

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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NOVEMBER

- Monday 5 Fanny took a ride with her Aunt Lydia to Tottenham & I spent the whole day with my Father.
- Tuesday 6 Bid good bye to Higham & my Fathers Carriage took us to Town about ½ past 10 - Mary was too unwell to move about and staid at my Brothers - I took Fanny with her Aunt Judith to the British Museum, & from thence to Belzoni's Tomb, where Business obliged me to leave them - The right of way over the Rope Walk gives us a claim to some abatement on the Bermondsey purchase but when I started the objection in April the 3 per Cents were under 70 & as they are now 78 I am more desirous to compleat the purchase least there should be a fall - Met the Lawyers & gave directions accordingly - Dined & slept at my Brothers -
- Wednesday 7 Left my Brothers with Mary & Fanny about ½ past 9, & went round by Pimlico to call on Chantry with whose Gallery & exquisite sculpture we were delighted - pursued [?] our Journey homewards very pleasantly & slept at Abingdon where we arrived about ½ past 7. -
- Thursday 8 Arrived at Cirencester about 2, & Mary went on in a Chaise to spend a few hours with her Mother at South Cerney - There was a Fair at Cirencester & Fanny & I amused ourselves with walking about the Town -
- Friday 9 Left Cirencester about 9, & went on very pleasantly to sleep at Newport.-
- Saturday 10 Started from Newport about 9, & after a pleasant Journey reached home in our own Carriage from Neath at a little after 7 when we were delighted to find our Darlings all well -
- Sunday 11 It being a very wet day we did not go to Church but I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service to the Family at home - Mr.Lewis Thomas came here on Business about one & remained here till after Tea - He wishes me to enter into Treaty with Mr.Tenant for some of the remaining Lots of the Briton Ferry Estate on the East side of the Neath River, but all the Farms which were desirable on the score of contiguity have been sold, & I do not see any sufficient temptation for me to deviate from the Rule which Mr.Sugden has laid down with respect to Reversions - He also

brought proposals from Mr.Tennant for allowing him to extend his Canal through some of Fields belonging to the Ynysygerwn Estate, as far as Dylais, but I have refused my Consent without some other much more advantageous terms. In fact I think that his Schemes if successful will materially effect the Value of Neath Canal Shares, & as the Trustees possess 13 this forms a material objective to our acquiescence in his plans.

- Monday 12 Closely engaged all day with H Griffiths respecting a claim which Mr.Lewis of Straddy has renewed to a part of Cefn & with Tenants on various other Business -
- Tuesday 13 Engaged nearly all Day in Business - Rode for 2 hours to Bryn bach where Wm. Llewelin had brought his Hounds & a few of mine joined them -
- Wednesday 14 Attended the Sale by Auction at Neath of the remaining Lots of the Briton Ferry Estate & bid 1550£ for Graig both which adjoins Ynysfadog & would have made a desirous purchase. Lewis Griffiths had valued the Timber at 1210£ & by Ld.Jerseys woodward it had been valued at 2695£ - It was bought in by a reserved bidding of 2500£ & immediately afterwards sold for 2200£. The weather being very bad I went to Neath in the close Carriage & Jo.Traherne returned with me on a Visit to us.
- Thursday 15 A very wet day & I walked only on my Farm with Jo.Traherne Lewis Thomas on Business, & Capt Penrice came to dine & sleep here -
- Friday 16 Walked with Jo.Traherne & Mr.Knight round by Bryn David [words deleted - unreadable] after Mr L Thomas with (whom I had a good [deal] of Business to settle) had left us about noon & in the Evening Mr.T.L.Martin came here -
- Saturday 17 Drove Mr.Traherne [words deleted - possibly 'in the Gig'] to Swansea, & sent him on from thence to see Vivian's Copper Works, while I remained in Swansea engaged on various Business with Ls.Thomas. Accidently met Mr.Tennant & agreed with him for a purchase of the Reversion of the Havod Grist Mill & all Lord Jerseys part of the two Ponds for 600£ - Considering that during the Life of young Smith aged only about 30, I am not to derive any advantage, it is a dear purchase but it could not be had for less & in time may become of great importance to the Pottery, by enabling me to remove the Steam Engine & Flint Mill close to the Manufactory - We returned home to Dinner -
- Sunday 18 Having some Business at Swansea I drove Mr.Traherne in the Gig & attended Swansea Church, while Mary with the rest of our Family went in the Coach to Llangafelach - We called on Mrs.Llewelyn who

returned last night from Leamington & also on Mr. & Lady Charlotte Lemon - Came back to Penllergare to Dine at ½ past 5.

- Monday 19 Engaged from 10 till after 3 in getting a Dispute between Mr.Cox & his Colliers, & Jo.Traherne assisted me - Also agreed on a plan for dividing Mynydd Staffa. Jo.Traherne in the Evening fell from a Chair in the Library & cut his Eye rather badly.-
- Tuesday 20 John Traherne left us about Noon & went to pay a Visit to Sir C.Cole. Mary went in the Carriage to see Mrs.Llewelyn & took Fanny, John & Miss Brown with her.-
- Wednesday 21 Drove in the Gig to look over Ynys vorgan &c -
- Thursday 22 The two Edens & Capt Hickey came to shoot dine & sleep here -
- Friday 23 Our Visitors left us immediately after Breakfast & I then went to attend a Militia Meeting & to form a Society for prosecuting Thieves at Llangafelach -On my return to Dinner I found Lewis Thomas waiting for me & he brought Mr.Hanbury Jones's opinion that the Disclaimer which had been drawn for Mr.Jones is insufficient & that he can only be effectively discharged from his Trust by an amicable Suit in Chancery or by the appointment of a new Trustee. At some future time I should have wished for the appointment of my Brother, but at present I should have preferred if possible a Vacancy in the Trust.
- Saturday 24 Went to Swansea in the morning with Ls.Thomas & after much difficulty & two Law Suits at length succeeded in receiving £390 which was owing to Mr. Llewelyn for Timber in Carmarthenshire - Mary followed in the Carriage to consult Mrs.Llewelyn on the appointment of a new Trustee in the Room of Mr.Jones & no other Person could be found who in the opinion of either was equally eligible with my Brother - It was past 7. when we got home to Dinner - I had prepared myself to start for London to consult my Father &c about the appointment of a Trustee, but it was thought unnecessary -
- Sunday 25 As the morning was fine we went in the Socialet & John on his Poney to Llangafelach Church, but it soon afterwards began to Rain hard & we got very wet on our return - Mr.Knight read the Evening Service as usual -
- Monday 26 The weather being wet I was engaged by Business in the House nearly allday-

- Tuesday 27 Fully engaged by Business till 3, & then took my two Boys with me to look over Cadley Mill as they had never seen anything of the kind before.- Mr. & Lady Charlotte Lemon & Miss C.Talbot came to dine & sleep here -
- Wednesday 28 Mr.Lemon & Co. left us about 3 in the afternoon - particularly engaged in Justicing with proceeding against Wood Stealers & etc during most of the Day -
- Thursday 29 Busy all day at & about home, principally in endeavouring to break detect & break up a Gang of Woodstealers &c -
- Friday 30 Mary received an alarming Account of her Mothers having been alarmingly ill at Oxford, & that her Complaint is pronounced to be a Cancer in the Womb - Spent the day in preparing my Business so as to be able to accompany her as soon as possible to see her -

DECEMBER

- Saturday 1 Went early to Swansea where I had a great deal of Business to settle with Lewis Thomas, & having appointed it for our Rent Day was ~~prepa~~ prevented from returning home to Dinner till 7 - Jo.Nicholl who on the 10th. is to be married to Miss Jane Talbot returned with me to spend a couple of days here-
- Sunday 2 As it rained hard I read the morning Service at home - Mr.L Thomas & Mrs. Llewelyn came in the afternoon, & the latter returned home at night - Mr. Thomas brought such proposals from Mr.Tennant, & if his intended Canal had been a public one I should not have objected to them, but he refuses to give our Estate ~~a pow~~ right of conveying its Minerals along it & on this I have determined as a sine qua non.
- Monday 3 Mary received another alarming Account from her Mothers & I was all day busy in preparing to leave home so as to accompany her to Oxford tomorrow - John Nicholl accompanied Lewis Thomas to Swansea on his way to Penrice-
- Tuesday 4 Started about ½ past 7 with Mary in our Carriage to Neath & from thence proceeded in hack Chaises to sleep at Chepstow.
- Wednesday 5 Pursued our Journey & slept at Witney -

- Thursday 6 Reached Oxford about 11 & found Mrs.Beazly rather better - Spent all Day principally in looking over Mr.Bucklands Collection & with Dr Kidd at the Anatomical School -
- Friday 7 Spent the Day principally with Professors Buckland & Williams in looking over the Radcliffe Library, the Museum, Botanical Gardens &c - Dined at Corpus College where they had invited several of my Friends to meet me & I spent a remarkably pleasant day.
- Saturday 8 Spent the morning very pleasantly with Buckland &c - Dined at 4 with Mr. Adams who is a Brother of Mr.[sic] Beazley's, & at whose House she now lies -
- Sunday 9 Mary's anxiety to be with her Mother induced her to move to Mr.Adams, & finding that I could not any longer be of any Service I set off for London in the afternoon & slept at my Brothers.
- Monday 10 Spent most of the Day with Lawyers & as Mr.Sugden in a consultation has been brought round to Hanbury Jones' opinion I sent in a refusal to accept the Title of the Bermondsey Estate & am consequently threatened with a Chancery Suit - Expecting my arrival my Sister had come to Town & took me back to Higham in my Fathers Carriage -
- Tuesday 11 Spent the whole day with my Father at Higham - In the morning my Sister Mrs.Alexander arrived here & in the afternoon Mr.Richd.Harford of Ebw Vale came to spend the Evening & sleep here.-
- Wednesday 12 Went to London by the 9 oClock Coach & to my great surprise found Lewis Thomas waiting for me with the first proposals from Mr.Tennant respecting his intended Canal - I spent most of the Day in looking over the bothering Papers & Plans which he has sent & the Man seems to think that he can worry & bore every body out of their Senses - I was thus prevented from spending the Evening at Sir H Davy's as I had engaged to do - Dined with L Thomas at the Queens Head Tavern & slept at my Brothers.
- Thursday 13 This morning I gave Mr.Thomas a final decisive answer for Mr.Tennant which he will not like - Engaged in various Business till 4 & then went by the Stage to Higham -
- Friday 14 Spent the whole day at Higham where Lewis Thomas joined me at Dinner, & also Richd.Alexander who in the afternoon set off with my Sister on their return to Ipswich -

- Saturday 15 Left Higham at 9 in the morning - Met Lewis Thomas at my Brothers on Business & at ¼ before 2 set off in a Coach from the Bull & Mouth for Oxford, but owing to its tedious crawling & incessant stoppages did not arrive ~~till late~~ [?] at my old Quarters at the Star till after midnight.-
- Sunday 16 Found Mrs.Bazely to be encreasingly worse & my dear Mary so much knocked up as to be in Bed & I did not see her till about one in the afternoon - Dined at Mr.Adams at 2, but came away soon after & attended Service at St.Mary's Church - ¹ The Service altogether was imposing but there was very little appearance of either zeal or sincerity & on the whole I liked it less than at our humble Church of Llangafelach - When there I am under the same roof with the remains of my lost Darling & this, whether right or wrong, makes me like it better as a place of Worship than any other in the World.-
- Monday 17 After a short walk with me Mary went to her Mothers, & I to look over Dr. Listers Library & Papers which are preserved at the Ashmolean Museum, where Dr.Williams joined me,- & offered to let me have any Books which I might wish to consult from Radcliffs Library -- Mary returned to dine at the State & Mr. & Mrs.Wade dined with us.
- Tuesday 18 Spent the Day nearly as yesterday, but went with Dr.Williams to call on Dr. Wall, Dr.Kidd &c - Dined at Dr.Williams -
- Wednesday 19 After a walk with Mary she went to her Mother who continues in a most distressing state, & I pursued my examination of Dr.Listers Library & all Manuscripts - She dined with me at the Star Inn -
- Thursday 20 Having obtained Dr.Kidds order that we might examine it by ~~ourselves~~ ourselves, I took Mary to see the Anatomical School & Collections with which she was greatly pleased & we were afterwards employed as yesterday -Dined & spent a very pleasant Evening at Exeter Colledge where the party consisted of Drs.Copplestone, Macbride & Kidd, Mr Dalby, Mr.Elliott, Mr. [name omitted]
- Friday 21 After a short walk with Mary, I pursued my examinations at the Ashmolean Library, & as Mary did not return till late I dined & spent the Evening alone at the Inn

¹St Mary the Virgin, almost opposite Mr Adams's house.

