

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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JANUARY

- Wednesday 1 Attended the Court at Cardiff from 10 till 5, & then drove to dine & sleep at Wenvoe Castle -
- Thursday 2 Left Wenvoe about ½ past 10 - Called at Merthyr Mawr & reached Penllergare at 6 to Dinner -
- Friday 3 Drove to hold a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & round by Swansea home-
- Saturday 4 Drove with Mary, & spent the day at Sketty -
- Sunday 5 Wet Weather still continues & has now lasted with very little interruption for near 10 Weeks - Emma with our two Girls & Lewis went in the close Carriage to Llangafelach Church & I read both the morning & Evening Services at home -
- Monday 6 Heavy Storms of Rain continue but an appointment took me to Sketty & Mary accompanied me -
- Tuesday 7 Mary & I drove to Swansea & from thence to Sketty where our dear John & Emma met us - They had post horses which gibbed on our return to Penllergare & Emma took my place in our Carriage & John & I, with some difficulty reached home -
- Wednesday 8 I drove & spent the day in arranging my new Library at Sketty -
- Thursday 9 Drove with Mary to Sketty - The morning for a wonder fine, but in the afternoon it rained as hard again as ever -
- Friday 10 Drove with Fan for 3 hours to Swansea - Weather as yesterday & very wet in the Evening -
- Saturday 11 Drove with Mary to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty & he came on to dine & sleep at Penllergare -
- Sunday 12 Such a day of incessant & heavy Rain I hardly ever before saw, & it has prevented every one from stirring out - Our dear John has now completed his 24th year, & Emma was unfortunately prevented by a faceach from coming down Stairs - I read both the Services to the Family at home -

Monday 13 Incessant heavy Rain all day & this is said to be the 115th day in which it has rained - Drove in the close Carriage with Mr Haycock to Sketty & we returned to Dinner - In the afternoon Sir Christ^f - & Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot arrived on a Visit -

Tuesday 14 Busy with Mr Haycock who has been employed by John about building the Lodges on his new Road & early in the afternoon he left us - The Weather in the morning was very fine but in the Evening it rained again as hard as ever -

Wednesday 15 In the Evening Mary & I with our 3 unmarried Youngsters went in 2 close Carriages to a grand Ball at Singleton, & we all went about 4 in the morning to sleep at Burrows Lodge

Thursday 16 Returned early in the afternoon to our Guests at Penllergare.

Friday 17 Drove with Sir Christ^f to Swansea & from thence to look over Sketty Hall.

Saturday 18 The Penrice Family left us about noon & I was busily occupied in preparing my Deeds for a removal to Sketty -

Sunday 19 Weather wet I it still continues to rain more or less every day - I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home -

Monday 20 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea - Dined with Mr J^s Jenkins in high Street & slept at Burrows Lodge -

Tuesday 21 Bob kept by a violent Cold at Penllergare, but Mary & the two Girls joined us in the Evening at Burrows Lodge & we went to a Subscription Ball at the New Rooms - Returned to B Lodge about 2 in the morning

Wednesday 22 Mary with the two Girls & post Horses & I round by Sketty in the Phaeton returned to Dinner at Penllergare.

Thursday 23 Drove with John to attend an Infirmary Meeting at Swansea & returned to Dinner.

Friday 24 M^f Haycock arrived about Johns Lodges in the morning, & the badness of the Weather prevented him from going on to Sketty - Mary with our two Girls & Lewis went about 3 to Burrows Lodge in order to attend another Ball, & shortly afterwards M^f C Smith & a Petersburg acquaintance of Johns named Atkinson arrived on a Visit.

Saturday 25 John went a shooting with his two Friends, & in the afternoon Mary & our Youngsters rejoined us at Penllergare - I was busy packing & hardly left the House allday.

- Sunday 26 Lewis took a ride with Mess^{rs} Smith & Atkinson on by Sketty to Swansea, & I read the morning Service to the Family at home.
- Monday 27 John & Emma had engaged to go to Sketty [*sic*] but (owing in fact to B's offer to F) they have postponed their Visit for a Week - I drove to Sketty & from thence to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge - Mess^{rs} Smith & Atkinson left us early for Lanblethian.
- Tuesday 28 Lewis joined me at Breakfast at Burrows Lodge & Mary came over to Dinner, to stop with[?] me till Saturday.
- Wednesday 29 Mary & I spent the day at Sketty, & returned in the afternoon to Burrows Lodge - Lewis rode over to dine & sleep at Penllergare -
- Thursday 30 For a wonder it rained only a little yesterday but it set in again last night & rained as hard as ever this morning - Mary & I spent the day at Sketty where Lewis joined us to arrange my new Cellini [?] & we returned to Burrows Lodge to dinner

FEBRUARY

- Friday 1 Drove over in the afternoon for an hour & a half to Sketty [*sic*] - John rode over to us & Lewis returned with him to Penllergare
- Saturday 2 Mary & I in the afternoon returned to Penllergare.
- Sunday 3 John & Emma, Lewis & Mary went to Llangafelach Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 4 We all removed from Penllergare to Burrows Lodge - I took the Chair of a Road & a Harbor Meeting & M^r S Benson spent the Evening with us.
- Tuesday 5 I drove for an hour to Sketty - & in the Evening the two Mary's, Lewis & I attended a public Ball & came away at ½ past one -
- Wednesday 6 Rained hard allday, & prevented us from going to Sketty - It cleared in the Evening & Lewis & I drove to dine at T E Thomas' at Glanmor -
- Thursday 7 Drove with Mary to Sketty - Socket, T E Thomas & his Son, Capt Morgan, & Ch^s Smith dined with us.
- Friday 8 Drove to attend a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & returned to dine at Burrows Lodge -
- Saturday 9 Spent nearly the whole day with Mary at Sketty -

- Sunday 10 We all went to S^t Mary's Church in the morning - This is the first day without rain which we have known for more than 3 Months -
- Monday 11 Left Swansea at 9 in the Bristol Steamer with the Singleton Family - Voyage rather rough, & all the party except M^{rs} & Miss Vivian & myself suffered from it - Reached the Hotwells at 7. & I immediately posted in to the York House at Bath -
- Tuesday 12 Took a hot Bath early - Every Day Coach to London was full, & I went on at 10 by a Stage to Reading where we arrived about 7 - Slept at the Crown-
- Wednesday 13 Started in the Stage at 8, & at one oClock resumed my old Quarters in Bridge Street - Westminster - Attended a short sitting of the House in the Evening, & at 7 went with Sir Eardly Wilmot & Talbot of Athlone to dine at the Athenaeum where I remained with the former, Sheil & Bennett of Wiltshire till near 12 -
- Thursday 14 Attended the morning sitting - dined at the Athenaeum - Attended in the Evening till about one oClock & voted for an Enquiry respecting the Conduct & irregularities of Baron Smith as an Irish Judge -
- Friday 15 Attended both the morning & Evening Sittings & two Committees. Broke up at ½ past 10 - Dined with Bennett & Pendarvis at the Athenaeum -
- Saturday 16 Went to the S^t Catherines Docks about some pictures which John bought at Venice, & afterwards to the Welsh Charity School in Grays Inn Road - Dined with Parker & Shiel at the Athenaeum & remained there till 12 with Maule -
- Sunday 17 Made several Calls in the morning & a Cold induced me to decline an Invite to dine at M^t Guillamands [?Guillamards] - Attended Service at S^t James' Church, & afterwards dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum -
- Monday 18 Not well - Made some Calls - Attended the Evening Sitting & voted with Ministers for the Navy Estimates - Attended a hoc[?] Ballot at the Athenaeum where I had before dined -
- Tuesday 19 Very unwell & cough violent - Obligated in the afternoon to go on Trust Affairs to Grays Inn & in my way back I attended a Meeting of the Council of the Linnean Society - Had nothing but a little Tea & bit of rusk for my Dinner & at the Evening Sitting voted against Ministers in a Minority of 182 to 190 - for an enquiry into the Pensions List. - It was ½ past 12 when I got home -

