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1832 JANUARY

Monday 2 I drove to attend a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting at Swansea & returned to Penllergare. Capt Morgan, Calvert & Henry Jones, Rawleigh Mansel & Capt Hickey dined with us, & all but the last went back to Swansea at night

Tuesday 3 Capt Hickey & Lewis went to shoot, & at 5 we all reassembled at Burrows Lodge to spend a few days more there as change of air has been of service to Fan

Wednesday 4 Variously engaged by Trust & other Business all day

Thursday 5 Drove from Burrows Lodge to attend a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & returned to Dinner. In the Evening we all attended a Ball at the New Rooms

Friday 6 The two Mary's drove in the afternoon for an hour to Penllergare & returned to Dinner at Burrows Lodge

Saturday 7 My dear Mary very unwell, & I was variously engaged by Trust & other Business all day

Monday 9 Mary unwell. Variously engaged by Business all day

Tuesday 10 At ¼ past 9 drove to attend a Meeting foring [?] the numerous Poor at Morrision & returned to Burrows Lodge about ½ past 2. My dear Mary still too unwell to stir out

Wednesday 11 My dear Mary still too unwell to go out & I sent for Mr Bird to attend her. With our 2 Youngsters I went to a Ball at Veranda from which Fan & Mary returned at 12 & Lewis & I remained there till after Supper

Thursday 12 My dear Mary tho' still very unwell returned with our two Girls to Penllergare. Lewis dined at T E Thomas's & I was much engaged by an enquiry about the supposed murder of Elisha Davis

Friday 13 Engaged in the morning about Elisha Davis & also a Meeting for Converting the Harbor into a Float. Returned to Penllergare about 5 & Col & Mrs Richard Jones, Mrs & Miss Forman, Mr Gould & Mr Dunlevy of the 11th Regt & T Edward & his son Iltid Thomas dined with us

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- Saturday 14 Drove about noon to Swansea on various Business, & returned to Penllergare to Dinner
- Sunday 15 My dear Mary nearly confined to her Room & I read the morning Service to the Family
- Monday 16 Drove again about the supposed murder of Elisha Davis to Swansea & returned to Penllergare to Dinner
- Tuesday 17 Again went on various Business to Swansea
- Wednesday 18 Drove for an hour to Swansea & round by Sketty Hall home. Harry Vivian & Edward Hickey came to spend a couple of days with us
- Thursday 19 Engaged allday at Penllergare. Lewis took out his young Friends a shooting
- Friday 20 The two Youngsters left us soon after Breakfast & about noon we all went to Burrows Lodge. Where as she was far from well my dear Mary remained & in the Evening I went with Fanny, Mary & Lewis to a grand Ball at Singleton. Did not get back to Burrows Lodge till near 4 next morning
- Saturday 21 The rest of our Party returned to Penllergare about noon, but circumstances arising from the alarming Failure of Waters [?] Carmarthen Bank detained me at Swansea, & I dined alone & slept at Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 22 Much afraid that our Agent has entangled himself in the Carmarthen Bankruptcy & by appointment I met P Wilkins at the Bank of England to procure some further knowledge of the matter. Drove soon after 11 to Penllergare, where Mary read the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 23 I drove about noon on very various Business to Swansea & returned to dinner
- Tuesday 24 In the afternoon we all drove to dine at Burrows Lodge & all except little Mary went to a public Ball at the New Rooms. Col Jones & R Mansel Stewards
- Wednesday 25 Returned in the afternoon from Burrows Lodge to Penllergare & Lle Traherne arrived on a Visit to us
- Thursday 26 Having a baddish cold I hardly left the House & Mr J Berrington, R Jeffreys & Capt Wheatly dined & slept here
- Friday 27 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea & Lle Traherne accompanied me. T Thomas, Jo Jeffreys & young Bruce dined & slept here
- Saturday 28 Mr Traherne having a Cold did not leave the House & I drove for an hour to Swansea. Mr Socket & T E Thomas dined & the latter slept here
- Sunday 29 A violent Cold with much inflammation in the Chest has encreased so as to confined me allday. Chs Jenner who is to be Rector of Wenvoe came to Dinner
- Monday 30 Lle Traherne left us soon after breakfast & tho' my Cold is still heavy I drove on Business with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea. Besides Mr Jenner, young Cameron & Henry Jones dined & slept here
- Tuesday 31 Our Visitors left us soon about noon. Soon after breakfast Mr Mayberry arrived with Powell our new Tenant at Pontycarred & we were allday engaged in Business affairs

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1 Engaged all the morning on Breconshire affairs & in the afternoon I drove with Fan for an hour to Swansea. Mr Mayberry about 9 in the Evening left us to go by the Mail to Carmarthenshire on his way homewards
- Thursday 2 Appended a Petty Session at Llangafelach
- Friday 3 Mary & the two Girls went & dined at Burroughs Lodge [sic]. The following party dined with me - T Grove Portreve, Thos Thos, John Grove, Chs Smith, Capt Morgan, Capt Hauchorn [?], Chs Collins, R Pritchard, John James, Dr Long, Rice Berrington & the Reavowed Mr Thomas of Landilotalybont
- Saturday 4 I drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 5 The Weather very wet & I have still some inflammation on my Chest. Mary read the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 6 Weather very wet. Drove in the Close Carriage to attend a Road & Harbor Meeting
- Tuesday 7 In hopes of getting rid of my Cold I did not leave the House all day. Mary & all the Youngsters went to Swansea
- Wednesday 8 Kendall came to shoot, & Rd Jeffreys & R Mansell joined us at Dinner but the two latter returned home at night. I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Thursday 9 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Friday 10 Went with our own Horses to Pyle & from thence with Posters to attend the Election of a Coroner at Bridgend, & returned home at night. I took up R Mansell at Wych Tree Bridge & brought him back as far as Briton Ferry from whence he walked to Swansea
- Saturday 11 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 12 Weather today frosty but though [?] the Winter has been unusually mild. The three Youngsters went to Church, & I as usual read the morning & Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 13 Drove with Fanny to Swansea & I attended an adjourned Harbor Meeting. We came home by Sketty Hall of which the Deeds are at last compleated
- Tuesday 14 Drove for an hour to Swansea. Gave a Dinner Dance & supper to the following party - 5 Heathfields, R Mansell, 4 Arthur Jones' - Miss Webber - Miss Vivian - Miss Proctor - Capt & Mrs Richmond - Lewis Gored [?] & Dunlevy [?] & Chs Jenner. Broke up soon after 3 & only Mr Jenner slept here. The whole party made 23
- Wednesday 15 Mr Jenner left us about noon & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Thursday 16 Drove with Mary to Swansea & in our way home we spent a couple of hours at Sketty Hall
- Friday 17 Engaged by Business all day & I did not leave the House. Mary & Mary drove back to Swansea. Fan has a baddish cold
- Saturday 18 Drove on very various Business to Swansea

- Sunday 19 All the Family except Fan & Myself went to Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service at home as usual
- Monday 20 Drove after Breakfast with Mary & by appointment met Mr Haycock at Burrows Lodge at 11 & from there drove to Sketty Hall. Engaged all day in planning additions & improvements, & we returned to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge
- Tuesday 21 The Youngsters came over & for a few weeks we have removed our head Quarters to Burrows Lodge. Mrs Geo Jenner arrived on a visit to us. Engaged nearly all day with Mr Haycock at Sketty Hall
- Wednesday 22 Mr Haycock in the morning returned to Margam. Engaged nearly all day with Lewis in planting at Sketty Hall
- Thursday 23 Engaged all day at Sketty Hall. Mary brought Mrs G Jenner there for a couple of Hours
- Friday 24 Engaged at Sketty Hall. Attended a Ball at the New Rooms, being Steward jointly with Capt Richmond of the 11th Regt who commands the detachment at Swansea
- Saturday 25 Engaged allday at Sketty Hall
- Sunday 26 Mrs Geo Jenner & most of the Family went in the morning to St Mary's Church
- Monday 27 Mrs Geo Jenner about noon returned homewards, & Mary & I then went to Sketty Hall. Albert Jenner & Georgiana Jones dined with us
- Tuesday 28 Went early to Singleton respecting an Indictment of the Copper Works as a nuisance, which Indictment was afterwards withdrawn. Afterwards went to Sketty Hall. Lewis dined at Singleton
- Wednesday 29 Started in my Phaeton with R Mansel & went with my own Horses to Pyle, & afterwards posted on to dine with the High Sheriff at Cardiff, & afterwards accompanied him to meet the Judge & spent the Evening with a pleasant party at the Revd Mr Grahams.