- Saturday 22 In case Mary's stay here should be much protracted I went with her to see whether we could find a House so as, if necessary to bring our family here & she then went to see her Mother.- I spent the day till 3 at the Ashmolean Museum, & afterwards with Dr.Williams at Radcliffes Library till Dark - As Mary did not return till late I dined alone at the Star & spent the Evening principally in reading Cuviers Theory of the Earth -
- Sunday 23 Mary spent most of the Day with her Mother, & I in the morning attended Service at All Saints Church - We dined with Mr. & Mrs.Wade at the Star.-
- Monday 24 Received from Mr.Lewis Thomas a Copy of a most infamous Libel which had been published by Roby respecting the late Chancery Suit, & he has urged me to go to Town to advise with Council about a Prosecution, but I refused to be put out of my way by such a Mass of low Ribaldry.- Mary returned from her Mother to dine with me at the Star -
- Tuesday 25 Some Business required my attention at Penllergare & as the Doctors now say that her Mother in all probability will last for several weeks, I prevailed [word deleted - unreadable] on her to accompany me & pay a fortnights Visit to her Family - As the Floods were greatly out I thought it better to go by the Stage, & we set out accordingly for Cheltenham where we slept at the Plough - As we passed through Witney most of the Town was under Water, & the Doors of the Houses were kept open on both sides so as to let the Torrents pass through -
- Wednesday 26 Left Cheltenham at 9 & proceeded on in a Chaise to sleep at ~~€~~ [? word deleted] Newport.- For about a Mile & a half we passed through the greatest Flood that was ever remembered there, & the water was often nearly or quite 5 feet deep - We had procured a very high Chaise & strong Horses but it was a Journey of some Danger -
- Thursday 27 Left Newport about ½ past 8, & at ½ past 5 reached Penllergare where we had the delight of finding all our Darlings well -
- Friday 28 Occupied the whole day by various Business at home & did not stir out -
- Saturday 29 Occupied by Business & did not leave the House as the weather was very wet-
- Sunday 30 Mrs.Llewelyn who had been staying here during our absence went in the Carriage to Swansea Church & I read the morning Service to

the Family at home - Mr.Lewis Thomas arrived in the afternoon to dine & sleep here & I did not stir out all day -

Monday 31 Lewis Thomas left us soon after Breakfast - had sent for Griffiths of Box & looked over with him the Trees which have been blown down or damaged in the late dreadful Storms - Griffiths of Ynisgerwn was also here & I had a complete days worry - Mr.Knight went home to visit his Friends

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JANUARY

Tuesday 1 So occupied by Tenants &c. all day that I did not stir from the House - Mr. & Mrs.Gab.Powell called here -

Wednesday 2 Occupied all day by various Business - Lewis Thomas came over in Business & brought R Jeffreys with him - The alarming depreciation in all Agricultural feeding makes it impossible to get in the Rents, & this & the necessity of a material reduction which I have hitherto withstood, engrosses most of my attention - 3 years old Cardigan Heifers which used to fetch 50 or 60/- now sell for 15/-

Thursday 3 The Carriage took Mrs.Llewelyn home this morning - She had been here during our absence in Oxford & since till now remained with us - Occupied by Business all day -

Friday 4 Jenkin Jenkins came down to pay terms & offered me Penywainfach for 700£ but I now doubt whether he can make a Title - Agreed to purchase part of ~~Vagwr~~ Paul Cadwgan from Mr.Dd.Oliver - Walked for an hour over my Farm & two Boys - After more than four Months of almost incessant Rain the Weather has at last become fine & frosty.

Saturday 5 Took an hours walk with my two Boys & Gun about my Farm & tumbled up to my middle in a small Well in my Turnip field - Rd.Jeffreys called here on his way back to Laugharne -

Sunday 6 Mary & the Children went in the Carriage to Langafelach Church but I had caught a Cold yesterday & therefore did not accompany them - Lewis Thomas came in the afternoon & staid to dine & sleep here - He brought an Account of the Death of Mr.Lewis of Galtogog who of

all the Agents of this Estate I considered to be the only one who was in all respects valuable - I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family -

- Monday 7 This morning an Opinion came from my Counsel Moyery, Meuille[?][?] Rickets that under all circumstances it was not worth while to prosecute Roby for a Libel, & I determined to publish a few remarks on the three Affidavits which constitute the Appendix of his reply - Lewis Thomas joined us at Dinner with the Children & rode home in the afternoon -
- Tuesday 8 Finished my remarks on the affidavits & Mr.Thomas who came on Business to Dinner took them to the Printer - Walked out early half an hour with my Boys & Gun -
- Wednesday 9 Engaged on various Business all day & only took an hours walk about the Farm with my Boys & Gun -
- Thursday 10 Spent the Day wholly at home.
- Friday 11 Went in the Carriage to Swansea to bring back Mrs.Llewelyn & spent 4 hours in Mr.Thomas's Office without leaving it - Returned with Mrs. Llewelyn to Dinner. Heard this day of [Three words in very feint ink as if erased]
- Saturday 12 My dear John has this day compleated his 12th. Year, & I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to Providence for having endowed him with these amiable dispositions which make him a compleat treasure to me -
- Sunday 13 Mrs.Llewelyn went with Fanny & Miss Brown in the Coach & I & John on horseback to Llangafelach Church. John & I walked home - As Mr.Knight is still absent I read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 14 Spent almost the whole day in correcting Proofs for my remarks on the affidavits which that impudent scoundrel Roby has published -
- Tuesday 15 This day my remarks on Roby's Pamphlet were published - I was closely engaged by Business all day - Mr.Knight returned in the Evening -
- Wednesday 16 Closely engaged on Business nearly all day & only took an hours ride with John in the afternoon -
- Thursday 17 Dr Edwards who had been sent for to look at Fanny's Teeth came after Breakfast, & as I was not very well I have consented to lay by tomorrow & take some Calomile - Mr.Williams came this afternoon

to settle our Accounts of the Carmarthenshire Estate with the late Mr.Lewis -

- Friday 18 Staid at home all the morning, & in the afternoon Lewis Thomas came with the proposals for our purchase of Cwmhardy fach & Ty pen yrheole - took a short ride with him, as I had been the whole morning closely engaged in settling the Carmarthenshire Accounts with Mr.Williams - He told me that Oats sell at 4/- the Stack (of 6 Winchesters) in Carmarthen Market, & the very best at 7/- with other Agricultural produce almost or quite equally low. Heard this day of my venerable Fathers having been seized on Saturday last with a Fit, & had not sooner heard of it through my Sisters having supposed I was at Oxford & written there -
- Saturday 19 Mrs.Llewelyn returned for a few days to Swansea & I & Mr.Knight accompanied her in the Carriage - Commenced [?] a Treaty with Jenkin Jenkins for the two above mentioned Farms & he has named 1600£ as the lowest price - Returned home with Mr.Knight to Dinner -
- Sunday 20 Weather too bad to go to Church - I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 21 Rode to look over Cwmhardy &c, & to assist me in valuing them I got Mr. T.Martin to accompany me - Mr.Lewis Thomas also met us there - Agreed with Mr.Oliver for the purchase of part of ~~Vagwr wen~~ [?] Panteadwrgan & I have agreed to give him 500£, & to make it Guineas if Mr.Martin should report it to be worth so much, which I am inclined to think it well is - I could not make up my Mind to offer more than 1300£ for Jenkin Jenkins two farms, but on account of their Coal I incline to the opinion of Mr.Thomas & Mr.Martin that they are worth 1400 - They will together form a nice line with Ty mawr & Llateady & connect them with Vagwr - Martin dined with us.-
- Tuesday 22 Spent the whole day variously engaged by Business & in the House, & did not even pass the Threshold - I am incessantly worried by the Tenants about a reduction of Rent, & am totally at a Loss what to do, for if Agricultural produce remains at the present price 50 per Cent will be insufficient.- The Carriage took Mr.Knight to Swansea on his way per packet to Ilfracombe for a couple of days -
- Wednesday 23 Took an hours ride on horseback with Fanny, & spent the rest of the day at home in attending to the Rent accounts & other Business -

- Thursday 24 Rode on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner - Mr.Knight returned from Devonshire this Evening -
- Friday 25 Rode on some Justice Business to Morriston & took John with me on Horseback - Returned home by 2, & through the grounds of Clasemount & saw the remains of the House which is now pulling down - Engaged ~~wit~~ all the afternoon [word deleted - unreadable] in treating with Jenkins for Cwmhardy fach & Ty pen yrheole but could not agree - I however offered 1400£ & he lowered his price to 1500£ but would not go lower. Lewis Thomas dined & slept here -
- Saturday 26 Engaged with Tenants &c all day at home - Mary went with some of the Children in the Carriage to Swansea -
- Sunday 27 Being very wet I read the morning Service at home to the Family - In the afternoon I went ~~wi~~ in the Carriage to dine & sleep at Vivians -
- Monday 28 Having a good deal of Business to attend to, I left Marino before Sun Rise & reached home by 8 - Lewis Thomas came over & I signed an agreement with J.Jenkins for the purchase of Cwm hardy fach & Ty pen yrheole for 1400£.-
- Tuesday 29 Spent the whole Day closely engaged in Business at home -
- Wednesday 30 Received an Account of the Death of R.M.Thomas the Dukes Steward, & wrote to the Duke, as well as several [?] others to beg their Interest in obtaining the appointment of Lewis Thomas.
- Thursday 31 Mary received a request from her Mother who continues in a very suffering State to see her at Oxford, & I busied myself in preparing to start with her tomorrow -

FEBRUARY

- Friday 1 Mrs.Llewelyn came over in the morning to bid us good by & after the Carriage was ordered to the Door Mary become so ill that she was obliged to go to Bed & defer our Journey - In the Evening Lewis Thomas came over for an hour, & I urged him to go immediately off by Mail to see the Duke &c -
- Saturday 2 Mary being mush better we started about 9 & ~~posted on~~ posted on to sleep at Chepstow where we arrived a little before 10 at night

- Sunday 3 Left Chepstow about ½ past 8, & reached Oxford about 9 in the Evening, after a pleasant Journey - It being late Mary deferred seeing her Mother till tomorrow, but we hear that she is about the same as when we left her 5 or 6 Weeks ago. -
- Monday 4 Mary spent the Day with her Mother & I in walking about Oxford &c - We dined with Mrs.Dupris & I went on at ½ past 11 by the Mail to London -
- Tuesday 5 On arriving early at my Brothers I found a letter from Lewis Thomas announcing his appointment to be the Dukes Steward & begging to see me respecting some arrangement with Mr.Tennant - I should have gone immediately to Higham but ~~the~~ was thus detained in Town till 4 when I went by the Stage & found my venerable Parent very infirm & still confined to his Chamber - His Intellects are however as clear as ever & with the prospect of immediate Death before him he is delightfully cheerful & serene -
- Wednesday 6 Engaged the whole day at Higham in settling Accounts of my Fathers -
- Thursday 7 Went by the 9 oClock Stage to London to settle some Trust matters with Messrs.Hoare &c, & returned at 4 to spend the Evening with my Father -
- Friday 8 Spent the whole day at Higham, engaged on Business of my Fathers
- Saturday 9 Spent the whole day at Higham, engaged on Business of my Fathers.
- Sunday 10 Walked with my sister Judith to Tottenham Meeting & came back in the Carriage - George & Mr.Forster came to Dinner.
- Monday 11 Went early in my Fathers Carriage to London & was occupied by the Lawyers about the Bermondsey purchase & other Business till 3 when I got into a Birmingham Coach & reached Oxford about ½ past 11 -
- Tuesday 12 In the morning attended Bucklands first Lecture on Mineralogy, & afterwards walked with Mr.Duncan to see the New College &c - [sentence deleted - unreadable] Mrs.Dupuis dined with us at the Star.-
- Wednesday 13 In the morning met Buckland, Jo.Conybeare, Dr.Kidd, Mr.Grimes of Merton, Mr.Duncan &c to unpack some Geological Curiosities from Crevies [?] in a Room of Dr.Cookes, & afterwards attended an anatomical Lecture by Dr.Kidd - [sentence deleted -

unreadable] Mr.Lewis Thomas arrived at 3 about Tennants Canal & he dined with me at the Star -

- Thursday 14 At 1 attended a Lecture by Buckland on Kirby Cavern, & afterwards dined in Hall at Corpus as the Guest of Mr.Hamer - Till noon I was engaged in Business with Mr.L.Thomas & he then went on to London -
- Friday 15 Spent the Day principally in examining some works on Conchology which Dr.Williams lent me from Radcliffes Library - Mary & I dined together at the Star -
- Saturday 16 Occupied in the morning by answering Letters on Business, & at one attended Bucklands Lecture in which he concluded his Description of Kirby Cavern.- Afterwards walked with Duncans to see the Picture Gallery &c, & also to see a Body under Dissection at the Anatomy School - Mary & I dined together at the Star -
- Sunday 17 Went with Mary in the morning to St.Mary's Church where the Service was preceded by a Sermon, & afterwards dined with Mrs.Dupuis to meet Wyndham Knatchbull. Received a Letter from Mr.Tennant in which he proposed to refer the Question of whether, as a proper Courtesy between one Gentleman and another, I ought to grant him a passage for his Canal through our Trust Estate, to Sir C.Cole or any other of my Friends, & feeling myself competent to judge of the matter I sent him a civil refusal - Just before Mr. Llewelyn's death in making his Rhyding Canal he had actually cut through one of the Ynysygerwn Farms before any leave had in any way been applied for, & his subsequent conduct & my inability to procure any Settlement for this prior trespass, has made me very cautious in holding any communication with him, especially as he refuses to communicate the nature & extent of his scheme.
- Monday 18 Attended in the morning the dissection of a female at the Anatomy School, & Mary returned to dine with me at the Star - A Letter from Lewis Thomas convinced me, if any proof was wanting, that Tennant will stick at nothing to accomplish his purpose -
- Tuesday 19 In the morning I received a Letter from Tennant stating that unless I would agree to his Terms in 10 days he should cut his Canal through our Lands & I determined to go to London for the purpose of appealing ~~of~~ to the Chancellor, but as Mary was very unwell I deferred the Journey till Tomorrow - Attended Bucklands Lecture on Mineralogy at 2, & Dr.Kidds on ~~Mineralogy~~ Chemistry at 7.- Declined several Invitations to dine at the different Colleges that I might induce Mary to return from her Mother to dine with me at the

Star & so as to make a break in the scene of unnecessary suffering to which she is exposed.-

Wednesday 20

Mary still continues too unwell to move, & I spent most of the morning in calls at various Colleges with Buckland, & in looking over All Souls Library with Wyndham Knatchbull - Mary & I dined together at the Star - Found by a Letter from Lewis Thomas that he & Mr.Tennant have quarrelled.-

Thursday 21

By Mary's wish I have again deferred my Journey till tomorrow - Attended Bucklands Lecture & afterwards dined with a party of Friends at Corpus.