- Wednesday 20 Very unwell, & the almost incessant Cough has brought on a bad head ache & made all my inside sore - Went very little out & continued yesterdays regimen - There was no important Business & the House adjourned at ¼ past 6 -
- Thursday 21 D^f Sims visited & prescribed for me in the morning - Did not stir out till the Evening sitting of the House where I voted twice with Ministers on the Irish Tithe Question, & came home at ½ past 10 -
- Friday 22 Very unwell & did not go out except to the House of Commons to attend the Committee on the Great Western Rail Road, & again to the Evening Sitting - At the latter I remained till ½ past 10 when I voted in the Minority of 202 to 206 in Lord Chandos Motion, against Ministers & then my Cough was so severe that I came away.
- Saturday 23 Remained engaged about Copper Smoke, & with a Deputation from Merthyr respecting the Municipal Corporation Bill till 2 - then made a few Calls - got a Chop & a glass of Negus at the Athenaeum & returned home soon after 7.
- Sunday 24 Much better but the Cough still severe - Spent the afternoon with Talbot who is at Fentons - After having been obliged by illness to send Excuses for 4 Dinner parties last week I this Evening ventured & dined with Lloyd Watkins at 22 Parliament Street -
- Monday 25 Being the Queens Birthday there is [a] Holiday at the House of Commons - Went to D^f Sims about my Cough which is still very bad, tho' I am otherwise better - Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum -
- Tuesday 26 Weather delightfull [*sic*], & I walked across the Park to Colville's Nursery in the Kings Road, Chelsea - At noon attended a Meeting at the request of Lord Althorp at the Foreign Office - Attended the House till ½ past 2 [?12] & voted with Ministers against some perfect Blarney of O'Connells about Barratts Trial at Dublin - About 9 got some Tea at my Apartments & Sir G. Stanton [?] & L Watkins accompanied me -
- Wednesday 27 Attended the morning Sitting of the House till near 2 & then went to Lee's Nursery at Hammersmith where I purchased some beautiful Shrubs for Sketty - Voted against the disfranchisement of the Liverpool Freemen because they were guilty of no Corruption at the last Election, & from my opinion that the Reform Bill should operate as a Sponge on all former Offenses - Dined at Bellamy's & reached home before 12 -
- Thursday 28 Engaged all the morning in the different Inns of Court & pursuant to a Decree which I have obtained got back the payment I had made of 500 for Tyrpenshole [?], purchased at Sir W Lewis's [?] Sale & which they had no power to sell - Attended the close of the morning & the whole of

the Evening Sitting of the House & at a little before 11. voted against Ministers on Sir W Ingleby's Motion for a repeal of the Malt Tax - Numbers 271 to 170 - Pendarves came to Tea with me - Got home at ½ past 12 -

Friday 29 Weather very raw & wet - my Cough still troublesome. Attended both the Sittings of the House & in the Evening voted with Ministers against a Motion of Hume's for reducing the Army - It was ½ past one when I got home -

MARCH

Saturday 1 As V.P. of the Day of the Loyal Society of ancient Britons I went at 12 to meet the President, the Earl of Liswerne at the Welsh School in Grays Inn Road - from thence went on procession to S^t Georges Hanover Square where the Bishop of Hereford preached a Sermon, & from thence attended the Dinner & Festival at Freemasons Hall - Got away about ½ past 10

Sunday 2 As my Cough is still at times very noisy I did not go to Church - Took a walk in the afternoon with Lord Cawdor, & dined at Vivians where I met Talbot & the two Mansels -

Monday 3 Attended both Sittings of the House & in the Evening voted with Ministers against a Motion of Hume's for some reductions in the Army - After I went to see the Panorama in Leicester Sq – Boothia [?] & Niagara - & dined at the Athenaeum -

Tuesday 4 Went in Business to Chancery Lane &c - Dined at D^r Sims & attended a Sitting of the Linnean Society, having paired off against Buckinghams Motion on I... [*unreadable*] with Bowes of Durham - Afterwards stopped to vote against Wigways [?] Motion for Cohens discharge from Jail, & it was ½ past 2 when I reached my Quarters -

Wednesday 5 Dined at the Athenaeum. Attended both the morning & Evening Sittings of the House - Voted for the disenfranchisement of Staffirst[?] in a Majority of 167 to 5 - Got some Tea at Sir Eardly Wilmots - 44 Parliament Street.

Thursday 6 Attended all the morning & Evening Sitting of the House - Dined at the Athenaeum & Shiel came over for Tea to my apartment - At 12 the debate on the Corn Laws was adjourned till after tomorrow & I afterwards voted with Government on a Scotch question about Ale Licenses - Got home at ¼ past one -

- Friday 7 Attended both the morning & Evening Sittings of the House & voted in the Majority of 312 to 155. against Humes Motion for affecting a free Trade in Corn - Hall, Parker, E Romilly & Strutt came in to Tea with me -
- Saturday 8 Took a walk to the Edgware Road, Maida Vale &c & visited Hendemans & other Nurseries - Dined at the Athenaeum - Lloyd Watkins came to Tea with me & we went together to the Speakers Levee -
- Sunday 9 Did not stir out till I went to afternoon Church at S^l Margarets - Dined at Vivians where I met H I Grant, Col Grant, Rev^d Geo Rous, Capt Geo Mansell & Capt Evan[?] Morgan [?] -
- Monday 10 Attended the whole of the morning Sitting, & voted for the Western Rail Road tho' I think it rather a Humbug - After 3 went to Lee's Nursery - Dined at the Athenaeum where I spent a couple of hours in the Evening with Lord Cawdor, & at the House voted with Ministers on the Supplies -
- Tuesday 11 After taking up the Report on the Aberafan Bill at the morning sitting I went to the Sale of Haworths Library at Sotheby's & made some purchases for John & myself - Paired off till 11 on Tennisons Motion for shortening Parliaments, (which after all was postponed) & went to dine at Murchisons - Returned about 11 to the House & remained there an hour or two -
- Wednesday 12 Again attended the Book Sale & made some further purchases.- Dined at T E Baillies, & at 9 he took me in his Carriage to the House - Voted against Hodgsons Motion in the Liverpool Bill & got home about 1 o'clock -
- Thursday 13 As far as some engagements about Copper Smoke & other Business would allow I again attended the Sale & made a few more purchases - Dined at the Athenaeum & arrived at the House too late for the early Division on the removal of Bishops from the House of Lords - Col wood came to Tea with me & I afterwards remained in the House till one -
- Friday 14 Attended at the morning Sitting & Committee on the Bute Canal - As Spring Rice said there would be no Division before 10 I went to dine with a party at Charles Barclays & afterwards voted in the Majority against Fancourts Motion for abolishing Flogging in the Army - returned home about one -
- Saturday 15 A raw East Wind has encreased my Cough, & I went out but little - Dined at Vivians where I met Mr & Lady C Guest, Williams of Monmouthshire, Hall &c &c. -

Sunday 16 Cough & Cold very bad & I only went out in the middle of the day to spend an hour with Lord & Lady Cawdor, & in the Evening to dine en famille at Lloyd Watkins who lives nearby -

Monday 17 Cold & Cough very bad & I felt wretched all day - Made two attempts to go to the House but was too ill to remain there, & spent most of the day in the Sofa at Home -

Tuesday 18 Very ill - crawled to the House at 12 but was unable to remain there - Put myself under the care of D^f Sims who confined me strictly to my apartment

Wednesday 19 Continue very ill with a severe & almost constant Cough - Except for half an hours drive in D^f Sim's Chariot I did not stir out all day - Vivian & L Watkins called on me -

Thursday 20 Very ill - did not stir out, & for the fourth day had nothing but a few sopped rusks for Dinner

Friday 21 Went about noon for an hour to the House but could not stop there long - Got some Mutton Broth at the Hotel opposite but was none the better for it - D^f Sims continues his daily Visits - Spent the afternoon & Evening wretchedly in the Sofa -

Saturday 22 Did not stir out all day, but mended a good deal in the afternoon & Evening for the first time was able to amuse myself with some Books - D^fSims reported me convalescent & the Fever nearly gone -

Sunday 23 Cough not so well & D^f Sims again confined me closely to the House all day -

Monday 24 Much better & little more of my ailments than the Cough remains - Went at 11 for an hour to the House on Business - & walked to Bond S^t - By the Doctors desire I confined myself to a little Mutton Broth for Dinner & to the House for the Evening -

Tuesday 25 At ½ past 12. I moved the second reading of the Aberavon Harbor improvement Bill & immediately afterwards went to Hatchards & then by the first coach I could find to Oxford - Arrived there at ½ past 10 & slept at the Angell [*sic*] - Tired but my Cough not worse -

Wednesday 26 Spent a couple of hours with Buckland in the morning, & at one set off for Gloster where I arrived at ½ past 7 - Not the worse for the Journey.

