

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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1837 JANUARY

- Sunday 1 All the rest of the Family went to Church but the weather continues very cold, & I have so often suffered for want to some covering of my Head (nearly bald) that I did not accompany them
- Monday 2 Started about 10 in my Chariot with Post Horses & dined at Coedriglan where I met Mr & Lady Charlotte Talbot, & a large party. Slept there
- Tuesday 3 Drove to Cardiff after breakfast, & in Nicholls absence took the Chair of the Quarter Sessions. Dined with the Magistrates & slept at the Cardiff Arms
- Wednesday 4 Went again to Court at 10, & finished the Sessions soon after one. I then took the Chair of a Committee to consider the Propriety of establishing a County Lunatic Asylum, & afterwards drove to dine & sleep at Coedriglan. Spent the Evening pleasantly with only Mr & Mrs Traherne, Mr & Lady C Talbot & Lady Mary Cole
- Thursday 5 Left Coedriglan after Breakfast & with Post Horses got home to Dinner. Found that John in my absence had returned with his Family to Penllergare
- Friday 6 Drove to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. In the Evening went with Miss Mary, Lewis & Mr Moggridge to Vivians annual Ball but neither Mrs D or Fan were stout enough to accompany us
- Saturday 7 Got back from Vivians at 4, & found in spite of every precaution that I have encreased the Cold which has ebbed & flowed about me for a fortnight. My mouth has become throughout almost sore & I was unable to keep an appointment by going to Swansea. Mr & Mrs Moggridge left us for Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 8 My Cold very bad & kept me at home. The rest of the Family reduced to my two Mary's & Lewis went to Church
- Monday 9 My cold very bad & I did not leave the House
- Tuesday 10 My cold still confined me. Mr Seymour of Lantryddid, Sir Jo Morris, Col Morgan & Harry Vivian dined with us
- Wednesday 11 Cold better. Drove with Mary at midday for a couple of hours to Swansea

Thursday 12 This is our dear Johns Birth day & we had all engaged to dine at Penllergare but were prevented by the Rain which fell in Torrents all day. Lewis inspite of the Weather drove over to sleep there

Friday 13 None of the rest of us went out, & Lewis after dining at Gwernllynwith[?] went alone to Mr Barries Ball & spent at the Mackworth Arms

Saturday 14 I drove to attend an Infirmary Meeting at Swansea, & saw Fan who had just returned to Burrows Lodge after spending 5 days at Dyffryn

Sunday 15 Not yet hearty. Lewis & the two Mary's went to Church & the former to dine at Penllergare. Mr & Mrs Moggridge spent the afternoon & Evening with us

Monday 16 Drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea

Tuesday 17 My cold or probably the prevailing Influenza is worse today. I drove in the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Burrows Lodge

Wednesday 18 Very unwell & confined to the House. Miss D has also a Cold & we were prevented from attending a Ball of which Lewis was Steward. He dined with a party at Burrows Lodge & slept at the Mackworth Arms

Thursday 19 Still confined by my Cold

Friday 20 Drove for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea

Saturday 21 Did not go out being far from well & not recovered from the prevailing Influenza till the Evening. Then from some particular ...[?] I went rather contre cour with Lewis to dine at Herbert Jones' & there met the Morris's, Vivians & etc

Sunday 22 Neither I or Miss Mary were well enough to venture out & only Mrs D & Lewis went to Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 23 Lewis having a bad Cold I drove for an hour to the Pottery & Mary accompanied me as far as Burrows Lodge

Tuesday 24 A Ball at Neath & we were invited to the Gnoll but none of us were well enough to go. Mr Moggridge went & I drove over in the morning to bring Fan to dine & sleep here. In our Garden I placed kinds[?] of Liscum album[?] Man[?] Apple Pear Medlar Quince Fig Visch[?] Nectorine Plants [?Plum] & Cherry Tree

Wednesday 25 My Bones still much teased by the Influenza & I only ventured out for half an hour in our Grounds. Seeds of the Viscum[?] on Oaks and Firs of

several ages & on Elms Poplar Larch, Acacia, Whitebeam, Beach & Sycamores

- Thursday 26 Drove for half an hour on Business with Lewis to Swansea. Capt Warde came to dine & sleep here. Miss & Harry Vivian, Mr Durrian[?], Mr & Mrs Moggridge & Mr Jeffreys (a Cousin of Mr Moggridges) also dined with us
- Friday 27 Drove to attend a Town Council. Lewis went to breakfast, hunt, dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Saturday 28 Mary & I drove to spend the morning at Penllergare, & we returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 29 Woke about one in the morning very ill with a violent head ache, sore throat & all the other symptoms of the prevailing Influenza in the severest form. Sent for Mr Bird, who confined me to my Chamber & I was hardly able to keep myself at all awake the whole day
- Monday 30 Throat much irritated[?], & I am but little if any better
- Tuesday 31 No better

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1 Throat rather better but the Fever continues high & I am very ill. John & Emma bought their precious Chicks to spend a few hours here
- Thursday 2 Better, took a little sop & not before eat anything since Saturday
- Friday 3 Much better but very weak
- Saturday 4 Great weakness continues & but [sic] I go on improving. Most of the Household are more or less affected by this universal Pest, & my dear Mary is now laid up by it
- Sunday 5 Weather bad & only Lewis went to Church. I am getting better apace but my dear Mary has been all day in bed. Her Maid has been also confined to her Bed by it for several days, & the Cook, Housekeeper & others still crawl about the House like Ghosts
- Monday 6 I am better but Mrs D has been all day in bad. Most of our Neighbours are equally off, & the Pest appears to be universal throughout Europe
- Tuesday 7 Mary has been most of the Day in Bed & I continue miserably weak

Wednesday 8 I am mending apace & Mary is also better. Our Butler Whittingham who has been here 2½ years left us

Thursday 9 I drove in the close Carriage to see Fanny but did not otherwise venture out, for I am still distressingly weak

Friday 10 Much unwell chiefly from excessive weakness & slept nearly the whole day. My dear Mary better & came down Stairs

Saturday 11 Rather better, & drove in the close Carriage to spend an hour with Fan

Sunday 12 Mr Bird has found it necessary to give me more strong medicine, & I am very weak. Lewis & Miss D went to Church & the former afterwards to Penllergare. Towards Evening I became better & was able to read the Service to the Family

Monday 13 Drove with Mrs D to spend half an hour at Burrows Lodge, but I am not yet allowed to stir out except in the close Carriage & continue very weak

Tuesday 14 Some more strong medicine which I took last night appears to have done much service & I feel better today. Did not yet stir out

Wednesday 15 Ventured out in the Garden for 20 minutes & afterwards drove in the close Carriage to call at Parkwern & Glanmor. I am still very tired & weak & it tired me

Thursday 16 Took more strong medicine & did not stir out. Towards Evening much better

Friday 17 Drove in the morning on Business to Swansea & Mr Moggridge having gone to Monmouthshire I brought Fan back with me to Sketty. Sawed[?] nine Miseltoes on a great number of Trees

Saturday 18 Drove in the morning with Lewis to the Mumbles & in the afternoon John & Emma came to say good by preparatory to my start for London

Sunday 19 Rained hard all day. None of us went to Church & I read the morning Service to the Family at home

Monday 20 Drove early to Swansea & started by the Mail. Went on to sleep at the York House Bath. David Higgins who had been with us for several Years got my Breakfast early for me before I started & was in the same day seized with the Influenza & died at 4 on Sunday morning

Tuesday 21 Reached London by a Bath day Coach at ¼ past 8[?]. Quartered at Gordons Hotel. Went to the H of Commons to the second nights adjourned Debate on the Irish Municipal Bill. Paired off with Sir G Wood. Much fatigued

- Wednesday 22 Too tired last night to sleep much. Took an apartment at No 9 New Palace Yard. Went to the House soon after 4 & remained there till near 4 in the morning when I voted in the Majority of 322 to 242 for Ministers
- Thursday 23 It was 4 when I got to bed, & the fatigue knocked me up. The Chimney of my apartment smoked so that I was obliged to go out while an alteration in it was made & I spent the day quietly at the Atheneum, as the House of Commons last night adjourned till Friday
- Friday 24 Much unwell fear cough & over fatigue. Went to the House at 4. Dined late at Vivians where I met Sir Hussey, Lord Hood, Sir W Gossett & Capt Lindsay. Returned to the House & got home at ¼ past 12
- Saturday 25 Still laid up by the remains of fatigue, & only went to the Atheneum & to dine quickly at Gurneys
- Sunday 26 Did not stir out till the afternoon & then to call on Vivian respecting the Swansea Water Work Bill & dined at Crawshays & went early to Bed
- Monday 27 Went in the morning on Business to the Stamp Office & to the Geological Soc at Somerset House. Attended the House of Commons at 4. Dined at the Atheneum. Returned to the House & remained there till ½ past 12
- Tuesday 28 Spent an hour or two at the Linnean Society, & sent some seeds which I had procured from Baron Jacquin[?] at Vienna of the *Lernanthus enorpeces*[?] to Penllergare & Sketty. Dined at Bellamy's & remained at the House from 4 to 8 when it broke up & I went home

