

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>1833</b> <b>JANUARY</b>
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Tuesday 1	Variously engaged all day 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 Cr & Lady Mary Cole with Miss & Miss <u>Emma</u> Talbot arrived on a Visit
Thursday 3	In the Evening our whole party in 3 Carriages went to Vivians Election Ball at Swansea & we all came away at 12 & returned to Penllergare
Friday 4	Sir Chr & Lady Mary & Miss Talbot left us about noon leaving Emma till tomorrow, & I went to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Mr & Mrs J M Traherne & Revd John Harding & his Son came to Dinner & the two latter returned in the Evening to Swansea
Saturday 5	Mr & Mrs Traherne & Miss Emma left us about noon. I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
Sunday 6	The four Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Service at home as usual
Monday 7	Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned early - the Revd J[?] & Mrs Harding with their Son & daughter came to lunch & dine here, & returned to Swansea in the Evening
Tuesday 8	Engaged about accounts allday at home. Mary & the 4 youngsters went in the Evening to a Ball at Singleton & remained there till past 2
Wednesday 9	Engaged allday about accounts at home
Thursday 10	Drove with Mrs D to Sketty Hall & round by Swansea home
Friday 11	Engaged by Accounts allday at home. In the Evening the remainder of the Family went in 2 Carriages to a Ball at Swansea, & I ...[?] there in my Phaeton, & slept at Burrows Lodge. All the rest returned soon after 2 to Penllergare
Saturday 12	I returned early in the afternoon from Burrows Lodge to Penllergare. My dear John has this day completed his 23rd Year, & he rode to Penrice but returned to Dinner

Sunday 13                   None of us went to Church as the weather was very cold & I read both Services as usual at home

Monday 14                   Kept at home all day by Callers. John went with Griffiths to look over Rhosfawr & we declined to give 2750 for it. Revd Calvert Jones, Griffith Llewelin, Mr Benson, Jenkin Baring Snr[?] & Hy Jones dined & the two former slept here

Tuesday 15                   G Llewelin & C Jones left us soon after breakfast. Mary & I drove to Sketty & went by Swansea home. Morgan (the brother of Morgan of Biddlesden Park) about an Exchange of Lands came unexpectedly to dine & sleep here

Wednesday 16 As soon as I could decently get rid of Mr Morgan Fan & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea

Thursday 17                   Engaged at Accounts till 5 when I went with Mary Fan & the two Boys to dine at Arthur Jones. Reached home again about 11

Friday 18                    Mary & I rove to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty Hall, & he returned with us to Dinner

Saturday 19                   I drove in the afternoon to Swansea & thence to meet Mr Haycock at 3 at Sketty Hall. He returned with me to dine & sleep at Penllergare

Sunday 20                    Mary & most of the Family went to Llangafelach Church

Monday 21                    Drove with Mary in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea

Tuesday 22                   Engaged by accounts allday at home. Mr & Mrs Grant & Miss Lyms[?] who is with them on a Visit at the Gnoll, Rawleigh Mansell & Matthew Moggridge arrived here on a Visit

Wednesday 23 Mr Moggridge left us after Breakfast & Grant & I in the afternoon drove for an hour to Swansea. Col, Mr & Charles Jones, T Edwd & Robt Thomas & Mr Henry Tennant dined & the latter slept here

Thursday 24                   Our Friends left us about noon. I afterwards drove to Swansea to settle a dispute about P...[?] Rate between Lansamlet Parish & Mrs Tennant. John went to spend a few days at Penrice

Friday 25                    Mary & Fanny drove to Swansea & I was variously engaged allday at or about home

Saturday 26                   Drove in various Business to Swansea

Sunday 27 Rained in the morning & none of us went to Church but I read the Service as usual

Monday 28 Drove with Mary & spent most of the day at Sketty Hall

Tuesday 29 Lewis went to the Gnoll & as John is still at Penrice our domestic party is very small. The Moggridges dined here

Wednesday 30 Drove for an hour to Swansea. John returned from Penrice

Thursday 31 John & I drove in the afternoon to Swansea where Lewis joined us from the Gnoll, & we dined & slept at Burrows Lodge & attended a Ball at the public rooms

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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Friday 1 Drove from Swansea to hold a petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & returned about 4 to Penllergare

Saturday 2 After an early Dinner I started in a hack Chaise with John for London to attend my parliamentary Duties. Slept at Cowbridge

Sunday 3 Posted by the old Passage, Cross Hands & Chippenham to Marlboro' where I slept as there was no room in any of the night Coaches & John went on with Ungarrow in the Mail to Town

Monday 4 Reached the Orleans Hotel by a Marlboro' Day Coach at ½ past 6. Spent the Evening at a Soiree of the Athenaeum & John went to a Play - the Olympic

Tuesday 5 At ½ past 12 with Talbot I was sworn in at the House of Commons. At ½ past 2 attended to hear the Kings Speech in the House of Lords. Dined with Daniel O'Connell! at Bellamy's,<sup>1</sup> & ¼ before 12 the House adjourned & I retd. to the Orleans

Wednesday 6 Trotted about all the morning with my dear John. At 4 went to the House, dined at Bellamy's, & the House again adjourned the Debate on the address at ½ past 12 when I returned to my Quarters

Thursday 7 Walked with John to Grays Inn & etc & made calls on Lord Cawdor & others. We dined at 5 with Sir Chs Lemon 46 Charles St where Henry Talbot met us & we all went to the House of Commons at 7. Got John a

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<sup>1</sup>Named after Mr Bellamy, caterer for the Refreshment Room of the House of Commons, and which in the old House was called Bellamy's. From the Introduction to Punch Vol XIII July - December 1847

place under the Gallery, & the debate on the Address was again adjourned at a little after 12

- Friday 8 Dined with John at the Orleans Hotel & he started by the Mail for Penllergare. I then went to the House of Commons & at
- Saturday 9  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3 this morning I voted with Ministers in two splendid majorities by which the Address was at last settled. At 3 I took possession of my new Apartments at No 45 Bridge Street by Westminster Bridge which had been occupied for 13 years by my Friend Davis Gilbert. I dined at Charles Barclays in Grosvenor Place
- Sunday 10 Rained in Torrents all day, & I did not stir out till the afternoon when I went to the Athenaeum & afterwards dined at Sir George Staintons[?]
- Monday 11 Breakfasted at the Athenaeum & spent an hour with my old Friend Dawson Turner. Dined at Bellamy's, & on the subject of the address after midnight I again voted with Ministers in a majority of 323 to 23!
- Tuesday 12 Dined with Vivian & remained till late in the House on the subject of Lord Althorps motion for reforming the Irish Church
- Wednesday 13 Weather very wet. House adjourned at 7 when I went to Tea at Vivians & afterwards to the Athenaeum
- Thursday 14 Went to Mr King about Johns Marriage Settlements. Dined early at the Athenaeum, attended prayers & remained in the House till one o'clock. Voted with Ministers against the Motion of Humes in a Majority of 232 against 138
- Friday 15 Went about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1 to the Council[?] Meeting of the Geological Society. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 12
- Saturday 16 Paid Sir J Morris 205£ for purchases about Sketty Hall. Dined with a party at Vivians & in the Evening went with Amyot & others to a Converzatione at the Duke of Sussex's at Kensington Palace
- Sunday 17 Rained in Torrents all day. Attended Service at St Margarets Church, & in the Evening dined with a large party at Mr Murchisons
- Monday 18 Sat in the morning a second time to Mr Eddis for my portrait. Attended prayers & remained in the House till past midnight
- Tuesday 19 Went on various Business to the City. Attended prayers & remained in the House till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11
- Wednesday 20 Weather terribly bad, & I hardly moved out. Lord Cawdor came for an hours gossip in the afternoon. Went to the House at 4. Dined as usual at

Bellamys, & divided the time with Ministers in two divisions for assembling at 12 instead of 4. The House broke up at 10 & Lloyd Walker & Yelverton came to Tea with me

