

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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The Diaries of Lewis Weston Dillwyn are still the property of the family but have been deposited on loan in the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

They commence at the end of 1817 when the family moved to Penllergare, the estate belonging to Dillwyn's late father-in-law, Colonel John Llewelyn of Ynisygerwn and Penllergare, who had died that year. Dillwyn had kept other journals relating to specific journeys, but not a personal diary.

In 193- there was a plan to make the Diaries generally available and discussions were held between the family and Sir John ---, the Librarian of the NLW. Two reasons prevented the full Diaries being published at that time. Firstly was the cost. Secondly, Dillwyn is quite outspoken about many of the people he came across and it was felt that publication of these comments might upset descendants. Calendars were typed and given to members of the family. In later years other organisations have published extracts but this is the first time that the full Diaries have been made generally available. Hopefully, by making them available on disc, this will prevent damage to the originals, and also make access to their contents much easier.

The original spelling of the Diaries has been used throughout, hence the absence of [sic]. Dillwyn's writing is, at times very small and the ink has faded in places. It has been very difficult sometimes to determine his spelling of Welsh names. When the Calendars were being made, Sir John --- stated, in a letter to ---, that it was essential that the original spelling of the Diaries be retained, rather than translating place names into modern Welsh.

Dillwyn usually, but not always, ended sentences with - rather than a . [full stop] He also very rarely used an ' [apostrophe] He often seems to have used upper case for words during a sentence eg: his Son John ... It is not always easy to decide whether he has or not! And in words that we normally spell with a 'u' he would spell without eg: color, harbor etc. Words such as Mr or Mrs often have the 'r' or 'rs' like superscript with a dot underneath. I have not attempted to do this!

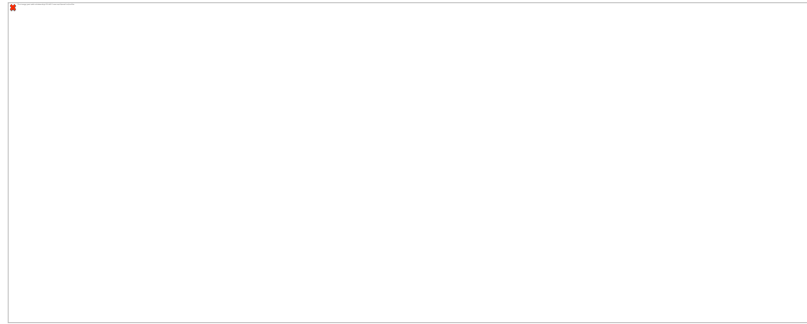
Occasionally he has started an entry on the wrong date indicating that he may have kept a rough diary or did not necessarily write it up on the day concerned. I have not transcribed these entries on the wrong dates, as they appear also on the correct one. Nor have I transcribed other deleted passages where he obviously rewrote either to correct or emphasise a fact.

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1817
OCTOBER

- Monday 13 Having been in London for a fortnight on Business connected with Mr. Llewelyns Will, I yesterday left Higham Lodge in my Father's Carriage at ½ past 4 & proceeded homewards by the Mail without stopping at all on the Road -
- Tuesday 14 Arrived at Penllergare at 4 this morning, & at 11 in the Carriage went to the Quarter Sessions at Swansea -
- Wednesday 15 Went again to the Q. Sessions and brought Mr. Llewellyn Traherne and Son John back with me -
- Thursday 16 Mr Llewelyn Traherne went with me to the Q Sessions and returned to Dinner – Dd. Thomas junr, Scully & Dd Williams, 3 Bailiffs ordered to be transported for 7 years for robbing a poor woman under the false pretence of having an Execution against her Husband.
- Friday 17 Mr. Lle Traherne & his Son left us for Penrice - Spent the day on my Farm & in examining the Repairs at Nydfwch & Gelly Evan -
- Saturday 18 The Pain in my Thigh continuing I went in the Carriage to Swansea & attended an adjourned Harbor Meeting - Afterwards met Sir John Morris, his Son, Lockwood & T E Thomas to consider of the best means to procure the removal of the Autumn Great Sessions to Swansea -
- Sunday 19 Read prayers to the Family & in the afternoon Mr. Vaughan came here to dine & sleep - The Pain in my Thigh continued - On the Saturday before I left London being unable to see either Dr. Baillie or Astley Cooper I went to an ingenious Surgeon in Bucklersbury close named Geo: Young & he gave me the following prescription which has not yet relieved me –



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- Monday 20 Mr. Vaughan spent the Day in examining the old Court Rolls of Clâse, & I was occupied in sorting Papers till late at Night.
- Tuesday 21 Mr. Vaughan drove me over in his Gig & left me - I returned home with Mr. Lewis Thomas & we devoted the evening to looking over some old Deeds – Richd. Jeffreys also dined here - In Swansea I met the Magistrates on the Question of removing the Sessions & devoted the rest of my time to settling a Bond Acct. with Edwd. Hughes & other Business relating to the Estate -
- Wednesday 22 Went with Lewis Thomas to Breakfast in Swansea & spent the whole day in Treaty with Mr Tennant &c for purchasing Ynysneath & Kilvwnnuch but could not agree -
- Thursday 23 Spent this morning in settling accounts with Lewis Griffiths, and in the afternoon rode to examine some of Lord Jerseys estate on Sale near Mynnydd Gwain – Mrs. Llewelyn very ill & in Bed all day with the Face Ach -
- Friday 24 Went in the Carriage to Swansea & renewed the Treaty with Mr. Tennant but could not agree - Our former suspicion that Johnny had the Hooping Cough became realized & the other Children appear also to have caught it -
- Saturday 25 Went on Horseback to look at an Estate of Capt. Southcotts about two Miles beyond Pontardylais and which is for Sale by Auction on the 31st. On my return I found that Sir C. Cole had arrived -

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- Sunday 26 After attending Llangafelach Church Sir C. Cole & I went to call at Clasemont & afterwards at Goremlwynwith – Mrs. Ll continued to be confined to her Bed with a Face ache.
- Monday 27 Sir Cr Cole intended to have rode with me to call on some neighboring Freeholders but we were prevented by a heavy Rain - The Grants from the Gnoll were to have visited Mrs. Ll. & have dined here but were prevented by the illness of Mrs Grant -
- Tuesday 28 Sir C. Cole returned to Penrice - In consequence of the Brewery having been broken into at Swansea I was sent for & remained at the Town Hall till past 10 - Dined at Edwd. Thomas's & slept at the Bush Inn - The Iron Chest of the Brewery had been broken to pieces with a sledge Hammer and about 1000 of Haynes unsigned Bank notes taken away -
- Wednesday 29 Succeeded in recovering most of Haynes's stolen notes & in bringing full Evidence against Wm. John who was committed for Trial to Cardiff Goal [*sic*] - returned home about 3 in the afternoon -
- Thursday 30 Spent the Day on my Farm & in arranging Mr. Llewelyn's Papers - Mary took John to Swansea & consulted Dr. Hobbs about him -
- Friday 31 Attended the Sale at Swansea of Southcotts Estate in Carmarthenshire about 2 miles from Pontardylais & afterwards offered 4500 Guineas for the following Farms, Tygwyn, Gwernwith, Tynymain, Grabaenllwyd, Goitre vaur & Goitre vach. They demanded 5600£ which I refused-

NOVEMBER

- Saturday 1 rode to Swansea & attended a Harbor meeting & etc - The Medico chireirgical Society of Swansea have very civilly made me an Honorary Member & sent me a Latin Diploma -
- Sunday 2 Read Prayers to the Family at home --- Dr. Collins came over to see Mrs. Llewelyn whose Face continued very bad & he dined here - Mary consulted him about the Children who all have the Hooping Cough very severely - A Letter from Sir C Cole yesterday informed me that he had bought the Rhoos Farm with some appendages for 8200£; the Corrocks Farm by the Golden Mile for 4505£ & a field of 23 Acres near Penlline for 1505£ -
- Monday 3 Walking out early I met our Foot Boy Tom Beddow returning home he having been out without any Leave all night, & he told me so

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- many impudent Lies that I immediately discharged him - R Jeffreys came to Breakfast - Spent the day on my Farm & in sorting Papers -
- Tuesday 4 Mary with little Mary & her Nurse in the Carriage & I for the most part on Horseback went & spent the Day at Ynysygerwn - Got back to a late Dinner & found R Jeffreys waiting -
- Wednesday 5 Spent the Day on my Farm & in sorting Papers – Mrs. Llewelyn better & came down to Dinner - The hooping Cough continues in all the Children very severely -
- Thursday 6 Spent the Day on my Farm & in sorting Papers -
- Friday 7 Spent the Day on my Farm & in sorting Mr. Ll's Deeds & Papers -
- Saturday 8 This morning a Letter from my Brother brought me the melancholy Account of the Death of Princess Charlotte - of Wales - received a Box of Porcelain which Lord Amherst brought me from China but it was broke almost entirely to pieces, & as his Lordship in a letter says 'considering the great Dangers he underwent both by Fire & Water it is a wonder that I ever received it at all -Mary & Mrs. Ll drove over to Swansea & I was employed at home in sorting Deeds -
- Sunday 9 Read prayers & a Sermon to such of the Family as did not go to Church at Langafelach - In looking over the Chronicle of the Edinburgh Annual Register for 1815 p.5 I met with the following article. "On Wednesday the 4th inst. a Goose which formerly belonged to the late Mr. John Missing & lately to R Wallissing of Posbrook Cottage, Titchfield, died at the advanced Age of 64 Years; the Year before last she had laid 5 Eggs & hatched 5 Goslings one of which is preserved as a curiosity, being the offspring of so aged a Mother -"
- Monday 10 Dr. Hobbs having strongly recommended a change of air for the Hooping Cough Mary took John, Lewey & Mary to a Lodging which had been prepared for them at the Cambrian Lodging House on the Burrows at Swansea - I had a violent head ach & was mostly confined by it to the House - Let the White Hart public House to Mr. Thomas of Neath for 13 years at 14£ a year on a repairing Lease-
- Tuesday 11 Attended a Meeting for hearing Militia appeals at Llangafelach – Mrs. Ll- went to stay with the Children at Swansea & Mary returned home - Wrote to Sir Joseph Banks.
- Wednesday 12 Mary & I went in the Carriage to Swansea where we found both John & Lewey ill & Mary remained with them - John Wood on

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behalf of him and himself & a Majority of 2 of the Burgesses of Cardiff offered me their Votes to oppose the Bute Interest & this in addition to the other handsome offers I had before received from other Burroughs would leave no doubt of my Success at the next Election for their Member of Parliament - In conformity to Mary's wishes & my own ideas of prudence I have however declined it -

- Thursday 13 Went to Swansea & found Mary very poorly but the children a little better tho' still under Dr. Hobbs's care - Richd. Jeffreys returned with me to Dinner -
- Friday 14 Mr. Sockett & Mr. Minshull came to Breakfast & the former was prevented from Shooting till the afternoon by the Rain - In the aft. I drove over to Swansea & found the two Boys better but Mary very poorly & quite knocked up - Sockett, Minshull and Robt. Thomas dined with me -
- Saturday 15 I sent Fanny & Willey over to join the party at Swansea & remained engaged at home in business relating to the Estate - The Accounts from thence state that the two Boys are better but that my beloved Mary continues very unwell-
- Sunday 16 Went in the morning & spent a few hours with my Family at Swansea, but was too late for Church - At 3 I went in a Gig through driving Rain to dine and sleep at Margam Cottage where I spent a pleasant Evening with Sir C. Cole, Calvert Jones, John Morris, Mr Lucas sen^r. of Stouthall & Mr. Edwards of Reynoldstone -
- Monday 17 After breakfast I accompanied the remainder of the party from Margam to Bridgend to attend a Meeting of Magistrates convened for the purpose of discussing the propriety of removing the Autumn Great Sessions from Cardiff to Swansea, & I seconded Mr. Morris's motion to that effect - The ~~Cardiff~~ Eastern Magistrates had however mustered so unusually strong that confiding in their numbers & fearing our Arguments they urged an immediate division & beat us by 39 to 15 - It was an unfair and disgraceful perceeding [*sic*]- Went with Sir C Cole to St. Hilary -
- Tuesday 18 At St. Hilary I received a very kind reception from the Traherne Family besides whom our party consisted of Sir C Cole, Bruce Knight & myself - After Breakfast I went in my Gig to inspect the new Farm House which I had ordered to be built at Lantwit, & to examine the disputed boundaries of some fields at Boverton - At Boverton Summer house I saw the Body, which had just been found, of Capt Manley ~~which~~ who was the Commander & one of the Sufferers in the

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late horrible wreck of the Irish Packet near the Holmes - returned to
a late Dinner at St Hilary -

- Wednesday 19 After Breakfasting at St. Hilary I started homewards & reached Swansea soon after 5 - On Account of the Funeral of the Princess Charlotte the Shops were everywhere shut, & it was a day of universal gloom and mourning.
- Thursday 20 Being a wet day I could not ride over to Penllergare as I had intended, but spent most of the morning in directing some experiments on Porcelain at the Pottery & went in the Carriage to dine at St. Helens - By being wet both on Sunday and Tuesday I caught a bad Cold, & my cough continues very troublesome -
- Friday 21 Mary returned with John ~~Man~~ Lewey & Mary to Penllergare - I remained at Swansea & dined with Robt. Thomas where I met Lord Wm. Somerset, Sir John Morris & a small party -
- Saturday 22 Fanny & Willey returned home to Penllergare & after having visited the Infirmary & House of Industry I followed them - Miss. A Jones, Vivian & Eden came to shoot as they have done on 3 or 4 preceeding [*sic*] days
- Sunday 23 Read Prayers & a Sermon to the Family – Mrs. Llewelyn returned from Swansea, & our Lodgings there were finally quitted - A violent Cough continues to harrass [*sic*] me -
- Monday 24 Spent the Day in sorting Mr. Ll's Papers & in the Evening Griffiths came over from Ynysygerwn
- Tuesday 25 Spent the morning in settling Accts. with Griffiths & at noon owing to the violence of my Cough I went in the Carriage to Swansea where I settled the Road Acct. with Grove &c-
- Wednesday 26 Spent the Day in sorting & arranging Papers & Rich^d. Jeffreys came to Dinner-
- Thursday 27 Spent the Day at Home in sorting Papers & in inspecting some neighboring parts of the Estate - The cough which has lately troubled me proves to be the Hooping Cough altho' I before had that Disease when I was about 16 years of age -
- Friday 28 Spent the Day in writing & inspecting some neighboring parts of the Estate – Mrs. Ll & Mary went to call at Clasemont & in the afternoon Mr. Bowdler spent an hour with me – Messrs. Jones, Vivian & Eden came to shoot here - My Cough continues so violent as to have

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obliged me to desist from eating any Meat or drinking either Beer or Wine-