Friday 22

Left Oxford with Mary in a Worcester Coach at a little after 12 & about 8 arrived at my Brothers where we slept - L Thomas was waiting for me & strongly urged the necessity for applying to Chancery for an Injunction to stop Mr.Tennant from cutting through our Lands - It appears that Tennant rests his claim on an alleged assurance that Mr.Thomas gave his consent & that he was acting as Agent for the Trustees & authorised by me to do so - Relying on some power which unfortunately he possesses over Thomas he has tried to gain his concurrence in these assertions & a Duel between them has nearly been the result.

Saturday 23

Went early to consult with Mr.Thomas & Mr.Hanbury Jones & determined to put my Affair with Tennant in to the Hands of Mr.J.Pocock of Lincolns Inn who is an eminent Solicitor in the Chancery line - At one left Town in my Fathers Carriage with Mary & dined at Higham - My venerable Father since I last saw him has not gained ground & I am afraid that a gradual decline is observable -

Sunday 24

Mary did not go out, & I walked with my Sister Judith to Tottenham Meeting - The Carriage brought us back to Higham & George came to dine with us.

Monday 25

Went by the 9 o'clock Stage to Town & remained with Mr.Pocock till past 4, when I went & got a hasty Dinner at Mrs.Gorings - Returned to Higham by the 7 o'clock Stage - In Town I saw Richd.Jeffreys who had been sent for from Carmarthenshire to act as Lewis Thomas's Second if necessary - In the afternoon I had a Consultation with Mr.Horne & Mr.Ricketts, as to what I ought to do with respect to Mr.Tennant & it was determined to apply for an Injunction tomorrow - I therefore swore to the necessary Statements &c -

Tuesday 26

Went by the 9 o'clock Stage to Town, & after a short hearing the Lord Chancellor soon after 11 granted me an Injunction against Mr.Tennant & Mr. Baker who by a Lease now holds the Lands which

are threatened to be cut through & of which ~~Mr.~~ Lease we suppose Mr.Tennant has possessed himself - Attended to various other Business & returned to Higham by the 4 oClock Stage - I was occupied about 2 hours on the Bermondsey title with Powell the Kings Solicitor who was employed to prosecute the Queen, & found him a haughty Bully.

Wednesday 27

The morning was occupied in attending to some Business of my Fathers at Higham, & in the Evening I went by the Stage to meet Mr Lewis Thomas at Serles [?] Hotel respecting some fresh communications from Mr Tennant - At ½ past 9 went for an hour to Sir Humphrey Davy's in Grosvenor St. & returned to sleep at my Brothers.

Thursday 28

From 8 till 11 I was occupied in examining a Statement of about 120 Sheets which Mr.Tennant has sent me, & I remained consulting with Lewis Thomas till ½ past 12 when my Brother drove me in his Gig to Higham -

MARCH

Friday 1

The whole morning was unpleasantly occupied by the intrusion at Higham of Mr.Tennants second Son, who came with a Lot of unmeaning apologies & explanations of his Fathers conduct, & proposed to pay the expenses of obtaining my Injunction if I would consent to renew a Treaty for the Lands in question - They are obviously trying every sort of trick to outmanoeuvre me, & I have repeated my firm determination not to allow them on any terms to proceed, till they make me acquainted with their shame - At 4 Mary & I bid adieu to Higham & went in my Father's Carriage to sleep at my Brothers-

Saturday 2

Walked early to my Solicitors in Grays Inn about the Bermondsey Title & find that the two Bills in Chancery of which we on Wednesday procure Copies to compel me to compleat have been withdrawn & that my terms are acceded to - On getting back to my Brothers I found Tennants two Sons waiting for me with nore proposals & concessions, but I must leave the matter till I get back to Penllergare - We started by a Gloster coach from the Bolt in Ton [?] at One & after a very pleasant journey Mary & I reached our old Quarters at the Star Oxford, at 9 oClock in the Evening -

Sunday 3

Occupied all morning in answering a fresh application which arrived by Post from Mr.Tennant, & considering of the case.- Mary found

that her Mother had been much relieved by a Dr. Roe from Warwick, & that her sufferings were considerably abated - At 3 we went to the Church of St. Peters in the East & afterwards dined together at the Star.-

- Monday 4 Spent most of the morning in writing Letters on Business. Mrs. B worse - Dined in his private rooms at All Souls & with Wyndham Knatchbull & met the following party - Earl of Darnley, Lord Clifton, Honl. Mr. Bligh, Honl. Mr. Douglas, & Messrs. Duncan, Shuttleworth & Barter of New College -
- Tuesday 5 After attending Bucklands Lecture I went with him & Messrs. Wall & Grimes to see an exhibition of the perpetual motion with which we were much pleased - Afterwards met Duncan & Rigand [?] the Professor of Natural Philosophy, & we decided that it is produced by Electricity on the principle of the Electrical Doubler. My dear Mary returned to dine with me at the Star but afterwards remained ~~with her Mother~~ till after 11 with her Mother who is much worse -
- Wednesday 6 The Weather being bad I spent most of the Day at Radcliffes Library, & an hour at Dr. Walls.- Mary returned to dine with me but afterwards remained with her Mother till very late - The Assizes began this Day at Oxford.
- Thursday 7 Spent most of the Day at Radcliffes Library, & at Bucklands Lecture on Mineralogy.- Afterwards dined with Mr. Duncan at New College, & went from thence with a party to see Monsr. Alexander the Ventriloquist, as Mary remained till late with her Mother -- Continued a daily correspondence with Tennant, who is obviously trying by some means to catch me & I find it necessary to be very cautious.
- Friday 8 Spent the morning at Radcliffes Library, & at 2 attended a Lecture on the Eye at the Anatomy School by D. Kidd.- Mary thinks her Mother is getting rapidly worse, & my hopes of our starting homewards are at an end.- I have Business which requires my attention at home but in such a state of affliction & awkwardness, I cannot leave her, & the Drs. now think that it cannot last long.- In the Evening wrote to my dear John & tried to give him a familiar account of the Perpetual Motion -
- Saturday 9 Made several Calls about the University in the morning & attended Buckland's Lecture on Mineralogy - Afterwards wrote Letters & dined with Mr. Dalby in Hall at Exeter College.- Returned home soon after 7, in hopes of meeting Mary but she did not come ~~from~~ till late from her Mother who continues very bad.-

- Sunday 10 Mary till she joined me at Dinner spent the whole Day with her Mother & I attended afternoon Service at All Saints -
- Monday 11 Spent the morning at Radcliffes Library &c & the afternoon with Dr.Kidd in some microscopical Experiments at the Anatomy School - Dined with Dr. Daubeny in Hall at Magdalen College - On my return to the Star found that Mrs.B has been worse with some appearance of Convulsions & my hope of starting homewards tomorrow is again frustated -
- Tuesday 12 Attended Bucklands Lecture on Mineralogy, went with Dr.McBride to see his new Apartments which are now building in the Scite of Hertford College &c - Dined with Buckland at Corpus to meet a Scientific Party consisting of Sir Christopher Pegge, Messrs Rigand, Whalety [?] &c &c -
- Wednesday 13 Received another Letter from Tennant & this Business as well as the completion of the Purchase from Popkin Traherne & others require my attention at Penllergare - I however much dislike to leave Mary unprotected behind me, & hope by waiting a few days that she will be prevailed on to accompany me, as there is no appearance of any immediate change in her Mother - Attended the first of Sir C.Pegges two annual Lectures on Anatomy - Mary dined with me at the Star -
- Thursday 14 Our Cloathes were packed in readiness to start homewards but her Mother was so ill that Mary's Heart failed her - Attended Bucklands on Mineralogy & Sir C.Pegges second Lecture on Anatomy - Mary dined with me at the Star -
- Friday 15 Started from Oxford with Mary at 3 in the Cheltenham Stage, & posted on from Cheltenham to sleep at Gloster -
- Saturday 16 Started in a Chaise at a little before 9 from Gloster & in about 12 hours arrived to sleep at Pyle - I read to Mary from Capt Golowreins [?] Narrative of his Captivity in Japan nearly all the way -
- Sunday 17 Arrived about noon at Penllergare & found the dear Children all tolerably well but Lewey & Mary not quite so - During our absence Mrs Llewelyn has lived entirely[?] at Penllergare & been their assiduous Caretaker -
- Monday 18 Closely occupied by Business nearly all day, but took an hours ride on horseback with John in the afternoon - Got young Griffiths to assist me - Am disappointed in finding that L.Thomas is too ill to attend to Business & gone to Briton Ferry for Change of Air -

Tuesday 19 Engaged with young Griffiths in the morning principally respecting our expected Allotments under the Llanelly enclosure Bill & in the afternoon Griffiths of Ynysygerwn arrived - Mrs.Llewelyn left us after an early Dinner to spend a few days at Swansea -

Wednesday 20 Engaged all Day at home by Griffiths, Tennants &c - Dr.Edwards came in the Evening - Griffiths account of the distressed state of our Tennants is sad indeed -

Thursday 21 Went with Mary, Fanny & Miss Brown in the Carriage to Swansea on various Business - Mr.Howells, our new Agent for the Carmarthenshire Estate, came to dinner & slept here - We spent the Evening in considering the Claims of the Tennants for abatements of Rent &c -

Friday 22 Finished early with Mr.Howells, & greatly teased by applications for a reduction of Rent - Rode to look after the enclosures which are making on the Commons of Penllwyniddian & took Fanny with me - Lewis Thomas came to sleep here -

Saturday 23 Lewis Thomas after breakfast rode to Swansea & I to Neath & Ynysygerwn where I was closely engaged on Business all day - Returned home to Dinner at ½ past 6, & Mr.Thomas also returned to dine & sleep here -

Sunday 24 All went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & Mr Knight read the Evening Service as usual - Mr.L Thomas returned to Swansea in the Evening.

Monday 25 Except an hours walk with my Boys to find [?] some rooks who are building on forbidden ground I did not leave the House - Evan Evans the Farm Bailiff has become so old & blind as to be wholly unable to look after it, & I have engaged Henry Griffiths to give it his superintendence & assist me in the general Management of the Estate -

Tuesday 26 Except as yesterday I was closely engaged all day at home - Lewey to his great delight fired off a Gun today for the first time -

Wednesday 27 Took an hours ride on Business to Mr.Curry's Mill beyond Rhydymardy & John went with me on horseback - Engaged by Tennants &c - all day -

Thursday 28 Went rather early to meet Ll Thomas on Business at Swansea & Mr Knight accompanied me - Afterwards went to meet Vivian at his Copper Works & consult with him on his spirited attempt to reduce the Evils of Copper Smoke - Returned home to dine at ½ past 5.

