning, & who again came to dine & sleep here.- Mary is better but the Weather is too bad to allow of her taking John to the Mumbles.
- Tuesday 14 In the Statement which Mr.Deere sent me Mrs.Wall is said to be only 70, but P.Traherne proves her to be 74 next Month which makes some difference in my Calculations & I have agreed to give him 8400£ for the reversion which I think a good & highly desirable purchase - Mr.Neville & ~~Genl.Warde~~ on behalf of Genl.Warde had offered the same Sum, & I should not have liked to see our Estate which is so much intermixed & originally belonged to ours in the possession of such a litigious neighbor.- Mr.Traherne & Mr.Thomas left me about noon - Continued bad Weather prevents Mary from going to the Mumbles.-
- Wednesday 15 Johnny attended by Tom Beddow on Horseback, & Mary, Fanny & myself with a Servant in the Socialet went to the Mumbles where we arrived about ½ past 1 - Dined at the Inn & [in] the Evening took a pleasant row to the Mumble point.
- Thursday 16 Having Business at Swansea, David came in the Gig to drive me there & when about halfway the Mare fell down & broke my new Gig to pieces. I fortunately escaped without much Injirey,[?sic] & at Swansea Stephen Jones closed the haggling which he had carried on for two Years & agreed to accept of the 3000 Guineas which I had originally offered for his Estate on Llanelly Marsh - Having agreed to

meet some of the Tenants at Langafelach I then went on in a hack Chaise to Llangafelach, & in ~~going~~ walking from thence to Penllergare I got wet through to the Skin -

- Friday 17 Was ready to start this morning to Ynysygerwn but circumstances luckily rendered it unnecessary, & I find that my Back has been sprained by yesterday's tumble - Went at 2 to see L Thomas respecting Steven Jones's purchase, at Swansea & from thence in the afternoon Tram Car to the Mumbles - Found that Mary had gone with John & Fanny to spend the Day in Langlan Bay -
- Saturday 18 Went in a Boat to fish in the Bay with John but in about half an hour he became so sick that we returned to shore - He soon however recovered, & Mary & Fanny joined is in the Boat - but his sickness soon returned & as Mary also became unwell we set them on shore - Fanny remained with me fishing & rowing about the Bay nearly till Sunset - We altogether caught 31. Fish, consisting of Flounders, Place [sic] Blinis & Whiting & 1 Gurnet -
- Sunday 19 Mr. & Mrs. Vivian came early in the morning & we went together to Oystermouth Church - After taking a walk & lunching with ~~them~~ [?] us they returned to Marino, & after Dinner Davie came for me in the Gig & I went to Penllergare - Found our three younger Darlings quite well - I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual -
- Monday 20 Took Lewey to the Mumbles & having Business with L Thomas went round by Swansea in the Socialet & from thence in the Tram Car - About one took a tour [?] to the Mumbles point with Mary & the three Children, but the former & our two Boys soon became so Seasick that we were obliged to return - Fanny & I went afterwards a fishing in the same Boat, at which we continued almost till Sun Set, & we caught 41,- Dabs & Whiting & Gurnets.
- Tuesday 21 This Day I completed my 43rd. Year, & we spent it in Caswell Bay - John & Fanny went on the Ponies & Mary & Lewey in the Socialet - I walked most of the way & the heat so knocked me up that I was quite ill in the Evening -
- Wednesday 22 Continued a good deal unwell all the morning - In the afternoon I went to fish off the Mumble head, but the Sea was very rough, & we caught very few - Mary & the three Children made an attempt to accompany me, but excepting Fanny they soon became so sick that I was obliged to set them on shore -
- Thursday 23 Rose at 5, & went in a Boat to fish off the Mumble head, but there was a Brisk Breeze & the Sea so rough that we were obliged to return soon after 9 - With the two Ponies we went on to an early Tea

at the halfway House & from thence I went on in the old Gig which I had sent to meet me to Penllergare - My dear Mary & the Children returned to the Mumbles.