- Thursday 21      Breakfasted at the Athenaeum & at 10 went again to Mr Eddis for my likeness in Crayons & as my Friends were dissatisfied with the one on progress he rejected it & began a new attempt. Attended prayers at the House, & remained there till ¼ past 12. Divided against Ministers in a Sisrenial[?] order for publishing an official List of Majorities & minorities & they beat us 142 to 92
- Friday 22        Dined at Bellamys & remained in the House from 4 till past 10 when it adjd[?] on acct of the Queens Birth Day till Tuesday, & Hall Watkins & Yelverton came to Tea with me
- Saturday 23     Sat again for Mr Eddis, whose second attempt has been succeeded, & I afterwards attended a Sale (made some small purchases) of Wellesley Lounge Furniture. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 24        Weather very bad. Went to the Athenaeum. Attended afternoon Service at St Margarets. Dined & spent a very pleasant Evening at Lord John Russels
- Monday 25        Engaged with Lawyers about Johns Marriage Settlement. Dined with Hall & Watkins at Joys under the Piazza & went with them to see Don Juan at Drury Lane. Did not stop the after piece & reached the Athenaeum before the Ballot closed
- Tuesday 26      At the request of Lord Althorp I attended a Meeting of the Friends of Ministers at the Foreign Office relating to the Irish Coercion Bills. Went to the House for the Ballot for Petitions at 3 & remained there till the House broke up at ½ past 10. I was one of the 33 drawn for the Petersfield Election Petition, but not one of the 11 selected
- Wednesday 27    The House this day commenced its reformed hours by meeting at 12 & adjourned at 3. Reassembled at 5 when the Irish Coercion Bill was brought in & adjourned at ½ past one
- Thursday 28      Sat for the last time to Mr Eddis at 10 o'clock. Afterwards called on Talbot who returned from Cardiff last night, on Sir C Lemon & Lord & Lady Cawdor. Attended an Election Ballot at 4 & remained in the House till ½ past 12

<b>MARCH</b>
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- Friday 1 Vivian this morning received notice that the Indictment against his Copper Works for a nuisance will certainly be tried at the approaching Assizes for Carmarthen & an old Engagement & the importance of the matter to Swansea compelled me to comply with his wishes & to go there as a Witness. Attended the House from 12 to 3. Obtained leave of absence for a fortnight, & prepared for leaving Town tomorrow
- Saturday 2 Engaged most of the day about Johns Settlements. Dined at 4 at Dr Sims to meet my two Sisters & started homewards with Vivian by the Bath Mail as there was no room in the Bristol
- Sunday 3 When we reached Bath the Bristol Mail had been gone through near ½ an hour, & Vivian & I posted on and overtook it at Builth. It was ...[?] full, but by posting on to Cardiff we procured 2 places & I reached dulce domum before 9 o'clock
- Monday 4 I drove for a couple of hours with Mary to Swansea & John went for a couple of days to Penrice
- Tuesday 5 Mary & I drove [&] spent the day at Sketty Hall
- Wednesday 6 Breakfasted early & went with Lewis to meet Sir Js Scarlett & Mr Farraday [sic] at Vivians Copper Works. John returned from Penrice to Dinner
- Thursday 7 Breakfasted at 7. Started about ½ past with John in my Phaeton, took Post Horses at Pontardylais & reached Carmarthen at a little before 11. Remained at Court till ½ past 1 in the morning when the trial of Vivians Copper Works was a nuisance was closed & the Jury returned a verdict of 'Not Guilty'
- Friday 8 We dined at 2 this morning with Vivian, R Mansell, Rev C Jones, Fredericks, & etc & went to Bed about 3 at the Bush Inn. Started soon after 9 & reached Penllergare at ½ past 12 when I went to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & John to carry the Carmarthen News to Penrice. Our dear little Mary has this day completed her 17th Year. John returned & we all dined together
- Saturday 9 Drove to Sketty & returned by Swansea Home
- Sunday 10 Weather very cold. The Family except Fan & myself went to Llangafelach Church. Johns Eye being much inflamed we sent for Dr Howells who came in the Evening
- Monday 11 Drove with Mary to Swansea & I called by appointment on Mr Moggridge

- Tuesday 12 Drove with Mary & spent most of the day at Sketty
- Wednesday 13 Drove in the morning for a couple of hours to Swansea, & about ½ past 9 went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms on my way to Town
- Thursday 14 When the Mail arrived at 4 I was all ready but there was no room. Immediately posted on & overtook it at Cardiff where I procured a place. At the passage found both Wind & Tide strongly against us, & we were near 2¼ hours on the Water. Dined at Bristol. Went on [to] Bath where I took a Hot Bath & slept at the York House
- Friday 15 Left Bath in the York House Coach at 7, & after a pleasant Journey reached my Apartment in Bridge Street at 10 mins past 7 in the Evening. Went immediately to the House of Commons. Dined at Bellamys & voted with Ministers in two Divisions on the Irish Coercion [?] Bill. It was past ½ past one when the House broke up & I went to bed
- Saturday 16 Very unwell. Engaged variously about Johns Marriage Settlement & other matters. Was invited to a party at the Duke of Sussex's but did not feel up to go. Dined quietly at the Athenaeum & my Brighton Agent met me in Bridge Street in the Evening
- Sunday 17 As my Cold is not quite gone, & the weather very bad I did not stir out till I went to afternoon Service at St Margarets Church. Dined at Murchisons & afterwards went to a Soiree at Greenoughs[?] in the Regents Park
- Monday 18 Received a distressing Acct from home that Fanny is very ill & that John is still confined to the House by an inflammation in his Eyes. Went on Business to Grays Inn & etc. Remained in the House of Commons till 3 in the morning & voted in two Decisions in the Irish Coercion Bill with Ministers. Was absent only for about an hour to dine with a large MP party at Vivians
- Tuesday 19 Made much uneasy by not receiving any Letter from my dear Mary as she had promised to write. Variously engaged with Lawyers & etc. Called again on Dr Sims who continues very ill. Went to two Election Ballots at 4, & remained in the House of Commons till near 3. Again voted twice with Ministers
- Wednesday 20 A Letter sent to me on Sunday has been shamefully detained at Swansea & I this morning received two from Mary with very favorable accounts. Went to Mr King[?] about Johns Settlement & etc & etc. Attended the Commons as usual. Dined at Bellamys & remained there till 2 in the morning. No Divisions
- Thursday 21 Londonderry Committee 21st March  
Feilden - Blackburn Sinclair - Caithness



Johnston - St Andrews	Barron - Waterford
Mangles[?] - Guildford	Bowes - S Durham
Gisborne - N Derbyshire	Gillon - Falkirk & etc
LWD - Glamorgan	Young - Cavan County
Warburton - Bridport - Chairman	

At 4 I attended an Election Ballot when I was drawn one of the 33 chosen for the City of Londonderry Committee. Dawson, Sir R Peels Brother in Law is the real complainant, & Sir R Ferguson the Sitting Member. Attended the House for the appointment of a Committee to consider of the prevailing Distress

Friday 22 On the Committee we made our preliminary arrangements[?] & ordered Counsel & Witnesses to attend us tomorrow. The Coercion Bill at last passed the Committee at night & I voted in several Divisions with Ministers. Adjourned at 2 o'clock

Saturday 23 Met the Londonderry Committee at 10, & found it vexationally necessary on account of some formality to ask leave of the House to adjourn for a week & procure further Evidence from a Ireland [?]. A Motion of Gisbornes seconded by Johnston would have had the effect of dismissing the Petition but I moved a negative which was seconded by Barron & supported by Sinclair, Bowes & Young. The Chairmen then decided on this inhaled[?] pressure[?]. I dined at Vivians

Sunday 24 My cold very bad. Called on Talbot & took a stroll with him to call on Sir C Lemon, Lord Cawdor & etc. Called also on Dr Sims who is much better

Monday 25 Called on the Bishop of Landaff, & proforma[?] attended a meeting of the Londonderry Committee. Engaged nearly all day about John Election at the Athenaeum. Dined at Hudson Gurneys, & the result of the Ballot was in John's favor - he had 84 for 8 against him. Tho' my Cold was very severe I went afterwards to the House & voted with Ministers in the Supplies

Tuesday 26 My Cold & Cough so severe that I did not stir out till 3 when I attended a formal meeting of the Londonderry Committee, & having received the consent of the House we then adjourned to Saturday next. My Throat so sore that I took nothing but Tea & Bread all day. At last I was gratified by a letter written in good spirits from my dear Mary & it announced a great improvement in my darling Fan. ....[?] on Robinsons motion.