- Friday 29 Fully engaged on Business in the morning, & in the afternoon rode to overlook Cadly Glanyrafam &c - & took Fanny with me - Revd. Geo Thomas dined with us, but Mary had too bad a cold to join us - [sentence deleted - unreadable]
- Saturday 30 Bothered by another Letter from Mr. Tennant which made it necessary to see Lewis Thomas & as it rained hard I went in the closed Carriage - Returned to Dinner at ½ past 5.-
- Sunday 31 Mary still principally confined to her Room by a Cold - I read the morning & Mr. Knight the Evening Service to the Family at home -

APRIL

- Monday 1 Went to Swansea in the close Carriage on various Business & returned home to a late Dinner - Mr. Knight accompanied me -
- Tuesday 2 Rode on Magisterial Business to Gelly fethan in the morning & John accompanied me -
- Wednesday 3 Took a ride with John round Pantyfa &c & was engaged on various Business all the remainder of the day.
- Thursday 4 Variously engaged about the home all day - John & Lewey went in the Carriage to Swansea to have their hair cut & Mr. Knight & Miss Brown accompanied them -
- Friday 5 Being good Friday & Mary not well enough to go to Church I read the Service at home - In the afternoon rode with John & Lewey both on horseback to Cadley, & it was the first equestrian expedition of the two Boys in Company.
- Saturday 6 Engaged most of the day in settling for the payment of the Bermondsey Estate & appointed Mr. Frampton of Grays Inn to collect the Rents - Rode with Fanny to Pontlasse, towards the Swansea Valley, & returned by Ty Dy Clasement &c, home -
- Sunday 7 Mary with the other children staid at home & I rode with John to Llangafelach Church, & in coming out found Lewis Thomas waiting to see me on Business - He accompanied us to Penllergare where he dined with us & afterwards went to Swansea - Mr. Knight read the Evening Service to the Family as usual -

- Monday 8 Spent the whole day at Llangafelach in attending a Meeting for the Appointment of Overseers of the Poor, & at another of our Association for prosecuting Felons. Mr.Leyson met me & I dined there as I found it impossible to get home in time.
- Tuesday 9 Having caught a Cold I did not leave the House all day -
- Wednesday 10 Received an account from Dr.Sims that my venerable Father had another Fit on Saturday Evening but was better & out of any immediate danger - Tho' unwell I went in in [sic] close Carriage on Business of the Trust Estate to Swansea in case I should be called away to Higham, & Mr.Knight accompanied me - returned to Dinner -
- Thursday 11 At 2 this morning we obtained our Letter Bag & received very good accounts of my Father or otherwise I had prepared every thing to start at 5 by the Cambrian - Unwell & staid in the House engaged by Business all Day. Received a Letter from Mr.Tennant respecting his proposed Canal which requires a good deal of attention -
- Friday 12 Did not leave the House all day & was engaged in considering & answering Mr.Tennants Letter respecting his Canal -
- Saturday 13 Sent off an answer to Mr.Tennant & scarcely left the House all day. Received a very favorable account of my Father -
- Sunday 14 Went with the Family to Llangafelach Church in the morning & Mr.Knight read the Evening Service at home as usual -
- Monday 15 Engaged by various Business most of the day & only took a short Walk with my two Boys & Gun to drive away some Rooks which have begun to build in forbidden Trees - Mrs.Llewelyn came to Dinner & to spend a few days with us.
- Tuesday 16 Mary took Mrs.Llewelyn & Fanny in the Carriage to Swansea & they returned to Dinner - Rode to look over Tyr y ford Farm & took H.Griffiths with me -
- Wednesday 17 Engaged closely by Business till 3 & then took Fanny for a ride with me round by Llangafelach, Penllerbrain [?] & Cadly - home - Our dear little Mary not having been well for several days we sent for Dr Edwards & he dined with us.
- Thursday 18 Engaged nearly all day by Business at home - John & I set out to ride to Swansea in the afternoon but we were turned back by rain.

Friday 19 Set out at ½ past 11 on Horseback with John to Swansea & returned home at 2 - My Business was to try to get Jones's Transfer of the Trust completed - Had engaged to go to Llanelly Marsh but found that Henry Griffiths would answer equally well & sent him there in my stead.

Saturday 20 Mrs.Llewelyn left us in the morning - Engaged by Business principally respecting Tennants Canal all day.

Sunday 21 John & I rode to Llangafelach Church, & the afternoon proving rainey we got a good deal wet in our return. Mr.Knight read the Evening Service to the Family as usual -

Monday 22 Spent the whole day, variously engaged at or about home -

Tuesday 23 Variously engaged all day at home

Wednesday 24 Spent the whole day about home - Inspected the Beast house at the Farm, of which the front wall has given way, & the whole is in such a decayed & dilapidated state that I have agreed to its being rebuilt -

Thursday 25 Spent the day about home - Sent H Griffiths to Llanelly & he has displayed considerable ability in procuring much ~~better~~ more advantageous allotments than the Commissioners had at first given us on Llanelly Marsh both for our & Mrs.Walls Estates of which I have purchased the reversion from Mr. Traherne.

Friday 26 Walked through the Nydfwch Woods & Mr.Knight with my two Boys accompanied me - Mr.T Martin came on Business & spent the Evening here

Saturday 27 Spent this painful day at home & it was 3 years since I lost my Darling beloved Willey -

Sunday 28 Mr.Knight, John & I went in the Socialet to Llangafelach Church & we walked back - Mr.K. read the Evening Service to the Family - Mary is not well - The Weather is like that of mid Summer -

Monday 29 Went to meet Mr.Dd.Powell (who in the absence of Mr L Thomas on account of Health at Cheltenham) acts on his behalf & try to get the appointment of a new Trustee in the room of Mr.J.Jones completed - Took Fanny with me - So many accidents have lately happened with Gigs that feeling my importance to my Family I determined on trying to sell mine, & I this day purchased Mr.Llewelyns Phaeton from Mrs.Ll -

Tuesday 30 The old disputed point about supplying the Ynysygerwn Tin Works with Timber on the terms mentioned in the Lease having been again insisted on by the new Tenants I went there to meet them, & I believe have succeeded in setting the question at rest - In the morning early I met Hopkins by appointment to treat for the purchase of Penlanna which he has offered to sell for 1500 & I have offered 1200£,- & after breakfast took Mr.Knight with me on his way to spend a few days at Newton[?] - I dined at Neath & returned home in the Evening.

MAY

Wednesday 1 Dined with the Children, & afterwards Mary & I went to drink Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn, & to join her in executing some of the Transfers which the resignation of Mr.Jones as a Trustee of this Estate, has rendered necessary -We took the two elder Children with us & returned home at Dusk-

Thursday 2 Spent the whole day at or about home - The Weather since Sunday has continued remarkably fine - The Rooks have latterly encreased so much in the Woods & have so much damaged the young Trees that in the Evening I collected some good Climbers to destroy them -

Friday 3 Having several calls for my attention in Llanelly Marsh I took Henry Griffiths as my Assistant & spent the day there - John accompanied us in the Socialet & we carried our Dinners with us which we eat [sic] at Parkalacwidd [?] - Returned home about 6 in the Evening, & the Climbers then again attacked the Rooks.-

Saturday 4 After dining with the Children, I went to Swansea to try to get Mr Jones's Transfer of the Trust compleated, & to prevent his Attornies from going on in the unnecessarily expensive way which they now pursue - Mary & John accompanied me in the Phaeton & ~~La~~ we returned to Tea -- Mr.Knight returned from a Visit to his Family after we had gone to Bed.-

Sunday 5 Went to Llangafelach Church where Mary & I & Mr.Knight staid the Sacrament, & Miss Brown walked home with the Children - On my return I found Mr.L Thomas's Clerk waiting with a notice that a sight of our Purchase Deeds was required by Mr.Jones's Solicitors, & the expense & delay thus created are both frivolous & vexatious - Mr.Thomas returned to Swansea last night from Cheltenham - Mr.Knight read the Evening Service as usual -

- Monday 6 After Breakfast drove Mary & Lewey over to Swansea & back to dine at 4.- By great exertion we compleated the Schedule which Mr.Jones has demanded-
- Tuesday 7 A Letter from Ls.Thomas now informs me that Mr.Jones demands a Bond of Indemnity for which he had expressed a wish but which my Council objected to as a most unusual & improper proceeding, & taking Fanny with me I went to Swansea in consequence - Mr.Jones acted in a very strange & pettish way, & said till I had signed the Bond he would sign nothing, & would stop the Business of the Trust & prevent me from paying for any of the Estates for which I have contracted &c - I got a hasty Dinner at the Wheat Sheaf with the Llangafelach Leet Jury - drank Tea with Mrs Llewelyn & returned home, much worried about Dusk.-
- Wednesday 8 Employed all day in drawing up a Statement of Mr.Jones's conduct, so as to be ready to appeal to the Chancellor, if it should become necessary without further delay - Mrs.Llewelyn came to Dinner & to spend a few days with us-
- Thursday 9 This is my dear Fans birth Day & we kept it a sort of domestic Jubilee - I was however engaged nearly all day in compleating my Statement respecting Mr.Jones, & as he has now by his nervous triflings suspended the Business of the Estate for 6 months, I cannot submit to any longer delay - Determined on consulting Council in London, & went in my way to Swansea in the Evening which I spent with Richd.Phillips who is his Brother in Law, & with Mr.Berrington who is his Solicitor-- They both said I could not act otherwise, & the latter declared that Mr.Jones was acting in opposition to his advice, but thought to bring him round in a few days.
- Friday 10 Started at one by the Mail - breakfasted at Cardiff - Crossed the Passage in 45 minutes - reached Bristol a little before 2 & at 4 set off again by the London Mail -
- Saturday 11 Reached my Brothers at a little before 8, went to Lincolns Inn & left my Statement for Mr.Hanbury Jones's opinion, & at 12 went by the Stage to Higham where I found my venerable Father looking better than when I saw him last - On account of Mr.Jones' conduct & the consequent unsettled state of the Trust, I was advised & found it necessary to compleat the Bermondsey purchase in my own name, & to execute a Declaration of Trust, which I was at length compelled to agree to.-
- Sunday 12 My Sisters went to London & I spent the whole day at Higham - My Brother brought Dr.Sims & Mr.F.Fisher to dine & they all slept here -

- Monday 13 My Fathers Carriage took me early to London, & Mr.H.Jone's opinion has confirmed all my wishes & expectations respecting the Trusteeship, & I consequently wrote to Mr L Thomas that if Mr.Jones persists in his delay which is so injurious to the Estate I must do my Duty & file a Bill in Chancery against him - Afterwards went to Framptons & discovered that Creaks Lease on the Bermondsey Estate is not worth an Fag, & that by breaking it the Trustees might at once pocket 500 a year for the Estate, nor have they any power to remedy the defect - It would however be a dishonorable proceeding & I hope that none of my Children will ever avail themselves of the Flaw.- Returned to Higham in the Evening -
- Tuesday 14 Spent the whole day in attending to Business of my Fathers at Higham -
- Wednesday 15 Walked to Hackney Bridge where I got into a Stage & reached my Brothers soon after 4 - Dined at Sir C.Coles, 34 Sackville Street, where I met Mr. & Mrs.Vivian, Mr.Baillie & Col.Grant - Went afterwards to Sir Humphrey Davy's for half an hour & to sleep at my Brothers -
- Thursday 16 Went by a Stage & reached Brighton soon after 4 when I instantly proceeded to Business, at which I remained closely engaged till I took a hot Bath at Woods soon after 10 -
- Friday 17 Closely engaged at Business from 6 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon when I found it impossible to finish without remaining at Brighton & having an appointment on the ~~Trust Business~~ Trust Business in Trustee Affair tomorrow I went by Stage to Town, & appointed my Agent to follow me on Tuesday - Reached my Brothers at 9 where I found Mr.Rd.Alexander -
- Mem:-
The piece of Ground which separates my two Properties in the North Lane is 4 parts [?] of Atlingworth Manor - & is thus described - No.3. 3d. Furlong North Lane, formerly R Masters now J Wichelo's.
- Saturday 18 Spent the whole day most vexatiously among the Lawyers, & agreed to a Consultation on which Mr.Jones insists, but which is quite unnecessary - The necessary Instructions & queries had arrived from Mr.Jones, & I prepared mine & the meeting was fixed for Monday. I left this Business only for about an hour & then went to Mrs.Gorings in hopes of seeing Mrs Llewelyn who was momentarily expected, but had not arrived when I was obliged to return to Grays Inn - Went to Higham by the 5. oClock Stage -

- Sunday 19 Went with my Sisters Judith & Sarah & Mr.Rd.Alexander to Tottenham Meeting, & brought back a Mrs. & Miss Benson of Liverpool to Dinner - My Brother George also came in the Evening - Remembered this to be the Birth Day of my darling Lewey.
- Monday 20 Went early by way of Stratford where Mr.Alexander got into an Ipswich Stage, & my Brother & I proceeded to Town.- Engaged in the morning in making some Arrangements for his leaving Business at Midsummer, & at one went to Lincolns Inn - Messrs.Hulme attended the Consultation as Solicitors, & Mr.Hodgson as Counsel for Mr.Jones & on behalf of the Trustees was Mr.Hanbury Jones & Mr.Frampton - It was all a Farce, as I privately knew before, for Mr.Jones own Council had before strongly advised him that the Bond was irregular & could not be claimed by him - This opinion more strongly expressed was sent off by to nights Mail & I shall wait till Friday for the result - Treated myself with a Turtle Dinner at the Bedford, & went by the 8 oClock Stage to Highamc - Quite tired out -
- Tuesday 21 Spent the whole day at Higham, in attending to my Fathers affairs & in settling for some other purchases in North Lane & Dorset Gardens with my Agent who arrived from Brighton - Yesterday the Sale commenced of Mrs. Bligh's magnificent Collection of Shells & it will last for six days - I was much tempted to go there but thought it most prudent to stay away.-
- Wednesday 22 Went by the 9 oclock Stage to London where I met a Letter from Lewis Thomas with a much more favorable account of Jones' conduct & after being busy in preparing for a Settlement with P.Trahernes & other Business I returned to Higham about 9 in the Evening - A Letter from Mary informed me that the final adjustment of the Roads, & sale of the Lots in Llanelly Marsh, will ~~be held~~ take place at Llanelly on Monday next, & I determined on starting so as to attend the Meeting - I this day expected the Declaration of Trust. /*[sic]* mentioned in the 11th. with respect to the Bermondsey Estate-
- Thursday 23 Spent the whole day in writing Letters & attending to some Business of my Fathers at Higham - I wrote a short Codicil to my will respecting the Estates which I purchased on Tuesday & left it in my Desk at Higham -
- Friday 24 Bid good by to my venerable Father about ½ past 7, & then went in his Carriage to London - A letter from Ls.Thomas obliged me to see the Lawyers & I spent the morning & afternoon with them & in calling on Mrs. Llewelyn who had arrived at her Mothers last Saturday - Started by Mail for Swansea in the Evening, altho' this was the Annual Meeting of the Linnean Society where I might have

met ~~many~~ Dawson Turner & many other of my Friends, & I should much have liked to have spent two days more in Town - Was vexed to find by Evidence that the first Floor of our house in Bow Lane, belongs to the next house, & that the ground Floor and upper Bed rooms alone are ours.

