

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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JANUARY 1841

- Friday 1 Miss Mary went last night with a cold to the New Years Ball at Swansea, & returned this morning with the compleat loss of her voice. I remained at home. The frost quite gone. Mrs D still confined to her room or the adjoining morning room & has not been down stairs since Aug 22. I too have been much confined for the last month by a sharp Rheumatism in my left shoulder & a cough
- Saturday 2 Walked to Swansea in the afternoon & the Carriage brought me back
- Sunday 3 Frost returned with snow. Miss D's cold still bad, & I read the Service at home.
- Monday 4 Drove to breakfast at Burrows Lodge where John & Lewis joined me & we went onto a special Sessions at Pyle to decide on a claim for ...[?] which was made by Mr Smith of Henderwn & Mr grove at the last Quarter Sessions. Booker moved & I seconded a resolution that no change in our present arrangements should be made, & it was carried 10 to 6. I got home before 5, & being well wrapped up sustained no injury
- Tuesday 5 Frost very severe, remained at home
- Wednesday 6 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners. In the Evening Miss D with Dr Bird came & went to the Childrens Ball at Singleton
- Thursday 7 Mr & Lady Charlotte Talbot who are at Singleton spent a couple of hours here. Mr, Mrs, Rodney & 3 of the Miss Edens, T E Thomas, Mr & Mrs C Smith, Capt Clegg & Lieut davis of the Rifles, Miss Forman, Miss Lumley[?] & Frederick & Edwd Hockey dined with us
- Friday 8 Attended a Meeting of the Town Council. Went with Miss D to dine at the Bryn & afterwards accompanied her to the Singleton Ball
- Saturday 9 It was near 6 when Miss D & I got back from the Singleton Hall. Drove in the afternoon to meet John at Lewis' Laboratory to try a small electric galvanic apparatus invented by Mr Hill for propelling Boats instead of Steam. it worked most beautifully & John is constructing a larger Machine for an experiment with his Boat on the Lake at Penllergare

Sunday 10 A Thaw set in yesterday, & the Thermometer had till then for the past week at night ranged from 19 to 26. Miss D went to Church, & I read the Service to Mrs D at home

Monday 11 Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot arrived on a Visit to us. Miss Mary in the Evening went to meet a young party at Burrows Lodge & slept there

Tuesday 12 Drove Miss Talbot to Swansea where I left her & went on to compliment my dear & excellent son John on the completion of his 31st year. At Burrows Lodge I found Lewis confined by a prevailing sort of blast & returned with Miss Talbot to dine at Sketty

Wednesday 13 Weather dismal. Roads very icy & slippery. Mrs D yesterday became much more unwell, & only able to see very little of Lady Mary. Mr & Mrs J M Traherne had appointed a visit to us at the end of this week, but in consequence of Mrs D' failing, it has been put off

Thursday 14 Walked with Miss Talbot to see the Trahernes at Singleton & Mr T walked back to spend a couple of hours with me at Sketty. Moggridge & Fanny dined & spent the Evening with us. More snow fell today. John & Emma called in their way to dine & sleep at Singleton

Friday 15 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea & walked part of the way home with Miss Talbot & Miss Mary. A thaw set in

Saturday 16 A very rainy day. In the afternoon Lady Mary & Miss Talbot left us for Margam

Sunday 17 A very wet day confined us to home & I read the Service as usual

Monday 18 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. At 2 o'clock I had the pleasure of seeing my dear Mary down stairs to an early dinner, & she had not before left her upstairs apartments since August 22 for 21 weeks & 2 days. She did not however remain down for more than about ½ an hour

Tuesday 19 The Ditto of yesterday. The wind again to the North & Frost has returned

Wednesday 20 A sharp frost. remained at or about home. John reported that a great Northern Diver & a Garganny ...[?] remained several days on his Lakes, & that the former is rather ..[?]

Thursday 21 Walked to Swansea & the Phaeton brought me back. Miss Mary, Bessie & a party went on horseback to the Gnoll & Charles Smith who accompanied them dined here on his return

Friday 22 Drove in the evening to dine at John Groves

Saturday 23 Walked to Swansea to attend a preliminary Meeting for forming[?] a Rail Road to Loughor & the Carriage brought me home

Sunday 24 Snowed much nearly all day. I read the Service at home & Miss D went to Church in the Carriage

Monday 25 Drove to Swansea & attended a Meeting about the proposed Rail Road to Loughor

Tuesday 26 Lewis & his family came on a visit to us

Wednesday 27 Walked to Swansea & the Phaeton brought me back. Smith of Gwynllwynwith & Miss Eden joined our Diner party.

Thursday 28 My dear Mary at noon for the first time since her illness took a short drive in the close Carriage. Bessie & I took a walk to Veranda & round by Glanmor home

Friday 29 Walked with Lewis to Swansea & we returned in the Phaeton. Mr C Smith, Capt C;egg, T E Thomas, John Grove, Mr Whitehouse & the two elder Miss Edens dined with us

Saturday 30 Mrs D took half an hours airing in the close carriage both ion the morning & afternoon, but still she finds it prudent to confine herself chiefly upstairs

Sunday 31 The morning being very wet nobody went to Church. Lewis read the Service to the Family in the Dining Room & I upstarts to my dear Mary

FEBRUARY

Monday 1 Took a drive both in the morning & afternoon with Mrs D

Tuesday 2 Thermometer at Sun rise 26, & in the night had been 24. Some snow in the grounds. My dear Mary notwithstanding drove to Swansea & spent 10 minutes with Fan. I accompanied her. More snow in the Evening

Wednesday 3 Thermometer about Sun rise 24 & in the night had been 22½, nor did it in the shade rise higher than 25 all day. Mary again drove to Swansea where she left me to attend a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners & I walked home with Lewis & Miss D

Thursday 4 Thermometer at Sun rise 23. During the night 19 & I did not see it higher in the shade than 28 all day. It was too cold for Mrs D to take a Drive

Friday 5 Thermometer at Sunrise 25. During the night 23 & Vivians fell to 20. Walked only to call on Vivian who had a bad rheumatism

Saturday 6 Thermometer 25 at Sun rise. During the night 24. John in the 4th returned from spending a week at Margam, & his self registering thermometer indicated during his absence a fall to 12

Sunday 7 At Sun rise Thermometer 29. During the night 27 & there was a fall of snow in the Evening. As Bessie had a sore throat only Lewis & Mary went to Church & I read the Sermon at home a usual

Monday 8 Thermometer at Sun rise 26. In the night 24. Remained under 30 in the shade all day & much snow on the ground. Drove with Lewis to attend a Meeting about Loughor Rail Road & a Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 9 Thermometer at Sun rise 30. In the night 29, & remained about 32 all day. C H Smith dined with us

Wednesday 10 Thermometer rather below 30 in the night & above all day. Drove to Swansea & brought back Miss Mary who owing to Moggridges absence from home had slept last night in Cambrian Place. Mr Smith of Landough arrived on a Visit, & Mr Vivian, Sir Jo Morris, & Mr Williams Jnr of Cornwall dined with us

Thursday 11 A Thaw & heavy rain all day. Our friend Smith went to look at Sketty Park & Hill House with a view of becoming a neighbor. C H Smith & T E Thomas joined our Dinner party

Friday 12 A compleat thaw continues. My dear Mary took me to attend a Town Council & I walked back with Lewis. Went with Mrs L D, Miss Mary, Mr Smith of Landough & Lewis to dine at Glanmor