Wednesday 27 Cold & Cough still very severe & I did not stir out except to the House of Commons where I voted in a Division on the Coercion Bill with Ministers

- Thursday 28      Went to Cavendish Square where Dr Sims was well enough to see me & I consulted him about my Cough. Dined with Warburton & Sir Hyde Parker at Bellamy's. House broke up & I got to Bed before 11
- Friday 29        Cough still severe & I went out not much. Dined with a party at Edward Hawkin's & M Bethell MP for Yorkshire, took me to the House in his Carriage. Voted with Ministers in the third reading of the Coercion Bill, which was passed & returned to my apartments soon after one
- Saturday 30     Attended the Londonderry Election Committee from 10 till ¼ past 5 when I got some Dinner & finding my Cold still heavy I retired to my Apartments at 8
- Sunday 31        Cough better but throat very sore. In the afternoon called on Talbot & etc. Attended Service at St James' Church & dined en famille at Hudson Gurneys

<b>APRIL</b>
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- Monday 1        Londonderry Committee met at 10 & sat till 5. Dined at the Athenaeum. Returned to House & remained there till about one
- Tuesday 2       Committee met at 10 & sat till 5. Went with Mr Young (MP for Cavan County) to dine at the Athenaeum & we returned to the House at 7. Remained at the House till near 12 & voted with Ministers in a Majority of only 14 on a Motion of Humes for abolishing Flogging in the Army
- Wednesday 3    Committee met at 10 & sat till near 5. Remained in the House till near 2 & voted for the immediate prevention of Infants from being worked more than 10 hours a day. Ministers supported further enquiry & beat us by a Majority of 74 to 72. Cough very severe
- Thursday 4      Committee again met at 10 & sat till 5. The House soon after 6 adjourned till the 15th. My cough very severe & in the Evening I consulted Dr Paris about it
- Friday 5         Good Friday. Very unwell & did not stir out all day
- Saturday 6      Very unwell, but rather better. Committee met at 10 & at ½ past one we declared that Sir R Ferguson is duly elected & that the Petition is frivolous [sic?] & vexatious. On the former point we were unanimous & the latter was opposed by the Chairman, Young, Mangles, Gisborne & Barron. Went to Grays Inn about Johns Settlement & buried myself in preparing for a return home

Sunday 7 Left Town at 8 by the Emerald Coach & reached Bristol soon after 10. Slept at the Back [?]

Monday 8 At 10 left Bristol by the Mail, had as delightful Passage of 35 minutes & reached home before 9. Weather very fine. Found all well & Mr Haycock waiting for my arrival

Tuesday 9 Drove with Mary & Mr Haycock about noon to Sketty & we returned home about 5

Wednesday 10 In the afternoon drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea

Thursday 11 My throat being very sore & cough bad I remained at home all day

Friday 12 Drove with Fan & spent the afternoon at Swansea

Saturday 13 Started at 12 with Mary & spent the afternoon at Swansea. I am better

Sunday 14 Except Fan & myself the Family went to Church. Mr Leigh of Pontypool called and spent 2 or 3 hours here. He left us at ½ past 4 & I walked with Mary & John along my new Road to Cadley. Read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 15 Spent all day with Mary at Sketty Hall. John went on a Visit to met Talbot at Penrice

Tuesday 16 Drove with Fan to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting to settle the clauses of the Mumbles Light & Breakwater Bill

Wednesday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea

Thursday 18 Engaged all day at Accounts & other Business at Penllergare

Friday 19 Drove to Swansea. Attended a Harbor Meeting & paid for my share of Wirm Eynon. Mr Lockett, T E Thomas & Thos Thomas dined here

Saturday 20 Went with the two Marys & spent the day at Sketty Hall

Sunday 21 I read the Service to the Family at home. In the Evening I went with John & Lewis & slept at Burrows Lodge

Monday 22 Started by the Gloster Coach with my 2 Boys at 4 & soon after 7 we reached the Plough at Cheltenham to dine & sleep

Tuesday 23 At ¼ before 6 my Boys attended by Ungaro started in the 'Hirondelle' Coach for Chester with the intention of making a Tour to Liverpool, Manchester & etc. At 8 I started, reached my old Quarters in Bridge St soon after 7. Went immediately to the House & waited till past 2

expecting a Division in the Currency Question but the House at last adjourned tho' the Question of adjournment had been negated by 318 to 98. I voted with the Majority

- Wednesday 24 Variously engaged with Mr Frampton & others in the morning on Business. Dined at Vivians with Sir Chs Taylor & his Family & etc. Attended the House till 3 in the morning & supported the Currency Question in three Minorities against Ministers
- Thursday 25 Walked with Talbot about getting his portrait painted to Leslies, & afterwards dined with Talbot in Berkeley Square where I met John Strangways. Went to the House about 9 & at ½ past 12 voted in the Majority of 211 to 106 against an Introduction of the Ballot at Elections
- Friday 26 At 2 by appointment with Talbot & Vivian I met Lord Ackland & Paulet Thomson as President & Vice President of the Board of Trade on the subject of the Mumbles Bill. Voted in the Minority against Ministers on Lord Chandos motion for protecting the Agricultural Interests, & again in a Majority of 162 to 132 against Ministers for reducing the Malt Duties. Thinking the Agricultural Interests too much neglected by Ministers most of the County members voted against them, but most of us only intended to shew our strength & exhibited a formidable Minority
- Saturday 27 Every body thrown into a great B...[?] & fright by the defeat of Ministers last night, & their entire or partial resignation is variously reported. In the Evening I went with Prince Cimitile to a Converzatione at the Duke of Sussex's at Kensington Palace.
- Sunday 28 The threatened resignation of Ministers occasioned various meetings of Members & much excitement prevailed. Attended afternoon Service at St James' Church & dined at Hudson Gurneys
- Monday 29 Attended the 12 o'clock meeting of the House & remained there till midnight. In Committee of the Ordnance Estimates I voted in three Divisions against payment to Mr Marshall for his statistical tables. I dined with Lord Dudley at Talbot's
- Tuesday 30 In the morning made some Calls. Went at 4 to the House & remained there till 4 in the morning. Voted on 4 Divisions. 1st on the question for repealing the House & Window Tax and of the reduction in Malt. 2ndy For considering these questions separately & 3rdly For bringing in a Bill to reduce the Malt Duty pursuant[?] to our Quotations last Friday. Ministers triumphed in all & the former I voted with them in the Majority & in the 2 latter in the minority against them. I also voted in a Division for the Gravesend Pier Bill

## MAY

- Wednesday 1      As the House did not break up till 4 this morning it adjourned till tomorrow. I dined at Gurneys with a party
- Thursday 2      My two Boys who had arrived late last night from Derby came to breakfast with me in Bridge Street & I afterwards shewed them the House of Commons, Courts of Law & etc & introduced John as a Member - Lewis attacked by a bad head ache & leaving them at the St Georges Hotel, I went to the House of Commons & dined at Bellamy's
- Friday 3      Went with John at 11 & he sat to Chalons for his miniature. Went to the House of Commons at ½ past 11 & in the afternoon I changed my Quarters to the St Georges Hotel No 33 Albermarle St. Mary & Fanny joined us there at ½ past 7, & at 9 I went to the House & voted in two Divisions. One in a Majority of 250 odd to 26 against a mischievous motion of old Cheets[?] & again in a Committee on the Army Estimates against a Motion of Humes for reducing the Army in a Majority of 238 to 70
- NOT INDEXED FROM HERE ON
- Saturday 4      Lewis continues very unwell & confined allday to the House. Spent the day with my Family
- Sunday 5      John & Fanny went to the Chapel in Albermarle Street in the morning & I attended service at St Margarets Church in the afternoon. Lewis continues very unwell & Mary after making a few calls in the afternoon became so ill that in the absence of Dr Sims she sent for Dr Holroyd. John & I went to dine with a party at Murchisons & afterwards to a Soiree at Greenhoughs in St John's Wood
- Monday 9      Attended the House at ½ past 11 to ballot for the order in which Petitions are to be presented, & my luck at last enabled me to present one from Glamorganshire signed by 12 Magistrates & 500 yeomen & etc for a repeal of the Malt Tax. My dear Mary very ill & confined all day to her Bed. Lewis also too unwell to go out. Attended the House in the Evening & ½ past One voted in the Majority of 317 to 78 for remodelling the Irish Church
- Tuesday 7      My dear Mary still very ill & entirely confined to her Bed. Lewis also poorly & I went with John to consult Brodie about his Eyes which within the 2 last days have become very weak. I dined at the Athenaeum on my way to the House of Commons which broke up early I afterwards went to the Linnean Society

Wednesday 8 Mary a little better. Guest, Kenys Tynte [?], Sinclair & Lloyd Watkins dined with us. We afterwards went to the House & I voted in the Majority of 46 to 42 on the Law Amendments Bill. Got back to my Hotel about ½ past one

Thursday 9 There not being enough present to make a Ballot the House adjourned till tomorrow. I attended a sitting of the Royal Society in the Evening. It was Fan's Birthday & Mary was happily well enough to gratify us by her appearance in the Drawing Room