Saturday 25 Reached Bristol about 10, & arrived safely at home soon after midnight -

Sunday 26 It being a wet day I read the morning & Mr.Knight the Evening Service to the Family at home - On my arrival at home I received a vexatious notice that the Disposition of the Roads & the Sale of Lot 4 on Llanelly Marsh have been adjourned & that of the Lots which I want, only Lot 5 will be sold tomorrow - Engaged most of the day in correspondence with Lewis Thomas, & furnishing Mr.Jones with all the StatementS which he requires prior to his relinquishing the Trust -

Monday 27 A Letter from Mr.Thomas urged me to meet him at Swansea as he thought that Mr.Jones would now listen to reason, & as he gave up the points handsomely on which he had before so strangely insisted, every thing was amicably settled according to my wishes - I consequently sent H Griffiths to Llanelly & he bought by Auction about 7½ Acres of fine Marsh Land which cuts in almost close to our Farm House at Parkalackwidd for 176£ with which I am satisfied -

Tuesday 28 Spent nearly the whole day in attending to various Business at home & only walked with my Boys to shoot a few Rooks &c -

Wednesday 29 Rode on Business for 2 hours to Swansea & John accompanied me - Am vexed to find that the Timbers of Beast House are much more split & decayed than they were thought to be & that they will not do again -

Thursday 30 Spent the whole day from early dawn till late in attending to applications for a Reduction of Rents in Breconshire & tho' the Weather was fine I did not pass the threshold all day.

Friday 31 Engaged in the same Business as yesterday, & in the afternoon took a ride on the Pontardylais Road with Fanny & Lewey on horseback -

JUNE

Saturday 1 My dear Mary had been so very languid & unwell for several days that I sent for Dr.Edwards to see her, & I did not leave the house

except to shoot a few Rooks with my Boys - Mr. & Mrs.Gab.Powell called, & Mr.R.Mansell dined & slept here.-

- Sunday 2 We all went to Church in the morning & R Mansel, John & myself, walked home.- In the afternoon Hopkins again offered me Penlenna for Sale & I was otherwise improperly disturbed by Business -
- Monday 3 Rawley Mansell left us about Noon - I was engaged all day in writing to Mr. Mayberry, & on matters connected with the completion of our purchase from M P.Traherne - Weather very hot -
- Tuesday 4 This morning my dear Mary was obliged to complain to me of Mr.Knights conduct which she had hitherto at the expense of her own health & comfort concealed from my knowledge & which occasioned me great astonishment - He appears before she was 13 to have tried to inveigle Fanny into a Marriage Engagement, & so persecuted her that so long ago as last August she told her Mother of his strange behaviour - Mary relying on his promises kept the matter secret but he has lately renewed his persecutions of Fanny by repeated attempts to kiss her, & by the most unjustifiable attempts to set her against her Mother, & by treating the latter with the grossest insolence when she spoke to him about it - I find an immediate separation to be unavoidable.
- Wednesday 5 I had last night offered Mr.Knight the use of our Carriage to take him home this morning, but it was found that he had left the house in the night, & gone home - With his strange Temper I had long born, under an Idea that he was of service to our dear John, & it was this feeling which had induced Mary so long to conceal his misconduct from me, with a reliance on his honor that it would not be repeated.- He claims a promise which Fanny made before she was 13, of always continuing to be his Friend, & at that time she declares she did not understand his meaning, & has grossly abused her Mother for not attempting to enforce this absurd & childish engagement - I charitably think him mad.-
- Thursday 6 Went in Business to Llangefalch & Mary with our two elder Children accompanied me in the Socialet -
- Friday 7 Engaged all day at home in preparing for the Rent Collection tomorrow -
- Saturday 8 Spent the day in receiving Penllergare Rents at the Ship & Castle in Swansea, & did not return home till about 8 in the Evening - All agricultural produce, including Cattle, Corn, Butter & Cheese, is now reduced to half the price it was at Mr.Llewelyn's decease, & instead

of reducing the Rents I am trying to substitute & keep the Tenants satisfied by allowances for repairs & improvements.-

- Sunday 9 We all went to Langafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 10 Engaged most of the day with Tenants at home & went to a Tax Meeting at Llangafelach -
- Tuesday 11 My inability for a long time to get some Statements which I have required respecting the Ynysygerwn Estate has obliged me to inform Lewis Griffiths that unless a full Account up to Lady Day 1821 is received within a fortnight that I must then at once refer him for a Settlement to Mr.Dd.Powell Solicitor of Neath - Engaged by Business most of the day & in the Evening after fishing with my two Boys I walked with John & Fanny most of the way to Cadley to look for Glow worms, & did not return home till about ½ past 10-
- Wednesday 12 The Weather continued remarkably sultry, & except fishing for a short time with my Boys, I spent the day at home -
- Thursday 13 Spent the day as yesterday, & Lewis caught 2 Eels & a Tench & as he had never caught a fish before it gave him great delight. Much engaged by applications for a reduction of Rent.-
- Friday 14 Spent the day variously engaged at home.
- Saturday 15 As it rained we went in the close carriage to Swansea & returned in the Phaeton which had been new painted & repaired - Mary & John accompanied me.
- Sunday 16 Mary & I with the four Children went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home.
- Monday 17 Drove on Business to Morryston &c & engaged at home in looking over the Carmarthenshire Accounts -
- Tuesday 18 Mary, Fanny, John & I ~~attended by Davy~~ in the Phaeton attended by Davy on Horseback started a little before 11, dined at Llanelly - drank Tea at Kidwelly & reached Carmarthen at ¼ before 9 - Took up our Quarters at the Ivy Bush -
- Wednesday 19 Engaged by Business most of the morning, but took John to see the Jail - About ½ past 3 we went to drink Tea at Lanstephan & returned about 9 to Carmarthen - Mr.Williams of Galty gog told me had seen our Tenant of Llwyn Gwyn Mill at Carmarthen Fair sell some Pigs for 2/9d, & that a few years ago he had seen similar pigs

sell for 20/. a piece - The depressed price of all agricultural produce is highly alarming, & our Loss from the utter inability of the Tenants to pay their Arrears will be very heavy.

- Thursday 20 Drove after Breakfast to Galtygog, & John walked with me to the Slate Quarry, & to make enquiry about some of Herbert Lloyds Estate which is adjoining ours & which is for Sale on July 31 - by Auction - Got some Eggs & Bacon for Dinner at the Cross hands & reached home about ½ past 7 -
- Friday 21 Spent the whole day at home in examining a Parcel of Accounts which had arrived during my absence from Mr.Mayberry & in writing to him on his proposed reduction of the Breconshire Rents.
- Saturday 22 Engaged at home about various Business allday, except that after Tea I went to fish with my Boys - Mrs.Llewelyn arrived here about 10 at night on her return from London -
- Sunday 23 My dear Mary being unwell staid at home with Mrs.Llewelyn & I went with the four elder Children & Miss Brown to Church - I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family at home - Mr.Hopkins having lowered his price for Penlenna, & not being so well acquainted with the Value of Land in that neighborhood I have employed Mr.Thos.Martin to look it over & give me his opinion -
- Monday 24 Mrs.Llewelyn left us soon after an early Dinner & taking my Boy John & Griffiths with me in the Socialet I went to Glyn casnod[?] to make enquiry respecting a disputed boundary & 4 oak Trees which have been claimed as belonging to Gelly gwm - We got back about 9.-
- Tuesday 25 Mary this morning received an Account that her Mother is worse, & we determined on going to Oxford early in next week - Busily engaged with Tenants & in preparing to leave home all the morning - Mr. & Mrs.Bigg & Mrs. & Miss Barton dined with us.- Wrote to Mr.Mayberry that to such Tenants as can give satisfactory Security for their arrears payable without Interest in 2 or even 3 years I will allow his proposed abatements, & must at all events enforce more punctual payment for the future -
- Wednesday 26 Drove on Business in the Phaeton to Swansea & returned home to dine at 5.-
- Thursday 26 Busy in writing to Ynysygerwn all the morning, & at 4 drove Mary & Lewey over in the Phaeton to drink Tea with Mrs.Llewelyn -

- Friday 28 My Friend Jos:Woods arrived to Breakfast & on a Visit to us.- Spent the day at home - After a long spell of dry weather the rain appears at length to have set in -
- Saturday 29 Engaged about the Treaty for Penllenna & other Business all the morning & in the afternoon walked over my Farm & Bryn David with Mr.Woods -
- Sunday 30 Mr.Woods & myself walked to Church while the rest of the Family went in the Carriage & I walked back with my two Boys - In the Evening I read the Service to the Family as usual -

JULY

- Monday 1 This morning we received another bad account from Oxford, & we should have started if Mary had been sufficiently well - I drove Mr.Woods by the way of Llangefach to Swansea where I spent most of the day in Business with Lewis Thomas who has just returned from London, & leaving Mr.Woods to walk back I drove Mrs.Llewelyn to Penllergare.-
- Tuesday 2 Busily engaged all day by various appointments on Business -
- Wednesday 3 At 9 we left ~~Swansea~~ Penllergare in the Phaeton with our own Horses as far as Pyle, & then on with posters reached Chepstow to sleep about 9 in the Evening - Mrs.Llewelyn had kindly undertaken the care of the Children & Woods intended a day or two hence to start for a ramble into North Wales.
- Thursday 4 After a pleasant Journey & stopping to dine at Cheltenham we arrived about 8 at Oxford, & my dear Mary did not this Evening go to see her Mother but heard a very bad account of her situation -
- Friday 5 The long vacation has commenced, & nearly all my Friends have left Oxford - Mr.& Mrs.Vivian came here on their way homewards purposely to see me on some Business respecting Cooper Smoke & I spent the Evening alternately with them & with Lord & Lady Cawdor who happened to arrive here.
- Saturday 6 Mr. & Mrs.Vivian left Oxford soon after Breakfast & I walked ~~over th~~ with Lord Cawdor over the Bodleian where Dr.Bandinell showed us several great curiosities - My dear Mary as usual returned to dine with me at the Star but I otherwise saw very little of her, as she

spends most of her time with her Mother who remains in a very alarming State at Mr.Adam's in High St.-

- Sunday 7 Walked in the morning to Cumnor, which Village has lately been much drawn into notice by Sir Walter Scotts Tale of Kennilworth, & had intended to have gone to Church there but was too late - I got a Lunch at the old Black Bear & returned to dine with Mary at the Star. I have noted down some Memorandums respecting Cumnor at p120 - Heard that at Eynsham a Field of Oats was both cut & stacked in June.-
- Monday 8 Spent most of the morning with Dr.Williams in preparing for the publication of my intended Edition of Listers Conchology. Dined with Mr.Wyndham Knatchbull at All Souls & met Mr.Shuttleworth & Mr.Pechel -
- Tuesday 9 Spent the Day chiefly at the Radcliffe Library & in escorting Mary backwards & forwards to & from her Mother -
- Wednesday 10 In the morning I took Mary to the Physic Garden & after dining together at the Star we walked to Hinksey & much enjoyed one of the most splendid displays of Water Plants that I ever saw - On our return we found that Mrs. B. was worse & I did not get away till after Midnight.-
- Thursday 11 Mrs.B continued in a state of great suffering accompanied by Delirium all day, & as it rained hard I only went backwards & forwards with Mary to Mr. Adams's, & for a short time to All Souls & Radcliff Libraries - I could not help with pain remembering that this was the Birth Day of my beloved Willey -
- Friday 12 Spent the day nearly the same as Tuesday.
- Saturday 13 Spent the day chiefly at the Radcliff & in preparing for my new Edition of Listers Conchology - It was our Wedding Day but the alarming state of Mrs. B. rendered it no Jubilee - In the Evening she became worse & I continued pacing the Street opposite Mrs. Adams' house from 11 till about 3 on Sunday when I succeeded in getting Mary back to the Star -
- Sunday 14 Principally engaged in escorting Mary backwards & forwards to see her Mother -
- Monday 15 About 7 we were knocked up by a Messenger with the News that Mary's Mother was worse, & immediately went to High Street, but returned soon afterwards to breakfasted at the Star - At 9 we again went to High Street & in about ½ an hour afterwards the

unfortunate Sufferer expired - I got Mary almost immediately afterwards to the Star, & prevailed on her not to go out again all day.