- Friday 24 In the morning early took little Mary & Sally in the Socialet to the Mumbles & in the afternoon went in a Boat with Fanny to fish off the Mumble head -Lewis Thomas came to the Mumbles to meet me on Business -
- Saturday 25 Went with Mary & our three elder Children with a Drag net to fish in Caswell Bay - John & Fanny were on their Ponies & much delighted.
- Sunday 26 Little Mary was ill in the night which kept her anxious Mother at home, but I took our three Children to the morning Service & in the afternoon we all went together to Oystermouth Church - The Sea in the Evening was delightfully calm & Mary & the 3 eldest enjoyed a row without being at all Seasick - Mr.L Thomas came respecting an offer from Mr.Rickards of his Estate at Eglwsbrewis for Sale, & a claim which his Solicitors have strangely made to an exchange of Deeds - this exchange was in fact agreed to by Mr. Llewelyn in 1812 but Mr.Ricketts then so whimsically flew from the bargain that Mr.Ll- declared he would have no further Treaty with him, & Mr.Miles can prove that the contract was wholly rescinded.
- Monday 27 Took John & Lewey on their Ponies to see fishing with a dragnet by the Wears - Having Business with L Thomas I then went to Swansea & attended a Play which Sir C.Cole had patronised. Slept at L Thomas's -
- Tuesday 28 Engaged all the morning about various Business at Swansea & the afternoon went to see meet some Tenants & others at Penllergare where I slept - Griffiths had come last night from Ynysygerwn but was unable to wait till this afternoon as directed to do - It rained hard all day.
- Wednesday 29 Having Business with Lewis Thomas respecting Mr.Ricketts claims on which subject as was expected he received another Letter this morning I went to Swansea in the close Carriage & from thence by the 3. oClock Tram Car to the Mumbles.
- Thursday 30 A wet Day & I spent it at the Mumbles without having hardly left the House - Mr L Thomas came in the afternoon -
- Friday 31 In the 12 oClock Tram Car I took Fanny to pay a Visit for a few Days to her Grandmamma, & went in the afternoon to meet Griffiths at Penllergare where I slept - Griffiths again disappointed me, without sending any excuse or apology.-

## SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 1                      Went early to breakfast with L Thomas at Swansea - dined with Arthur Jones & slept at Thomas's - Mr.Thomas was in readiness to start for Prestiegn when the Complainants sent us this Evening a Notice that they should not appear in Court, but would consent to the dismissal of their Bill against me with Costs - ~~Sh~~ I did not think there was much Coal under the Estate which on the Trust Acct. I agreed to purchase from Steven Jones, but he had not told me that it is reserved for the Lord of the Manor, tho' I do not think it material I have claimed some Abatement which we have today agreed shall be settled by Hopkins of Trosorch -
- Sunday 2                         Through the Tram Car's not having started at the usual timing I did not reach the Mumbles till ~~after~~ it was too late for the morning Service, but I went with Mary & our two Boys in the afternoon - Mr. & Mrs.Vivian came & took a Family Dinner with us.
- Monday 3                        My dearly beloved Mary has this Day compleated her 45th. year & in the afternoon I accompanied her ~~& Joh~~ in the Socialet & John with a footman on Horseback to Penllergare.
- Tuesday 4                      Returned as we came yesterday to the Mumbles, & there from various Information which I had collected I continued my calculations of the Value of the several Lots of the Briton Ferry Estates -
- Wednesday 5                    Went to Swansea on Business & returned to the Mumbles in the Tram Car -Have latterly been much engaged in receiving proposals for a Sale of the Llangefelach part of the Briton Ferry Estate & if Mr.Jones had not disapproved of our make more purchases with an inadequate Rental I should have entered more warmly into the Treaty for both Mary & I think that our Boy will have quite Income enough while he is young & that the Leases will probably be falling in before a growing up Family can render any addition at all desirable - We also think that such a purchase would have been best accorded with Mr.Llewelyns wishes.
- Thursday 6                      The Swansea Boat Races took place, but the Weather was particularly unfavorable, & there were violent Thunder Storms in the morning & Evening - Treated all those who started in the

Mumbles Oyster Boats with a Cask of Ale, which arrived in the morning from Penllergare.

