

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>JANUARY</b>
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- Thursday 1            It was ½ past 3 when Lewis & I reached Sketty from the New Years Ball at Swansea. After Breakfast I attended a Meeting of Vivians Friends to make arrangements for his Election & joined our Family party at Dinner at Penllergare
- Friday 2             Drove with John at 11 to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & it was near 5 when we got back to Penllergare
- Saturday 3           We all except Lewis returned from Penllergare to Sketty Hall
- Sunday 4            I remained at home with Mary who tho' gradually convalescent has not yet recovered from her late severe illness, & our two Girls went to Swansea Church. Sir Jo Morris & his son, R Mansell & Mr Talbot dined with us & the latter slept here
- Monday 5            Leaving Talbot at Sketty Hall I started in my old Chariot about ½ past 10 & dined & slept at Coedriglan
- Tuesday 6           Left Coedriglan after Breakfast & drove with Nichol & Franklin to the Quarter Sessions at Cardiff. Dined with the Magistrates at the Angel & slept at the Cardiff Arms
- Wednesday 7       Spent the day as assistant Chairman in Court & we finished our Business at 4. 8 were transported & we had the heaviest Calendar & thinnest Bench I ever knew
- Thursday 8           Left Cardiff about 9. Made several calls. Took up Nicholl at Cowbridge & brought him as far as Swansea on his way to Penrice. I dined at Vivians Election Dinner & reached home before 11
- Friday 9             Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Saturday 10         Mary & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Sunday 11           Neither Mary nor I well & we remained in the House allday. The 3 youngsters went to St Mary's Church
- Monday 12           Drove for a couple of hours with Mary to Swansea
- Tuesday 13          Drove in the morning with Mary for an hour to Swansea. Mrs & Col Grant, Miss Morris, Henry Jones & Charles Jones dined here & they all

went accompanied by Fanny, Lewis & myself to a Ball at Singleton in the Evening. Neither of the Mary's were sufficiently well to go there. Col & Mrs Grant returned about ½ past 3 to sleep here

- Wednesday 14      Our Friends left us about noon. Lewis & I in the Phaeton at 2 set off for Pyle & dined at Margam with Talbot & Rous in our way. Reached Pyle soon after 9 & Grant the high Sheriff spent the Evening with us
- Thursday 15      Drove soon after 9 to Bridgend & at ½ past 10 walked with Talbot in procession from the Wyndham Arms to the Hustings at the Town Hall, where we were unanimously elected Knights of the Shire. From a variety of causes I was disappointed of my proposer & Seconder & their [check spelling?] offices were performed for me by Fredericks & Bennett [?Burnett]. We dined at one. Rose from Table at ¼ past 4, & at ¼ before 10 we reached Sketty
- Friday 16        In the afternoon drove with John in his open Carriage, & soon after leaving my Gate the horse ran restlessly off, kicking & etc, till he was stopped opposite to Vivians principal Lodge. We had a narrow escape. We then walked to Swansea & back & he[?] returned to Penllergare
- Saturday 17      Walked with Lewis to Swansea, & Mary in the afternoon came to take me home again
- Sunday 18        A fear of exposing my bald head to a cold Draught & a little earache prevented me from joining them, but my dear Mary & our 3 youngsters went to St Mary's Church. A sharp frost. In the afternoon I drove to dine & sleep at Penllergare where I met Mrs Morris of Sully & her daughters
- Monday 19        Drove with John to the Carmarthenshire Election at Llanelly, where he & all his Friends gave plumpers for Sir Jo Williams, & from personal friendship gave my second vote for the Honl Mr Hever [?Trevor]. returned to dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Tuesday 20      Left Penllergare about noon, & drove with John round by Swansea to Sketty where his Carriage met him to take him back to Penllergare. Lewis laid up by a sever cold
- Wednesday 21    Walked to Swansea, & part of the way back when the Carriage met me. Dined with Mary & Fanny at Heathfield
- Thursday 22      Walked with little Mary to Swansea, & halfway back when the Carriage met us
- Friday 23        Drove with Mary in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. I dined at Singleton to meet Col Morgan

Saturday 24 Lewis after being confined with a sore Throat was sufficiently recovered to go out, & we walked together to strike the Annual Balance at the Pottery. He walked back, & In returned with Mary in the Phaeton

Sunday 25 I went with the two Mary's to St Mary's Church. Lewis went to dine & sleep at Penllergare

Monday 26 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea where I met John & Lewis. Mr & Mrs & Miss Benson, Mr & Mrs Usborn & their Friend Miss Seymour Capt & Mrs Jeffreys & Major Penrice dined with us

Tuesday 27 Drove with Mary to Penllergare & returned to Dinner

Wednesday 28 Mary & Fanny drove for a couple of hours to Penllergare. Mr M Moggridge came on a Visit for a couple of days. Miss Morris, Mr Alland [?Calland], Dr Howell & Mrs [?Mr] Thomas also dined with us

Thursday 29 Drove with Moggridge to Swansea & he walked back with Lewis. r & Mrs Eden & Capt Mansell joined our Dinner party & the latter slept here

Friday 30 Capt Mansell & Moggridge left us soon after Breakfast. Lewis went to shoot on Fairwood Moor, & bagged 19 Snipes, a wild Duck & etc. I drove to dine & sleep at Kilvrough

Saturday 31 Drove Sir C Cole from Kilvrough to Penrice Castle where I staid 3 or 4 hours & returned home to Dinner. Lewis had gone to meet his Brother & spend a couple of days at the Gnoll

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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Sunday 1 The 3 Ladies went to Church at Swansea

Monday 2 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. Mr & Mrs John Traherne arrived on a Visit

Tuesday 3 Mrs Traherne confined by a bad cold. Drove with Traherne to the Mumbles. Mrs Bassette & the two Miss Hewsons [?] & Capt G Mansell dined with us & the 3 former slept here

Wednesday 4 Mrs Traherne confined all day to her Bed. Traherne & I in the afternoon drove for an hour to Swansea. Mr, Mrs & Miss Vivian & Stirling Benson dined with us

Thursday 5 Mrs T better. Traherne & O walked to Singleton & afterwards drove to call at Woodlands. John & Emma with my darling Grand Chick came on a Visit

Friday 6 John & I drove to Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & returned to dinner at Sketty

Saturday 7 Weather very dirty. Mary confined all day by a severe cold, or Influenza to her Room. Traherne & I drove for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea. Capt T Morgan, Revd Calvert Jones & R Pritchard dined with us

Sunday 8 My dear Mary closely confined by a cold, & neither of the Trahernes well enough to attend Church, to which all the rest of our party went in the morning. John, Lewis & I walked back & called at Singleton

Monday 9 Mr & Mrs Traherne left us to pay a Visit at penrice. I walked to Swansea & returned with Emma in their Carriage to Sketty

Tuesday 10 Drove with John & attended a Public meeting at Swansea to consider of steps for procuring a Mail from London via Gloster, & also of what steps should be taken if Cardiff or rather Lord Bute should succeed in obtaining the Order in Council for holding the assizes alternately to be rescinded. The Evenings Post however satisfied us that this attempt has failed

Wednesday 11 Drove with John to Swansea & swore him in as High Sheriff for the County. Miss Morris dined with us

Thursday 12 Our dear John & Emma & their precious Pet left us & returned to Penllergare. I walked to attend as Horticultural Meeting at Swansea & Mary took me home in the Carriage