Friday 10 Mary continues to mend tho' still extremely weak. Went to the House at 4. Returned at ½ past 6 for a half an hour to dine at our Hotel & remained in the House till near 2. In a Committee voted with Ministers in a Majority of 250 odd against 57 for not reducing the Yeomanry Corps

Saturday 11 Mary still very weak, but was able to take a drive in the Regents Park. Mr Smith, Johns travelling Companion in the north, dined with us, & I afterwards went to a Soiree at Mr Babbage's. Lewis & Mr Smith went to the Opera

Sunday 12 Mary still very weak & Fan has a severe attack of the prevailing Epidemic

Monday 13 Variously engaged about the Marriage Settl & etc. In the Evening I attended a debate on the Irish Temporalities Bill, in Committee & remained there till 2

Tuesday 14 Attended the morning Sitting of the House & presented six Petitions against Slavery from Cardiff & Caerphilly & that neighbourhood. Dined at the Athenaeum & in the Evening attended a Debate on Mr Stanleys Motion for Abolishing Slavery. remained there till 2

Wednesday 15 Attended some Committees in the morning. Dined at the Athenaeum with the intent of going to the House but it was ruled out at 7. Went at 9 to the Geological Society & remained there till 11

Thursday 16 Drove in the morning to Mr Drummonds 24 Grosvenor Place on Mrs Lewis [?Llewelyns] affairs & thence to a Meeting respecting our Harbor Business at Vivians. Thence to a Committee on the MONkland & Kirkentilloch improvement Bill & at 2 to the Committee on the Loughor ....[?] Bill. Both Mary & Fan too unwell to go out, & as Emma Talbot was to spend the Evening with them John played truant & only Lewis & I went to dine at Vivians. At 9 I went to the House & remained there till 2 to hoot & scout at old Cobbett for an infamous attack on Sir Robt Peel & we ordered the old Blackguards motion to be expunged from the Journals

- Friday 17 Attended the House after dining at the Athenaeum, & voted in the Majority of 305 to 106 against Whitmans [?] motion for altering the Corn Laws
- Saturday 18 Engaged in Shopping & etc. John & Lewis went with the Penrice party to spend the day at Greenwich
- Sunday 19 Lewis has this day compleated his 19th Year & we all dined together at our Hotel. My dear Mary so unwell as to be chiefly confined to the Bed or Sofa & I remained at home with her. John & Lewis went to Church at Westminster Abbey. Rained in torrents all the afternoon after a fortnight of unusually hot & fine weather
- Monday 20 Went with John about Settlements to the City. Dined at the Athenaeum & went to the House where I remained till 2 in the morning
- Tuesday 21 Mary still very weak but in the afternoon was well enough to go to the Water Color Exhibition & Fan accompanied her. Went about 4 to the House. Voted in Majority of 273 to 124 against repealing the Tax on Houses & Windows & also in the Majority of 48 to 8 for having the Evidence on the Bristol Election Petition laid on the Table. Remained at the House till 3. Morning found hours spent with Mr Chs Drummond & Mr Winter at Mrs Jenners on her affairs
- Wednesday 22 Went to the City about Marriage Settlements. Attended a Ballot at the House at 4. At ½ past 6 walked back to dine with John at the Athenaeum & Lewis then accompanied me to the House where we remained till ½ past one. Voted in 3 Majorities. One of 68 to 37 for passing the Gravesend Pier Bill. Another 189 to 52 for removing Jewish Civil disabilities, & another against any immediate alterations in the Reform Bill 94 to 68
- Thursday 23 Spent the day chiefly with my Family in Albermarle Street, & in preparing for their leaving Town which has been advised by Dr Sims who thinks it necessary to restore them from the effects of the Influenza. The Derby Race kept so many Members away that there was no House in the Evening
- Friday 24 Mary & Fanny left Town at ½ past 11, & the two Boys soon after followed them. Engaged nearly allday about Mrs Jenners affairs in the City & moved back to my old Quarters in Bridge St. Remained in the House from 6 till 2 & voted in the Majority with Ministers of 227 to 55 respecting Hertford [?]
- Saturday 25 Engaged about Mrs Jenner & other Business in the morning. Attended a picture Sale where I bought a Cuyp & etc in the afternoon, & dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum

- Sunday 26                      Attended the afternoon Service at St Margarets Church. Dined with the Penrice Family at the Brunswick Hotel & our party after Dinner was joined by old Lady Ilchester, Mr Lady [sic] Kurrett [?] & Miss Frampton & Mr Munday
- Monday 27                     Made several Calls & etc. Dined with Talbot, MP for Athlone at the Athenaeum & we afterwards went to hear Matthews at the Adelphi Theatre
- Tuesday 28                    Attended a Sale of Sowerby's Shells & etc. Called to bid good by to the Penrice party who started homewards about 5. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Wednesday 29 Dined at Mr Goldsmiths at St Johns Cottage in the Regents Park with several of the Ministers & MP's to celebrate the 2nd reading of the Jewish Disabilities Bill
- Thursday 30                 Engaged in the morning at the House respecting the Rates on small Tenements[?] Bill with Mr Slaney & etc. Attended the debate on the Slave Question in the Evening & it was adjourned at ½ past 12. Dines at Bellamys
- Friday 31                     Attended both the morning & Evening Sittings of the House, & the Slavery Question was again adjourned about one o'clock. Voted in the Majority of 38 to 6 against Hutchinsons claims as some Indian Rajah

<b>JUNE</b>
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- Saturday 1                    Variously engaged all morning. Dined with party at Bonham Carters in New Street Spring Gardens & afterwards to an Evening party at Babbage's
- Sunday 2                     In the afternoon it rained hard. Attended Evening Service at St James' Church. Dined with Prince Cimitile at the Athenaeum & spent the Evening there
- Monday 3                     Engaged by various Business in the House of Commons, Grays Inn & etc & at 5 returned to the House in a Boat. Dined at Vivians with a large party & afterwards remained in the House on the Slavery Question till 2 o'clock
- Tuesday 4                    Thos Thomas breakfasted with me. Engaged by various Business in her morning. Went to the House at 4 - dined at Mr Ludlows with a party, & on my return to the House found it had been counted out
- Wednesday 5                Went to the House at 12. Afterwards by Water to the City. Owing to Ministers having been beat in the Lords on Monday they are somehow



disjointed & it was planned that there should be no House in the Evening.  
Dined with a party at Gurneys

- Thursday 6 Engaged chiefly with Mr Drummond & others respecting Mrs Jenners affairs. Attended the morning & also Evening Sitting of the House when I voted with Ministers in the Majority of 361 to 98 for an approval of their conduct respecting Portugal. I also afterwards voted in the Minority of 24 to 53 against the appointment of a Committee on Fisheries at this advanced period of the Session
- Friday 7 Busied in settling & paying for the purchases made from the Estate of the late Sir W Lewes. Dined with Hawes MP for Lambeth & Dr Somerville at the Athenaeum. Remained in the House till 3 expecting a division on the Slavery Question but none took place
- Saturday 8 Engaged most of the morning about various Business. Started, with a fortnights leave of absence at ¼ before 6 in the Company's Coach for Bristol
- Sunday 9 Reached Bristol about ½ past 7. Breakfasted at the Bush. Started per Mail at 10 mins before 10 - had a rough passage of an hour which for a wonder made me nearly Sea Sick, & arrived about 9 at Penllergare
- Monday 10 Drove with my dear Mary to Swansea & round by Sketty Home
- Tuesday 11 Drove in the afternoon with John to Swansea
- Wednesday 12 Remained allday engaged about Accounts at home. John took his usual ride to Penrice
- Thursday 13 Drove with Mary on various Business to Swansea
- Friday 14 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Sketty
- Saturday 15 Drove on various Business & spent most of the day at Swansea
- Sunday 16 Mary & I with our 2 Boys & 2 Girls went to Langafelach Church & during the Service we were all together under the same Roof with the remains of our lost Darlings
- Monday 17 Early in the afternoon Lewis went with John in his Carriage & Mary & our two Girls in our Carriage to Penrice where I in the Phaeton joined them to Dinner. The Revt Henry Strangways (who is a sort of general Joiner for the Ilchester Family) had arrived in the preceeding Saturday & Mr Talbot from London joined us before midnight.
- Tuesday 18 At 20 minutes before 12 the Marriage of my excellent Son John & our greatest of favorites Emma Talbot was performed at Penrice Church by

the Rev H Strangways in the presence of the following party - Sir C & Lady Mary Cole, Mr & Miss Talbot, the Revd J M & Mrs Traherne - my dear Mary - our two Girls & myself. The lovely Bride was given away by her Brother & our two little Girls & Miss Talbot were Brides Maids. The happy Couple left us about 5 for Penllergare & the remainder of the party spent a joyous Evening at Penrice Castle. I never felt happier in my life