- Tuesday 16 At a little before 10, we left Oxford in our Phaeton, dined at Wycomb, & arrived about 7 at Higham where I found my venerable Father about as well as when I left him in May.-
- Wednesday 17 Spent the whole day at Higham, engaged in settling my Fathers Accounts
- Thursday 18 Went by the 9 oClock Stage to London, & was all day engaged in settling the Accounts of the property by Bow Church & in arranging for the payment to M P.Traherne & Steven [?] Jones for the Lands on Llanelly Marsh - I have employed Mr.Frampton to attend the Sale of Herbert Lloyds Estates in Carmarthenshire which is to be held at the Auction Room in Chancery Lane on the 31st. & after a severe days work returned to Higham by the 7 oClock Stage.
- Friday 19 My yesterdays fatigue has almost knocked me up, & I scarcely left the House all day - Employed in answering 2 Letters from Mr.Howells, & in directing him to make some further Estimates & enquiries respecting Herbert Lloyds Estates - With respect to our Carmarthenshire Arrears I have told him that further payment by reasonable Instalments without Interest I am willing to accept of Security, & that unless these terms can be complied with I must direct Mr.Ls.Thomas to take such steps as he may think necessary for their recovery.
- Saturday 20 Employed in various Business at Higham all day, & principally from the printed particulars & the information with which Mr.Howell has furnished me, in calculating the Value of the Abergwilly Lots of Herbert Lloyds Estates - I had originally intended not to have left London till after the Sale, but so much Business arises chiefly from the great & encreasing Arrearage in the Rentals requires my attention, that I have thought it better to employ Mr. Frampton to bid for the Trustees & to return immediately home - The Meeting of the Copper Smoke Commissioners on the 26th. also renders my presence at Swansea desirable -
- Sunday 21 Attended the afternoon Service at Walthamstow Church with Mary, & my Brother & my Sisters Judith & Sarah -
- Monday 22 Left Higham in our Phaeton about ½ past 8 & changing Horses at Barnet, Rickmansworth, Wycomb, & Tetsworth we reached Oxford soon after 5.- In the Evening I called on Dr.Macbride the Principal of Magdalen Hall, & consulted with him respecting the appointment of a Tutor for John - The drive through Barnet Watford, &c to Wycomb

was in all respects delightful, & the distance from Higham is about the same as through London & Uxbridge -

- Tuesday 23 In settling for her Mothers Funeral, & other Expenses Mary was detained at Oxford till ½ past 11 when we started & slept at Newnham - Weather rainy & uncomfortable.-
- Wednesday 24 Left Newnham before 9, & about 7 reached Pyle where our own Horses were waiting for us - Drove to Neath, & the Night was so dark & the Weather so stormy that we were afraid to go further -
- Thursday 25 Got home to Breakfast at 9, & found Mrs.Llewelyn & all the Children quite well - Received another Letter from Mr.Howells strongly advising me to purchase the Abergwilly Lots of Herbert Lloyds Estate, & was chiefly employed in estimating their Value -
- Friday 26 Engaged in the morning about Herbert Lloyds Estate, & at 11 drove Mrs. Llewelyn to Swansea, & immediately attended a Meeting of the Smoke Subscribers at the Town Hall, where Anthony Hill, Mr.Crawshay & myself were invested with the full powers to award £1000 for the best Contrivance to remove the Nuisance - At ½ past 1 we drove to Vivians Works & from thence to Rose Works - Soon after 6 we got back to the Mackworth Arms where a handsome Dinner was provided for us, & we were then joined by the Portreve, Sir Jo.Morris, Sir H.Vivian &c - Sent Mrs.Llewelyn back in the Phaeton to Penllergare, & soon after Dinner retired with my Colleagues, & continued examining different Plans with them till after Midnight - Slept at the Mackworth Arms.
- Saturday 27 Breakfasted at 7, & attended an appointment at ½ past 7 at the Rose Works.- At 10 drove to examine Mr.Tennants Scheme at Cadoxton got back to the Rose Works about ½ past 2 when we were detained about 2 hours - Then went to Vivians Works & did not get back to Dinner at the Mackworth till past 7 - Only the Portreve Sir J Morris dined with us, as we had left it uncertain whether we should get back to Dinner at all, & we soon after continued our Investigations till Midnight - In order to allow time for some further trials which cannot be compleated till Thursday, we then adjourned to meet again at Penllergare on Wednesday Evening - Slept at the Mackworth.
- Sunday 28 Hill & Crawshay returned early to Merthyr & I came back to Breakfast at Penllergare.- The weather being wet I read both the morning & evening Service to the Family at home - Concluded my investigations for Mr. Frampton to bid for Herbert Lloyds Estate & sent it by Post late in the Evening -

- Monday 29 Engaged closely by various Business in the House till 4 & then went in the Carriage with Mrs.Llewelyn, & John & Fanny to Swansea - We drank Tea at the Willows & afterwards went to the play where we saw 'Kenilworth' with 'Guy Mannering,' & it was about ½ past one in the morning when we got back to Penllergare -
- Tuesday 30 To avoid Nuisance of a Lawsuit I had agreed to refer any dispute about the Oak Trees & boundaries of Clyncasnod to Mr.T.Martin & in the morning received his award in our favor - I also received particulars of his Valuation of Penllenna & he considers it to be cheap at 1300£ - Engaged on various Business all day at home - Mrs.Llewelyn drove to call at the Gnoll & returned to Dinner -
- Wednesday 31 Busy at home all the morning - At 2 drove to the Copper Works & afterwards went ~~again-on~~ to witness another attempt at Cadoxton where I met Hill & Crawshay who returned with me to Penllergare - It was dark when we left ~~Merthyr~~ Cadoxton & did not reach home till after 10 -

AUGUST

- Thursday 1 Drove Hill & Crawshay immediately after Breakfast to the Copper Works where we remained till ½ past 9, & it was full ½ past 10 when we got back to Dinner -
- Friday 2 Went with Hill & Crawshay in the Phaeton immediately after Breakfast to the Copper Works, & remained there till we returned to Dinner about 7 - Before we started I bought Penllenna for 1300£.-
- Saturday 3 Crawshay & Hill returned to Merthyr this morning - We wrote to the Committee for managing the Copper Smoke Fund offering either to send in our report immediately, or to pursue our Investigations for a few weeks longer - Busily engaged with Tenants &c all day & Dr.Edwards drank Tea with us - Mrs.Llewelyn went for a couple of days to Swansea -
- Sunday 4 We all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family.
- Monday 5 Closely engaged in Business till noon & I then drove on an appointment to settle divers matters of the Estate with Lewis Thomas & Mrs.Llewelyn returned with me -

- Tuesday 6 Closely engaged with the Accounts nearly all day - L Thomas came in the afternoon & dined with us. Mrs.Vivian & Mrs.G.Powell also called.
- Wednesday 7 Engaged most of the morning in trying with Mr.Howells the Surveyor, to arrange matters for embanking some of our Lands on Llanelly Marsh - Sir John & Lady Nicholl & the two Miss Nicholls called & lunched here - Mr. Crawshay arrived just after we had dined, as the Bearer of some fresh proposals from Mr.Tennant respecting his Canal.
- Thursday 8 Mr.Woods arrived this morning from a ramble through North Wales to spend a few more days with us. Crawshay left us soon after breakfast - In the afternoon drove to Swansea to consult L Thomas about Tennants proposals & from thence went to dine at the Bryn where I met the Nicholl Family, Mr. Bowdler &c - Returned across the Cocketts home about 12 -
- Friday 9 Received from Mr.Frampton an offer of £1000 besides all expenses any ways attendant on the purchase for my bargain at Bermondsey. I went again to Swansea to consult with Mr.Thomas about this & other Business -. In the Evening a Messenger arrived ~~with a~~ from Mr.Crawshay with a Map & some further proposals for an arrangement between me & Mr.Tennant respecting his Canal -
- Saturday 10 Mrs.Llewelyn left us this afternoon - Engaged all day in considering & answering Tennants proposals & Lewis Thomas for whom I had sent came to dine & sleep here -
- Sunday 11 The morning being wet we did not go to Church but I read Service to the Family - I was unnecessarily much employed in considering Mr.Tennants proposals & Mr.Thomas left us before Dinner -
- Monday 12 About 10 Mary, John, Fanny & I in the Phaeton set out attended by David on Horseback, to settle some Breconshire accounts with Mr.Mayberry - We stopped at Ynysygerwn. Dined at the Lamb & Flag, & reached Merthyr soon after 8 & slept at the Inn - When we set out Mr.Woods left us for a ramble in Gower, & with a view of proceeding from thence to London -
- Tuesday 13 After an early Breakfast Mr.Crawshay took us to see his Iron Works, & from thence to lunch at his House where he treated John with some fishing &c - With his advice I determined on giving a general refusal to Mr.Tennants proposals & nothing could exceed Mr.Crawshays extreme attention & kindness to us - We drove in the afternoon to Brecon & took up our Quarters at the Castle Inn -

- Wednesday 14 Spent the morning with Mr.Mayberry in arranging some proposals which the Tenants will be offered respecting their Arrears & a reduction in their Rents, & at present it has been thought best that I should not visit them -. Directed Mr.Mayberry to make some immediate enquiries respecting Cornele, which I have ground to believe is a Manor belonging to us, & Mr.M- denies it to be possible -
- Thursday 15 Drove Fanny in the morning to Landveilog, & we from thence walked through the Pantycarred [?] Woods with the Improvements of which I am much pleased, & from thence over Pantycarred [?] Farm & Mill without seeing the Tennant which I wished to avoid - In the Evening Mr.Walter Mayberry returned from making the enquiries which I had directed, & has satisfied his Father that we have an extensive Manor at Cornille [?] - In the afternoon we should have drove to Pontnedd Vechn, but John was too unwell-
- Friday 16 Dr.Elliott who I chanced yesterday to meet at Brecon has pronounced John to be too unwell for travelling today, & I drove Fanny with two of the Miss Mayberry's to look over Troederharne - Drank Tea in the Evening with Fanny at Mr.Mayberry's & he has found additional grounds for believing that we have an extensive Manor at Cornelle -
- Saturday 17 John being better we started about ½ past 10 from Brecon & went to dine & sleep at the Lamb & Flag in Cwm Fawe - On account of my two Boys Indisposition a hack Chaise accompanied us in case of rain, & in our way we stopped to look at Porth yr ogof -
- Sunday 18 Left the Lamb & Flag at 10, & stopped for half an hour to see Griffiths at Ynysgerwn - Reached home about ½ past 2 -
- Monday 19 Went by appointment to agree for new roofing the Houses belonging to the Trust Estate in High Street & which Mr Llewelyn had long neglected with an intention of rebuilding them till they are now falling in so as to be dangerous for the Tenants. The want of a sufficient power to Lease renders it now preferable to repair instead of rebuild them - Mrs.Llewelyn returned to Penllergare with me, & my old respected Friend Wm.Nicholl came to dine & sleep here on his way to Tenby. Weather very sultry -
- Tuesday 20 Mr.Nicholl left us after Breakfast & I was engaged all day at Accounts & examining Rentals &c - Mr.Rd.Hill & the Revd.T.Morris called in the afternoon -
- Wednesday 21 This day I compleated my 44th. Year & I spent it variously engaged at home - Gave a new Piano which arrived from London to my dear Fan, & Lewis this day began to learn Latin from Mr.Jennings

who I have engaged to attend John twice a week, till I can get a new Tutor for him -

- Thursday 22 Having occasioned ~~me~~ to see Lewis Thomas who had promised to return last night to Swansea, & drove Mrs.D. with me on my return, & she set me down at Ystrad uccah where I had appointed to meet Sir Jo.Morris, Mr. Leyshon, & other proprietors of Mynach bach y glos to ascertain whether for Penllwyniddan we have a claim to a share in its proposed division - We heard the Evidence of many old People, & I do not think that our Farm was one of the original seven to which it belonged, but that it has gained a right by long usage - I walked home by Bryndavid to Dinner -
- Friday 23 Rose at 4 & walked from 6 to 8 about my Farm - Spent the rest of the Day in examining Mr.Howells proposals for a reduction in the Carmarthenshire, & sent off my partial acquiescence in the Evening -
- Saturday 24 Was offered the moiety of Budchyllidiad for 500£ & Mr.Llewelyn is said once to have offered 500 Guineas for it - In the Evening after a long drinking the price was lowered to 450 - Mrs.Llewelyn after Dinner returned to Swansea
- Sunday 25 Went with Miss Brown & Fanny in the Carriage & John on Horseback to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home -
- Monday 26 Mr. & Mrs.Richard Hill & their eldest Daughter came on a Visit.
- Tuesday 27 Went on Business with Mr.Hill to Swansea, & from thence with him to the Hafod Copper Works - Mr. & Mrs.Vivian & Mr A Jones joined us at Dinner-
- Wednesday 28 The Hills left us about Noon, & I went to Swansea to consult with Lewis Thomas on various Business - Dined with him & returned home about 8 -
- Thursday 29 Variously engaged all the morning - In the afternoon Mr.Howells our Carmarthenshire Agent arrived, & brought most alarming Accounts of the distressed state of our Tenants - Barley is from 2/- to 2/3 & Wheat from 4/ to 4/6 the Winchester Bushell & even at these prices it is difficult to find a Sale - I once bought some Wheat from Mr.Llewelyn himself at 21/- a Winchester -
- Friday 30 At 6 this morning I renewed my Examinations with Mr.Howells & he left us soon after 10 - Spent the whole day at home, variously engaged by Business -