Thursday 27 Started from Gloster at 6. & reached Burrows Lodge at ½ past 9 in the Evening - Much tired -

- Friday 28 Being Good Friday the two Mary's & Lewis went to S^t Mary's Church but I was not well enough to leave the House all day -
- Saturday 29 I went with Mary & one of the Girls in the close Carriage & the other two on Horseback & we all spent the Day at Sketty - We returned to dine at Burrows Lodge at 6 - I was much unwell this morning but better in the afternoon -
- Sunday 30 All the rest of us went to S^t Mary's Church, but my Cough is still very troublesome & I did not stir out all day -
- Monday 31 About midday I went in the close Carriage with the two Mary's to Sketty, but it was too wet to go out -

APRIL

- Tuesday 1 Went again with Mary in the close Carriage & spent the afternoon at Sketty -
- Wednesday 2 The Trahernes of Coedriglan lunched here on their way homewards from Penrice, & John & Emma came to spend a couple of days with us - At 10 oClock Mary with the 2 Girls, Lewis & I went to a Ball at the public Rooms & we came away at ¼ before one -
- Thursday 3 Mary & I, John & Emma - the two Girls & Lewis went to spend the day at Sketty & took Arle's[?] Garden in our way - Returned to dine at Burrows Lodge at 6 -
- Friday 4 John & Emma went to Penllergare - I drove to hold Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & in my way back to Swansea spent near a couple of hours at Penllergare -
- Saturday 5 All of us went to spend the Day at Sketty & Lewis rode to dine & sleep at Penllergare -
- Sunday 6 My dear Mary had a baddish cold & did not stir out - I went with our 2 Girls to Church & Lewis returned to us from Penllergare in the Evening - M^r Haycock arrived in the afternoon, & dined & slept here – i.e. Burrows Lodge -
- Monday 7 Went with Mary & M^r Haycock to Sketty where we received Visits first from Sir Ch^r & Lady Mary & M^r W^m Strangways & afterwards from M^r Talbot - Sir Ch^r & Lady Mary dined at Burrows Lodge but Lewis & I left them to dine & sleep at the Gnoll - We there met the Bride & Bridegroom, M^r & M^{rs} Nash Vaughan, the Dyffryn Family &c -

- Tuesday 8 Breakfasted early & drove with Capt. Warde in my Phaeton to the Quarter Sessions at Pyle which was attended by Lord Bute & all the 5 Glamorganshire MP's. Left Cowbridge at ½ past 4. & we reached the Gnoll rather too late for Dinner & Warde & I dined separate, but when the Cloth was gone we joined a large Party i.e. the Bride & Bridegroom, the Watkin Humphreys, Elringtons &c -
- Wednesday 9 After a walk in his farm with Grant, I drove Capt Morgan to Swansea, leaving Lewis to walk with R Mansell - In the afternoon planted about 70 Trees chiefly Poplars & Beech at Burrows Lodge.
- Thursday 10 Engaged in planting at Burrows Lodge in the morning, & a few Evergreens at Sketty Hall in the afternoon.
- Friday 11 Drive about noon for an hour or two to Sketty Hall with Mary, & returned early to receive John & Emma who arrived to spend a few days with us. M^r Haycock came to Dinner on his way from Margam to Lord Lisburnes but before the Mail set out was too ill to proceed & obliged to lay up at the Mackworth Arms.
- Saturday 12 In the afternoon our whole party went for 4 or 5 hours to Sketty & returned to dine at Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 13 All but my dear Mary attended S^t Marys Church & I afterwards walked with the two Boys & T E Thomas to the Correction - From there we joined the Ladies at the Willows & remained there till near Dinner time -
- Monday 14 John has a severe Cold -& remained in the House all day - Mary & I drove to Sketty, & returned to a late Dinner at Burrows Lodge -
- Tuesday 15 John again kept the House all day - Fan & I drove for several hours to Sketty -
- Wednesday 16 John & Emma returned to Penllergare & Lewis & his 2 Sisters accompanied him - I went after breakfast to Sketty where Mary joined me in the afternoon & we returned to a late Dinner at B Lodge.
- Thursday 17 About Noon Mary & I drove to join the Family party at Penllergare.
- Friday 18 Except Fan who remained at Penllergare with John & Emma, we returned to Dinner at Burrows Lodge.
- Saturday 19 Went in the afternoon with the two Marys to Sketty & Lewis afterwards joined us - The Spring is most unusually advanced, & we observed Beans & Lilacs quite out in flower - Returned to dine at B Lodge.

- Sunday 20 Not well & took some Medicine - The rest of the Family went to S^l Mary's in the morning but I did not go out all day - Fanny returned from Penllergare in the Evening -
- Monday 21 Started at ½ past 5 in the Mail - crossed the Passage in about 14 Minutes - Could get no place in any sort of Conveyance from Bristol - Posted on with E.P.Richards to Bath, & at ½ past 6 started in the Bath & Exeter Mail -
- Tuesday 22 Reached my apartments in Bridge Street at ½ past 6 - Went to Bed for 3 or 4 hours - At 4 stood my Shot in the Ballot for the Dungarvon[?] Petition - soon after 5 the House was called over, & Talbot was the only Glamorganshire Absentee - At ¼ before 6 O'Connell began his Speech for a Committee to consider of a repeal of the Union & I left him still speaking & went to Bed at 11 - Dined at Bellamy's -
- Wednesday 23 Variously engaged nearly all day at the House of Commons, & left it while Spring Rice was still speaking at 12 - Dined at the Athenaeum -
- Thursday 24 Presented 2 Petitions at the morning Sitting - Dined at Hudson Gurney's & remained in the House till ½ past one - Voted for the Enfranchisement of the Jews, & repeal of the Foreign Enlistment Bill.
- Friday 25 Attended the House on Agricultural & other Business all the morning - Dined with a large party at Guests & afterwards remained in the House till 3 - to hear Peels magnificent Speech on the Repeal of the Union -
- Saturday 26 Dined very pleasantly with a large party of MP's at Lord Althorps - Returned home & was glad to go to bed about 11 -
- Sunday 27 Engaged till 3. in writing letters - Dined at the Athenaeum with Sir E. Wilmot & W^m Williams of Aberpergwm -
- Monday 28 Engaged on Committees &c - Dined at the Athenaeum - remained till 2 in the morning at the House, & voted for the purchase of 2 Corregio's for the National Gallery for 11500 Guineas -
- Tuesday 29 Engaged on Committees &c - Dined with M^r & M^{rs} Henry Tenant in Southampton Row, & returning to the House seen after one oClock I gave my Vote in the splendid Majority of 523 to 38 against OConnells Motion for Repeal of the Union - after a debate which has lasted for 5 nights - I afterwards voted with the majority on Sir E Knatchbulls Motion for altering the Beer Act -
- Wednesday 30 Rev^d J^o Harding[?] breakfasted with me - Engaged all the morning by Parliamentary Business - Dined at the Athenaeum - Lloyd Watkins - M^r Hutt - & James [?] Talbot drank Tea with me - Voted in the Majority against Sir Andrew Agnews Sunday Bill - Got home at ½ past one.

MAY

- Thursday 1 Went in procession in Talbots Carriage to present the Address on the Subject of the Union with Ireland to the King, & afterwards with Talbot to look at his Furniture for Margam &c. Dined at Bellamy's & as the House was counted out I got to Bed by 11 -
- Friday 2 Went to Lee's Nursery Grounds to procure a present for my dear Fans Birth day & afterwards walked to return his Call & sat an hour with Lord Bute at Camden Hill - Dined at Bellamy's & at ½ past 1 voted with Ministers against an adjournment of the Irish Tithe Bill to Friday, but an adjournment till Tuesday was afterwards agreed on - Got to Bed at 2 -
- Saturday 3 Made various Calls &c - Dined at Vivians with Pasco Grenfells Family & a larger party.
- Sunday 4 Spent the day very pleasantly with my Sisters at Tottenham -
- Monday 5 Received the glad tidings of our precious Emma's safe delivery on Saturday morning at 8 oClock of a Daughter, & of my having become a Grandpapa tho' I don't much fancy the Title - Voted against Ministers for a revision of the Pension List on M^r Strutts Amendment, & afterwards in favor of a new Lords Day Observance Bill - Got home at ¼ before 2 -
- Tuesday 6 Went to Lees Nursery Grounds at Hammersmith, & afterwards attended a Council of the Linnean Society, & from the inconvenience of attending their Councils I resigned the Office - Voted with Ministers in the Majority for the Irish Tithe Bill, & got home at ½ past 2.
- Wednesday 7 At the House nearly all day - At the morning sitting voted against Ministers in the London & Westminster Banks Bill - Dined with M^r Adams of Middleton Hall at ½ past 7. & returned to the House at ½ past 9.- Voted in the minorities for the General register & Registry of Deeds Bills, & in the Majority with Ministers against the General Post Delivery Bill - Left the House sitting at ¼ past one & went to Bed -
- Thursday 8 Engaged in the morning in recovering 21.13.1 which in Sept 1831 - had been overcharged for the Legacy Duty on Mr Llewelyns Will - I afterwards went to Hackney & spent 2 hours delightfully with Loddige in looking over his splendid Conservatories & nursery grounds - Dined at Bellamy's - House counted out at ½ past 6 - Spent the Evening & remained late with Gurney & others at the Athenaeum.