MARCH

- Thursday 1 The Grand Jury consisted of 18, & included C Morgan of Rufussa [?], Lle Traherne, Popkin Traherne, Rous & etc. I was appointed Foreman & having got through the Business we dined with the Judge (Bolland)
- Friday 2 Tried in vain to get excused for a special Jury & was vexed to find that it is not likely to come on till Monday. The Grand Jury or rather such of them as remained together in Cardiff dined together at the Cardiff Arms
- Saturday 3 An Action which I was reluctantly compelled to bring against Lewis Thomas (who is undeniably insane) for the increasing devastation which he permits of Talyclyn was tried this afternoon. Having engaged to dine & sleep at Courtyralla I was obliged to leave the Court before the Trial was over, & in consequence I returned to Cardiff after Dinner where I found that the Jury had given their verdict in my favor with 110£ damaged

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- Sunday 4 Attended morning Service at Cardiff Church & spent most of the afternoon gossiping with Maule. Dined with John Richards at Roath
- Monday 5 Went to Court at 9, & at ½ past 11 the Special Jury was sworn & we remained 14 hours in the Box. The object was to try whether Robt Thomas who after a long litigation has possessed himself of the Court Colman Estate, had been a Dealer in Cattle so as to justify a Commission of Bankruptcy which has been taken out against him, & as our verdict was in his favor the Bankruptcy was set aside
- Tuesday 6 It was 2 in the morning when we got our yesterdays Dinner, & at 3 I went to Bed. Left Cardiff about ½ past 11. Stopped a short time on Business with Mr Bradly, & reached Burrows Lodge a little after 6
- Wednesday 7 Went in the morning with Mary to Sketty Hall & was engaged by various Business in the afternoon
- Thursday 8 My dear little Mary has this day compleated her 16th Year. Drove to Sketty Hall & was engaged most of the Day in planting
- Friday 9 Drove to attend a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & afterwards dined at Penllergare where Lewis met me & we returned in the Evening to Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 10 Engaged allday in planting at Sketty Hall & Mary joined me there in the afternoon
- Sunday 11 Engaged allday in planting at Sketty Hall & Mary joined us in the afternoon
- Sunday 11 Went in the Chariot & as a Pall Bearer attended the Funeral of the late Geo Tennant at Cadoxton Church. It was attended by about 50 Gentlemen & many hundreds if not thousands of others
- Monday 12 Mary & I drove to sketty in the afternoon. In the Evening Mrs Basset [?] & Miss Hewson drank Tea with little Mary & the rest of us dined at Arthur Jones
- Tuesday 13 Drove in the morning to Sketty & remained there nearly allday. Walked late in the afternoon to Singleton where I met the rest of my Family on a Visit for a couple of days. There was also a large party & a Dance in the Evening
- Wednesday 14 A strong party walked to Sketty Hall where Mary & I remained for a couple of Hours & returned to Singleton to Dinner
- Thursday 15 Went with Vivian to consult him on some arrangements at Sketty Hall, & I returned to Burrows Lodge where I met my Family at Dinner
- Friday 16 Drove to Sketty Hall but the Weather being wet I staid there only a couple of hours. In the Evening Mary, Fan & Lewis went with me to a Ball at the Public Rooms. R D Berrington Jnr & Capt Morgan Stewards
- Saturday 17 Engaged allday by various Business in Swansea, & Mary & the Girls went out in the Carriage to make Calls
- Sunday 18 Mary, I & our 3 Youngsters went to morning Service at St Mary's in the afternoon Lewis returned to Penllergare, & the rest of us went again to St Mary's Church in the Evening
- Monday 19 Mary soon after Breakfast accompanied me to Sketty Hall where she staid about an hour & I remained till near 6, when the Carriage took her Back to Burrows Lodge our 2

- Girls in the interim returned to Penllergare, & the Carriage came for me in time for Dinner at B Lodge
- Tuesday 20 Mary & I drove in the morning for an hour to Sketty Hall, & moved our Quarters from Burrows Lodge to Penllergare to Dinner. Found Lewis confined to the House by a sharp Cold
- Wednesday 21 This Day has been appointed for a General Fast & Mary & the two Girls went to Langafelach Church
- Thursday 22 Drove to Breakfast at Burrows Lodge. Engaged for a couple of hours by various Business at Swansea & then went on to Sketty Hall. Returned to dine at Penllergare at 6
- Friday 23 In the afternoon I went by way of Swansea to Sketty Hall & thence walked to dine & sleep at Singleton
- Saturday 24 Walked after breakfast from Singleton to Sketty Hall & Mary in the afternoon called for me & we went back to Dinner at Penllergare
- Sunday 25 Mary, Lewis & our[**check this bit**] 2 Girls went to Langafelach Church
- Monday 26 Drove about noon on various Business to Swansea & returned home by way of Sketty
- Tuesday 27 Drove for an hour to Swansea & returned home early by way of Sketty. Parry Wilkins was prevented by illness but Mrs Wilkins, their Son & 3 Daughters & Iltid Thomas dined here & the latter also slept here
- Wednesday 28 Drove after breakfast & engaged allday in planting at Sketty Hall. Sir Jo Morris came on a Visit to us & Vivian & R Mansell dined here
- Thursday 29 Drove after breakfast to Sketty Hall where I remained allday & Sir J Morris who accompanied me rode back to Penllergare. The following dined with us. R Mansell, Lieuts Gerard & Dunlevi [?] & Jo Jeffreys & the latter besides Sir J Morris slept here
- Friday 30 Went with the two Mary's for a couple of hours to Swansea. The two Morgans & Richd Jeffreys joined our party to Dinner
- Saturday 31 Drove with Mary & spent the day at Sketty Hall. Charles Jenner came to dine & spend Sunday with us

APRIL

- Sunday 1 Jenner & Lewis rode to Swansea & Mary & the two Girls went to Llangafelach Church. The Draughts of Air in Llangafelach Church have so often given me a cold in my Head that I am afraid in Winter to go there & I remained at home with Sir Jo Morris
- Monday 2 Our Friends left us in the forenoon & I set off to pay a Visit to Landough Castle & to attend the Q Sessions at Cowbridge. Met our Chairman, Evan Thomas at Lanydough [?sic]
- Tuesday 3 Drove with the Chairman to the Q Sessions & dined with the Magistrates after which I returned with him to Landough Castle. Weather surprisingly fine & warm