- Friday 7                      Went out fishing as the Sea was very calm with my two Boys & afterwards treated my two younger Girls with a Row - We were going out again in the afternoon but the Weather changed to Rain -
- Saturday 8                    A Letter from Ls.Thomas made it necessary for me to see him on various Business, & I went in a Boat to Swansea & from thence walked to Penllergare where Mary & soon afterwards arrived to be in readiness to receive the Jenners.
- Sunday 9                      Read prayers to the Family as usual in the morning, & Mr.L Thomas arrived on Business with Mr.Rowlands but soon returned to Swansea - At 4 Mr. & Mrs.George Jenner arrived on a Visit, in their way from Dublin, where they had gone with Sir B.Bloomfield in the Suite of the King -
- Monday 10                    Engaged in Business nearly all day at home & walked only on my Farm -
- Tuesday 11                   Went about Noon with Mary & Mrs.Jenner to the Mumbles - In the afternoon the same trio with the addition of Lewey went in a Boat to the Mumble Light House, which we ascended, & afterwards set Mary on shore & went a fishing -
- Wednesday 12                We all returned to Penllergare, & having business with L Thomas went with the Children & Servants in the Tram Car to Swansea & afterwards home in the Carriage which had been ordered to meet us there - Mary & Mrs.Jenner attended by the Footman went on the Ponies across Cocketts - The Air appears to have been of so much Service to John that we have kept our Lodgings at Mrs.Bennetts with the intention of again taking him there.
- Thursday 13                   Went on Horseback to attend a License Meeting & on other Business to Llangafelach - In the afternoon the Carriage brought Mrs.Llewelyn & my dear Fan who returned to us after spending a fortnight with her Grand mamma -
- Friday 14                    Engaged in the morning with Tenants &c - In the afternoon rode a new Mare which I purchased yesterday about my Farm, & afterwards walked round the Wood with Mrs.Jenner -
- Saturday 15                   Mrs.Jenner & Mrs.Llewelyn left us in the afternoon - Engaged in Business at home all day, & particularly in continuing my calculations of the Value of divers parts of the Briton Ferry Estate -

- Sunday 16 Set out for Cardiff after an early Breakfast with the intent of going to the morning Service at Margam, but owing to the rain was too late & went on to lunch at Merthyr mawr - Afterwards proceeded on my Journey & dined & slept at St.Hilary.
- Monday 17 Drove John Traherne in my Gig to see his New House at which is now building at Coedriglan, & we from thence went on to Cardiff where I was sworn in as one of the Grand Jury Sir C.Cole, Foreman - Pursuant to a rule nisi which was obtained at Brecon & after some opposition by the Complainants, the Bill which Roby & Co filed against me in the rascally Welsh Chancery was dismissed with Costs.
- Tuesday 18 Occupied in the morning with Mr.Mayberry who I had appointed to meet at Cardiff on Business relating to the Breconshire Estate - The Grand Jury sat 7 hours in the morning & were discharged in the Evening Court - Went in the Evening to a large party at Mr. & Mrs.Wick Bennetts.
- Wednesday 19 Was summonsed on two Grand Juries & thus prevented from returning homewards. That rascal Billy Vaughan as the proper Officer of the Court had to tax the Costs, & he taxed them with such infamous partiality against me that we lodged a Complaint against him & it was appd. to be heard in the Evening but was put off till tomorrow. Edwards & he were, as I from the first have believed, the principal Instigators of the Bill, & it has been said to have been a promise of the ~~latters~~ formers at the Election that he would pay the Costs. Dined with Lle Traherne &c at the Angel -
- Thursday 20 Served as Foreman of a Special Jury in which my Friend Mr.Lee of Pontypool was Plaintiff, & the Defendant soon after we were sworn in abandoned his Causes.- Popkin Traherne arrived to serve on the same Jury, & we spent almost all our time together.
- Friday 21 Waited with P.Traherne to serve as Special Jury men on the second Court Colman Cause, but the first which began yesterday at 12 did not close till 5 this afternoon - At 9 the Judges appointed a Private hearing at their Chambers of my complaint against the taxation of my Costs, & tho' Wingfield had an obvious leaning to support his Officer he was obliged to ~~...[?] Vaughan to review~~ allow that there had been some mistake & to order Vaughan to review his proceedings.
- Saturday 22 The Judges directed the second Court Colman Cause to remain a remanet[?] for the next Circuit & we were discharged soon after 12 from our Attendance - Started immediately with Popkin Traherne in

a Chaise to Cowbridge - Went from there with Capt Penrice in his Curricule to Pyle, & reached home by Chaises about ½ past 11 - At Cowbridge stopped to transact some Business with Mr.Miles, & arranged with him for a Settlement of our Disputes with Mrs.Williams about Hirfennith -