- Friday 9 My dear Fan has this day completed her 26th Year. Dined at the Athenaeum & afterwards remained in the House till ½ past one - Voted for the Poor Laws amendment Bill in an immense Majority of 319 to 20 with Ministers. -
- Saturday 10 Went in the morning & spent the afternoon at a grand Fete at the Horticultural Gardens at Turnham Green - Dined at Hudson Gurney's, & went afterwards with him, Prince Cimitile & Col. Leake to the Duke of Sussexs party at Kensington Palace -
- Sunday 11 Attended afternoon Service at S^t Margarets - Dined at Alderman Thompsons & there met the following MP's - Handley (Lincolnshire) Houldsworth, Hall, Jarvis & Robinson -
- Monday 12 Voted in the morning against the Christchurch Rectory Bill - Went afterwards to Lee's Nursery at Hammersmith - Dined at Bellamy's - Voted against the Vestry Bill in the majority of 38 to 1 & remained in the House till near 3 -
- Tuesday 13 Went about the Crewken[?] purchase to Grays Inn & from thence to Stratton place - Oxford S^t where I sat for my likeness to be added to Hayters picture of the first reformed House of Commons - Presented a huge Petition from Merthyr soon after 5 - Dined with Lloyd Watkins & remained in the House till the Clock struck 12 -
- Wednesday 14 Having got through the Committee of the Aberavon Bill by ½ past 12 I went to Court, & was presented by Sir Christopher Cole - Dined at the Athenaeum & W^m Williams & Meyrick drank Tea with me - In the Evening divided twice in immense majorities on unimportant Questions & left the House sitting & got to Bed at ½ past 1.
- Thursday 15 In the morning presented a Petition from the Baptists of Swansea for checking the increasing Vice of drunkenness - Afterwards settled a dispute & paid for the Creuca[?] & Wani gron[?] on the Trust Account - Dined at Vivians, & in the Evening voted in the majority against Tennisons Motion for short Parliaments & also against some motion of Halcombs [?] about the Cinque Ports - Went home at one.
- Friday 16 Engaged in the morning in Committee on the Merthyr Small debts repeal Bill - Went at 7 to dine with M^r Ferand [?] but remained there hardly an hour & returned to vote in the majority for Sir G Knatchbulls Bill to amend the Act for retailing Beer - House counted out at ½ past 10, & I went for Tea to the Athenaeum.
- Saturday 17 Sat again in the morning for Geo Hayter for my likeness. Dined at the Athenaeum came home to Bed at 10 - I had engaged to go at 2 to Brighton but the Weather was too bad.

- Sunday 18 Went by the 10 oClock coach to Brighton, as the Weather had again become very fine, & took up my Quarters at the Albion Hotel - Met many other members who had come to spend their Whitsun Holidays at the Sea side
- Monday 19 Walked about waiting for my agent who had gone yesterday morning to the Country & did not return till this Evening - It was my dear Lewis's Birth day & I most heartily wished many happy returns.
- Tuesday 20 Engaged till 12 with my Agent &c - & in looking over my Estates I then left Brighton & reached Bridge Street before 6 - Spent the Evening at the Athenaeum with Sir P. Egerton, Sir Capel de Brooke &c -
- Wednesday 21 Went in the morning to Lee's at Hammersmith & engaged Bridger to be my Gardener - Dined at the Athenaeum - In the Evening voted with Ministers in the Minority on the Merchant Seamens Bill - in the Majority for the Jews relief Bill - in the Minority for Fleetwoods Sunday Bill going to a Committee - & in the Majority for Mr Poullins [?] Sunday Bill 2nd Reading - Got home at ½ past one -
- Thursday 22 Engaged all day in Committee on the Merthyr small Debts Bill - Dined at Bellamy's - Voted in the Evening in Majorities with Ministers against Bulwers motion for repealing the Tax on Newspapers & against a Motion for publishing at the public Expense an authorized report of the debates in Parliament - Got home about one -
- Friday 23 Engaged all day much as yesterday both in the Committee & Evening Sitting - Dined at the Athenaeum - Lord J^s Stuart & Sir Ch^s Lemon came from the House to Tea with me - Left the House sitting on the Poor Laws Bill & went to Bed soon after 12 -
- Saturday 24 My dear Lewis arrived to breakfast - At 11 I went to the Merthyr Committee which was unexpectedly brought to a close at 2, & I then went with Talbot to a Sale of Pictures & by his recommendation brought the Farrier by Wovermans & A Fruit & Flower piece by Van Huyvum [?] - Lewis & I dined at John Nicholls in Curzon Street.
- Sunday 25 Weather delightful - At ¼ before 10 Lewis & I embarked on board the Diana Steamer, & as a heavy tide was against us it was 2 when we reached Richmond - We walked to & attended the afternoon Service at Petersham Church - dined at the Star & Garter on Richmond Hill - embarked at 6 on board the Endeavor Steamer, & at 8 reached Bridge Street -
- Monday 26 Went with Lewis to Lee's Nursery Grounds - I returned to attend the 'Official House Committee' at 3 - Lewis & I dined at Bellamy's - Yelverton & Wignery [?] came over to Tea with us - Left the House sitting & came home to Bed a ¼ before one -

- Tuesday 27 Went with Lewis by water to London Bridge - & from thence to Loddiges at Hackney & we returned the same way - Dined at Bellamy's, & in consequence of the partial resignations & disagreements of Ministers the House at 8 oClock was unexpectedly adjourned till Monday next - Lewis went to Covent Garden & I to the Athenaeum -
- Wednesday 28 Made several Calls & joined in much political gossip throughout the day - Lewis went to the Exhibition at Somerset House - We dined with a large party of MP's at Vivians -
- Thursday 29 Lewis went with Rous, R Jenner & Roper Tyler to see 'the Derby' at Epsom, & returned too late to go with me to dinner at J. Nicholls where I met Talbot & Sir C. Cole -
- Friday 30 Spent the day with Lewis in Lionizing - Visited he Duke of Berri's Pictures - Mr Hayters Gallery at the Diorama & spent 3 or 4 hours at the Zoological Gardens in the Regents Park - Lewis & I dined at Browns Hotel, after which he went to Drury Lane Theatre & I dropt asleep on the Sofa in Bridge S^t
- Saturday 31 Wick Bennett [?] breakfasted with us, & we went with him & spent 4 hours at the Surrey [?] Zoological Gardens most pleasantly - Lewis & I afterwards visited the Gallery for practical Science in the Lowther Arcade, & dined at Hudson Gurneys.

JUNE

- Sunday 1 Attended morning Service at the Abbey - Lewis dined & spent the Evening with the Wickhams & I at the Athenaeum -
- Monday 2 Engaged at or about the House or at a Meeting at Lord Althorps allday - Lewis came to dine with me at Bellamy's & he then went with Henry Bruce to Drury Lane - On a Irish Tithe Question I voted with the new Ministry in the Majority of 396 to 120 - Got home soon after one -
- Tuesday 3 Finished my sittings to Hayter - Went to dine with Ed^{wd} Hawkins at the British Museum & ret^d after Dinner to the House where I remained till ½ past one - Lewis dined at Browns Hotel & afterwards went to the Opera -
- Wednesday 4 Went with Lewis to the Exhibition at Somerset House, & to a chemical Lecture at the Gallery for practical Science in the Lowther Arcade - We dined at Bellamy's & I accomp^{ed} him to a display of artificial Lights at the same Gallery & I then remained at the House of Commons till ½ past 1 -

Thursday 5 Employed all the morning in going to Picture Exhibitions with Lewis - We dined at Bellamy's, & I remained in the House till ½ past 1, & voted in the Minority against Ministers for a repeal of the 'Reciprocity Act'

Friday 6 Accompanied Lewis to another Picture Exhibition after Breakfast & at one attended a Committee on official Houses - Attended the Evening Sitting, after Dining with Lewis at Bellamy's, & voted with Ministers in the Majority on a clause of the Poor Laws Amendment Bill - Got to Bed soon after 12 -

Saturday 7 Started with Lewis at ½ past 7 - & after taking a warm Bath slept at the York House at Bath -

Sunday 8 We went early to Bristol & reached Swansea per Mail at 20 min^s past 7 - Was disappointed to find that my dear Mary was detained by Emma's illness at Penllergare - I slept for the first time at Sketty Hall -

Monday 9 Drove over with little Mary & spent the day at Penllergare, where our dear Emma is still confined to her Bed - Returned to sleep at Sketty -

Tuesday 10 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & returned to dine at Sketty at 6 -

Wednesday 11 Drove with little Mary to breakfast at Penllergare & after Dinner brought M^{rs} D. back to Sketty Hall - Our dear Emma very low -

Thursday 12 Busy all day at Sketty Hall -

Friday 13 Busy all day at Sketty Hall - Mary & Fanny in the afternoon drove to Penllergare & returned at night.

Saturday 14 I drove with little Mary soon after Breakfast to Swansea & from there to dine at Penllergare - Returned to Sketty in the Evening -

Sunday 15 Read the Evening Service to the Family at Sketty, & Mary afterwards took Fanny to Penllergare & brought little Mary back - Weather being wet I hardly stirred out of Doors all day.

Monday 16 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea for a couple of hours, & returned to dine at Sketty - About ½ past 4 went to sleep at Burrows Lodge

Tuesday 17 Started by the Mail, & soon after 5 reached the York House where I dined & slept at the York House.