- Wednesday 19 Leaving our 3 Youngsters with the rest of the party at Penrice Mary & I drove in the afternoon to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge, as I have Business to attend to
- Thursday 20 Went about 11 with Mary & Mr Haycock to sketty & remained there till we all returned about 6 to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge
- Friday 21 Went again with Mary & Mr Haycock to Sketty & remained there till 6. The two Girls, Lewis & Mr Strangways had arrived from Penrice, & dined & slept at Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 22 Mr Strangways rose early & went on to Margam. Variously engaged all the morning at Swansea & in the afternoon drove with Mary for an hour to Sketty Hall
- Sunday 23 We all attended St Marys Church in the morning
- Monday 24 Started at 4 o'clock in the Mail & reached Bristol pleasantly at 3. Dined at the Bush & went on to sleep at the White Hart, as it is opposite the Kings Bath where I took a dip
- Tuesday 25 Started at ¼ past 7 by the White Hart Coach & after no very pleasant journey reached my old Quarters in Bridge Street, Westminster about ¼ before 8. Went immediately to the House of Commons & found it had been broke up about ½ an hour before
- Wednesday 26 Attended the House at 12 when it was counted out by that imp of mischief old Cobbett. resumed my seat at 5 & remained there till near 3 in the morning. Voted in innumerable Divisions on 3 Scotch & on the Jews disabilities Bills. Divided with Ministers in all except one - viz. for the disenfranchisement of Burgesses in electing their own municipal Officers. This disenfranchisement was however carried by Ministers
- Thursday 27 Engaged all day about Mrs Jenners affairs. Attended the House at 5 & to prevent the whole Evening from being uselessly occupied by Chatterers the Members bolted & before 8 the House was counted out. Spent the Evening with Prince Cimitile & Howard MP at the Athenaeum
- Friday 28 Engaged at my Apartments or the House of Commons till 2. Then went to see Mrs Jenners & Robt Jenners Solicitors in the City. Returned to the House at 5. Went with Young MP for Cavan to dine at the Athenaeum &

afterwards remained in the House till 3. Voted with Ministers on the Bank Question, & against them on the simple Lunacy [?] Bill where they beat us by a Majority of 4

Saturday 29                      Variously engaged with Mrs Jenner & etc. In the morning called & spent an hour with Lord Cawdor on the subject of the Llanelly Tithes. Dined at the Athenaeum, & went for a couple of hours to Astleys

Sunday 30                        Searched for Apartments for John & Emma & fixed on St Georges Hotel in Albermarle St. Attended Evening Service at St James' Church & dined at Lord & Lady Lilford. Lord & Lady Cawdor, Col & Lady M Fox (the Kings Daughter) & Mr & Lady Bulteel (the Daughter of Lord Grey)

<b>JULY</b>
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Monday 1                         Had taken Apartments for the new married Couple at St Georges Hotel in Albermarle Street & continued to expect their arrival till ½ past 9 when I went to the House of Commons. Voted with Ministers in the Majority of 214 to 156 on the second of the Bank resolutions & got home at ½ past 2

Tuesday 2                        John & Emma arrived early in the afternoon & at 3 I dined with them at the St Georges. Attended the House in the Evening, & voted against the building of a new House of Commons. Got home at ½ past 2

Wednesday 3                     Went after Breakfast, & went Jobbing with John till past one when I attended the morning sitting of the House. Again attended the House at 5 & remained there till 7 when I went to dine with John & Emma at Mrs Nicholls. Mr N being absent at our Quarter Sessions. Returned at ½ past 11 to the House & got home a little before 2

Thursday 4                        Spent the morning till past one with John & Emma when I went to the morning Sitting of the House, & voted with Ministers in the Irish Church Bill. Dined at 4 with John & Emma. Hurried at 6 to the House to support an Incorporation by Charter of the London[?] University but the motion was withdrawn. Voted in the minority against a new Committee to consider of Baibury[?] at Liverpool. Got home soon after 2

Friday 5                          Our dear John & Emma drove off at ¼ past 11 for Dover in their way to the Continent. Attended the morning sitting of the House to support Ministers on the Irish Church Bill. Dined with Guest & large party of MP's at 14 Grosvenor Square. returned as early as possible to the House & voted in the Majority of 164 to 141 against Ministers against any delay in the Factories Regulation Bill. Got home at ½ past one

Saturday 6                        Called on Mrs Jenner, Talbot & etc & etc. Dined with Talbot of Athlone & Shiel at the Athenaeum & we went together to see Mdm Malibran in

the Sonambula at Covent Garden. I returned home early & went to Bed (how delightful) at 11 & I felt worn out for want of sufficient sleep

- Sunday 7 Called on Lord Granville Somerset, Lord Js Stuart & etc & attended afternoon Service at St Mary's Church. Dined & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum
- Monday 8 A very wet day. Attended both the morning & evening sitting of the House till past 3 in the morning. Voted with Ministers in Majorities against a Motion of Shiels against a further reduction of Salaries to Irish Bishops & for the 3rd reading of the Irish Church temporalities Bill. Also in the Scotch Bill - 100 to 36 & for limiting the Quorum of the Liverpool Committee to 5 instead of 8. The Sea Apprenticeship Bill I warmly supported against Ministers & we beat them 84 to 64. Dined at Bellamy's with Mr Eardly Wilmot & Mr Poyentz [?]
- Tuesday 9 Mr Winter came to see me at 10. I afterwards went to Mr Parkers[?] & was engaged all the morning with Mrs Jenners affairs. Mr & Mrs Nicholl at 7 took me in their Carriage to dine with them en famille, & Mr N took me back to the House at 9. Voted in the Majority with Ministers against Cullen Fergussons Motion respecting the Poles & it was past 3 when I got to my apartments
- Wednesday 10 Went by Boat to the City to see Mr Winter. Afterwards met Mrs Jenner in Doctors Commons & was engaged about her affairs till I went to the House at 5. Dined at Bellamy's & feeling much jaded I went to bed at ½ past 12
- Thursday 11 Crawshay breakfasted with me. Attended the morning & Evening sitting of the House & did not get away till after 3. In the former sitting I voted with Ministers in support of the Irish Grand Jury Bill, & in the latter against the House becoming a Court of revision for Courts Martial, as it would have been if D Lushingtons Motion had been agreed to. Bonham Carter & Yelverton came in to Tea with me
- Friday 12 Attended the morning & Evening sittings of the House & voted in the minority on a Motion of Humes against Ministers on the terms of the proposed Charter to the East India Company, Left the House sitting & went to Bed at 12 o'clock
- Saturday 13 Variously engaged in the morning. Dined at the Athenaeum & spent a couple of hours in the Evening with Mrs Geo Jenner. I have this day been married for 26 Years to the best of Wives. Attended in the afternoon a Sale of Pictures & bought a few
- Sunday 14 Crawshay came for an hours gossip with me. I afterwards spent an hour each with Talbot & Lord & Lady Cawdor. Attended St James Church & dined & spent the Evening pleasantly at the Athenaeum

- Monday 15 Attended the morning & Evening Sittings of the House till 2 'c. Voted in the Majority 160 to 125 against a halt of the House on Thursday next, & with Ministers on an East India Question
- Tuesday 16 Went for a short time to a Sale of Pictures, but attended part of the morning & the whole Evening sitting of the House till near 2
- Wednesday 17 Attended both the morning & Evening sittings of the House on the East Indian Bill & got home at 2 in the morning. Voted with Ministers
- Thursday 18 Attended a Sale in Pall Mall of 'Items of Sorte & Vertu' & bought a Bust of Calligula & etc. Remained in the House from 6 till 2 & voted in the minority against Ministers on the Factory Bill
- Friday 19 Attended both the morning & Evening Sittings of the House. Dined at Hudson Gurneys, & tho' I hurried away I by this means missed voting with Ministers in the Majority for the appointment of 3 East Indian Bishops. remained in the House till 2 o'clock
- Saturday 20 A good deal unwell, & the late hours of the House throughout the week has injured me. Went at 3 with my Servant by the Stage to Dorking where Chs Barclay met me with his Carriage & I went on to visit him at Berry Hill
- Sunday 21 Too unwell to go with my Friends Family to Church & only walked a little about the Grounds in the afternoon
- Monday 23 Barclays Carriage took me to the 9 o'clock Stage from Dorking, & I attended both the morning & Evening sittings of the House. Being very unwell I missed the Division on the Jews disabilities Bill & went to Bed at 12
- Tuesday 24 Attended the morning Sitting of the House on the Highways Bill in Committee, & at night voted in the Majority of 213 to 164 against Tennysons motion for Bringing in the Bill for shortening the duration of Parliament, or rather against the introduction of any such measure in the middle of the Dog days
- Wednesday 24 Mrs J called after breakfast & I was engaged all the morning about her affairs. Attended the Evening sitting & voted with Ministers in the Majority of 158 to 151 on Buxtons[?] motion on the Slavery Question. Dined at the Athenaeum with Sir J Sebright & Buckland
- Thursday 25 Attended the debate on the Slavery Question from 12 to 3 from 5 till Midnight & voted with Ministers in the Majority of 206 to 89 against Buxtons Motion. The news that the Lords had defeated Ministers by a