- Sunday 23                      Went with the Family to Llangafelach Church in the morning - In the afternoon Mr.Maule & Mr.Ricketts who were two of my Counsel in the Suit with Haynes & with whom I wished to converse on divers Business of my own & of the Estate arrived on a Visit.
- Monday 24                     Being obliged to go on Business of the Estate to Swansea I went in the Carriage & took Messrs.Maule & Ricketts with me - Mr.Lewis Thomas came back with us & dined & slept here. Obtained an Abatement of 100£ from the 3150£ which I had agreed to give for Steven Jones Estate on Llanelley Marsh - It is an excellent purchase -
- Tuesday 25                    Mr.A.Jones & Mr.Eden came to Breakfast & dine here & Mr.Ricketts went out to shoot with them - Mr.Maule rode with me in the Neighborhood, & Mr L Thomas who had gone to Neath on Business returned to dine & sleep here - Having ascertained that the two Penyfedw's would form a Key to a large Extent of Coal, I requested Mr.Thomas to procure the lowest price from Mr. Tennant & his answer was 800£.
- Wednesday 26                The ~~Car~~ Socialet took Mr.Ricketts in the morning to Neath on his way to Crickhowel, & about 9 in the Evening Mr.Maule went in our Coach to Swansea & from thence by Mail to London - A Letter from my Father & another from Brooker renders it desirable for me to go to Town to settle on the 4th. of October for the Old Ship which the former has purchased at Brighton, but a Variety of Business at home will prevent me.
- Thursday 27                    Went in the Gig to Swansea, where I finally settled with Steven Jones for the purchase of his Estate, & afterwards drove to look over Ynysyvorgan, & the two Penyfedw's - Having ascertained that Mr.James the Attorney had yesterday offered 1500£ for Ynysvorgan which he was intending to encrease tomorrow I thought it better immediately to despatch a Messenger with an offer of 1800£ & I also offered 500£ for the two Penyfedw's.- I also wrote to Mr.Benj. Thomas at Bristol who is Assignee of the Lessee to secure the refusal of the Lease -
- Friday 28                      This morning Mr.Tennant rejected my offer for the two Penyfedw's & accepted that for Ynysvorgan - I was the more anxious to buy the latter because, (I am assured) the Lease may be bought for about 1400£ & the Farm is worth 160\$ a year besides a vast deal of good



coal-- Spent the day in making enquiries & in reviewing my former Estimates of the different parts of the Briton Ferry Estate -

Saturday 29 Went to Swansea in the Gig to try to convince Mr.Jones of the propriety of purchasing some of the Jersey Farms which are contiguous to ours in Langafelach Parish & to offer him mine & Mary's Indemnity in case either of our Children should ever complain of the purchase, but when he once takes a thing into his Head, all reasoning is thrown away & he refused our Indemnity - He even refused to sanction the purchase which I had made of Ynysvorgan, altho' he admitted it to be a good one, & I am thus obliged to take it myself altho' it is not convenient for me to do so -

Sunday 30 A Boil on my Thigh which I had injured by being obliged to go yesterday to Swansea, became so bad that I was unable to move much from the Sofa all day - & ~~I read~~ in the morning I read the whole Service at home to the Family - In the afternoon Mrs.Llewelyn came ~~prior to beg~~ to bid us good by prior to her setting out for Leamington & she dined & slept here -

## OCTOBER

Monday Mary took Mrs.Llewelyn home in the Carriage & our two elder Girls accompanied her, as also to call at Marino - My boils confined me almost wholly to the Sofa, & I was engaged at home with Tenants & others on Business all day.

Tuesday 2 My venerable & beloved Father this day compleated his 78th. Year & Richd. Phillips came to spend the Day with us - The Carriage brought him here soon after Breakfast & took him home in the Evening - My Boil still continued very painful & confined me to the House where I was beset by Tenants & others on Business nearly all Day.