Wednesday 18 Left by ordinary Coach soon after 7 & in about 12 hours reached Bridge Street - Went immediately to the House of Commons & leaving the

House sitting got to Bed at 3 - Voted 5 times in Committee on the Poor Laws Amendment Bill -

- Thursday 19 Attended the morning sitting from 12 to 3 - & voted in Committee for Sir E. Knatchbulls Beer Act Amendment Bill 141 to 23 - Dined at the Athenaeum - In the Evening voted against Ministers in the Minority for some additional restrictions on the importation of French Ribbons, & also in Committee with the Majority on the Lancaster Courts Bill - Got to Bed at ½ past one -
- Friday 20 Attended the morning sitting & Committee on official Houses - Dined at the Athenaeum where I met Buckland &c - Afterwards again attended the House & voted with the Majority for the admission of Dissenters to the Universities - It was 3 when I got to Bed.
- Saturday 21 Engaged from 12 till ½ past 4 at a morning sitting of the House, & succeeded in rescinding Lord Darlington's Clause in the Poor Laws Bill for saddling Landlords with the Rates of all Tenements under 10£ a Year in Value &c which had been carried by a majority on Wednesday night - Dined at the Athenaeum & spent the Evening with a party at Lloyd Watkins -
- Sunday 22 Went in a Stage & spent the day with my Sisters at Tottenham -
- Monday 23 Most of the day engaged in Parliamentary Business - Dined at the Athenaeum & got some Tea at Sir Eardley Wilmotts - At night voted in the Majority of 360 to 99 against OConnells Motion for appropriating the Revenues of the Irish Protestant Church - Got to bed at one.
- Tuesday 24 Attended the morning Sitting & voted twice against the Prisoners [?] Council Bill, & also the Committee on Official Houses - As the useless Chatter which was going on seemed likely to last all night the House suffered itself to be counted out at 7 -
- Wednesday 25 Finding nothing to occupy me at the morning Sitting I went to Grays Inn about Johns Bermondsey affairs - dined afterwards at the Athenaeum with the Williams & in the Evening voted 9 times in the Committee on the Highways Bill - Left the House sitting & went to bed at 12 -
- Thursday 26 Attended the official Houses Committee, & at the morning sitting voted with the Majorities for Poulter's Sunday Bill & for the rejection of the Games Laws Amendment Bill - Dined at Bellamy's - In the Evening voted with the Majority against Ministers for giving Compensation to officers affected by the Central Criminal Courts Bill - Got to Bed soon after one -
- Friday 27 Attended the morning sitting - Afterwards drove with Talbot on Business to the Trinity House - Attended a meeting of Agriculturalists at Sir E.

Wilmotts apartments - Dined at Bellamy's - Attended the Evening sitting till 10 when I went with Lord Kerry to see 'Uncle John' at the Haymarket - returned to the House at 12 - Voted in the Minority against Ministers against a Clause of the Seamens Registration Bill, & it was past 3 when I got to Bed -

Saturday 28 Executed various Errands about Furniture & etc - Dined with Burnett of Wiltshire & Sir Eardly Wilmot at the Athenaeum - Fell asleep there in the Evening & it was gone 12 when I got home -

Sunday 29 Attended the morning Service at S^t Margarets - Made some Calls - dined at the Athenaeum & finding that an Arrear of sleep was owing me I went home at 9 & to bed soon after -

Monday 30 Employed variously chiefly at the House - Dined at Bellamy's - House unexpectedly broke up early & I went to Bed at 11 -

JULY -

Tuesday 1 Stood my shot at 4 for the Dungawen [?] Election Committee & escaped - Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till I went to bed at 2 - Voted with Ministers for the Poor Laws Amendment Bill tho' I don't half like it -

Wednesday 2 Again stood my shot for the Monaghan Election Committee & the following List was returned by the Parties - M^t Dillwyn, M^t Walker, Earl of Lincoln, Lord R Grosvenor - M^t Hodges, M^t Chichester, Mr Ja^s Oswald, Mr P. H. Howard, Lord Linley - Mr C. J. Barnett & M^t Bish - Chose Lord R Grosvenor, Chairman - Walked to dine at the Athenaeum & then remained in the House till 2 - Voted with Ministers in the Registration of Births &c Bill -

Thursday 3 Lord Cawdor call[ed] early on me - Attended the Election Committee & afterwards the Committee on official Houses - House broke up at 7 being counted out - Much unwell - took no Dinner - Had a walk with Warburton in the Park & went soon after 10 to Bed -

Friday 4 At the Election Committee the illness of M^t Oswald obliged us to adjourn till tomorrow - Still unwell & took some Medicine - Attended the House from 6 till 2 in the morning & voted in 7 Majorities with Ministers in the Irish Tithe Bill -

Saturday 5 Attended the Monaghan Committee from 11 to 4 - dined & spent the Evening pleasantly at the Athenaeum with W^m Williams & others -

- Sunday 6 Still unwell - Violent Storms of Rain & tremendous Thunder kept me in the House till the afternoon when I went by appointment with Talbot to Hayters, & engaged him to get his portrait taken - Dined & spent the Evening pleasantly with W^m Williams & Maule at the Athenaeum -
- Monday 7 Took a short walk before Monaghans Committee met - Went to the House at 12, & remained with the Committee till 5 & afterwards till I got to Bed at 2 - Williams & Maule dined with me at Bellamy's - Voted in the Minority against Ministers on Lord Chandos' Agricultural Motion, & in the Majority with them on the Irish Church Bill - I also voted with Ministers in the Majority against a Motion of OConnells
- Tuesday 8 Engaged in the Monaghan Committee from 11 exact till ¼ past 5 - Dined & staid an hour or two at the Athenaeum with Lord Cole & Sir P. Egerton - On my return about ½ past 7 to the House found that Ministers were absent & had gone as was said to Windsor to resign - All important Business was therefore suspended & the House broke up at ½ past 9 - Went for the remainder of the Evening & joined a large party of MP's at the Athenaeum -
- Wednesday 9 Remained on the Monaghan Committee from 11 till past 4 - At ¼ past 5 I heard the resignation of Ministers announced by Lord Althorp in the Commons & soon afterwards by Lord Grey in the Lords - The House soon after broke up - Dined en famille with Llyd [*sic*] Walkins, & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum.
- Thursday 10 Monaghan Committee met at 11, & in consequence of Mr Walkins illness adjourned at ½ past 3 - House met at 5 when Mr Watkins in his Surgeons Affidavit was excused from further attendance so that our number is now reduced to 9 - House after sitting an hour adjourned till Monday - I dined at Vivians with a large party
- Friday 11 Spent the morning at the Monaghan Committee - Dined at D^f Sims & soon after 11 went with the Lloyd Walkins to a Ball at Lady Dynevors where I remained till ¼ past 2 -
- Saturday 12 Spent the morning in the Monaghan Committee & dined & passed the Evening at the Athenaeum -
- Sunday 13 On this day 27 years ago I was married to my excellent Mary - Attended the morning Service at the Abbey - from there went to the Zoological Gardens till ½ past 5 when I drove to attend Evening Service at S^t James Church where our Marriage took place - Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum -
- Monday 14 Engaged as usual at the Monaghan Committee - Attended the House at 5 when it was officially announced that Lord Melbourn is Premier, & that

- Lord Althorp will resume his old situation - the House at 6 oC- adjourned till Thursday & I went to dine & spend the Evening at the Athenaeum -
- Tuesday 15 Met the Monaghan Committee at ¼ before 11 & it broke up at 4 - Was then engaged on the official Houses Committee for an hour - Took a short dinner with Lord Cole & others & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum
- Wednesday 16 Sat from 11 to 4 with the Monaghan Committee - Afterwards walked to see D^f Sims about our dear Fan - Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum with W^m Williams, Gurney, Warburton &c -
- Thursday 17 Engaged all the morning in the Monaghan Committee - Went to the House at 5 to support Sir E Knatchbulls Beer Bill & voted in 3 Divisions in its favor - The new plan for taking down the Members names was tried & the failure occasioned roars of laughter - I afterwards carried some Amendments in the Mumbles Bill, & remained to present a report from the Official Houses Committee - Dined at the Athenaeum & got home at ¼ before 3 -
- Friday 18 Attended the Monaghan Committee as usual & we obtained leave to adjourn till Monday - Weather being very wet I did not go out & dined at Bellamy's - In the Evening voted with Ministers for the new Coercion Bill, & repeatedly on the Sunday Bill N^o 2 & was one of the Minority at its rejection - Got home soon after ½ past 2 -
- Saturday 19 Rained in Torrents with occasional Thunder Storms & I could get but very little out - dined to meet M^f Leigh of Pontypool & a small party at H. Gurneys.
- Sunday 20 Weather very wet - Attended afternoon Service at S^t Marg^{ts} - Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum -
- Monday 21 The Monaghan Committee lasted till 5 when I went to dine with Sir Ch^s Lemon at the Athenaeum & returned at 6 in his Carriage to the House - Voted against Ministers in the Minority for P. Scopes Motion respecting Poor Laws in Ireland, & repeatedly with Ministers in Committee of Supply & etc - Got to Bed soon after 3.
- Tuesday 22 The Monaghan Committee lasted from 11 till the Speaker took the Chair at ¼ past 5, & I then went to dine at the Athenaeum & took a short walk in the Park with W^m Williams - Remained in the House till 3. & voted with Ministers in the Irish Coercion Bill -
- Wednesday 23 The Monaghan Committee sat till after 4 & I then walked & dined with D^f Sims - In the Evening voted with Ministers against pardoning the Editors of the L - - Sun[?], on the Irish Coercion Bill or Disturbances Bill as it is now called - Left the House sitting & went to bed at 2 -

