

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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NOVEMBER

- Monday 28 Busied myself in the morning at the Museum & at Radcliffs Library, & early in the afternoon left Oxford & in a Stage reached & slept at the Booth Hall Inn Gloster
- Tuesday 29 Left Gloster in the Stage at 5, & reached home the same night at about ½ past 11. Weather very bad
- Wednesday 30 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

DECEMBER

- Thursday 1 Drove on various Business & spent the day at Swansea
- Friday 2 Drove in my Phaeton to Neath, & then went on in Sir J Morris' Carriage to an adjourned Quarter Sessions at Pyle for the purpose of setting up a new County Rate. Returned about ½ past 4 to Neath, & spent the Evening at the Ship & Castle there with Mr Dd Powell on Business respecting the proposed Tram Road from Crinant & other Ynysygerwn affairs
- Saturday 3 Drove from Neath to breakfast at Swansea, & was allday engaged in preparing for & receiving the Penllergare Rents. Reached home about 7 in the Evening
- Sunday 4 Most of the Family went to Church but I staid at home & read the Service to our 2 little ones & also the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 5 Drove & spent the day on various Business at Swansea - at my return about ½ past 4 I found my agent Mr Howells here, & I spent the Evening with him on Carmarthenshire Business. He dined & slept here
- Tuesday 6 Engaged most of the Day by various Business at Swansea

Wednesday 7 Variously engaged on Business & went with Mary for two hours to Swansea

Thursday 8 Walked to attend a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & the Revd T Morris met me

Friday 9 Coursed for an hour & a half in the morning with John & killed two hares. Afterwards drove Mary in the Phaeton for an hour to Swansea

Saturday 10 Drove on various Business to Swansea

Sunday 11 Walked with my 2 Boys & Mr Wayne & the rest of the Family except Mrs Llewelyn & the 2 little ones also went to Llangafelach Church. I read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 12 Drove on various Business to Swansea for about 3 hours. Mrs Llewelyn left us to receive Jane Traherne at the Willows

Tuesday 13 Coursed for 4½ hours with Vivian, A Jones junr & Capt Eden & killed 2 Hares besides one which ran into & was caught by a spring wire in Llyncadwgan. My 2 Boys joined us in the afternoon. Mr T Martin on Business breakfasted & dined here

Wednesday 14 Went with Fanny & Miss Gowing in the Coach to Swansea for an hour & returned by ½ past 2. Took out John to practice at shooting flying & his first attempt brought down a Rook

Thursday 15 Went on various Business to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn & Miss Jane Traherne came to dine & sleep here

Friday 16 Coursed for 4 hours with John by the Trap[?], Penhafode & etc & in 3 Courses we killed 2 Hares

Saturday 17 Drove on various Business to Swansea & mr Brother who had arrived by last nights Coach returned with me to Dinner

Sunday 18 Weather being wet we did not go to Church & I read both the Services at home

Monday 19 Drove soon after Breakfast with my Brother to Swansea & we returned about 3. We afterwards went in the Coach with Mary & Fanny to dine at Arthur Jones' & reached home again at ½ past 11

Tuesday 20 The Banks both of Gibbins & Eaton & of Hayns & Co abruptly & unexpectedly suspended their payments this morning, & threw the whole Town & neighbourhood into a state of indescribable

Consternation & distress. At a Public Meeting Sir Jo Morris, J H Vivian, C Baring[?] Davis the Collector, H Socket, Jo Grove & myself were appointed as a Committee to act as occasion might require & we continued our Investigation till near Midnight. I & my Brother slept at the Mackworth Arms & I passed very nearly a sleepless night

- Wednesday 21 Engaged all Day with the Committee & at Public Meetings & our alarm is increased by the Crash of Banks both in London & throughout the Country. returned home at 6, & the Revd T Morris by a previous a engagement came here on a Visit top meet Sir H Davy who was expected this morning
- Thursday 22 Drove early with my Brother to Swansea & was engaged as yesterday. Mr & Mrs Arthur Jones, their Son, two Daughters & Capt Eden dined here
- Friday 23 Drive again early with my Brother to Swansea & was again harassed all day by the dismal state of affairs, & in devising some means for satisfying the Colliers & others so as to prevent mischief at tomorrows market. T Morris left us & Mr & Mrs Vivian dined with us, but returned home at night on account of the alarming state of affairs
- Saturday 24 Resumed early the same sort or Business at Swansea & chiefly as it relates to my private & trust affairs. Jo Traherne came to Dinner in the expectation of meeting Sir H Davy. Finally agreed with Mr Rickards to purchase his Farm of Eglwsnevis with the Manor & Advowson for £6300
- Sunday 25 The Family generally went to Church but I was unavoidably otherwise engaged at home. The sum abruptly locked us from our circulating Capital by the stoppage of the Banks is about 240,000£ & it threatens the whole County with ruin. This is Christmas Day & such a glorious one was perhaps never before known. The Bank of England surrounded with Guards was kept open to assist in relieving the Parish[?] all day
- Monday 26 Drive again early with my Brother & J Traherne to Swansea & as closely engaged by my private & Trust affairs. Mrs Llewelyn resumed her Visit & Sir H Davy arrived in the Evening. he had beeb detained by indisposition, & 2 days on the Road by the want of Horses, & the crowded state of the Coaches,, occasioned by the extraordinary trance[?] which every where prevails
- Tuesday 27 Drove with my Brother & Jo Traherne to Swansea & Vivian came to shoot with Sir H Davy. We met again at Dinner at 6

- Wednesday 28 Drove with my Brother & Jo Traherne to Swansea & Capt Hickey came to shoot with Sir Humphrey. He dined with us but returned home at night
- Thursday 29 Drove again with my Brother to Swansea & attended the Committee & received a report from a Deputation which had been sent to London, stating that neither Government nor the Bank of England can grant us the assistance we require. Vivian came to shoot with Sir Humphrey & dined here
- Friday 30 Capt Hickey came to shoot, & I drove Sir Humphrey to look over the Pottery. Hickey dined with us
- Saturday 31 Drove Sir H Davy to Marino & Jo Traherne also left us. Engaged my Brother all day by various Business at Swansea

<p>1826 JANUARY</p>

- Sunday 1 A Coach full of us went to Church & others were to go on foot & horseback were stopped by violent rain which continued from about ½ past 10 till night. Read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 2 Drove with my Brother to Swansea to continue my attempts to save the Bill of Wilkins for the Breconshire rents by consulting Mr Sockett
- Tuesday 3 Drove again with my Brother to Swansea on various Business
- Wednesday 4 Drove again on various Business with my Brother to Swansea, & at 4 attended at St Mary's Church the Funeral of David Williams junr the late Cashier at the Pottery. he had been from his Infancy in the Counting House, & died of a consumption which originated in a Cold on Friday Evening at the age of 24
- Thursday 5 George went to attend to some Business for mat at Swansea & I held with Mr Leyson for a short time a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach
- Friday 6 Drove with George on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 7 Drove with George on various Business to Swansea

- Sunday 8 A Coach & all went to Church, & Mrs Llewelyn read the morning & I the Evening Service at home
- Monday 9 Drove with my Brother to Swansea & was engaged till midnight, chiefly Mr Briggs' about the affairs of Hanburies [?] & Eatons Bank. George & I got our Dinner & slept at the Mackworth Arms. A very severe Frost
- Tuesday 10 Continued the Bank investigations & at length obtained a promise of their Sureties on which alone I would allow the Commissioner of Bankruptcy, after being worked to a certain point, to be superceded[?]. We returned home to Dinner at 5 & found that Fanny & Miss Gowing had taken[?] Mrs Llewelyn as arranged to Swansea
- Wednesday 11 Drove to Swansea to find that Mr Frampton who I had engaged to come to Town to look over the whole of the Papers[?] & circumstances relating to Mynydd Staffa as under all circumstances I found it to be unsafe & impolitic to trust any of the Swansea Attornies with them
- Thursday 12 This is my dear Johns Birth Day & for 16 years his conduct has never occasioned me a moments regret of uneasiness. I took him out with a Gun & he killed his first Woodcock
- Friday 13 Drove on various Business to Swansea, & brought Mr Frampton back to spend a few days with me
- Saturday 14 Mr Frampton & my Brother went to shoot & I drove to Swansea. Brought back my new Socialet
- Sunday 15 Mary, Fanny, Miss Gowing, my Brother, two Boys & Mr Wayne walked to & from Llangafelach Church, but a cold in my Jaw kept me at home. Continued the examinations of the Mynydd Staffa Deeds all the afternoon with Mr Frampton
- Monday 16 Mr Sockett came to breakfast, shoot, dine & sleep here & soon after 11 Mr Frampton went to shoot with him & I drove my Brother to Swansea
- Tuesday 17 Mr Socket shot his way back to Swansea. Mr Frampton accompanied me in the Carriage & returned with me to Dinner
- Wednesday 18 George accompanied me to Swansea, & Mr Frampton remained at home to continue his Investigations of the Pehefode[?] & Mynydd Staffa Papers