- Saturday 29 I had before heard that a Man named Price living in Lansamlet intended to lay a claim to the Penllergare Estate, & having found by a message from Charles Morgan of Carmarthen that this Price's attorney had been examining the Surrenders in the Bishops Court for the purpose, I went over to day to consult my Solicitor Mr. L Thomas on the subject – Mrs. Llewelyn went with me & we returned to a late Dinner-
- Sunday 30 My Cough being very bad Mary read prayers to the Family, & the Weather was so wet that I remained in the House all Day -

DECEMBER

- Monday 1 Mrs Llewelyn went to Mr. Nantkins's at Drymma on the way to visit her Motherⁱ in London - R^d. Jeffrey came to dine &c – Mrs. Gwyn who nursed our 3 younger Children & also Mr. Llewelyn during his illness suddenly dropt down dead this Evening while in her professional attendance in Mrs. Hewson.
- Tuesday 2 Sent an advertisement to the Cambrian under the signature of 'a Gower Farmer' respecting the removal of the Great Sessions alternately to Swansea – Mr. Socket came to Breakfast & after shooting with Richd. Jeffreys they both dined & slept here - Consulted Mr. S. on Prices claim on the Penllergare Estate.
- Wednesday 3 Mr. Socket & R^d. Jeffreys after Breakfast shot their way to Swansea - I spent the day on my Farm &c-
- Thursday 4 At home all Day - except that I inspected the Building at Gelly Evan &c.
- Friday 5 Rained so hard that I did not leave the House all Day & was busied till very late in sorting Papers-
- Saturday 6 Rode to Swansea to see Lewis Thomas who was from home & came back in the Carriage - Learnt from Calvert Jones that he had just sold Veranda to a Mr. Gregory for 6000£-
- Sunday 7 Read prayers to the Family - Sir John Morris spent the afternoon here & we agreed to jointly attempt the following Establishments for the Parish of Llangafelach - A House of Industry for the United

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~~Homesteads~~ Hamlets, a Savings Bank & a Society for prosecuting Felons-

- Monday 8 Went to Goss [*sic*] Eynon Fair-
- Tuesday 9 Took John to the Pig Fair at Goss Eynon & afterwards went with Mary in the Carriage to Swansea - My object was to see Lewis Thomas on Business & hers to call on Mrs. Wyndham who has taken the Lodgings on the Burrows which we lately occupied -
- Wednesday 10 Spent the Day in attending to Business relating to the Estate & Lewis Thomas to assist me with his advice came to dine & sleep here -
- Thursday 11 Attended in the morning to some Business with Lewis Thomas & Richd. Jeffreys came to Dinner -
- Friday 12 Rich^d. Jeffreys & Capt Giffard went a shooting & Mary, John & Fanny walked with me to survey John Thomas's Farm at Cadly -
- Saturday 13 Having received several Letters respecting the necessity for having down the attesting Witnesses from London to prove Mr. Llewelyns will in different Manor Courts I went in the Carriage to consult Mr Lewis Thomas on the subject at Swansea - I also met R^d. Jeffreys who was collecting the Penllergare Rents at the Ship & Castle -
- Sunday 14 Read Prayers to the Family & in the afternoon Capt. Jeffreys came over.- Yesterday in a Meeting of several Gentlemen at Gibbins's Bank, John Jones of St. Helens, so far forget himself as to use words which occasioned me this morning to send the following remonstrance in a Letter to his excellent Brother in Law Rich^d. Phillips who was then staying at his House. "Tho I can hardly believe he meant it yet the words which Mr. Jones addressed to me clearly implied a Threat of giving me trouble in my Trusteeship unless I joined his proposed party against Mr. Sockett & as his remarks, however unintentionally offensive were made in a public Company they have necessarily converted my former wish into a firm determination to remain perfectly neuter - Any private advice or assistance from Mr. Jones would be always gratefully received but I cannot submit to an influence (especially in public) that I must not consult or invite to Penllergare whoever I please & rather than yield to such an idea I would remain in Chancery till Doomsday."-
- Monday 15 Lewis Thomas came on Business & with Capt Jeffreys dined & slept here -

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- Tuesday 16 Called on Sir John Morris at Clasmont & from thence rode with John Morris to a Savings Bank Meeting at Morristown. I then went to Swansea & assisted in healing a Quarrel which had latterly occupied much of my time, respecting a Fever House, & which threatened to split our neighborhood into parties – Mrs. Wyndham dined & slept here & also Miss Morris dined -
- Wednesday 17 Mrs. Wyndham returned to Swansea after Luncheon & Capt. Giffard & Geo Jones called.
- Thursday 18 Went with Mary on Business to Swansea & Griffiths came from Ynysygerwn
- Friday 19 Spent the morning in settling with Lewis Griffiths, Mr. Llewelyn not having struck any Balance since Lady Day 1815 - Arthur Jones & Vivian came to shoot -
- Saturday 20 Walked with Mary to see John Davids Wife at Coedtrenig & found her a horribly disfigured with Small Pox - I afterwards inspected the Improvements at Gelly Evan, Nydfwch Meadowsⁱⁱ &c-
- Sunday 21 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family -
- Monday 22 Went with Mary to Swansea & attended a Meeting of Magistrates at the Town Hall -
- Tuesday 23 My Brother George having slept last Night at Swansea arrived at breakfast time on a Visit - A hard Frost. Thos. Samuel of Langafelach who was Mr. Llewelyn's Sergeant Major in the Local Militia this day followed his late Colonel to the Grave. Walked with Mary to see a poor woman at Coedhennig & afterwards inspected the Buildings at Gelly Evan -
- Wednesday 24 Took my Brother in the Carriage to Swansea & he remained to dine with Mr. Gibbins - My time there was spent in Business with Mr. Lewis Thomas &c - The Ground covered with Snow -
- Thursday 25 My Brother brought a Mr. Tyson from Baltimore who I had before seen at Higham, & Mr. Grenfell also came to Dinner -
- Friday 26 My Brother went with Tyson & Grenfell to Swansea & returned in the afternoon - Arthur Jones & Rd. Jeffreys came to shoot & brought home 10 Cocks - the latter dined here - A case of Sheep stealing from Llanrhiddian occupied my whole Evening & I fully committed Edward Colman to Cardiff Jail -

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- Saturday 27 Drove over with my Brother to Swansea, & Richd. Jeffreys dined here - A Thaw.
- Sunday 28 Mary & my Brother went in the morning to Llangafelach Church & in the afternoon I read prayers to the Family - John Bevington dined here -
- Monday 29 In the evening the Carriage brought my Brother to meet the Mail at Swansea on his return home -
- Tuesday 30 Spent the Day in sorting Papers - Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jones called.-
- Wednesday 31 Went in the morning to Reanvawr in Llanrhiddian Parish in consequence of near 100 Sheep having been already stolen this winter in the Neighborhood, and found the Skins of several either buried or otherwise concealed about Edw^d. Colmans House - I also obtained full proof of his having committed a Burglary on Wm. Hopkins - On my return home found Mr. Williams from Mr. Lewis of Galtygog waiting to see me on Business about the Carmarthenshire Acc^{ts}. & spent the afternoon and Evening in this & in convicting Thomas Williams of Parvidy uccha near Llangafelach of Stealing Timber from Anne Griffiths of Penrhiw -

1818

JANUARY

- Thursday 1 Went with Mary in the Carriage to sign a power of attorney for Lewis Thomas to act on our behalf in proving the Will at a Manor Court in Neath, & for which Mr. Wm. Gwynn had very unnecessarily obliged me to bring a Witness to Mr. Ll's signature from London - In the Streets of Swansea Mr. Jones of St. Helens on the subject mentioned at page 27 [16 December] called me so many Billingsgate names and behaved so outrageously that I determined to horsewhip him if he did not give me proper satisfaction - I kept myself quite cool till the Blackguard called me a Liar - New Years Day - fine weather -
- Friday 2 Rode early on Horseback to Swansea & as John Jones had openly quarrelled with almost or quite every other Gentleman in the neighborhood I consulted with Capt Geo Jones of Glanmore who was present when I received the first Insult at Gibbins Bank, & who fully confirmed the Statement to which this 'Beggard on Horseback' had given me the Lie - Mary went in the Carriage on the same Business as

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- yesterday with Mr. Lewis Thomas & took back Richd. Phillips to dine with us - At George Jones's earnest request I promised him to suspend the use of the Lash which I had prepared till tomorrow -
- Saturday 3 Went with Rd. Phillips in the Carriage to Swansea and by appointment met Capt G Jones whose friendly and proper conduct deserved my warmest thanks - After an exchange of proposals which lasted for 3 hours I at length was prevailed on by Capt Jones to accept of an apology & an admission from all parties that the Insult was without excuse - Afterwards on J. Jones's being introduced to me I told him "It is only through the urgent request of my Friend Geo Jones that I agree to forget what has passed" & then accepted of his Hand - He is an honest Man but the Pride of being appointed a Trustee has so absurdly operated on his illiterate Mind as to have made him unbearable, & I trust that the Physic which I have administered will be of permanent service - Rd. Jeffreys & Dr. Collins dined here.
- Sunday 4 Read the morning Service to the Family - I felt bilious and very unwell most of the Day - The weather continues very mild & Mary on Thursday which was New Years Day gathered quite a handsome Nosegay at the Willows -
- Monday 5 Mr.W Gwynn having insisted on a short notice on my having Mr. Ll's will proved in his Manor Court at Neath within 6 months from the decease, I procured one of the attesting Witnesses a Mr. Harrison to come from London, & the Business was completed at Neath on Saturday - To save the heavy Expense of bringing a Witness more than once from London, Charles Morgan was so obliging as to come from Carmarthen & hold this day a Special Court at Llangafelach for the like purpose - I attended the Court & afterwards Mr. C. Morgan, Mr. Lewis Thomas & Mr. Harrison dined and slept here -
- Tuesday 6 The above mentioned 3 Gentlemen went away about noon & I afterwards rode to the Town Hill, Glanmore & Veranda to call on Capt Giffard, Geo Jones and Calvert Jones -
- Wednesday 7 Morning principally occupied in examination about a Burglary in the House of Wm. Morris at Penclawdd & I issued 2 Search Warrants in consequence - Sir Christopher & Lady Mary Cole with Christopher, Mary & Jane Talbot came to dine & sleep here on their way to visit Lord Dynevor -
- Thursday 8 The Penrice Family left us about Noon & I afterwards rode on Business to Swansea - The Miss Talbots told us they had seen

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- PriMroses in flower about Penrice in the Hedge banks on Monday last -
- Friday 9 To investigate several Robberies which had been committed thereabouts I had engaged to go to Penclawdd but it rained too hard all the day.
- Saturday 10 The Penrice Family returned here from Dynevor Castle in the afternoon-
- Sunday 11 Walked with Sir Christopher round by Nydfwch &c-
- Monday 12 This is our dear Johnnys Birth Day & the Penrice Family remained here to spend it with us – Mr. J.D.Berrington who had been employed to conduct a prosecution against Wm. Morris of Nuttals, came to Breakfast & Sir Cr. & I went afterwards in the Carriage to Swansea on the same Business - Morris from all the Parishes in the Western Division of Gower of which he is Chief Constable had fraudulently collected larger Sums than he was entitled to by the Callender for the County Rate & we this day agreed to drop the prosecution on his paying 100£ to be distributed at the Magistrates Discretion among the Poor, & all the Costs which amount to about 40£ more -
- Tuesday 13 The Penrice Family left us soon after 12 & I was afterwards engaged with Griffiths of Box &c. in endeavoring to form an Estimate of the Brinwillach Estate - Griffiths of Ynysygerwn also arrived - rained hard all day -
- Wednesday 14 Transacted Business about Ynysygerwn with Lewis Griffiths & afterwards went to Swansea - Dined at Mr. Socketts & did not get home till Midnight -
- Thursday 25 Day very wet & spent principally in enquiries about the Brinwillach Estate.
- Friday 16 Rained hard all Day - Mr. Lle Traherne and his Daughter Charlotte came to dine & sleep here -
- Saturday 17 Mr. Lle Traherne & his Daughter left us about Noon & Mary then went in the Carriage to Swansea - I set off to inspect more of the Brinwillach Estate about Velindre but was turned back by a heavy Shower -
- Sunday 18 Walked with Mary to Bryndavid vach to see some poor Children in the small Pox & returned home by Parkmaur - The Welsh servants went in the morning to Llangafelach Church & in the afternoon I read

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prayers & a ~~Servants~~ sermon to the Family - Jane Pritchard, Nursery Maid & Mary Francis the Upper house Maid having been on Horseback to Swansea were in their return home most grossly assaulted & abused by a Gentleman in till their cries at last brought assistance & he was secured - On being brought here after a great resistance he proved to be Mr. Joseph Jones a Surgeon & Apothecary at Llanelly & at Midnight I committed him for Assaults on the two Women & also on the Constable. He had been dining at Mr. Longs in Swansea & was beastly drunk -

Monday 19

I was detained by Justicing & the arrival of several Tenants till ½ past 12 when I rode to Swansea to attend a Harbor Meeting where the old Treasurers Accounts were at last amicably settled & Jos Gibbins was elected to be our new Treasurer- Sir John Morris's plan for borrowing 4000£ from Government was disapproved of by the Trustees & the old Bart. & his Son were very crusty about it -

Tuesday 20

I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors at Swansea & it was resolved to break up our Glamorgan Library which on a trial of 15 years it has been found impossible to support. Edwd. Hawkins rode back with me & Richd. Jeffreys also dined and slept here - a fine Day - Sweet violets, Snowdrops & Aconites in flower in the lower Garden - Let Mr. Jos Jones (who I committed on Sunday) off on his paying 2 Guineas to each of my two Servant Maids, 3 Guineas to the Constable & 2 Guineas to the Dispensary -

Wednesday 21

Richd. Jeffreys went to inspect the Sandunes [?] about Llanelly & Hawkins & I walked about Gelly Evan - a very fine day -

Thursday 22

It rained so hard all Day that Hawkins could not return home & Capt Jeffreys was soon driven back from all attempts to shoot.

Friday 23

Hawkins returned to Dylais about noon & I remained at home expecting to see Mr. Vaughan about Brinwillach Estate but he did not come - Heard of Sir Robt. Blosse's Death at Gabalva aged 34.