Wednesday 3 My Boil better but is still prevents me from leaving home -

Thursday 4 My Boil still very bad & employed myself at home all day -

Friday 5 With with [sic] some difficulty in the close Carriage to hold a petty Sessions at Llangafelach where I met Sir Jo.Morris & Lockwood - Lewis Thomas came on Business & dined at Penllergare -

- Saturday 6                   Some particular Business obliged me to go in the Carriage to Swansea, & Mary, Mr.Knight & John who accompanied me went to call at St.Helens.
- Sunday 7                    The Weather being wet I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service to the Family as usual -  
Mr.Jones in a way personally complementary to myself has offered to withdraw from the Trust, but I dislike to act contrary to the opinion of a Trustee who was appointed by Mr.Llewelyn & who declares that he cannot consciently agree to deprive my Boy of the full enjoyment of the utmost possible Income [unreadable word crossed out] at the very moment he becomes of Age - Mr.Gwyn the Attorney has purchased above 1340 Acres in our immediate Neighborhood, & has thus been allowed to cut in with our Estate in order to prevent a temporary sacrifice of 200 or 300 a year, altho' the Income would ultimately have been proportionally encreased by waiting till the Leases fall in - If my Boy had had a smaller Income I should have thought it wrong to deprive him of any part of it at a time of Life when he will most enjoy it, but it is comparatively a drop in the Bucket & the control & Influence which the purchase would have given to his Homestead would far more than have compensated for such a temporary Loss - Our Estate from its not having any manorial or other ancient priveleges requires such an Influence as this Property would have given it & I know the purchase would have accorded with Mr.Llewelyns views -
- Monday 8                   Went with Mary, Lewey & Sally on Business to Swansea in the Carriage, & came back soon after 3 - It is a source of great regret to me that Mr.Jones will not consent to the purchase of any of Lord Jerseys Estate in this neighborhood on our Trust account & to hear that most of them have been bought on advantageous terms by Mr.Gwyn, the Attorney of Neath -
- Tuesday 9                   Went in the Gig, rather prematurely for my Boil to Swansea & determined on offering 200 Guineas [? 2000 Guineas] on my own Account for Lord Jerseys Estate in Swansea, exclusive of Lewis Thomas's House in Fisher Street.
- Wednesday 10               This morning I recd. a Letter from Jones, who had before agreed to the purchase of P.Trahernes reversion, stating that the agreement must fall to the ground, as Mr.Sugdens opinion is against the purchase of any 'dry reversion.' - The dismemberment of this old part of the Penllergare Estate & its falling into the hands of Genl. Ward would in many points of view be such a serious Evil that I immediately sent an Express for Mr.L Thomas who was at Cadoxton & we went off by Post another more particular Statement of the Facts which I had drawn up for Mr.Sugdens opinion - This fully

occupied me & I did not move out all day - Mr.Thomas came to a late Dinner, & took the Case to forward from Swansea in the Evng.

Thursday 11

Occupied by Business all the morning & did not go out. In the afternoon went to call on Lewis Thomas in the Carriage & thence to dine with Mr. Jones at St.Helens - Mr.Knight accompanied me & we reached home about ½ past 11 - Offered 200£ for Melinwen on my Account - Mr.Tennant has refused my offer for the Estate in Swansea -

Friday 12

This morning I sent off an opinion in writing to Mr.Jones on the propriety of our purchasing Popkin Trahernes reversion & am anxious if possible to obtain his approval of for purchasing some of the remaining Llangafelach Lots of Lord Jerseys Estate which I know must in the course of a few Years become valuable for their Coal - Our Harvest home was kept in the Evening & the Fiddler, the Harp & the Ale were in constant requisition till Midnight.

Saturday 13

As our Trust Estate has no such Appendage belonging it I have been strongly advised to purchase the Advowson of Landilo tal y bont for which I have written for Mr Jones's consent & I drove into Swansea to ascertain the Value of the Living which I find to be about 220 a year - Jenkin Jenkins has offered me Penywain fach for Sale at 900£ - Returned home to Dinner - Mr.Jones had called on Mr.L Thomas & stated his determination not to consent to the purchase of any single Lot of the Briton Ferry Estate in Llangafelach, or of any other Estate when subject to a Lease for a smaller Rent than the full Value -