- Thursday 24 Engaged as heretofore on the Monaghan Committee. Dined at the Athenaeum - For want of a Suff^t attendance of Members the Speaker could not take the Chair & the House adjourned till tomorrow - Went to Gurneys where I found a pleasant party & spent the Evening there -
- Friday 25 Engaged in the Monaghan Committee till ½ past 4 - dined at the Athenaeum, & afterwards remained in the House till near One when I went to Bed -
- Saturday 26 The Monaghan Committee broke up at 3 - The House was the sitting & I paired off with Nichol who meant to vote with OConnel against the Coercion Bill - Went to Lee's Nursery at Hammersmith - Got back to dine at 7 & I spent the Evening pleasantly with Theodore Hook & others at the Athenaeum -
- Sunday 27 Attended morning Service at S^l Margarets Church, & spent the afternoon at the Zoological Gardens - Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum-
- Monday 28 The Monaghan Committee did not break up till 20 Min^s past 5 - I then went to the Athenaeum where I met & dined with W^m Williams & drank the Health of my little Granddaughter whose Christening has been appointed for this day - Returned to the House where I remained till one, & then fatigue obliged me to leave the House sitting & to go to Bed -
- Tuesday 29 The Monaghan Committee adjourned at 3. & some prospect of a termination at last appears. Weather stormy & wet - dined with Powell of Nanteos at Bellamy's, & after voting once with Ministers on the Irish Tithe Bill I went to Bed at ¼ before 12 -
- Wednesday 30 Attended the Monaghan Committee, & at 2 o'clock Mr Westenra the Sitting Member finally withdrew from the Contest & we declared the Petitioner M^t Lucas to be duly elected - At the Evening Sitting on the Irish Tithe Bill I was accidentally shut out at the Division when OConnel beat Ministers - Got to Bed before 12.
- Thursday 31 Rained hard & I went no further than the House all day - In the morning Sitting I voted in the Majority for the Common fields enclosure Bill - Dined at Bellamy's - In the Evening voted in a Minority of 14 to 78 against any change being made on the Consolidated Fund & in the Minority against Ministers on the Hackney Coach Bill - I also voted in several divisions for a reduction in the Salaries of the Speaker & other House of Commons Officers - Got to Bed at ¼ past one -

AUGUST

Friday 1 Attended the morning Sitting & Committee on Official Houses till 3, then went to order a Marybe[?] &c - Dined at the Athenaeum & attended the Evening Sitting till I went to Bed about ¼ to 3 - Voted twice in favor of the Beer Act Amendment Bill but it was spoiled through the slack attendance of its supporters & I have ceased to care about it -

Saturday 2 Attended the morning Sitting till ½ past 2 when I went in a Boat on various Business to the City - Dined with Sabine at the Athenaeum & afterwards took a hot Bath -

Sunday 3 Weather continues remarkably sultry, & I am not well - Did not stir out till afternoon when I drove to the Zoological Gardens & after dined & spent the Evening at Hudson Gurneys -

Monday 4 Attended the morning & evening Sittings of the House - & at about one voted for Guests Bill for reducing the Salaries of the House of Commons Officers - Got to Bed about ½ past one.

Tuesday 5 Started at 8 in the Emerald Coach & slept at the Bark[?] Inn at Bristol

Wednesday 6 Started my Mail & reached Sketty about 8 in the Evening -

Thursday 7 Being the second day of the Swansea Races, I went with my 2 Girls to the Race Course - I stopped at Swansea to dine at the Ordinary, & in the Evening they met me at the Ball - They returned to Sketty, & I slept at Burrows Lodge -

Friday 8 The Phaeton took me back from Burrows Lodge to breakfast at Sketty & Mary & I in the afternoon drove for an hour to Swansea - The Burgesses of Swansea this day presented me with the Freedom of the Borough.

Saturday 9 Drove in the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Swansea - Arthur Jones, T Ed^d Thomas & John Lewis (an oriental) dined here -

Sunday 10 Dear Fan too unwell to go out - & I went with the two Mary's to S^l Mary's Church - M^r & M^{rs} Vivian & etc called on us in the afternoon -

Monday 11 Mary & Fanny drove to Swansea & I remained all day at home -

Tuesday 12 I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Monday 13 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea on various Business -

Tuesday 14 Mary & I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. My dear Fan was too unwell to accompany us & I went about ½ past 9 with the two

- Mary's to a Ball at our neighbor Arthur Jones', & returned home at ½ past 2 -
- Friday 15 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to call at Col Jones' & Capt Hickeys - Fan afterwards accompanied her Mother for half an hour to Swansea -
- Saturday 16 Drove in the morning to Swansea - Sent the Carriage back & Mary came for me in the afternoon - I dined at Arthur Jones' -
- Sunday 17 Weather inordinately hot - Mary & the two Girls went to S^t Mary's Church - J G Jeffreys dined with us.
- Monday 18 M^{rs} Nicholl & some of her Youngsters lunched here on their way from Penrice, & Emma with my little Grand-daughter came to stop with us - In the afternoon I drove with little Mary to Swansea -
- Tuesday 19 John & Lewis before breakfast returned from their rambles among the Lakes of Cumberland [*see separate account by LLD - RM*] & Westmorland - At 12 I started with Post Horses to attend the Eisteddfod at Cardiff & took Edw^d Hickey as far as Cowbridge where I dined - Hickey from there went onto Courtyrolla & I took Capt Howells with me to Cardiff - Had taken Apartments next to the Port Office -
- Wednesday 20 Breakfasted with Capt Howells - devoted the Day to the Eisteddfod - Dined at John Richards - & attended the Concert in the Evening -
- Thursday 21 Lewis arrived by the Mail - attended a public Breakfast & the Eisteddfod - I dined at Lord Butes & Lewis at the Ordinary - In the Evening we both went to the Concert.
- Friday 22 Lewis & I breakfasted at **Priest** [?] Richards' & he went afterwards to the Oratorio - We dined at Homfray's at Landaff, & went afterwards to the grand Ball - 324 present
- Saturday 23 Lewis & I again breakfasted at Richards - about 2 we left Cardiff, lunched at Sir Jⁿ Nicholls, & reached home to Dinner about 9 - Found John, Emma & the Baby still with us.
- Sunday 24 Heavy Thunder Storms & Rain - John, Emma & the two Girls went in the close Carriage to Church, & Lewis got soaked through by an attempt to go on Horseback - Sir J^o Morris & his Son George came on a Visit to us.
- Monday 25 John & Emma took a drive to Penllergare & Mary & Fan to Swansea - Not being very well I did not leave home - M^r & M^{rs} Eden & their Son joined our party at Dinner -

- Tuesday 26 The rest of us took various drives but being unwell I did not leave home - M^t Vivian joined our party at Dinner -
- Wednesday 27 Sir J^o Morris left us - I drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea.
- Thursday 28 Both John & I are very unwell & under the care of M^t Bird which prevented us from going to Neath - Mary with little Mary went in our Carriage to the Horticultural Shew & then with Lewis to dine & sleep at Dyffryn - Emma & Fan went in another Carriage to see the Shew & returned to Dinner - Weather very wet. -
- Friday 29 Both John & I still unwell & confined to the House - Weather very wet - Mary & Miss Mary returned early in the afternoon from Dyffryn -
- Saturday 30 Tho' both very unwell I drove with John to attend the Sale of the Cwth Du property at the Mackworth Arms - For Cwth du itself Lot - we were overbid by Adams of Middleton Hill who gave 2385£ for it & I consider 2200 to be the full Value - Lot 2 Ty Gwyn I purchased for 520£ -
- Sunday 31 Still very unwell & under Mr Birds care - All the rest of our Party went to S^t Mary's Church - W^m Clayfield dined with us - Lewis went for Partridge Shooting tomorrow with Mr Florance Benson to Penllergare.