- Thursday 19 We had compleated the Investigation of the Penefode Deeds before Noon, & I then took Mr Frampton to Swansea & he did not return to Penllergare. A Woodcock with a tuft of white Feathers at the back of its head has been shot in this neighbourhood & has been presented to me by the Revd B Jones
- Friday 20 By the advice of Dr Edwards I took a strong dose of Calomel & remained all day near the Fireside. George rode for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 21 Drove with George on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 22 Mary staid at home with the 2 little ones & the rest of us went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 23 Drove with my Brother to Swansea where I left him & he decided on going by the Cambrian for a few days to London. Mrs Llewelyn who went on Saturday to Swansea returned to us this afternoon
- Tuesday 24 Waited the whole day at home for Griffiths of Ynysygerwn who I had appointed to meet me & through the extreme thickness of the Fog he did not arrive here till near 6 in the Evening
- Wednesday 25 Engaged on Ynysygerwn Business with Griffiths till about noon & I then drove to Swansea & Mr Frampton returned with me
- Thursday 26 Engaged on Business with Mr Frampton till after 11 & I then drove to Swansea where I left him
- Friday 27 Went for 3 hours coursing with Lewis where he killed two Hares, & Johns Eyes were too bad to allow of his going with us. Mary & Fanny went in the close Carriage to Swansea & also John on the Poney
- Saturday 28 The Carriage took me part of the way to Swansea & I walked back
- Sunday 29 None of the Family except Lewis & Mr Wayne went to Church & I tread both the morning & Evening Service as usual. Dr Edwards came over to see Johns Eyes, & also Tom Beddowan[?]......[?] who has been severely attacked with Pleurisy
- Monday 30 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 31 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Miss Gowing in the Evening left us to visit her Friends in Suffolk

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1 Drove to Swansea & continued my Treaty for the purchase of the Downs in Llantwit Major Parish
- Thursday 2 Attended at Llangafelach a crowded Petty Sessions which lasted near 5 hours & Sir Jo Morris assisted me. Mrs Llewelyn closed her Visit to us & returned to Swansea
- Friday 3 Went through a very [sic] Rain on various Engagements to Swansea & brought back Miss Brown to spend a few days with the Children
- Saturday 4 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 5 Weather very bad, & I read the morning and Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 6 Drove on various Business chiefly relating to the Banks to Swansea where I dined with T E Thomas & slept at the Mackworth Arms. Attended a Meeting in the Evening at Mr Betts Office on Gibbins & Eatons affairs
- Tuesday 7 Engaged on various Business, & a boggle [sic] with regard to the Bankruptcy of Gibbins & Eaton occasioned the first Meeting to be postponed. Returned to dine at ½ past 5 at Penllergare & found that Fanny had gone to pay a Visit to her Grandmamma
- Wednesday 8 Drove again to Swansea & returned to dine at 5. Dr Edwards came to Tea
- Thursday 9 Drove to Swansea & to discuss various affairs which affect the Ynysygerwn Estate. Mr D Powell of Neath came back with me & dined & slept here
- Friday 10 Drove Mr Powell back to Swansea about noon & returned to Dinner. Yesterday was first & this has been the second Meeting of the Creditors of Haynes Day & Co
- Saturday 11 Closely engaged by various Business all day at Swansea & dined with my Fan at Mrs Llewelyns after which I returned home
- Sunday 12 Mr Wayne on foot, my two Boys on their Ponies & Mary & I in the Socialet went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual. Dr Edwards drank Tea with us

Monday 13 Went with Mary & John & the two little ones in the Socialet & Lewis & Mr Wayne on Horseback to Swansea & returned home to dine at 4 o'clock

Tuesday 14 Accompanied by the Revd T Morris & my Boy John I coursed & we killed a Brace of Hares. Morris dined & slept here

Wednesday 15 Drove to Swansea, & my Brother who had returned by last nights Coach returned with me to Penllergare

Thursday 16 For want of a circulating medium & from the prevailing distress I have been already required to settle near 22 Disputes between Masters & their workmen which have in fact arisen from the inability of the former to pay & in the same Business I have been obliged to go again this morning to Llangafelach. There was also a Meeting from appeals against Taxes & I returned home through Swansea

Friday 17 Drove on various Business to Swansea & my Brother accompanied me

Saturday 18 Drove on various Business with my Brother to Swansea & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5

Sunday 19 Went with Mary & the two little ones & my Boys on Horseback to Llangafelach Church, & Dr Edwards to see John's Eyes & etc drank Tea with us. I read the Evening Service as usual to our collected Family

Monday 20 Drive on various Business to Swansea

Tuesday 21 Revd S Davis came to breakfast & afterwards coursed with my Brother & me. We had only killed one Hare when a very heavy rain set in & prevented my Boys from joining us & drove all home

Wednesday 22 Drove to Swansea with my Brother on various Business

Thursday 23 Drove to Swansea to meet Mr Leigh respecting the proposal for a Tram Road up Cwm Dylais which has been again brought forward, & for which notice of our intended application to Parliament has been given

Friday 24 Coursed in the morning with my Brother & 2 Boys & Mr Leyshon joined us for a couple of hours. We had baddish sport & killed nothing. Mrs Llewelyn brought Fanny back from her Visit, & dined with us at 3. In the Evening she took Mr Wayne in her Carriage to Swansea & from thence he proceeded as a Vacation to Oxford

Saturday 25 Drove with my Brother to Swansea, & had an Interview with Mr Bluett from London who is the Solicitor for the intended Tram Road through Cwm Dylais, & saw the Planes which have been lately materially altered

Sunday 26 Except little Mary we all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & my Brother rode to meeting at Swansea

Monday 27 Drove with George on various Business to Swansea

Tuesday 28 Engaged all Day at home, & sent Mr H [?] Griffiths to Ynysygerwn

MARCH

Wednesday 1 Mrs Waring called about her Brother Joseph Price's absurd attempts to wind up the affairs of Gibbins & Eatons life Trust, & I afterwards drove to Swansea chiefly to call on Mr Leigh respecting the Dylais Tram Road

Thursday 2 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Mr Leyson joined me. It being the second Day of Llangafelach Fair the Meeting was much crowded. Dr Edwards dined with us

Friday 3 Engaged at home in the morning & in the afternoon drove to Swansea. Lord Js Stuart & T E Thomas the new Sheriff dined & slept here

Saturday 4 Drove about noon on various Business to Swansea

Sunday 5 A heavy Storm prevented us from going to Church & I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family at home

Monday 6 Morning very wet & in the afternoon I drove with my Brother to Swansea

Tuesday 7 Drove on various Business & principally concerning Hayne's Bankruptcy to Swansea. My Brother accompanied me & we returned as usual to Dinner when I found my Bob had fallen into the Fire & burnt his right hand severely

Wednesday 8 Our dear little Mary has this day compleated her 10th Year & as usual it has been spent happily as a Holiday. I went with Griffiths in the Socialet to inspect Repairs which have been compleated at Bolgoed, & from its having been used prior to my purchase as a Bytuck[?] the buildings had all fallen to ruin. My Brother, Fanny &

John on Horseback accompanied me as far as Bolgoed, & continued their ride by Cwm Dylais & Brynbach. On my return home the mare fell & broke the Shafts. Mrs Llewelyn came to spend the afternoon & dined & slept here

- Thursday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea principally to assist our Tenants with regard to the infamous Bankruptcy of Hayne's Neath Bank
- Friday 10 At the request of several of our Ynysygerwn Tenants who are sufferers I attended a Meeting of the Creditors of the Neath Bank to appoint assignees[?] & George accompanied me
- Saturday 11 Drove to Swansea with my Brother & principally to consult Mr Hancock respecting the proposed Bill for regulating the sizes of Earthenware
- Sunday 12 Mary & I walked with our 5 Youngsters to & from Llangafelach Church & my Brother rode to Swansea. I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 13 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea, & when on the new Bridge over the Pentre Road on our return the Horses kicked the Phaeton to pieces, & we have an almost miraculous escape by jumping out unhurt. We were obliged to walk back to Penllergare
- Tuesday 14 John laid up with a violent swelled Face, & mine in a slighter degree is similarly affected. My brother rode to Swansea, & Miss Bassett arrived in the afternoon on a Visit to Fanny
- Wednesday 15 Went in the Socialet with Mrs Llewelyn on [?] Horse to Swansea, & brought Capt Morgan back to dine & sleep here. Mr & Mrs Hewson & Rawleigh Mansell also came to Dinner but returned at night
- Thursday 16 Drove Capt Morgan back to Swansea & was engaged nearly all Day in settling about 20 Warrants for Wages against Colliers. Brought back the Revd Wm Davis on a Visit to John & to give him some lessons in turning
- Friday 17 Variously engaged allday at home, & John has been very busy with Mr Davis[?] at the Turning Lathe. Miss Gowing returned to us
- Saturday 18 My Brother soon after Breakfast left us & embarked in the Packet to spend a day or two at Ilfracombe - I walked to Swansea, & we returned however in the Carriage which in the afternoon took Miss

Bassett & Mr David[?] to their houses. Procured a Copy of the proposed Bill for the Tram Road to Crinant

Sunday 19 The last week has been generally singularly delightful but it changed to day & prevented us from going to Church & I read both Services to the Family at home

Monday 20 In the Coach accompanied John who went to turn & dine with the Revd Mr Davis [CHECK NAME DAVIS OR DAVID], & I returned home with him to a late Dinner

Tuesday 21 Went in the afternoon in the Socialet to Swansea & brought back my Brother who had returned early this morning from his expedition to Ilfracombe. Mr Miers Rawley Mansell & young Calvert Jones dined & slept here