Sunday 14

The Tenements of Lord Jersey which in this Parish on Friday remained unsold are the two Penyfedw's, Pant baban, Vagwreven, Cefn y bark - Blaen yr olchfa, Melin wen, Panty milwr issa, Tyr pen yr rheol, Pant y coed Cae, Pentwyn, Llwyn Evan, Pant Lassa ucha, The Masons Arms public House, Ffynnon Vadog, which together comprise about 540 Acres - In consequence of Mr.Jones refusal to purchase any of these Lots, I had been contriving to treat for such especially as are most peculiarly desirable for this Estate & of keeping them for the Option of my eldest Boy to take them hereafter - With this view I had calculated them to be together worth as a maximum ~~£4258~~ 4308 & in the afternoon received the vexatious News that Mr.Gwyn has purchased the whole for 4200£.- This Neath Attorney has also purchased Killyhendreff in Cadoxton & the whole of Lord Jerseys Property in Killebebill for 6300£, & he now possesses ~~2400~~ above 2400 Acres in the Neighborhood of Penllergare - Not being very well & my head improperly full of other matters I did not accompany the rest of our Family who in the morning went to Langafelach Church & in the Evening Mr.Knight read the Service at home as usual -

- Monday 15 Occupied all the morning in looking over Ynysygerwn Accts, & my Boil being still too sore to bear the jolting of the Gig over bad Roads I walked by Coedtrennig & Cefn Forrest to look over Penywainfach & got almost up to my middle in mud - It certainly is not worth 900 & I conceive 780 to be its full Value - Mary went with Fanny & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Swansea.- Rd.Jeffreys dined & slept & Mr.T.L.Martin spent the Evening here.-
- Tuesday 16 Went early in the Carriage to Swansea to meet J.Jenkins by appointment respecting the purchase of Penywainfach & also to see Mr.Jones of St.Helens, who I wish to persuade ~~him~~ not to resign the Trust as he is anxious to do on account of his Age & ignorance of such matters. It was Quarter Sessions but I had no time to attend them.- I dined with the Bench at ½ past 5, & at ½ past 6 brought Counsiller Nicholl whose opinion on several points I wished to ask & also Jo.Traherne with me - Nicholl says if he was a Trustee he should feel it his Duty to buy the reversion from Popkin Traherne, but Mr.Jones with whom I have again conversed on the subject is still afraid that it is irregular, [wordfes deleted - unreadable] & dislikes to incur any responsibility -
- Wednesday 17 Took Mr.Nicholl & John Traherne immediately after Breakfast to Swansea & was engaged all the morning in inducing some Complainants to withdraw a Bill of Indictment which in the name of Mansell Phillips they had preferred against Vivians Copper Works in which I succeeded - The Court was however of opinion that the Bill as the King was prosecutor could not be withdrawn, & the Jury happily rejected the Bill - In Swansea I met with Buckland Professor of Geology at Oxford in his way to pay a Visit to Penrice, & succeeded in bringing him back with me to Penllergare - Through their having accidentally been omitted in some recovery the Advowson & Tithes of Penrice went with the Briton Ferry Estate, & while Mr.Talbots Trustees were in treaty Edwards the ex member bought them & has proved himself if any such proof was wanting a Blackguard unmixt.
- Thursday 18 I had sent off a Message to Vivian who with his Father & Sir Hussey met Buckland & myself at their Copper Works & shewed us the whole process, as also the means which he is trying to abate the Smell - Buckland & I returned to Penllergare to Dinner & T.L.Martin spent the Evening with us.
- Friday 19 The Socialet early in the afternoon took Mr.Buckland to Penrice, & I remained at home engaged by Business all the rest of the Day.

- Saturday 20                      Went to settle about Penwainfach & Evan Jones Mortgage at Swansea &c. & returned to a late Dinner - J.Jenkins still asks 900£ for Penwainfach & I refuse more than 700£ - On account of its close neighborhood I should have liked to have purchased the Advowson of Landilo taly bont, as it might have been bought cheap, but Mr.Nicholl did not think it a strictly warrantable Investment & Mr.Jones would not incur any responsibility - It has therefore been sold to that arch Radical Mr.Edwards.
- Sunday 21                         Soon after Breakfast a Messenger from Ll Thomas brought Mr.Sugdens opinion that the Trustees would not incur any risk by the purchase of P. Trahernes reversion & I forwarded it immediately with a Letter to Mr.Jones -To satisfy him I also a few days ago promised to buy Mrs.Popkins Life interest in the Estate which I purchased last Autumn, & I have agreed to meet the parties in Town for that purpose - From the wetness of the Weather & my having much to do preparatory for our Journey to London we did not go to Church, but I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service as usual - Mr.L Thomas came in the Evening on Business & slept here -
- Monday 22                         This morning I received a Letter from J Jones stating that his Age has rendered him too nervous to act as a Trustee & expressing his determination to withdraw from which I had before endeavored to persuade him - At 8 oClock set out with Mary & Fanny in our Carriage to Neath & from thence proceeded in hack Chaises to Newport where we arrived about 6 & took up our Quarters for the Night -
- Tuesday 23                        Started from Newport about 8 & crossed the Passage - We had not been in the Boat 5 minutes before the Rain began to fall in Torrents to which we were exposed for nearly an hour & a half & got very wet - Stopped about 2 hours at Church's to dry ourselves & then proceeded on to Bath where we arrived soon after 5 - Found that Madam Catalani was to sing at a grand Concert at the upper Rooms at 7, & that Fanny might not lose the opportunity for hearing this distinguished Syren we immediately commenced preparations to attend it - It lasted till after One in the morning & her 'God save the King' as it was sung at the Coronation far exceeded any thing I ever before heard & electrified us with delight.
- Wednesday 24                            The attractions of Madame Catalani had so filled the City that no Beds could be got at any of the Inns, & we were sent to roost at the top of a Wax Tallow Chandlers - It was near 10 before we started on our Journey, & as the Weather was fine we got on pleasantly to a late Dinner & to sleep at Reading-