Saturday 24

Day showery & spent at home -

Sunday 25

Having lately taken 3 forged Bank of England notes from different Tenants I rode this morning to endeavor to trace one of them to Penhafode which Farm I afterwards inspected & rode home by Forrest vach &c. Wrote to Sir C. Cole & to my Father - Read the afternoon Service & a Sermon to the Family -

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- Monday 26 Spent the morning in paying Legacies to the Servants & Mr. Vaughan who came to Dinner told me that Mr. Bayly has now refused to relinquish his purchase of the Brinwillach Estate for which I had offered 14000£.
- Tuesday 27 Rode to Swansea to pay Legacies and settle other Business connected with the Estate - Heard of the Death of several Children by a Fever which is very prevalent, as also continues to be the Small Pox & Hooping Cough - both in Swansea & in the Neighborhood. Sir Robt. Blossie was buried this day at Landaff - he died suddenly of an apoplectic Fit -
- Wednesday 28 Spent the morning at Business & in the afternoon walked to Gorse Eynon with Mary to inspect the state of the Poor. Johnny gathered Ranunculus Ficaria in Flower and Mary says that owing to the mildness of the weather it has continued so in some warm spots through the winter -
- Thursday 29 A very wet day confined me principally to the House -
- Friday 30 Went with Mary in the Carriage to Swansea & she proceeded to call on Mrs. Harreite [*sic*] Bowdler at the Rhydings & Mrs. Jones of St Helens - I should have gone with her but was detained by Business in the Town - rainy Weather -
- Saturday 31 Rose very early & wrote to my Father, Wm .Williams at Siena & Mr. Brogden - A fine frosty day & I was a good deal out on my Farm -

FEBRUARY

- Sunday 1 Read the morning Service to the Family & afterwards dined with the Children as a Treat it being their Uncles Birth Day - He is 31 today - Richd. Jeffreys called in the afternoon
- Monday 2 Mary with Johnny & Miss Brown in the Carriage went through a heavy Fall of Snow to Swansea - My time was much occupied by the Tenants all day, & a clamour for repairs or for reducing the ~~Tenants~~ Rents continues from all quarters to seize me incessantly - No Estate was ever in much worse repair than was this at Mr. Ll's Death, & many of the Houses even in the Town of Neath are tumbling down.

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- Tuesday 3 Mary & I walked through deep Snow to see a poor Family at Coedtrenig, & Mr. Lewis Thomas & Capt. Jeffreys came to dine & sleep here -
- Wednesday 4 Having found several Deeds which throw some light on a Claim which Mr. Llewelyn supposed he had to Caenewydd [?] I spent the morning in investigating the matter with Mr Lewis Thomas - Richd. Jeffreys went with Mary & me to dine at Clasemont & we there met Mrs. Lockwood, & Geo: Grenfell - It continued to snow as we came home - Mary when she made the appt. for dining at Clasemont forgot that this is Ash Wednesday -
- Thursday 5 Rd. Jeffreys went to Swansea about Noon & I afterwards took Johnny to shoot some Small Birds at the Farm - We this day finished carrying 94 large Cart Loads of Manure as a top dressing for the Mill field - It was on the first Thursday in this Month 14 years ago that I took my Seat at the Royal Society, having been elected a few weeks before.
- Friday 6 The Snow still thick on the Ground but in the afternoon it rained and thawed a little - I took my Gun & walked with Johnny to inspect the Draining which for the last 3 Mo's I have been carrying on in the Nydfwch Meadows & all hands employing in carrying manures as a top Dressing for Gwain Pembwl & Caegrabanllwyd.-
- Saturday 7 Rode to Swansea & came back in the Carriage which had taken Ormond to have a Tooth out & Fanny's Governess Miss Brown to see her Sister - I went to meet Lewis Thomas respecting some further Evidence I had obtained relating to our claim on Caenewydd - Jones the Tenant of Cwmberrach in Carmarthenshire came here about some ~~disputed~~ boundaries in dispute with Lord Cawdor - Heard that my Friend Geo: Jones had had a second Fit which the Doctors now call Epileptic.
- Sunday 8 Read the Service & a Sermon to the Family in the morning & in the Evening to Mary three Sermons of Paleys which I thought admirable - What is called a Cocks Egg has been brought to me this morning and is about as large as the Egg of a Crow & of a dull brown color both inside & out. It has no Yoke but in the centre of the Albumen is the small opaque white substance, somewhat coiled, & which was formerly supposed to be a young Cockatrice - see Johnsons Dicts. The Snow has almost disappeared by a gradual Thaw without any rain -
- Monday 9 Rode to Pantyffa to enquire about a claim which Mr. Griffith Price formerly had asserted to a part of Bryn bach common, & for cutting Fern and Gorze on which many old People now remember that the

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- Proprietors of this Estate used to be paid – Assent [?] has been recently enclosed & I made offers to Rees Harry for enclosing the remainder - Instead of the old Public House next to Cadly Mill I this morning agreed with Wm. Thomas for building another on the opposite waste -
- Tuesday 10 Rode to Swansea & met Mr. Lewis Thomas & Mr. Berrington respecting the Title of Caenewydd &c-
- Wednesday 11 Occupied all day by Tenants &c - read a good critique on my Descriptive Catalogue of Shells in the Monthly Review for December -
- Thursday 12 Having eaten yesterday a good many Almonds I was very ill all this morning in consequence - received a Letter from Brogden in which he advises me in my Farming always to remember 'that Muck is the Mother of the Meal Tub!-
- Friday 13 Busy on my Farm all Day - To please Johnny I took a walk with my Gun & shot some small Birds -
- Saturday 14 Walked about my Farm shooting Field fares with Johnny, &c - The weather all this Week has continued almost uniformly fine with only a slight frost.
- Sunday 15 Read the Services & a Sermon to the Family & afterwards dined with the Children - Weather delightfully fine.
- Monday 16 Went to look over some Farms in Carmarthenshire but was turned back at Pontardylais by a heavy Rain - Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jones & their Daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Jones of St Helens, Rawley & George Mansel dined, & the Arthur Jones & Mansells slept here -
- Tuesday 17 I this morning received an Acct. of my having been finally pricked for Sheriff & having before escaped (through my Friend Judge Harding) I could not again make much effort to get off tho' on Account of the expense it is to me a most unwelcome office - Attended a Meeting of the Glamorgan Library which it was determined should be divided into 18 Lots being one for each Proprietor - Mr. & Mrs Edwd. Hawkins came with their Children to spend a few days with us & Dr. Plumb dined & slept here -
- Wednesday 18 Attended a Meeting of the Glamorgan Library at which our Society was finally dissolved, & the Books divided by Lot among us - As it rained hard I went in the Carriage & took Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins with me - the latter went to see Mrs. H. Bowdler at the Rhydings - Called

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on Richd. Phillips who drew my Mothers will & consulted him about
my own -

Thursday 19 Dr. Plumb left us in the morning & Capt Morgan & the Rev. Mr.
Anderson came to Dinner-

Friday 20 In the afternoon I rode over on Business to Swansea & Lewis Jones
the new Sheriff of Carmarthenshire & Richd. Jeffreys came to meet
the Hawkins's at Dinner.

Saturday 21 The Hawkins's returned home after Luncheon -

Sunday 22 Read prayers & sermon to the Family & was prevented from going to
Clasemont in the afternoon by an unusually heavy fall of Snow -
Wrote to Sir Christopher - I have received & accepted offers of
Javelin Men as follows - From the

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| Marquess of Bute | 2 | |
| Sir John Morris | | 1 |
| Honr. W.B.Grey | 1 | |
| Sir Robt. Kemys | 1 | |
| Mr. Edwards | 1 | |

Monday 23 Went about the Farm with Johnny to shoot some Yellow hammers &
owing to the great quantity of Snow in a half thawed state found it
more terribly sloppy than I almost ever before saw it -

Tuesday 24 Walked about the Farm with Johnny & my Gun & in the afternoon it
came on to rain very heavily -

Wednesday 25 Rode through a heavy rain to Swansea and spent two hours with
Richd. Phillips who returned to me the rough Copy of my will which
he had examined and criticised -

Thursday 26 Rode into Swansea & was sworn into the Office of Sheriff - In the
morning there was a heavy fall of snow but it cleared off about 11 -

Friday 27 The pain in my Thigh very troublesome & I altogether far from well -
Appointed Mr. Lewis Thomas to be Deputy Sheriff & near 3 weeks
ago the Revd. Mr Hewson (contrary to the general custom)
particularly begged to be my Chaplain, stating as his reason that he
wished as much as possible to identify himself with the Gentlemen of
the County - Mr. Lewis Thomas spent some weeks at Llanwrtyd
when my poor Willey was there, & shewed him such uniform
attention & kindness that I have since given him most of my Business
& to this he principally owes his present appointment.

Saturday 28 A very rainy Day -

MARCH

- Sunday 1 Reads [*sic*] prayers and a Sermon to the Family in the morning & in the afternoon Mr. & Mrs. John Morris called - For the first time this Year I observed Tussilago farfara plentifully in flower in Gwain pullwyd.-
- Monday 2 The morning has been principally occupied by Tenants & in the aft. Mr. George Mansell called - Wrote to Sir Christr. & Jane Talbot - George Mansell called -
- Tuesday 3 Went in the Carriage to Swansea where at an Auction I purchased the Dissenting Meeting House in Castle Bayley Street (subject to a long Lease) for 560£, & I signed my Will which was attested by Capt Jeffreys, Lewis Thomas & a Clerk of the latters -
- Wednesday 4 In the morning walked with Johnny about the Farm to shoot some Yellow hammers & in the afternoon a violent storm of rain & wind came on -
- Thursday 5 Last night there was a violent Storm which a good deal injured our Roof & unroofed some Houses in the neighborhood. Went with Mary in the Carriage to Swansea & (for the first time as President) attended a large Meeting of the Free School when several charges were brought forward against Tomlinson the Master for Drunkenness & neglect of his Duty -
- Friday 6 Rained hard most of the Day-
- Saturday 7 In consequence of his Complaint having latterly gained ground Dr.Collins came over to see Willey & breakfasted here - It rained hard most of the Day - wrote to Sir Christopher, my Father, Mr.Grey &c - One of my Ewes brought 2 Lambs which are the first that have fallen this Year - The same Ewe produced & raised three last Year -
- Sunday 8 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - wrote to Dr. Leach &c.- Mr.Vaughan & Rd.Jeffreys came to Dinner. -
- Monday 9 Mr Vaughan with Evans went over some of the neighboring Farms, & I accompanied them as far as I was able but felt very ill owing to something having disagreed with me - Revd. Mr. Hewson called - Vaughan & I spent the Evening in discussing the state of the Farms

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with Evans, & I determined on giving some Tenants notice to quit -
Snow & hail all day -
- Tuesday 10 Vaughan left us in the morning & in the afternoon I went with Mary
in the Carriage to call at Clasemont - Hail & Snow in storms all day -
- Wednesday 11 Rode to Swansea & Capt Morgan & Richd. Jeffreys came here to Dine
& sleep -
- Thursday 12 *[Text crossed out - unreadable]* Capt Morgan & Richd Jeffreys ~~came to~~
~~Dinner~~ returned to Swansea. I rode over to Neath & inspected the
Houses & Cottages belonging to this Estate most of which for want of
any repair for many Years either have tumbled or are ready to
tumble down - Went to dine and sleep at Dylais where I met Henry
Grant - Frog Spawn was plentiful in the Ditches but I have not yet
seen any about Penllergare
- Friday 13 *[Text crossed out - unreadable]* Left Hawkins's after Breakfast & went
to Ynysygerwn from where I rode with Griffiths to inspect
Abergarwad, Ynys y rander, Ynys bibbin & other Farms - The
Carriage came to fetch me home & I was terribly tired -
- Saturday 14 Rode to Swansea and back to Dinner - Like all the rest of this week
the Weather was stormy & Snow was on the ground at Sun rise.-
- Sunday 15 Read the morning Service to the Family - Weather very bad -
- Monday 16 Set off for Cardiff in the Carriage with our own Horses at ¼ before
11, & at Wych Tree took up the Revd. Mr Hewson - At Neath
Turnpike a set of Vagabonds bearing a great Flag were waiting my
arrival & the Bells were immediately set ringing &c - I had appointed
Griffiths to meet me to see after repairing some of the Houses but
was so pestered by a Mob & with petitions that I would follow
Mr.Llewelyns example when he was Sheriff that I was forced to skulk
away & take refuge in the Ship & Castle - We dined at Pyle & reached
Cowbridge to sleep at ½ past 7 -
- Tuesday 17 Reached Cardiff about 1 & at 3 set down with a large party which
comprised nearly all the principal Gentlemen of the County to the
Sheriffs ordinary which was said by Wyndham Lewis & others to be
immensely well attended - At 5 the same Gentlemen some in their
Carriages & some on Horseback attended me in my Carriage to meet
the Judges near Roth & from thence Mr.Justice Wingfield proceeded
with me to hold the first Court - I afterwards went to Tea at Mr. Hills
& at ½ past 9 gave a Supper to which according to a new Custom all

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the Gentlemen who had attended me to meet the Judges were invited but only about 25 came -

- Wednesday 18 Breakfasted with Sir C.Cole who arrived by last nights Mail & who I had made Foreman of the Grand Jury after which we together called on the Judges & at 11. I conducted them in due form to Church. Mr.Hewson preached the Sermon & absurdly tho certainly with much delicacy introduced the subject of the alternate Session which so annoyed the opposite party that Lle Traherne, Rickards & Richards (Lord Butes Agent) marched publickly out of Church - From Church we went straight to Court & at 3 I dined with the Judges. After the second Court I went with Sir Cr. to Tea at the Corner House & spent the rest of the Evening with Jo.Morris consulting about removing the Sessions.
- Thursday 19 The Court lasted till 4 in the afternoon when I dined with the Grand Jury & at ½ past 6 accompanied by Messrs. Morris, Grant, T.E.Thomas & W Grove I presented the Memorial in favor of removing the Great Sessions to Mr.Wingfield who wished to defer giving any decision till the Summer hoping that in the interim some plan for our mutual accommodation may be devised by the Magistrates.
- Friday 20 Went to Court about 9 & did not break up till ½ past 7 in the Evening - Edward Colman, mentioned at page 31, who was yesterday found Guilty, & sentenced to be hanged [*for sheep stealing*] - For the Burglary mentioned at p.32. for which a true Bill was also found he was not tried - I drank Tea & spent the Evening at the Hills -
- Saturday 21 The Court opened about 9 & did not close till after 5, immediately after which I went in the Carriage to dine with Sir Robt. Kemys at Landaff - returned to Cardiff at ½ past 10 - Wrote to Hooker.
- Sunday 22 At 11 I went in procession with the Judges to Church where I took the Sacrament with them, & soon afterwards set out on my return home well pleased with the kindness & attention which I received on all sides - Dined and slept at St.Hilary - I had promised to go to the Honr. Mr. Greys but put off my visit - List of the Grand Jury who attended 1. Sir C. Cole. Foreman - 2. Sir R.J.A.Kemys of Landaff house - 3 Llewelyn Traherne of St.Hilary 4 Robt. Jones of Fonmon Castle 5. Wyndham Lewis of Lanishen - 6. John Morris of Bryn - 7. R Jenkins of Lanharren - 8. M.P.Traherne of Coytraherne. 9. Calvert R Jones of Veranda 10. Richd. T.Turberville of Ewenny Abbey 11. H.J. Grant of Gnoll. 12. John Bassett of Bonvilstone. 13. J.B.Bruce of Dyffryn Aberdare 14. Richd. F.Rickards of Lantrisant. 15. R Griffiths of Cardiff MD. ~~16. Walter Coffin of Landaff Court.~~ 17 16. T.E.Thomas of