Wednesday 22 A bilious attack confined me allday at home

Thursday 23 Some difficulties respecting the Eglws nevis Tithes took me to meet Mr Thomas at Swansea, tho' still very unwell, & my Brother accompanied me

Friday 24 Good Friday - Mary, Fanny, John, & Miss Gowing went in the Carriage to Llangafelach Church & I being still unwell, read the Service to our younger Children at home

Saturday 25 Went in the close Carriage to Swansea, & Mary accompanied me to spend the Day with Mrs Llewelyn - received a fresh overture for the sale of the Downs'

Sunday 26 George rode to Swansea Church, & Mary with our three elder Children & Miss Gowing walked to Llangafelach. Some snow fell & I not being very hearty read the Service to the two Youngsters at home

Monday 27 Drove on various Business to Swansea & George, Fanny & John also went there on Horseback

Tuesday 28 Engaged at home & with my Boys & Gun in driving the Rooks from some part of the Wood to which they have latterly spread

Wednesday 29 Went early with my Brother to Swansea & then to look over Ynysprgan[?] & to dine at Clydach with Mr Strick. We returned home about ½ past 6

Thursday 30 Held a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Mr Gronow assisted me. Drove round by Swansea & reached home by ½ past 5

Friday 31 After breakfasting about ½ past 8 I started with my Brother in the Socialet & stopped by appointment for about an hour & a half at Ynysgerwn - at ½ past 12 we pr perceeded [sic] - called for a few minutes at Aberpergwm & soon after 4 we reached Crawshays at Merthyr where we had engaged to spend a couple of Days. A grand party at Dinner consisting of Mr & Mrs Wyndham Lewis, Judge Nolan, Alderman Thompson & etc & etc

APRIL

Saturday 1 Spent most of the Day in some Scientific examinations with Crawshay & in seeing his new House & Plantations. A smaller dinner party than yesterday consisting of Richard Hill, Alderman Thompson & etc

Sunday 2 Left Crawshays about 11 & spent a couple of hours at Plymouth[?] with Anthony Hill. Took my Brother to see Pontyprod[?] - dined at the Bridgewater Inns[?] & reached Cardiff at 7. There were two grand opposition political Dinners - the one given by Lord Bute & the other by W Lewis at Green Meadow. I was invited to both & made some excuse for not attending either

Monday 3 Went into Court & found one of a numerous & highly respected Grand Jury - Sir C Cole - Lord Js Stuart, Mr Talbot & etc & etc. Dined as usual with the Judges after which I spent a couple of hours with Lord Bute at the Castle, & then went for an hour to a party at Mr Wick Bennetts

Tuesday 4 The Grand Jury met at 9 & about noon were discharged. I was afterwards chiefly engaged with Mr Richards & Popkin Traherne & their Solicitor E P Richards in endeavoring to obviate some difficulties & to compleat the purchase of Eglwsnevis. I also walked with Guest to look at his new Glass Bottle manufactory which is nearly compleated. Dined with the Grand Jury & afterwards drank Tea with George Thomas. In the Evening bid good by to my Brother who has decided on proceeding towards London tomorrow

Wednesday 5 Started early from Cardiff & breakfasted about ½ past 8 at Cowbridge. I then hired a hack Chaise & took Mr Bradley with me to look over Eglwsnevis.[?] I had intended to have gone on to Lantwit & to have looked over 'the Downs' as the price has been lowered to £6500. It comprises 174¼ Acres, but Mr Bradley who I had engaged to examine it has reported that it is not under all circumstances worth so much as 5000 & I have therefore relinquished the Treaty.

Drove in 2 hours & $\frac{3}{4}$ from Cowbridge to Neath where I dined & reached home soon after 7. Mr B's valuation of 'the Downs' in fact amounted to only 4400£

- Thursday 6 Engaged this morning about a Treaty in which for some weeks I have been employed in for the purchase of Tredegar, Cadly uccha, Maesmelin, Cefngafelach & his little [?better] property on the Gorse. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 I drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to a late Dinner
- Friday 7 Spent the morning with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn who by appointment arrived here last night on Business respecting the proposed Tram Road through Cwm Dylais & other affairs
- Saturday 8 Drove early on various Business to Swansea & my two Boys accompanied me. Entered into Treaty for the purchase of Llerfedwen for which 700£ is asked & I offered 550£
- Sunday 9 went with Mamma, Fanny, John & Miss Gowing in the Coach to Llangafelach Church & John & I walked back. Fell asleep in the Evening & Mary read the Service to the Family
- Monday 10 Drove early on very various Business to Swansea, & issued 74 Warrants for the recovery of Wages & 2 for Poor Rates against the Church Pit Colliery. In opposition to the wild exertions [?] of Soc Proce Eatons Commission [?] was this day at last proceeded in. The Poor Fellows in distress for their wages detained me & I took an early Dinner at the Mackworth Arms & reachd [sic] home soon after 6
- Tuesday 11 Attended at the request of the Assignees & on behalf of many of our suffering Tenants the final examination of the Neath Bankers & my efforts were so far successful to obtain an adjournment till Monday. Mr Thomas the Sheriff brought his Boy to spend a couple of days with my Boys, & he & Mr Place on Business dined & slept here
- Wednesday 12 Drove in early with Mr thomas & proved the Debts which were owing under Gibbins & Eatons Bankruptcy to myself & at the Trust Estate which occupied me 5 hours. Had only time from this & other Business to get a Basin [?spelling] of Soup for my Dinner at the Mackworth Arms I drank Tea & slept at Mrs Llewelyns
- Thursday 13 Closely engaged by various Business allday at Swansea & principally by Mr Leigh & Mr Tennant respecting the Dylais Tram Road Bill which to my no small surprise has been hurried through the House of Commons to a second reading. Reached home at $\frac{1}{2}$ [?] past 5

Friday 14 Went in the close Carriage with Mary & our two youngest Girls to Swansea & Iltid Thomas with us returned home from a Visit to my Boys. I dined & slept at T E Thomas's

Saturday 15 Harassed all day by an over pressure of Business & was compelled by the unanimous voice of the Auditors & from a feeling of Duty to the distressed neighborhood to accept the office of Assignee jointly with Mr Batts[?Bath] & Mr Voss. Dined at T E Thomas's & returned home about ½ past 7

Sunday 16 In various ways we all except the two younger Girls went to Church, & I walked back with Griffiths to look over some points of the Estate for the purchase of which a daily treaty is now carrying on with Sir Jo Morris. In the afternoon I walked with griffiths to look over Brynlllefrith [?], & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family. Mr Wayne returned this morning from a long visit to his Friends

Monday 17 After an early Breakfast drove to meet the other Assignees at ½ past 9 & we remained at Business till past 12 - was then prevented from going only by the arrival of Mr Leigh & continued with him & Mr Powell of Neath on Business respecting the Dylais Tram Road till 5, & reached home soon after 6 to a solitary Dinner

Tuesday 18 Drove early to Swansea & was engaged by banking & magisterial affairs from 10 till 4 when I accompanied Mr Dd Powell to consult with Mr Sockett respecting the legal bearing of the Clause which Tennant has offered to insert in the Dylais Tram Road Bill - Did not reach home to Dinner till near ½ past 6

Wednesday 19 Drove Fanny in early to breakfast & spend the day with Miss Bassett, & was variously engaged at the Bank & other Business till we returned home soon after 5

Thursday 20 Drove to Swansea & was allday engaged either at the Bank or in consultation with Mr Sockett & Mr D Powell respecting the Dylais Tram Road - returned to a late Dinner about ½ past 6

Friday 21 Walked with my two Boys to look over Tredegar, Maesmelin & the Coucow[?] Mill - Mary in the afternoon went in the Socialet with Miss Gowing & the two Girls to Gellywastod

Saturday 22 Went early to Swansea & after spending half an hour with the Assignees was engaged for nearly all the remainder of the Day with Messrs Leigh, Sockett & Tennant respecting the plaguey Dylais Tram Road

- Sunday 23 Some Medicine kept me at home & little Mary staid with me. All the others of our Family went to Church & I read the Evening Service as usual. Mary in the afternoon went to Llangafelach & made a fresh attempt to establish another Sunday School
- Monday 24 Went early to the Bank & afterwards at Mr Socketts held a long discussion with Mr Leigh, Wm Gwyn & Tennant with their Surveyors & I was attended by Mr Dd Powell & Griffiths of Ynysygerwn. At length a clause was agreed to be added & I withdrew my opposition to the Dylais Tram Road Bill
- Tuesday 25 Walked with Mary & our two young ones all over Tredegar & the wishes were to make this purchase on my own Account & to build a House there but I am afraid under all circumstances that prudence says nay
- Wednesday 26 Mary after an early Breakfast went with me to spend the day with Mrs Ll, & I was closely engaged by the Bank & other Business at Swansea
- Thursday 27 I drove to Swansea without doing much for busy memory was painfully active & I returned to a solitary Dinner in the Evening. It is 7 Years this day since the sufferings of my beloved Willy were terminated & since Death 'this opening Bud to Heav'n conveyed & bade it blossom there.'
- Friday 28 The completion of our purchases from Lord Jersey I have long resisted by advice of Counsel in consequence of Mr talbots claims as Heir at Law & the venire de novo which the House of Lords directed having been at the last Hereford Assizes decided against Mr Talbot & his motion for a new Trial having been since refused, Mr Tennant has now peremptorily demanded an immediate completion - I therefore drove for a couple of hours on this Business to Swansea through a heavy Storm of Hail & Snow
- Saturday 29 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 5. About ½ past 6 a Messenger arrived from Mr D Powell giving every reason to fear that Mr Tennant will endeavour to force in the Dylais Tram Road Bill without the Clause he had assented to, & in defiance of Mr Leighs & of my opposition. Sent the necessary instructions to Mr Powell, & also sent to Swansea with Letters to Sir C Cole & Mr Leigh
- Sunday 30 I walked with Fanny to Church & returned with the two younger Girls & the rest of the Family in the Carriage & on horseback went to Church. In the Evening I read the Service as usual