Saturday 13 Lewis took Mr Smith early to return to Landough by the Mail. A very wet day. Thermometer about 44

Sunday 14 Rained very hard in the morning. My dear Mary laid up by a swelled Face, & I read the Service to the Family

Monday 15	A very wet day & I remained at or about home. My dear Mary's face much swelled, & accompanied by some Rheum in her head
Tuesday 16	Weather very wet, drove in the afternoon for half an hour with Bessie to Swansea
Wednesday 17	Drove & spent about 4 hours at Penllergare
Thursday 18	Busy all the morning with griffiths in executing Leases etc. Rawleigh Mansell dined & slept here
Friday 19	During last week the Thermometer during the night has varied from 40 to 35, & in the day I have not seen it higher in the shade than 46. For the first time since her illness my dear Mary dined with us today. Miss Sarah Eden dined & slept here & yesterday also
Saturday 20	Walked with Lewis to Swansea & Mrs D in the Carriage brought me home. Thermometer about the same as yesterday
Sunday 21	After having read the morning Service I escorted my dear Mary for about 20 minutes in the Garden, & she had not walked at all out before since Aug 22. Lewis, Bessie & Mary went to Church. A slight Hoar Frost in the morning. Thermometer at night 32. At noon in the shade 51
Monday 22	Lewis, Bessie & their youngster closed their visit to us & returned to Burrows Lodge. Thermometer last night 31. In the day in the shade rose only to 45
Tuesday 23	No Frost at night. Thermometer 46 to 45 all day. Miss Francis, Sarah & Caroline Eden dined with us as a farewell visit to Miss Mary, prior to their start on Thursday for the Continent
Wednesday 24	Thermometer during the night minimum 43, & not much higher during the day. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Burrows Lodge & back
Thursday 25	Thermometer during the night 35 & about 44 during the day. Drove in to dine at 3 with the Sheriffs Ordinary & then to meet the Judge after which I returned home. Got excused from the Jury & John undertook to be Foreman in my place.
Friday 26	Thermometer during the night 41, & not much higher in the day. I remained at or about home. C Royd Smith not likely to dine with the Judge, he being one of the Grand Jury unexpectedly came to dine with us, & T E Thomas called & took him to Burrows Lodge about ½ past 10

Saturday 27 About breakfast time there was for ½ an hour a heavy fall of snow, but the Thermometer was not so low as freezing either last night or during the day. Mary took me _ of the way in the Carriage, & I then walked to Swansea & walked back

Sunday 28 Thermometer not much below 40 last night or during the day. Miss D drove to Church & I read the morning Service at home

MARCH

Monday 1 Thermometer not below about 38 last night or day. Mrs D rtook me in the Carriage as far as St Helens from where I walked to Swansea & walked back. Royd Smith, T E Thomas & Lewis dined with us

Tuesday 2 Rained hard all the morning. Miss Mary drove over early with intent of hearing the great trial between the Duke & Mrs Gough for the possession of Altgrug[?] in which the former is supported by Sir Wm Fillet[?] & the latter by Serjt Wilder[?]. She was however disappointed in not meeting John & Emma through the badness of the weather. I remained about home

Wednesday 3 Weather continued mild in the morning but colder in the afternoon, I walked to Swansea for a couple of hours & Mrs D brought me back in the carriage

Thursday 4 A hoar frost, but the thermometer in the night had barely descended to 32. Walked to Swansea & Mrs D brought me back

Friday 5 A heavy rain all day. Lewis & Bessie & Gwen[?] Smith dined with us

Saturday 7 Weather mild. John took me in his carriage to Swansea for an hour & Mrs D brought me back.

Sunday 7 Weather very mild. Miss Mary went to Church & I read the Servive at home. Mrs D more unwell

Monday 8 A sumemrs day & my Thermometer kept in perfect shade rose to 64. My dear Miss Mary's birthday. Mr Gough Williams dined with us, & Mr & Mrs Moggridge had arrived with their youngsters on a Visit

Tuesday 9 Weather similar to yesterdays, & quite delightful. remained at home

Wednesday 10 Weather continues delightful. I drove only as far as Awles[?] Garden. My dear Mary continues far from well

Thursday 11 7usy all day about my new Plantations

Friday 12 Not well. Engaged all day about my new Plantations. Weather continues mild & delightful

Saturday 13 Summer weather continues. Busy about planting all day

Sunday 14 The weather so mild that I should ...[?] have fined[?] to go to Church, but I prepared to read the Service to my dear MARY at home. Mr & Mrs Moggridge & Miss Mary went to Church in the Carriage. This has been an unusually Summer like Week & my Thermometer in a North aspect & perfgect shade out side of the House stood at 70

Monday 15 Summer like weather continues. Busy all day about planting

Tuesday 16 Continued all day planting. At 6 this morning a singular whistling of the Wind, the[?] very little was stirring indicated a change from the remarkably summer like weather which we had enjoyed for the last ten days. Not a cloud was however seen till towards noon, but the air was much colder & it began to rain about ½ past 5

Wednesday 17 Occasionally heavy showers. Employed as yesterday. Capt Clegg & Mr Dawson of the Rifles, Miss Gibbon [?Gilbon] & Miss Forman[?] dined here. Moggridge has a bad ear ache

Thursday 18 Weather very windy with an odd mixture of rain, & sun shine. Employed all day about home

Friday 19 Very windy with occasional heavy storms of hail & rain. Busy planting & about the home

Saturday 20 Mrs D took me in the Carriage to meet the Building Committee at the Royal Institution. Throughout last night there was a violent storm, & the weather has continued very coarse & stormy all day

Sunday 21 Fanny & Miss Mary went to Church & Moggridge as the weather continues wet & stormy did not venture out. My dear Mary joined us at the morning service in the Dining Room for the first time since her illness began

Monday 22 Weather tolerably fine & my dear Mary ventured out in the Phaeton for the first time of her using an open Carriage, since this day 7 months

- Tuesday 23 Weather pleasant & I remained all day about home. Vivian, who has come from Town to spend a week at Singleton, Miss Webber & Miss C Jones dined with us
- Wednesday 24 Drove in the morning with Mrs D to Croles[?] Nursery, from thence I walked through Swansea to the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction & then home
- Thursday 25 Went with Moggridge & Miss Mary to dine at Burrows Lodge, where we met Capt Clegg[?] & afterwards all went to hear Dr Bird lecture at the Royal Institution on the nerves. A dry detail & not at all sufficiently popular. Miss Mary remained to sleep at B Lodge & Moggridge returned with me to Sketty
- Friday 26 Remained all day at or about home
- Saturday 27 Drove over with Mrs [D] to require the attendance of Dr Bird on our Footman who is very ill, & he came in the Evening
- Sunday 28 The serious illness of William added to Pheobe's (our head Nursemaid) being in agonies from Rheumatic Gout, & the continued indisposition of Mrs D's maid obliged us most reluctantly to put off the Penllergarites who were to have come over to us for a Visit on Wednesday next. Miss Mary went to Church & I read the Nursing[?] Service at home
- Monday 29 The morning being fine Mary drove to pay her first visit since her illness to Penllergare. It clouded over about noon & the rain fell all the afternoon in Torrents so that Johns close Carriage brought her home & I returned in the Phaeton
- Tuesday 30 Weather showery in the morning. Remained at or about home
- Wednesday 31 Rained most of the day. Remained at or about home