Friday 13 Drove in the afternoon for half an hour to the Willows & again in the Evening to dine at John Groves

Saturday 14 Weather very wet. Drove in the afternoon with Lewis to the Pottery

Sunday 15 Lewis & Miss Mary went to Church & I read the Service to others of the Family at home

Monday 16 My dear Mary's cold better & she took a drive in the close Carriage. Mr & Mrs R Franklen & their 3 Children arrived on a Visit. John, Messrs T E Thomas & Capt Lindsay also dined with us

Tuesday 17 Walked with Franklen to Singleton & thence round by Woodlands home. J D Berrington, Mr Dorrian [?] & Stirling Benson dined with us

- Wednesday 18 The Franklens left us about noon. John & Emma came over & John drove with me for an hour to Swansea after which they returned to Penllergare
- Thursday 19 Storms all day of wind & heavy Rain which prevented John & Emma from coming to us. Lewis dined at Arthur Jones'
- Friday 20 John & Emma with T arrived to spend a few days with us, & John & I afterwards drove for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 21 Busy at home. Mary better & took a drive with John & Emma to Swansea
- Sunday 22 Weather remarkably foul & wet. John, Emma, Molly & Lewis went to Church & I read the Service at home
- Monday 23 Our dear John, Emma & T about one o'clock set off on their return to Penllergare. I afterwards drove with the two Marys' for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 24 Drove over to the Willows, & returned to breakfast at Sketty. Engaged all day at planting
- Wednesday 25 Busy at planting. In the afternoon drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea to meet John on Shrieval arrangements. Col Morgan & Williams of Aberpergam [?] arrived on a Visit for the Assizes. Now for the first time to be held at Swansea
- Thursday 26 Drove to Swansea, & John as Sheriff arrived in State & joined us at the ordinary at the New Rooms where 70 sat down to Table. Though a heavy Rain 15 Carriages attended the Sheriff to meet the Judge at Morryston at ¼ past 5, & after having attended the opening of the Court I returned with Col Morgan & W Williams to Sketty
- Friday 27 Attended the Grand Jury which was sworn in after Church & we afterwards dined with the Judge Sir Jo Williams
- Saturday 28 Wm Williams left us after Breakfast when Col Morgan & I drove to the Grand Jury, & after dining with them we reached home again about 10. the Jury in the afternoon was discharged

<b>MARCH</b>
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Sunday 1 Mary & our 3 Youngsters went to Church. Col Morgan, John & I drove to dine at Singleton to meet Judge, Grand Jury & etc amounting altogether to 39

Monday 2 Drove to Swansea for an hour after Col Morgan had left us in the morning. Vivian, Sir Jo Morris, Socket & the following 4 gentlemen of the Bar dined with us, Wilson, Evans, Chilton & James

Tuesday 3 Went with Mary & our two Girls to Swansea & I walked back. The fear of encuring[?] an ear ache which for several weeks has pained[?] me has prevented me from attending to the Trials in Court. John Traherne came to dine & sleep here

Wednesday 4 Traherne & Lewis went early to attend a Trial respecting the Talbots manorial Rights in Gower which terminated in his favor. In the afternoon I drove Mary for an hour to Swansea

Thursday 5 John came to bid me goodbye & about 12 I left Sketty & posted on to sleep at Newport

Friday 6 Embarked in the Cambria Packet about 8, & after a very stormy passage was landed at the Hotwells in 3¼ hours. Went to Millers Nursery, & after dining at Bristol reached the York House at ½ past 6. Took a Hot Bath

Saturday 7 Left Bath in the York House Coach at 7, & at a little more than ½ past 6 I was reestablished in my old Quarters 45 Bridge Street. Dined at the Athenaeum

Sunday 8 Made several calls. Attended Evening Service at St James's Church, & dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum

Monday 9 Morning very wet & did not stir till I went & was sworn in at the House of Commons at 3. Voted for the Great Western Rail Road. Dined at Bellamy's & in the Evening attended a Ballot at the Athenaeum

Tuesday 10 Much teased by a Face Ach. Dined at Bellamy's & voted against Ministers on Lord Chandos motion for a repeal of the Malt Tax in the Minority of 192 to 350. Got home at a little after one

Wednesday 11 My Face so bad that I could .....[?] nothing more than a little sopped[?] lurk[?] for dinner. Went well wrapped up to the House at 5, & was obliged to come away soon after 9. Voted with Ministers in the majority against Ewarts Motion that no new matter should be brought forward after 11 at night

Thursday 12 Face so swelled & bad that I remained all day in my apartment

- Friday 13 Face so swelled & bad that I again remained all day in my apartment, tho' I would have gone to the House if anything of importance had been going on
- Saturday 14 Much better. ventured in a Walk to the Athenaeum in the afternoon. Got a Drink of Soup for my Dinner & returned soon after 5 to my apartments [CHECK SPELLING]
- SUNDAY 15 My face very much better & from being like a Moon at 3 days from full it has nearly resumed its natural shape. Went in a Coach to the Athenaeum & after an early Dinner returned to my apartments
- Monday 16 Went to Grays Inn & the Title being declared to be good I paid for Tygwyn - £525 odd. Went at 3 to the House & except that I drove with Pendarus [?] to attend a Ballot at the Athenaeum, I remained there till one in the morning. Dined at Bellamy's
- Tuesday 17 Tho' my face has recovered I was afraid as the weather was bad top go out in the morning, but in the afternoon I called on H Gurney & etc. After dining early at the Athenaeum I went with Sir Chs Lemon to the House at 5 & remained there till 12
- Wednesday 18 In the afternoon called on Genrl Grant & etc. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till after 12
- Thursday 19 Hunted after Garden Seeds & etc. Dined at the Athenaeum. Went to the House at 6 & remained there till it broke up at ¼ before 11
- Friday 20 I had engaged to dine at Alderman Thompsons & as I was setting out John arrived on a Visit to me. I got back from Thompsons as soon as I could & then went with John to the House & voted against a resolution proposed by Ministers in the Minority 213 to 198. We got home about ½ past 12
- Saturday 21 Weather unusually wet all day. John & I made some calls & went with Talbot to see O'Neills pictures. John Traherne (who had arrived in the morning with Sir C Cole) dined with us at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 22 John & I went to the morning Service at Westminster Abbey. Afternoon very wet. We dined with Talbot at Fentons Hotel
- Monday 23 Went with Traherne & John & spent the day pleasantly at Loddiges' Nursery at Hackney where we met Sir P Egerton. John & I dined at the Athenaeum, & went afterwards to the House of Commons where I remained till 12

- Tuesday 24                   Went with Traherne & John to Knights Nursery in the Kings Road Chelsea. We afterwards all dined at the Athenaeum where I left John & went off to the H of Commons. Got home at ½ past 12
- Wednesday 25 Went again with John to Knights Nursery, & afterwards went with Traherne to the Zoological gardens. We all dined at the Athenaeum & I took [?] them to the H of Commons where I remained till 12
- Thursday 26                 John & I went on Bermondsey business to Mr Framptons. Afterwards called on the Bishop of Landaff & etc. John & I dined with my old Friend Dr Frank where we met Lord Brecknock, Lord Neville & etc & from thence we went to the H of Commons where I voted in the minority for the Government amendment to Tooks Motion for advising the London University to confer Degrees
- Friday 27                   Went with Traherne & John to Lees' Nursery at Hammersmith & then to the Horticultural Gardens. They both dined with me at Bellamy's & attended the sitting of the House till ½ past 11 when they came with Vivian for some Tea to Bridge Street
- Saturday 28                 John & I in the morning went to a botanical Levee at Lamberts in Grosvenor Street, & in the Evening we dined at Charles Barclays
- Sunday 29                  John went with Traherne to the Royal Chapel at St James, & I not being vert well remained at home. We dined at Vivians
- Monday 30                 Went with John to the British Museum & etc. We dined together at the Athenaeum & soon after 8 he started homewards in the Mail. Lord Jo Russell's motion for an appropriation of the surplus Revenues of the Irish Church came in this Evening & I remained in the House till one when the debate was adjourned
- Tuesday 31                 Felt all forlorn[?] now John has left me. Dined with Traherne & Jos Sabine at the Athenaeum. remained in the House till after midnight & the debate again adjourned