MAY

- Monday 1 Drove early to the Bank when the Carriage returned & brought Mary & our 3 Girls to spend the day with Miss Bassett. Variously engaged all day & we returned home together to a late Dinner at ½ past 5
- Tuesday 2 Closely engaged at home till noon, & soon afterwards drove on various Business to Swansea
- Wednesday 3 Drove on various Business to Swansea & when on my return home about 4 was stopped by a Messenger from Mr D Powell respecting the Dylais Tram Road
- Thursday 4 Engaged till near 11 in writing statements respecting the Dylais Tram Road & then walked to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & I there pursued the same Road over which on this day 7 Years I followed my Boy to the Tomb. Mary came to the School in the Socialet with our 2 younger Girls at 4 & we walked back to Penllergare together. Sent Griffiths to look over Pentfarm[?] near Llanelly which is form sale & almost adjoins our Estate
- Friday 5 Engaged at the Town Hall till near 6 & committed - Lucas Howell Howells & Peter Meggott for a Burglary at the Mumbles. Got a hasty Dinner at the Wheat Sheaf with Col Cameron & was engaged till about 9 in answering a Messenger from D Powell & in writing to Mr Leigh respecting the Dylais Tram Road
- Saturday 6 Sent off a statement of my objections to the Dylais Tram Road to Sir C Cole, & wrote again to Mr Leigh. About 10 my Friend Col Colby arrived - went with me to Swansea - returned to Dinner & about ½ past 10 set off in a hack chaise for Fynone intending to travel all night. Committed Charles Evans for stealing a Horse from Altwen & he is obviously an old offender. Charles Smith came to Dinner & returned to Gwennllwegrwith[?] in the Evening & Dr Edwards also called here
- Sunday 7 We all went in various ways to Church & I walked there & back & read the Evening Service at home to the Family
- Monday 8 Drove early to a Meeting of the Assignees, & was variously engaged all day at Swansea
- Tuesday 9 My dear Fan has this day compleated her 18th Year. Walked with Griffiths over Cadly & Cefngelach & the Carriage met me on

Mynyddbach & drove home round by Swansea. In the afternoon according to promise shot Rooks with my two Boys. John killed 8, I 7 & Bob, 1, but he had only one Shot

- Wednesday 10 A Letter informed me of the arrival of Mr T Branton to compleat the agreement to purchase of new Hall Farm & Manor near Watford, which on acct. of its distance & other circumstances I think it better to sell. Drove to Swansea & brought him back in my Carriage
- Thursday 11 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Mr Branton accompanied me. Returned home soon after 2 as I had promised to shoot Rooks with my Boys. The shooting in however almost destroyed as on account of the immense increase of the Rooks & their Injury to the Trees upwards of 1000 of their nests have been taken. I killed 9, John 7 & Lewis 1
- Friday 12 Drove in the Socialet with Mr Branton, my two Boys & Griffiths to Llanelly Marsh & walked over the Lands purchased from Stephen Jones, Tyisha[?], & a Farm adjoining called Pen y fan which is for Sale by Auction on the 18th. Walked on to Llanelly where we dined & reached home in the Evening
- Saturday 13 Drove Mr Branton to Swansea & about 10 he embarked in the Steam Packet for Bristol. In the afternoon went with Fanny, my two Boys, Miss Gowing & Mr C Smith to see a shew of Wild beasts
- Sunday 14 Col Colby arrived here early, & after Breakfast he accompanied me in hack Chaises to see Mr Howells at Letty's Gog & we reached home again soon after 7 to Dinner. About ½ past 10 he again started for Swansea on his way to Town
- Monday 15 Started early to be at the Bank at 10, & Mrs Llewelyn, Mary & our 3 Girls accompanied me to see the Beasts. Returned home soon after 4
- Tuesday 16 Engaged till noon with Wm Thomas & Griffiths in trying to reconcile the differences in our Valuations of Sir J Morris's Estate & then drove to Swansea & brought back Richard & Mrs Jeffreys on a Visit to us
- Wednesday 17 Drove to a Meeting of Assignees & various other Business at Swansea. Charles Smith dined here & previously shot Rooks with Rd Jeffreys. John caught his first Trout with a Fly
- Thursday 18 Had intended to attend the Sale of Pen y fan at Llanelly, but I ascertained that it would be bought in unless some extravagant price be obtained & I only sent Griffiths to bid for a Land share in

Techon[?] which sold by far beyond its value. Pen y fan was bought in for 3050. Drove on various Business to Swansea

- Friday 19 This Day my dear Lewis has completed his 12th Year & as usual it has been a Holiday. In the morning the two Boys fished with Capt Jeffreys, & in the afternoon I took them to shoot Rooks
- Saturday 20 Capt & Mrs Jeffreys returned home & Mrs Llewelyn & I accompanied them to Swansea in the Socialet. Closely engaged by Business allday, & returned with Mrs Ll to Dinner
- Sunday 21 All went to Church except Mary & myself & the two ones & I read the Evg. Service as usual at home
- Monday 22 Drove to Swansea to attend as Assignee the final examination of Mr Eaton, & to obtain further information from Mr Dd Powell respecting the Dylais Tram Road. Dined & went to Bed at the Mackworth Arms. Drank Tea with Jo James the Solicitor of Sir Jo Morris, & he has agreed to sell Tredegar Man Melin, Cadly, Cefngfalach, Brynlllefrith & the reversion of the Field belonging to Penpant which adjoins the Cuckow Mill, including Timber for 9000 Guineas. The Coal under Cefngfalach & Cadly to be reserved
- Tuesday 23 Started in the Mail at 3. Crossed the Passage in an hour. Stopped 1½ hours at Bristol & proceeded in the Mail towards London. Weather hot & very dusty
- Wednesday 24 Reached London at ½ past 6 & went to Bed for 2 hours at the Gloster Coffee House, & took a very comfortable apartment at No 106 Jermyn St. Went immediately to Mr Leigh & Mr Tracey respecting the Dylais Tram Road, & was astonished to find that Lord Jersey who is deeply interested had mustered his Friends in the House of Lords & succeeded in pushing the Bill by surprise through the House in 5 days, without the Clause for a Junction with the Neath Canal which had been agreed to
- Thursday 25 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum. Called on Sir C & Lady Cole at the Saxe Coburg Hotel & found the latter in great affliction at the approaching dissolution of her admirable Sister Lady C Lemon. Then called on the Duke of Beaufort & he kept me near 3 hours in a discussion on his Glamorganshire affairs. Went afterwards on various Law & n other Business to the City. Dined about 7 at the Athenaeum, attended a sitting of the Royal Society & Sir H Davy about 11 brought me home in his Carriage. Weather dismally wet & uncomfortable

- Friday 26 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum. Went to Grays Inn & afterwards attended a Meeting of the Bank Directors to plead for the establishment of a Branch for South Wales at Swansea. Engaged in writing & on Mrs Llewelyns & other Business & had only time to get a hasty Snack at the Athenaeum. At ½ past 7 I went in my Sister Alexanders Carriage to Hornsey & found my Sister Sarah looking as well as could be expected with her family appearance
- Saturday 27 Returned by an early Stage from Hornsey & attended to various Business in the City. Called on Sir C Cole & spent an hour on Business by appointment with my Sister Judith in Cavendish Square. Lady C Lemon died at 5 this afternoon
- Sunday 28 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum. Spent 2 or 3 hours with Dawson Turner. Spent an hour with Mr Leigh at the Petersberg[?] Hotel. Called on Mrs Goring. Attended the afternoon Service at St James' Church & dined at Hudson Gurneys where I met Prince Cimitille & Col Leake
- Monday 29 Mr Eliot came to see me soon after 8, on my Fathers affairs & I afterwards breakfasted at the Athenaeum. Called on Sir C Cole & Mrs Goring & was much interrupted in my proceedings by the Rain which fell about in Cascades the whole Day. Attended the 'Soiree' at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 30 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum & waited there some hours in hopes that the rain which fell in Torrents would stop but it continued with very little intermission allday & the Streets are so flooded that it is difficult to get about. This weather in the afternoon drove me into Philip's Sale Room in Bond St where Delafors[?] Stock was selling he being Bankrupt & I purchased some Bijouterie. Divided the Evening between Cavendish Sq: & the Athenaeum & retired at 10 to my Apartments my Shoes being all sodden with wet
- Wednesday 31 Engaged in the morning chiefly with Lawyers & with Hanbury Jones as to the policy of completing our Jersey purchases. Dined at ½ past 7 with the Duke of Beaufort & met a large party - Sir Cr Morgan, Kemys, Tynte [?] Serjeant Taddy & etc