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Swansea 17. Edwd. Hawkins of Dylais - 18. John Hill of Cardiff. 19
Wm. Grove of Swansea 20. Richd. Jeffreys of Swansea -

- Monday 23 After Breakfast Lle Traherne went in my Carriage with me to the Sale of the Farming Stock at Eglwsmienny [?] & from thence to dine & sleep at Bruce Knights-
- Tuesday 24 Left Ty yn y cai after Breakfast, & spent 2 or 3 hours at Neath in endeavoring to let the ruined Houses on repairing Leases - Reached home about 4.
- Wednesday 25 Rode to Swansea & not being now (as Sheriff) able to act as a Magistrate, I was happy to procure by others the committal of one Nash (the Colleague of Colemans) on two charges for Sheep stealing - Being convinced of his Guilt I had for 3 months been collecting Evidence against him -
- Thursday 26 Along [?] with John & Fanny went to see Mrs. Vivian at Marino & they set me down at Rhydings to call on Mrs. Bowdler where I spent an hour - I afterwards walked to St. Helens & from thence to the Dispensary to see Mr. Edwards respecting our dear Willey -
- Friday 27 When I went at 6 in the Morning to the Farm the Weather was very cold, but about noon it became sultry & it has been a delightful day - Poor Willey being too lame to walk took a ride about the Farm on the Poney & I in the afternoon rode to overlook Nydfwch &c - Peaches and Nectarines were in bloom -
- Saturday 28 Spent the day at home & on the Farm - Mr. Edwards of the Swansea Infirmary spent the whole Evening here in examining thoroughly into Willeys case -
- Sunday 29 A wet Day - read prayers & a Sermon in the morning to the Family -
- Monday 30 After Breakfast I went with W^m. Griffiths to inspect the woods at Cefn Forrest vach &c, & got well bogged, my Cloathes torn to pieces & much fatigued - On my way back I inspected Abergwenlais, Clynbroch &c & a heavy shower wet me through so that I was obliged to change all my Cloathes - The little field near the Black Smiths Shop was sowed with oats.-
- Tuesday 31 Went in the Carriage with Mary to Swansea, & thence walked to Elliotts & Morgans Nursery grounds to select some Elms for planting at Coedhennig &c - A fine dry day -

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[APRIL]

- Wednesday 1 A fine dry day, spent chiefly on my Farm - Sowed Tares in Cae'r owd & answered a Letter from Mr. Coffin relating to having the Sessions fixed at Bridgend -
- Thursday 2 Spent the whole day in superintending the planting of some Clumps of Trees on the lower Lawn &c - Noticed the Anemone nemoralis & Caltha palustris in flower - Fine dry weather - received a Letter from W.S.Millard begging for permission to dedicate a Poem on Botany to me & I declined accepting it -
- Friday 3 Spent the whole day as yesterday about planting - Sowed oats in Gwain Pwlla - Fine dry Weather - Mary saw the red variety of Lychnis disica in flower by the sunny walk in the Wood.
- Saturday 4 Superintended the planting of Elms at Gelly Evan -
- Sunday 5 Read prayers & a Sermon as usual to the Family - It was a hoar Frost in the morning & afterwards a fine day but became cloudy towards Evening - I saw the Sun rise from Clumps in the upper Field & it was remarkably brilliant - Mr. Edwards came in the afternoon to see our poor Willey & thought him on the whole rather better - It came on to rain heavily at Night -
- Monday 6 A wet day & I rode only to overlook Briny decon [?], Tyssepwl [?], Cadley &c - R^d. Jeffreys came - Planted 200 Elms at Abergwenlais -
- Tuesday 7 Rained so very hard that I was unable to go even as far as my Farm -
- Wednesday 8 Very wet day & I spent it in looking over Latveilles [?] System.
- Thursday 9 Rained very hard, & I hardly went out -
- Friday 10 Rained hard almost all day & I went only to my Farm. Mr. Edwards the Surgeon dined & Slept here-
- Saturday 11 Rained nearly all day - The Revd. Mr.Williams who has just arrived to succeed Mr. Rowland in the Curacy of this Parish spent 2 or 3 hours here in agreeing for Gelly Evan -
- Sunday 12 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - Wrote several Letters on Science & Business -

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- Monday 13 Mrs. Hawkins, Miss Mary Ann Hawkins & 2 Children arrived on a Visit, & almost immediately afterwards my Brother in Law Sam^l. Emlen in a Chaise from Bristol -
- Tuesday 14 Capt & Mrs. Geo Jones &c called, & Mr. Edw^d. Hawkins joined his Family at Dinner - Mr. Edwards the Surgeon also dined here & afterwards drew a Tooth from Fanny & John.
- Wednesday 15 Went in the Carriage with Mr. Emlen to Swansea.
- Thursday 16 Went with Mr. Emlen in the Carriage to Swansea & from thence in the Tram Car to spend the Day at the Mumbles & returned home to Dinner at 7.
- Friday 17 Mr. T E Thomas the Portreve of Swansea breakfasted here, & Mr. Lewis Thomas who came on Business dined and slept here - Peter Price called in the morning.
- Saturday 18 Mr. & Mrs. & Miss Hawkins returned home, leaving their Children with us for a few days longer - First noticed a Cowslip in flower this Season - Began sowing Barley in Cae du Mawr -
- Sunday 19 Mr. Emlen went in the morning in the Carriage to Meeting & I read prayers as usual at home -
- Monday 20 Went with Mr. Emlen in the Carriage to Ynysygerwn & from thence to dine at ½ past 2 with Mr. Peter Price at the Abbey - Immediately after Dinner I walked to Neath by appointment to meet Lewis Griffiths & others respecting letting the Cottages & staid there till 6 - I then went to Tea at the Abbey where I took leave of Mr. Emlen who was to set off by the next mornings Coach for London & returned home
- Tuesday 21 The last week had been fine but today it again set in for Rain - The young Hawkins were taken home in the Carriage - Mr. Llewelyn's old Chestnut Mare was this day covered by General Platoff [?] who was got by General Benningson the Property of Sir Watkins W. Wynn -
- Wednesday 22 Went to dine at St. Helens & congratulate Mr. Jones on his having been made a Captain in the Navy - He had killed a Turtle & gave us an excellent Dinner - Mary was too poorly to accompany & I reached home again at 11 -
- Thursday 23 It rained hard all day -
- Friday 24 Rode to Swansea & received an Account of the Estate 1040£ which was owing by General Warde against whom I had obtained judgement & whose dirty conduct obliged me to put Bailiffs in his House - On my way I heard a Cuckoo for the first time this Year -

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- Saturday 25 It rained hard all day & I hardly left the house -
- Sunday 26 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - The weather fine with a few heavy Showers - Wrote 5 Letters on Science & Business -
- Monday 27 Rode in the morning with Griffiths of Box & inspected a Farm one mile beyond Pontardylais called Tallyclyn genol for the purchase of which I am in treaty - The owner will only sell it conditionally that a long Lease shall be granted him & it is ~~therefore~~ concluded that as Trustee of the Estate I have no power to do so
- Tuesday 28 After much wet, Fair Weather appears to have set in & I spent the day in walking about the neighborhood.
- Wednesday 29 Rode to Swansea on various Business -
- Thursday 30 This day the Corporation of Swansea walked their boundaries, & dined on the Cockit Hill in a large Booth where I was invited to meet them but arrived there a little too late - I then went with Arthur Jones to see improvement & new Buildings at Marino where we saw the Mob pass & commit many gross indecencies & outrages - They were preceded by a Band of Music with Flags, &c & it was said that there were about 6000 people present - Finished sowing Barly with Rye Grass & Clover in Cai du mawr.

[MAY]

- Friday 1 Engaged in Business all Day at home - Weather very fine, & more Vetches were sown in Caer owel -
- Saturday 2 Rode into Swansea where I signed a contract with Henry Davis for my purchase of a Farm & Colliery in Carmarthenshire, called Tall y clyn - This Business kept me at Robr. Thomas's so long that I dined with him & did not return home till near 8 -
- Sunday 3 In consequence of my having purchased Tall y clyn I this morning altered my will & also exchanged Edwd. Hawkins from being a Trustee in consequence of his being neither a Lease or Freeholder of this County, & the uncertainty which therefore attends his Residence here - Vaughan came to an early Dinner & at 4 we set out together for Carmarthen where we arrived about half past 8 - I had hired a Gig at the Mackworth Arms for the purpose & David the Coachman accompanied me on my Horses.

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- Monday 4 Left Carmarthen at 7 & I went to breakfast with the Agent of the Trust Estates at Galtygog - We set out at 10 to visit the Farms and travelled altogether about 30 Miles on Horseback which greatly tired me as I also walked over a vast deal of Land - We got some Bread & Cheese at a Farm House about Dusk & went back to sleep at Galtygog about 11 - see page 121 - *[missing from original diary]*
- Tuesday 5 After having inspected the remaining Farms in this part of Carmarthenshire I parted with Mr. Lewis at the Cross Inn about 5 & ½ past 8 arrived at Landoverly - We travelled today altogether about 50 Miles sometimes in the Gig, sometimes on Horseback & not unfrequently on foot over boggy Mountains or down steep precipices where it would have been unsafe to venture on any other than the ten toe Carriage - I was particularly struck with the beauty of the River Cothy at a Salmon Leap by Ynyswen Bridge - The Weather was tolerably fine but very showery - see p.123 *[missing from original]*
- Wednesday 6 Drove in the Gig to Breakfast at Dyvyrock, [?] & at 11 by appointment Mr. Mayberry the Agent for the Breckonshire Estate (accompanied by his Son) met me and we together set out on Horseback to inspect the Farms in Cwm Senni &c - At ½ past 5 we got back to a good Dinner at the Inn at Dyvyrock [?] & I afterwards drove on to Brecon and took up my quarters at the Castle Inn -
- Thursday 7 Breakfasted early with Mr. Mayberry & at 10 we set out to inspect the Baillibrith [?] Estate which very greatly required the Eye of a Master & did not finish till near Dusk - I had taken a Dinner for the party in the Gig & we made a hearty meal at the Upper Chapel Public House - It was past 9 when I got back to my quarters & I was so tired that I almost immediately fell fast asleep in my Chair. A Letter from Mary stating that my dear Willey had been worse made me feel ill at ease all day -
- Friday 8 After Breakfast at the Inn Mr. Mayberry & his Son accompanied me to inspect the Pantycoired [?] Estate on Horseback, & we got back to dine at his House about 5 -
- Saturday 9 Left Brecon at 6 [?5] in the morning & got to Breakfast at Pontnedd vechn, & after stopping again on business with Griffiths at Ynysgerwn I reached home about 4 - I found Willey better & it was my dear Fanny's birth day - During my absence Miss Charlotte Jones the sister of Calvert Jones had been staying with Mary & in the evening she went back to Swansea - I found that the Potatoes had been finished planting in Cae'r swell [?] yesterday -

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- Sunday 10 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family as usual, but am so stiff & tired by my Weeks exertion that I hardly know what to do with myself - Wrote to Sir John Morris at Putney, Sir Jos: Banks, Hudson Gurney &c -
- Monday 11 Mary went with Fanny to Swansea, & brought Charlotte Jones back with her - Lewis Thomas on Business came to dine & sleep here - Cut several old Trees which had been chiefly marked out for felling by Mr.Llewelyn - A wet day.
- Tuesday 12 After an early Breakfast Lewis Jones Thomas rode with me to look over Talyclyn, & we afterwards rode on to Llangenneth & with Mr.Hopkins of Trosser (the Agent of Lord Cholmondeley) to settle a claim to some rent for Landshares in Penkalack-wydd [?] - Day fine with only one or two Showers - Finished drilling in some Swedish Turnips in Cenface issa [?]-
- Wednesday 13 Rained uncommonly hard last night & most part of today - Mr.Lewis Thomas & Rd. Jeffreys came to dine & sleep here - Just before Dinner Geo: Haynes junr. & Benj: Ritch of Milford arrived here & returned to Swansea thro' a heavy Rain in the Evening -
- Thursday 14 Took Miss Charlotte Jones in the Carriage to Swansea, & she returned with me to Dinner -
- Friday 15 Spent most of the Day in trying to find a Thief who stole two large Planks from the new House at Gelly Evan last Saturday night & of which I was stupidly not informed till this morning - Mr.Edwards the Surgeon who came to see Willey dined here -
- Saturday 16 John Morris came to breakfast here for the purpose of talking over the proposed opposition to the Bute Interest at the next Election for the Boroughs & strongly urged me to offer myself - As the way through the late heavy Rains was impassable for a Horse I then walked to Kefn Forrest & inspected the Woods which are being thinned - The Floods about Landore [?] have been destructively great but infinitely less so here - Got back about 2 & went to Swansea in the Carriage to consult Lewis Thomas respecting Letters about the proposed enclosure of the great Forrest of Brecon, proving Mr.Ll's Will at Lantwit &c - I took Johnny with me & also Miss C.Jones who remained at Swansea.
- Sunday 17 This morning my Letter Bag was stolen from Beddows when as usual it was left by the Guard, & was afterwards found broke open in a Hedge just by, & stripped of its contents - I had every thing ready to start by the nights Mail to settle with the Harpies of the Legacy

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Duties at Somerset House & was prevented by an unexpected gouty or bilious attack - Read prayers & a Sermon as usual to the Family -

- Monday 18 Very unwell all day & quite unable to set off for London - Our Clerk of the Peace & others had assured me that the Office of Sheriff was no Bar to my being returned as Member for the Boroughs but a Letter from Hudson Gurney has this morning assured me to the contrary, & on the whole I rejoice at it for I must probably in some measure have sacrificed those comforts which I derive from my present retired mode of Life - Had I stood I much doubt whether Lord Bute would have exposed his weakness by opposing me for at Cardiff owing to his disputes with the Burgesses I should have had a majority of 2 & of the other Boroughs at least 4 or probably 10 to 1 would have been in my favor.- A very fine day -
- Tuesday 19 My darling little Leweys Birth Day, & more enjoyable Weather was never seen - Mr. Wood from Cardiff & several other Genl & Letters arrived urging me to get superseded as Sheriff, & to declare myself a candidate for the Boroughs, which tho' much flattered by such numerous Applications I have however refused to do - Among others Mr.Sockett came over from Swansea & on behalf of himself & several other Gentlemen pledged himself that in case of any oppositions every Burgess of Swansea should be taken to the Poll without its costing even on Shilling - At ½ past 7 I set off in the Carriage & at 9 started from Swansea in the London Mail -
- Wednesday 20 Arrived at Black Rock about 8, & found both the Wind & Tide contrary - In consequence we rowed up on the side of the Channel to the old Passage & then from Chapel Island sailed along the other so as to compleat the passage in one hour & twenty minutes - In Bristol I met with my respected Cousin John Waring & took a hasty Dinner at his House in Queen Square - Started again in the Mail at 4 -
- Thursday 21 Arrived at my Brothers a little before 8, & at 10 went to Call on Mrs. Llewelyn who I found at Mrs.Goringsⁱⁱⁱ & staid an hour or two there - From thence I went to George Jenners to arrange some of the Business on which I came to Town respecting Mr.Llewelyn's will, & in the Evening went to Higham where I found my Father looking better than I expected - My other Sisters were in Town attending the Yearly Meeting^{iv} & Lydia alone with him - Mr.Hickey of the 41st. Regt. & a Miss. Travers were there as Visitors-
- Friday 22 My Fathers Carriage brought me to Town in the morning & I went immediately to Doctors Commons & from thence to Somerset House where I had an interview with Mr.Campbell who is the chief Manager of the Legacy Duties. He gave up some points which he had before

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insisted on & ~~but~~ persisted in the other claims of which I still doubt the legality but treated me with great respect and attention - From thence I went to settle a Legacy with a Footman who lives with Mrs.Llewelyn, & when I got back to my Brothers late in the Evening was so tired that I could hardly move.-

Saturday 23

Spent the morning principally in consultations about the Legacy Duty at Doctors Commons & elsewhere & sent a case for the opinion of Mr.Wetherall who had before defended an action brought by the Commissioners against Lord Geo Cavendish -- In the evening I went with young Hickey to the Lyceum which Matthews continues every Evening to fill by his Mimickry & Ventriloquism without any orchestra or assistant whatever - He made me laugh & amused me a good deal & is said to clear from 300 to 500£ a night!!! - Went again to sleep at my Brothers.