MARCH

- Wednesday 1 Went to the House, dined at Bellamy's & remained there till it broke up at near one
- Thursday 2 Took a walk in the afternoon to call on Dr Frank & etc. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House from 4 till 10 when it broke up & I went to Bed. Voted in a Railway Bill, 3 times on the Imprisonment for Debt Bill & once against an adjournment
- Friday 3 Wrote a geological Letter to Buckland. Walked only to Covent Garden about some Flower Seeds for John. House met at 3. Went there soon after dined at Bellamy's & remained till ½ past 11
- Saturday 4 Went to the Geological Societys museum. Dined with a party at Crawshays

- Sunday 5 Called on the Talbots, Vivians, Grants etc. Attended afternoon Service at St Margarets, & dined with a large Parliamentary party at Divatts[?], 20 Chapel Street Grosvenor Place
- Monday 6 Variously busy. Attended the House early to present a petition against the Taff Vale Bill, & afterwards voted against Walters motion for altering the Poor Law Committee. Dined at the Atheneum & returned & remained in the House till near one
- Tuesday 7 Went on Law Business about Clements Fields to Grays Inn Square. Went to the House at 4. Dined at Sir George Strantons [?]. Returned at ½ past 9 to vote against Gootes[?] motion for the Ballot, & it was ½ past one when I got home
- Wednesday 8 Engaged most of the day till 4 when I went to the House with Crawshay & others at home. Dined at Arthur Barclay & at ½ past 9 got back to the House where I remained till near 3, voting in repeated Divisions against a small Knot of Radicals on the Canada[?] Question
- Thursday 9 Variously engaged till 12 when I went to the Taff Vale Committee & remained there till 4. Then dining at Bellamy's I remained in the House till it closed at 9, & before 10 being much fatigued I went to Bed. Voted against a Texas Questions[?] & also in the minority against Duncombs[?] Motion for an alteration in the Reform Bill
- Friday 10 Attended the Taff Vale Committee till 4. Dined at the Atheneum & remained in the House till ½ past 12 when I left it sitting & went to Bed
- Saturday 11 In the morning called at Talbots, old Lamberts[?] & the Lawyers in Grays Inn. At 4 attended an extraordinary Sitting of the House & voted with Ministers against House on an Army Question. Dined at Vivians with a large party consisting of Lord & Lady Cawdor, Lord & Lady Js Stuart, Sir R & Lady DAwkins [?Donkins]. Col & Mrs Hay & etc etc
- Sunday 12 Went & spent the day with my Sister Mrs Bevan at Tottenham
- Monday 13 Attended Taff Vale Committee. Dined at the Atheneum & remained in the House till ¼ past 12 when the debate on the Church Rate abolition was adjourned.
- Tuesday 14 Engaged on the Taff Vale Committee. Dined at Lord Js Stuarts & remained in the House till after 12 when the Church Rate debate was again adjourned
- Wednesday 15 Engaged on the Taff Vale Committee. Dined at the Atheneum & remained in the House of Commons till ½ past 3 when I voted with Ministers on the Church Rate Question

- Thursday 16 The Taff Vale Committee closed at 3, at 4 voted against a Brighton Rail Road Mily[?] line[?]. Dined at the Atheneum having paired off till 8, & at about midnight voted against Clays Motion for a change in the Corn Laws. It was just one when I got home
- Friday 17 Went to Grays Inn & returned at 4 to the House where I helped to throw out another Rail Road Humbug. Dined at Crawshays, returned early to the House & remained till past 12. By coming from the crowded House into the Cold air yesterday morning I appear to have caught a severe cold
- Saturday 18 Cold so severe & cough so bad that I went very little out ...[?] & in the Evening well wrapped up I ventured on going to dine at Nicholls
- Sunday 19 Cough very severe, & I did not stir out except in the afternoon to get an early light Dinner at the Atheneum
- Monday 20 Cough so bad that I went to consult Dr Sims & came back in a Hackney Coach through a heavy storm which lasted till after 4. Attended on an[?] Engagement a Scotch Committee, & having taken a light Dinner at Bellamy's returned home about ½ past 6
- Tuesday 21 Cough very bad. Drove on Business to Grays Inn Square & then to Bellamy's where I got a slight Dinner. Remained till 6[?] in the House to vote on an Agricultural Question
- Wednesday 22 The morning for about 2 hours was fine which tempted me to take a place in a Bristol Coach for tomorrow, but the wind returned to the northward, & it again snowed in the afternoon. Attended a Scotch Committee. Dined at Bellamy's & remained in the House till it was counted out at 7. Gave up my Apartments in New Palace Yard & slept at Gordons Hotel
- Thursday 23 Started at 8 in the Regulator Coach, I with endless[?] ..[?] difficulty between Marlborough & Devizes when the snow in some places was 6 feet deep we reached Bristol at 5 mins to 10. Slept at the Bush
- Friday 24 Mail did not reach Bristol till 3 hours after its regular time, & we found the road very bad till we approached Newport, but the snow on the ground afterwards kept decreasing & I reached home about ½ past 9
- Saturday 25 Cough continues bad. John & Emma came over to see me. Did not go out except for a short time at midday in front of the House
- Sunday 26 Cough very bad. The rest of the Family went to Church but I did not stir out allday

Monday 27 Very cold with occasional falls of snow, & an attempt to walk in the Sun Shine in front of the House affected my Lungs so much that I was driven back in 5 minutes

Tuesday 28 Did not stir out of the House allday

Wednesday 29 Did not stir out of the House allday. Vivian who arrived last night from Town called on me

Thursday 30 Drove (for the 1st time of going out since I retd home) in the close Carriage to attend a Town Council on the Swansea Water Bill. John & Emma with their two Darlings arrived to spend a few days with us & Vivian joined us at Dinner

Friday 31 My Cough rather worse & I put myself under Dr Birds care

APRIL

Saturday 1 John & Emma & Miss D went fossilising to Bacon Hole & I longed to go with them but did not stir out

Sunday 2 Except Fan who had a headache all the rest of our Party went to Swansea Church but I did not stir out

Monday 3 I did not stir out allday

Tuesday 4 John, Lewis & Mr M went early to draw for a Fox in M.....[?] Woods, & killed one after a run of 2½ hours over the Grouse[?] Hills. I am still by Mr Birds desire a close prisoner to the House

Wednesday 5 Weather continues remarkably cold & frosty & I did not stir out

Thursday 6 John & Emma returned with my Grand Chicks to Penllergare. In the afternoon I drove in the close Carriage for an hour to Swansea

Friday 7 Drove with Lewis to the Mumbles & back

Saturday 8 John came over to say good by. I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 9 Started by Mail. Dined at bristol & arrived soon after 8 at Bath where I slept at the York House

Monday 10 As all the coaches were full I posted up with Hugh Entwisle, & reached Town soon after 7. I went shortly to the House of Commons where I

remained till about one & voted for an adjournment of the 3rd reading of the Irish Municipal Bill till tomorrow. Slept at Gordons Hotel. Weather very cold & it snowed nearly allday