JUNE

- Thursday 1 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum with Philip Duncan & Dawson Turner. Engaged all the morning about the arrears & in settling the Accounts of the Bermondsey Estate & in an interview with Mr

- Manning at the Bank respecting the Establishment of a Branch at Swansea. Dined about 7 at the Athenaeum with Edwd Hawkins & Dr Daubeny - afterwards went to the Royal Society & H Gurneys Carriage brought me home
- Friday 2 Went with Sir H Davy in his Carriage to the inspection of the Royal Observatory & to join in the annual whitebait Dinner at Greenwich. Returned about 9 with Sir Humphrey & then went to the Geological Society
- Saturday 3 After Breakfast spent an hour with the Duke of Beaufort - called on Mrs Goring, & afterwards went to Grays Inn about the Mynydd Staffa question & Bermondsey Arrears. At 4 met my Fathers Trustees at S[?] Gurney's & at ¼ past 6 started per Stage to spend the Evening at Hornsey. Found Sarah very unwell
- Sunday 4 After breakfast Mr Janson brought me in his Carriage to Stamford Hill & I returned in a Stage to Town & attended the afternoon Service at St James's. Dined at Sir H Davy's with Lord Dudley & Ward, Mr Ferguson & Lady Elgin, Sir Michael & Lady Stuart & Lady Gordon. Lady Day had a route afterwards, & I there met in the Squeeze with many pleasant People that I did not come away till about midnight
- Monday 5 Sir Jo Morris & Mr Vivian arrived in Town to join me as a Deputation for presenting a Memorial to the Bank Directors in favor of establishing a Branch for South Wales at Swansea, & the Duke of Beaufort called at my apartments & took us in his Coach to the Bank. I remained afterwards in private consultation with some of the Directors & have no doubt of our success. Engaged on various Business all afternoon & dined & attended the Soiree at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 6 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum, & at 1 me t my Co Executors [?spelling] of my Fathers affairs at Mr Gurneys in Lombard St. Not being able to get a place in the Mail at 5 I started homewards in what is called the Companys Coach for Bristol
- Wednesday 7 Reached Bristol about ½ past 8 when I met Vivian & at ½ past 10 we started per Mail & in 12 hours I had the pleasure of finding all well at penllergare. We were 55 minutes in crossing the Passage
- Thursday 8 Dined at 2 with the Children, & afterwards went in the Socialet with Mary, Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny for an hour to Swansea
- Friday 9 Drove to a Meeting of Assignees at 10 o'clock at the Old Bank & was engaged by various Business allday at Swansea

Saturday 10 Drove to Swansea & was engaged till near 7 in the Evening at the Ship & Castle in receiving the Penllergare Rents

Sunday 11 Nearly all of us went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual. Hardly any Rain has fallen hereabouts for many weeks, & the Weather is oppressively hot

Monday 12 Went to the Bank at 10, & was occupied by various Business allday at Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn after Dinner closed her Visit of 5 Weeks & returned to the Willows

Tuesday 13 Engaged in the morning by Business at home & in the Evening walked out with my Boys & my Gun. John shot flying a Rook, a Starling & a Wood pigeon & I killed a Water Hen. Mary went with Miss Gowing & the two little ones for a drive on the Sands

Wednesday 14 Drove partly on Business to the Bank, & the following party dined with us - Dr & Mrs Edwards & Miss Morse[?] - Mr & Mrs Jones of St Helens & Dr Howells

Thursday 15 Engaged all the morning at home, & in the Evening went with Mary & Fan to drink Tea with Mrs Llewelyn at the Willows

Friday 16 Drove on various Business about noon to Swansea & returned home by ½ past 5

Saturday 17 Drove about 11 to Swansea where I met Sir Chs Cole & we arranged the proceedings for his reelection on Monday. Got a hasty Dinner at ½ past 5 at the Mackworth Arms & was detained till about 6 at the Bank. A good deal unwell

Sunday 18 Very unwell & remained in the House allday

Monday 19 Still unwell but better. Started before 6 with John to attend the County Election, & on the Road took up T L Martin & Chs Smith. Breakfasted at Pyle, & went on with Post Horses & reached Bridgend about ½ past 10. Sir C Cole was proposed by myself & seconded by Mr P Traherne. I spoke much better & with less hesitation than usual. We dined at one. Started back at 4. Drank Tea at Pyle. Parted[?] at Neath & called on D Powell & reached home soon after 8. Everything at the Election went off remarkably well & pleasantly

Tuesday 20 Drive early & was engaged allday by various Business at Swansea

- Wednesday 21 Went with Mary & Fanny to call at Sketty Park & Marino & thence to Swansea
- Thursday 22 About ½ past 11 started in the Socialet with Mary, Fanny & our two Boys & dined at Llanelly - passed through Kidwelly & reached Terryside to Tea about 6. Took a Boat of an hour, & had a delightful Sail - about 8 took Lewis wkhith me & went on to sleep at the Ivy Bush at Carmarthen on an engagement to meet Mr Howells
- Friday 23 Breakfasted at ½ past 7, & went early to Aberdayddwr where Mr Howells met us - afterwards went to examine the dwelling House at Hendrchedog which is tumbling down & past repair, & then walked over Macholws, the price of which ahs lately been much lowered. As soon as this Business was settled we returned to Dinner at Terryside at ½ past 3. At about ¼ before 5 our whole party embarked in a four oared Boat, & drank Tea at Lougharne & after a delightful row returned to Terryside at ½ past 10. The weather continues remarkably hot
- Saturday 24 While MARY, Fanny & John went to Stetck about Iscoed Lewis & I took a Boat over to Lanstephen, & about noon we started homewards & dined & lounged about the Castle at Kidwelly fpor 2 or 3 hours. In our way to Llelly the extreme heat gave poor Lewis a violent bilious attack, & leaving Mary & Fanny with him at Llanelly John & I proceeded & recahed home a little before 11
- Sunday 25 After Breakfast John & I went to Llanelly & found my dear Boy much better. Attended the afternoon Service at Llanelly, & in the cool of the Evening we all returned home
- Monday 26 Drove early to the Bank & was engaged allday at Swansea. Returned about 6 & found that my Brother had just arrived from London
- Tuiesday 27 Drove with my Brother to Swansea. Mr & Mrs Vivian & Mr Vivians Father - Mrs Llewelyn & Miss Jane Traherne dined with us
- Wednesday 28 Drove on very various Business with my Brother to Swansea & returned to dine at ½ past 5 when Dr Edwards dined with us
- Thursday 29 Drove on various Business with my Brother to Swansea
- Friday 30 Engaged in Accts. & etc at home. Set off in the Coach at ½ past 7 with Mary, Fanny & my Brother to attend a Concert at Swansea by Mr Loder & other Bath Performers. Returned home about 12

JULY

- Saturday 1 Drove on various Business to Swansea with my Brother & returned soon after 5
- Sunday 2 We all except little Mary went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service at home as usual
- Monday 3 Drove with my Brother to Swansea & returned to Dinner. Afterwards went with the same party again to hear a Concert by the same performers as on Friday Evening
- Tuesday 4 Mary went with me to Swansea & brought back Miss Bassett to spend a Week with us
- Wednesday 5 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 6 Drove early to a meeting of Assignees at the Old Bank & afterwards attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Sir Jo Morris met me
- Friday 7 Drove with my Brother to Swansea. Sir Jo Morris & his Son George dined here
- Saturday 8 Drove with my Brother chiefly on Bank Business to Swansea
- Sunday 9 Mary staid with our two Youngsters at home & all the rest of us went to Llangafelach Church. Mr Jones, & the Revd Windsor Richards dined, & the former also slept here
- Monday 10 Drove with my Brother to Swansea, chiefly on Bank Business. Miss J Traherne came to Dinner, & Mrs Llewelyn was also to have come to us (as it is her Birth Day) but was prevented by a violent Cold
- Tuesday 11 Had he lived my beloved Willy would this day have compleated his 14th Year. Drove off & at 11 reached Neath to attend the Quarter Sessions which did not adjourn till about ½ 7 when I dined with Lord Bute & etc & reached home before 11. Miss Bassett & Miss Jane Traherne left us
- Wednesday 12 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea & we returned home to Dinner at 5...[?] With the exception of some slight Showers during the last Week there has been throughout this neighborhood an unusual & alarming Drought for more than 3 months, & the Weather seems at last to have set in for Rain