- Thursday 25 Reached Piccadilly about ½ past one, & spent a couple of hours in walking about St. James's St. Pall Mall, Burlington Arcade, the Western Bazar &c - Reached Higham about 5 & found my venerable Father tolerably well -
- Friday 26 Engaged in the morning with my Father on Business, & in the Evening went by the Stage to sleep at my Brothers -
- Saturday 27 Spent the morning in endeavoring to complete the Bermondsey purchase, & in treating for the purchase of Mrs. Popkin's Life Interest in Gelly wren &c - My principal inducement for the latter is however now done away by Mr. Jones's resignation & as I am assured that Mrs. Popkin is not likely to live very long, I am not much inclined for the purchase. Called on Mrs. Goring & returned to Higham by the 4 o'clock Stage -
- Sunday 28 Leaving my Sisters at their Meeting I went with Mary & Fanny in my Father's Carriage to Tottenham Church, & my Brother George joined us at Higham in the Evening -
- Monday 29 Went with Mary, Fanny & my Sister Sarah in my Father's Coach to spend the Day in London - Dined at my Brothers & returned to Tea at Higham -
- Tuesday 30 Spent the whole day in settling some Accounts of my Father's at Higham - Fanny took a ride on Horseback with her Aunt Lydia to Snaresbrook, Chinkford &c -
- Wednesday 31 Went by the 9 o'clock Stage to London in various Business & after dining with my Brother returned to Higham in the Evening - Mary & Fanny were to have accompanied me & we were to have remained in Town till Friday but indisposition has obliged her to put off her Engagements.

### NOVEMBER

- Thursday 1 Spent the Day in examining & settling some Accounts of my Father's at Higham - Mary still unwell -
- Friday 2 Mary better, & went in the morning with Judith, Fanny & myself to Town - Judith returned to Higham, & my Brother accompanied us other three to Covent Garden Theater - The Exile which has had a long run was performed, & the Coronation of the Empress at Moscow is supposed to be the most Magnificent Scene that ever was exhibited on any Stage - We slept at my Brothers -

- Saturday 2                   The continued absence from Town of Mr.Hanbury Jones who has had the principal management of the Settlement for the Bermondsey purchase, & who was expected yesterday has obliged me to postpone a Meeting till Tuesday -Went with Mary & Fanny to call on Mrs.Goring, & afterwards to see Mrs. G.Jenner who had come up from Clay Hill to meet us in Deans Court - At 4 we returned to Higham in my Fathers Carriage & Capt Sabine accompanied us.
- Sunday 4                    Mary was rather too unwell to venture out & Fanny staid at home with her -I walked in the morning with Capt Sabine to Walthamstow Church - Mr. Leslie came to dine here -

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#### THE APPENDIX

##### Copies of old Memoranda & recollections

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April 1804. I shot a white Linnet on Crumlyn Burrows

Jany.19.1804. A tremendous Hurricane which continued through the night, came on rather suddenly this Evening, & from the reports of Sailors & others it appears to have been preceded by a singular & violent agitation of the Sea -

1806 - Towards the end of Summer & beginning of Autumn Sturgeon were unusually numerous on the Coasts of Carmarthenshire & Pembrokeshire, & of three which appeared in Swansea Market, one measured rather more than 8 feet, & weighed about 210 lbs.