Majority of 2, threw everyone into confusion & the ensuing Business was hurried through so that I got home by one o'clock

- Friday 26                      Attended the morning & Evening Sittings of the House & did not get away till after 3. Voted in 4 divisions with Ministers on the East India Bill. Dined at Bellamys
- Saturday 27                    Having heard that Lot 2 purchased on the Trust Acct at Sir W Lewis' Sale, is Customary[?] hved[?] I went to Grays Inn & had an interview with Morgan Evans Solicitor about it. Went also to Doctors Commons & etc & etc. Dined at the Athenaeum & spent the Evening in preparing to pack at my apartment
- Sunday 28 [dated 29th in Diary]                    Went by Coach from Oxford St to Tottenham, dined at Mr Jansons. Returned in the Evening to the City & home by Water
- Monday 30                     Attended the morning & Evening Sittings of the House till ½ past one. Divided 3 times. 1st against O Connels motion for punishing[?] the News Paper reporters. 2nd against Buxtons motion for depuising[?] Magistrates in the West Indies from using corporal punishments, & 3rd for the Watching & Lighting Bill. O Connel in consequence of his defeat would not allow a Stranger to enter the House all the Evening, & the Business got on much quicker for it
- Tuesday 31                    Attended the morning & Evening Sittings of the House till it was counted out at ¼ before 10 when I went for an hour to the Athenaeum. All attempts to stop Chatterers were in vain & they had obtained entire possession of the House. They seemed to uncork all the Speeches which the absence of reporters had led them to bottle up yesterday, & a strong party of us was determined to mortify them

<b>AUGUST</b>
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- Wednesday 1                    Attended the morning & Evening Sittings of the House. Voted in two Divisions against Ministers on the proposals for granting 20 millions or any larger Compensation to the Slave owners than 15 millions, & with Ministers in two other Divisions on the Slavery Question. House counted out at ¼ past one
- Thursday 2                     Attended both the morning & Evening Sittings of the House & the latter closed a little before 10. In the Interval of the Sittings I walked to Hamlets Sale in Cavendish Square

Friday 3                      Attended for a short time the morning Sitting & afterwards at Forsters Sale rooms bought a Gainsboro' & a Marchland[?]. Dined at the Athenaeum & afterwards remained in the House till 2

Saturday 4                   Engaged on various Business all day & soon after 8 started homewards by the Mail

Sunday 5                     Crossed the Passage in about 1½ hours & reached Penllergare soon after 8[?] o'clock

Monday 6                    Drove with Mary in the Evening to Burrows Lodge to enquire about my Trunk which had been left behind & we slept at Burrows Lodge

Tuesday 7                   Drove in the morning to Sketty Hall & returned to Penllergare to Dinner

Wednesday 8                Busy all day at Penllergare

Thursday 9                 Engaged till after 5 o'clock Dinner at Penllergare & about ½ past 6 drove with Mary to Tea & sleep at Burrows Lodge

Friday 10                   Drove from Burrows Lodge about 12. Called at Singleton, on Ll Traherne & the Bruce Knights who are in Lodgings at the Mumbles, on Richd Jeffreys & etc. Spent an hour & a half at Sketty in the way & reached home to Dinner at 6. This is the blank birth day of my lost Darling Sarah

Saturday 11                 Drove to Swansea about Llanelly Tithes & etc. Lewis accompanied me & went on to a pic nic party at Vivians at the Mumbles

Sunday 12                  Read the morning & Evening Services to the Family at home. The Coachman returned from Cowbridge with a new Coach Horse which Mr Bradley had procured for me

Monday 13                  Lewis had started early & about midday I joined him & a small party consisting of Vivian & his Boy, Mr Seymour & Mr Strick on the grouse Hills. Killed 9 altogether. Henry Vivian returned with Lewis to sleep here

Tuesday 14                 Drove on appointment to meet Dd Powell on Johns affairs at Burrows Lodge & then round by Sketty home. Miss Jane Traherne dined with us

Wednesday 15 Drove      with Mary to Swansea & little Mary & Lewis accompanied us on Horseback. All returned home to Dinner

Thursday 16                Late in the afternoon I drove with Mary to Swansea & from thence I went to dine at Singleton & returned to sleep at Burrows Lodge

- Friday 17 Went about noon from Burrows Lodge to Sketty & returned to dine at Penllergare
- Saturday 18 Drove to Swansea, about Johns Cadoxtan & Llanelly Tenants who have been served with writs with the intent of breaking Tithe Moduc in their Parishes. Returned to Penllergare to Dinner. Fan accompanied me
- Sunday 19 [18 in Diary]  
We all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning, & in the Evening I read the Service to the Family
- Monday 19 Drove for an hour about Tithe affairs to Swansea & the following party dined with us - Mr & Mrs Vivian, Mr & Mrs Seymour, Mr Eden & his two Sons (Rodney & Wm), [John (crossed out)] Major Penrice, Capt Gregory, & Mr Parkes of Birmingham. Penrice only remained to sleep here
- Tuesday 20 Penrice left us soon after breakfast & Mary & I went in the Phaeton & spent most of the day at Sketty
- Wednesday 21 Another of those Years of happenings with which it has pleased God to bless me has closed & I have this day compleated my 55th Year. Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea on Johns Tithe affairs & Fan accompanied me
- Thursday 22 Mary & the 2 Girls in the Chaise - Lewis on his Horse & I in the Phaeton went to a Horticultural Shew at Neath, & thence on a Visit to the Gnoll. Sir J Nicholl, Miss Nicholl, John Nicholl & his wife - all the Vivians & 3 of the Edens were there. Went at night to a Ball at Neath & got back about 4 to the Gnoll
- Friday 23 Attended a Bazaar at Neath for the benefit of some Charity Schools. After Dinner at the Gnoll the Youngsters had a Dance
- Saturday 24 All returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 25 Read the morning Service to the Family at home
- Monday 26 Mary & I drove to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty & from there we all three went to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge
- Tuesday 27 Lewis & our two Girls joined us to remain at Burrows Lodge which[?] the Dining & Drawing Rooms are new painted at Penllergare. Mary & I again went to meet Mr Haycock at Burrows Lodge
- Wednesday 28 Mary & I spent most of the Day at Sketty & the three Youngsters met us there



- Thursday 29            Mary & I drove & spent most of the day at Sketty. Miss Jane Traherne & Mrs Morse dined with us
- Friday 30             Mary & I drove to Sketty but after an unusually spell of dry weather we were driven back by a Torrent of rain. In the Evening we went to a Ball at Mr Edens at the Bryn & got home about 2 in the morning
- Saturday 31          Variously engaged all day at Swansea. Mary & Fan drove to call at Woodlands & etc

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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- Sunday 1             We all attended St Mary's Church in the morning. In the afternoon Lewis returned to Penllergare that he may be ready for the Partridges tomorrow
- Monday 2            In the morning I attended a Road & Harbor Meeting. In the afternoon the 3 Ladies returned to Penllergare & I drove to dine & sleep at Kilfrough
- Tuesday 3            Soon after breakfast I returned to Penllergare as this is the Birth day of my dear & excellent Mary
- Wednesday 4        Mary & I drove to Sketty. Capt Warde & John & Henry Bruce came in a Visit. Henry Vivian also dined & slept here
- Thursday 5           John Bruce jnr left us, & in the afternoon Mary & I drove for an hour to Swansea. Thos E Thomas & his Brother Iltid joined our party at Dinner but they returned home in the Evening
- Friday 6             Henry Bruce went to shoot with Lewis, & Capt Warde accompanied me to our Llangafelach petty Session. Chs Smith dined with us
- Saturday 7           Henry Bruce & Capt Warde left us. With Fan on Horseback by us Mary & I drove to Sketty
- Sunday 8            Mary went in the morning with Lewis & Mary to Llangafelach Church. I was not quite well all day
- Monday 9            Mary & I drove to Sketty. In our absence Mrs Grant, Mrs C Warde, Miss Warde & a Miss Bushby[?] called
- Tuesday 10          In the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea. Mrs & Juanitta [?] Williams & Capt Fredericks & Mrs F came here to sleep & T E Thomas & his Brother & son Ilted also dined with us

Wednesday 11 The Dyffryn Family were to have stopped till tomorrow but were obliged to go to a Ball given by Mrs Reade which had been fixed for tomorrow but strangely altered to this Evening. Engaged all day at home

Thursday 12 Mary & I drove in the Phaeton to Swansea & Fan accompanied us on her Bamtain[?]