- Thursday 13 It being our Wedding we had intended to take a few days ramble but the illness of Mr Voss & various Business obliged me to go to Swansea. My Brother & John accompanied me in the Phaeton with Bob by our side on his Poney & Mary & Fanny followed us in the Socialet. Fanny, John, Bob & I had out full length profiles taken, & the likeness of Lewis is alone very good. We all dined at 5
- Friday 14 Went with my Brother in the Socialet to attend the Annual Meeting of the Infirmary & other affairs at Swansea. Sir Jo Morris this day finished carrying his Wheat & the Harvest is wonderfully early
- Saturday 15 A Bank Meeting & very various other Business took me to Swansea & my Brother accompanied me in the Socialet - In [no further entry]
- Sunday 16 John, Mr Wayne & I walked to & from Church & a Coach full went besides. Read the Evening service as usual. By this nights Letter bag we heard that my Sister Sarah was yesterday brought to Bed of a Daughter
- Monday 17 Drove early to a Bank Meeting & my Brother accompanied me. Returned to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Tuesday 18 My Brother drove to Swansea to see Dr Edwards & I remained at accounts till near Dinner time. C Smith & Herbert Jones dined here. After a Treaty which has lasted off & on for more than 2 Years I this morning purchased Llerfedwen for 550£. Davis held out for 700£ & at last gradually came down to my price
- Wednesday 19 Drove early to Swansea chiefly on Bank & Trustees Affairs, & about 5 was taken up by Mary & Fanny in the Coach to dine at St Helens where we met Mrs Llewelyn, the Vivians & etc
- Thursday 20 Col Colby & his Brother in Law Mr Humphreys came to breakfast with us, & afterwards went on with George & me to Swansea. Mary & the 3 Chicks also went to Swansea in the close Carriage
- Friday 21 We this morning received an alarming acct. of my Sister Sarah, & began to make preparations in case it should be advisable for Mary to go to her. I went to Swansea & Mary & Fanny took me up to dine at Marino where we met Lord & Lady Bute & etc. On our return in the Evening a messenger from George met us stating the arrival of a Letter with a very improved account of Sarah
- Saturday 22 Drove respecting Tredegar & other Business to Swansea & George tho' unwell accompanied me. In the Evening we received another & on the whole less satisfactory account of Sarah

- Sunday 23 Mary staid at home with the two little ones, & the rest of us went to Llangafelach Church. In the afternoon I drove to dine & sleep at Penrice Castle where I met Lord & Lady Bute & etc. Excellent account of my Sister
- Monday 24 Drove early from Penrice to breakfast with Capt Penrice at Kilfrough, & then to a Meeting at 10 of the Bank assignees. A Mr & Mrs Penrice, Friends of Mr Waynes' dined here but I did not reach home till after Dinner
- Tuesday 25 Drove with with [sic] my brother to Swansea on various Business & in the afternoon Lord & Lady Bute arrived to dine & sleep here. Mr & Mrs Vivian & their Friend Mr Walker came to meet them & returned to Marino in the Evening
- Wednesday 26 Lord & Lady Bute left us early in the afternoon & about 2 I accompanied Mary & returned home with her to a late Dinner
- Thursday 27 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea
- Friday 28 The annual Boat Races began this morning at Swansea & the Stewards are myself & R Mansell & I attended them with Mary, Fanny & my two Boys. We all dined at Mrs Llewelyns & my Boys also slept there. With Mary & Fanny I attended the Ball which we did not leave till ½ past 2 & we then slept at the Mackworth Arms
- Saturday 29 With my two Boys & Fanny & Mr Vivian & young Iltid Thomas I in one of the Pilot Boats accompanied the others in their Race for about 2 hours & we had a delightful Sail. Returned to Dinner at Penllergare about ½ past 5
- Sunday 30 As Llangafelach Church is painting the Service is suspended & I read both the morning & evening Services at home to the Family. John & Mr Wayne rode in the morning to Llangafelach Church. A handsome & favorite Spaniel named Brush which belonged to my late Father died after a short illness while we were at Dinner
- Monday 31 Drove with my Brother early to attend a Meeting of the Assignees, & Fanny accompanied me to spend the day with Mrs Llewelyn. Returned to Dinner at ½ past 5

AUGUST

Tuesday 1	Drove on various Business to Swansea & my Brother accompanied me. Returned at 5 to Dinner
Wednesday 2	Drove early to a Bank Meeting & a Dividend of 10/- from the Estate of Gibbins & Eaton was declared. Returned to Dinner at 6
Thursday 3	Held with Mr Leyson a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & drove round by Swansea home
Friday 4	Drove on various Business with my Brother to Swansea & retd to Dinner
Saturday 5	Mary & Fanny drove to call at Sketty Park. I went with my Brother to Swansea & dined at his Cottage in order to compleat the arrangements for paying the Bank Dividends. Reached home about ½ past 8
Sunday 6	Went with Mary & Fanny in the Socialet & my Boys & Mr Wayne on Horseback to Llangafelach Church. Read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
Monday 7	Drove early to Swansea & was engaged 6 hours in paying Bank Dividends. My Brother accompanied me & we returned to Dinner at ½ past 5
Tuesday 8	Drove in early & was engaged all day about paying Bank Dividends. My Brother tho' poorly accompanied me. Mrs Llewelyn came to spend a few days with us
Wednesday 9	My dear Sally has this day compleated her 8 th Year, & to amuse & gratify this darling seemed to be the chief object of all the Family. In the afternoon I drove Fanny for an hour to Swansea & at ½ past 4 we all dined together
Thursday 10	Drove in early & attended from 10 to 4 to pay the Bank Dividends. There met the parties to pay for Llerfedwen & reached home to Dinner about ¼ before 6. The establishment of a Branch of the Bank of England at Swansea is decided on, & Mr Parry Wilkins who has received his appointment as Director arrived to expedite the arrangements for opening the Concern
Friday 11	Drove early with my Brother, & continued engaged about the Dividends & other Bank affairs form 10 to ½ past 4. Reached home at 6, & Miss Charlotte Talbot arrived on a Visit to Fanny

- Saturday 12 At a little before 11 I started with John in the Socialet to shoot on the Hills, & he had two shots at Grouse but did not kill. I adopted the old custom to give an Interest in the preservation of Birds, & gave a Dinner to about 100 Farm People & Laborers[?] of the neighborhood. The party invited to shoot were Vivian, Hickey, Saml David, J J Strick, & Fredericks. Reached home about 8
- Sunday 13 John went with his Uncle to St Johns, & Mary with Miss Charlotte & etc to Llangafelach Church. I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 14 Drove with my Brother to Swansea & remained for near 6 hours paying Dividends at the Bank. Mrs Llewelyn after spending a Week with us returned home
- Tuesday 15 Drove with my Brother on Pottery & Magisterial Business to Swansea, & returned soon after ½ past 5
- Wednesday 16 The same as yesterday
- Thursday 17 The same as yesterday
- Friday 18 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 19 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea & met a Surveyor sent down by the Bank of England to decide on the site of this intended Branch. he had been instructed to take Plans both of the old Bank & of Burrows Lodge, & the latter in my opinion is not eligible with regard to safety or convenience
- Sunday 20 John went with his Uncle to St Johns & the rest of us attended Llangafelach Church. The Revd D Cook of Footworth [Tootworth?] who is Chairman of the Quarter Sessions in Glostershire arrived about 4 quite unexpectedly & staid the night here
- Old Glazebrook of Brinwillach was buried yesterday & his age was 92. He was latterly both deaf & blind but till then I found him very amusing & he remembered when Thomas (the father of Griffith) Price set u[& first came to Llangafelach Church in a one Horse Chaise nor had any Carriage on Springs ben seen before in the Parish
- Monday 21 I have this day compleated my 48th [?]Year & the tokens of affection which I have received from my beloved wife & children would have been more striking if it had not been so uniformly exhibited at all times in the whole of their conduct towards me. God be praised they are all that I could wish them to be & what Man had ever more cause

to be thankful. I was obliged to go respecting the Jersey purchases for 3 or 4 hours to Swansea, & Mrs Llewelyn came back at the same time to dine & sleep here

- Tuesday 22 Drove to Swansea & my Brother went for the first time to sleep at his Cottage I dined with him there & returned home to Tea
- Wednesday 23 The finest Rain which we have had since March fell several hours this morning but the Weather cleared again in the afternoon. I drove Miss C Talbot in the Phaeton & Mary, Fanny & John followed us in the Socialet to Swansea & we returned to Dinner
- Thursday 24 Having Business at Ynysygerwn Miss C Talbot & Fanny & John accompanied me, & while I was engaged with Griffiths they amused themselves with sketching at the Dylais & etc. Returned to Dinner at 5
- Friday 25 Miss C Talbot after a fortnights Visit left us. Engaged all day on Bank Business in compleating the purchase of Llerfedwen & other matters allday at Swansea & returned with my Brother at ½ past 5
- Saturday 26 Miss Gowing & the three younger Children for change of Air moved to Murrays Cottage by the Sea side at Swansea which they occupied last year. They were accompanied by Mary, Fanny, John & myself & we returned to Dinner
- Sunday 27 John went to St Johns & spent the day at the Cottage & at his Uncles. The rest of us attended Morning Service at Llangafelach & I read in the Evening as usual
- Monday 28 Drove on very various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 29 Drove to Swansea. Took an early Dinner with my Brother. Attended the Sale of Haynes,s Estates & returned home with my Brother in the Evening
- Wednesday 30 Set off with John in the Phaeton at 6. Breakfasted at the Lamb & Flag & reached Crawshays on a Visit soon after 11. John had a match at Pidgeon Shooting from a Trap with Nash Edwards & beat him by a Majority of one. I went with Mr & Mrs C & Alderman & Mrs Thompson to a venison Dinner at Mr Meyricks & John came afterwards & made his Debut at a Ball. he danced first with Miss Crawshay, next with Mrs Thompson & afterwards with some Miss Davis & acquitted[?spelling] himself remarkably well
- Thursday 31 We spent 2 or 3 hours in making some Experiments at the Works, & John afterwards shot with Crawshay till the Dinner hour at 6.