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- Wednesday 4 Drove with E Bradby to effect an Exchange of some intermixed Lands at Eglwshbins[?] Landuit & Boverton, & by 2 joined to assist our Chairman at the Quarter Sessions where I tried one Prisoner [?] & on his retiring from ill health, finished the Business. Jo Nicholl was one of the party who dined at Landough Castle
- Thursday 5 Left Landough Castle about 11. Stopt near an hours on Business at Neath, & reached home to Dinner
- Friday 6 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Sir J Morris & C Smith met me. David Powell on Business & his nephew Rice Powell dined & slept here
- Saturday 7 Mary & I drove to Swansea & from thence to Sketty, home. Sir Jo Morris resumed his Visit to us, & Cs Smith dined here
- Sunday 8 I remained at home with Sir Jo Morris & the rest of us went to Llangafelach Church
- Monday 9 Drove to Swansea & thence to Sketty Hall where I spent the afternoon in arranging about 9 acres of Land with the Meeting House & which I have purchased from Sir Jo Morris
- Tuesday 10 Drove to Swansea & from thence for half an hour to Sketty, & retd home about ½ past 3. We had the following party to Dinner, Sir Jo Morris, Sir Geo Leeds, Miles Smith, Iltid Thomas & Mr Pierrepoint, but all except Sir John left us in the Evening
- Wednesday 11 Drove on Business for an hour to Swansea & stopt an hour at Sketty on my way home. In addition to Sir J Morris, Stirling Berrington, T Thomas & Capt Warde dined here
- Thursday 12 Drove for an hour to Swansea & brought Albert Jenner back with me. Besides Sir J M, the Revd Sam Davis & Mr Berrington senr also dined here & the latter only returned home at night
- Friday 13 The two Mary's went to Swansea in the morning & in the afternoon I drove with Albert Jenner to dine at Sir Geo Leeds. I slept at Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 14 Drove in the morning to Sketty Hall & back to Burrows Lodge & in the afternoon returned to Penllergare
- Sunday 15 We all went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 16 Drove by way of Swansea to Sketty Hall & from thence dined with a party at Veranda. slept at Burrows Lodge
- Tuesday 17 In the morning went with a pair of Post Horses to call at Penrice & T E Thomas accompanied me. Got back to Dinner at Penllergare soon after 6
- Wednesday 18 Morning very wet. Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea for an hour
- Thursday 19 Drove in the morning to Swansea. Called at Singleton. Spent a couple of hours at Sketty & returned home to Dinner
- Friday 20 Good Friday. Morning very wet & I read the Service to the Family at home
- Saturday 21 Drove to Swansea. Thence to meet Vivian respecting some exchanges at Sketty Hall & home to Dinner

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- Sunday 22 We were all [all crossed out] going to Llangafelach Church in the Socialet, but a shower came on & Mary & the two Girls packed themselves into the Phaeton. Lewis was confined by a severe headach & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 23 Drove to Sketty Hall & from thence round by Swansea home. Mr Talbot, Penrice, Howell Gwyn & Haycock dined & slept here
- Tuesday 24 The rest of our Friends left us early but Mr Talbot remained till near 3, & Mary & I then drove to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty Hall. Returned with Mr Haycock to dine at 7
- Wednesday 25 Drove after Breakfast with Mr Haycock to Sketty Hall & we returned to Dine at 7
- Thursday 26 Drove on Business to Swansea & thence by Sketty Home
- Friday 27 Went with Mary & our two Girls to Swansea in the Socialet & returned to Dinner
- Saturday 28 Mary accompanied me soon after breakfast to Sketty for an hour when she returned home & sent the Phaeton back for me at 5
- Sunday 29 A cold East wind kept us at home & I read the Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 30 Old Dash the favorite pet of our darling Sarah was found dead in his Bed this morning. I drove on Business to Swansea & by Sketty home. The smaller Plants particularly have blossomed very early this spring & many many others which in this Climate are usually 3 or 4 weeks later little Mary has found Vacciorum [?] Myostylis [?], Polygale vulgaris [?] & Menyamblis [?] in full flower

MAY

- Tuesday 1 As the weather was wet I drove Lewis to take his Greek Lesson at Swansea & we returned by Sketty home. Mr & Mrs Traherne arrived on a visit
- Wednesday 2 Drove with J Traherne to Swansea & Sketty. Mr Rivisdale [?] Grenfell & Revd Calvert Jones joined us at Dinner & slept here
- Thursday 3 Drove with Mr Traherne to Swansea & back to Dinner when R Grenfell & R Mansell joined us, but they both left us at night
- Friday 4 Mrs J Traherne very unwell all day. I drove to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach where I was detained 4 hours, & from thence to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty & brought him to Dinner at home about ½ past 6
- Saturday 5 Mary & I were obliged to leave the Trahernes & drove with Mr Haycock to Sketty. Weather terribly hot. Mr Haycock went on to Margam & we returned to Dinner at ½ past 6
- Sunday 6 The Weather being very wet & our party too large for a close Carriage Mr Traherne read the Service at home
- Monday 7 Traherne & I drove to Swansea, & I attended a Road & Harbor Meeting. Mrs Traherne, Mary & Fan also drove to Swansea & Sketty & we all met again at Dinner
- Tuesday 8 About noon the Trahernes left us on their way to Penrice & afterwards Mary & I drove to Sketty & round by Swansea home

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- Wednesday 9 Drove to Swansea & round by Sketty home
- Thursday 10 Drove to Swansea & round by Sketty home
- Friday 11 Went with Mary & our 2 Girls to Swansea in the Socialet & returned to Dinner
- Saturday 12 Drove to Swansea & returned home by Sketty
- Sunday 13 Weather very cold & Lewis unwell with a bad head ach. the 3 Ladies went in the morning to Church & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 14 Drove for an hour in the morning to Swansea & in the afternoon the following party came to dine & shoot Rooks here. Mr Fredericks, Capt Warde, Col Jones, Major Penrice, Capt Wheatley, Mr Grenfell, Mr S [?] Benson & Mr Troughton. The two former slept here
- Tuesday 15 Our two Friends left us about noon, & in the afternoon Mary & I went to Swansea & came round by Sketty home
- Wednesday 16 Drove for an hour to Swansea & a Letter sent in by Pilot Boat from a Steam vessel in the Bay informed me that an Express had reached Bristol announcing the Probable return of Lord Greys Ministry to Office
- Thursday 17 Engaged all morning at home. Mr R Grenfell, Dr Gibbon, Thos Thomas, Capt Morgan, J J Price, Lieut Collins & R Pritchard came to shoot & dine here & all except the two former returned at night to Swansea. In the Evening we received a Letter from John dated on this day 3 Weeks ie the 26th Apr [?] at Moscow
- Friday 18 Went in the Socialet with Mary & the 2 Girls to Swansea
- Saturday 19 My dear Lewis has this day compleated his 18th Year & as he was otherwise engaged with his Sisters I drove by Swansea to Sketty & laid the first Stone of the new Buildings
- Sunday 20 Mary not being quite well remained at home & I went with our 3 Youngsters to Langafelach Church & read the Evening Service as usual at home
- Monday 21 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 22 Drove with Fan for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Wednesday 23 Set out with Lewis in the Phaeton for Ynysygerwn but found Griffiths attending a Fair at Neath & remained there with him till near 5 when I dined at Dyffryn & we returned home in the Evening
- Thursday 24 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea & by Sketty home
- Friday 25 Drove to Swansea & returned as usual to Dinner
- Saturday 26 Drove to Sketty & from there to Swansea where I concluded a Treaty for the advowson of Langennyd which I had carried on for 2 years & which John wished me to purchase. The Price asked at first was 1000£ afterwards 800 & I have given 500 for it. Returned home to a late Dinner
- Sunday 27 I read both Services to the Family at home. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Batfields [?] called on us

- Monday 28 At ½ past 9, attended by our Footman & families [?] in the Chariot & Phaeton we all started for London & arrived to sleep at Chepstow soon after 8
- Tuesday 29 Drove on to dine at Cheltenham & sleep at Oxford. Spent an hour in the Evening with Dr Buckland
- Wednesday 30 Reached London at ½ past 4 & took up Quarters which we had written for at Gordons Hotel in Albermarle St. I spent 2 or 2 hours in the Evening at the Athenaeum
- Thursday 31 Called on the Duke of Beaufort, Talbot, Sir C Lemon, Rous, Lord Cawdor & etc. In the Evening we all went to Convent Garden to see Miss Kemble in the Hunchback & the Farce of 'Born to good Luck'