- Tuesday 11 Engaged apartments at 10 Fludyne[?] Street for a Month. Dined at the Atheneum. Voted for the Irish Municipal Bill with Ministers & got to my Apartment about ½ past one
- Wednesday 12 Engaged on a Scotch Committee. Voted in comfort[?] with a Petition which I presented from the Welsh Iron Masters in the minority for the Severn Navigation Bill. Dined at Crawshays. Returned early to the House & voted in the majority against H...[?] County Rate Bill. Got home about one
- Thursday 13 Engaged on a Cardiff Committee, & in an Investigation of the Swansea Water Bill. Dined at Bellamys & remained in the House till after midnight. Voted against taking off the Duty on Newspapers, & against a Motion of Sir E Codringtons
- Friday 14 Engaged on a Scotch Committee. Dined at Vivians. Returned to the Hosue about 11 & voted with Ministers against Roebucks Motion respecting Canada. Got home soon after one
- Saturday 15 Have caught a Cold in my Head. Walked in the afternoon to call on Dr Sims. Dined at Sir Wm Gossetts, & as the Wind had returned to the East I did not keep my Engagement to attend Babbages Soiree
- Sunday 16 It snowed hard when I got up & it snowed or sleeted almost constantly throughout the day. I did not think of going out but in the afternoon found it necessary to go to Vivians about the Swansea Water Bill. Dined at Sir Hussey Vivians
- Monday 17 Attended a preliminary[?] Meeting at the Agents at ½ past 10, & from thence took the Bill in Committee till 4. Dined in a hurried way at Vivians. Returned early to the House 7 remained there till near one when the Spanish[?] Debate was adjourned
- Tuesday 18 Sat from 12 till ½ past 4 on the Water Bill, where having succeeded in altering all the objectionable points it passed the Committee. Dined at the Atheneum & remained in the House till ½ past 12 when the confounded Debate was again adjourned
- Wednesday 19 Engaged in the Edinburgh & Glasgow Committee, & at the House from 4 to 6. Then paired off till 9 & dined at Crawshays. Voted with Ministers in the majority against Sir H Hardings Motion at ½ past 3 & it was past 4 when I got home

Thursday 20 Last night I increased my Cold. Went only to the Scotch Committee & after dining at the Atheneum to Bed, the House having adjourned over to Friday

Friday 21 My Cole & Cough very troublesome. Went at 12 to the Scotch Committee. Took a slight Dinner at Bellamy's & did not leave the House till ½ past 12. Voted in the minority for the Scarbro' Harbour Bill on a Motion against the arch Rogue Will...[?] Harvey & twice with Ministers on the Canada Question

Saturday 22 Cough bad. Went only as far as the Atheneum where I got a slight Dinner & early to Bed

Sunday 23 My Cough last night was so troublesome, & attended with so much pain in the Chest that I sent for Dr Sims & by his advice as the Weather was very unfavorable I did not stir out allday. Dined on a bowl of Mutton Broth which was brought from Browns Hotel

Monday 24 Went to the Committee of the Edinburgh & Glasgow Rail Road at 12. Staid till 4 then to the House. Voted for the 7th Canada resolution & before I found myself so unwell that I went home & soon afterwards to Bed

Tuesday 25 Attended the Scotch Committee till 4. Then to the House which was counted out early & after dining at the Atheneum I went home. Dr Sims confirmed my own feelings that I am considerably better

Wednesday 26 Attended the Scotch Committee till 4 & then the House where I voted in the Minority against the Bath Gass[?sic] Bill, & in the majority for refusing a Petition against Remmies[?] Brighton Subscription List to a Select Committee. Afterwards got a slight Dinner at the Atheneum & my Cough being still troublesome I went early to Bed

Thursday 27 Being the Queens Birth day the House did not meet. Saw Hooper about the Dukes Sale, & attempted other Errands but the Weather was too wet. Dined at Crawshays to meet Sir Jacob Astley & etc & tho' took nothing but a little weak wine & water it made my Cough worse

Friday 29 Cold & Cough increased. Attended the Scotch Committee. Got a slight Dinner at Bellamys. Voted for the Over enclosure Bill, & by Dr Sims advice went to my apartment at Sun Set

Saturday 29 Followed Dr Sims advice by taking his Prescription & not stirring from my Apartment. Did not see Human Face in my Rooms allday except old Stuarts

Sunday 30 Remained a close Prisoner to my Apartment & saw nobody but Dr Sims, & Mr & Mrs Vivian who called on me. As before got some Mutton Broth from Browns Hotel for my Dinner

MAY

Monday 1 My sore throat gone but Cough still bad. With Dr Sims I went to the Scotch Committee. Got some Dinner at the Atheneum & came home about Sunset. Weather fine & mild

Tuesday 2 At Noon I went to the Scotch Committee. Dr Sims came to consult me on[?] case sent up by my dear Fan respecting her ailments. Dined at the Atheneum early & then at Sunset came to my apartments

Wednesday 3 I had not before ventured on going out before noon but I took [a] walk to Covent Garden before I went to the Scotch Committee. The Wind having changed to the East I did not go farther but dined at Bellamy's, & remained till ½ past 9 at the House to vote against allowing Foreign Grain to be ground out of Bond

Thursday 4 Weather chilly & cough bad. Attended the Scotch Committee. Voted against repeal of Window Tax, took a Family Dinner at Crawshays. Retd to the House early & stopped till near 11 to vote against Baines[?] Motion with regard to First Fruits[?]

Friday 5 Attended Scotch Committee. Dined at the Atheneum. Remained in the House till near ½ past 12 to vote with Ministers against Sir Wm Rae's[?] Motion on the Scotch Church

Saturday 6 Went to settle Miss Marys Legacy Duty. Dined at the Atheneum but my cough still so bad that I did not venture on going to Babbage's party

Sunday 7 In the afternoon called on Dr Sims who I found going to an early Dinner so I dined with him. Afterwards attended Service at St James Church, then to the Atheneum for a couple of hours & early to Bed. Weather chilly & foggy & bad for my cough

Monday 8 Morning wet. Went to the Committee & thence to the House. Dined at Bellamys. Waited to vote against a repeal of the Septer..[?] Act & went home about ½ past 10 leaving the House sitting

Tuesday 9 My dear Fans Birth day & in the course of the day it snowed twice. Attended the Scotch Committee from 12 till 4. Voted in favor of Stephensons Brighton Line & assisted to throw out the Worcester & Wolverhanpton. Dined at the Atheneum. Returned to the House & at ½ past 11 voted against D...[?] Motion to prevent the Votes of the Lords to be taken by proxy. Went afterwards for an hour to Vivians Grand Ball

- Wednesday 10 Occupied in the Scotch Committee from 12 to 4 & then excepting that to dine at the Atheneum I remained till near one, & voted in the MAjority for compelling Rail Road Cos to support an extra Police, & for the postponment of the Freemans Admission Bill
- Thursday 11 Occupied in the Scotch Committee till after 4, when I went to the House. Dined at Bellamy's & remained there till ½past 12. Voted with Ministers on Clause 20 of the Irish poor Law Bill
- Friday 12 Attended the Edinburgh & Glasgow Committee in which the Promoters[?] us the opponents of the Bill by carrying an adjournment to the 24th. Dined at Crawshays & returned early to the House where I voted in the minority against Ministers on the Irish Poor Law Bill. It was past one when I got home
- Saturday 13 The Dy turned out very wet & prevented me from going to the Horticultural Shew[sic] at Chiswick. Dined at the Atheneum, & afterwards Lord Cole, Cooper MP for Sligo & myself took a Glass Coach & went to the Duke of Sussex's Soiree. Stopt ¾ of an hour & got back by 11
- Sunday 14 Murchison brought Phillips Author of the Geology of Yorkshire to see my Mountain Lime Fossils. In the afternoon I was unexpectedly stopped from attending St Margarets Church & from stirring out at all by a sudden most violent Storm of Thunder, Lightning & Hail, but towards Evening it cleared off & I dined at Alderman Thompsons
- Monday 15 Called on Lord Cawdors & on Talbot. At 3 met a Geological party at Kings Colledge [sic] & went on with them to the Geological (Society?) [? my brackets of original?], & Murchison & Phillips returned with me to Fludyn [?] Street. Dined at the Atheneum, & as the Hosue has adjourned for Witsunweek [?] till Wednesday I went home to Bed at 10
- Tuesday 16 Walked to my Solicitors on Business in Grays Inn Square, & other Errands. Dined at Sergt Ludlows & came home at ½ past 10
- Wednesday 17 Jas S...[?] came to see me about Fossils & I did not go out in the morning. Attended the House at 4 & soon after I left it at 7 it was counted out. Dined with the Talbots at 7 Grafton Street. Afterwards went about 12 to a sort of Supper at Lord Coles where I met Buckland, Lord Northampton, Sir P Egerton, Whewell¹, Murchison & etc

¹Professor William Whewell.