Alderman & Mrs Thompson were on a Visit to Cyfarthfa, & the day passed off most pleasantly

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 1 Left Crawshays early so as to breakfast at the Lamb & Flag, & there met Arthur the eldest Son of my old Friend Charles Barclay. He accompanied us to Swansea & thence to Penllergare
- Saturday 2 Went in the Socialet with Mary, Fanny & Mr A Barclay to Swansea & thence to shew him Swansea Bay, the Mumbles & etc & reached home at ½ past 6. Young Calvert Jones came to dine & sleep here
- Sunday 3 Mr Mervyn Crawford a Friend of Mr Barclays who had been detained at Swansea by illness joined us at Breakfast & about noon they left us on their way to Pontneddfechan & etc. Mary & Fanny went to Church & George drove Calvert Jones back to Swansea. My dearly beloved Mary has this day completed her 50th year
- Monday 4 Drove on Bank & other Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 5 Drove on Bank & other Business to Swansea & afterwards took John to meet Nash Edwards & to dine with Mr Leyshon at Ystad. My Brother then met us & returned with us to Penllergare. Mrs Llewelyn set off in the Steam Boat to visit her Mother at Brighton
- Wednesday 6 John went early to Ystad & brought back Nash Edwards, Mr Leyshon & a nephew of the latters to breakfast here. The rain set in immediately after & fell in Torrents till about 2 when I took the two Boys to shoot Partridges, but the Wind was very high & they killed only one between them. The others returned to Ystrad & only Nash Edwards dined & slept here
- Thursday 7 John & young Edwards went out shooting Partridges all the morning & the latter returned home after an early Dinner at ½ past 2. I attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & afterwards went with Mary & Fan to Swansea & returned to Tea
- Friday 8 Engaged allday on Trust affairs & in the afternoon with Mr Bradley & Mr T E Thomas in an endeavor to adjust the disputes between our Tennants [?] & Mrs Williams respecting Gritre hir fennith. Mary & Fanny accompanied me to Swansea, & my Darling Sally played the Hersine[?] in having two Eye Teeth with remarkably long fangs

- Drawn to prevent some others becoming crooked. My Brother went to spent a Week or two at Tenby
- Saturday 9 Drove on various Business (chiefly Estate) to Swansea & brought Lewis back with me from the Cottage
- Sunday 10 John to St Johns, & I went with Mary, Fanny & Lewis to Llangafelach Church & read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 11 Drove early on various Business to Swansea. Dined at the Mackworth Arms. Joined Mary, Fanny & John at Tea at the Willows, & went with them afterwards to a Ball at the public rooms & returned to sleep at the Willows
- Tuesday 12 Went in the Coach with Mary, Fanny & Lewis & John on horseback to pay a Visit at Penrice Castle
- Wednesday 13 Spent the whole day with John & Lewis at fishing in the Penrice Grounds. Mary with Sir Chr & Miss Talbot went in our Socialet to Swansea as Mary wished to see my dear little Sally who is far from well
- Thursday 14 Rained hard in the morning, & in the afternoon accompanied by John & Lewis I went to shoot rabbits in the Burrows. John brought home 5 & I one
- Friday 15 Rose at 6 & went with my two Boys to shoot Rabbits in the Burrows. John brought home 3 ^ I 1 & we returned to breakfast at the Castle. At 11 we started homewards & Mary found my dear Sally so unwell that she chose to remain with her at Swansea
- Saturday 16 Drove in the Coach to Swansea on various Business chiefly or wholly relating to the Trust Estate & finally compleated the purchase of Llerfedwen. Was in hopes that Mary would have returned with me to Penllergare, but Sarah is still very unwell & I returned alone
- Sunday 17 Mr Osler came to Breakfast & soon after I went in the Socialet with Fanny & John to Swansea & left them at St Johns Church while I drove on to the Cottage. Found my dear Sally so unwell that Mary could not leave her or bring her home as she had wished to do, & after dining & drinking Tea at the Cottage I returned with my Girl & Boy to Penllergare. Read Prayers in the Evening to the Family as usual
- Monday 18 Concluded a Treaty with Dd Oliver for the purchase for £100 of two meadows called Warnfach & Warnfawr containing about 5½ acres

& which adjoin to & are wanting for Panteadwgan [?]. Drove to Swansea & as my dear Sally continues very ill with a regularly intermitting bilious Fever we all remained at Swansea, & I with Fanny, John & Miss Gowing slept at the Willows. In the Evening I attended with John a very large Meeting of the Bible Society at the Town Hall & took the Chair

Tuesday 19 My dear Sarah continued very ill & I slept at the Willows but Fanny & John returned to Penllergare

Wednesday 20 Sally is rather better & in the afternoon I went with Fanny & John & left them as Housekeepers at Maslins[?] Cottage. John & I went to shoot at Sea Birds for a couple of hours & in the Evening I returned to Murrays[?] Cottage and then to sleep at the Willows

Thursday 21 Went down early to Maslins[?] & again tried to shoot some Sea Birds with John. Mary & my Brother joined us at Dinner & I returned with them to Swansea in the Evening

Friday 22 Attended our Infirmary Meeting in the morning & in the afternoon drove down to dine at Maslins[?] Cottage with Mary & my Brother. I remained to sleep there & Mary & my Brother returned to Swansea

Saturday 23 Spent the morning in shooting with John, & about noon returned in the Carriage which brought Mary & Lewis who staid the afternoon with Fanny & John & rejoined me in the Evening at Swansea. I dined with T E Thomas & slept at the Willows. Sarahs Fever has left her but it has left her very weak & languid

Sunday 24 The maid who was left in charge of Murray's Cottage has been seized with a rheumatic Fever so as to be confined to her bed & has rendered necessary some immediate change of our arrangements. After an early Breakfast I took Lewis over to Penllergare in the Socialet, & returned in our Coach which then took Miss Gowing & little Mary home. In the Evening I went with Mary to the Evening Service at St Mary's & slept at the Cottage

Monday 25 John walked over from Maslins[?] to Penllergare before Breakfast, & giving up this Cottage Fanny joined her Mother at Murrays about noon. Our dear Sally continues extremely languid & contrary to our hopes in not yet sufficiently recovered to be moved. Through torrents of Rain I went in the Evening & slept at Penllergare

Tuesday 26 Returned early to Swansea & sent Fanny back to Penllergare. Variously engaged allday. Dined at my Brothers & slept at the Willows

- Wednesday 27 Fanny came over to relieve me in keeping her Mother company at the Cottage & after Dining with them I returned in the Evening to Penllergare
- Thursday 28 Accompanied John to shoot at Partridges before Breakfast but the Weather was too wet. He afterwards went to join Fanny at Swansea where at St Mary's Church they were confirmed by Jenkinson the new Bishop of this Diocese. I attended a Petty Sessions for granting Licences & receiving Jury returns & did not get back to Penllergare till 6
- Friday 29 Drove early on various Business to Swansea. Dined at my Brothers & slept at the Willows
- Saturday 30 Engaged in the morning chiefly at the Pottery. Dined with Mary & Fanny at the Cottage & in the Evening returned to Penllergare

OCTOBER

- Sunday 1 Went with Miss Gowing & Lewis to Llangafelach Church, & John rode to Swansea. Mr Wayne after 3 weeks visit to his Friends returned to Penllergare. Returned in the Evening to Swansea & with Fanny went to St Mary's Church. Slept at the Willows
- Monday 2 Engaged in settling for our Purchases from Lord Jersey & other Business, & went in the Evening to sleep at Penllergare
- Tuesday 3 Coursed on the Commons with my two Boys in the morning when we killed 4 hares, & after dining at Penllergare, went to join Mary at Swansea & slept at the Willows
- Wednesday 4 Variously engaged in Business of the Trust Estate & other Business all day & slept at the Willows
- Thursday 5 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & went on in the Evening to sleep at Penllergare
- Friday 6 Coursed on the Commons in the morning with my two Boys, my Brother & Mr Leyshon & tho' we had good sport killed only one Leveret. Returned in the Evening to Swansea & slept at the Willows
- Saturday 7 Variously engaged allday at Swansea & in the Evening went to sleep at Penllergare

Sunday 8 Attended Llangafelach Church in the morning with little Mary, Miss Gowing & Mr Wayne & drove in the Evening to Swansea. My two Boys were kept by the extreme wetness of the Weather & slept at their Uncles & I met them at St John Church after which I went to sleep at the Willows

Monday 9 Engaged by various Business allday at Swansea & slept at the Willows

Tuesday 10 Engaged all the morning by various Business at Swansea & in the Evening attended Sir C Coles Election Ball & Supper with Mary, Fanny & John. We did not get away till after 4 & then all went to sleep at the Willows

Wednesday 11 Closely engaged by various Business allday at Swansea & went to meet Lord James Stuart & etc at the Sheriffs at Dinner. Slept at the Willows

Thursday 12 Variously engaged allday at Swansea & went to dine & sleep at Kilfrough where I met Sir C Cole, Lord James Stuart, Jo Traherne & etc

Friday 13 Drove after Breakfast from Kilfrough to Swansea & went in the Evening to Penllergare

Saturday 14 Drove after Breakfast to Swansea on Business of the Trust Estate. Dined with my dear Mary at the Cottage & returned in the Evening to Penllergare