JUNE

- Friday 1 Variously engaged in Calls & etc all day. In the Evening being unable to find room at the Opera Lewis & I went to Drury Lane & saw Listers [?] Tristram Shandy [?]
- Saturday 2 Variously engaged about Town. In the Evening Lewis & I went to see Matthew's Comic account, as Mary had too bad a head ach to allow of her going out.
- Sunday 3 The 3 Youngsters went to St James Church, & with their Mother in the Evening to Kensington Gardens
- Monday 4 In the afternoon I met Mary & the 2 Girls at the Exhibition at Somerset House. I dined at Serjt Ludlows & attended the Soiree at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 5 Spent the day at Tottenham. Dined with Mr Janson & drank Tea with Mr Bevan
- Wednesday 6 We all dined at Charles Barclays & Mary, Fan & I went at night to a Concert at Hudson Gurney's
- Thursday 7 Talbot was to have dined with us in order to go with us to the Toral [?] Society but he was too unwell. I went there, & afterwards staid till late at the Athenaeum. Weather very wet & thundery
- Friday 8 I dined at the Athenaeum & in the Evening Mary & 3 Youngsters attended the Italian Opera where we had engaged a Box
- Saturday 9 Went in the morning on Business to the City & a violent storm of Thunder & rain lasted all the afternoon. We all dined at Hudson Gurney's & in the Evening I went with him & Col Leake to a Party at the Duke of Sussexs at Kensington Palace to which I had received an Invitation
- Sunday 10 In the morning we all went to Albermarle Street Chapel, & in the afternoon Mary & the Girls drove round Regents & Hyde Park
- Monday 11 Went again to Grays Inn about Bermondsey affairs. Having taken a private Box for Brahams benefit we all except Lewis went to Convent Garden in the Evening - play - the Quaker with Ataxerxes & the Padlock. Lewis has a bad head ach & could not accompany us

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- Tuesday 12 Lewis confined by a Head Ach to the House & the rest of us spent the morning at the Coliseum & Zoological Gardens. I dined at the Athenaeum & little Mary went to a Juvenile party at Charles Barclays
- Wednesday 13 Lewis was too ill last night to go with the Barclays to a Ball in York place, & continued so much so that he was unable to dine with me at Sir Cs Lemons. I met there Lady Ilchester, the Trahernes & etc
- Thursday 14 Engaged in settling Bills. Saw the Court go to the Drawing Room & etc. Started homewards in our Chariot & Phaeton at 3 & slept at Wallingford
- Friday 15 Dined at Cirencester, & reached Chepstow to sleep at a little after 9. Distance 90 miles
- Saturday 16 Left Chepstow about 9, & at a little before 9 in the Evening reached home
- Sunday 17 Weather very wet. I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 18 Drove to Sketty Hall immediately after Breakfast & from thence on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 19 Drove with Mary at 12 to Swansea & came home by Sketty
- Wednesday 20 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 21 In the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. Our dear Fan very unwell
- Friday 21 As Fan no better we this morning sent for Mr Bird. The two Mary's went in the afternoon to Swansea. Mr Pocklington came to spend a couple of days with us & Revd S Davis & R Mansell dined & the former also slept here
- Saturday 23 Drove with Mr Pocklington to Swansea & brought him back to Dinner. Capt Wheatley & Dr Howell also dined with us & they all returned home at night. By Post I received a handsome letter from Nicholl to inform me of his having retired from being a Candidate for the County & that his Farewell address will appear in the next Cambrian
- Sunday 24 Mary staid at home with Fanny, & little Mary, Lewis & I went to Llangafelach Church. Mr Bird found Fan getting slowly better
- For the second Membership of the County, besides myself 5 Candidates had started - viz - J J Guest of Dowlais, Jo Nicholl (son of Sir J N), Robt Jenner of Wenvoe, J Edwards Vaughan of Rheola & Wm Williams of Aberpergwm. The 4 former had all advertised & canvassed & the whole have now left me to walkover the course.
- Monday 25 Jenkin Berrington called here in the morning & in the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea
- Tuesday 26 Drove with Mary to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty Hall & returned to Dinner
- Wednesday 27 Again drove to Swansea to see Thos Thomas & was again disappointed at finding he has not yet returned from London
- Thursday 28 Again drove in the afternoon to see T Thomas & again found that this uncertain[?] not yet returned
- Friday 29 Engaged allday on various meetings at home. Fanny much better & she went with her Mamma & sister in the close Carriage to Swansea

Saturday 30 Drove soon after Breakfast to Swansea, & found myself unwell with a pain in my side. Consulted Mr Bird. Sat 3 hours quiet at Burrows Lodge & returned home to Dinner

JULY

Sunday 1 A prescription [sic] of Mr Birds kept me at home but the rest of the Family went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 2 Drove to Swansea where I took Post Horses & drove with J G Jeffreys to enquire about some Bones which had been found in the Cliff at Caswell Bay. Returned to Swansea & from thence home to Dinner

Tuesday 3 Drove to the Quarter Sessions at Neath where I had agreed in the absence of Evan Thomas to take the Chair, but I arrived rather late, & I insisted on its being retained by Lord Bute who had held it for me, & by procuring an extra Desk to be put up I acted as his assistant. We adjourned & dined at ½ past 6, after which I returned home

Wednesday 4 Drove to breakfast at Neath. Went to Court at 10 & remained there without interruption till 10 at night when I accompanied Ld Bute & H Grant to dine & sleep at the Gnoll

Thursday 5 After breakfasting at the Gnoll I set off for Ynysygerwn but was stopped at Neath by the annual Canal meeting & took the Chair at a large public Dinner. Sent for Griffiths to meet me on Business at Neath & reached home about ½ past 9

Friday 6 Drove to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & walked back. Mary & our two Girls went in the close Carriage to Swansea

Saturday 7 Drove on various Business to Swansea, & dined at Capt Wheatley's in my way back. It was past Midnight when I reached home, & it distressed me to hear that my dear John has reached London & that he is confined there by a severe inflammation in his Eyes. I immediately sent off Ungaro by Mail to his assistance

Sunday 8 The 3 youngsters went to Church & I read the Service at home. Got things a little in readiness for a start to Town in case the accounts of[?] John should not be favorable. Lle Traherne informs me that there are some remarkably luxurious Oak Trees about Dyffryn Aberdare & that its not a week ago he found a Leaf on one of them which measured 11 by 8½ inches

Monday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner

Tuesday 10 Took Lewis, to to Lewis [?] to his Latin Lesson at Swansea & ret'd home soon after noon. About ½ past 5 we were delighted by Johns unexpected arrival & as soon as the Doctors would allow him to start he had posted home without stopping in 27 hours. His Eye is still much inflamed but is luckily none the worse for this imprudent exposure & exertion

Wednesday 11 Spent the whole day at home with our dear John, whose Eye is certainly better. Capt & Mrs Wheatley called & lunched here

Thursday 12 Drove to Swansea with Geo Morris who had been brought by John from Brussels, & the Carriage took & left him at the Rhydings with Mr Price who is engaged to teach him Engineering & etc