<b>APRIL</b>
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- Wednesday 1               Went about to purchase the Seeds of Rock Plants & sent off 6 covers full to Mary. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till after one when I went home. At the beginning of the sitting I voted against Ministers in the minority of 200 to 216, on a motion for rescinding a former resolution with regard to the Leicester[?] Election Petition
- Thursday 2                 Walked in the City on Business. Dined at Bellamy's. Afterwards attended a siting of the Royal Society, & returned to the House. Came away &

- went to Bed at 12 or soon after as I determined not to vote at all in Lord Russells motion
- Friday 3                      Attended the House from 4 o'clock in Committee on Lord John Russell's motion which at ½ past 3 this evening was carried against by [sic] Ministers by 322 to 289
- Saturday 4                    went in the morning to Lambert's & etc. Dined with Mr & Mrs Bevan at Dr Sim's & afterwards spent an hour with Talbot who is still laid up by a sprain at Fentons Hotel
- Sunday 5                      Weather very wet & I did not move out till I attended afternoon Service at the Abbey. Dined at the Athenaeum & afterwards spent an hour or two with Talbot at Fentons
- Monday 6                     Went to the City, & afterwards called on Lord Cawdor & etc. Attended the House from 4 till ½ past 12, & again declined to vote on the Irish Church Question
- Tuesday 7                    Attended the Committee on the Neath Market Bill which cut my day in two. Went to the House at 4 & remained there till 7 when I walked to dine at the Athenaeum. Returned to the House & remained there till one when I went to Bed & again declined to vote on the Irish Church Question. On the whole my inclinations most led me to support the Ministers, but I more or less disapproved of the proceeding on both sides & disliked to vote in opposition to my Colleagues
- Wednesday 8                Spent the morning at Knight's Nursery. At 5 heard of the resignation of Ministers announced to the House by Sir Robt Peel & an adjournment till Monday immediately followed. Dined at Sir Chs Lemons & met Lady George & Miss E Murray[?] & etc
- Thursday 9                   Executed various Errands preparatory to leaving Town. Went to the House which met only for an Election Ballot & then adjourned. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Friday 10                    Started from Hatchetts at about 20 minutes past 6 & in 12 hours reached Gloster in the Regulation Coach. Posted on to sleep at Newnham
- Saturday 11                 Posted on to Chepstow where I met the Mail, & so reached Swansea at ½ past 7. My Carriage was waiting with Lewis for my arrival, & I at once drove & found all well at home
- Sunday 12                    Caught a baddish cold on the Journey & did not stir out. The 3 youngsters went to Church
- Monday 13                   Drove for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon

Tuesday 14 A cold caught on the Journey troublesome & I did not leave Sketty all day

Wednesday 15 John drove over to spend the morning with us & he went with me for half an hour to Swansea & afterwards returned to Penrice

Thursday 16 Drove in the morning with Lewis to the Pottery & etc & Mary came to take me home to Dinner

Friday 17 Good Friday. We all went to St Marys Church & I walked back to Sketty

Saturday 18 Drove in the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 19 A slight cold kept me at home all day. The two Mary's & Lewis went to Church

Monday 20 Drove in the morning with Mary & afterwards with John to Swansea. John, Emma & my precious Grand Chick arrived on a Visit

Tuesday 21 Drove with John in the Phaeton to Neath & from thence to attend a County Meeting which he as Sheriff had called at Pyle. It was a struggle in the no Popery cry between the Tories & the Liberals & the latter by the aid of a Legion of their Tenants & of Parsons beat us almost 2 to 1. Not one Gent on the Liberal side took any returns with him. we lunched at Margam & reached Sketty about ½ past 7

Wednesday 22 I did not leave home all day. John & Emma drove to Penllergare & returned to dinner. Lewis in the Evening went to a Ball at Col Camerons, & slept at the Mackworth Arms

Thursday 24 Spent the day chiefly at home about new rock work. John & I dined at Mr Edens where we met Vivian & a large party

Friday 24 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. John, Emma & Miss Mary went to spend the day at Penrice & returned to us in the Evening

Saturday 25 Busy about my rock work day [sic]. Arthur Jones junr, Charles Jones, & Rodney Eden dined with us

Sunday 26 We all went on two Carriages to St Marys Church

Monday 27 Busy all day about my rock work. John & Emma & my precious Pet in the afternoon returned to Penllergare

Tuesday 28 Busy all day about my rock work at home. The two Mary's too a drive & ....[?] at Danygraig

Wednesday 29 Busy about my rock work all day. John & Emma came over early to assist me & spent the day

Thursday 30 Except that I went with the two Mary's for a couple of hours to Swansea I was engaged from 6 to 6 about the new Rockwork

<b>MAY</b>
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Friday 1 Busy all day at my rock work

Saturday 2 Not well, & went out only to my rockwork

Sunday 3 Unwell. The two Mary's & Lewis went to Church & in the Evening Mary & Fan went to Penllergare leaving us to follow them tomorrow

Monday 4 My little Granddaughter was born on the 3rd but it being Sunday was kept today. John drove over to breakfast & took little Mary back with him to Penllergare where I joined the party in the afternoon

Tuesday 5 We all spent the whole day right happily at Penllergare

Wednesday 6 I drove back to Sketty with Miss Mary soon after breakfast, & Mrs D & Fan about noon followed us. Lewis remained at Penllergare

Thursday 7 Drove for a couple of hours with Mary to Swansea & attended a Meeting to consider the propriety of saddling the owners instead of the occupiers of small Houses with the payment of Piers[?] Rates. Sir Jo Morris & his son George, Revd T Morris, Miss Morris & R A Mansell dined with us

Friday 8 Drove to a Petty Session at Langafelach & then with John to Penllergare where I spent about an hour & returned home by 5

Saturday 9 My dear Fan has this day compleated her 27th year. I drove with Lewis to the Pottery for an hour in the morning & got home by 12. John & Emma spent the afternoon & dined with us

Sunday 10 Mr Thos Thomas had appointed to come to me on some urgent Business of Johns respecting the Lanelly railway, & being much harried[?] by preparations for starting for Town tomorrow I was prevented from leaving home. The 3 youngsters went to Church

Monday 11 Breakfasted at 5 at Sketty & at 6 embarked in the Steamer for the Hotwells where I arrived at 4. Went with Mr Howell Gwyn[?] to Millers Nursery. Dined at 7 at the Bank[?] & went on to sleep at the York House at Bath