- Thursday 18 Busy in preparing to leave my apartments in Fludyn[?] Street. Went to the House at 4 dined at Bellamys & remained there till it was counted out soon after 7. Spent an hour at the Atheneum & returned early to Bed
- Friday 19 My dear Lewis has this day compleated his 23rd year, & I went by Coach to the Castle Inn Windsor where I happily met him with his Mother & Sister. Harry Vivian dined with us
- Saturday 20 Weather as Cold as Christmas. Having seen all we wished to see of the Town & Castle we started about one & drove 7 miles though the Park to Virginia Water. We there got out to walk along its Banks for 1½ miles, where the Carriage met us & we ...[?] on as the Weather was remarkably Cold through Staines & reached Gordons Hotel before 5
- Sunday 21 No Job Horses could be procured & it rained so hard that Mary & I were unable to stir out
- Monday 22 Our Party went to the Exhibition of Paintings in Water Colors, & having tho' at an enormous price procured a pair of Job Horses. Went to the House at 4 & voted in a Private Bill. Dined with my Family at Gordons. Returned to the House where I remained till 12, & the Church Rate was then adjourned till tomorrow
- Tuesday 23 Our Party joined Sir E Wilmot & his Son & Daughter & my friend M[?R] Brown took us over the British Museum. Dined at Gordons. Went to the House where I remained till near 3, & voted with Ministers in the Majority of 5 on the Church Rate Question
- Wednesday 24 John arrived, sooner than expected to Breakfast. Went with him & Lewis to the Anniversary of the Linnean Society & both having been before elected they were admitted Fellows. We afterwards dined with the Society at the Freemasons Tavern, & could hard;y get back in our Carriage form the immense Crowds assembled to view the Illuminations on acct of the Princess Victoria having become of age
- Thursday 25 John & Lewis went to Breakfast with Wm Bateman. I went to the House & voted once [?] with Ministers & the House was soon after counted out. John & I went in the Evening to the Royal society, & he was there admitted a Fellow. The two Mary's & Lewis went to the Opera
- Friday 26 John went with Mr Bateman to Loddiges. I went to the House to present a Petition at ½ past 3 & returned to Dine at Gordons. Again went afterwards to the House & remained there till 11
- Saturday 27 John & I went with Jo Traherne to the Horticultural Gardens & he went afterwards with Lewis to a Play

- Sunday 28 We all went to Albermarle Street Chapel in the morning. Lewis dined with Jo Traherne & John & I went to the Atheneum
- Monday 29 Being the Kings Birthday there was no House. Jo Traherne dined with us & afterwards our dear John left us by Mail owing to the Scarlet Fever having broken out at Lanelay where he had left his Family. In the Evening I took a drive with the two Mary's to shew them the Illuminations
- Tuesday 30 Attended the Edinburgh Committee till 4 then went to the House & voted on a Brighton Question. Dined at home & returned to the House where I remained till near one
- Wednesday 31 Again attended the Scotch Committee. No House. Dined with my Family at home

JUNE

- Thursday 1 Again attended the Scotch Committee & then went to the House where I remained till near 7 & voted in the Minority against the Bridlington Harbor Bill. Went with the two Mary's to dine at Vivians, & Lewis dined with Mr Bateman & they went together to the great [?] Spital Fields Ball at the Opera House. Mary went there with Mrs Gurney
- Friday 2 Again attended the Scotch Committee, & then went to the House till 6. Mr Bateman, Jo Traherne & Capt Geo Mansell dined with us, & I left them to return to the House where I voted with Ministers in the Irish Poor Law Bill. Got home soon after 12
- Saturday 3 Drove with Mrs D on Business to Grays Inn & afterwards with her & Miss D to the Surrey Zoological Gardens. Lewis went to the Opera
- Sunday 4 My dear Mary not well. Went in the morning with Lewis & Miss Mary to the Chapel, & Lewis rode with Mr Bateman to a Charity Service at Camberwell
- Monday 5 Attended a Scotch Committee from 12 to 4. Then to the H of Commons where Lewis & Mr Bateman dined with me. Voted for Atwoods Motion on the ...[?] & afterwards with Ministers on the Irish Poor Bill. Got home about 12
- Tuesday 6 Again attended the Scotch Committee which at long last finally closed at 2. Afterwards spent a couple of hours at a picture sale with Talbot. went at 4 to the House & voted on a Brighton Question. Dined at home,

returned to the House where I remained till 12, on the Irish Poor Bill but as I could not understand the question declined to vote

- Wednesday 7 Went with Lewis & the Mary's to see Groves [?] Collection of Tulips at Walworth. Afterwards to the House at 4. Voted in the majority against Buckingham's Shipping Motion. Dined with Chs Lemon, returned at ½ past 9 to the House & voted for the second reading of Sir A Agnews Sunday Bill. In the minority against Members acting as Parliamentary Agents, & in favor of a Clause to Sheriffs fees [?] Bill. Got home about 12
- Thursday 8 Remained in the House from 4 till 12 & dined at Bellamys. I had spent the afternoon with the two Mary's & John (who had returned to us from Codrigan by this morning's Mail) at Loddiges
- Friday 9 Lewis laid up with a bad head ach. Went to the House soon after 4. Voted in favor of the Wigan Rectory [?] Bill, & paired off with Mr Scholefield. Dined with my two Mary's at Crawshays from where I returned at 9 to the House & soon after 11 accompanied them to a Ball at Hudson Gurneys. Got home about ½ past 2
- Saturday 10 Lewis still unwell. Went with my two Mary's & John to a Fete at the Horticultural Gardens, & at night accompanied John to a Soiree at the Duke of Sussex's at Kensington
- Sunday 11 Various occupied, & met only at Dinner
- Monday 12 Went with the two Mary's to the Exhibition of the Royal Academy & then to the House. Voted against W. Harveys amendment & in 2 other Divisions in favor of the Church
- Tuesday 13 Went with John to Knights & to the Chelsea Garden. Attended the House at 4. Returned to Gardens at ½ past 6 where the Honr Mr Hutchinson [?] & Mr Bateman dined with us, & they accompanied Mrs D & Mary & John & Lewis to the Opera. I returned at 8 to the House. *Voted successfully for throwing out the Bonded Corn Bill & in favor of the Bribery at Elections Bill, the Sheriffs Court Bill & recovery of Tenements [?] Bill
- Wednesday 14 Went at 12 to the Dowlais Market Committee & it was adjourned till Friday. John & Lewis started homewards by the Mail & after seeing them off I went to the House. My Votes of tonight inserted erroneously above (*)
- Thursday 15 The little Sim's spent the day with us & I joined them & my two Mary's in a Visit to the Zoological Gardens. I got a hasty Dinner at the Atheneum & went on to the House. Voted against the admission of Ladies to the House & against an application for Letter [?] Carriers

- Friday 16 Went to the Dowlais Market Committee at 12 & sat as Chairman till it closed. Attended the House from 4 to 6 when I went home to dine at Gordons & voted in the minority for the Portland C...y[?] Bill. Returned at 9 & remained in the House till 11 & voted in the minority for the North Metropolitan Cemetery & A gainst a Motion of Walters in the Poor Law
- Saturday 17 Spent the morning in preparing to leave Gardens, & after Dinner my two Mary's left me for a Visit to my Sister Mrs Bevan at Tottenham, & I went to sleep at my new very comfortable Quarters at 14, Little Bridge Street
- Sunday 18 Drove to join our Family party at Tottenham & returned in the Evening to Town
- Monday 19 Did little but wait in hourly expectation to hear of the Kings Death. At 4 I took up the report of the Dowlais Market Committee, & moved the 2nd reading of the Duke of Beauforts Estate Bill, immediately after which the House was counted out. I dined & spent the Evening at the Atheneum
- Tuesday 20 In consequence of the Death of Wm 4th early this morning the Members about 10 began to assemble at the House, & on the return of the Speaker soon after 12 I was the 5th Member who took & subscribed the Oaths of allegiance to our sovereign Lady, Queen Alexandrina Victoria. Dined & spent the Evening at the Atheneum
- Wednesday 21 Went early to spend the day with my two Mary's at Mrs Jansens, & we together paid a delightful Visit to the Gardens of the Honr Miss R..shout[?] at Wanstead. I returned in the Evening to Town
- Thursday 22 In consequence of my determination to retire from Parliament (which I had privately made known to my Friends nearly a year & a half ago) I was all day engaged in consultations with Talbot, Crawshay, Guest, Vivian & etc etc. Went to the House about 4 & it adjourned soon after 6. Dined at Bellamys & then went for a Glass of Claret to Lord Coles
- Friday 23 Engaged much of yesterday. Went to the Hosue at 4 & except going for some Dinner to the Atheneum I remained there till ½ past one. Voted against the C..[?] Bill & Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway
- Saturday 24 Weather very hot. Attended a morning sitting of the House at 12. Dined at the Atheneum
- Sunday 25 Weather very sultry & I did not go out in the morning. Attended afternoon Service at St Margarets & then drove to dine at Sir James Souths at Camden Hill where I was highly gratified with his Observatory & remained till midnight

The Oath I took on Tuesday was 'that the high & mighty Princess Alexandrina Victoria is now by the Death of our late Sovereign of happy memory become our only lawful & rightful Liege Lady Victoria by the Grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom & etc'

Monday 26 Attended the House from 4 till ¼ to 12 except that I went to the Atheneum for some Dinner. Voted in the Minority against the 3rd reading of the Edinburgh & Glasgow C....[?]