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- Friday 13 Mary & the two Girls in the close Carriage & our two Boys on Horseback went to Swansea. I remained at home to settle my accounts but was much interrupted by callers on John
- Saturday 14 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 15 We all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service at home as usual
- Monday 16 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 17 After an early Dinner we all went to Sketty Hall & from thence to Burrows Lodge to Fan in the Evening. They left me to attend an Anti Slavery Meeting where i took the Chair, & slept at Burrows Lodge
- Wednesday 18 Variously engaged allday at Swansea & returned to dine at Penllergare
- Thursday 19 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea. In the Evening Dr Buckland & Mr Conybeare arrived to enquire about the Hyena's Den in Caswell Bay. Mr J J Jeffreys came with them from Swansea
- Friday 20 Mrs D & the two Girls went to Swansea. Buckland, Conybeare, J Jeffreys & myself went in the Socialet to Caswell Bay & we took up Vivian at Singleton. Remained all day examining the remains of the Cave & got back at ½ past 6 to Dinner at Penllergare
- Saturday 21 Buckland & Conybeare left us on their way to Jo Traherne. I drove to Swansea & slept at Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 22 The rest of the Family joined me in the afternoon at Burrows Lodge
- Monday 23 Swansea Regatta commenced. Went to a Concert in the Evening
- Tuesday 24 Dined at the Ordinary at the Mackworth Arms & there was a display of Fireworks in the Evening
- Wednesday 25 Mr & Mrs Nicholl, M Moggridge, Major Penrice, R D Gough[?], & John Wilkins dined with us at Burrows Lodge. We all except little Mary attended the Regatta Ball &
- Thursday 26 did not get to Bed till 5 this morning. The Cholera broke out in Swansea. We returned to Penllergare & Sir C & Lady M Cole, Miss & Miss E Talbot & Mr Talbot came to us on a Visit
- Friday 27 Mr Talbot in the afternoon returned to Margam. Mrs D & Lady Mary took a Drive to the Goppa & John & little Mary accompanied Sir Christopher & Miss Emma in an Excursion to Castel Carreg Cennan from which they did not return till past 10
- Saturday 28 The Penrice Party left us about noon, & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. Col, Mrs & Miss Morgan, came on a Visit & Mr Berrington, his son & Wife & daughter & Mr & Mrs Moggridge dined with us. The latter also slept here
- Sunday 29 Col Morgan drove to Swansea. Miss Morgan, our two Girls & self in the Socialet & John on Horseback went to Llangafelach Church. Vivian, Mr Seymour & Mrs Webber joined us at Dinner
- Monday 30 The Morgans left us soon after breakfast & I drove for an hour to Swansea & brought back a new Phaeton which Francis had built for me.

Tuesday 31 In the afternoon Mary & I drove to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty Hall & from thence by Swansea home. Mr Haycock came to dine & sleep here

AUGUST

Wednesday 1 After breakfast John & I with my own Horses went in the Phaeton to Neath & from thence with Posters to Cyfarftha Castle where we dined & slept

Thursday 2 Drove to call on Mr Guest & the Messrs Hill & again dined & slept at Crawshays

Friday 3 Left Cyfarftha soon after Breakfast. Dined at Aberpergwm & we reached home soon after 8 in the Evening. Found the 3 Ladies & Lewis absent with a party of Mrs Vivians in Bracelet Bay & they joined us about 9

Saturday 4 Drove after Noon on various Business to Swansea & reached home again to Dinner at ½ past 6. Cholera has appeared at Swansea & about 20 have already died. It has also broke out at Morryston, Penclwadd, Llanelley & Aberafon

Sunday 5 We all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service at home as usual

Monday 6 Drove at noon to Swansea & attended a Meeting at Morryston about the Cholera which has spread alarmingly all around us

Tuesday 7 Engaged allday on Accounts at home. John & Lewis went to Swansea & to call at Singleton & Mrs Vivian with the Webbers called here

Wednesday 8 Drove about noon to attend a Committee at Swansea where the Cholera is encreasing

Thursday 9 Attended with John a Cholera Meeting at Morryston & drove round by Swansea home. The Hewson & Jeffrey's Families spent the day here. The youngsters dined at 2 & the Seniors at 5 & all returned home in different detachments in the Evening

Friday 10 Drove after an early Breakfast to take the Chair of the Bath[?] Meeting at Swansea & reached home about 10

Saturday 11 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea, & never saw the Streets sod deserted on a Market day. The Cholera report for the 24 hours ending at noon is 14 new cases 5 Deaths & 2 recoveries, & this does not include the neighbourhood where it has spread all around

Sunday 12 On on [sic] account of the Cholera none of us went to Church & I read the Service at home. Mr, Mrs, Miss & Harry Vivian came to dine & spend a couple of days here. Young Wickham who arrived by Mail to join our party on the Hill tomorrow

Monday 13 John & Lewis accompanied by Mr Vivian & Mr Wickham & Harry Vivian went to the Grouse Hills soon after breakfast, & about noon Mr & Miss Vivian, my two Girls & self set off to join them & we dined there together. On Johns arrival on the Hills he found Col Cameron & his Son there beating the Grouse & asserting an absurd claim to the Manors both of Superboscus & Subboscus! On our return to Penllergare John was thrown from his Horse & Mr Bird was sent for to meet him at Penllergare

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- Tuesday 14 Mr Bird again attended his Patient this morning & found that he is only severely bruised. The Vivians left us in the morning & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. T E Thomas, R Pritchard & S Benson dined & the former slept here
- Wednesday 15 Our Friends left us except Wickham soon after breakfast & I drove about Registrations to Neath & returned home to Dinner
- Thursday 16 Drove to Swansea & on my return home by way of Sketty I met Mrs D, Fanny, John & Wickham. Lewis had gone to the Grouse Hills
- Friday 17 Drove again to Swansea. Mr Wickham at night bid us good by preparatory to his start homewards by Mail very early tomorrow
- Saturday 18 Drove after Breakfast & was engaged all day at Swansea about registering the County Voters. the Cholera continues very bad & the Town is much deserted
- Sunday 19 A Fear of the Cholera kept us from Church & I read as usual at home. Johns knee was last night so much inflamed that Mr Bird this morning applied a dozen [?] Leaches to it, & he was confined allday to the Bed or Sofa
- Monday 20 This being the last day for registering County Voters I went immediately after Breakfast to Swansea & did not get back to Dinner till past 8
- Tuesday 21 I have this day compleated my 54th year & feel deeply gratified to an Almighty dispenser of Events for the numerous Blessings he has conferred upon me. Mr Bird put more Leaches on Johns Thigh & he is confined still to his Bed & Sofa. Rained hard & I remained at home allday
- Wednesday 22 A bad head ach. Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Thursday 23 In the afternoon took John for a drive round by Swansea to Sketty Hall where we stopped about an hour & then home to Dinner. Tho' still very lame he is getting better
- Friday 24 In the afternoon Drove with Mary to Swansea & Sketty Hall stopping an hour at each & reached home late for Dinner. Cholera is still alarming & Mary only drove to & during my stay at Swansea remained shut up at Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 25 About 8 this morning my Friend M Murchison, President of the Geological Society arrived, & leaving him to compleat some plans I drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Sunday 26 Murchison had sent his Carriage & Horses to Llanelley & after an early breakfast he & I proceeded there in my Phaeton. We then drove on in the former to Kidwelly, & Ferry Side so to dine & sleep at Carmarthen
- Monday 27 Murchison & I left Carmarthen about ½ past 7 &[?] up the Greywacke [?] formation[?] to Llanarthey a heavy rain then set in & we waited 3 hours at the Golden Grove Inn & got a good Luncheon there. The weather continued very bad, but we found a bed com...[?] with the Dudly Bed, & a Trilobite quite diffir: from that which abounds in Dynevor Park. At 7 we reached Penllergare
- Tuesday 28 Early in the afternoon Mr Murchison left us for the Gnoll & I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 29 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Thursday 30 Drove with Mary to Sketty Hall in the afternoon & staid only a short time as I left T Thomas waiting on Business for me at home. He dined with us

Friday 31 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 Drove about noon with Mary to Sketty Hall where I left her for a couple of hours & went to Swansea & we returned home together to Dinner. Geo Morris came to Breakfast & followed John & Lewis to shoot Partridges on Llanelly Marsh

Sunday 2 The morning Service at home was read by me & the Evening by Mary as I had fallen asleep. Geo Morris left us after Dinner

Monday 3 My most excellent Mary has this day compleated her 56th Year, & in the afternoon our two Girls accompanied us to enjoy ourselves at Sketty & the neighbouring Sands. The Boys again went to shoot on Llanelly Marsh, & we all met at Dinner

Tuesday 4 I drove for an hour to Swansea & returned early. We had expected the whole Dyffryn Family on a Visit but illness kept 3 of the Ladies at home & only Mr & Mrs Fredericks came. Capt Morgan & Walter Collins came to Dinner & they retd to Swansea in the Evening.