Sunday 15 Mary & Miss Gowing & the two Boys went in the morning to St Johns Church & I drove to Swansea in the afternoon & attended the Evening Service at St Marys with Fanny

Monday 16 Variously engaged all the morning at Swansea & in the Evening returned to Penllergare

Tuesday 17 Drove early to breakfast at the Cottage & after attending the Quarter Sessions dined with the Magistrates at ½ past 7, & about ½ past 11 reached Penllergare in a hack Chaise. My dear Mary with Sarah who is much better returned home in the afternoon & Mary had not before seen Penllergare for more than 5 Weeks

Wednesday 18 After Dinner I left Penllergare on my way to London. Slept at the Mackworth Arms &

Thursday 19 at 3 in the morning started in the Bristol Mail & had Iltid Thomas, Lord Js Stuart & Col Morgan for travelling companions. Crossed the

passage in 1¼ hours - reached Bristol at 20 past 3. Dined with Lord James who afterwards went on by the Mail. Visited the Philosophical Institute & slept at the Bush Inn

- Friday 20 Spent a couple of hours in the morning with the Dean of Bristol - then went on in a hack Chaise to Bilton[?] with a view of placing Johns Education for a few months with Mr Ellicomb. Proceeded on to Bath & started in the Mail for London
- Saturday 21 Reached London about ½ past 6, & took my Quarters at the British Hotel in Jermyn St. Went on Business of the Estate to Grays Inn, & at ½ past 3 to Mr Eliots to meet the Executors of my Fathers with whom I remained till 7 & afterwards dined at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 22 Attended the morning Service at St James' Church & immediately afterwards went in a hack Chaise to dine & sleep at Hornsey
- Monday 23 Came early to Town & was engaged allday by my Fathers & other Business till ½ past 7 when I went in a Tottenham Stage to sleep at my Sister Judiths
- Tuesday 24 Came in my Sister Sarahs Carriage with Judith to a Family Meeting at Mr Eliots where several arrangements were agreed on & then came with Dr Sims to call in Cavendish Square. In the Evening called & spent an hour at Mrs Gorings
- Wednesday 25 Met Mr Eliot & Mr Alexander at the Legacy Duty Office to prepare for Settlement of my Fathers Executorships affairs tomorrow. Dined at 6 at Mrs Gorings
- Thursday 26 Met the Executors at Mr Eliots & afterwards passed the Accounts at the Legacy Duty Office. Dined at Dr Sim's at ½ past 4, & from the Athenaeum went with Mr Maule to the Haymarket & saw Paul Pry [?] with the Farce of "turn puzzle a Conjuror" [?]
- Friday 27 Weather very bad & my Cough very troublesome, & after breakfast I went in a Mackay Coach on my Fathers affairs to Mr Eliots. Dined at the Athenaeum & spent the Evening very pleasantly there with Chs Barclay, Mr Maule & Mr Ridley who is the Anglo Saxon Professor at Oxford
- Saturday 28 Engaged chiefly with my Co Executors about my Fathers affairs. Dined at the Athenaeum & at ½ price went to Drury Lane Theatre
- Sunday 29 My cough being troublesome & the Weather bad I did not leave my Hotel till the afternoon & went then to St James' Church. Sat an hour with Mrs Goring & spent the Evening with my Sister in Cavendish Sq

Monday 20 Engaged in the morning at the Legacy Duty Office & afterwards with my Co Executors at Mr Gurney's Office in Lombard St. Called on Business to consult with Sir Js Lubbock, & Alderman Thompson & then went by the Stage to dine & sleep at Hornsey

Tuesday 31 My Sister Mrs Janson brought me in her Carriage to call on Judith at Tottenham, & was afterwards in turn engaged with Mr Eliot, & in Grays Inn & etc. Dined at Mrs Gorings, & called afterwards for an hour in Cavendish Square

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 Went over the ruins of our two Houses which on the 12th were burnt in Bell Alley, & was engaged by this & other Business all day. Dined late at the Athenaeum with Mr Maule

Thursday 2 Variously engaged by Business the whole day & dined at Dr Sim's

Friday 3 Finished my Business respecting Mynydd Staffa, Bermondsey & etc with Mr Frampton, & at 6 dined at the Athenaeum & at 8 started homewards in the Bristol Mail

Saturday 4 Reached Bristol about 20 mins past 9, & about 10 proceeded on in the Swansea Mail. We had a very bad & unpleasant passage which detained us about 2 hours, & it was near midnight when I reached Penllergare

Sunday 5 Increased my Cough & Cold by the Journey & did not go to Church

Monday 6 Obligated by various Business to go to Swansea & my Cold was so severe that I found it even more prudent to Sleep at my Brothers

Tuesday 7 Variously engaged all the morning & in the afternoon my Brother joined me in dining at Penllergare

Wednesday 8 My Cold & Cough so bad that I did not leave the House allday. My Brother went to spend a few days at Bristol

Thursday 9 Richd Jeffreys came to breakfast & John went with him to shoot & killed 2 Cocks. I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & retd to dine at 4 as Harvest home was kept this Evening

Friday 10 Tho' my Cold continues bad I was obliged about midday to drive for a couple of hours on various Business to Swansea. In the Evening we had a sort of Babel Family dance in the Dining Room

- Saturday 11 Drove about midday for a couple of hours to Swansea & found myself so unwell that I consulted Dr Edwards & in compliance with his advice took nothing but a little Broth for Dinner. At night took his prescription viz. 8 grains each Calomel & Janus[?] Powder & 2 of opium
- Sunday 12 As I had taken Janus' powder did not get up till about noon, & then remained in my Bed till near 4. Dr Edwards came to see Sarah & me in the Evening
- Monday 13 Went cautiously to attend a Meeting of the Assignees & returned directly home. Mr Parry Wilkins, Chs Smith, Richd Jeffreys, & Rees Williams dined & the latter slept here
- Tuesday 14 Mr Williams to discuss various matters relating to the Ynysygerwn Estate remained with me till near noon & at ½ past one I drove for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 15 My Cough being still very troublesome I did not leave the House allday. Col & Mr Calvert Jones Junr called & lunched here
- Thursday 16 Took Mary to call on Mrs Llewelyn who returned yesterday from Brighton, & after spending about 3 hours on various Business at Swansea we came back to Dinner
- Friday 17 Attended a Militia Meeting at Llangafelach & came back to Dinner
- Saturday 18 Took Fanny early to spend the day with Mrs Llewelyn, & John & Mr Wayne accompanied us & walked back. Fan & I returned to Dinner at 5
- Sunday 19 John as usual went to St Johns & a party to Llangafelach Church, & I read to others who staid at home. My Brother came to dine here. I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 20 Capt Jones of Veranda, Capt Hickey & Lieut Fisster[?] (the Friend and Companion of Capt Perry) came to Breakfast & shoot, & I was obliged to leave them & spend the day at Swansea on Assignee Business. They all dined & slept here, & Mr Osler came to Dinner but returned at night
- Tuesday 21 While Capt Hickey & Col Jones were coursing I spent the morning with Mr Forster, & drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. Brought young Mr Jo Jeffreys over to Dinner & to look over my collection of Shells

Wednesday 22 Soon after 12 I drove with Mr Jeffreys, Lewis & Miss Gowing to Swansea, & we returned to Dinner.. Capt Rd Jeffreys came over in the morning to shoot & John accompanied him

Thursday 23 Drove to Swansea & Mary with our two Youngsters accompanied us to spend a couple of hours with Mrs Llewelyn. Returned to dine at 4

Friday 24 Drove on various Business to Swansea, & my Brother returned with me

Saturday 25 My cold & cough so severe that I did not quit the House allday. Mary also has a bad cold

Sunday 26 My brother who yesterday went to Swansea returned with John from St Johns Church to Dinner. I did not quit the House allday read both the Services at home

Monday 27 Obligated to attend an Assignee Meeting for paying Dividends & Fanny accompanied me to spend a few hours with Mrs Llewelyn

Tuesday 28 Drove in the afternoon in the close Carriage to Swansea & dined with a large Party with Mr Pusey Wilkins at the Bank of England. Slept at my Brothers

Wednesday 29 Variously engaged at Swansea all the morning & in the afternoon my Brother returned with me to Penllergare

Thursday 30 Drove with my Brother to Swansea & returned to Dinner

DECEMBER

Friday 1 The Weather being bad I did not stir out, & was engaged in preparing for tomorrows Rent Day. Our Footman is still alarmingly ill, but Dr Edwards thinks him this afternoon to be out of Danger

Saturday 2 Went early to Swansea where I was employed all day about or in collecting the Penllergare Rents at the Ship & Castle, & tho' assisted by my Brother I did not reach home till ½ past 7

Sunday 3 My two Boys rode to St Johns but from the badness of the Weather none else of us went to Church & I read both morning & Evening Service to the Family. George joined us at Dinner. As my Father had preserved all his Letter from me I brought them back from Higham, & as an Evening Job have continued to look them over. They

comprise nearly a Journal of my Life & those which record any particular Event Mary has preserved & more particularly such as contain any Anecdotes & form the short & simple annals of my beloved Willey. The indiscriminate keeping of Letters I however find to be equally useless & troublesome, & within the last week I have burnt many Hundreds.

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