Tuesday 27 Took the Chair of a Committee at 3, on the Dukes Estate Bill. Remained in the House till ½ past 7 & voted against a Motion that no attempt to murder shall be punished with Death when it is unsuccessful. Dined at 8 at Lord Jas Stuart where I met the Talbots, Rous's, Denkins[?], Lord Lansdown, Sir C Lemon & etc. Returned to the House at 10 & remained there till 2. Voted for a Duty on Beet Root Sugar, & also with Ministers in the Common[?] Law Bill

Wednesday 28 After some consultation with Talbot I sent notice of my determination to retire from Parliament to the Cambrian & Guardian Newspapers. Reported the Dukes Bill at 4. Voted for the London & Blackwall railway Bill, against the Bonded Corn Bill, & for the final registration of Electors Bill. The House broke up at a little before 8 & expecting it would sit longer & had just gone up to get some Dinner at Bellamys

Thursday 29 Weather very sultry. Attended the House from 4 till 8 when I went to dine at the Atheneum & the House soon after was adjourned. Voted for the London & Blackwall Rail Road & the Final registration of Voters Bill

Friday 30 Went to the House on private Business at ½ past 3 & remained till 7 when I drove to dine at Chs Barclays. Left Barclays soon after 10 & remained in the House till near ½ past 2. Voted in 3 Divisions in support of the Imprisonment for Debts Bill

JULY

Saturday 1 Much engaged in writing letters respecting my retirement from Parliament. Attended a morning sitting of the House. Dined at the Atheneum

Sunday 2 Very hot. Did not go out in the morning. Attended Evening Service at St James' & dined at Hudson Gurneys

Monday 3 The Sketch which Hayter took 3 or 4 years ago for introducing me into his great historical picture of the first meeting of a reformed House of Commons, I had decided on having altered to a finished portrait, & went

to Stratford[?] Place to give a final sitting. Went to the House which opened at 3. Dined at bellamy's, & remained there till past 12. Voted for proceeding at once with the New House of Parliament, for a Grant to Canada for the Parliamentary Estates Bill, & the Final register of Electors Bill

- Tuesday 4 Visited a[?] Collection of Plants chiefly Cacti & Epaphites which have been imported for sale from Mexico & are shown in Hungerford Market. Also attended an Exhibition of Plants at the Horticultural Societies Rooms. Went to the House at 4. Dined at Bellamy's & remained till 8 when the House adjourned. Voted in a Minority against a Motion respecting the Hand Loom Weavers
- Wednesday 5 Sat a second time in the morning for my Picture. Went to the House at 3, & expecting it would sit late I dined at Bellamy's & before I had finished the Business had been hurried through. spent the Evening at the Atheneum & remained there late ...[?] with Sir R Vivian & afterwards with Buckland. At the House I voted for a Committee of Inquiry into Lord Canterburys[?] Losses at the Fire with a view to compensation
- Thursday 6 Spent an hour or two at the Linnean Rooms & etc. Went to the House at 3 & remained there till ½ past 6 when it was counted out. Voted with Ministers in the Minority of 21 to 19 against a motion respecting the Navy. Dined at the Atheneum
- Friday 7 Crawshay breakfasted with me, & soon afterwards Coffin [?] arrived as a delegate from the Glamorgan reformers with a view of instructing [?] Guest to oppose Lord Adare. I have very little opinion of his success but shall of course support him. Variously engaged on this matter. Dined at the Atheneum & went early to Bed
- Saturday 8 Sat for my Picture again to Hayter. Much engaged with Talbot, Guest & etc on County affairs. Dined at the Atheneum. It being the day of the Kings Funeral all shops were shut as on a Sunday
- Sunday 9 Busy all day in writing & arranging Papers & in my way to Evening Service was stopped by Guest in discussion on the subject of his proposed stand[?] in opposition to Lord Adare. Dined at the Atheneum & came home to Bed before 10
- Monday 10 Brought Pocket[?] Voyages & other Books at Bohns[?] & went after some Mexican Plants for John. Attended the House from 3 to 5 when the Business was got through. Dined at the Atheneum & went early to Bed
- Tuesday 11 Sat for my picture for the last time to Hayter & I paid for it in full tho' it is to be left for Exhibition. When I reached the House about 4 the Business was finished & it had adjourned. Dined at the Atheneum. Took a hot Bath in Suffolk Place & went early to Bed

- Wednesday 12 Saw Crawshay early, & immediately after Breakfast went to see Guest before he returned [?to] Glamorganshire & gave him my opinion that it is now useless for him to think of opposing Lord Adare who had a fortnights start in the canvass. Went afterwards to buy some Epaphites for John. Attended the House from 3 till it adjourned. Dined at the Atheneum & came home to pack[?] at 8
- Thursday 13 Went with a botanical party to Kew Gardens. Got back to the House of Commons at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5. Appointed one of 8 for a conference with the Lords. House went up before 7. Dined at the Atheneum & got home early to bed. In several conferences with Ministers they urged me to oppose Lord Adare & offered me a Baronetcy to do so
- Friday 14 After breakfast went in a Duobus to my Bankers, the Bank of England, Grays Inn & etc. Voted with Ministers on a Clause of the Ecclesiastical Sus...[?] Bill & at about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 took final Leave of the Hosue of Commons. Got some Dinner at Berners Hotel & was busy all Evening in preparations for leaving Town
- Saturday 15 Started in the Companys Coach & slept at the Bush at bristol. There heard that Guest, in opposition of my opinion had decided on standing for the County, & it was confirmed to me when I reached Neath. Just before I left Town Guest told me that being secure at Merthyr he had finally determined not to oppose Lord Adare, & I am confident that it was the offer of a Baronetcy which I had declined that induced him to change
- Sunday 16 Arrived on the Mail about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 at Swansea & found my dear Mary waiting for me at Burrows Lodge from where we at once drove to dinner at Sketty
- Monday 17 Drove for a couple of hours to Guests Committee Room at Swansea & disapproved of much of the goings on. Attacked by a severe Sciatica in the Evening
- Tuesday 18 Sciatica very bad. Sent for Dr Bird to Mary as well as myself, & remained all day at home
- Wednesday 19 Sciatica continued. Did not move out. Lewis in the Evening went in the Phaeton, as part of a procession to meet Guest at Wych Tree Bridge & escort him to Swansea
- Thursday 20 Not well enough to remain there long, but I drove for an hours conversation with Guest to Swansea. The Races began but I saw nothing of them

- Friday 21 Remained all day at home. Lady Charlotte Guest arrived to a late Dinner, & Guest also came afterwards to sleep here
- Saturday 22 Went to Swansea & in the afternoon Mr & Lady C Guest went to meet Mr Talbot at Neath & then on to Merthyr. Mr & Mrs Moggridge, Mr John Miers & Mr & Mrs M Moggridge dined with us. The Sciatica much better today
- Sunday 23 I did not go out but the others went to Church. Mr & Lady Charlotte Talbot arrived in the afternoon on a Visit to us
- Monday 24 After Breakfast I drove with Talbot to Swansea & canvassed there with him. He got back to Dinner about 6 & Capt Evan Morgan, Capt Whately, Joseph Martin, John Grove & Col & Mr N Cameron dined with us
- Tuesday 25 Overtired yesterday & far from well. Drove in to Vivians Election & I proposed him. Afterwards canvassed for a couple of hours with Talbot but was too unwell to do more. He went to dine at Kilvrough & left Lady Charlotte who had driven with Mary to spend the day at Penllergare with us
- Wednesday 26 Drove early to Talbots & Guests Committee. Returned to Sketty with Mary & Lady C Talbot who came in to the Horticultural Show
- Thursday 27 Walked to Swansea to the Committee Room, as Mary wanted the Horses to take Lady Charlotte to the Mumbles & returned to Sketty in a Fly. Talbot rejoined us from his canvass in Gower at Dinner, & it being the Boat Races we all went in the Evening to the Ball except Lewis who had knocked himself up by Canvassing all day in Langefelach & etc
- Friday 28 I drove Talbot to the Committee Room & at about 2 Lady Charlotte met him at Swansea when they went on for Gwalva
- Saturday 29 A horribly wet stormy Day & Lewis & I drove over in the close Carriage for 3 or 4 hours to the Committee Room
- Sunday 30 We all went to St Mary's Church in the morning
- Monday 31 Drove in for 3 or 4 hours to the Committee Room. Mr & Mrs Moggridge came to us for 2 or 3 days

AUGUST

- Tuesday 1 A canvassing party breakfasted early here & Lewis & Moggridge went with them to Gower. Drove to the Committee Room & from there to Penllergare where I waited till when John returned from the nomination

of the candidates at Bridgend. He had about 80 of the neighbouring Freeholders to dine in Hall with him & will have a similar batch tomorrow.