Dec.13.1806. It was reported that a Thunderbolt had this day struck a Field called Gelly near the House [?] of Birch Grove & killed 2 Horses & 2 sheep - I went there & was shown about a quarter of Acre which had been torn up in a very remarkable manner -

[Line crossed out - ~~Jan 1807~~ - remainder unreadable]

1806 - In January - (or late Decr.) I purchased an Iparus [?] caught in Swansea Bay which exactly agreed with the Description of S.niger [?] in his Trans Vol VII and sent it to Sowerby - This must have been the same Fish which is mentioned by Turton in his Fausna. About the same time a Mergansor [?], answering to Pennants Description of the Dun Diver was shot at Briton Ferry by Lieut Heard RN. who gave it to me -

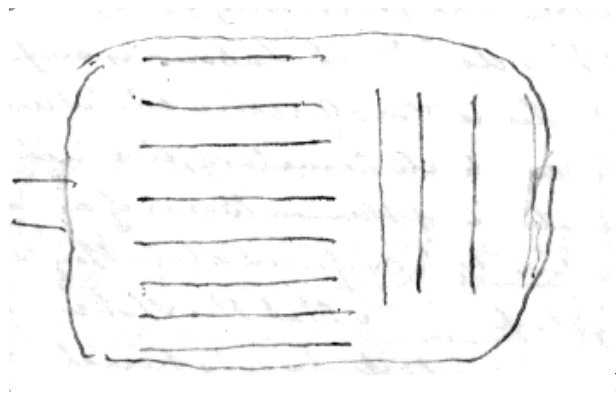
June 1808 - A Sturgeon caught at Loughor -

April 7.1810 - The following is copied from the Cambrian of this day - "The Labourers employed by Mr.Yalden in the Limestone Quarries at the Mumbles lately cut through a compleat Cemetery, in which were found immense quantities of Human Bones of a very large size: from the position & the confused state they were discovered in, it is highly

probable that this spot was the burial place of a vast multitude who perished nearly at the same time, either by pestilence or the sword, at some very remote period." (a) From some of the oldest Inhabitants of Oystermouth I heard a Tradition that there was once a Chapel on the edge of the Cliff close by, & they were aware that the Spot where the Bones were found had been a burial ground belonging to it.

Sept 1.1810. A Sun Fish (Tetrodon Mola of Donova) which had been caught in Carmarthen Bay was exhibited at Swansea, & measured 2f.11 inches in length & weighed about 90 lbs.

August 14.1813 - In the Cambrian of this day is the following article - "Ten human Skeletons have been discovered at Pant y Llyn near Landebie at a depth of 30 feet from the Surface of a Limestone Rock. The Skulls are of a very great size & thickness, & all the Bones are of a larger calibre than those of the present race of men." - On going shortly afterwards to Landebie I was sorry to find that the Discovery had been made some Weeks before, & the Vault which contained them destroyed by the workings of the Quarry Men - I however ascertained that the Vault had been rudely excavated in the solid Lime Stone & that 7 of the skeletons were lying side by side next to the entrance & ~~a line~~ in the direction of the narrow passage which led to it, & that the other 3, also ~~placed~~ lying side by side ~~lying beyond~~ were placed beyond them in the opposite direction so as very nearly to fill the floor of the Sepulchre thus?



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The side of the Rock had been so entirely quarried away that it was impossible to ascertain the length of the passage, but I apprehend that at least it could not have been less than 3 or 4 yards, & it had ~~become~~ in some way become so entirely filled up that the Workmen ~~did~~ had not ~~appeared~~ ~~to have~~ noticed it till they broke into the Vault.

January 23 1816 - A golden? Eagle was caught in a Trap at Kenfig by the Margam Keeper.-

About Xmas 1817. A Sea Eagle shot in Cline Wood by the Duke of Beauforts Keeper & preserved at Woodlands.

Feb.23.1821. The Reception of my Addresses in Welsh (see page 43) [Fri 23 Feb] was at first objected to, & it was said that none except in English could be received - I however



claimed the right of all his Majesty's Subjects to address him in their own Language & it was at last admitted - They appeared in the Gazette of March 3, & it was doubted whether the Welsh Language had ever before appeared in an official Paper.

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