APRIL

- Thursday 1 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea, dined at Burrows Lodge & attended a Lecture at our Royal Institution by Mr Nichol on Phrenology
- Friday 2 Drive in the afternoon with Mrs D & I remained an hour at Swansea, after which Bessie brought me most of the way back. Miss D after a ride to Briton Ferry dined at Gwenllwynwith[?] & slept at Burrows Lodge

Saturday 3 My dear Mary got up to breakfast for the first time since her illness. Weather delightful & I remained at or about home

Sunday 4 Weather very wet & stormy. Miss D went to Church & I read the morning Service to the Family

Monday 5 I this morning executed a new Will in triplicate & it is witnessed by my Butler, Dd Jones & my Gardener Wm Webley. Remained at or about home all day

Tuesday 6 Started at 6. Breakfasted at ½ past 6 at Burrows Lodge - went on at 7 with Lewis to Neath & thence to Posters[?] so as to reach Cowbridge at 11. Attended the Quarter Sessions where a Motion for giving ...[?] to Council was made, & I moved an Amendment to confirm our resolution at the Pyle Meeting on January 4th. The amendment was carried 23 to 21. Dined with Lewis at Gwenllwyn[?] on our way and I reached home before 12

Wednesday 7 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners at Swansea

Thursday 8 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Town Council, & also the Board of Guardians to investigate a charge of gross neglect against the medical Officers

Friday 9 Miss D who slept last night at her Brothers returned with him in the afternoon, & we pursued our inquiry into a case of gross neglect of a Pauper by the Parish Doctors. Being Good Friday I read the morning Service to Mrs D

Saturday 10 A very wet day. Mary drove over with Miss Mary & left her to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge

Sunday 11 My dear Mary vvery unwell from a biliary [sic] attack & kept most of the day on a Sofa

Monday 17 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. Mary much better

Tuesday 13 Weather unfavorable but John took Mrs D in his shut up carriage & Miss Mary went with me in the Phaeton on a Visit to Penllergare. The Moggridges are staying there

Wednesday 14 Not well & I did not leave the House all day

Thursday 15 Drove over from penllergare & spent about 3 hours at home

- Friday 16 Walked about & had a row with John, Emma & etc on the Lake. Some Fireworks I had purchased were let off in the Evening to please the Youngsters
- Saturday 17 We returned from Penllergare for a few days in expectation that Buckland will arrive this evening at Burrows Lodge & come to us tomorrow
- Sunday 18 Miss D went in the Phaeton & I read the morning Service to Mrs D. Lewis & Bessie brought Dr Buckland with them to us & after Dinner the two former returned to Burrows Lodge
- Monday 19 I drove Buckland soon after Breakfast to Burrows Lodge where he took an early Dinner & went on by Mail to see De la Beche at Tenby
- Tuesday 20 Remained all day at home
- Wednesday 21 Emma came for Miss Mary, & Mrs D & I in the Phaeton returned to our Visit at Penllergare. Lewis & Bessie had arrived there yesterday also on a Visit
- Thursday 22 Dr Buckland arrived at Penllergare by the Mail early from Tenby & accompanied Lewis & Bessie to Swansea. In the afternoon I drove to Skletty & round by Swansea from whence I took Buckland back to Penllergare
- Friday 23 Buckland went off early by Mail to Bristol. In the afternoon I set out with Lewis & Bessie in their Phaeton for Swansea, & in descending the Hill near the Middle Lodge the Pole broke & we were only saved from destruction by the skill and great exertions of Lewis. The Horses Galloping and kicking at last dashed the Carriage so as to break it in pieces against the Gate Post by the Lower Lodge and we were miraculously thrown out as not to be seriously injured
- Saturday 24 Suffered considerably from yesterdays accident, & did not leave the House, but Dr Bird confirmed his yesterdays opinion that no material injury has befallen me
- Sunday 25 Morning very wet. Suffered considerably in my Breast, & the pain was only kept down by frequent fomentations[?]
- Monday 26 As Mrs Bird is most alarmingly ill it is more easy to procure the Drs attendance at Sketty Hall than at Penllergare, & as the pain in my back has increased we thought it more prudent to return home. The Dr came in the Evening & satisfied me that the pain has nothing to do with the vertebra & is of no consequence

Tuesday 27 Mrs Bird died at 6 this morning. I remained at home & my Breast & Bruises are all much better

Wednesday 29 Remained at home. Summer like weather. Thermometer at back of House in perfect shade 65

Thursday 29 Weather very fine & hot. A single Paeony in flower. Remained at home

Friday 30 Weather sultry. Remained at home

MAY

Saturday 1 My dear Mary soon after breakfast drove to Penllergare & took with us for the May Pole large bunches of the *Moutan & 3 other species of Paeony, Lilies of the Valley, Iris's, Lilacs & several other varieties which are rarely in full blossom on May Day. Spent the day merrily - dined at ½ past 3, & returned home in the Evening. Miss Mary had followed us on Horseback & remained to sleep at penllergare

*P Moutan - officinalis - hybride & cretice

Sunday 2 My dear Mary had fixed on going to Church today for the first time since her illness, but did not feel sufficiently strong & I read the morning Service at home. Weather fine, but cloudy, & not hot The maximum of my Thermometer in perfect shade on the north side of the House has varied during the 5 preceding[?] days from 64 to 70

Monday 3 Drove to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting. Miss Mary ret'd from Penllergare & Lewis who came with her slept here

Tuesday 4 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Lewis & Miss Mary rode to Ynysgerwn, & returned to Dinner after which the former rejoined his Wife at Penllergare

Wednesday 5 Drove to attend a Paving Committee at Swansea

Thursday 6 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour. As a change of air had been recommended for our dear little Theresa Emma brought her & her Sister to spend a week or two with us

Friday 7 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for half an hour to Swansea & I completed the purchase of a Field in the middle of my Tenement of Burry Green. Little Theresa far from well

Saturday 8 Emma came over & finding little Theresa to be far from well remained with us. Dir Bird on being sent for pronounced her to have Shingles in her Head, & thought it not safe to take her back to Penllergare. I drove to Swansea & attended the Sale of Ystradissa[?] which was bought for 5000£, & the highest bonafide bidder was Chas Smith at 3800. I would have given 4000 if the Title had been clear

Sunday 9 Dear little Theresa suffered much & none of us went out but I read the morning Service at home. My dear Fans Birth day & we were disappointed by not seeing her

Monday 10 I drove with Mrs D for half an hour to see Fan. In consequence of Therasas illness, John & the remainder of his Family have come to stay here

Tuesday 11 Drove in the morning with Mrs D & little Emma to Swansea & Mrs D in the afternoon again drove in to bring me back

Wednesday 12 Remained at or about home

Thursday 13 Remained at or about home. Theresa quite well again

Friday 14 Drove to a Town Council & Mrs D in the afternoon brought me home. Mr Smith of Hill House dined with us

Saturday 15 Remained about home. Sent to Dr Lindley an account of my purple variety of the Laburnum which has this spring produced Flowers both of C Purperreus[?] & C Ladoricum[?]. John & I went to dine with Smith at Hill House, & Emma & Miss Mary joined us there at Tea

Sunday 16 My dear Mary being very unwell & having passed a sleepless night I remained at home & read the morning Service to her. John, Emma & Miss Mary went to Church