- Tuesday 12 In a Day Coach I reached my old Quarters in Bridge Street about 8. Found the House had adjourned, & as a heavy Rain setd [?settled] I spent the Evening at my Apartments
- Wednesday 13 Engaged most of the morning with Dr Sims & otherwise about our dear Fans Health & in the afternoon about opposing on Johns behalf the Llanelly rail road Bill. Dined at Bellamys & in the Evening supported the new highway Bill in Committee & voted in one Division for it. Got home before 10
- Thursday 14 Weather very wet & went but little out. Stood[?] my Shot[?] for the Carlow & Canterbury Election Petitions & escaped. Went to dine at the Athenaeum & returned to the House where I remained till about 11
- Friday 15 Mr & Mrs Janson called on me, & afterwards attended our Agricultural Association. Went to the House at four. Dined at Bellamy's. Voted for the Glasgow Water Works, & in a Committee[?] of supply[?] against Hume's motion for reducing the Yeomanry. Got home as the clock struck 12
- Saturday 16 Engaged all the morning with Crowder [?Cawdor or Crawshay] about the Llanelly Bill, & other Business. Dined at Charles Barnebys [?Barclays] & not being very well returned home by 10
- Sunday 17 Took medicine & did not go out in the morning. Went in the afternoon to St James' Church but it was so hot & crowded that as I could not get a Seat I came away. Dined at the Athenaeum & spent the Evening pleasantly there with several of my Friends
- Monday 18 Again engaged in the morning with Crowder, & he came & interrupted a Chat with Dawson Turner who was breakfasting with me. Walked afterwards to visit my old acquaintance Anderson at the Botanical Garden at Chelsea & returned to present 2 petitions at 4 for John & Howel Gwyn against the Lanelly Bill. Dined at Bellamy's & remained till the House broke up at 10 o'clock
- Tuesday 19 My dear Lewis, God bless him is this day of age & I much regret my absence from our happy domestic circle. In the morning I went to the City about Business of his & at ½ past 3 escaped from 2 Ballots for Election Committees. I dined at the Athenaeum with Charles & Arthur Barclay & D Turner, & then returned to the House where I remained till midnight
- Wednesday 20 Variously engaged all the morning. Dined at Bellamy's & remained at the House till 12

- Thursday 21 Variouly engaged in the morning. Attended for two Election Ballots & through a Blunder the House abruptly adjourned till tomorrow an Acct of the E...[?] Ballot being incomplete. Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum with some[?] of my Friends
- Friday 22 Engaged in the morning about the Lanelly Railway & Neath Market Bills till one when I went to the Committee on the Dee erry[?] Road Bill, & remained there till I went to the House at 4. Was drawn as one of Ennis[?] Election Committee. Dined at Bellamy's & remained at the House till after 12. Divided with the Tories in the majority of 14 for the Liverpool Bill
- Saturday 23 Engaged most of the day on Committee. In the Evening I took D Turner to Babbages. Lucien Buonaparte, a vast number of Ladies & many distinguished Characters were there. It was past one when I reached home.
- Sunday 24 Did not go out till afternoon when I called Lord Crowder [?Cawdor] & in my return met Dr Frank in his Carriage who tempted me to go with him to the Zoological Gardens & we afterwards dined together at the Athenaeum
- Monday 25 Engaged in Ennis[?] Committee from ½ past 10. Capt Chapman of the Engineers, Brodarip[?] the Police Magistrate, Maule the Barrister & Howel Gwyn dined with me at Bellamy's. I remained in the House to support Lord Chandos' Agricultural Motion till 12 & then paired off with Lord Henry[?]
- Tuesday 26 Engaged from 11 till 4 at the Ennis[?] Committee. Got an early Dinner at the Athenaeum, & hastened back to the House which at 7 was counted out. Spent the Evening at my Apartments
- Wednesday 27 Engaged at the Ennis[?] Committee from 11 till near 5. Dined at Bellamy's. remained in the House till near one when it adjourned till Monday.
- Thursday 28 Kings Birthday. Engaged in the Ennis [?] Committee from 11 till past 5. Dined with Sabine at the Athenaeum & returned early to my Apartments
- Friday 29 Engaged with Crowder & Frampton about the Lanelly Road till 1 when I went to the Ennis[?] Committee where I remained till about 5. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Saturday 30 Engaged at the Ennis[?] Committee till near 5. Dined at the Athenaeum with Wordsworth[?] & Capt Chapman. Having a pain in my Knees I came early to my apartments & put my Feet[?] in hot water

Sunday 31 Took a long walk across Hyde Park to Bayswater & called on Loudon. Attended Evening Service a St James' Church. Dined at the Athenaeum & at ½ past 9 returned to my Quarters

<b>JUNE</b>
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Monday 1 Engaged all morning in the Ennis[?] Committee. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till ½ past one when I voted in the Minority of 216 for Cayleys Motion to the c...y[?]

Tuesday 2 As heretofor engaged in the Ennis[?] Committee. Dined with a party at Vivians & returned to the House where I voted in the minority against Grotes[?] Motion for the Ballot. It was 2 when I got to Bed

Wednesday 3 Engaged on the Ennis[?] as heretofor. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till past one

Thursday 4 The Ennis[?] Committee met at 10 & adjourned as some of the Youngsters were very anxious to see the Derby at Epsom Races. I went about Trust of Johns Business to the City. Returned to the House at 3, & before 6 it was counted out. Dined with Sir E Wilmot at the Athenaeum Committee met at 10 & to please 3 of our Youngsters we adjourned to allow of their going to the Darby [sic] at Epsom. I went to the City about Trust of Johns affairs. Returned to the House of Commons at 3 & soon after 6 it was counted out. Dined at the Atheneum

[NB this second paragraph was written up under Friday, crossed out and Thursday written in. RLM]

Friday 5 Engaged at the Ennis[?] Committee from 10 till the Speaker took the Chair. Dined at Bellamy's. Lord J Russel brought forward his Measure for Municipal Reform. Soon after 9 the House was counted out & I was in bed at 10

Saturday 6 Again engaged in the Ennis[?] Committee & as parties are not neck & neck ie. 90 each on the Poll, the internal [?] excitement [?] is intense. Dined with a large party at Alderman Thompsons

Sunday 7 Oppressively hot. Did not stir out till the afternoon when I took a short stroll with Col Morgan & we went to St James Church together. Dined at the Atheneum

Monday 8 Weather most oppressively hot. Went to Knights Nursery as the Ennis [?] Committee has been obliged to adjourn through the sudden illness of Mr Futor[?]. Dined at Herbert Jones' with a large party

Tuesday 9 Committee again adjourned from a severe continuance of Factors[?] illness. Weather very hot. Dined & spent the Evening at the Atheneum with Sabine, Sir E Wilmot, ...[?], Sir A de Barrke[?], Buckland etc

Wednesday 10 Inordinately[?] hot. Walked as far as the Atheneum only. Ennis [?] Committee met at ¼ before ...[?] & sat till 5. Dined at Bellamy's & left the House sitting at 12

Thursday 11 As hot as ever. Too hot to walk & in the afternoon went on some Errands in a Hackney Coach. The Ennis[?] Committee closed its Labor at ....[?] & declared Bridgman[?] the sitting Member to have been duely[?] elected. Dined at the Atheneum at 5, & soon after went to the House & voted against Sir J Whalley[']s? motion for a repeal of the Window Tax. 204 to 14 or some such thing. It was past one when I got to Bed

Friday 12 Engaged till 5 at the Newport & Merthyr Committees. Got some Dinner at the Atheneum & returned to the House. Voted against Ministers for Robinsons motion to appoint a Select Committee for a revision of the System of Taxation, & also with the minority of 24 against granting 7665£ for ornamenting the Military Chapel at Whitehall. left the House sitting at 12 & went to Bed