- Wednesday 2 Again spent most of the day in Committee. Lewis went to Penllergare & attended another large Dinner to the Freeholders
- Thursday 3 The Moggridges left us. I again went to spend most of the day in Committee
- Friday 4 Went to Committee at 8. Polling began at 9 & lasted till 4. John & Lewis made a splendid entry at the head of 120 Freeholders on Horseback leading[?] a train on foot. Dined with a large party at Burrows Lodge & about ½ past 7 we met Talbot at the Committee Rooms. He & Lady Charlotte afterwards came to sleep at Sketty Hall
- Saturday 5 Drove in early & breakfasted at Borrow's Lodge. The Poll opened at 8 & closed at 4 when the numbers were for Talbot 867, 746 for Guest & 304 for Adare. Talbot & I returned to Dinner at Sketty Hall.
- Sunday 6 The Exertions of the last two days have overfatigued me & I did not go out, & only Lewis & Molly went to Church. Mr & Mrs C Talbot left us about 4 on their return to Margam
- Monday 7 Drove to meet John at Lanelly where we polled plumpers for Sir Js Williams, & R Mansell accompanied me back as far as our Lodge.
- Tuesday 8 Walked to Swansea & back with Lewis & Mary
- Wednesday 9 Drove in the afternoon with the two Mary's to call on the Revd & Mrs Traherne who are on a Visit at Burrows Lodge, & also on Mrs Crawshay
- Thursday 10 I drove with Lewis to meet the Trahernes & etc at Dinner at Burrows Lodge
- Friday 11 Remained allday at home. Mr & Mrs Jo Traherne & John Miers came on a Visit. Mr & Mrs Moggridge, Mrs & Miss Crawshay & Mrs Johnson also dined with us
- Saturday 12 Walked with Mary to Swansea & back. Revd Thos[?] Morris & Mr Lloyd of Bronwydd joined our party at Dinner
- Sunday 13 All our party went to Church except Miers & myself. Weather remarkably hot. Rawleigh & Capt Mansell, Mr Williams (son of Howell Williams) & T E Thomas joined our party at Dinner
- Monday 14 Mr & Mrs Traherne & Mr Miers left us & the former went to Penllergare. I drove to a Town Council & Harbor Meeting. Col & Mrs

Cameron, Mr & Mrs Cameron, 2 Misses Cameron, Mr & Mrs Toogood & Mr & Mrs M Moggridge dined with us

Tuesday 15 Mary & I drove to call on a large lot of Penrice's relations who are on a Visit to him at Kilvrough

Wednesday 16 Mary & I drove to Swansea in the afternoon for an hour, & called on Mr Tennant & Mrs Jones of St Helens in the way

Thursday 17 Drove to Swansea in the afternoon & took the Chair at a large Dinner given to Vivian by his Constituents. Got home about ½ past 11

Friday 18 Drove in the afternoon to the Pottery & about registrations. Mrs & Miss Crawshay came on a Visit. Capt Ths Morgan & Jos Morgan also dined with us

Saturday 19 I walked to Swansea & back & attended a registration meeting. Mrs & Miss D took Mrs & Miss C to Bracelet Bay. A Capt Townley of the Spanish Legion, & T E Thomas dined with us

Sunday 20 After attending Church the Crawshays left us

Monday 21 Another Year is gone & I have this day completed my 59th. John & Emma with their two precious Pets arrived on a Visit to us

Tuesday 22 John, Lewis & I drove to attend a Registration Meeting at Swansea

Wednesday 23 John, Lewis, Emma, Miss Mary & I drove in to attend a Chemical Lecture at the Town Hall by Dr Murray. I also attended a Harbor Meeting & went with Lewis to the Pottery.

Thursday 24 After an early Dinner I drove with Lewis to an early Ball (which had been preceded by a picnic Dinner on the Rocks) at Kilvrough & we got home soon after one

Friday 25 Drove with John to a Chemical Lecture at Swansea where Emma & Miss Molly joined us & I afterwards attended a Registration Committee

Saturday 26 Unwell & did not go out except for a short drive in the afternoon with Mrs D. Dr Murray who lectures on Chemistry at Swansea & Mr S Benson dined with us, also the senior Miss Morris

Sunday 27 Unwell & did not go out. The rest of our party went to morning Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 28 Drove in two Carriages to the Chemical Lecture & afterwards went to the Works & walked with Lewis home

Tuesday 29 Rained hard all day

Wednesday 30 Drove Emma to the Lecture which Mary, John & Lewis also attended & the afternoon John & Emma with the Children returned to Penllergare

Thursday 31 Remained all day at home

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 Drove to Penllergare & from there took John to the Licence Meeting at Langafelach. Returned to Penllergare where I dined with Moggridge & Harry Vivian who had been allday Partridge Shooting with Lewis & killed 11 Brace. The latter was quite knocked up & unable to return home with me in the Evening

Saturday 2 Drove for an hour in the afternoon

Sunday 3 My dear & excellent Wife has this day compleated her 61st year. Lewis has burnt his hand badly by blowing up a Wasps nest & did not go out. The rest of us went to Church at Swansea & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family

Monday 4 Drove in to attend the Chemical Lecture with Miss Molly & I afterwards attended a Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 5 Drove to Penllergare after Breakfast & about 12 started with John to pay some Visits & attend a Meeting of the Scientific Association at Liverpool. We reached Brecon (in John's Phaeton with Post Horses) soon after 7 to dine & sleep

Wednesday 6 Proceeded through the Hay, Leominster & Ludlow to dine & sleep at Shrewsbury

Thursday 7 Mr Thos Haycock shewed us the Shrewsbury Lions till ½ past 11 when we drove to Newcastle & thence as it is only a Mile out of the way through the Potteries to pay a Visit to Mr Bateman at Knypersley Hall. Arrived there soon after 4

Friday 8 Spent the day very pleasantly in visiting the splendid collection of Epaphites & in rambling about the Grounds & Gardens of Knypersley

Saturday 9 Accompanied by Mr Jas Bateman we drove to Congleton & thence posted on to Crewe Station where we embarked in the Rail Road & reached Liverpool at 4. We took up our Quarters at the Adelphi Hotel

- Sunday 10 We all went to Church & afterwards John & Mr Bateman went to see the Gardens of Mr Horsefell
- Monday 11 Breakfasted at the Members Ordinary. Afterwards attended a Sitting of the Natural History Section - then drove to see the Gardens of Mr Harrison & Mr Taylor[?] in the neighbourhood of Liverpool. Dined at our Hotel in preference to a public Dinner & in the Evening attended a general Meeting of the Association at the Amphitheatre[?]
- Tuesday 12 Mr Bateman unexpectedly obliged to leave us, & before he went John spent the morning with him at the Horticultural & Scrivens Gardens. John & I dined at the Association & in the Evening we attended a splendid conversazione at the Mayors
- Wednesday 13 John & I breakfasted with the Association & attended the Nat Hist Section. Afterwards visited the horticultural & zoological Gardens. Dined at our Hotel & in the Evening attended some Experiments on Electricity at the Amphitheatre[?]
- Thursday 14 In the morning it rained hard & we divided our time between the Geological & Chemical Sections, In the afternoon the Weather cleared & we drove to see Lord Derbys Aviaries & etc at Knowsley. Got back to dine at 7 & I went to another splendid Soiree at the Mayors
- Friday 15 Spent a couple of hours at Johnstons Curiosity Shop where we purchased several Shells, Birds & Fossils & we afterwards visited & were much gratified by the Docks. Drove in the afternoon to Scrivens Nursery 2½ miles from the Town & in the Evening I attended a Meeting of the Association at the Amphitheatre[?]
- Saturday 16 As it rained too hard for any out of door work we again spent a couple of hours in buying Shells & Fossils. At ½ past 12 through a violent Rain we crossed the Mersey in a Steamer to Birkenhead. Stopped near an hour to see Chester & reached Oultonpark soon after 6 to Dinner
- Sunday 17 Walked in the morning about a Mile to Church & in the afternoon to see the Stoves[?] Gardens & Grounds & Sir Phillips Museum
- Monday 18 Left our kind Friends Sir P & Lady Egerton at 20 mins past 10 & posted on through Tarporley Whitechurch, Wem, Shrewsbury, Church Stretton & Ludlow to sleep at Leominster
- Tuesday 19 Pursued our Journey homewards. Reached Glyn Neath by ½ past 4 & were detained for want of Horses for 3 hours. At Neath no Horses could be had & we were obliged to sleep there