Monday 17 My dear Mary being unwell, I drove to bring Dr Bird, & as he had gone to London I brought Mr Nichol instead, but on our arrival Mrs D was already much better. I then returned to Swansea & attended a Committee for sorting & disposing of the Corporation Papers. John after breakfast drove to Clemenstone & brought back Lady M Cole on a Visit to us

Tuesday 18 Remained at or about home

Wednesday 19 Remained at or about home. This being my dear Lewis's Birthday he & Bessie spent the afternoon with us & Mrs Smith of Hill House & T E Thomas joined our party at Dinner

Thursday 20 Remained at or about home. Little Theresa being again more unwell & Johnny but[?] poorly Mr Nichol (in Dr Bird's absence) was sent for to attend them

Friday 21 Remained at home till the Evening when I drove with John to dine at Glanmôr where we met Lewis, Moggridge etc

Saturday 22 Remained at or about home

Sunday 23 Lady Mary, John & Emma & Miss Mary went to Church, & as Mrs D was not sufficiently strong I remained at home & read the morning Service to her & some of the Servants

Monday 24 Theresa continues very unwell, & little Emma is found to have Chicken Pox. Remained at or about home

Tuesday 25 Emma thought it better to go home, & all the Penllergare Family with the two young Invalid & Lady Mary Cole returned to Penllergare

Wednesday 26 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Institution Building Committee, & Mrs D brought me back. Went with Miss D to dine at Hill House & after Dinner Miss D went on to stay at Penllergare & assist in nursing as my two Grandchildren continue much unwell. The weather all the Week has been very hot & at night remarkably oppressive

Thursday 27 Drove to act as Secretary pro temp for the Horticultural Shew [sic] where John got 82 & Vivian 56 prizes. Mrs D brought me home

Friday 28 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Penllergare where we dined & returned home in the cool of the Evening

Saturday 29 Remained at or about home

Sunday 30 Mrs D for the first time since the middle of August went to Church & I accompanied her

Monday 13 Drove in to attend a Meeting of the Shareholders of our Royal Institution at 11. Dr Buckland arrived about 4 by the Mail, & I dined with him at Burrows Lodge. Mrs D after Dinner came for me & took me home

JUNE

Tuesday 1 Attended as President the annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute, at the close of which Dr Buckland favored us with a Lecture on the origin of Coal. I returned home to Dinner

Wednesday 2 Drove in the morning for about an hour to Swansea & attended a Meeting of Paving Commissioners. Lewis & Bessie, Dr Buckland, Jos Martin, S Benson, Mr Nichol & Mr J G Jeffreys dined with us

Thursday 3 Drove with Mrs D to call at Gwernllwynwith

Friday 4 Drove after breakfast with Mrs D to Penllergare & from thence John & I went to attend a Sessions at Langefalach. We dined at Penllergare & came home in the Evening

Saturday 5 I drove in the morning to call on Mr Labouchere at the Hill House. Miss Mary came over in the Evening from Penllergare to spend Sunday with us

Sunday 6 Went with the two Mary's to Church. Lewis in the afternoon came to say good by, preparatory to his start tomorrow for London on Business for 3 or 4 days

Monday 7 Drove to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting & in the afternoon Mrs D brought me home

Tuesday 8 Drove with Mrs D round by Swansea & spent an hour or two at Penllergare

Wednesday 9 I took an early drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Emma brought Miss Mary back to us after having made Penllergare her head quarters for a fortnight, & she afterwards went to dine at Hill House

Thursday 10 Lewis having on Monday gone to London, Bessie & her little Girl spent the day with us. I remained about home

Friday 11 I attended a Town Council. Bessie & her little Girl came to remain till tomorrow. Mr & Mrs Berrington, Dr & Mrs Howell, Capt Clegg & Mr Sheppard dined with us & the latter slept here

Saturday 12 I remained about home. Bessie & her little Girl returned home to receive Lewis in his return from Town. Weather continues fine, but has all the week become colder, & there was a hoar frost last night

Sunday 13 Went with Mrs & Miss D to the morning Service at Swansea

Monday 14 Engaged all the morning with Mr Relf on Botany. Towards Evening took a drive with Mrs D to Swansea & back

Tuesday 15 Drove in the afternoon to dine at Burrows Lodge & afterwards as President attended the Annual Meeting of the Bible Society

Wednesday 16 Drove with Mrs D for a couple of hours to Swansea & attended the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction. Moggeridge, Fanny & their Boy spent the afternoon & dined with us it being the latters Birth day

Thursday 17 Took only a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Lewis & his family at Lanelay John arrived at Burrows Lodge

Friday 18 After an enormously long spell of fine dry weather it rained hard nearly all day. Drove with Mrs D to Swansea but the rain continued so heavy that we at once returned

Saturday 19 Weather again fine. I remained at home

Sunday 20 Went with my two Mary's to Swansea Church. Rained heavily in the afternoon

Monday 21 Drove to attend an adjourned Town Council & Mrs D brought me home in the afternoon. John came to us from Burrows Lodge

Tuesday 22 Mrs D, John & I went for an hour or two to Penllergare. Mr Smith of the Hill House joined us at Dinner

Wednesday 23 John took Miss D for a Visit to Lanelay. Carried my Hay as the Weather was favorable form all my Southern Fields. Remained at home

Thursday 24 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & back. Lewis dined with us & Bessie rode over to Tea

Friday 25 Drove in to attend another Town Council & Mrs D in the afternoon brought me back in the Phaeton. I had a bad headache

Saturday 26 Very very wet & I did not leave home. The head ache continues. At past 10 at night an Express with Depositions arrived, & a request from Nicholl that I would take the Chair of the Sessions on Tuesday

Sunday 27 Continued unwell & n took some Calomel. Mrs D went to Church

Monday 28 Better but did not leave home. Made Labouchere dined with us

Tuesday 29 Went to breakfast at Burrows Lodge & from there drove to the Sessions at Neath. On the motion of Ld Bute seconded by J B Bruce I took the Chair at 11. Remained in Court till ½ past 6. At 7 took the Chair of the Magistrates dinner & at 11 went for half an hour to a Play which Ld Adare had bespoke. Finding it more convenient I had engaged apartments at the Ship & Cable[?Castle]. John had brought Miss D with him from Lanelay & took her on to Sketty

Wednesday 30 Went to Court at 10 & remained till about ½ past 7 & it was too late for Dinner at Dyffryn where I had engaged to sleep. Remained therefore at the Ship & Castle & went for an hour to the Play which had been bespoke by Nash Vaughan

JULY

Thursday 1 Went to Court at 10 & remained till ½ past 6 when I got a hearty Dinner at the Ship & Cable[?Castle] & returned in a hack chaise home. John on his return from Sketty to Lanelay came for a few minutes into Court & looked very unwell

Friday 2 Drove to attend the annual Meeting of our Infirmary which lasted little more than an hour, & I then returned home. Miss D went in the afternoon & slept at Burrows Lodge

Saturday 3 Unwell with something of the Lumbago sort brought on as usual by the fatigue of the Sessions, & only took a drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & back

Sunday 4 Much teased by Lumbago, & only my two Mary's went to Church

Monday 5 Not well. Mrs D in the afternoon drove to Swansea & brought back Mrs Richd Jeffreys & her Daughter to spend a day or two with us

Tuesday 6 Not well & something of the Lumbago sort still troublesome. Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Swansea & back. Mr & Mrs Vivian, Miss Kate Jones, Mr Franklen & Mr Moggridge dined with us. Mrs R Jeffreys left us in the afternoon