Sunday 24

Spent the morning in writing Letters at my Brothers & about noon moved to the apartment which I had engaged at Wentworths Hotel, Jermyn St. - Called on Sir Jos Banks and spent an hour with my venerable Friend & afterwards on Mrs.Bazely &c - About 3 I attended Divine Service at St.James's Church & heard an admirable Sermon from Dean Andrews on the parable of the Rich man & Lazarus - at this Church I was married & there I found that I could not only pray for future blessings but also return thanks for those which I now enjoy on the very spot to which I am indebted for this best foundation - From there I went to spend half an hour at Sir John Nicholls, call on Mr.Brogden &c - At 7 I dined at Hudson Gurneys, and at 9 went to the Conversazione at Sir Jos Banks's where I met a large number of my old acquaintances & introduced Mr.Griscom the Professor of Chemistry in the University of New York who had brought introductory Letters to me - I there also became acquainted with Monsr.Latreille, the eminent French Entomologist - a Persian Physician in a magnificent Costume also attended -

Monday 25

My morning was spent chiefly in settling Accounts at the Bankers, & in a long debate about the Legacy Duty at Somerset House - I afterwards by appointment met Sir John Morris & other of my Friends who are anxious that I should become a Candidate for our Glamorganshire Boroughs - Went with Dr.Goodall the Provost of Eaton to dine at the Freemasons Tavern with the Linnaean Society, this being their Anniversary -

Tuesday 26

While waiting for my turn at the Legacy Office this morning I heard as the result of an argument that a Freehold Estate which by the Will is directed to be converted into money becomes liable to the Duty, and as our case is the direct converse I therefore insisted that they

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could not in both cases claim it & that as all Mr.Ll's residuary Property is ordered to be laid out in the purchase of Freeholds it must be exempt - Observed that my Argument produced a great effect, & the Commissioners are to take Councils opinion upon it - Spent the rest of the Day with the Beeches, Morris's, Sam Homfray &c respecting the Boroughs Election - Called on Mrs.Bazely &c -

Wednesday 27

Spent most of the Day about the Election Business and as I found that great difficulties must attend my release from the Shrievalty I sent an address to the Cambrian announcing my determination not to stand become a Candidate. Tho' they both greatly regret having done so I find that the Dukes and the Margam Interests have been promised to Lord James, - Employed myself in taking opinions about the Legacy Duty & find that the Blot which I have Lit is entirely new - Dined very late with Mrs.Llewelyn at Mrs.Gorings - In the Evening I received a Letter from Mr.Walker which was afterwards published in the Cambrian, & sent him an immediate answer -

Thursday 28

Breakfasted as usual with Mr.W.Beach at his Lodgings in Bond St. & afterwards consulted with Sir J.Nicholl, Sir J Morris &c &c. about the Election & Mr.Walkers impudent Letter has again stimulated me to stand --Saw Dr.Baillie by appointment & for the pain in my Thigh he has prescribed & ordered me to get cupped.- At 6 called at Walkers house & had an hours sharp conversation with him, during which I could hardly help exclaiming 'how are the mighty fallen'- Lord Bute was in adjoining Room but did not appear & is never seen by any body - Dined late at Sir John Morris's at Putney & ret'd. to my Hotel at 12.

Friday 29

After various consultations with my Friends, old Mr.Beech, acting both for himself & for the Duke of Beaufort, Mr.Walker on behalf of the Marquiss of Bute & myself met Mr.Wm.Beech at his Lodgings, & it was there agreed that both Lord James Stuart & myself should withdraw & that Mr.Grey should be offered for the Boroughs - In case of Greys not accepting it, certain Terms were insisted on by the Margam Trustees & the D. of Beaufort for the security of our Western Interests, & Walker tho' very sore was obliged to give the required pledges - Sir John Morris & his Son were in readiness to assist with their advice at Lisresanars [?] Hotel - I afterwards dined with Mr.Beech senr. at his house in Harley St.-

Saturday 30

This morning the Commissioners of the Legacy Duty have confessed that I have escaped their Clutches & humorously said they were sorry to lose such a fat Customer - Hoares the Bankers say they have paid in many thousands under similar circumstances & I am assured that a Bill will be immediately brought into Parliament to mend the

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blot.- By this lucky hit I have saved about 4000£ to the Estate - These Harpies kept me so long that I was prevented from fulfilling an appointment to meet the Duke of Beaufort at one & when I called at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 2 could not see him - I had been so much occupied all the Week that I had seen nothing of my Family & in the Evening I went to visit my Father at Higham -

Sunday 31 Went with my Sisters to Tottenham Meeting but it was so full that I could not get in & therefore took a walk with Phillips the Bookseller - I spent the afternoon with my venerable Parent who tho' encreasingly infirm still laughs, talks & criticises with his usual acumen till he becomes exhausted & then rallies again in a few minutes -

JUNE

Monday 1 Came to Town in my Fathers Coach & finally settled my Accounts at the Legacy Office after which I returned to my Quarters in Jermyn Street, & was fully occupied with Sir John Morris &c &c. about the Electioneering Business - I was to have dined at Mr.Grants in Portman Square but could not get there till Dinner was over, & went afterwards to Hudson Gurneys where I staid very late - Grey has refused to take the Boroughs, & is said to have determined on a start for the County -

Tuesday 2 I found that unless I could give a pledge to support Ministers that it would be in vain to expect a release from the Shrevalty & therefore that it would be impossible for me to stand for the Boroughs - Having now pretty fully settled these matters to the satisfaction of all my Friends, which they most warmly expressed I went to sup at with Mr.Emlen at a House which he has taken in Bishopgate Street for the purpose of preparing for his return to America - My Sister looks better than she is & I fear is hardly equal to the Voyage - Her Picture at Higham is an admirable likeness -

Wednesday 3 Breakfasted with Dr.Leach at the British Museum & there met Cuvier the great French Naturalist - How sweet a little science tasted after much bustle of such an opposite nature! After having settled some Trust affairs with Messrs. Hoare, my Brother drove me in his Gig to Higham where my Father dined with all his 7 Children probably for the last time - Slept at Higham -

Thursday 4 Went to Town to settle some Business about the Houses in George Yard of which Mr.Ll. had a share & also with Mrs.Llewelyn &c - Returned to Higham in the Evening -

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- Friday 5 Took leave of my Father after Breakfast & came in his Carriage to Town - By Dr.Baillies advice got cupped on the Thigh in Abelwich [?] Yard, & afterwards went to call on the Duke of Beaufort who I found just going to a Levee - Dined at my Brothers & at the usual hour started homewards in the Mail Coach with Henry Grant - Heard that Lord James Stuart, the Candidate for our Borough having been sent for in consequence of the threatened opposition arrived in Town last Night from Italy -
- Saturday 6 When the Mail Coach arrived at Newport we met some Cardiff Gentlemen who strongly urged me to stand for the Boroughs, & immediately after my arrival at Cardiff several others urged me to become a Candidate & the Bells were set a ringing &c - At Cowbridge as soon as it was known that I was in the Coach the Tradesmen ran out from Houses & greeting me with cheers of "Dillwyn for ever"- Henry Grant left me at the Gnoll Gates soon after Midnight -
- Sunday 7 Arrived at home soon after 4 in the morning
- Monday 8 This morning heard of Lord James's arrival & canvass at Swansea & I refused to go there - About 2 oClock in consequence of the most urgent applications I however went over in the Carriage & was drawn to the Mackworth Arms by an immense concourse of People - Walked round to the different Burgesses & agreed with them that they should hold a meeting of the Corpn. tomorrow & that I would proceed in my attempt to get rid of the Shrievalty if they wished me to do so, or otherwise if they found they could not go contra to the Dukes wishes that I would withdraw - After dining at the Mackworth Arms went with Sockett &c to Neath -
- Tuesday 9 I had last night called on the Portreeve of Neath & this morning saw Wm.Gwyn &c - & then went on with Mr Grant & to Aberavon where we met the Burgesses assembled for the purpose but they would give me no answer tho' I afterwards found that 70 out of 86 would have voted for me - From Aberavon we went back ~~on~~ as fast as possible to know the result of the Meeting, & found that the white livered Portreve in spite of his positive Engagement to do so had been afraid to call one! Grant returned with me to Penllergare - During the absence of Grant & of the Constable of the Castle who were absent with me, Lord James used all his influence in getting a Meeting of the Corporation called at Neath, & Mr.Bruce on Lord James's behalf addressed them & expressed his astonishment that a Man who had been in Business should presume to oppose the Brother of the Lord Lieutenant.

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Wednesday 10 This morning early a Deputation of the Corporation of Neath arrived at Penllergare with their Books containing the result of their yesterdays Meeting which was to give me their warmest support - 57 had signed this handsome resolution & only 2 were in favor of the Lord - Went in my Carriage with Grant to Neath where a party of my Friends met me & from thence with 4 Horses proceeded with Lewis Thomas & Grant to Aberavon & from there to dine at Pyle where Rd. Jeffreys & Sockett overtook us from Swansea - Kenfig owing [to] the unlucky preengagement of the Margam Interest was obliged to be against me, but the Hearts of all the Burgesses appeared strongly in my favor, & they will none Vote against me unless absolutely driven which is not likely to be the case - Went on with Sockett, Grant & Thomas to Cowbridge where my opponent had secured a majority of 34 against me -

Thursday 11 Went on with the same party to Breakfast at Lantrissant where I found almost all the Burgesses inclined to oppose Lord Bute in consequence of his having removed their Corn Market to Newbridge - I had tried to visit Cardiff unexpectedly but they had heard of my approach & at a Mile from the Town I was met by an immense concourse of Peoples among whom were 70 Burgesses in procession, & was attended to the Market place & through the different parts of the Town by a good band of music, a dismal [/? word smudged] display of Flags, bearing 'Dillwyn and Independence' &c &c - The Laurel Branches mixed with my Colors which appeared in almost every window, the firing of Cannon, ringing of Bells &c, altogether made my entry unusually splendid & gratifying - Canvassed Cowbridge with some success on my way, & being obliged by some Business of the Shreivalty to return reached Penllergare about ½ past 10 -

Friday 12 Canvassed Loughor & out of 43 efficient Burgesses I received the promise of 34 - My boy John this day gave the first Toast he ever gave after ~~after~~ dinner & it was 'Mr Grant & the Corporation of Neath for ever - I continue to receive to receive [sic] a great number of Letters containing the most handsome offers of support from Persons with whom I am wholly unacquainted, & among others from Mr. Crawshay telling me that he had canvassed & secured all the out Voters residing about Merthyr.-

Saturday 13 Lewis Thomas who has been scrutinizing the eligibility of the Voters at Cardiff for two days writes me that I shall have a Majority in the Borough of about 66, & I continue to receive good accounts from all quarters - Till I receive the determination of Government whether they will allow Mr. Grant to supersede me in the Office of Sheriff it is however useless for me to proceed further in my Canvass, which has

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- only been a conditional one, ~~which~~ subject to this decision - Jo.Morris, Jo.Johns, Mr.Sockett, Lewis Thomas, Richd.Jeffreys, Arthur Jones, Mr.Minshall, Mr.Edwards, & Major Wood, the Brother of the Breconshire Member, dined here. Jo.Jones slept here -
- Sunday 14 Spent the Day unavoidably in answering Letters, & in consultation with Jo.Jones, Arthur Jones, Jo.Morris &c – Rd.Jeffreys & Ll. Thomas & Grant dined here -
- Monday 15 This mornings Post brought me a Letter from Mr.Hobhouse the Under Secretary of State, announcing the determination of the Privy Council to grant the Supersedeas, & I ascertained that Lord James had received a Copy of this refusal the day before at Cardiff! - I had refused to give Ministers any pledge to support them, & it is a Fact worth notice that Lord James at this very time changed his ribbons from those of the Opposition to the Government Colors! Mr.N.Wood arrived express at 7 from Cardiff stating that Mr.Edwards of Reola & Mr.Vaughan would arrive here to Breakfast & that the ~~latter~~ former would stand for the Boroughs but they never came, & I should have supported him if he had not first gone niggling after the County - After a Consultation with Jo.Morris, Grant, Arthur Jones, Sockett &c who came here, I framed my retiring Address & sent it to be printed -
- Tuesday 16 Yesterday evening Mr.Evan Thomas of Sully, who is the great friend of Lord James & the chief Gentlemen of his Committee came here to Tea & tried to persuade Grant as I had been compelled to retire, to join their party but he very spiritedly refused - I heard to day that Lord James meant to come here to Breakfast but is too much annoyed by my Address - Mr.Edwards arrived in Swansea this Evening & published his determination to stand for the County - After a Months incessant fine sultry Weather it has become now very showery.
- Wednesday 17 Mr.Edwards and Mr.Vaughan arrived this morning soon after 7 to canvass me for the County, & I gave them a hearty refusal - They then went on to Canvass Swansea & I followed them in the Carriage & sent off a Messenger to bring Sir Christopher Cole -
- Thursday 18 Sir Christopher arrived here about 7, & I went in his Carriage with him to breakfast at Swansea, & afterwards accompanied him in his Canvass which notwithstanding the boasting of his opponents was eminently successful - I sent Rd.Jeffreys round to the Clans in this neighborhood, & his report of their determination to go with Penllergare was excellent - At the requests of Sir Crs. Friends I appointed a County Meeting to consider of a proper representation, as both Grey & Edwards have stated to oppose him -