Saturday 13 Variously employed on Business & etc in the morning. Dined at the Atheneum & about 10 went in Court Dress to the Speakers Levee

Sunday 14 Went to breakfast at Stokes where I met Lord Cole Wherwell[?], Robt Brown & etc. Dined at Murchiesons with Lord Selkirk & we went together to a Soiree at Lyalls

Monday 15 Engaged on the Merthyr & Neath Market Committees. dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till one

Tuesday 16 Engaged till after 4 on the Neath Market Committee. Dined with Dr Frank at the Atheneum & retired early to Bed. No House formed

Wednesday 17 Engaged till 4 in the Neath Market Bill, & then drove with Talbot in his Carriage to Loddiges. Dined at ½ past 7 at the Atheneum & then hurried to the House where I remained till past one o'clock

Thursday 18 Engaged all the morning at the Neath Committee. Dined at Bellamy's & while at Dinner the House was counted out. Being much jaded I went home at ½ past 7 & to Bed early

Friday 19 Went early to Somerset House & paid the Duty on the Legacy left to Lewis by his Grandfather Llewelyn. At 12 met the Neath Committee where I remained till past 4. Dined at the Atheneum & went to the House where I remained till 12.

Saturday 20                    Attended the Neath Market Committee at 11 & afterwards the Lanelly rail road Committee. Dined with Sir Eardly Wilmot at the Atheneum, & afterwards went there with several of my Friends

Sunday 21                     Did not go out in the morning & in the afternoon attended Service at St Margarets Church. Went with Talbot in his Carriage to dine at Lord Melbourns [?], & got home soon after 11

Monday 22                    Attended the Committee on the Merthyr Market Bill. In the afternoon went in Dr Franks Carriage with him & Robt Brown to Loddiges Nursery. Dined at Bellamy's. Voted with Ministers in the Bill for Municipal reform & remained in the House till it closed at ½ past 2

Tuesday 23                   Dd Edwards came to Breakfast with me. Started soon after 11, & remained 3 or 4 hours at Knights Nursery Grounds. Dined at Bellamy's. Voted with the Ministers on Municipal Reform & got home at one o'clock

Wednesday 24 Rained most heavily, & did not stir out till I went to the House at 4. Returned hastily to the House & took up the Newport Harbor & 2 other Bills to the Lords. Remained in the House till it broke up at 20 m: past 2

Thursday 25                   Confined to my apartments by a heavy Rain till the afternoon when I went northwards in Dr Sims Carriage to note[?] some Carpetting[?] & called at the Linnean Society. Dined at Serjt Ludlows & returned early to the House where I voted twice 1st in the Majority against soliciting a Pardon for the Dorchester Laborers[?] and 2nd in the majority against Fox Maules Bill in regard to game in Scotland. Got home at one o'clock

Friday 26                     It rained so hard till I went to the House of Commons at 4 I did not stir out. Went with Vivian ....[?] to dine pot luck with him, & returned early to the House, where I remained till past one & then left the House sitting

Saturday 27                   Showery. Executed various errands. Dined at the Atheneum & went home early

Sunday 28                     Did not go out, except to Church at St James & to dine at the Atheneum with Sabine & Maule[?]

Monday 29                    Busy with some new purchased Books till I went to the House a 4. Went to dine at the Atheneum & Wm Williams returned with me to the House where I remained till one, & voted with Ministers against Peacds[?] motion respecting Lord Shaftesbury

Tuesday 30                   Lewis arrived on a Visit to me about 8 in the Evening & went with me to the House of Commons. I voted twice once in the majority with Ministers against requiring a Qualification form the Town Council, &

against Ministers in the minority on Lord Hanleys [?] motion for reducing the frequency of their Elections from one to two years. Got home soon after one

<b>JULY</b>
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Wednesday 1	Went with Lewis to Loddiges & being very hungry we dined together before 5 at Bellamys. I remained in the House till past one & supported Ministers in the Municipal Bill. Lewis went to the Haymarket Theatre
Thursday 2	Not well & went but little out. Lewis & I dined at bellamy's & he went to the opera. I remained at the House till one, & supported Ministers in the Municipal Bill, except that I once voted against them in Sir Js Grahams amendment, to return the power of Licensing in all Boroughs where no Magisterial loan[?] are given, to the County Magistrates
Friday 3	Went with Lewis to Hoggs Nursery at Paddington Green, & then went to Pebdays[?] & I with Talbot to a picture Sale. Lewis & I dined at Bellamy's & I remained till ½ past 11 in the House
Saturday 4	Lewis went to a Fete at the Horticultural Gardens, & I to meet Talbot at a picture Sale, where by his advice I bought a Titian & 5 other pictures. In the Evening Lewis went to the opera & I to dine at Lord Lansdownes
Sunday 5	Lewis went to the Abbey in the morning & I to the Evening Service at St James. We both dined at Talbots
Monday 6	Went with Lewis to the Diorama, Water Color Exhibition & etc. We dined at Bellamy's & leaving the House sitting I went to Bed before 12
Tuesday 7	Went with Lewis to Oxford Street & on my return to a sitting of the House at 12 had my Pocket [picket] by some rascally urchins in Regent & lost my favorite Russian Snuff Box which I had bought at Frankfurt. remained in the House till 3. Dined at Bellamy's. House counted out about ½ past 6. Lewis went to the opera & I spent the Evening at the Atheneum. At the morning sitting I voted against a Coroners Inquest being an open Court
Wednesday 8	Went to Police Offices about my Snuff Box in vain. In the afternoon drove to Mr Marriotts whose Gardens at Wimbledon are very beautiful & after lunching there, reached Town about 7 when Lewis went with Mr Shaw to hear Made Malabran[?] at Drury Lane. After dining at the Atheneum I went to the House & remained there till near 1 o'clock
Thursday 9	Lewis spent the whole day at Nursery Grounds, Opera & etc with Mr Shaw. At the morning sitting I voted in favor of the Marine [?] Toll exemption Bill, & in repeated Divisions against the Prisoners Council Bill. After 3 o'clock walked on Business to Grays Inn Square. Dined at

Bellamy's & remained in the House till  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 1. Voted with Ministers on the Municipal Bill

Friday 10 Lewis went with Mr Shaw to a grand Review by the King in Hyde Park, & we afterwards dined together at Bellamy's. I was in & out of the House of Commons & busy in preparing to leave Town till I went to Bed about 12

Saturday 11 I started at 8 for Bath leaving Lewis behind me & he followed by a night Coach. I slept at the Cristopher [sic] Inn before being taken on to Bath

Sunday 12 Lewis reached Bath just as I left, & he remained there to follow to Jo Trahernes tomorrow & to attend for the first time on the Grand Jury. At a little after 7 the Mail reached Swansea where I found John with the Carriage waiting for me & went immediately to Sketty Hall

Monday 13 John about 11 left us to attend his Duties as High Sheriff at the Cardiff Assizes. I remained all day at home

Tuesday 14 About the Rock work & other matters I remained all day at home

Wednesday 15 Remained as yesterday at home

Thursday 16 Drove for an hour in the afternoon with Miss Mary to Swansea. Lewis returned from Cardiff by the Mail

Friday 17 The two Marys drove to Swansea & I remained all day at home. Sir C Cole & many others called on me

Saturday 18 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & while Mary went to pay a Visit at the Bryn & all the others were out, John called in his way from Cardiff to Penrice