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 1 Still very unwell - Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 2 John & Emma took a drive to Penllergare - Mary & I drove to call at Woodlands & on Rev^d Sam^l Davis, Rich^d Jeffreys & Miss Bassett - after which I walked to Sketty Hall & Mary took a drive with Fan
- Wednesday 3 My dear Mary, God bless her, has this day compleated her 58th Year, & an incessant Rain has prevented us from making as we had intended an excursion to Caswell Bay, & confined us entirely to the home -
- Thursday 4 I drove with Lewis to the Pottery in the morning -
- Friday 5 John went with me to the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, which lasted till near 5 & we drove round by Penllergare home - Mary & Emma went to call at the Gnoll.
- Saturday 6 Mary & I drove for an hour to Swansea - Emma & Fan went to make calls & to spend the afternoon at Penllergare - Mr Haycock came to dine & sleep here -

Sunday 7 We all 7 went to S^t Mary's Church in the morning - to attend a Charity Sermon for the Infirmary -

Monday 8 Leaving the Baby under our care John & Emma about noon set out with the intention of sleeping at Merthyr mawr on their way to pay visits to Lord Ilchester &c - Alderman Thompson MP. & M^r Dorrin dined with us, & T E Thomas joined the party before Dinner was over - the former slept here -

Tuesday 9 After an early breakfast Alderman Thompson left us to embark in the Steamer for Devonshire - Mary & Fan drove to Swansea in the afternoon for an hour -

Wednesday 10 Till late in the afternoon it rained very hard - M^r & M^{rs} Fredericks - M^r & M^{rs} Arthur Jones, Miss Kitty Jones - M^r M Moggridge, Edw^d Hickey & John Eden dined with us - At ½ past 9 we all went to a Ball at Veranda & M^r & M^{rs} Fredericks returned with us about 3 to sleep here -

Thursday 11 Drove for an hour to Swansea to meet Griffiths on Trust Affairs - Lewis & I dined at Singleton -

Friday 12 Drove with Mary in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea - M^r, M^{rs} & Miss Vivian - M^r & M^{rs} Pendarvis - Miss Webber, Miss M.A. Jones - Capt Lindsay & Sir J^o Morris dined, & the latter slept here -

Saturday 13 Drove in the afternoon for an hour with Mary to Swansea - We all dined at Arthur Jones except dear Fan -

Sunday 14 The 3 Ladies & Lewis went to S^t Mary's Church & as there was no room for either of us in the Carriage I remained at home with Sir J^o Morris who left us in the afternoon -

Monday 15 Drove to a Sale at Loughor under the Loughor enclosures Bill, & purchased on the Trust Account Lots 2.3. & 6. including Morva glas, Morva Shevy & Morfa bach & Cwmere Common - I also purchased Lot 5 on my own Account, & got home about 7.

Tuesday 16 Busy at planting from 6 in the morning till 6 in the afternoon -

Wednesday 17 Busy at planting till 5 when I went to Dinner at Singleton, & the 3 Ladies & Lewis had gone there some hours before to an Archery Meeting - We had afterwards a very handsome Ball & Supper -

Thursday 18 Busy at planting all day - M^r M^{rs} & 3 Miss Camerons - Wyndham Bruce & J^o Thomas & N^l Cameron dined with us & the latter slept here.

Friday 19 Busy about planting all day.

Saturday 20 Busy in the morning about planting some new Hollies & Laurels & **Junipers** [?Juniferous] **repandus**[?] which arrived last night from Loddiges - Drove in the afternoon for an hour with Mary to Swansea -

Sunday 21 The two Mary's, Lewis & I attended morning Service at S^t Mary's -

Monday 22 Mary & I drove for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea - M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Jones of Heathfield, Capt Geo Mansell - Col & Ch^s Jones of Veranda - Rev^d Sam^l & Mrs Davis & Capt Evan Morgan dined with us.

Tuesday 23 Variously engaged al day at home - Mary & Fan drove to Swansea in the afternoon -

Wednesday 24 Drove in Trust & other Business for a couple of hours to Swansea -

Thursday 25 We all of us in the afternoon went to a horticultural Shew at Swansea, & Sir J^o Morris & Capt Geo: Mansell afterwards came to dine & sleep here -

Friday 26 Heavy Rain - Our two Friends left us about noon - Lewis & I went to a Play bespoke by the Corporation in the Evening – The Brigand & Blackeyed Susan -

Saturday 27 Drove with Mary in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea.

Sunday 28 I have suffered much from indigestion the last two days, & remained at home while the rest of the Family went to S^t-Mary's Church in the morning -

Monday 29 Drove to Swansea on various Business & Lewis & I dined at a Corporation Dinner where I returned thanks for having been elected a Burgess - We returned home at ½ past 10.

Tuesday 30 Weather very fine - busy about home, but drove for an hour to Swansea.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1 Busy about the improvement of my grounds all day -

Thursday 2 Busy all morning at planting - In the afternoon drove for an hour in Business to Swansea - In the Evening we all attended the Archery Ball & Supper at the Assembly Rooms & returned home about 3 -

Friday 3 Variously busy & did not quit my Premises all day -

Saturday 4 Busy at home & only drove at 4 for half an hour to Swansea.

Sunday 5 We all went to S^t Mary's Church, & were there excessively shocked to hear of M^{rs} Hickeys sudden death - Her eldest son after an absence of several Years returned home last night, & the excitement brought on a Fit in two hours after, & she never afterwards spoke or at all noticed any body.

Monday 6 In the afternoon I drove for half an hour to Swansea & about 5 M^r & M^{rs} Paul Bevan arrived on a Visit to us.

Tuesday 7 Mary went in the Phaeton with my Sister & I with M^r Bevan in his Carriage to spend a few hours at Penllergare & we returned to Dinner -

Wednesday 8 Did not go from home except for a hours interview with my afflicted Friend Hickey - Weather wet - Mary took M^r & M^{rs} Bevan a drive to the Mumbles, & their Youngest Son arrived to Dinner.

Thursday 9 I did not leave home all day - The two Mary's & the Bevans drove to the Mumbles & walked to Bracelet Bay.

Friday 10 Attended as a Bearer the Funeral of M^{rs} Hickey at S^t Mary's Church, & as Mary wanted the Horses to take the Bevans a drive I sent back the Carriage & went on in a hack Chaise to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach - Returned home soon after 5. -

Saturday 11 The Bevans left us soon after breakfast. Engaged all day at home

Sunday 12 With the two Mary's & Lewis I went to S^t Mary's Church, & as a compliment to Capt Hickey all who attended the Funeral on Friday appeared in mourning with Scarves & HaTbands - John leaving Emma at Lord Ilchesters arrived a little before 8 -

Monday 13 John & the two Mary's drove to Penllergare in the morning, & I in the afternoon went for an hour to Swansea - John Nicholl came to Dinner & to be with us during the Quarter Sessions -

Tuesday 14 Drove with Nicholl & John to the Quarter Sessions & the latter qualified to act as a Magistrate - I remained in Court as Assistant to the Chairman till near 8. & we dined at the Mackworth Arms - Lord Bute & almost 30 Magistrates present - It was past 11 when Nicholl & I reached Sketty & John had then gone to take a Bed at Swansea in readiness for his return to Dorsetshire by the Mail -

Wednesday 15 Drove with Nicholl & attended the Quarter Sessions till we adjourned from 10 till ½ past 5 - The following Magistrates dined with us - Talbot,

Nicholl, Penrice, Rob^t Knight, J^o Miers, W^m Williams & Thomas of Merthyr & also Meyrick - the two former slept here -

- Thursday 16 Talbot left Sketty for Margam in the afternoon - Nicholl & I drove to the Sessions which were finished about ¼ before 7 & we then returned to Dinner -
- Friday 17 M^r Nicholl left us early in the afternoon & Mary afterwards drove for an hour to Swansea - The news in the Evening reached me of the destruction of the two Houses of Parliament by Fire -
- Saturday 18 I drove for an hour to Swansea in the morning & called on Capt Hickey on my way back -
- Sunday 19 Weather so wet & stormy that none of us went to Church & I read the Service to the Family at home
- Monday 20 Remained at home all day - M^{rs} Bassett came to spend the afternoon with us -
- Tuesday 21 Busy planting at home all day -
- Wednesday 22 Sir Chr & Lady Mary Cole, Miss Talbot & M^r A. Strangways took an early Dinner here on their way from **England [?]** to Penrice, & in the Evening Lewis & I went to a Play patronised by the Archery Club.
- Thursday 23 M^r & M^{rs} Herbert Jones - Smith of Gwen Gwennlynwith, Capt Tho^s Morgan - Rawleigh Mansell & Capt. Geo Mansell dined with us - Lewis had a severe head ache & was unable to join us.
- Friday 24 A heavy Snow fall in the morning - Engaged all day about planting -
- Saturday 25 Engaged about planting at the upper Lodge till near Dusk when I drove to the House of Correction.
- Sunday 26 Mary, the 2 Girls & Lewis went to Church & for want of room in the Carriage I remained at home -
- Monday 27 Both Mary & I busy all day at planting.
- Tuesday 28 Ditto - Ditto – Ditto -
The Wet Nurse's Milk has suddenly failed, & in her Mothers absence it has put Granny into the fidgets about our precious Pet -
- Wednesday 29 A good deal unwell - Mary went to Swansea about a new Wet Nurse & in the Evening M^r Bird succeeded in finding one -
- Thursday 30 Very unwell - Mary Fanny Bob & I dined at Veranda -

Friday 31 Suffered much all day from Indigestion - but drove on Business for an hour to Swansea -

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1 Better - drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 2 Still unwell & staid at home - the others went to Church at S^t Mary's -

Monday 3 Attended the Sale of some Lots of Corporation Land (under the enclosure Act) & on my own Acc^t bought 3 Lots of Morvabach, comprising about 17¼ Acres of 255£ - Lewis went with me to Loughor & shot his way back to Sketty via Penllergare -

Tuesday 4 John & Emma returned to Dinner after a leave of more than 8 weeks & found their darling Baby hearty -

Wednesday 5 Weather very wet & stormy which confined us at home - My dear Mary last night had the Lumbago very bad & this Evening we sent for M^r Bird who arrived to proscribe for her.