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- Friday 19 Richd. Jeffreys accompanied Sir Chr. in his Canvass about Loughor & they arrived here about 11 after which they went to Gerdinen &c & returned to Dinner at 7 - My farewell address to the Burgesses appears in the Cambrian of this Day.
- Saturday 20 Sir Christopher & Rd. Jeffreys went early to Swansea & I soon afterwards followed them to make some Arrangements as Sheriff for the approaching Contest for the County - Returned to Dinner - Wrote to the Duke of Beaufort.
- Sunday 21 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - The weather so wet that I could not leave the House - Wrote to Sir John Morris at Putney, & Mr.Beech -
- Monday 22 Edwards Agents are active in setting the Tenants against their Landlords & ~~some~~ almost all Calvert Jones's & some of Morris's have been prevailed on to join him - Our Clanship stands firm,- & come here to get Drunk and express their attachment to Penllergare most loyally- START
- Tuesday 23 Rode to Breakfast with the Committee at the Swansea Infirmary & spent the day in forwarding as far as my office of Sheriff rendered proper the Interests of Sir Cr. Cole - Edwards began his Canvass by pledging himself that he would keep the Poll open as long as possible & by engaging a numerous Squad of all sorts of Lawyers & all the Coaches & Chaises in the County & he goes on throwing away money in every possible manner - He keeps all the Printers at work - & reams of some New Song or low Squib, abusing his oponents are circulated every 2 or 3 hours -
- Wednesday 24 Rode again to Swansea, & afterwards Jones of St. Helens, Lewis Jones, Rd. Jeffreys, Capt Morgan, & Gab. Powell dined here - Jones of St. Helens slept here to accompany me to the County Meeting tomorrow. Grey came to Canvass Swansea this morning but had no supporters in the hundreds of Neath, Langafelach or Swansea except from the Tenants of Ld.Jersey, Mr.Cuny & Mr. Leigh - Sir Christopher most unquestionably has three fourths of the County in his favor -
- Thursday 25 With a pair of Leaders from Pontardylais took Jones in my Carriage to the County Meeting, & took up Jeffreys at Briton Ferry - Sir Chr. was so much hurt by the desertion of Grey & a few others Gentn. who had before warmly supported him, that as the Gentlemen of the County could no longer present an undivided Phalanx (which they did 9 months ago after Halls Death) against the horrible tyranny of a long purse he determined to withdraw & did so in an admirable &

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manly Speech - Sir Chrs. Friends to a Man refused to join Grey & he was thereby compelled also to resign so that Edwards will walk over the course! Of an immense Display of Gentlemens Carriages there was not a single one in Edwards favor & I do not believe he could have polled 200 votes!!!

Friday 26 On my way back from the County Meeting yesterday I called at Margam to see Lord Ilchester, & Wm. Beech came over to day to dine & sleep here - Mr.Jos:Price came while we were at Dinner & Mr Edwards ~~also din~~ the Surgeon also dined here

Saturday 27 Rode to Swansea & back to Dinner - Late in the Evening an Express arrived from the Gnoll stating that J H Grant had gone of to the Earl to meet some other Gentlemen & ascertain whether it is yet too late to redeem the honor of the County by bringing some proper Person forward to oppose Edwards. Sent off a Letter to Jo.Morris on the subject -

Sunday 28 Jo.Morris came early to Breakfast, & tho' after the advantage which Sir Christophers abrupt & rash resignation had given to Edwards we both thought it too late to make now any successful opposition we thought it best to ascertain what is going forwards, & we set out together - At Margam we found Sir Christopher fully inclined again to come forwards, & we met Grant on his way back from the Earl who told us that upwards of 5000£ had already been subscribed - We dined at Sir John Nicholls & from thence Morris rode on to Cowbridge & I drove through Bridgend to Coytraherne - John Traherne had already arrived & Richd.Hill came soon afterwards both in the same Errand - Popkin Traherne & Jenkins of Lanharren however after Sir Christopher resigned (out of anger to Grey for having so improperly split the County Gentlemen into parties) had promised Edwards, & now found themselves unable to do more than remain neuter - Edwards conduct in Canvassing Tenants against their Landlords, & in holding forth doctrines which Sir John Nichol properly termed revolutionary is universally complained of -

Monday 29 After Breakfast I drove from Coytraherne to Bridgend & found ~~that~~ ~~my~~ on my arrival at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 11 that the Under Sheriff had already begun to read the writ, & at ~~5 p~~ $\frac{1}{4}$ past 12, the forms having been all gone through, & no opposition appearing I sealed the disgrace of the County by declaring Mr.Edwards to be duly elected - He was proposed by Mr.Bassett of Boulston [?] & seconded by Mr.Savors of Cowbridge, but no single one of the County Gentlemen or any Gentlemens Carriage appeared at the Election - In the expensive Gallery which had been formed for the Ladies, in spite of every possible attempt to prevail on them to come I could see only two

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who I at all know, viz. Miss Vaughan the Attorneys Sisters & Mrs. John Wood & they were mostly filled by Shopkeepers. I dined at Margam & got home in the Evening -

Tuesday 30

The immense quantity of Silks which in Flags & other Gewgaws are said to have cost Mr. Edwards a prodigious Sum, are said to have added to his mortification, & there certainly was hardly any body but mere rabble to admire them - Lewis Jones who is the only Man I saw there who I should call a Gentleman had only a 40s/ Annuity secured in an Estate for the purpose of giving him a Vote & Wm. Nicholl the Barrister who came on the Hustings ~~to enq~~ for a moment to enquire whether there was an opposition as in that case he had most kindly promised me his advice tho' he had refused to be assessor. Rode to Swansea this morning to Swansea & gave a Dinner at the new Inn to some Freeholders of Brecon from this Neighborhood who had promised Mr. Llewelyn to vote for Col Wood -

JULY

Wednesday 1

Set off at 5 in a Gig for Brecon & went to Breakfast at Pont Nedd Vechn where Rd. Jeffreys by a prior agreement joined me - 7 other Freeholders preceded us & we were polled for Col Wood in the afternoon - Went to a public Dinner where Col Wood was to have joined us but he was prevented by some Business at the Hustings, & I unluckily was put in the Chair in his place - Gwyn of Glanbrane, Williams of Abercamlais, Price of Castlemattack, Thomas of Sulley, & about 30 other Gentlemen were there - In the Evening I spent an hour at Mrs. Williams's of Dyffryn at her House in the Bulwark [?] & slept at Mr. Mayberry's - Margam was yesterday 13 a head & Wood is this Evening at the head of the Poll with a Majority of only 9.

Thursday 2

Drove back as far as Pont Nedd Vaughn to Breakfast & after having staid half an hour at Ynysygerwn reached home about 3 - I should have remained longer at Brecon if it had not been for Mrs. Dillwyn's expected confinement.-

Friday 3

Mr. Edwards the new MP & Mr. Vaughan called here in the morning & the former offered if I would say nothing more about a private Letter of mine which he had purloined from Griffiths of Ynysygerwn to speak very handsomely of me or otherwise that he must censure my conduct in a public Speech which he was going to make at Swansea where the Mountebank was to be again chaired!!!- I refused any such compromise & then drove to Neath where I got Grant & Hawkins to take an Affidavit from young Griffiths as to the mode in which Edwards obtained possession of my Letter - Began to cut my Hay in the Pembaul -

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- Saturday 4 On riding into Swansea heard that Mr.Edwards twice read the Letter which he got so surreptitiously from young Griffiths, from a window of the Mackworth Arms to an immense drunken Mob & had by his canvass repeatedly incited them to cries of Shame against my conduct - His Speech & that of Vaughans were both very violent & wholly calculated to set the lower against the upper orders of Society - Mr. Edwards the Surgeon rode back with me to Dinner -
- Sunday 5 Read prayers to the Family as usual - Col wood at the close of last nights Poll was 58 ahead.
- Monday 6 Rode towards Swansea but met Arthur Jones & returned with him - R Jeffreys also came & we three consulted on the propriety of my exposing Edward's conduct by an address to the Freeholders in the next Cambrian which was determined on - A Letter from Wm.Nicholl the Barrister tends to confirm that I had a right both to vote & to canvass if I chose - Vaughans speech on Friday is said by every body to have been very absurd & the following words were taken down "I have a personal respect for the House of Bute & for the House of Margam & the other great Houses of the County but it is the Business of my Friend Edwards to pull them down & to ~~abolish~~ destroy their tyranny" &c -
- Tuesday 7 Rode to Swansea to call on Sir Robt. Kemys who has taken a House in the Burroughs for a Week or two - I consulted with him & Vivian on my intended address to the Freeholders of which they both highly approved - A Letter from Sir John Nicholl approves entirely of my Conduct, & thinks that my writing to Griffiths the Letter about which Edwards has made such a Fuss was perfectly correct in every point of view - This I am confident Edwards himself knows but as I am opposed to him he wishes to destroy my popularity as much as he can -
- Wednesday 8 Rode to Swansea to give my address to the Freeholders to the Printer, & on my return found Mr. & Mrs.Jones of St Helens & Mrs.Jeffreys here - Richd. Jeffreys & Mr.Edwards the Surgeon dined with us.
- Thursday 9 Rode into Swansea for an hour in the middle of the Day on Business -
- Friday 10 Devoted the forenoon to the Business of the Estate & in the afternoon tried in vain to catch Tench in the large Pond by the Farm - Mr. & Mrs.Vivian came to dine with us in a friendly way. My address to the Freeholders appears in the Cambrian of this Day. This is

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Mrs.Llewelyns Birth Day - The Address in the Cambrian signed 'a Welshman' is by John Traherne -

- Saturday 11 Rained so hard all day that I could hardly leave the House. Sir Robt.Kemys & Mr.Lillsom [?] were to have dined here but both were prevented from coming - ~~On~~ This is our dear Willyes Birth Day -
- Sunday 12 Read prayers & Sermon to the Family - *[Writing heavily crossed out]* We all dined together about one, & Richd. Jeffreys dined here just after we had finished - On this day last year Mr.Llewelyn was buried at Llangafelach Church -
- Monday 13 This is our Wedding Day & Mary & I are now entitled to our eleventh Flich of Bacon - She has invariably proved the best of wives & of Mothers - Rode into Swansea to see about some Bank which I had sold to the Chepstow Company -
- Tuesday 14 Drove over in the Gig to Neath Quarter Sessions & attended a Meeting of the Friends of Sir C.Cole & Mr.Grey which was well attended - It was there decided that each of these Gents should name 3 of his Friends, & that these 6 Umpires should decide which of the two should give way so that the whole undivided Phalanx of County Gentlemen might be ready on the next occasion to oppose Mr. Edwards - As it was understood that Mr.Edwards would take the Chair about 30 Magistrates were present to prevent it, & Edwards received the cut direct from all of them - Rd.Hill & Mr.Blakemore went to Penrice to communicate with Sir Chr. & I returned home to Dinner - The weather very sultry
- Wednesday 15 Drove over to the Sessions at Neath & met Hill & Blakemore on their return from Penrice with the account of Sir Chrs. having cordially acquiesced in the proposals - Drove back Jo.Morris as far as Clasemont, & reached home soon after 3 - Edwards's election has cost him 12,000 for Gold & Guzzle were all he had to depend on, and no Man ever purchased Mortification so extravagantly dear - His having stolen my private Letter to Griffiths & made such an unhandsome use of it has excited the highest indignation of every Gentleman throughout the County -
- Thursday 16 The Weather continues very sultry & the Thermometer has been both yesterday & today 82 & in some places 84 in the shade. Johnny has been very ill in Bed all day & Mr.Edwards who attended him dined here -
- Friday 17 Went to meet the Committee at Breakfast at the Swansea Infirmary, & afterwards attended the general Meeting at the Town Hall which

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- lasted till nearly ½ past 3 when I came back to Dinner - Heard Col Woods return by a Majority of 37 for Breconshire - John still very ill & in Bad all day - The admirable address in the Cambrian signed Gwladwr is supposed to be by Sir John Nicholl -
- Saturday 18 The Weather still very sultry & we finished carrying all except the Meadow Hay. John is better so as to be able to sit up & Mr.Edwards who came to attend him dined here -
- Sunday 19 The Weather early in the morning was sultry, but some heavy Thunder Showers continued from about 10 to 1 & it was afterwards very fine - Read prayers & a Sermon as usual to the Family - Wrote to Mr.Evan Thomas of Sully & Mr.Blakeman on the subject of ~~the~~ holding the Sessions alternatively at Swansea & Cardiff, & to Lle Traherne & Griffith Llewelyn about Election Business - Also to Mr.Nicholson my Agent respecting my houses at Hertford - The Thunder Storm at Swansea was much more heavy than with us & unusually severe.
- Monday 20 Rode to Swansea to see Mr.Lewis Thomas but he has not yet returned from Brecon - Mr Edwards came to see Johnny and dined here -
- Tuesday 21 Employed at home with Rd.Jeffreys in business of the Estate - he dined here.
- Wednesday 22 Sir Chr.Cole came to breakfast & I drove him over to dine at Clasemont - Immediately after Dinner I returned home on account of my dear Mary's expected confinement & found her very unwell -
- Thursday 23 Drove over to Swansea to settle some Business with Ll Thomas & to call on Sir Robt.Kemys - but only staid an hour or two an Acct. of Mary's approaching Confinement. Mr.Edwards came to see Johnny who has very nearly recovered from his indisposition & he dined here -
- Friday 24 Staid at home on my Farm all day - My nNtes on Mr.Edwards address appeared in the Cambrian - Finished carrying all the Hay - In this days Cambrian the Address signed EyMro is by John Traherne -
- Saturday 25 Rode and spent an hour in the morning with Sir John Morris.
- Sunday 26 Mr Lewis Thomas on Business came in the morning & staid to Dinner - Sir Robt. Kemys and Rd. Jeffreys also called - Sprained my shoulder by throwing a Stone at the Bull which threatened to attack us - All

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last night & early this morning there was a heavy rain but it afterwards cleared off.