Sunday 19 A bad bilious attack confined me to the House & the rest of us went to St Mary's Church

Monday 20 Better, & drove in the afternoon for half an hour to Swansea. John arrived in the afternoon, & through a disappointment about their Carriage the arrival of E & T has been deferred till tomorrow

Tuesday 21 Much unwell, & did not go out. Emma & the Baby arrived in the morning

Wednesday 22 Drove with Emma for half an hour to Swansea in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Watkin Homfray., Mrs Thomson (her mother) & Richd Jeffreys dined with us

Thursday 23 Busy about the Rock Work & other matters all day at home. Emma with the two Mary's went to make calls at Swansea

Friday 24 Emma & the two Mary's drove to the Mumbles & I remained all day at home

Saturday 25 Very hot. Drove in the afternoon with John for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 26 Went with John, Emma, our two Girls & Lewis to St Marys Church. In the afternoon I drove to call on Ll Traherne, & Watkin Homfray at the Mumbles

Monday 27 Drove for an hour with Fan on Justice[?] & other Business to Swansea

Tuesday 28 John, Emma & my precious little Granddaughter returned to Penllergare

Wednesday 29 Drove with Mary to Swansea where I was detained by Business for as couple of hours & we then went on to spend the afternoon & dined at Penllergare. Reached home about 9

Thursday 30 John came over to meet me at Swansea & we together attended the Sale of Jo James' Estates. I bought the Mill & a Cottage by the Goppa

Friday 31 John came over to breakfast with us, & with Lewis accompanied me to Swansea where at ½ past 10 I started in the glamorgan[?] Steamer, & reached the Bush at Bristol about ½past 9 on the way to resume my Parliamentary Duties

<b>AUGUST</b>
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Saturday 1 Went in the morning to Williams Nursery & etc, & at ½ past 5 left Bristol in the Monarch Coach

Sunday 2 Reached my old apartments in Bridge Street at ½past 8 & from the excessive heat of the weather much fatigued. Dined at the Atheneum & went to Bed about ½ past 8

Monday 3 Called on Dr Sims about our dear Fan. Remained in the House from about 4 till I went to Bed at ½ past 1. Dined at bellamy's. Voted twice, once against the Discharge of Keith[?] from Newgate & 2ndly in the Minority of 25 against rescinding the Debt of one Million which was lent from the Consolidated Fund to the Irish Church

Tuesday 4 Called again on Dr Sims. Attended the morning sitting, & voted in a minority of 6 against stamping weights & measures at the expense of the County Rate. Dined at the Atheneum & remained in the House form 6 till

about 20 mins to 2. I also voted against the appointment of a select Committee to enquire into the case of Col Bradley. I was shut out or would have voted against the admission of Ladies to the Gallery

- Wednesday 5 Dined at the Atheneum at 4 that I might give the whole Evening to Business at the House, but there was an insufficient attendance for the Speaker to take the Chair. Spent the Evening at the Atheneum & came home at 10 to go to Bed
- Thursday 6 Attended the morning sitting of the House & afterwards went in a Boat on Business to the City. Returned to the House at 5, dined at the Atheneum & remained there till ½ past one. Voted with Majorities that Mr Preston[?] should be admonished & that Mr Reantis[?] should be sent to Newgate. Also in the majority against any interference with the Court Martial on Capt Atcheson
- Friday 7 Went to Fulham & spent a couple of hours very pleasantly with Mr Burchall, the African Traveller. Walked from there to Knights Nursery & by a Boat from Chelsea got to the House at 5. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till I left it sitting at ½past one. Voted against any interference with the Court Martial on Capt Robinson
- Saturday 8 Went by a Boat to London Bridge & in a Stage at ½ past 10 to spend the day with my Sister Mrs Jansen at Walthamstow. Got back to the atheneum at 9, & after stopping an hour there with Barburton & etc, I came home to Bed
- Sunday 9 Very hot. Did not stir out till near one when I made some calls. Attended St James Church. Dined at the Atheneum & returned home early
- Monday 10 Weather monstrous hot, & I went but little out. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till ½ past 3. Voted for a Committee to enquire into Orange Lodges in England, against repeated motions for adjournment
- Tuesday 11 Weather very hot. Attended the morning sitting of the House. Dined at the Atheneum. Remained in the House till near 3. Voted in the majority respecting the Orange Lodge 183 to 43
- Wednesday 12 Too hot to go much out. Dined at Bellamy's. Remained in the House from 4 till past 11 when a want of sleep on the two preceeding[?] nights obliged me to leave the House sitting & got to Bed
- Thursday 13 Went to the morning sitting & remained there till it broke up at ½ past one. Then went in a Boat to the Chelsea Gardens. Dined at the Atheneum & remained in the House till one

- Friday 14 went to the Sale of Lady Elchos[?] Library & bought Cardews[?] botanical repository & etc. Dined at John Nichols at 4. Went to the House & remained there till ½ past 1
- Saturday 15 Attended a morning sitting of the House. At 4 went with Barclay in his Carriage to Berry Hill & got there at 7 to Dinner
- Sunday 16 Spent the whole day in rambling about the Gardens at Berry [?Bury] Hill, except when Barclay read the Service to the Family, as the Church is rebuilding
- Monday 17 As Barclay is Chairman of the Caslow [?Carclew] Election Committee he was obliged to reach Town by 11, & I came up with him in his Carriage after an early breakfast. Attended the House till near 7 when I went to dine at B Halls [?] & afterwards with a large party of Members & Ladies to a grand Fete at Vauxhall for the benefit of the distressed Poles. Mr Wranghams Carriage brought me home by ½ past one
- Tuesday 18 The weather continued oppressively hot. Remained about ....[?] in the House from 12 till 8 when it was counted out, & voted against Buckingham's Bill for public Institutions, 36 to 20. Wm Jones of Glanbran[?] & a Friend of his dined with me at Bellamy's & leaving them in the House of Lords I went home soon after 9
- Wednesday 19 Attended a morning sitting of the House, & after getting an early Dinner at the Atheneum went again to the House at 5 & remained there till near 1 o'clock. Moved for several Corn returns by a request from Cayley & other Agriculturalists, & voted several times on unimportant Questions with Ministers
- Thursday 20 The weather was so sultry that I did not stir till I went to the House at 12, & without any adjournment it remained sitting & I remained there till ¼ to 12 at night. Dined at Bellamy's & voted with Ministers on several unimportant Divisions
- Friday 21 This is my Birthday, & I feel most deeply thankful to the Almighty Dispenser [?] of Events for the many Blessings I enjoy. At 4 I went to the House & then to Dinner at Mr Callands 83 Norton St. Came back to the House soon after 9 & remained there till 2 to Vote against the proposed Grant to Mr Buckingham
- Saturday 22 Attended a morning sitting of the House at 12 & in an hour it was counted out. Soon after 4 went with Dr Sims in his Carriage to dine with my Sister Mrs Bevan at Tottenham & returned at 9. Then went for an hour or two to the Evening Exhibition at the Colosseum