Wednesday 5 Frances Leach joined us on a Visit. Mr Fredericks & John & Lewis went out to shoot, & in the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea. A large party from Heathfield joined us at Dinner

Thursday 6 Drove Mr Fredericks round by Swansea & Sketty Hall where we met Fanny & Mrs Fredericks who had gone there in another Carriage. Capt & Mrs Wheatley & T E Thomas & his nephew Robert also dined & slept here

Friday 7 John & Mr Fredericks went after an early Breakfast to Llwynbram near Landoverly where there was a Sale of Horses, & returned late. The rest of the party left us about 11, & I attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach

Saturday 8 Fredericks left us soon after breakfast & I drove on various Business to Swansea

Sunday 9 Nearly all the Family went to Llangafelach Church but were turned back by the appearance of a large Cholera Funeral & we read both Services at home as usual

Monday 10 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea

Tuesday 11 Drove in the afternoon with John to Swansea for half an hour & on our return we walked up the line of his intended New Road from Cadley

Wednesday 12 Drove with John to Neath & from there he went on to Ynysygerwn. We returned home to Dinner

Thursday 13 Drove for an hour to Swansea

Friday 14 Attacked by something of the Lumbago sort & drove to consult Dr Howells who gave me at once some Medicines to cure it. Mr Bradley came on Business & dined & slept here

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- Saturday 15 Drove with Mary to Sketty Hall where I left her & in my return from Swansea stopped an hour there when we drove home together
- Sunday 16 None of us went out & we read the two Services at home as usual
- Monday 17 Went to breakfast at Gwernllwynwith & from thence at ½ past 10 commenced my County Canvass accompanied by Mr Fredericks, Mr Smith & Mr Place. We did not finish the Hamlets of Coedtrance[?], Dyffryn Clydach & Blau Londden & were very successful. Dined & slept at Dyffryn where John joined me
- Tuesday 18 Immediately after breakfast I started with Fredericks & Place & canvassed other parts of Cadoxton & the whole of Killebebill Parish. Returned to Dinner at Dyffryn at 7
- Wednesday 19 Canvassed Neath. Dined at Places & again slept at Dyffryn
- Thursday 20 Went with Fredericks in his Carriage to an adjourned Quarter Sessions at Pyle & John Nicholl was elected Chairman. The Conservatives with Lord Bute at their head invested[?] in large numbers, & with unnecessary parade as Nichol had been unanimously fixed on. From Neath my own Carriage took me to Ynysygerwn where my dear Boys met me to spend a couple of days
- Friday 21 Canvassed up to Pontreddfwch & etc & met with no refusal. Got back to dinner at Ynysygerwn at ½ past 6
- Saturday 22 Canvassed the two Hamlets of upper & lower Dylais & every Elector in both these Hamlets is for me. Drove round by Neath for half an hour & reached Penllergare at 7
- Sunday 23 The Cholera having much subsided we were going to Church but one of the Carriage Horses was taken ill, & I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 24 Drove with Mary in the afternoon & leaving her at Sketty Hall went on to Swansea. Took her up in my way home & Mr Haycock accompanied us to dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Tuesday 25 Leaving my Family of which the whole had determined on setting out this morning for a ramble in North Wales I went to Breakfast at Neath where I met Mr Randall the chief Agent of Lord Dunraven, & then on with post Horses from Pyle to canvass St Brides Wick[?] & etc & got back to dine & sleep at bridgend
- Wednesday 26 With Mr Randall, Mr Morgan & etc I canvassed Bridgend, Coity & part of Coychurch with other most gratifying success. Dined & slept as yesterday
- Thursday 27 Canvassed round by Dunraven & then by the upper part of Coychurch Breos & Langan to dine at Cowbridge where Lle Traherne & others of my Friends met me at Dinner at the Bear
- Friday 28 Canvassed with continued success round by Lantrisant[?] Lanmaes Lisworny & etc & returned to dine & sleep at the Bear
- Saturday 29 Canvassed Cowbridge & Cowbridge Michs Fair with uniform & surprising success, & about noon it was officially concurred by a letter from Lord Bute that no further opposition would be offered. Drove with Mr Randall & dined & slept at Talbots
- Sunday 30 Left Margam about 8, & left Mr Randall at Neath. went on to Swansea where I dined with T E Thomas & slept at Burrows Lodge

OCTOBER

- Monday 1 Drove round by Sketty Hall to dine & sleep at Penllergare, which appeared all forlorn
- Tuesday 2 Finished my Business at Penllergare by 11 & drove to Neath from whence with Mr Place I canvassed Michaelston & went by Pontrediven down Cwm Afan, & from thence canvassed Briton Ferry & etc. Place, J Miers, D Powell & Mr Haycock dined with me at the Ship & Castle which I have made my head Quarters for a couple of days
- Wednesday 3 Richd Hill arrived by appointment to met me at Merthyr, & as Mr Randall was prevented by illness from meeting me I did little more than canvass some Farmers in Neath Market & attend to some trust affairs. Dined to meet Richd Hill early at Capel Miers
- Thursday 4 With G Llewelin canvassed Baglan, Aberafan & part of Margam & afterwards Pyle & Kenfig. Dined & slept at Pyle Inn
- Friday 5 Breakfasted early. Canvassed Newton & Tythegston with Mr Evan[?] Jones & Laleston with Mr Burnett. Weather terribly stormy & I reached Bridgend wet & tired about 4. Dined with Jo Miers & resumed my old Quarters at the Wyndham Arms
- Saturday 6 Canvassed Bridgend Market with Popkin Traherne, Morgan Smith & others & drove in the Evening to Cowbridge where I quartered at the Bear Inn. The news of the forced resignation of Lord Js Stuart as Member for Cardiff has this Evening caused a great sensation
- Sunday 7 A Message from Crawshay took me to Hensol where on account of the Cholera I agreed for the present to postpone any Canvass at Merthyr. In my way called T Bassett[?] & Jones of Caercady[?]. Jo Nicholl who as a Conservative is appointed to succeed Lord James came into town this Evening preparatory to a Canvass tomorrow
- Monday 8 Nicholl soon after 8 began his Canvass at Cowbridge & at 9 I set out with Mr Bassete[?] of Bonvilston & Mr Bradly to canvass Lancervon[?], Porthkerry, & Penmark[?]. Weather very stormy, & got back to dine at the Bear at ½ past 6
- Tuesday 9 Drove early to Canvass Colwinston & returned to canvass at Cowbridge Market with a strong body of Friends. Afterwards drove with Mr Entwisle & Bradley to canvass Llansanwr, Lanberry & Ystadown[?]. Several dined with me at the Bear
- Wednesday 10 A wish to prepare myself for attending the Sale of Sir Watkin Lewis Estate at Swansea took me home where I arrived soon after 6 & found that my Gadabouts had returned from North Wales two days before me
- Thursday 11 Engaged at accounts all day at home
- Friday 12 Drove through a heavy Rain with John & Griffiths to look over Gellywastoch & some other Farms in that neighbourhood which were to be sold next Monday, & I from thence went on to the Solicitor of the Vendor about any conditions[?] at Swansea. Returned to Dinner rather earlier than usual on account of Harvest home which was kept this Evening
- Saturday 13 Drove with Mary & on my way to Swansea left her at Sketty Hall & called for her again in my way home