- Monday 27 My Shoulder so troublesome that I could not dine at the Anniversary Dinner of the Infirmary - In the afternoon Lewis Thomas came & accompanied me in inspecting Bryn David, after which he dined here.
- Tuesday 28 Spent the day on my Farm, & Mr.Edwards dined here. Johnny very much better but not quite hearty -
- Wednesday 29 Spent the Day on my Farm -
- Thursday 30 In the morning rode to Clasemont & Lewis Thomas & Jeffreys afterwards called here - Was sorry to hear that Ynys Neath Farm & Woods have been sold to Mr. Letsman j̄ as they are desirable on account of their contiguity to Ynysygerwn & I had therefore been in treaty for them - Lewis Griffiths after an accurate survey had reported them to be worth not more than 4000£, & I had offered 4500 -
- Friday 31 A very wet day - Busy about the Accts. of the Estate &c

AUGUST

- Saturday 1 Rode to Breakfast at Clasemont to counsell with Sir John Morris about an intended association for preserving the honor & independence of our County - Began to cut oats, & the Wheat is ripe - Mr.Edwards the Surgeon dined here - The weather again very fine & this is said to be the finest Summer which has occurred since the Year 1799 -
- Sunday 2 Read prayers & a Sermon to the Family - Sent the proposals for a County Association to be printed - Lewis Thomas & Rd. Jeffreys came on Business of the Estate & dined here - By an accurate examination of my Accounts it appears that *[word deleted - unreadable]* the amount of our expenditure during our first Years residence at Penllergare has been £2616.7.9½ which includes 156£ on acct. of my Shrievalty about 200£ on my Election Account & 52.9.00 for Books. The gross amount of my Expenditure in any preceding never exceeded 1040£ - The quantity of Beer consumed has been 3289 Gallons, & the consumption at the Willows never exceeded 738 Gallons - The fulfilling of Mr.Ll's promises and wishes in 2 Elections for this County & 1 for Breconshire which have occurred during these 12 Months has considerably encreased my expenditure, by a

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necessity which I felt for supporting the Dignity & consequence of this Estate -

- Monday 3 I had a bad bilious Head ach nearly all day - Miss Morris spent most of the afternoon here. Spent the Evening in settling some Business with John Thomas the Woodward of Carmarthenshire Estate - Began to cut Wheat for which my Crops are unusually fine - Barley & oats rather thin -
- Tuesday 4 Spent the Day at home in investigating my own Accts. & those of the Estate. Find a great difference in the costs of educating the Children here & at Swansea - The Drawing Master to whom we used to pay only 5/- now charges a Guinea a Lesson, & the Dancing, Music & Writing Masters have encreased in nearly the same proportion - Medical attendance has also become greatly more expensive -
- Wednesday 5 Spent the Day as yesterday -
- Thursday 6 Sir Christopher & Lady Mary Cole arrived to breakfast here, & in the afternoon they went to dine at St. Helens-
- Friday 6 Spent the Day with Griffiths &c in Business of the Estate. Mr.Edwards the Surgeon dined here.
- Saturday 7 Spent the day in my Farm, & carried my wheat which is said to be the finest Crop ever known in the immediate neighborhood.
- Sunday 8 Certain indications of my dear Mary's approaching confinement having appeared we sent for Dr Collins soon after 3 this morning, & at a quarter before 12 at Noon She was safely delivered of a fine Girl who I have named after my much lamented & most affectionate Mother¹. Dr.Collins says he has been always inclined to doubt the Fact & never met with any evidence equally strong of a 10 months Child - The Baby when born is said by every body to have been as large & heavy as her Sister Mary was when 5 Months old, but the latter has always been unusually small for her age - Arthur Jones called in the afternoon - My anxiety & the want of rest have compleatly knocked me up - Wrote letters announcing the Event to my Father, & Mrs Llewelyn & also by their particular request to Sir John Nicholls, Sir Jo. Morris, Sir C. Cole &c, &c, &c -
- Monday 10 Dr Collins came to Breakfast & gave an excellent account of my dear Mary & her Amazonian Daughter -

¹ Sarah Weston

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- Tuesday 11 Rode to Clasemont in the morning to consult with Sir John Morris on County Business, & afterwards sent to get printed some proposals for establishing a County Club - Mr.Sockett, T.E.Thomas, Lewis Thomas & Dr Collins dined here on a Haunch of Venison -
- Wednesday 12 Rode in the morning in Business to Swansea & Mr.Edwards came back with me to dine -
- Thursday 13 Jo. Morris called & lunched here. The Weather still continues most delightfully fine -
- Friday 14 Jo.Hill of Cardiff & Capt Davis RN dined here -
- Saturday 15 John, Fanny, Miss Brown & myself went in the Carriage to Swansea - Took Johnny with me to see the Fair cried &c - Dr.Edwards dined here -
- Sunday 16 My dear Mary being well enough to sit up I read prayers in her bed Room to herself John & Fanny -
- Monday 17 Set off about 3 to attend the Assizes & took up the Revd.Mr.Hewson, my Chaplain at Wych Tree Bridge - Stopt at Neath to inspect the repair of some Houses & went on to sleep at Pyle where Mr.Sockett joined us at Supper.
- Tuesday 18 Breakfasted at Sir John Nicholls & reached Cardiff about ½ past 2 - Immediately after my arrival my late opponent Lord James Stuart called on me, & dined at the Sheriffs ordinary which was well attended - After dinner I gave the Health of Lord James in a Short Speech, in which I complimented him with being the first borough Member who any of us had ever seen among us, & which all parties approved of - Lord James & Mr.Grey in their Carriages & several of the Gentlemen on Horseback accompanied me to meet the Judges. Great offence was taken by some of the Attornies when they found that I had refused to put Mr.Edwards on the Jury, & when they heard that in the usual routine of Toasts 'the County Member' was omitted -
- Wednesday 19 At 11 went on procession with the Judges to Church where Mr.Hewson preached an excellent Sermon from Revelations Ch.20 V.12 & immediately afterwards went to Court - Dined with the Judges & when Mr.Wingfield as a matter of course gave the Member of the County some of the Grand Jury inverted their Wine Glasses & ~~ether~~ the others passed the Bottle - After Dinner the six Umpires mentioned at p 88 viz. J.B.Bruce, Mr.Rous, Mr.Jo Hill, Mr Rd.Hill, John

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- Morris, & myself endeavored to affect an Union between the Friends of Sir C.Cole & Mr.Grey but without any success, & Greys Folly & obstinacy are almost inconcievable - His Friends with the exception perhaps of Jo.Hill, all lament his conduct - At 6 went again to Court, & spent the Evening at Hills -
- Thursday 20 *[Word deleted]* It was nearly 11 when we went to Court, & staid till ½ past 5 when I dined with the Grand Jury - The Town Hall since the Spring Assizes has been much altered, & the Sheriffs *[word deleted]* Chair which used to adjoin the Prisoners Dock is now placed on the right hand side of the Judges -
- Friday 21 Went to Court about ½ past 10, & attended a Meeting of Sir Christophers Friends at which nothing new was fixed on - Nash a sheep stealer who has long been the dread of Gower was tried & by a strange falling off in the Evidence was acquitted. He is first Cousin of our County Member, & it is said that Gold in every way has been employed to procure his acquittal. Two Horse Stealers were found guilty & received sentence of Death - Left the Court & called with Morris on Lord James - dined with Col.Knight, Markham, Edmonds, & Bruce Knight at the Cardiff Arms - I compleated my 40th Year this day.
- Saturday 22 Went to Court at 9 & it did not break up till ½ past 8 in the Evening - About 9 hours were occupied in a Special Jury Cause brought by a Man named Edwards of Gellygare Parish against his Mother for suppressing a Marriage Settlement & the Verdict was in his favor - The Property involved in the question is valued at £6000 - The long sitting & heat of the Court made me feel unwell -
- Sunday 23 Went with the Judges to Church, then inspected the Jail, called at the Corner House & at ½ past 2 set off homewards. Spent half an hour with Wm. Nicholl at Cowbridge & then went on to spend the Evening & sleep at Merthyr mawr - The Grand Jury consisted of Col.Knight of Tythegston Foreman, Lord James Stuart, Honl. Mr.Grey, J.H.Vivian, J.B.Bruce, Evan Thomas, Mr.Markham, J.Goodrich, J.B.Rous, Mes. Edmonds, J.J.Guest, Wm [?] Wilkins &c -
- Monday 24 Left Sir John Nicholls early & breakfasted at Bruce Knights - In my way home stopped an hour to transact some Business at Neath & was sworn in a Burgess of this Corporation - Reached Penllergare soon after 3 - Dr.Edwards came to Dinner - Finished getting in my Barley & gave a Supper to all the Farming People -
- Tuesday 25 Not very well and staid at home all day.

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- Wednesday 26 Spent the Day in Business belonging to the Estate.
- Thursday 27 A heavy rain set in this morning after an unusual series of dry weather -
- Friday 28 Breakfasted early & drove in my Gig to inspect some repairs at Llangafelach & at Tyrgwedridd - The latter was left in a wretched state by a Tenant named Roch before Mr.Ll. died, & the House is not worth repairing - Thence drove on some Business with Lewis Thomas to Swansea, & from thence to inspect *[word crossed out]* Cwmbach, Penllwyniddan necha *[?]* & Penllwyniddan. During my absence *[several words crossed out]* Sir Jo.Morris & Mr.Lockwood called.
- Saturday 29 Drove over to call at Bryn where I met Capt & the Honr. Mrs Frazer, & from thence to went to Lunch at Vivians - On my return to Penllergare found Mrs.Llewelyn had arrived after rambling about Guernsey, Jersey &c - Lewey unwell with a bad Gum boil which produced a sharp Fever & Mr.Edwards the Surgeon dined & slept here -
- Sunday 30 Drove over to Penrice Church & heard an excellent Sermon from the Revd. Mr.Ormesby - Dined & slept at Penrice Castle -
- Monday 31 Took a long ramble along the Sandy seashore with Mary & Jane Talbot & returned home to a late Dinner - Mr.Edwards came & found Lewey much better -

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 1 Spent the Day at home in settling the accounts of the Estate, with griffiths &c - Wet weather at last seems to have set in -
- Wednesday 2 Went to Swansea to consult with Lewis Thomas about our Claims on Genl. Warde, & called on Mrs.Hall. & Lord & Lady James Stuart - Mrs.Ll. accompanied me in the Carriage to the Willows, & Lewis Thomas came back to Dinner with us - Recd. a Letter from Mr.Adam Murray stating that 22,500 is the lowest price for Boverton -
- Thursday 3 Drove in the Gig to Swansea to sign the purchase Deeds of Taly clyn but the parties were not ready - it rained in Torrents most of the Day - Dr.Edwards dined here - Mr.Bailly bought the Brisn Mach *[?]* Estate for 14,000£ & for the Cefn Myddfyn part only he, in a letter which I have this day received asks 20,000!-

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- Friday 4 Was to have met Lord & Lady James Stuart at Penrice but the rain kept me at home all day & I devoted it to the Business of the Estate -
- Saturday 5 Went with Mrs.Llewelyn in the Carriage to Swansea for the purpose of settling finally for the Taly clyn Estate, & Mr.Lewis Thomas with whom I had some Business to transact came back with us to Dinner - A rainy day -
- Sunday 6 Lewis Thomas & myself immediately after Breakfast went to inspect some disputed Boundaries of the Common, & on my return at 12 to read prayers found Mrs.Ll. had begun - Weather fine again -
- Monday 7 Drove in the Gig to a Meeting of Sir C. Cole's Friends at Pyle & 64 sat down to Dinner of which a full account is given in the Cambrian - Sir. Jo.Nicholl took the Chair but left it early & I supplied his place till about ½ past 11 - It is said to have been the most respectable Meeting of the kind that ever took place in the County & it greatly influenced Sir Christophers determination at once to avow himself a Candidate for our representation -The Meeting was remarkably orderly, & every thing passed off pleasantly & well - I did not get to Bed till after one-
- Tuesday 8 Drove to Breakfast with Sir Christopher at Margam, & afterwards spent half an hour at Bruce Knights - Reached home about 2, & Mr. & Mrs.Jones of St.Helens soon afterwards arrived to spend a few days with us - Richd. Jeffreys also dined here -
- Wednesday 9 Spent the Day with Mr.Jones in examining & balancing the Trust Accounts of the Penllergare Estate, & took only a short walk to the Garden & Farm - The three other Trustees all thought that in justice to our younger Children I ought to take more than 400 a year for my expenses incurred in the management of the Trust Estates but it was the Sum which had been originally fixed on, & I dislike Mr.Llewelyns Idea that I should do nothing for my eldest Boy.
- Thursday 10 Continued settling various matters with the other Trustees, & in the afternoon went with Mr.Jones in his Irish Car to look over my new purchase at Tally clyn - Mr.Jones offered me 500£ for my bargain -
- Friday 11 Mr. & Mrs.Jones left us in the morning, & after dining with the Children set out for Breconshire - Called at Ynysygerwn & slept at Pont Nedd vechn -
- Saturday 12 Drove in my Gig to Breakfast at the Castle Inn Brecon & afterwards called on Mr.Mayberry who I found too much otherwise engaged to attend to my Business - Called at the Priory & took a pleasant walk

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with Col & Lady Caroline Wood - Mr.Frere the Secretary of Legation at Constantinople, Mr.Morrier, who as Secretary had accompanied Sir G.Ousley to Persia were of our Party - Afterwards met some of our Tenants & at ½ past 5 dined at the Priory, where I again met Messrs. Frere, Morrier &c -

Sunday 13

Spent an hour with Mr.Mayberry on Business & at 11 went to the Town Church where Archdeacon Davis with some little appearance of wisdom [?] but considerable devotion, performed the Service - When I last saw him it was on the Election Field, & he was then swearing & acting as the most boisterous Supporter of Sir Charles Morgan, for which he jocosely [?] said that he had a fortnights dispensation from the Bishop - After Church I walked to the Priory with Lady Caroline, & then intended to have looked over Tor y Gare which lies about 8 or 10 Miles off on the old Mountain Road from Brecon to Merthyr but found it quite impassable for my Gig - I then drove to call on Mr.Wilkins at Meas y derwen & afterwards to dine with Penry Williams at Penpont where I met old Mr & Mr.Yates, & Mr.Osborn Yates who are my Cousins - Returned back to the Castle Inn about ½ past 10 -

Monday 14

About 8 went to Breakfast & overlook some Accounts with Mr.Mayberry & at 11 drove in my Gig to the Upper Chapel, 8 miles on the Road to Builth - From thence I walked to look over a Farm for Sale, called Crinallt & which not only adjoins but is much overlooked intermixed with our Lands at Tyr Derry - It comprises 62 acres of good Land, & I think is worth 30£ a year - I also inspected the new Stable & beast House which are building at Danyrallt & other repairs at Baillibrith, Pontycorred &c &c - I got back in time to dine at the Priory where I met Mr. & Mrs.Allen, Capt & Mrs.Rind, Mr.Parry Wilkins &c - Middleton Powell afterwards supped with me at the Inn -

Tuesday 15

As it rained in Torrents all the morning I could only go to Mr.Mayberry's where having finished my Business I set off at ½ past 2 & in a little more than 7 hours reached home in safety.-

Wednesday 16

Spent the Day in writing & accounts &c - Mr.Brogden was to have come to Dinner & to have spent a few days with me but was prevented by unexpected circumstances.