- Wednesday 20 Drove to Penllergare from Neath, to breakfast & at noon I reached Sketty where I found Mrs G Jennet, Mrs & Miss More[?] & a Miss Hume who had arrived last Monday on a Visit
- Thursday 21 I remained at home. Mrs Jenner drove with Mrs D to Penllergare & the remainder of our party to Caswell Bay
- Friday 22 I remained at home. Mrs & Miss More[?] & Miss Hume went to visit at Heathfield. Mr & Mrs Moggridge came to us. Lewis & Mr M dined at Heathfield
- Saturday 23 Mrs Jenner left us soon after breakfast, & Mary & I then drove for a couple of hours to Penllergare it being dear Emma's Birthday. Lewis dined & slept at Gwern Llwynwith[?]
- Sunday 24 We all were at Church & I walked home with Mr Moggridge. Read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 25 I only drove out for an hour to make some Calls. John & Emma came over to spend an hour with us in the afternoon
- Tuesday 26 Moggridge went to shoot at Penllergare. Lewis drove to dine at Glanmor & walked back
- Wednesday 27 Did not leave the grounds all day. The Dyffryn Family & etc called here
- Thursday 28 Did not leave home till Evening & then went with Mr Moggridge to dine at Sketty Park. Lewis dined & slept at Penllergare
- Friday 29 Drove with Mrs D to call at Danygraig
- Saturday 10 Took a Drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

OCTOBER

- Sunday 1 Fan had a head ach & n..[?] the Chicken Pox. The rest of us went to St Mary's Church in the morning & Lewis afterwards to dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Monday 2 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting & afterwards joined Lord Ilchester, his Daughter Lady Caroline, Mr Talbot & Lady Charlotte to whom Lewis had undertaken to shew the Pottery
- Tuesday 3 Remained all day at home. In the Evening Lewis & Mr Moggridge left us to sleep at Swansea on their way to pay a Visit to Mr Jo Moggridge at Gabalva

- Wednesday 4 Drive with Fan to Swansea & afterwards attended a Meeting of Magistrates at the House of Correction. Mr & Lady Charlotte Talbot arrived on a Visit to us
- Thursday 5 Talbot & I drove to attend the Barrister appointed to revise the Election lists of Swansea & Llangafelach & I spent the whole day in court. Sir Jo, Lady & Miss Morris, the Revd Thos Morris & Mr Eden joined us at Dinner
- Friday 6 Talbot & I again drove to attend the registration & we walked back. T E Thomas, Revd Iltid Thomas, Capt Thomas Morgan & Capt Evan Morgan dined with us
- Saturday 7 Walked with Mr & Lady C Talbot in the afternoon to embark in the Galatea, but the tide was too far out for the latter to reach the Boat, & she returned & went on to Penrice in the Carriage
- Sunday 8 Fan too unwell to go out & I drove with the two Mary's to morning Service at Swansea
- Monday 9 Drove in the afternoon for an hour with Miss D to Swansea. Lewis returned to us late form his visit to Gabalva
- Tuesday 10 Drive for a couple of hours with Fan to Swansea & I took a Hot Bath
- Wednesday 11 Went in the afternoon with Mrs D, Molly & Lewis to pay a Visit at Penrice Castle where we met the two Capt Morgans
- Thursday 12 About ½ past 11 we all except Mrs D went to fish the Wear[?] & thence Lewis walked on & Talbot & I attempted to go in the Boat of the Galatea to reach & examine Fossils at Oxwich point but the surf was so heavy that we were unable to land. Afterwards I accompanied Talbot & T Morgan for a cruize [sic] in the Galatea while Lewis went with E Morgan to shoot & Miss D for a ride with Lady Charlotte on Horseback
- Friday 13 Our whole party went to Fish the Wear[?]. From thence the two Morgans returned to Swansea. Talbot, Lewis & I went to examine the Fossils about the Tors & Lady Charlotte again took Miss D for a ride on Horseback. Having compleated our Job at the Tors Talbot & Lewis went to shoot, & I took a walk with Mrs D through the Gardens to the Sea Shore
- Saturday 14 Early in the afternoon we all returned to Sketty & the Weather being remarkably delightful we all much enjoyed our Visit
- Sunday 15 I was accidently prevented & the two Mary's & Lewis went without me to Church. I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family

- Monday 16 Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton accompanied by Miss D on Horseback to call on the Trahernes who are on a Visit to Penllergare. In the Evening Lewis & I dined at the Vivians to meet [a?] large Quarter Sessions party. Lord Bute, the Talbots & 20 or 30 others
- Tuesday 17 Attended the Quarter Sessions at Swansea as Assistant Chairman, & took the Chair at the Magistrates Dinner. As the Gentlemen were all absent Mrs & Miss D & Lewis went to meet Lady C Talbot & dined with Mrs Vivian at Singleton. Jo & Mrs Nicholl & their son Edward came in the Evening to sleep at Sketty
- Wednesday 18 Drove in with Nicholl to the Sessions which began at 10 & closed about ½ past one. Besides Mr & Mrs Nicholl, Mrs & Mrs Vivian [?], Lord Adare, Miss Morris senr & Capt Warde dined with us
- Thursday 19 The Nicholls left us in the afternoon
- Friday 20 Drive in accompanied by Polly on Horseback to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting. Lewis & I dined at Sir Jo Morris's
- Saturday 21 Drove in to Swansea with Mrs D & I attended a Committee on Harbor Business
- Sunday 22 All went to Church in the morning & Lewis afterwards to dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Monday 23 The fine weather which we have long enjoyed seems to have ended & it rained heavily all the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Moggridge came on a Visit to us
- Tuesday 24 Weather again fine & in the afternoon I drove with Miss D to Swansea for an hour
- Wednesday 25 Weather fine & I remained all day at home or in the Garden
- Thursday 26 Weather baddish. The two Mary's in the afternoon drove to call on Lady Mary Talbot who has arrived at Penllergare to attend E in her approaching confinement
- Friday 27 Weather stormy. The two Mary's drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 28 Drove in the afternoon on Business for an hour to Swansea
- Sunday 29 Our dear Fan was taken ill at night much in the same way as she had been a year ago at St Martins[?] in Savoy, & Mr Bird who arrived at ½

past one gave much relief by bleeding her immediately. None of us except Lewis & Molly went to Church

Monday 30 Fan better. Weather very bad but cleared off in the afternoon when Lewis & I drove over & dined & slept at Penrice

Tuesday 31 I joined Talbot & Lewis in going to fish the Weir & they afterwards went shooting. Remained at Penrice

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 Lewis & I drove early to Sketty & afterwards to vote at the Election for Town Councillors at Swansea. Weather very wet & stormy

Thursday 2 Weather continues very bad, & I hardly passed the Threshold allday

Friday 3 Lewis & I drove to breakfast at Penrice. Spent the day in fishing the Weirs & in dragging the Ponds, & I had witnessed the latter operation when it was last performed in the Summer of 1814. Dined & slept at Penrice

Saturday 4 Lewis & I left Penrice after an early breakfast & returned home. Mrs Leigh was to have arrived on a Visit to us, but was prevented by illness & detained at Drymma. Mr S benson, Jo Miers & the two Miss Edens dined with us

Sunday 5 Fanny continues very unwell & except her & myself the Family went to Church. Mr & Lady C Talbot on their way from sleeping at Sketty Park spent an hour with us

Monday 6 Mrs D accompanied by Mary drove to see Lady Charlotte who is unwell at Penrice. T E Thomas, Mr & Mrs Iltid Thomas, R Mansell & Mr Logan dined with us

Tuesday 7 I again remained at home. The two Marys drove to call on Mrs Leigh at Drumma. Wrote to Mr Yarrell a second Letter to prove that a Fish common in this Bay is *Gadus punctatus*[?] of Tucton[?], & suggested whether Dorset[?] may not be the same species

Wednesday 8 Remained at home except in the afternoon that I took a walk with Miss Mary in the Sands

Thursday 9 Drove to Swansea with Miss Molly & attended a Town Council where having myself declined the office, Mansell Phillips was elected Mayor. Lord James Stuart & Mr & Mrs Seymour came to visit us & Geo Mansell & Capt & Mrs Johns also dined with us