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- Sunday 14 We all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & as I had dropt asleep Mary read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 15 With John attended a Sale of the late Sir Watkin Lewis Estates at the Mackworth & bought several Lots on my own & on the Trust account. Mr Grant, Revd J Harding & S Benson dined & slept here
- Tuesday 16 As I had engaged to assist Mr Nicholl as Chairman I went early to the Quarter Sessions at Swansea with Grant & Harding & having adjourned at 7 we dined with the Magistrates at the Mackworth Arms. I returned with my two Friends in the Evening to Penllergare & Mary, Fan, John & Lewis went to attend the Sessions Ball
- Wednesday 17 Went with Grant & Harding to the adjourned Sessions which closed at noon & at ½ past one Talbot & I canvassed about half of Swansea till 6 o'clock. Mr & Mrs Nicholl & their eldest daughter dined & slept here at Penllergare
- Thursday 18 Soon after Ten I drove to Swansea leaving the Nicholls at Penllergare & they left in the afternoon for the Gnoll. Talbot & I by 6 o'clock completed our canvass of the Town with universal[?] success, & I reached home much tired by 7. My Boys had gone to dine & sleep at the Gnoll
- Friday 19 Met Talbot at Singleton by 11 & we canvassed with[?] lower Division of the Parish of Swansea. Linched at Wheatleys who had joined us in our Canvass, & Talbot accompanied me to Penllergare where the Revd Thos Morris arrived on a Visit & Mr Calland also dined with us
- Saturday 20 We canvassed the upper division of Swansea & the Parish of St Johns accompanied by Vivian & returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 21 Mary & all the Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church, & Sir Jo Morris, & the Revd Calvert Jones joined us at Dinner & slept here
- Monday 22 Sir Jo Morris & his Brother left us after Breakfast & Talbot & I canvassed Morryston & its Skirts
- Tuesday 23 Started to canvass Landeilotalybont & finding that almost every body had gone to Langennech Fair we took pots Horses to Pontardylais & followed them. We then went across the Commons to Loughor where all the Electors were waiting at the Bush [?] Inn to receive us, & reached home about 7. The Party besides Talbot who dined & slept here was the Revds Calvert Jones & John Thomas
- Wednesday 24 As my Knee was overdone John accompanied Talbot on Horseback to canvass the hilly parts of Parulmawr[?] & Rhyndwelydach & Thomas the Parson of Pontardylais chose to accompany them & returned with them to dine & sleep here. Mary in the afternoon drove with me for an hour to Sketty Hall
- Thursday 25 We canvassed Rhyndwelydach lower & etc & J G Jeffreys & Mr T L Martin returned with us to Dinner
- Friday 26 Talbot & I drove to breakfast at Ewmlwynnith & attended by Smith T Martin & etc canvassed the two Divisions of Lansamlet past 6
- Saturday 27 Talbot left us about 2 & I then drove for a couple of hours on very various Business to Swansea

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- Sunday 28 My dear Mary by a bilious attack has been chiefly confined upstairs since Thursday & is still to unwell to resume her usual habits. Weather very bad & I read both the Service [sic] at home
- Monday 29 Mary better & came down to breakfast. I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea & from thence to Llangafelach & canvassed Pendery along the lane to Cadley
- Tuesday 30 Started about 12 & canvassed the upper division of Chase [?Clase] & part of Penderry
- Wednesday 31 Soon after 11 drove with Mary to Sketty Hall & staid there till near Dinner time

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 1 Went with post Horses to canvass some of the hilly Electors at Llangafelach Fair & went in Business round by Swansea home
- Friday 2 Attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & then went on with my own Horses to dine & sleep at Pyle
- Saturday 3 Drove to see the Farmers at Bridgend market & from thence to Cowbridge where John joined me
- Sunday 4 John & I had intended to attend Cowbridge Church but there was no morning Service & he rode with Bradley to look at Hensol. In the afternoon we went to spend a couple of nights at Landrough Castle, & in our way called on Col Hug Entwisle
- Monday 5 With Post Horses John & I started after Breakfast & canvassed St Mary Church, Flemmington, St Athans, Gilston & St Donats. At the latter place Col Morgan met us on Horseback, & took John over the old Castle. There was a sharp Frost in the Evening & it was ½ past 6 when we reached Landrough
- Tuesday 6 Drove after breakfast to Cowbridge & canvassed at the Market. Went with John to dine & sleep at St Hilary
- Wednesday 7 John & I left St Hilary soon after breakfast & drove to call on Dr Casberd[?] at Penmark. Taking some other Electors in the way we then went to canvass Bonvilston, where we lunched at John Bassetts, & then to dine & spend a few days at Coedriglan. The whole Penrice Family had arrived there from Lord Ilchesters & we met with a very large & pleasant Family party
- Thursday 8 With Jo Traherne I canvassed Cardiff & Roath [? smudged word] & John accompanied walking party to Wenvoe Cottage[?] & etc
- Friday 9 As Jo Traherne was wanted as Guide for a walking party to see a Cromlech near Dyffryn his[?] shewed me the way & I canvassed Landaff, St Fagans, St Brides, St Georges, & Michaelston super Ely
- Saturday 10 The rain fell all day in Torrents & it was impossible to canvass. Accompanied John in his Britzka to Cardiff & he went on to London. In a hack Chaise I drove to call at Wenvoe & then Shaft...y[?] Quarters to Court Yralla [?Rheola]. Found mrs Hanbury Tracy & her 2 Daughters on a Visit there
- Sunday 11 Walked about Courtyrdla[?] all day & with a part of our party attended Church at Michaelston le Pit

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- Monday 12 After breakfast left Courtyralla with Mr Seymour, & called at Gabalva. We afterwards canvassed the Town of Lantilopont[?] & I took up my Quarters with Mr Seymour at Langlai[?]
- Tuesday 13 With Mr Seymour I canvassed Lantrepont[?] Parish assisted by Harris of Leverig[?] & returned to dine & sleep at Landay[?]
- Wednesday 14 Drove Mr Seymour to the Market at Newbridge where Harris of Leverig[?] & Williams of Garth Hill gave me much valuable assistance. Returned at ½ past 4 & went to dine with Jenkins & slept at Landay[?]
- Thursday 15 Left Landay[?] soon after breakfast. Canvassed Lanharren Village, part of Peterstone[?] & etc. Stopped an hour at Bridgend & reached Coytraherne to dine & sleep
- Friday 16 Canvassed all day with M P Traherne at Maesteg & etc. Dined with Mr G Jenner at Glyngarn & returned to sleep at Coytraherne
- Saturday 17 Drove with Popkin Traherne to a large Fair at Bridgend where I was assisted in my Canvass by several Friends & went on to dine & sleep at Margam
- Sunday 18 Having a bad Cold Talbot forbid me to accompany him to Church & about noon I drove homewards. stop'd 2 hours on some Magisterial Business with Grant & Place at Neath, & reached Penllergare to Dinner. Found that John had returned yesterday from Town. Read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 19 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours to Sketty Hall
- Tuesday 20 Drove with Mary to Swansea & John & Fanny on Horseback joined us then to look at Sir Geo Leeds' Library which is for Sale by Auction
- Wednesday 21 Drove to Sketty Hall & from thence round by Swansea home. Again served[?] a Treaty for Nousefavvr[?] of which the price has been lowered from 3200 to 3000£. if an offer at 2800 is made have agreed to give an answer in a Week
- Thursday 22 Drove to Swansea where John joined me & we attended a Sale of Sir Geo Leeds' Books & Pictures. John bought Collins' "tempting moments", & a copy from Canaletti [sic] & etc & I bought 2 Views by Miss Armitage etc
- Friday 23 Drove to Swansea & with John attended again the sale of Sir Geo Leeds' Library where we made several purchases. Mrs G Jenner & Mrs Morse & her Daughter arrived on a Visit to us & Mr Alfred Jones, Mr Moggridge & Capt Morgan dined here but the two latter returned home at night
- Saturday 24 Drove on Business to Swansea
- Sunday 25 Having after I was in Bed last night received a Summons from Merthyr I ...[?] home & at 5 reached Cyfarthfa where I took up my Quarters. I left Mrs Jenner & Co at Penllergare, & they intended to remain there till Tuesday
- Monday 26 Drove in Crawshays Carriage to call on the Hills & made arrangements for a Canvass tomorrow. In the Evening at 6 attended a public meeting at Merthyr of the Electors of the Town & Neighbourhood, which was very crowded, & after a refusal of all the pledges which was required of me & rather a stormy debate it was at length unanimously carried in a ...[?] made by Grant & seconded by Crawshay that all should to the utmost support me