Wednesday 7 Weather very wet & I did not leave home. Buckland who is staying at Burrows Lodge, came over & spent an hour with me in the afternoon

Thursday 8 Drove in the afternoon to dine & sleep at Margam

- Friday 9 After breakfast drove with the usual parade with Talbot in his Carriage to Bridgend where he was proposed by myself & seconded by Jo Lucas, & with Lord Adare became our County Member. An accident to my Horses obliged me to leave them at Margam, where I got a cup of Tea to wash away the noise & bad wine which I had had at the Bridgend Dinner & arrived at home with postes about ½ past 9
- Saturday 10 Got a cold & did not leave home. Miss D went to sea in a Pilot Boat with De la Beche & others. De la Beche & Lewis dined with us
- Sunday 11 I went with the two Mary's to Swansea Church
- Monday 12 Engaged in preparations for our Ramble & did not leave home
- Tuesday 13 We went about ½ past one to Burrows Lodge & started soon after 3 with 4 posters to our Carriage, & within 2 hours arrived to dine & sleep at Margam
- Wednesday 14 The fatigue of packing was too much for my dear Mary * & she was far from well. Lady Mary Cole joined our party in the afternoon
- Thursday 15 At 3 in the afternoon we closed a very pleasant visit to Margam, & drove to Coedriglan
- Friday 16 Miss D drove with Mrs Traherne to make a call at Dyffryn & I chiefly amused myself in the Coedriglan Library. My dear Mary was too much unwell during the morning but rallied towards Evening, & Capt & Mrs Smyth very pleasantly joined our Dinner party
- Saturday 17 Left Coedriglan soon after 10, & spent half an hour at Capt Smyths in Cardiff from thence we got on to dine at Usk where we visited the old Castle, & my old Lady found herself so hearty that we got on to sleep at Ross
- Sunday 18 We attended the morning Service at Ross & about 2 proceeded on to dine & sleep at Essingtons Hotel Malvern Wells
- Monday 19 - Malvern Wells
We luckily engaged a most comfortable House called Belmont which belongs to & is the occasional residence of Sir Robt Fitz Wigram & after having dined at the Hotel we spelt there
- Tuesday 20 Weather all morning too wet for donkey riding & w e only strolled about the neighbourhood in the afternoon

- Wednesday 21 Waited at Villa Nuova, a House about a furlong lower down the Hill, & about directly under ours for the arrival of John & Emma who with the Chicks arrived before one, & they confirmed the taking of it which we had conditionally made for them. The whole party boarded with us for the day & the 2 Girls slept here
- Thursday 22 At ½ past 2 our whole party started with a Donkey for Mrs D & two others to be alternately used by the Chicks, & ascended the Hills to 'Sortway top' & then round by 'Lady Harcourts Walk' we reached home at 5. I was much tired
- Friday 23 Mrs D on a Donkey went up the Hill in the morning & in the afternoon took ad rive with J & E to the Dean of St Asaphs. J & E drank Tea with us
- Saturday 24 My dear Mary not well & we left her in Bed & in charge of Emma who with the Chicks spent the day with her. John, Miss Mary & I went to the Dafford Station & went from thence on the Rail Road to Cheltenham. Spent part of the afternoon with the Moggridges who had arrived there the day before, & got back by the same means to dine at Johns soon after 7
- Sunday 25 my dear Mary too unwell to go to Church & I read the morning Service to her at home. Miss Mary dined & spent the day chiefly at Villa Nuova
- Monday 26 - Malvern Wells
My dear Mary was in or on her Bed till about 3 when she found herself better & we walked to Essingtons Hotel to call on old Mrs R Jenner. John & Emma with whom Miss Mary had been to the Herefordshire Beacon spent the Evening with us
- Tuesday 27 My dear Mary much better this morning, but having made our previous arrangements we started at ½ past one. Reached Cheltenham in little more than 2 hours in Johns light Carriage. Put up at the Plough & at ½ past 7 Dr Baron by appointment paid her a Visit
- Wednesday 28 Mary continues quite hearty & enjoyed herself with the Moggridges & in shopping till 3 when we left Cheltenham, & reached Belmont to dinner. John & Emma spent the Evening with us
- Thursday 29 This again is one of Mrs D's poorly days, & she only took a short walk. John & Emma & their elder Chicks went for 2 or 3 days to Cheltenham for the purpose of consulting Dr Baron about Theresa, who tho' in usual health, continues rather delicate

- Friday 30 My dear Mary continued very languid & on the Bed or Sofa till near 5 & then took about an hours ride on a Donkey
- Saturday 31 Mrs D rather better, & in the afternoon took a Donkey ride for an hour. John & Emma returned from Cheltenham & spent the Evening with us

AUGUST

- Sunday 1 My dear Mary from extreme languor [sic] remained in Bed or on the Sofa nearly all day, & did not leave the House. I read the morning Service to her & Miss D went with John & Emma to Church
- Monday 2 Mrs D still very languid & poorly & the wetness of the Weather confined us all to the House, & prevented her from trying a drive in an open Carriage as she had intended
- Tuesday 3 No improvement in my dear Mary's strength. At 1 I drove with John & Emma to Croome the seat of Lord Coventry, & soon after 2 a violent rain set in which prevented us from seeing so much as I wished of the ancient & magnificent arboretum. Many of the American & other exotic Trees, ,planted near a Century ago have attained an enormous size& for some remarks on the growth of the mistletoe ...[?]. There is a Leterophyllorus[?] Var, of Ostrya [?] vulgaris, on all the ramuli of which some of the Liu...[?] are of the regular shape but the greater number more resemble those of an Oak. We returned to Dinner
- Wednesday 4 John, Emma & their two elder Chicks went to spend the day at Birmingham. Mrs D continues unable to venture on a Donkey, but I accompanied her in a Drive in a hired Open Carriage to Great Malvern
- Thursday 5 The 3 Moggridges arrived form Cheltenham to spend a couple of days with us. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D & Miss all to Great Malvern
- Friday 6 Moggridge spent the whole day botanising with Mr Lees. In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D & Mrs M beyond the Lodge of Easter[?] Castle to obtain a good view of the Herefordshire Beacon & to Little Malvern. John & Emma returned from Birmingham & spent the Evening with us

- Saturday 7 The Moggridges this morning returned to Cheltenham. Again went with John & Miss Mary to visit the Arboretum at Crome[?], & got back to a late Dinner. Emma dined with Mrs D & I at Villa Nuova
- Sunday 8 Mrs D much better & she went with John, Emma & Miss D to Church in the morning & I was confined by a sever headache to the House. In the Evening I went to Church with John, Emma & Miss D & the little Theresa & afterwards joined the 3 former & Mrs D in a Moonlight walk to the Ash Tree
- Monday 9 - Cheltenham
After an early Dinner we left Malvern Wells at ½ past 2 drove to the Difford[?] Station from whence we proceeded in the Rail Road & reached Cheltenham at 5. Took up our Quarters at 13 Lansdown Place which the Moggridges had engaged for us. Dr Baron by appointment saw my dear Mary in the Evening
- Tuesday 10 I began to drink the Waters at Thomsons Spa, & the day was chiefly spent in settling our selves in our new abode. My dear Mary, tho' remarkably well yesterday had a bad night & has been too poorly to go out today
- Wednesday 11 Mary better & took a Drive in an open Carriage. John & Co followed us from Malvern & took possession of No 14 next door. They dined with us, & accompanied by Moggridge, John & Emma, Miss D & I went in the Evening to a Lecture at the Philosophical Institution
- Thursday 12 Dawdled about & in the afternoon went with the Youngsters to the Zoological Gardens
- Friday 13 Walked with John to the Rail Road station & saw him start for Birmingham on his way to visit Bateman at Knypersly. Weather very wet & kept us mostly in the House
- Saturday 14 Sir Henry South[?] having heard a poor account of Mrs D arrived in the afternoon to see after her, & returned in the Evening to Town. Emma also dined with us, & John on his return from Knypersly joined us in the Evening
- Sunday 15 The two Marys went with John & Emma to Christ Church in the morning, & I with Miss Mary & Moggridge to hear Mr Close at St Mary's in the Evening, & he preached for an hour & a quarter
- Monday 16 - London
About ½ past 11 started with John & Emma in their Carriage for Cirencester, & from there we arrived soon after 5 in London. John took apartment close to Belgrave Square in order that E might be