- Sunday 23 Did not go out in the morning. In the afternoon called on Miss Talbot at Nicholls, & attended afternoon Service at the Curzon Street Chapel. Dined at the Atheneum & retired to my Lodgings before 10
- Monday 24 Went to the House at 4. Soon after I walked to the Atheneum for some Dinner & returned to the House where I remained till about ½past 12. Voted on the irish [?] registration Bill once with & once against Ministers
- Tuesday 25 Went at 12 to the House, & as both the Orders & Motions had been got through we adjourned at 4. Dined & spent the Evening at the Atheneum. After an extraordinary long spell of dry weather rain at last seems to have set in
- Wednesday 26 At last some refreshing showers fell in the morning. I was detained by Agricultural Business at the Treasury till a few minutes after 4 & on going to the House found that it had been counted out owing to the inability to collect more than 39 members. Dined & spent the Evening at the Atheneum
- Thursday 27 Attended the House at 12 & at ½ past one it adjourned till 4 tomorrow. I dined at Hudson Gurneys
- Friday 28 Busy in preparing to repel an attempt of which Pontill[?] Thomson has given notice, to rescind the Agricultural Order which I obtained on the 19th. By his desire I had an Interview with him at the Board of Trade at 3, & finding me determined to resist it & to divide the House he consented to withdraw the notice. I dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House from 4 till past 11 when it was counted out
- Saturday 29 A little exertion & anxiety arising from my having been yesterday entreated[?] in the alarm[?] of others with the Agricultural Interests has given me a bad headache. Attended the House from 12 till 3 & afterwards went on registration Business to the Home Office. Dined with Hastings Elwin & spent the Evening at the Atheneum
- Sunday 30 Not well & did not go out in the morning. In the afternoon drove & spent 3 hours at the Zoological Gardens. Attended Evening Service at St James & dined at the Atheneum. Not being well went early to Bed
- Monday 31 Attended a Meeting of the Friends of Ministers at the Foreign Office at one. At 3 went to the House. Walked top get some dinner at the Atheneum & remained in the House till it adjourned about a Quarter to One

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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Tuesday 1                      Attended the House from 12 till 12 in the Lords amendments of the Municipal Bill. Voted in the Majority 271 to 37 for requiring a Qualification from the Council & in the Minority against Ministers with regard to the mode of appointing Town Magistrates. Dined at Bellamys. A headache has more or less teased me for the last 4 days

Wednesday 2                    Unwell. Drove in a hackney Coach to the Chelsea Garden & from there returned to the House at 4 & remained there till after one. Voted in the majority with Ministers & the Peel[?] against the Radicals. Dined at Bellamys

Thursday 3                      Being unwell I went to Dr Sims & agreed to lay by tomorrow. Drove to call on Lissson[?] at Bayswater. Went to the House at 4 to support the appropriation[?] Bill which was opposed by the Radicals but there was no Division. Being my dear Mary's Birth Day I went to the Atheneum at 7, & drank to Many happy returns of the Day. Returned home & to Bed early

Friday 4                         Busy in preparing to leave Town. Went to the House at 4 & after dining at the Atheneum took my place in the Emerald Coach for tomorrow morning. Returned & remained in the Commons till it adjourned about 10 when the proceedings of the Lords became more hostile to an alteration in the Municipal than was expected & Ministers requested all their Friends to remain in Town. Stopp'd in the House of Lords till near 2 when at last they agreed to give up their stipulations for the Town Clerks, & Mr Berry told me that I should not in consequence be any longer wanted

Saturday 5                      Started a little before 8 in the Emerald. Reached Bristol at 10 & slept at the Bush

Sunday 6                        Reached home in the Mail a little before 8 & found all well

Monday 7                        Remained all day at Sketty. John & Emma came over to spend a few hours with us

Tuesday 8                      Busy all day at Sketty

Wednesday 9                    Drove in the afternoon with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea

Thursday 10                    Drove with Mary & spent the day at Penllergare. Returned to dinner at 6

Friday 11                        Drove with Fan in the morning & spent half an hour at Swansea

Saturday 17                      Not very well. Remained all day at home

Sunday 13 Both Mary & I unwell, & as Lewis is with his Brother at Penllergare, only the two Girls went to Church. Mr Bird advised me to take some strong medicine

Monday 14 Remained all day at Sketty. Not well

Tuesday 15 Went to Swansea in the afternoon to vote for Mr French as Surgeon for the Infirmary & he was beat by one Mr Mortimer who had the advantage of a prior start

Wednesday 16 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Penllergare

Thursday 17 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea & Fan accompanied me

Friday 18 Remained all day at home. The two Mary's drove to Penllergare

Saturday 19 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea, & met Vivian, Sir V[?] Morris & John by appointment respecting the objections made by Grant on behalf of the Tories to several hundred Freeholders

Sunday 20 We all went to St Mary's Church in the morning, & in the afternoon I drove to make some calls at the Mumbles. Babbage arrived to pay me a Visit, but met Vivian at Swansea, & I dined with him at Singleton

Monday 21 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea. Babbage came to me in the afternoon

Tuesday 22 Babbage about noon drove with Lewis to observe the growth of Timber at Penllergare & then to see the & they returned here in the afternoon

Wednesday 23 Babbage went with Lewis in the afternoon to Swansea & from thence he went on to Merthyr

Thursday 24 Drove in early to attend the revising Barristers in the revision of County Votes at Swansea

Friday 25 Walked in to attend the revising Barristers at Swansea & over tired myself

Saturday 26 Drove in to attend the Revising Barristers, & out of 5 or 600 objections which had been served by Grant, they struck off only 29 in the whole Parish of St Mary's & I believe not above 20 elsewhere. My knee from yesterdays over fatigue troubles me. I dined to meet the revising Barristers at Singleton

Sunday 27 The 3 Ladies & Lewis went to Church, but my knee troubles me & I did not stir out all day

Monday 28 My knee still troubles me, & I did not go out except to the Green House. John & Emma came over in the afternoon

Tuesday 29 Drove in the afternoon for half an hour to Swansea

Wednesday 30 Kept my knee quiet at home all day & except that I went with the two Mary's to dine with the Bensons[?] at Sketty Park

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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Thursday 1 My knee still weak & I did not go out. Lewis drove in the Phaeton, as the weather was very course to shoot Pheasants at Ynysygerwn. Revd T Morris came to us for a few days. Sit Jo & Geo[?] Morris, Mrs Starling Benson, Mr Logan & T E Thomas dined with us

Friday 2 Drove to attend a Petty Sessions at Langafelach. Mr, Mrs & Miss & John Eden & Miss Morris dined with us

Saturday 3 My knee rather weak & I did not go out all day

Sunday 4 Revd T Morris left us after Breakfast. All except Fan & I went to Church

Monday 5 Knee troublesome & did not go out, except for a drive as far as Swansea

Tuesday 6 Drove to attend a Meeting about dividing Swansea into Wards & injured my knee by it

Wednesday 7 Knee troublesome & I did not go out

Thursday 8 Did not go out. Arthur, Mrs & Miss Jones, Miss Webber, Capt & Mrs Lindsay, R Mansell & Henry Jones dined with us

Friday 9 Knee troublesome, & did not go out except to dine at Vivians where I met Capt Brandrith & another Commissioner appointed to investigate the Boundary of Swansea

Saturday 10 Knee still troublesome & did not go out

Sunday 11 Knee troublesome & did not go out. The rest of us went to Church

Monday 12 Remained all day at home. The two Mary's went to call on Mrs Nicholl at Penllergare

Tuesday 13 My knee better. Drove to attend a Meeting at the Infirmary, & afterwards attended another about dividing the Town into Wards at Swansea. returned home soon after one

Wednesday 14 Knee troublesome again & drove only as a drive to Swansea & back

Thursday 15 Did not go out all day. Mr Frampton, Mr, Mrs Thomas & Chs Collins dined with us