Saturday 31 Spent the whole day at home, variously engaged by Business - In the afternoon the Honr.Mr.Rice, MP for Carmarthenshire, called & staid on here with me -

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 John & Fanny rode on Horseback to Church, & I read the morning Service to part of the Family at home - About 4 I started to attend the Great Sessions in my Phaeton, drank Tea at the Revd.Bruce Knights & went on to sleep at Pyle -

Monday 2 Went from Pyle to breakfast at Merthyr mawr, & from thence to Cowbridge with the inmtention of stopping there to settle some Accounts with Mr.Miles our Agent for that property in the neighborhood - We however met him near the golden Mile on his way from home, & his appearance ~~somehow~~ & manner somehow struck me as very odd - Went to Court at ½ past 12, & only 8 of the Grand Jury attended so that it was difficult to make up the proper number, & the Judges ought to have been punished for not fining the absentees - Dined with the Judges as usual &c

Tuesday 3 Early this morning an Account of poor Miles Death was brought me & it appears that when I met him yesterday he was then ~~in the way~~ on his way to destroy himself - The grand Jury were discharged at a little after one, which is earlier than I ever before heard of, & after Dinner at 4. I drove John Traherne as far as St.Hilary & went on to sleep at Cowbridge - At 10 at Night I saw poor Mile's body carried past the Inn & followed it to his House - The change in the times had produced a depression in his Spirits & the Inquest had returned a proper Verdict of Insanity - He was an excellent agent, & his Loss has greatly affected me -

Wednesday 4 Poor Miles's fate had so affected me as much to injure my nights rest, & I felt a good deal unwell & nervous this Morning - Went on to Breakfast at Sir John Nicholls, & stopping also for an hour & a half on some Business at Neath I reached home about 4 in the afternoon -

Thursday 5 Busily engaged all the morning at home & in the afternoon drove Mrs.D to bid Mr. & Mrs.Nicholl good by as they are going to sopend the Winter in Italy - Dined & slept at Penrice Castle.

Friday 6 Arrived home from Penrice about 5, & have encreased a Cold which I caught during my Journey to Cardiff -

Saturday 7 Spent the whole day at home & have a bad Cold - being the first I have had for several Years - have received applications to succeed Mr.Miles in the Care of our Trust Estate about Cowbridge from Lewis Thomas on behalf of his Brother, from Mr.Bradly of Cowbridge & Mr.John Jones of Lantrissant -

Sunday 8 My Cold being bad I staid at home but the rest of the Family went to Church, & in the afternoon Lewis Thomas came to Dinner on Business respecting the appointment of an agent at Cardiff -

Monday 9 Variously engaged & did not leave the House all day -

Tuesday 10 Did not leave the House - Mrs.Llewelyn came to spend a couple of days with us -

Wednesday 11 Variously engaged with Tenants &c - at home all day -

Thursday 12 Spent the day at home In the afternoon Mrs.Llewelyn left us.

Friday 13 Drove Mary, with Fanny & John to the Mumbles with the intent of taking Lodgings there but could not get any at all sufficiently large - Having Business at Swansea I then drove to Mrs.Llewelyns & spent an hour or two on Business with Lewis Thomas &c - Returned home to dine about 5, & was afterwards engaged in sifting out of the most impudent conspiracy's to defraud Mrs.Morgan of Hendrwen that I ever heard of -

Saturday 14 Accompanied by H Griffiths on horseback I after breakfast drove in the Phaeton to look over Penllenna & Treskirck & returned home to a late Dinner - Engaged all the Evening in examining Wm.Walters & Dd.Edwards two old offenders, & who have been lately discharged from a 5 years Imprisonment in Carmarthen Jail for a Conspiracy to extort money by charging some Farmer with a rape - I sent off Walters to the House of Correction for want of Sureties & committed Edwards for examination to the Prison at Swansea -

Sunday 15 After an early Breakfast I went to see the Deputy Sheriff & meet Mr. Berrington & to follow up my enquiry respecting the Conspiracy. After their escape from Jail these scoundrels seemed at once to have renewed their former Games & Walters employed a Landeilo Attorney named Jones to bring two Actions one for 1500£ against Mrs.Morgan & another against another Widow named Williams of Pontardyllais for 200£, & the Attorney appointed Dd.Edwards in these 2 Cases to act as his Bailiff - By Edwards's Oath that he had duly served these Defendants with the regular Notice to appear at Cardiff Judgements for default in their non appearance were obtained against these Widows, & they wither[?] of these had a word about any claim or any Action till all their Goods were seized &

carried off last Friday in execution by Walters & Edwards. Nor had Walters the smallest pretension to claim a Penny from either - I have satisfied the Sheriff of the abject Knavery of the whole proceeding & he will do what he can, but it is impossible to set the Judgements aside & difficult to stay the execution till the next Spring Assizes - My Boy John about Midnight was taken so ill with affection of his Throat through a violent cold that I exchanged Beds with him & he has continued ~~this morn~~ all today very unwell -

- Monday 16 Engaged all day at home with Davis of Eglwswbrewhis & other Tenants & in following up my Enquiries respecting Walters & Edwards - Wrote a long Account of the Attorney's conduct to Lord Dynevor & requested his Cooperation in sifting the Conspiracy to the bottom -
- Tuesday 17 Went to Swansea on various Business & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5.
- Wednesday 18 About 11 I set off on Horseback with Mary, Miss Brown & the three younger Children to spend a few hours on the Sand Hills opposite the halfway house & we returned home to dine at 5 - I rode a Horse which I have on trial from Wm.Edwards my other horse having unluckily gone blind-
- Thursday 19 Drove in the Phaeton to see about the repairs of the old Houses in Swansea & committed Dd.Edwards who I had kept in the Dark House since Sunday, to Cardiff Jail for want of Sureties -
- Friday 20 After breakfast rode to attend a Licence Meeting at Llangafalach & continued there variously engaged till 4 when on my return to Penllergare I found Mrs. Llewelyn, & Mrs.A Jones with her Daughter & Granddaughter Miss Vivian making a Call -
- Saturday 21 Went to Swansea on various Business in the Phaeton & returned home to dine at 5.
- Sunday 22 Rode with my Boys on two Ponies to Llangafelach Church & as Lewis had never rode to Church before he was much delighted by it - I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual -
- Monday 23 Wishing to see after some repairs which are going on at Pantyffw I joined Arthur Jones who about noon went to shoot in that neighborhood, but did not get a Shot - On my return I expected to have joined Mary & some of the Children gone to Apartments which Dr.Edwards had taken for them at the Mumbles, but they were kept at home by the Weather - A Batchelor Party dined with me to partake of a Haunch of Margam Venison & it consisted of Arthur Jones & his two Sons, Revd.Mr.Davis of Oystermouth, & Captns.

Hickey & Fade of the RN.- I this morning on certain conditions agreed to give 180£ for the other moiety of Tymawr & consider it a very advantageous purchase -

Tuesday 24 A heavy rain kept me in the House all day & Mary from going to the Mumbles - Capt Penrice called in the afternoon -

Wednesday 25 The Weather still prevents Mary from going to the Mumbles & I did not stir out all day - Engaged with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn in settling accounts & fixing on a further reduction of the Rental which to my regret the times has made unavoidable. Griffiths stopt the Evening & slept here -

Thursday 26 Engaged the whole day by Business at home - Our Phaeton at 10 met the Gloster Coach & Wych Tree Bridge & brought us a young Man, who Dr. Macbride has strongly recommended to us as a Tutor for John - He is now only come for a short Visit in order that we may ourselves judge of his fitness, & I have engaged at all events to pay the expenses -

Friday 27 Being unable to let Nydfwch I went to look over some of the Fwch & took my two Boys & Gun with me to try for a Partridge of which we started a Covey but I missed - Spent all the rest of the Day with Mr.Izod, who is very lame, having fallen from the Coach at Neath -

Saturday 28 Engaged all ~~day~~ the morning in examining Mr.Izod & other Business about home, & in the afternoon drove on Buisness ~~wet~~ [?] to see L T. at Swansea -Mrs.D accompanied me - Some doubts as to the title of the Meadows which were said to belong to Pelenna occasioned me to drive over, & I have suspended the execution of the Deeds -

Sunday 29 Either in the Carriage, on foot or on horseback all the Family attended Llangafelach Church in the morning - Mrs.Llewelyn came in the afternoon to take leave prior to going to Malvern & she dined & slept here -

Monday 30 As Nydfwch through the Death of its late Tenant & the distreessd circumstances of his Widow & the nature of the Times, has got greatly out of condition I have been unable to let is & as I must be content with having secured the Rent it is my only way to keep it in hand till it can be put into a better state - Mary took Fanny & Mary to stop a day or two at the Mumbles, & Mr.Delamotte, John's Drawing Master joined Mr.Izod & me at Dinner -

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 1 Mr.Izod does not possess those gentlemanly habits or general knowledge which I could wish for, & of this in the mildest way I gave him a hint, but at his request I have engaged to keep him on trial or till some other better qualified Tutor can be found - Mrs.D leaving her two Girls at the Mumbles returned home to Dinner - Tennant has again began to bother me about his Canal, & has so much changed his Plans that we shall probably agree at last.
- Wednesday 7 Went in the Phaeton to Swansea on various Business & engaged to Lewis Thomas to ride to Gellywran where as a Security are deposited the Deeds of the moiety of Ty mawr which on certain conditions I have agreed to purchase - In my way I called on the Dean of Christchurch who is on a Visit at the Bryn - Lewis Thomas came to dine & sleep here - My venerable Father has this day completed his 79th. Year -
- Thursday 3 Engaged in Business till about 12 with Lewis Thomas when he returned to Swansea, & Mary was prevented by the Weather from returning to the Mumbles as she had intended -
- Friday 4 Engaged all day at home on various Business - Mary took Lewis to the Mumbles & leaving them there the Carriage brought back Miss Brown & little Mary -
- Saturday 5 Intended to have taken & left John at the Mumbles & to have dined with the Dean of Christchurch at Sir Jo.Morris's on my way home but the rain fell in Torrents nearly all day.-
- Sunday 6 About one oClock the Weather cleared & as Dr.Edwards has been anxious that John should have a Weeks change of Air, I drove & left him at the Mumbles - Returned home to read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 7 Soon after breakfast I drove to the Bryn where in looking over the new House &c I staid nearly 2 hours, & then went on through a violent Storm to the Mumbles. Took a walk along the Beach with my two Boys & went to dine & sleep at Marino -
- Tuesday 8 Went with Vivian to attend a Meeting at the Infirmary & from thence on Business about Tymawr &c to Swansea - Reached the Mumbles to Dinner at 3, & afterwards walked with my Boys to look for Fossils - Slept at the Mumbles.
- Wednesday 9 Mr.Izod came to spend the day with us at the Mumbles, & we walked to Bracelet Bay, Limeslade &c, & found a good many Fossil Shells on

a large Rock called the Foot.- Mr.Izod returned home in the Evening & I remained at the Mumbles.