- near Mrs Nichols, & I at Hatchet. John & I dined with De la Beche at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 17 John, Emma & Miss Talbot called for me at the Athenaeum at 10, & we drove & spent 3 hours at the Athenaeum [sic - ? a mistake RM]. John & I dined at the Athenaeum with De la Beche & we went afterwards to the Polytechnic Institution
- Wednesday 18 Spent the morning with John at the Adelaide Gallery, & we dined as yesterday at the Athenaeum
- Thursday 19 Went to Tottenham & spent a couple of hours with my Sister Mrs Bevan. Dined with John & Emma at John Nichols, & at 12 called on Talbot who had arrived that Evening from Penllergare
- Friday 20 Engaged on various errands. John & I dined together with De la beche at the Athenaeum
- Saturday 21 I this day compleated my 63rd year. Started with John & Emma at 12 on the Great Western Rail Road & were detained by various accidents so that it was near 7 instead of 10 mins past 4 when we reached Cirencester. A Family Birthday Dinner had been prepared at ½ past 6, & it was 9 when we arrived at Cheltenham
- Sunday 22 The weather the whole of last week had been delightful & we were today confined mostly to the House by violent storms of Wind & Rain. The two Marys only went to Church in the morning
- Monday 23 - Cheltenham
Walked or strolled about this dawdling place
- Tuesday 24 Went with J,E & Mrs D to a Horticultural Show & afterwards to Jessops Nursery
- Wednesday 25 Took a drive with Mrs D & etc
- Thursday 26 Drank the Waters & went in a hot Bath for want of something else to do
- Friday 27 Drove after an early Breakfast in a hired Carriage with Moggridge to Cromb[?] where we spent about 4 hours & from there we drove down to the Dafford Station & returned to Cheltenham by the Rail Road. Went in the Evening with John & Emma & Miss D to see the exhibition of a Mr Fitzpatrick who calls himself a Ventriloquist
- Saturday 28 Granny dined with John & Emma & Miss Mary & I at Mr Kendalls

Sunday 29 A sweltering day. Went with Granny & Emma & Miss Mary to morning Service at the new Church in Suffolk Square but the crowd & heat were so great that the former was obliged to come out. Went to the Evening Service at the same Church with my two Mary's

Monday 30 - Cheltenham

Went in the afternoon with my two Mary's, John, Emma & their 4 chicks to see a Balloon ascend from the Montpelier Gardens, & Moggridge & his Boy met us there

Tuesday 31

John & Moggridge went early to fish at Williamstrip & will return tomorrow

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1

Dawdled & shopped about with Granny & Emma

Thursday 2

About one our dear John & his Family left us on their way to Lanelay & from thence home

Friday 3

My dear Mary has this day completed her 65th year, & we are delighted to find that her Health has on average sensibly[?] improved since we came to Cheltenham. Lewis & Bessie arrived by a train from Birmingham in time for Dinner, & made their residence with us

Saturday 4

It rained heavily from ½ past 6 yesterday Evg. till ½ past 2 this afternoon without intermission & the Evening was showery

Sunday 5

In the morning Mary & I went to Christ Church & Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary to St James' Church. Afternoon very showery

Monday 6 - Cheltenham

Drove with Mrs D & Bessie to Pitville & etc

Tuesday 7

Lewis went to the beginning of the great Music Meeting at Gloster. The weather too bad for Miss Mary to go, & Bessie is laid up by a bad Cold. I dined with a Mr Waters at 23 Lansdown Crescent, & Miss M came there to a large party in the Evening

Wednesday 8

Lewis & Miss Mary went to hear Handels[?sic] Creation at Gloster. Bessie ill with a violent Cold & in bed all day

- Thursday 9 Lewis & Mary went to hear Handels Messiah at Gloster. Col & Mrs Beech [?] spent most of the day & dined with us. Bessie still to ill to come down stairs. The Moggridges started homewards in the morning
- Friday 10 Lewis & Miss D went with Col & Mrs Beech [?] to the Gloster Music & returned about ½ past 5. I attended a good Lecture on Fossil Zoology by a Mr Wright at the Institution & Bessie was so much better as to take a short drive with Mrs D
- Saturday 11 Walked with Lewis & Polly to Pitville & etc, & in the Evening with Lewis attended a Lecture on Chlorine at the Institution
- Sunday 12 Went to Lansdown Church with Mrs D & Miss D with Mrs Stretton to St James' in the morning. Lewis & Bessie left us on their return home about 2
- Monday 13 - Cheltenham
Mrs Stretton, the Mother of Lady Beech & Miss Forman dined with us, & afterwards Granny! [sic] joined our party & went with us to a Gala & display of Fire Works at the Montpelier Gardens
- Tuesday 14 Col Beech [?] drove over & spent an hour or two with us in the morning
- Wednesday 15 Lounged about all day
- Thursday 16 Mrs & Miss D drove to meet a party of the Beeches at Whitcombe & got an early Dinner at the Parsonage
- Friday 17 Attended a lecture on Fossil Zoology at 3, & another in the Evening on the Compounds of Carbon
- Saturday 18 Miss Mary & I had our likenesses taken at a new Photographic Institution which within these few days has been opened, & I afterwards attended a lecture by Mr Goddard on Photography. In the afternoon Mrs & Miss D went to see Lord Northwicks pictures
- Sunday 19 Miss Mary & I went to St James' & Mrs D & I to St Phillips in the afternoon
- Monday 20 - Cheltenham
Col, Miss & Wm Beech with he Cols 2 Daughters, lunched & went with us to the Photographic Institution on their way from Malvern to Williamstripp. Miss Mary spent the Evening at Kendalls

Tuesday 21 Likenesses were this afternoon taken of Mrs & Miss D at the Photographic Institution. Busy in preparing for a start homewards tomorrow

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Wednesday 22 Left Cheltenham about 11 & dined & slept at Newport

Thursday 23 Left Newport soon after 10 & with 4 Horses reached home to dinner. We drove from Newport to Swansea in 5 hours & three quarters

Friday 24 Drove to a Town Council, & as soon as I returned home where we had quite a Family Meeting

Saturday 25 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & walked for half an hour with her along the Shore

Sunday 26 Weather very coarse & wet. Mrs & Miss D went to Church

Monday 27 - Sketty
Not well & did not leave home. Lewis & his Family came to us

Tuesday 28 Sent some seeds from my purple Variety of the Laburnum to Dr Lindley see p 109. A wet day & not being quite well I did not leave home