Friday 16 Knee troublesome. Did not go out

Saturday 17 Attempted to drive to call on Nichol at Penllergare bit one of the Horses fell down & obliged me to turn back

Sunday 18 My Knee troublesome & I did not go out. The rest of the Family went to Church

Monday 19 Drove with Miss Mary for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon. Lewis killed his first Wood Cock at Penllergare. WE saw the Comet in the Evening

Tuesday 20 Mrs & Miss Linette[?] Williams & Mr & Mrs Fredericks arrived on a Visit to us. I spent the whole day as assistant Chairman at the Q Sessions & after dining with the Magistrates at the Mackworth Arms returned with Fredericks about 9 to Sketty

Wednesday 21 Engaged all day at Quarter Sessions. Capt Penrice, Mr Thomas of Merthyr & Howell Gwyn met the Duffryn Family at Dinner & the latter slept here

Thursday 22 Engaged till 4 at Swansea when the Sessions closed. Our Visitors all left us

Friday 23 Remained all day at home

Saturday 24 Drove for an hour to Swansea. Mr & Mrs J W Bruce came on a Visit, & the Camerons & R Pritchard dined with us. N Cameron slept here

Sunday 25 Rained so hard that none of us could go to Church & I read the morning Service at home. Fanny affected by a sore throat & we went for Dr Howell. Capt T Morgan dined with us

Monday 26 The Bruce's & the Camerons left us. Knee not well & I did not go out. Fan better

Tuesday 27 Did not go out. Fan better

Wednesday 28 Drove for an hour to Swansea

Thursday 29	Did not go out
Friday 30	Very wet day. Did not go out
Saturday 31	Drove for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea & signed an Agreement for a Lease of the Willows to the Revd D Hewson

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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Sunday 1	We all except our dear Fan who is far from well went to St Mary's Church in the morning
Monday 2	Drove for a couple of hours with Lewis to Swansea & attended a Harbor & a Turnpike Meeting
Tuesday 3	Rained all day in Torrents & none of us could go out
Wednesday 4	Went with post Horses to attend the Funeral of Mrs Gough of Ynysygerwn at Ystradgunlais, & took T E Thomas with me. It was about 7 when I got back
Thursday 5	Did not go out
Friday 6	Drove to Petty Sessions at Langafelach & then to call on the Penrice Family at Penllergare
Saturday 7	Rained in Torrents. Not well. Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea for an hour
Sunday 8	Not well. Did not go out. The rest of the Family went to St Mary's Church
Monday 9	Took some Calomel. Did not go out
Tuesday 10	Not much well. Did not go out
Wednesday 11	Ditto. Ditto
Thursday 12	Much unwell. Drove for half an hour in the afternoon to Swansea
Friday 13	Very unwell & put myself under the care of Mr Bird
Saturday 14	Confined to my room. John & Emma & our little Pet arrived on a Visit to us
Sunday 15	Still confined chiefly to my Room. All the Youngsters went to Church

Monday 16 Still a Prisoner to the House, tho' better

Tuesday 17 I am better & have walked as far as the Horses[?] House but an still attended by Mr Bird. John[?] & Lewis drove to shoot at Ynysygerwn & met with no sport

Wednesday 18 Less well & did not go out

Thursday 19 Went only about the Garden

Friday 20 Went only to the Hot House & not well. John heard that his Butler Dursham [?Densham] died at ½ past 2 this morning

Saturday 21 Better & drove for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 22 All the party went to Church except myself & the Weather being very wet & my Cough still troublesome I kept the House

Monday 23 John drove to Penrice & on acct of mental Aberrations we were obliged to send Emma's maid to be under the care of Mr Bird at Swansea. I only went to the Gardens & did not otherwise venture out

Tuesday 24 Did not go out, tho' better

Wednesday 25 Employed about my own Grounds

Thursday 26 Sir Cr, Lady M, & Miss T came to us early. I took Sir Cr in my Phaeton to Swansea & attended the Horticultural Annual Meeting where my Chrysanthemums obtained about every prize

Friday 27 We all, except Emma & Fan dined at Singleton

Saturday 28 I drove to Swansea in the morning, & Mary & Emma in the afternoon brought me home in the close Carriage

Sunday 29 We all except Fan went to Church which was hung with black on account of the Death of the Duke of Beaufort, & John & I as well as most of the Gentlemen appeared in mourning

Monday 30 Went with John & Lewis to dine at Glanmor

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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Tuesday 1 Mr, Mrs & Miss Vivian & T E Thomas & his son dined with us

Wednesday 2	Drove with John to attend the Annual Meeting of the Swansea Savings Bank, Lewis went to dine & sleep at Dyffryn
Thursday 3	Busy about planting all day
Friday 4	Drove with John to a Petty Sessions at Langafelach & we returned home by way of Penllergare
Saturday 5	Not well & did not go out
Sunday 6	Not well & did not go out. The rest of the Family went to St Mary's Church & stopped for the Sacrament
Monday 7	John & Emma closed their visit to us & returned to Penllergare
Tuesday 8	Drove for an hour to Swansea & Fan accompanied me
Wednesday 9	Remained all at home
Thursday 10	Drove for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea & Mary bach[?] accompanied me
Friday 11	Drove with Lewis to dine at Kilvrough & returned at night
Saturday 12	Went on Business for half an hour to Swansea in the afternoon
Sunday 13	All except myself went in the morning to St Mary's Church
Monday 14	Remained all day at home
Tuesday 15	Remained all day at home
Wednesday 16	Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea
Thursday 17	Col & Mrs Jones, Mr & Mrs Herbert[?] Jones, Sir John Morris & his son George & R Mansell dined here
Friday 18	Remained all day at home
Saturday 19	Drove in the afternoon on Business to Swansea
Sunday 20	Bitter cold. The two Marys & Lewis went to Church & I read the Service to the rest of the Family at home
Monday 21	Bitter cold. remained at Sketty. John & Emma called on their way to Penrice & took Miss Mary with them to Penllergare

Tuesday 22                    Thermometer at 23. Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea

Wednesday 23 Thermometer at 22½. We all went on a Visit to Penllergare

Thursday 24                    Remained all day at Penllergare

Friday 25                        Being Xmas day a Carriage load went to Llangafelach Church & I remained all day at Penllergare. Frost very intense & in the afternoon John & Lewis skated on the Pond by the Farm

Saturday 26                    I remained all day at Penllergare. John & Lewis in the morning went out with their Guns & skated in the afternoon

Sunday 27                        As many as the Carriage could take went to Llangafelach Church & I remained all day at Penllergare

Monday 28                        John in the afternoon drove me to Loughor to look at a new Bulwark which I have erected on the Lands purchased under the enclosure Act

Tuesday 29                        In the afternoon we all returned to Sketty

Wednesday 30 Mr & Mrs & young Jestyn[?] Fredericks arrived to spend a couple of days with us. Capt Lindsay & Arthur Jones & Mrs & Miss Foreman[?] also dined with us

Thursday 31                        Drove to Swansea & was elected by the new Town Council to be one of six Aldermen. Mrs Berrington with a Miss Ross, Howell Gwyn & Charles Jones joined our party at Dinner, & we all went to see the New Years Ball at Swansea of which Mr Fredericks & Lewis were Stewards

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Friday 1                         The Duffryn Family left us about noon, & I then drove to attend the Town Council at Swansea. Capt Brandrith[?], Howell Gwyn & Thomas Thos dined with us

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