Friday 13 After an early Dinner all 5 went to a Play which Vivian patronized at Swansea. The Ladies returned to Penllergare & Lewis & I slept at Burrows Lodge

Saturday 14 Returned round by Sketty in the afternoon to Penllergare

Sunday 15 Not very well & took some Medicine. Weather very wet. Mary read the morning & I the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 16 Engaged all the morning at home. Mr & Mrs Vivian, Sir Geo & Lady Leeds, & Mr & Mrs Chs Smith dined with us

Tuesday 17 Drove in the afternoon round by Sketty to Swansea, & dined at Mr Hewsons to meet the Bishop of St Davids. Returned home at night

Wednesday 18 Drove with Mary to Sketty. The Bishop of St David's The Revd Drs Hewson & Llewelin, Revd Mr Williams of Llangafelach & Mr Vivian dined with us

Thursday 19 After an earlyish Dinner I went with the two Mary's to a Play bespoke by the Dyffryn Family & we returned home at night

Friday 20 Mary & I drove to Sketty to meet the Bishop of St David's & a large party

Saturday 21 Walked after breakfast from Singleton to Sketty, & the Phaeton came for me about Noon & took me to Swansea & then home

Sunday 22 The 3 youngsters went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 23 Drove in the afternoon with Fan to Sketty & then round Swansea to Dinner

Tuesday 24 Variously employed allday at Penllergare chiefly on Breconshire & other accounts

Wednesday 25 In the Evening after Dinner Mary & I moved to Burrows Lodge, leaving the Youngsters to follow us tomorrow

- Thursday 26 The youngsters joined us soon after Breakfast at Borrows Lodge. Attended a Horticultural Shew. Mrs Grant, Miss Warde & Jenkyn Barrington dined with us. There was to have been a Ball in the Evening but it was put off & Lewis & I went for a couple of hours to a Play
- Friday 27 Drove in the morning to a special petty Sessions at Ilangafelach & in the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Sketty Hall
- Saturday 28 Drove with Mary & spent the afternoon at Sketty Hall
- Sunday 29 We all attended St Mary's Church in the morning & after dining at 4 Mary & Lewis went in the Phaeton to sleep at Penllergare & I attended the 2 Girls to Evening Service at St Mary's
- Monday 30 Mary & Lewis returned from Penllergare. I dined with the Corporation at the new Rooms

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Engaged all day in planting Evergreens at Sketty. The following party dined with me. The new Portreeve, 3 Groves, Mr Pi..taped[?], Mr Collins, Capt Jeffreys, Revd S Davis, Rees Barrington & Wm Eden. Went afterwards with Mary & our 3 Youngsters to a Ball at the Public Rooms & remained there till past 2
- Wednesday 2 Spent the whole day in planting as yesterday & returned to Dinner at ½ past 6
- Thursday 3 Went early & again employed allday at Sketty as before. Mary joined me there about noon & we returned to Dinner at Burrows Lodge at ½ past 6
- Friday 4 Mary & I drove for a few hours to Sketty. Sir Cr, Lady Mary Cole, Miss Talbot & Mr Griffiths Cole dined with us in their way back to embark for Ilfracombe tomorrow
- Saturday 5 In the morning at 7 I attended the embarkation of the Penricites in the Bristol Steamer for Ilfracombe. Mary & I in the afternoon drove for a couple of hours to Sketty Hall
- Sunday 6 We all went to St Mary's in the morning & after dining at 3 Mary, Fan & Bob drove to Penllergare. Little Mary & I went to the Evening Service at St Mary's & the Revd Rice Trevor afterwards came to sleep here
- Monday 7 Mary & Fan returned in the afternoon from Penllergare but lewis remained there to shoot. I took the Chair of a Road & Harbor Meeting & was variously engaged allday at Swansea

Tuesday 8 Spent most of the day with Mrs D at Sketty

Wednesday 9 Attended a Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners & the Corporation for a couple of hours in the morning & drove in the afternoon for an hour to Sketty

Thursday 10 Breakfasted at ½ past 8 with Mary & we then went & spent the whole day in planting at Sketty. Returned to Burrows Lodge to dinner at ½ past 6

Friday 11 After an early Breakfast drove to Sketty - from there across the County to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach - back to Sketty & home to Dinner at 6

Saturday 12 Drove after an early breakfast to sketty where Mary joined me about 11 & we spent the day in planting. Returned home at ½ past 6

Sunday 13 After Church Mary & I drove to dine & sleep at Penllergare, leaving our Youngsters at Penllergare [?sic]

Monday 14 Returned round by Sketty early in the afternoon to Burrows Lodge & Jo Nicholls came in the Evening

Tuesday 15 John Nicholl & I went to Court at 9 as appointed at the last Sessions, & remained there till ½ past 5. Dined merrily with the Magistrates, & afterwards with Mary & our Youngsters attended the Sessions Ball

Wednesday 16 John Bruce & I had been appointed at the Cardiff Sessions in January to try an appeal Aberdare versus Rhyndwy Clydach [?], & we went at 10 to the Glaish in Lansamlet for the purpose & decided for the latter. I returned to Court about ½ past one & the Sessions finished at 6. Besides John Nicholl the following dined with us at Burrows Lodge - Wm Williams, Evan Morgan, N Cameron Jnr & a Capt Campbell. Nicholl after Dinner returned to Merthyr Mawr

Thursday 17 Drove with Mary in the afternoon from home to Sketty

Friday 18 I went in the Morning for an hour to Sketty. In the afternoon drove with Lewis to Neath where some Business detained me, & then to dine & sleep at the Gnoll to met Mr & Lady Charlotte Guest. The two Girls followed in the close Carriage with Post Horses & my dear Mary was too unwell to accompany them

Saturday 19 Returned as we came from the Gnoll except that Lewis remained to shoot with Mr Grant & joined us by Mail in the Evening at Burrows Lodge. In the afternoon Mary & I drove for an hour to Sketty

- Sunday 20 After Church & an early Dinner the two Marys & Lewis went to sleep at Penllergare. The Rain fell in cataracts all the Evening & kept me from stirring out
- Monday 21 Rained in Torrents all day. Mary & the two Youngsters returned from Penllergare to Dinner
- Tuesday 22 Drove in the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Sketty & she went on to call at Singleton & on Mrs benson at Sketty Park
- Wednesday 23 Mary drove to call at Heathfield & afterwards accompanied me for an hour to Sketty
- Thursday 24 After an early Breakfast I drove to Plant at Sketty Hall & Mary joined me there in the afternoon
- Friday 25 Drove early & spent the whole day in planting at Sketty
- Saturday 26 After an early breakfast I drove to meet Mr Haycock at Sketty, & Mary at noon joined us there. Mr Haycock afterwards came to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 27 After morning Service at St Mary's the two Marys drove for a couple of days to Penllergare, leaving Fan, Bob & met at Burrows Lodge. I attended the Evening Service. Mr Haycock left us in the morning
- Monday 28 I drove for an hour in the morning & again in the afternoon to Sketty. Bob attended Sir Geo Leeds' Sale in hopes of buying a double barrellled Gun, but is was bought too high by Chambour[?] of Llanelly for 40£
- Tuesday 29 The two Mary's returned about one from Penllergare & in the afternoon I drove for an hour to Sketty
- Wednesday 30 Mary drove out to make Calls & I was variously employed allday in writing on [?in] the Town. Young Edwards Vaughan came in the afternoon to dine & sleep here. Mr Meyrick also dined with us
- Thursday 31 Mary & I drove & spent the afternoon at Sketty

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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- Friday 1 I drove to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & back to Burrows Lodge. The following dined with us. Thos Thomas, Jo Jeffreys, Dr Howell, John Jenkins, John James, Jackson Rice, Henry Jones, Mr Meyrick & Mr Smith of Uplands