Wednesday 29 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to call on Mr & Mrs Thackeray who are at Penllergare on a visit, & first saw the Upper Lake since it has been filled

Thursday 30 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea for an hour. The Revd J [?T] Morris dined with us

OCTOBER

Friday 1 I remained at home

Saturday 2 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles & from thence we walked along the Shore nearly to Braslet [sic] Bay

Sunday 3 With Mrs & Miss D & Mr & Mrs LLD I went to Church at Swansea & from thence I walked home & called on Mr Craig at Singleton on the way

Monday 4 Drove to a Harbor Meeting at Swansea

Tuesday 5 Remained at or about home

Wednesday 6 Drove with Lewis to a Meeting of the Paving Commission & we afterwards attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Magistrates at the House of Correction. Mr & Harry Vivian, Mr Gibson Craig & Mr & Mrs Toogood & Mr Moggridge dined with us

Thursday 7 Weather very wet & only took a Drive along the Mumbles Road with Mrs D

Friday 8 Weather very wet. Drove with Lewis & attended a Town Council

Saturday 9 A fine day. Remained at or about home

Sunday 10 Heavy wind & rain all day so that none of us went out & I read the morning Service to the Family

Monday 11 - Sketty Rained heavily nearly without intermission all day. Went with Lewis & Bessie to dine & meet Sir James Craig at Singleton. My dear Mary for some days has had her Face slightly swelled & Miss Polly a bad toe

Tuesday 12 Except a call at Singleton I remained at home

Wednesday 13 Drove with Lewis to Swansea. Attended a Town Council & walked back. C H Smith, Col & Mrs Jones, T E Thomas & Capt Fordyce & Lieut Jauncey of the 11th Regt dined with us

Thursday 14 Teazed by a face ach. Took a drive with Mrs D & called at St Helens

Friday 15 Face slightly swelled. Remained at home

Saturday 16 A very wet day. Remained at home

Sunday 17 Mrs D went with Lewis & Bessie to Swansea Church

Monday 18 - Sketty A baddish Cold hangs [?] about me & I did not leave home. Expected Jo Nichol to Dinner but he did not arrive

Tuesday 19 Met Mr Nichol at 11, & remained all day with him as Assistant Chairman at the Quarter Sessions all day. Court broke up at 6 & after dining with the Magistrates Nichol went with me back to Sketty

Wednesday 20 Drove Nichol in to open the Court at 10, & remained there till after 6, when we returned to Dinner. Lewis to accommodate Bichius [?] remained to stop last night at Burrows Lodge & has been today too ill from a violent cold to leave the House, or go back with us to Sketty

Thursday 21 Drove with Nichol & opened the Court at 10. At 6 the Business terminated & he returned with me to Sketty where Vivian & Mr Craig joined us at Dinner. Lewis has returned but was too unwell to leave his room. Daviss late Servt [?] to Capt Hickey entered my Service as Butler

Friday 22 Drove with Nichol to the House of Correction & from there walked to Swansea when he left me for Merthyr Mawr. I walked home making a second visit to the House of Correction & visiting Singleton in the way. In the Evening I went to meet my old friend Richd Jeffreys at John Jeffreys & afterwards went for 10 minutes to a Play which Mrs Vivian patronized

Saturday 23 Weather very bad & I remained at home

Sunday 24 Mrs D & Lewis with heavy colds only Bessie & Miss D went to Church & I read the Service to the remainder of the Family at home

Monday 25 Drove with Lewis to attend (for the last time) a Town Council, & Mrs D brought me home in the afternoon

Tuesday 26 Remained at home

Wednesday 27 Engaged all day in investigating the case of Mary Ann Jones who I am satisfied is perfectly innocent of charges for which she has already suffered 18 months imprisonment in the House of Correction. Richd Jeffreys now Barrack Master at Exeter came to spend a couple of days with us

Thursday 28 Drove to attend the House of Correction & engaged all day on the same Business as yesterday. Capt Evan Morgan & S Benson joined our party at Dinner

Friday 29 Richd Jeffreys left us for Penllergare & Miss Mary also went there for a few days

Saturday 30 Drove to meet a Committee about planting round the Institution, & from thence went to the House of Correction. Attempted to walk

home but from an attack of lumbago could hardly get on & luckily got a lift in Fans Carriage

Sunday 31 I did not leave home & only Mrs D & Lewis went to Church

NOVEMBER

Monday 1 Drove with Lewis to attend a Harbor Meeting & Vote for Town Councillors. Went with Lewis & met the Vivians & a large Mans party at Glanmôr

Tuesday 2 C Royd Smith, T E Thomas, Rawleigh Mansell & Arthur Jones junr dined with us

Wednesday 3 Took a drive with Mrs D to Swansea & back

Thursday 4 Lewis & his Family returned to Burrows Lodge

Friday 5 Having last night received her Majestys remission of the Sentence on Mary Ann Jones I drove after breakfast to the House of Correction, & made arrangements for her Marriage & etc. Miss Mary accompanied me & we returned home together

Saturday 6 Not well & did not leave home

Sunday 7 My two Marys went to Church & I remained at home

Monday 8 Tho better not halfwell & I did not leave home

Tuesday 9 Retired finally from the Town Council & Lewis was unanimously elected Alderman in my place. Finding myself better towards Evening I went at 5 to the House of Correction & from thence to dine with a party at Moggridges. Came away at ½ past 9

Wednesday 10 Miss Mary & I in the morning walked to Swansea & from thence she went on horseback & I in the Phaeton with Mrs D to spend a couple of nights at Penllergare

Thursday 11 John & I in the afternoon drove on some Magisterial Business to Swansea

Friday 12 We all returned home to Dinner from Penllergare

Saturday 13 Weather again very wet. Remained all day at home

Sunday 14 Went with my two Marys to Church. The latter walked back

Monday 15 A heavy fall of snow last night which continued till near 9. Ground unusually[?] covered, remained at home. Dr Buckland arrived to spend a couple of days here. Logan, his brother, S Benson & Gwyn Jeffreys joined us at Dinner. Lewis also came with his Family in the afternoon to stop a couple of days & met Buckland here

Tuesday 16 Another heavy fall of snow last night & the Ground unusually covered. Thermometer last night 31. Lewis drove with Buckland to Swansea & I remained at home

Wednesday 17 Thermometer last night fell to 26, but no snow fell today. Tho' throughout the day it continued thick on the ground. Buckland & Lewis spent most of the day at Swansea [?], & the following joined our party at Dinner. Mr & Mrs Seymour, R Mansell & Miss Jones of Heathfield

Thursday 18 Buckland drove late last night with Lewis to Burrows Lodge & went off by the Mail this morning on his way home. Bessie & her youngster also left us in the afternoon. After breakfast I went to superintend some planting at the Institution. A little snow fell in the morning & some rain afterwards, but throughout the night there seems to have [been] a thaw which cleared much of the snow away

Friday 19 Weather very wet & being[?] from something[?] like Gout I did not leave home

Saturday 20 Did not leave home

Sunday 21 Weather very wet & stormy so that none of us went out & I read the Service to the Family at home

Monday 22 Weather more tolerable. Drove with Mrs D on her way to Swansea as far as the House of Correction & walked back. The Moggridge Family came on a Visit to us

Tuesday 23 Remained at home. Weather becoming frosty

Wednesday 24 Remained at home

Thursday 25 Drove in the morning to attend a Meeting about building a new Church at Swansea

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Friday 26 Busy all day about improving the drainage at Sketty Hall