- Thursday 10 Walked in the morning with Mary & our three Children to Langlan Bay, & were well soused by a violent Storm as we walked back - I enjoyed myself so much at the Mumbles that I left it with regret, but Business required my attention at Penllergare & David came with the Socialet to drive me home in the Evening -
- Friday 11 Closely engaged with Tenants &c in the morning, & heard the most encreasingly alarming accounts of the reduction in the Value of all Agricultural produce - At 12 went to attend a Meeting for appointing Surveyors of the Highways at Llangafelach, & various Business detained me there till near Dark when I returned to Penllergare -
- Saturday 12 Intended to go early to the Mumbles, but was obliged to drive to Swansea on Business, & did not reach the Mumbles till near Noon - Found Fanny so ill with a violent Cold & sSore Throat that Dr.Edwards had been sent for, & sending Lewey back with David in the Phaeton I remained at the Mumbles -Dr.Edwards having advised an immediate return to Penllergare we began the necessary packings - In the afternoon I walked to look for Fossils in Gorshill Quarry, & employed the Evening in writing to Anty.Hill & Vivian on the Copper Smoke Business -
- Sunday 13 Mary & Fanny returned to Penllergare in a hired Post Chaise - John on his Poney & I with two Servants in the Phaeton - Fanny still continues very unwell & as Dr.Edwards thinks it is a catching & prevalent sort of Influenza she is kept quite separate from the other Children - Read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 14 Engaged all day by Tenants &c - John Traherne arrived to spend a few days with me - Dr.Edwards visited Fanny & found her much better.-
- Tuesday 15 Drove John Traherne in the Phaeton to the Quarter Sessions at Swansea which was attended by Lord Bute & a very large Bench - The Court closed at 5 when we went to Dinner, & began County Business at ½ past 8 which detained us till about 11 - The unexpected shortness of the Sessions prevented a Warrant which I issued against Will Walters for horse stealing from being executed, & he & David Edwards were set at Liberty - Mr.Leyshon received information that these Scoundrels were waylaying me, & he insisted on escorting me home where we did not arrive till after 12 - I had

also an armed Constable in the back of the Carriage, & Jo.Traherne stopt at Swansea to attend a Ball & will return tomorrow -

- Wednesday 16 Drove on Business to Swansea & called on Lord Bute - John Traherne returned with me to Dinner at Penllergare -
- Thursday 17 Engaged in the morning at home - Richd.Jeffreys brought his new wife & Miss Bassett to spend a couple of days here - Lewis Thomas also dined with us -
- Friday 18 Engaged about various Business with L Thomas till 1 when he went to Swansea & rejoined our party at Dinner.
- Saturday 19 Engaged till near noon with L Thomas, & soon afterwards our whole party left us- In the Evening I went with my two Boys to the Farm & on the Pond I shot a Pochard which I determined in taking with me to my Father.
- Sunday 20 Read the Service to the Family at home as the Weather was very bad, & after Dining at 2 set out in the Phaeton on my way to London - Stopt to give Mr.Dd.Powells some directions respecting the Neath Canal & arrived at Pyle at 7.-
- Monday 21 Had engaged a Place in the Gloster Coach which took me up at 6 & we reached Gloster at 8 in the Evening -
- Tuesday 22 As it was impossible to get a Place in a Coach without waiting till tomorrow I was obliged to proceed in Post Chaises & reached Oxford at 2 - Called on several of my Friends but declined dining out, & after dining at the Star was variously employed in the Evening -
- Wednesday 23 Left Oxford at 9, but the roads were very bad & I did not reach my Brothers till 5, when I found that mt Fathers Carriage had just returned to Higham - Slept at my Brothers.
- Thursday 24 Spent all the morning in making enquiries about an Estate of Lord Cawdors in Lanelly & Laneddy which is advertised for Sale & in consultations about some queries which have arisen respecting the Bermondsey Estate - Went to Higham by the 4 oClock Stage & found my venerable Father as well as he latterly has been -
- Friday 25 Spent the whole day with my Father on engaged in settling his Accounts - Mr.Robt Howard came in the Evening & slept here.-
- Saturday 26 Engaged the whole day in the same way as Yesterday at Higham -

- Sunday 27 Spent the Day chiefly with my Father at Higham. I have a baddish head ach -Dr.Sims, Mr.Wilkins & my Brother dined & slept here -
- Monday 28 Went early in my Fathers Carriage to London, & was variously occupied by Business in Londo allday - Slept at my Brothers -
- Tuesday 29 Engaged by various Business in Town all the morning & afterwards spent 2 or 3 hours at Sir Jos Banks's Library - My head ach continues & is so severe that I could not eat a bittio [?] of Dinner - Returned to Higham by the Evening Stage -
- Wednesday 30 Spent the whole day at Higham
- Thursday 31 A letter from Mr.Ferrand tok me to Town about the Bermondsey Business which occupied the morning, & in the afternoon I soent an hour or two at Sir Jos.Banks's Library & returned to Higham in the Evening -

NOVEMBER

- Friday 1 Spent the whole day at Higham,- & Robt.Howard spent the Evening with me
- Saturday 2 Went again to Town about the Bermondsey & other Business & returned to Higham in the Evening -
- Sunday 3 Went with my Sisters to Tottenham Meeting & spent the rest of the Day at Higham -
- Monday 4 Went early to Town & spent an hour with Mr Walkins of Lincolns Inn, respecting the purchase by private contract at a fair valuation of part of Lord Cawdors Estate in Llanelly Parish - From thence went on the Bermondsey Business to Grays Inn, & concluded that it would be better to sell the Estate if I can get 9000£ for it which will give a Profit of near 2000£.- Afterwards called at the British Museum where I accidently met Buckland who had just returned from Bohemia, & spent about 3 hours with him at the College of Surgeons & apartments of the Geological Society - Returned to Higham by the 7 oClock Stage.-
- Tuesday 5 Spent the whole Day at Higham -
- Wednesday 6 About ½ past 9 I bid farewell to my venerable Father, & Lydia took me in his Coach to Town where I was engaged by Business of the

Trust Estate &c nearly all day - Dined with my Brother at ½ past 5, & afterwards set out in thr Gloster Mail for Oxford -

- Thursday 7 Arrived at Oxford about 4 in the morning, & spent the day in seeing about the printing of my new Edition of Lister, & making several Calls - Dined with Dr.Williams, & afterwards went to hear the first Lecture of Dr.Daubeny who has just been appointed Professor of Chemistry -
- Friday 8 Breakfasted with Dr.Daubeny at Magdalen College & afterwards called on Mr.Talbot at Oriel &c - Started about ½ past one in the Stage & arrived soon after 9 at Gloster -
- Saturday 9 Left Gloster in the Stage at 5, & reached home before 10 at Night -
- Sunday 10 Mr.Lewis Thomas's arrival on Business occupied me unexpectedly all the morning, & in the Evening I read the Service as usual to the Family -

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In looking over Dr.Listers Library at the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford I ascertained that the following of his figures are copies -

- 221.f.56 from the Museum Calceolarianum p.41 -
224.f.59 from 'Aquatilicum & Teressticum aliquot animalium, aliarumig, natinarium rerum observationes, Fabio Columna auctore.
327.f.64 from F.Columna, Lyncei purpura - p.27.
354.f.64 from F Columna, Aqecatilium &c - p.12.
453.f.11 & 12 both from F Columna, Lyncei &c. p.22.
556 f.7 from the Museum Calceolarianum p.36.
557.f.7 from Aldrovandus de Testaceis p.260
572 f.24 from Columna, Lyncei &c - p.13.
794 f.1 is very like & probably a Copy from Aldrovandus p.560
898.f.18 from the Museum Calceolarianum p.41.
952 f.1 from Columna, Lyncei &c - p.16. [text deleted but unreadable]
975 f.30 & also Tab.Anatomi: to 8.f.7 from Columna, Lyncei &c. p.16.
1011.f.71 is very near but not an exact Copy from the figures either of Rondelatus of Aldrovandus.

Charabicornis of Lins. is copied from Columna Lyncei p.30

[No guarantee that the above proper names are correctly spelled. The writing in the original is very small RLM]

Letter to W[?] Swainson Esq. April 7. 1822

Dear Sir

No Person is more fully aware than I am of its imperfections & no Person more pleased than myself to have the inaccuracies of my Descriptive Catalogue detected & pointed out - I do not in the slightest degree dissent from any of your Observations on my work except in one particular & that is when you charge me with having inconsiderately changed the Names of some Species. I fully agree with you that this changing & multiplication of Synonyms should as much as possible be avoided, & there is no rule to which I have endeavoured more strictly to adhere. Perhaps your opinion of a necessity for at least remodelling the Linnean Arrangement is not stronger than mine but when I began the Work it did not appear to me than any other System had then been sufficiently fixed on & I therefore set out on the Place of only endeavouring to define the Species & to correct the Synonyms without interfering with the Genera or at all departing from the Linnean Method. The Genus Balinnus [?] is admirably good in any System either natural or artificial but consistently with my Plan I could only arrange your B.citrinus among the Helices & it perhaps escaped your recollection that Linneus had already described a Helix citrina so that Bruguieras [?] specific name became under every circumstance compleatly inadmissible - In point of strictness perversa should perhaps have been the Specific name but if I erred on this point both you & Bruguiere have fallen into the same error & I suppose it must appear to you as it did to me that it is only applicable & was only intended for a Variety from the most natural form of the Species. For other obvious reasons you have also joined me in rejecting Mullers name of dextra & by referring either to my Synonyms or to Martyns Universal Conchology you will find on the very score of priority which you justly insist on that aurea is preferable to citrina or at all events you must admit that I have been inadvertently accused of having given a new Specific name to a Shell. If we still disagree as to the use of the word aurea pray tell me under what other name among the Helices you think that the Species ought to have been placed?

In the second place you have charged me with another improper deviation from the same rule by my having preferred a name of Solanders for the Oliva Brasiliensis of Cheminto [?], but you will find that it was first published as Voluta pingeris both in the Portland & in Callone's [?] Catalogues & this at least furnished me with a sufficient excuse for retaining a Name which I found to be in general use in the Country & which is more peculiarly applicable than the other for many of the Olives are natives of Brazil -

You have detected a gross blunder of mine with respect to the Synonyms of Strombus minimus [?] & marginatus & it is useless to trouble you with an Account of how the oversight happened. I greatly admire the Works which you are publishing & if it should be in my power to render you any assistance I beg you will command me freely. I am, dear Sir

Penllergare
April 7. 1822

Your obed servt
L W Dillwyn

A second letter to Mr.Swainson - May 4. 1822.

Dear Sir

I have received your Letter & nothing can be more proper than the impartial rule which you have laid down or more handsome than the way in which you have answered my Criticism on some of your remarks.

What you say of D.Tinton [?] is perfectly just & both by his Letters & his publications he has tried to draw me into a Controversy without having either answered the one or noticed the other - When I published the Descriptive Catalogue he was made extremely angry through my not having quoted his System of Nature & I knew not how to answer his Complaint without encreasing the offence by an intimation that it was grounded on a feeling of Charity towards himself - I had in fact compleated the references to his Work but found that by printing them I should only shew that instead of correcting he had thickened Yiniculus [?] Errors into a still greater confusion & as I could not praise I had no wish to expose him -

We do not at all differ in our general principles but I cannot agree with you that the removal of a Species to another Genus of itself modifies the obligation to retain its Specific Name & on the other hand I think it may be changed where it has been derived from a supposed peculiarity which is afterwards found to be inapplicable to any other than a Variety of the Species - It appeared to me that Burguiere [?] would have retained perversus if he had not thought that the name was calculated to mislead & as I could not use citrina I selected the next in the order of priority to which no such objection would be taken -

If the Specific Name may be checked ad libitum whenever the Genus is altered then I could not err in converting Oliva Braziliensis to Volusta [?] pinguis, but I do not at all rest my defence on this plea & it is on other grounds that I am still inclined to query whether I have broken the general Rule by preferring Solandus Name. I admit that no writer has a claim to the merit of priority unless he has done something more than give a Name but it is from the publicity of his MS. descriptions at Sir Jos. Banks, & elsewhere that Solandus names are generally derived & tho' these Descriptions were never either compleated or printed through his premature Death yet they have got into general use both at home & abroad & of this a reference to p.400 of my Descr: Cat as well as many other of its Synonyms particularly in Comes [?] will serve to convince you - In short it is clear that much unacknowledged use has been made of these Manuscripts & without coming forward as the Accuser of others I took a pleasure in attempting to give that place in Conchology to the memory of Solander which I think it deserves.-

I am &c

Penllergare

May 4. 1822

You may perhaps think me hypercritical but on the score of priority you should have preferred O. Brasiliensis to Brasiliana.

Memorandum of the Traditions which I collected respecting the Murder of the Countess of Leicester at Cwmnor Place. see p.79 [Sunday 7 July]

A very intelligent old Inhabitant told me that when a Boy he had lived for 14 years in Cwmnor House with his Uncle, & that his Family for more than a Century had been the Tenants from the time when the ruins were first fitted up to form a Farm House till they were pulled down about 13 years ago - The foundations still remain sufficiently to shew the size of divisions of the building & the old Man pointed out which was called 'the Lady's Chamber' & which he says had the appearance of having been much more magnificently & more recently fitted up than any other Apartment & that he recollects its carved ceiling on which the remains of much gilding was visible - He says in his boyish days the old People pointed out the Spot at the bottom of a low flight of Stone Stairs where the Servants who had been purposely sent out of the way, on their return found the Body of the Lady lying & that Sir Richd. Varney & Anthony Forster had tried to persuade them & the Neighbors that she had tumbled accidentally & broke her neck - He says the old Story was that very few opportunities for examining the Body was allowed, but that some Person observed a Nail which had been driven into the back of the Head so as to be concealed by the Hair, & that she was immediately buried privately in a sort of Chapel belonging to the Mansion - He added the tradition that she immediately haunted the House so dreadfully that Anthony Forster could scarcely live in it & that the Body was in consequence taken up & reburied in St.Mary's Church at Oxford - I asked him whether he had ever heard that it was Anthony Forster who had set fire to the Pile by which Ridley & Latimer were martyred, but he said he had never heard it till lately & to my queries about several other particulars of Sir Walter Scotts Tale, he returned similar answers. Anty.Forsters Tomb within the communion rails of the Church is very handsome & is said to have been erected by the Earl of Leicester to the Memory of his diabolical Vassal -

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[There is also a partial index to the original diary.]