Saturday 2 Spent all day at Sketty & ret'd. to Dine at B Lodge

Sunday 3 Not being very well & the weather very cold I did not stir from the House all day. The rest of the Family went to St Mary's Church in the morning

Monday 4 Immediately after breakfast Mary & I went & were engaged all [day] in planting or improving the Grounds at Sketty

Tuesday 5 Drove after an early breakfast to Sketty but the Weather was too wet for planting. Mary came about 4 & took me back to Burrows Lodge

Wednesday 6 The compleat Ditto of yesterday

Thursday 7 After an early breakfast I drove to plant at Sketty but it rained so hard & incessantly that the Men were unable to work till 3. Soon after 3 Mary came for me & we returned to dinner at Burrows Lodge

Friday 8 Drove over with Mary after breakfast & we were engaged all day at Sketty. Our Youngsters returned from Burrows Lodge to Penllergare]

Saturday 9 I drove to Sketty & returned about ½ past 3 to Burrows Lodge & then with Mary to Penllergare

Sunday 10 Weather so bad that we did not stir out all day, but I read both the morning & evening Service to the Family

Monday 11 With the help of Lewis & Mary & some Servants I was busy till the afternoon in packing Books preparatory for our removal to Penllergare & I then drove to Swansea & round by Sketty home

Tuesday 12 Employed all day in packing my Library at Penllergare

Wednesday 13 Drove with Mary after Breakfast & removed all my Book Cases & part of my Library to Sketty. Returned home to Dinner at Penllergare

Thursday 14 I went early to Sketty, & by way of Swansea returned to Penllergare to Dinner

Friday 15 Bust at Accounts & did not leave the House all day. Our two Girls drove to Swansea. In the Evening Harvest home was kept

Saturday 16 After an early breakfast drove with Mary to Sketty Hall, & was engaged there in planting till Dusk when we returned to Penllergare

Sunday 17 I read the morning Service to the Family as the Weather was bad, & was prevented from reading in the Evening by happening to fall fast asleep

- Monday 18 After an early breakfast drove to Sketty & was engaged allday in planting. Returned to dine at Penllergare
- Tuesday 19 Drove after breakfast & spent the day as yesterday. Lewis joined me in the afternoon & went to dine & sleep at Woodlands
- Wednesday 20 Mary & I drove to Sketty & from thence to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge
- Thursday 21 Engaged allday at Swansea. The two Girls & Lewis came over to attend a Horticultural Meeting, & Leaving Lewis to stop with us at Burrows Lodge, the others returned in the afternoon to Penllergare
- Friday 22 Mary & I went to Swansea but the badness of the Weather prevented us from going out. Lewis returned to Penllergare through heavy Rain. Miss Bassett dined with us at Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 23 I drove after Breakfast for an hour to Sketty & in the afternoon Mary & I returned to Penllergare. Afternoon very wet
- Sunday 24 Morning wet & I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 25 Mary & I drove after breakfast to Sketty & returned to dine at Penllergare
- Tuesday 26 Vivian, Arthur Jones & Mr Ley (of the H of Commons) came to shoot with Lewis, & Mary & I drove to Swansea. Mr Ley remained the night, & Capt & Evan Morgan also dined with us, but Vivian & Jones returned home to Dinner
- Wednesday 27 The rain fell in Torrents all day without the smallest interruption & it prevented us from stirring out & Mr Ley from going to Singleton. Mr Lye is the 2nd Son of the Chief Clerk of the H of Commons
- Thursday 28 Me Ley returned to Arthur Jones' & Lewis rode to Swansea through drenching Rain, which confined the rest of us to the House all day
- Friday 29 Mary & I went to sketty & as the Cockett Road was impassable we went & returned by Swansea. A beautiful Elm which adorned our entrance from the Bryn was last night blown down by the violent storms, & has done a great mischief by its fall. There are Vessels wrecked in Swansea Bay, & one immediately opposite to Sketty, & another to Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 30 Drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea & returned by way of Sketty to Penllergare. The morning promised fair weather but a heavy Rain set in about ½ past one. Coachman very ill & the Groom drove us

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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Sunday 1 Weather very wet day & the Coachman continues very ill. I read the Service to the Family

Monday 2 The Groom drove me about noon to Sketty & I returned to dine at Penllergare

Tuesday 3 Drove with Lewis to Swansea, & he walked home for dinner & I returned to Penllergare to Dinner. I was chiefly occupied by an enquiry into a Burglary committed last Friday in the House of Wm Edwards of Llanganfach [?] & by an examination of 3 suspicious Characters who were taken into Custody

Wednesday 4 Weather so bad that I remained at Penllergare all day & at about ½ past 3 we were delighted by the return of our dear John & Emma

Thursday 5 My dear Mary has a good deal of Tooth ache. I drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Sketty

Friday 6 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach which was much crowded & I was detained there till it was near dark

Saturday 7 Morning very wet but it cleared about noon & I drove for an hour to Swansea & round by Sketty back to Penllergare

Sunday 8 Weather in the afternoon wretchedly wet & as Mary & several others are slight Invalids we none of us went to Church, but I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family as usual

Monday 9 Weather wretchedly wet, & my dear Mary's Tooth very painful. I drove on an appointment about noon to Sketty, & round by Swansea home

Tuesday 10 My dear Mary still laid up with the Tooth ache. I drove with Fan for a couple of hours to Swansea on trust Business

Wednesday 11 My dear Mary's Tooth was this morning well extracted by Mr Bird, & I afterwards drove to Sketty & came back to Dine at Penllergare

Thursday 12 Drove to Sketty to superintend the putting up of my Book Case in the Library, & returned to Dinner. Lewis went to a all & sleep at Burrows Lodge

Friday 13 Mary & I drove in the afternoon to sleep at Burrows Lodge & I dined with a Party at John Groves

Saturday 14 Mary & I drove from Burrows Lodge to spend the day at Sketty & from there returned to Dinner at Penllergare



Sunday 15 Rained hard allday & I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home

Monday 16 A heavy Rain allday prevented any of us from leaving the House, & prevented me form attending to some appointments at Sketty

Tuesday 17 Drove in the afternoon to spend a couple of days at Burrows Lodge & Lewis accompanied us in horseback. I dined with a party at Mr John Groves

Wednesday 18 Mary & I spent nearly allday at Sketty & returned to Dine at Burrows Lodge

Thursday 19 Mary & I spent 2 or 3 hours in the afternoon at Sketty. Weather very bad. Lewis returned to Penllergare

Friday 20 A terrible Storm & a fine Brig for [?] Nova Scotia was wrecked almost under our Windows at Burrows Lodge. In the afternoon Mary & I drove for an hour to Sketty

Saturday 21 Mary & I in the afternoon drove to Sketty & from thence returned to Penllergare

Sunday 22 Rained hard allday. Being rather unwell John read the morning, & I the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 23 Rained very hard, & the weather for the last 7 weeks has been unusually bad. An Appointment obliged me to go to Sketty & I returned by Swansea to dinner

Tuesday 24 Rained very hard & I much unwell, but an appointment obliged me to go to Sketty. Retd to Penllergare to dinner. After Dinner the Yule Log was lighted in Form[?] this being Xmas Eve

Wednesday 25 Xmas Day. Having been for several days unwell I took 6 grs Calomel last night & did not stir out. The first fine day for a long while. The two Mary's & John & Lewis went to Church at Llangafelach

Thursday 26 Drove to Sketty - from thence to Swansea where I attended the Portreves Feast & slept at Burrows Lodge

Friday 27 Rained in Torrents. Mary joined me soon after breakfast & we then drove to spend the day at Sketty & returned to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge

Saturday 28 Mary & I returned in the afternoon to Penllergare

- Sunday 29                    John, Emma & little Mary went in the close Carriage to Llangafelach Church, & Lewis also on foot, & Mary read in the morning & I in the Evening to the Family as usual
- Monday 30                    Left Penllergare at 2 to attend the Quarter Sessions at Cardiff, & with post Horses reached Cowbridge where the following party dined with me at 7. Major[?] Edmonds, Dr Malkin[?], Dr Nicholl, Revd O Jenkins, Mr Savours & Mr Bradley
- Friday 31                    After breakfasting early at the Bear[?] at Cowbridge posted on & reached Cardiff in time for an opening of the Sessions at 11. Attended the Business all day. Dined with the Magistrates & slept at the Cardiff Arms. Lewis made his debut as a Steward, at the New Years Ball at Swansea, & I regretted my unavoidable absence

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