- Saturday 27 The Ditto of yesterday
- Sunday 28 Mrs D being rather unwell, & the weather very bad I remained at home with her & read the Service to the Family. Mr & Mrs Moggridge & Miss Mary went to Church. Having heard that John was too ill yesterday to leave his Bed I drove over after the Servants Dinner, & found him still too much so to see me, & that it is suspected by the Doctors to be the measles
- Monday 29 After breakfast drove over to Penllergare through as stormy weather as I almost ever remember, & were told that the Pest has proved to be the Small Pox. It made us very uneasy & we returned home to Dinner, as Emma would not allow my old Lady to sleep there which she had gone prepared for
- Tuesday 30 Drive to Penllergare & were relieved from much anxiety by a decision of the Doctors in opposition to his opinions yesterday that John has nothing more than measles. All the morning was very stormy & the Barometer at Penllergare 28, 35, but the weather mended in the afternoon. Miss Mary remained, & Mrs D & I went home to Dinner

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 1 Again I drove to Penllergare, & we both saw John for the first time since his illness began. He is now beginning to get better
- Thursday 2 I walked to Swansea & attended a Board of Guardians. Mrs D drove to Penllergare & came round by Swansea to bring me home. it again rained in Torrents all the afternoon
- Friday 3 Drove to Swansea where I took up Lewis & went on to hold as Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. We had upwards of 26 appellants against the Poor Rate, & much other Business so that it was dark when we finished. On the way home I had a tumble which decorticated [?] my knuckles & bruised my knees but did no material Injury. the rain fell in Torrents nearly all day, & my Phaeton by standing out in the Rain at Llangafelach was wet through
- Saturday 4 Remained at home. Rained hard till towards Evening when it began to clear. Barometer about 29.3 till the afternoon when it rose a little
- Sunday 5 Only Mr Moggridge went to Church, & I read the Service to the rest of the Family. The weather continued fine till towards evening when it

began to rain & rained all night nearly as violently as ev[er]. Early this morning I found that the Barometer had jumped up to 30.3, & it fell about .2 in the Evening

- Monday 6 Another very wet day! Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea. In the Evening I heard of the Death of my old Friend Llewelin Traherne of St Hilary aged 77 & it took place yesterday morning at 10 mins past 11
- Tuesday 7 Morning wet & afternoon practically so but very mild. Drove with Mrs D to see John who is about the House again as usual
- Wednesday 8 remained all day at home. Weather showery but improving
- Thursday 8 Walked with Moggridge to Swansea & after attending a Savings Bank Meeting & taking a warm Bath, Mrs D brought me home in the Carriage. the Barometer in the morning stood at 30.2 with the appearance of fine weather but in the afternoon & through the night it rained again as hard as ever
- Friday 10 Morning very wet with the Barometer 29.5 but it cleared about noon & was afterwards only showery. Mrs D went to Penllergare & brought Miss Mary back after having remained there 10 or 11 days
- Saturday 11 The Barometer at Sun rise 30.15 & with the exception of some slight showers it has for a wonder been a fine day. I walked in the morning to Swansea, & in the afternoon Mrs D brought me home in the Phaeton
- Sunday 12 Barometer about Sunrise 29.8 & it rained I believe without intermission the whole day. Nobody went to Church & I read the Service to the Family
- Monday 13 Barometer about 29.4 & it rained hard in the morning & more or less all day. I drove to a Harbour Meeting & in the Evening with Moggridge to dine at Hill House
- Tuesday 14 Barometer 29.8. Day showery. remained at home. Fine weather appeared in the Evening at last to have set in
- Wednesday 15 Barometer at 6am about 29.8 & it fell only 2/10's tho' it rained incessantly all day, & I did not cross the Threshold
- Thursday 16 At 6am Bar 29.5 & occasional heavy showers all day. Drove to meet John & attend a parish Meeting at Swansea, & reached home before one

Friday 17 Bar at 6am 29.6, with occasional Storms & Hail & snow all day. Drove to attend a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach about the new County Rate

Saturday 18 Bar 29.65 at 6am & ground covered with snow. Weather till yesterday remarkably mild, & the Therm last night fell to 27. At Burrows Lodge at Sunrise it was 26. I walked with Moggridge & Miss Mary to Swansea & attended a Building Committee of the Royal Institution. Mrs D brought me home in the Phaeton

Sunday 19 Barometer at Sunrise 29.25 & my self registering Thermometer indicated 29 in the night. Tho' the weather with a cutting wind was very cold, too much so for my unthatched head, the rest of our party went to Church

Monday 20 Bar 6am 29.35. Therm in the night 27. Weather tolerably fine. Henry Thomas of Puswylfa[?] & Lieut Brown of the 11th dined with us. The former slept here

Tuesday 21 Barometer up. Thermometer 25 in the night. Walked with Mr Thomas to the House of Correction & to Swansea & Mrs D brought me home in the Phaeton. A Thaw in the Evening

Wednesday 22 A Thaw last night. Weather mild with some heavy showers. I walked to the Q[?] Meeting of the House of Correction, & Mrs D brought me home

Thursday 23 Weather mild & showery. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & I called at Heathfield

Friday 24 Barometer 30.1. Rained heavily all day & I did not cross the Threshold

Saturday 25 Rained hard all the morning. Being Xmas day Mr & Mrs Moggridge & Miss D went to Church, & I read the Service to the rest of the Family at home. Lewis & Bessie joined our party at Dinner. A white Frost at night

Sunday 26 A strong white Frost. Barometer 30+. We all went to Church. Thermometer about 31

Monday 27 Barometer 31. Therm 33 & thawed during the day. In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D round by Swansea & spent half an hour at Penllergare

Tuesday 28 Barometer 31+. Weather mild with slight showers. Remained about home

Wednesday 29 Barometer nearly stationery & weather mild. Remained at home. Moggridge went to spend a couple of days at Penrice, & Lewis went there yesterday with his Family on a Visit

Thursday 30 Bar & Weather as yesterday. Weather mild but a thick drizzling Rain kept us all at home

Friday 31 Barometer 32. Weather very mild with a heavy drizzling Rain all day so that I did not stir out till I went in the Evening with Miss D to dine at Hill House. Moggridge returned to us from Penrice

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APPENDIX 1841

Notes on *Viscium abbum*[?] - at or in the neighbourhood of Malvern Wells

July 30. Found the mistletoe on *Pyrus aucuparies* [?] at the entrance to the Terrace from the Holy Well

Aug 3. John who had before found it there pointed out a mistletoe to me on a large Tree of *Salix alba* at the on [sic] the left of the Road at the entrance to the Village of Hanley from Malvern, & Emma afterwards found it on a Lime by the roadside near the Entrance to Croome. In the grounds & arboretum at Croome we also found it growing on a Horsechestnut, Limes, Maples & Poplars, & in *Paviaflava* *Mespilus collinies* [?] & *Filia americana*

Letter to Dr Lindley Sept 28 1841

I enclose for the acceptance of the Hort Society a few seeds of *Cytisus Laburnum* & *C.purpureus* & they were taken from three shoots of a Plant at a [?C] Adami which have exclusively reassumed the foliage & fructification of either one or other of its two parent Species. It may be interesting to ascertain in the Societys Garden whether the Progeny will be at all tainted by the anomalous growth of the Shrub which produced them & it is these shoots only that become prolific for the dingy Flowers of the hybrid *Ramuli* are uniformly barren

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