Thursday 6 Mary still very unwell & unable to come downstairs - John & Emma drove in the Phaeton for a few hours to Penllergare & returned to Dinner.

Friday 7 John & I attended the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & in our way I received a heavy blow on the Head at Burrows Lodge - Came round by Penllergare home -

Saturday 8 John & Emma drove for a few hours to Penllergare - My head bad & put it under M^r Birds care - My dear Mary better & came down Stairs

Sunday 9 John, Emma, Mary bach & Lewis went to Church - I took some strong Medicines & M^r Bird urged me to be bled but I would not consent -

Monday 10 Both Mary & I am rather better but still unwell - The Baby also poorly -

Tuesday 11 Much the same as yesterday - Baby better

Wednesday 12 Still unwell & remained at home - John & Emma with the baby returned to Penllergare

Thursday 13 Sir Ch^f & Lady Mary Cole spent the morning & lunched here - Still confined by the effects of my Fall

Friday 14 Drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea in the close Carriage

Saturday 15 Drove for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 16 Getting better from the effects of my fall, but some Medicines kept me at home - the rest of the Family went to Church -

Monday 17 Sent my Phaeton empty to Merthyr & went with Talbot in his Carriage to visit Crawshay - arrived there to dinner -

Tuesday 18 When Talbot went to shoot I drove to Merthyr - A large party to Dinner -

Wednesday 19 Witnessed a match at pidgeon [sic] shooting between Talbot & Crawshay - We dined at Meyricks -

Thursday 20 Came as far as Neath in Talbots Carriage - called & spent an hour at Aberpergwm - From Neath I reached home in my own Phaeton to Dinner-

Friday 21 Busy all day at home - & not quite well from the effects of the Blow on my head. - John called on us in his way to meet Lady Dunraven & Family at Penrice -

Saturday 22 Drove in the afternoon on Business to Swansea - My dear Mary again more unwell & unable to come down Stairs -

Sunday 23 My dear Mary too unwell & unable to come down Stairs - Fan Lewis & I went to S^t Mary's Church in the morning.

Monday 24 John came to us in the morning in his way back from Penrice to Penllergare, & went with me on Justice Business relating to Llangafelach at Swansea in the afternoon - Lewis started on a Visit to M^r Franklen for the **next[?] week[?]** at Cowbridge

Tuesday 25 Went on Justice Business for a couple of hours in the morning to Swansea - My dear Mary too unwell to leave her Bed -

Wednesday 26 Drove with little Mary on Business & took an early Dinner at Penllergare. My dear Mary still confined to her Bed & has been bled by Leaches.

Thursday 27 The **Bensons[?]** &c were to have dined with us but in consequence of Mary's continued illness the party was yesterday put off - I drove to Swansea to get some Medicines for her & in the afternoon M^r Bird bled her copiously with the Lancet - T E Thomas & Son & Rich^d Jeffreys dined with me -

- Friday 28 Mary had a very bad night with violent sickness & soon after daylight I sent for M^r Bird who spent nearly all day with her & slept here at night but towards Evening she became better - Lewis in the Evening returned from Clemenstone -
- Saturday 29 Mary much better, but I did not like to leave the House all day - John & Emma drove over & spent the afternoon with us as they have done before since Mary's illness
- Sunday 30 Mary better but still confined wholly to her Bed & I did not chose to leave - Miss Mary & Lewis went to S^t Mary's Church & the latter to Penllergare in the afternoon -

DECEMBER

- Monday 1 John drove over from Penllergare & accompanied me to a Meeting of the Turnpike Trust & qualified as a Trustee - I was in the Chair & the question of raising the Tolls was requested by a Majority of 20 to 5 -
- Tuesday 2 My dear Mary mends slowly, & is still confined to her Bed - I drove in the morning with my two Girls for a couple of hours to Swansea -
- Wednesday 3 My dear Mary very unwell, rather **abosse[?]** & I did not leave her - John drove over to us.
- Thursday 4 Mary much better - John & Emma drove over to Spend the day here, & he accompanied me to a horticultural Meeting at Swansea, & afterwards returned with E to Penllergare -
- Friday 5 Mary's rapid convalescence has put us into good spirits - I drove to Penllergare & took John to the Petty Sessions - returned with him to Penllergare soon after 4 & reached home before dark -
- Saturday 6 John came over & drove with me to Swansea & returned in the Evening to Penllergare - I dined at Vivians to meet 3 great Travellers, Capt **Colquerhon [?sic]** of the Artillery who has been at all places from Cape Horn to Spitzbergen, a M^r Buchan who went with one of Ross's expeditions to the North Pole & has since lived in Mexico, & a M^r Bruton who within the last 4 years has been twice round the world, & spent last Summer in Norway.
- Sunday 7 Went with Lewis to Church which was heavy with black on account of the Duke of Glosters Death - Lewis went to Penllergare & I to dine with the same three Gentlemen at Vivians -

Monday 8 Drove to Swansea - Attended accidentally a Corporation Meeting & was sworn in a Burgess - Attended afterwards a Harbor Meeting - M^r, M^{rs} & Miss Vivian - the three Travellers & Capt Evan Morgan dined with us - My dear Mary continues to mend slowly & is able to sit up most of the day but did not leave her Bedroom -

Tuesday 9 Busy about planting &c all day at home -

Wednesday 10 Drove into Swansea to attend a Savings Bank Meeting, & on my return found Emma & the Baby here - Lewis had gone over early to shoot with his Brother & remained to sleep at Penllergare

Thursday 11 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea -

Friday 12 John drove over, as he frequently does in the morning & I remained at or about home all day.

Saturday 13 Drove to Swansea & in my absence John & Emma came over - Lewis went to shoot & sleep at Penllergare

Sunday 14 I went with our 2 Girls to Swansea Church & Lewis rejoined us from Penllergare in the Evening - My dear Mary much better & walks every day to the morning Room.

Monday 15 I drove for an hour to Swansea - M^r Sockett, R Prichard - Tho^s Grove, W^m Grove, W R Grove, Tho^s Thomas, J Jeffreys & his Brother George – S Padley - Rees Barrington & F Hickey **snr [?jnr]** dined here.

Tuesday 16 John came over for a **Bat - - -[?]** at Singleton & Lewis dined there - Mary took a short drive in the close Carriage & I remained all day about home

Wednesday 17 Drove with my dear Mary to Burrows Lodge where she laid down for an hour & we then returned to Sketty -

Thursday 18 Drove on various Business for a couple of hours to Swansea -

Friday 19 Remained all day at or about home - Lewis went to Penllergare & I to dine with a Corporation party at Singleton -

Saturday 20 Drove & spent most of the day at Swansea - Lewis returned in the aft from Penllergare & went with me to dine at T E Thomas'

Sunday 21 Mary continues slowly convalescent & took a short walk in the Garden - I attended St Mary's Church with Lewis & Miss Mary

Monday 22 Drove to attend a Justice Meeting at Swansea & to Supervise the beginning of stock taking with Lewis at the Pottery - The following party

dined with us - Sir John Morris & his Son George - Calvert Jones & his two Sons Calvert & Henry - T E Thomas & his Son & Nephew - Capt Morgan RN - Rich^d Jeffreys & Jackson Rice -

- Tuesday 23 Remained at or about home all day - The two Marys went for the Xmas week to Penllergare -
- Wednesday 24 Fan & I went for a couple of hours to Swansea & from thence to join our Family party at Penllergare - In the evening the Yule Log was lighted with the remains of last Years Log in due form, & we were very merry.
- Thursday 25 Xmas day. & John & Emma with Lewis & little Mary went to Llangafelach Church -
- Friday 26 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & dined with the Corporation at the annual Feast - after which I went to sleep at Sketty -
- Saturday 27 Drove from Sketty to Swansea about noon & from there rejoined our Family party at Penllergare at Dinner -
- Sunday 28 Weather cold & stormy - John & Emma Lewis & little Mary went to Llangafelach Church -
- Monday 29 Drove to Sketty & round by Swansea back to Penllergare -
- Tuesday 30 Weather wet & I remained all day at Penllergare
- Wednesday 31 Drove by Swansea to Sketty where Lewis joined me at Dinner - & we afterwards went to the New Years Ball & Supper at the Public Rooms - The proclamation dissolving Parliament reached Swansea this afternoon-

END OF DIARY FOR 1834