- Friday 10 We all in various ways went to Swansea & all but I attended Mr Bosca's Concert. Lord Js Stuart went on to Margam & Mr & Mrs Seymour returned with us to Sketty
- Saturday 11 Ascertained that a Dog Fish, 3 feet 2½ inches long & weighing 9¼ lbs in the Scisllium[?] Catalus of Yarrel. It was taken on Thursday in one of the Weirs in Swansea Bay. Mr & Miss Seymour left us soon after Breakfast. After dining at Penllergare Lewis at ½ past 8 left Emma as hearty & as merry as a Grig & in 3 hours afterwards a little stranger my third Grand Chick had arrived. This is the 54th anniversary of my Grandfather Lewis Westons Death
- Sunday 12 We are delighted by most excellent accounts from Penllergare. Moggridge remained with Fanny who continues very unwell, but all the rest of us went to Church, & I walked back with Vivian. I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 13 Weather very bad, as indicated last night by a Halo round the Moon. Accompanied Mary to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare & were delighted to find all going on remarkably well
- Tuesday 14 Drove in the afternoon with Miss D for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 15 Mrs & Miss D accompanied me in the Phaeton to the Mermaid Inn & from thence we walked along the Shore to Bracelet Bay & then over the Hill back to the Mumbles, & so home to Dinner. After Dinner we saw a splendid Aurora borealis
- Thursday 16 Remained all day at home planting etc
- Friday 17 Remained all day at home
- Saturday 18 Drove in the afternoon to Mr D Edwards to meet Lewis & Mr Martin Bevan on the subject of a proposed purchase of the Glamorgan Pottery. Mrs D accompanied me to spend an hour with Mrs Bassett
- Sunday 19 A Bone which stuck on my Throat at Dinner on Friday has so much wounded it that I thought it more prudent to consult with Mr Bird who has prescribed some Medicine & advise to keep very quiet for a couple of days. Except dear Fan who is still confined to her room the rest of our party went to Church, & I read the Service in the Evening as usual to the Family
- Monday 20 Tho' better still unwell, & I did not cross the Threshold allday. Weather stormy
- Tuesday 21 Remained all day at home

- Wednesday 22 Capt Warde (who arrived on Monday at Parkwern to take charge of Capt Hickey during his alarming illness) came to breakfast & also to dine with us. Took in the afternoon a longish walk round by the new water works to the Sea Side & etc. Lewis from a wish to attend more early in the morning to the Pottery has fitted up a couple of Rooms at Burrows Lodge & in the Evening walked for the first time to sleep there
- Thursday 23 Weather very bad, & much interfered with planting some Shrubs & Trees which arrived last Evening from the Bristol Nursery. Capt George Mansell & C Warde dined with us & after Dinner Lewis returned with the latter to Swansea
- Friday 24 Capt Warde breakfasted & dined with us. After breakfast John arrived to tell me that Penllergare had been entered & robbed in the night. I at once drove with him to Swansea to engage some Police & then to Penllergare where I quite satisfied myself than none of the Household were at all implicated in the transaction
- Saturday 25 Capt Warde breakfasted & dined with us. Dear Fan at last appears considerably better & both yesterday & today she came down to the morning room
- Sunday 26 All is except Lewis were prevented from going to Church or stirring out all day by a heavy Rain & I read both the morning & the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 27 Walked with Lewis to call on Edward Hickey who arrived to take charge of his Father on Sat night. Drove at noon to Swansea & spent an hour with Lewis at the Pottery, & endeavored to stimulate the Police to activity with regard to several recent robberies. Several unusually large Tumbling[?] Cod have lately been taken by Hooks in Swansea Bay, & I myself weighed one exactly 20 lbs*
- Tuesday 28 Walked in the morning to Hickeys & was astonished to find him so materially better as to afford some hope of recovery. Drove with Mary to Swansea & found the Robbers still undetected. Saw a tumbling[?] Cod which weighed upwards of 29 lbs, & the largest I can hear of was taken a Year ago & sold to Calvert Jones for 8/- at 3d per oz. The Fish weighing 29 lbs was in the freckling[?] & all other respects less distinctly marked than the one mentioned yesterday & appeared to be intermediate[?] between the Tumbling & the common Cod
- Wednesday 29 Took a walk with Miss Mary along the Sands to Black Pill
- Thursday 30 Weather so wet that I hardly passed my Threshold

DECEMBER

- Friday 1 Drove to Swansea for an hour. Mr Chs Grenfell, Col & Capt T Morgan & T E Thomas dined here
- Saturday 7 Drove for an hour to Swansea. Moggridge & I dined at Glanmor & Lewis was rather too unwell to accompany us
- Sunday 3 All except Fan went to St Mary's Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family
*This fish I compared with a common Cod of nearly the same weight & they differed not only in the want of any Freckles on the latter but the former was a considerably fuller Fish so as to weigh more tho' the length was proportionally less & it had the lateral line arched higher over the ventral Fin. I also remarked that it had a more pointed head & sharper nose, & in this case near to Yarrells Description of the Dogger Bank Variety
- Monday 4 Drove to attend a Turnpike Meeting where Lewis qualified as a Trustee, & from thence John & I walked to Sketty round by Singleton to see some Plants which had just arrived. The two Mary's with Post Horses went to call at the Gnoll & Dyffryn
- Tuesday 5 The two Mary's took a Drive to Penllergare. Mr Gutch breakfasted with me & I remained about home allday. I cannot find any marks to distinguish the Tamlin[?] from the Common Cod
- Wednesday 6 Took a walk with Miss Mary to the Nurseries of the two Crolus[?]
- Thursday 7 I walked to Swansea & returned in the Carriage with my two Mary's from the Horticultural Show. Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot accompanied by Jo Nicholls Daughter Christina arrived on a Visit to us
- Friday 8 Weather - Rain & Snow kept us at home
- Saturday 9 Miss Talbot, Molly & I walked to Swansea & back. Lady Mary & Mrs D took a drive in the Carriage to the Mumbles
- Sunday 10 I have a Rheum, tho' only slight in my Face & staid at home. All the rest of our party except Fan went to Church, & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 11 Face uneasy[?] & I did not leave home. Miss Talbot & Miss Mary took a Drive to Penllergare
- Tuesday 12 Miss T & Mary took a long walk by the Mumbles point to Bracelet & Langland Bays, & the two Grandmamma's drove on to Penllergare

Wednesday 13 Walked to Swansea & took the Chair of an annual Meeting of the Savings Bank. Lady Mary & Miss T with their little companion left us & went to Penrice in the afternoon

Thursday 14 Went to see Hickey, after his extraordinary recovery from an alarming illness

Friday 15 Weather very bad & having a slight cold I hardly passed my Threshold

Saturday 16 Weather bad, but it cleared in the afternoon & I drove to Swansea on Business for half an hour. My old Friend Delabeche has arrived as Superintendent of a National Mineralogical Survey, & has taken Lilliput for a temporary residence. He dined with us today

Sunday 17 Weather very wet & stormy. None of us went to Church & I read both the morning & the Evening Service to the Family

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Monday 18 Delebeche spent a couple of hours here in the morning, & the two Mary's drove to call on his Daughter at Lilliput

Tuesday 19 Weather so bad that I did not stir from in doors all day

Wednesday 20 Morning very wet but the Weather cleared in the afternoon & I drove for an hour to Swansea. Delebeche, S & H Benson, R Mansell, Rodney Eden & Harry Vivian dined with us

Thursday 21 Walked to Capt Hickeys & etc

Friday 22 A very wet day & spent at home

Saturday 23 Drove with Miss D to Penllergare after breakfast & in the afternoon returned home by Swansea. Agreed for the purchase of Gellywren for John

Sunday 24 Weather very bad. We all except Fan went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual

Monday 25 Xsday. All except Fan & myself went to Church & I walked with Miss Mary to call at Lilliput in the afternoon

Tuesday 26 Drove to meet Lewis at the Pottery & to make some further Enquiries about the late Robbery at Penllergare see Nov 23. Miss D went to spend a Week at Penllergare

Wednesday 27 Drove after breakfast to meet Lewis on Pottery Business, & in the afternoon examined a man who was probably concerned in the Robbery at Penllergare

Thursday 28 Drove to meet John on an [?] examination [] of the Man mentioned yesterday & I remanded [?] him as a Vagrant for a Month to the House of Correction. Afterwards I attended a board of Guardians

Friday 29 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Town Council

Saturday 30 Mr Moggridge, Lewis & I dined at Glanmor

Sunday 31 We all except Fan went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family. In the afternoon I called on Capt Hickey who has miraculously [?] recovered

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