- Tuesday 27 Weather very bad & luckily at the Meeting last night I was handsomely excused from any Canvass of the Town. I only drove in Crawshays Carriage to make one Call & to receive some Turnpike Dividends belonging to the Estate
- Wednesday 28 Left Crawshays at ½ past 9, & soon afterwards met Rowland Fothergill & Mrs Jenkin Rhys who escorted me to Aberdare, & to canvass as much as my Health would allow about the neighbourhood. At ½ past 3 I dined with Mr Fothergill at Abernant, & then started homewards. Torrents of Rain obliged me to stop at Neath & I should otherwise have reached Penllergare
- Thursday 29 Much teased with a sort of pink[?] Piles, & drove to Swansea to consult Mr Bird about it. I had before reached home from Neath to breakfast
- Friday 30 So much unwell that I did not leave the House all day. Weather very bad. For a wonder I did not even eat my Dinner

DECEMBER

- Saturday 1 Weather still wretchedly wet, but I drove for an hour with John to Swansea to consult Mr Bird
- Sunday 2 I am still very unwell & Mr Bird came over to see both me & Fan who has hurt her elbow in romping. Mary went with the two Boys to Langafelach Church, & read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 3 Drove with Mary to Sketty & round by Swansea home. Mr Talbot, Mr Rhys Williams & W Crawshay junr came here to Dinner on a Visit
- Tuesday 4 Talbot & John canvassed Laughor on horseback & I called at Bechygwin[?] & other Houses in the neighbourhood. Rhys Williams left us
- Wednesday 5 Drove with Talbot to canvass at Ynyscedwin & other parts of altygwg[?]. Returned home to Dinner at 8. W Crawshay had been taken by Mary & John to see Swansea
- Thursday 6 Drove to canvass the Hamlet of St Thomas with Talbot & I dined & slept at Singleton. W Crawshay in the morning returned to Cyfarthfa
- Friday 7 Drove from Vivians to attend a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & was detained there till past 5. Late at night a Messenger brought a Letter from Emma Talbot & it made John compleatly & me almost the happiest of Men
- Saturday 8 John & Fan went on a Visit to Penrice. It being Rent Day I drove to Swansea where by this & other Business I [was?] detained till near 5 & Mary accompanied me. Weather very wet & I far from well tho' better
- Sunday 9 Being unwell Mary read the morning Service & I the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 10 After an early breakfast went to Swansea & accompanied by Richd Jeffreys, proceeded to Oystermouth where the Revd S Davis joined us & we canvassed that Parish & Bishopton [sic]. Dined with a large party at Singleton & slept at Burrows Lodge

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- Tuesday 11 Devoted this day to Vivians Election Dinner - Fan & John are still at Penrice, but the two Mary's & Lewis came in from Penllergare to see the Shew & I slept at Burrows Lodge
- Wednesday 21 Drove to breakfast at Kilfrough & afterwards canvassed the neighbourhood with Major Penrice. Slept at Kilfrough & Vivian with a large party joined us at Dinner
- Thursday 13 Canvassed Penclwdd[?] & etc & etc with Major Penrice & he left me at Penrice where my two Marys had arrived & we made together a pleasant Family. Lewis was kept at Penllergare by a bad Cold
- Friday 14 I started & canvassed all day with young Mr George who is Mr Talbots Agent at Langennith, Lanmaddoc & etc & returned to dine & sleep at Penrice Castle. All the rest of my Family including John had returned to Penllergare
- Saturday 15 Left Penrice after breakfast & canvassed on my way to Swansea. Returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 16 Read the morning Service to the Family & I afterwards drove in my Phaeton to dine & sleep at John Miers. The two Boys in Johns Britzka also went to dine & sleep at Danygraig near Newton to which Capt Wheatly has lately returned
- Monday 17 Talbot joined me after breakfast at Mr Miers & soon after 11 we walked in procession to the Hustings & in about an hour afterwards without opposition we were elected members for this County. At one oclock we were chaired together, dined at 3 with the usual quantity of speechifying noise & business[?] - & got away about ½ past 4 & at 9 both I & my Boys reached Penllergare
- Tuesday 18 About ½ past 10 John & I drove to enquire further respecting a Murder which has been committed on a Farm above Carreg Clwyd, & we returned home about 5 unsuccessful
- Wednesday 19 Drove with Mary for 2 or 3 hours to Swansea. Lewis unwell with a violent Cough & we had Mr Bird over to see him
- Thursday 20 Drove with John to Lanelly, & we both gave our plumpers & all the Interest we could muster to Sir James Williams a Candidate for Carmarthenshire. Returned home to Dinner
- Friday 21 Drove with John to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the Subscribers for the purpose of building a new Infirmary, & to receive a copy of the late Mr Edwards' will. This our late Friend & Medical attendant was happily released from a long state of severe suffering on Friday last. Miss Evans arrived as a Governess for Mary this Evening
- Saturday 22 Drove to Swansea as Lewis was too unwell to see after the Stock at the Pottery. John rode to Penrice & from thence went to meet John & Mrs Traherne & spend a couple of days at Singleton. Mr Bird again came over to Lewis & found him better
- Sunday 23 Morning very wet. I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 24 Weather very wet allday. John returned from Singleton. I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea
- Tuesday 25 Xmas day. Fanny & John went in the Phaeton to Langafelach Church & stopped the Sacrament. I read the Service to the Family at home

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- Wednesday 26 Drove in the afternoon to dine at the Portreves Seat[?] where I met Talbot, Vivian & Nichol so a [?] to number 4 put of 5 of the Glamorganshire Members, & I returned home at night
- Thursday 27 Started in the Phaeton with John about ½ past 9 & remained till near 4 at Carreg Lloyd, & all our endeavours to find any legal proof against the murderer of Eliours[?] Williams were ineffectual. Major Mahon & Lieut M'Cabe of the 98th Rgt now quartered at Swansea, & Capt T Morgan & Revd Saml Davis dined here
- Friday 28 Went in the afternoon with my two Mary's in the close Carriage to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Saturday 29 Drove to Swansea to meet Lewis at the Pottery - to treat for House favors[?] & other Business. A slight Shock of Earthquake at 7 the morning
- Sunday 30 The rest of the Family went to Llangafelach Church & Fan & I read the morning Service at home. A severe shock of Earthquake at about ½ past 8 which alarmed our whole Household & it knocked down several Chimnies [sic], cracked walls, & did other petty damage in the neighbourhood
- Monday 31 Drove to Swansea & came round by Sketty Hall home

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- Tuesday 1 Variously engaged allday at home. John in the afternoon drove to dine & sleep at Penrice
- Wednesday 2 Drove with Fan for a couple of hours to Swansea. Sir Christr & Lady Mary Cole & Miss & Miss Emma Talbot arrived on a Visit
- Thursday 3 In the Evening our whole party in 3 Carriages went to Vivians Elections Ball at Swansea & we came away at 12 & all returned home

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APPENDIX

We found Trilobitis which are at least nearly allied to the Dudley Species in an abandoned Quarry E of the Road about 1/3 of a mile from Lanarthny towards Golden Grove & also in a Quarry on the crest of the Hill above Aberbytheval[?] Church. From the latter the Roads in the neighbourhood are repaired & they are almost full of Fossil Casts; see Augt 27 p.70