Thursday 17

Went in the Carriage with Mrs.Llewelyn to Swansea & looked over upwards of 300 Houses & Cottages of which the reserved ground Rents are for Sale by Auction next Wednesday. This Estate was sold by Calvert Jones to Mr.Walters & is again for sale in consequence of the decease of the latter - Mr.Edwards the Surgeon dined here -

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- Friday 18 Walked with Evans over the Farms of Bryn David, the two Llwyn Cadwgans & Tyr pont Cadley of which Rees David has given the regular notice to quit at Michaelmas & for which he is nearly two Years Rent in arrears - The whole of the Land is scandalously exhausted & like a Wilderness owing to having foddered the Cattle on his own adjoining Farm of Park Mawr - Walked also to inspect the State of Nydfwch & went home well tired to a late Dinner -
- Saturday 19 A very wet day, & except some overlooking of the adjoining Lands I could only go about my own Farm - Lewis Thomas is of opinion that Rees Davids Agreement to keep Bryn David ~~has been~~ in repair has been so loosely worded by Rees Jones as to be good for nothing, & he is moreover too poor to be sued.
- Sunday 20 It rained unusually hard all night but cleared off before Breakfast & became a fine warm day - Read prayers to the Family, & afterwards rode to inspect 2 Cottages on the Loughor Road, the Paper Mill, Bryn y duon [?], & Llwyn Cadirga Yran [?] - In the Evening read 2 of Gisbornes Sermons to Mary -
- Monday 21 It rained in Torrents all day & the wind has been so violent as to blow down a large Ash Tree in the drying ground. Sir Chr.Cole wrote me that as Mr Edwards was canvassing every where he no longer thought it right to be idle & had commenced an active Canvass accordingly - The fine black Sow which Lewis Thomas gave me produced only one Boar Pig, & I mean to rear him as he is a Cross between her & the true wild Breed.
- Tuesday 22 Went in the Carriage with Mrs.Llewelyn to Swansea & inspected the late Mr.Walter's Estate which is for Sale tomorrow - Felt very bilious & unwell -
- Wednesday 23 Was very ill all night from some biliary obstruction & similar complaints are unusually prevalent hereabouts. Tho' quite unfit I went in the Carriage to attend the Sale of Mr Walters Estate but did not like the Conditions & therefore not a Purchaser - Sir Chr.Cole & Revd. Mr Davis of Porteynon came to Dinner, after a hard days canvass in Landilo tal y bont, & Dr.Edwards also arrived under whose care I put myself - He has put me on a low Diet &c -
- Thursday 24 Mr Edwards set off for Cardiganshire after having twice seen me in Bed, & I was very unwell - Sir Chr.Cole & Mr.Davis left us after Breakfast. Did not leave the House all day.

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- Friday 25 Better but still unwell & took only a walk to the Farm, the weather being very fine - Continued my endeavors to detect some omission in my Account of the payments for the Estate & by which I am minus about 40£, but in vain-
- Saturday 26 Took more Calomel which prevented me from going out, & was employed on Business relating to the Estate -
- Sunday 27 Mrs.Llewelyn, Mary, Fanny & John went in the Carriage to ~~Church~~ Llangafalach Church where Mary was churched, & I regretted that my continued indisposition prevented me from accompanying her - Wrote to Sir John Nicholl - In the Evening Mr.Edwards the Surgeon arrived & slept here - This Evening I signed a new Will & it is witnessed by Mrs.Llewelyn, Mr.Edwards & Dd.Charles - My wish is after making some small extra provision for Willey, to let my Daughters have 10,000£ each, & that the remainder of my Property may be equally divided between Willey & Lewey -
- Monday 28 Being considerably better this morning I ~~dr~~ went in the Carriage with Mrs.Ll. to Swansea and at last got my new Leases of the Pottery & adjoining Wharfs signed by the Corporation - This however & some necessary attention to other Business compleatly Knocked me up -
- Tuesday 29 Took a walk with my Wife, Mrs.Llewelyn, John & Fanny all over Bryn David Farm to shew them the ruinous state in which Rees David the late Tenant has left it, & which has made it necessary for me to take it in hand with a view to its improvement - Sowed Winter Vetch in the small field by the Carface -
- Wednesday 30 It rained hard all the morning & when it cleared up about noon I drove in my Gig to Llanelly Fair with a view to meet several people who I wanted to question respecting the Cefn Myddfa Estate & who I expected to meet there -Called at Tally clyn in my way back & did not reach home till after Dinner -

OCTOBER

- Thursday 1 After Breakfast I set out with my Gig & Horses ~~to~~ with Mr.Thomas of Crewka to inspect the Cefn Myddfa Estate, & got back soon after 3 drenched thorough by heavy Rain - On my return home I signed the contract for the purchase of Gelly funnor [?] from Lord Jersey for 900£ - Mr.Llewelyn 2 years ago authorized me to buy it for 1000£ & I had offered 800 which I considered to be the Value of the aversion but on account of its close contiguity to Penllergare I was afraid to risk a longer delay and agreed to halve the difference -

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- Friday 2 This being the Day in which my honored Father has compleated his 75th Year we had intended to have spent it at Tally clyn for which I had made the necessary preparation - Vivian called in the afternoon & I rode as the weather cleared to look over Cadly Llwyn cadwgn [?] &c - In the Evening Griffiths came to consult about the Cefn Myddfa Estate which is for Sale tomorrow. Not very well -
- Saturday 3 Being wet on Thursday &c bought on a relapse of my indisposition & I was very ill all day - I notwithstanding went in the Carriage with Mrs.Llewelyn to Swansea & attended the Sale of the Cefn Myddfa Estate where all the Lots were bought in in consequence of my having offered 14,000£ for the whole - 20,000 was asked but they had already offered to halve the difference - Agreed with Mr Davis to give him 350£ for the Lease which when I made the purchase he had stipulatedfor of Tally clyn, & also 250 for his Lease under Sir Wm.Clayton of Tally clyn uccha - Did not return home till about 8, & found Mr.Edwards who Mary had sent for to meet me -
- Sunday 4 Very unwell & having taken an Emetic did not leave my Bedroom till the afternoon -
- Monday 5 About Noon went in the Carriage with Mary & Mrs.Llewelyn to Tallyclyn & returned to Dinner - Dr.Edwards dined here-
- Tuesday 6 I attempted to go to Tallyclyn on Horseback but found myself still so weak that I was obliged to turn back -
- Wednesday 7 H Grant & Mr.Hawkins came to Breakfast & brought with them a Mr.Waring who offers as a Tutor for John - Mrs.Llewelyn & Mary went in the afternoon to Swansea & returned to a late Dinner - Agreed to take Burrows Lodge for 3 weeks at 8 guineas a week from Monday next, in consequence of Dr.Edwards having strongly recommended a change of air for the Children -
- Thursday 8 Drove in the Gig to Swansea in various business & found myself much better -
- Friday 9 Walked over some of the neighboring Farms - A wet Day - Dr.Edwards dined here.
- Saturday 10 Mr.Lewis Thomas & Mr.Hay the Coal Surveyor called on their way to inspect Tallyclyn & I in my Gig followed them but it rained in such Torrents all day that we could do but little. Charles Calland who had accompanied Mr.Thomas came here with him to dine and sleep -

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- Sunday 11 Walked thro' a drenching Rain with Mr.Thomas over my Farm, & about Noon he returned with Mr.Calland to Swansea - Mrs.Llewelyn read prayers to the Family -
- Monday 12 Mary with Fanny & the Baby went in the morning & were followed in the afternoon by the other Children to the Burrows Lodge at Swansea which I had hired for 3 or 4 weeks in consequence of Mr.Edwards having strongly recommended this change of air for the Children - I rode over & joined them in the Evening -
- Tuesday 13 Went to Breakfast with the other Members & attend a Committee at the Infirmary - The remainder of the morning was devoted to Business by the arrival of several Tenants & in the afternoon I walked on the sands with Mary - Mrs.Llewelyn came to Dinner from Penllergare & will continue here with us.
- Wednesday 14 Rode over to Penllergare in the morning & ~~spent the whole~~ continued till late in the afternoon with the Men & Horses from the Farm in endeavours to remove a large ash which had been blown down in the drying Yard without injury to the Buildings but could not prevent the Roof of the Brewhouse from being stripped -
- Thursday 15 Rained very hard so as to confine us to the House nearly all day.
- Friday 16 Rode to see Mr Tennants new Canal which is nearly finished & from thence with Mr.Lewis Thomas of Bagland to look over some Cheviot Sheep which we had jointly procured from the borders of Scotland to improve the breed of Mountain Sheep in this Country - Returned soon after 5 to Dinner soon after which Dr.Edwards & Mr.Thomas came in - Mrs.Llewelyn, Mary, Mr Thomas, Fanny, John, & myself walked to the Pier Head, it being full moon, high water & a large Fleet of Vessels going out which made it a singularly fine moon light scene -
- Saturday 17 Heard this morning of my having yesterday been elected a Burgess of Loughor - walked in the afternoon with Mary, John & Fanny to see the new junction Canal between Neath & Swansea -
- Sunday 18 As I understand that no sitting could be obtained at Swansea Church I drove in the Gig ~~to brea~~ with Lewis Thomas to breakfast at Penllergare, & from thence went to Tally clyn of which I had agreed to grant him a Lease for 31 years - Afterwards dined ~~with~~ at Mr Thomas's where I met Sir R.Kemys, Rees Williams, C.Calland, Mr.Lettsom, &c -

APPENDIX

Mr Llewelyn on his return from London on Friday the 20th. of June came to spend a few days with us at the Willows & at his arrival looked extremely ill. On Monday the 23rd. he went to Penllergare as he fancied that the Country Air would expedite his recovery & next day on my going over to see him I thought him better - On Wednesday he came over to consult Dr.Hobbs & spent the Day with us at the Willows - On Thursday I went over with Mary to see him & when on Friday he again came over to the Willows I thought he looked worse but not so as to create any apprehension of immediate Danger. Having heard a false report from the Butler of his being much better Mary & I on Saturday the 28th drove over in the Gig expecting to spend a pleasant Day at Penllergare & on our arrival we found him sitting on the Stone by the Pillar at the Front Door & looking extremely ill - Leaning on my Arm he took me into the inner of the two old Parlors where he then told me that he was certain he had not many days to live & desired me to have all done that could be done to mitigate his sufferings, & not again to leave him - He then besides his Keys gave me the Money which he had in the House, amounting altogether to near 300£ ~~and told me~~ saying he should never again want it & told me after paying his Doctors to keep the remainder - (I however carried it to the credit of the Trust account). He was proceeding on matters of Business again when our conversation was interrupted by the entrance of Mrs.Llewelyn & Mary & as he allowed me to do as I chose I rode to Swansea as fast as possible & brought over Dr.Collins as well as Dr.Hobbs one or other of whom afterwards remained constantly with him - On their arrival they immediately bled him & put him to Bed from which he rose no more but so late as the following Thursday Dr.Collins expressed the utmost confidence in his recovery, nor still later could Mrs.Llewelyn be hardly brought to believe that he was in Danger - He often desired me to get his Will but Mrs.Llewelyn objected & the Doctors forbid me to let him talk long on matters of Business - On Sunday afternoon he indited a short codicil [~~as also~~] which I wrote down, as also another on Friday, & at the former time said he was afraid of making a confusion by any considerable alteration as his will had been drawn with peculiar care.

Afterwards he more than once begged me to send for Counsellor Socket & Mr.Withecombe & intimated his determination to make a Will more in my favor & his intention to have done so before but that he had waited for me to retire from Business. His Head however, except for a few Minutes when he first awoke was never sufficiently clear, & his recollection was so much confused that when he obtained my promise to give Mrs.Llewelyn the Willows in exchange for Penllergare he represented both to Mary & me the provision which he had made for us to be much larger than we afterwards found it. Among other things he particularly told us we should immediately have 300 a Year for John & 250 each for Fanny, Willey & Lewis & that when they arrived at 17 the allowance would be encreased to 500 for the eldest & 400 each for the two younger Boys & 300 for Fanny - He said we should find he had given us enough to support Penllergare if we chose it 'in splendor' or otherwise to save large Fortunes for our younger Children & it was

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under this wrong impression that I promised him to retire from Business & to exchange my residences - He said it would be utterly impossible with her Income for Mrs.Llewelyn to live at Penllergare & appeared very anxious in this way to secure the Willows for her - During his illness he told me that for pardon for some Sins in early life he trusted to the Mercies of Almighty God & expressed the highest satisfaction at his having subsequently endeavoured consciently to discharge his Duty as a Magistrate & a Man - He urged me strongly to keep my Death Bed always in view & said that I should then find a quiet conscience to be the greatest and only Treasure - Even when a little Delirious he repeatedly exclaimed "Dillwyn, mark my words - write it down - there is nothing in this world worth striving for but a quiet conscience for a Death Bed" - He sometimes joined in prayer with Mary, for whom his affection deservedly knew no bounds, & about three hours before he died Mrs.Llewelyn, Mary & myself knelt round his Bedside & read regular services for a sick person in which he occasionally joined - In the intervals of pain he was generally jocose & cheerful & bore his sufferings as far as a frequent Delirium would admit with great Fortitude. On Saturday Evening the temporal Artery was opened by Dr.Collins without success & on Sunday the 6th. of July at 3 o'Clock in the morning without either a Groan or struggle he quietly expired - Myself & the two Doctors were with him at the awful moment & Mrs.Llewelyn & Mary were in the adjoining Dressing Room - About ten Minutes before he died as I held one of his cold Hands between mine he enquired who it was & on my answering 'It is Dillwyn, Sir' in allusion to the performance of my promise not to leave him, he twice repeated 'I am glad of it - I am glad of it' which were his last distinguishable words -

He had desired me to have his Body opened & it was done on the following Tuesday by Dr.Hobbs, Dr.Collins & young Mr.Sylvester -

The Funeral took place on Saturday the 12th. at the Cemetary belonging to Penllergare in Llangafelach Church & about 11 o'Clock the procession set off in the following order -

1. The Undertaker, Mr.Voss & his assistant on Horseback.
2. Dr.Hobbs, Dr.Collins & the Revd. Mr.Rowlands with George Jenner who had arrived from London in two Post Chaises.
3. Sir Christopher Cole, of Penrice Castle, John Jones of St.Helens, John Morris of the Bryn, Arthur Jones of Swansea George Jones of Glanmore, J.H.Vivian of Marino, Morgan Popkin Traherne of Coitrahene & Thomas Bowdler of the Rhydings as Pall bearers in their respective Carriages -
4. The Hearse containing the Body in three Coffins of which the middle one was Copper & the outermost of Penllergare Oak - By desire of the Deceased he was attended by 12 of his poor neighbors as Carriers in black Cloaks.
5. Myself as Chief Mourner & Capt Rd.Jeffreys in the Penllergare Carriage -
6. The Domestic in my Carriage & 3 or 4 Post Chaises.

My lamented Friend had desired me to forbid the attendance of the Tenants but many of them, anxious to pay this last mark of their respect were waiting on Horse back in the adjoining Lanes to follow the procession & the Church when we arrived was so full that it was difficult for us to obtain an entrance. I had for the same reason declined an obliging

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offer from the Swansea & Fairwood Cavalry of their attendance & the whole Neighborhood manifested a general feeling of mourning & respect - The Funeral Service was performed by the Revd. Mr.Rowland & the Body deposited at the Eastern end of a new Vault which I had had made for the purpose - To make this Vault it was necessary to remove the Coffin of the late Miss Price which was quite sound, & on the day preceeding the Funeral I attended at the Church while it was taken up & placed on her Fathers on the Northern side of the Cemetary.

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