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

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NOVEMBER

- Monday 22 Drove to Swansea & brought Miss Bassett back in continuation of her Visits
- Tuesday 23 Engaged all day by Business at home
- Wednesday 24 Drove to Swansea on various Business
- Thursday 25 Mr Socket came to breakfast, shoot, dine & sleep here & Mr Griffiths of the Grammar School joined us at Dinner but returned home in the Evening. I drove in the afternoon to call at Gwern Mwynwidd[?]
- Friday 26 Mr Sockett left us about noon, & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Saturday 27 Miss Bassett left us & I took her home in the close Carriage. Engaged all day in receiving the Penllergare Rents & did not return home till about ½ past 7. Lewis Thomas whose mental malady had rendered necessary [?] confinement in Gloster Asylum, this Evening returned to Swansea
- Sunday 28 As my dear Mary was so unwell as to remain in Bed till the afternoon & the Weather bad, none of us except Mr Francis went to Church, & I read the morning Service to the Family at home
- Monday 29 Went on various Business, chiefly of the Estate, to Swansea
- Tuesday 30 The Rain fell all day in extraordinary Torrents, & it was only by great exertions that we saved the offices from being completely in undated. Remained at home all day

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 1 Drove to Swansea on Business, & was shocked to find that Lewis Thomas is more decidedly deranged than ever & that an immediate return to Gloster is necessary

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- Thursday 2 Attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Weather continues unusually wet. Sanders Wife in the Twyn cut her Throat in a fit of Despondency this morning but her life is not endangered
- Friday 3 Drove to Swansea on various Business
- Saturday 4 Variously engaged all day at home. Weather continues very bad
- Sunday 5 Dr Edwards came before Breakfast to see Sanders Wife & I consulted him about a Cramp which has lately plagued the calf of my leg. May went with the two Boys to Church in the Phaeton & Mr Francis read the Evening Service at home as usual
- Monday 6 Drove to Swansea on various Business, weather very bad. Attended a Harbor Meeting.
- Tuesday 7 Drove to Swansea on various Business
- Wednesday 8 Engaged all day at home, & the Weather being very bad & thinking that it would better answer my purpose I sent H Griffiths instead of going myself to attend a Sale of Ynysygerwn Timber at Neath
- Thursday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Friday 10 Mr Sockett & Mr Gibbon came to breakfast, shoot, dine & sleep here. While they were shooting I drove to Swansea
- Saturday 11 Drove Mr Sockett in the Phaeton to Swansea & as usual returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 12 Mary & I were both too unwell, & our two elder Children went with Miss brown to Church. Mr Francis rode to Swansea & read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 13 Drove into Swansea & occupied a Lodging nearly opposite the Pottery which I had taken in order to attend to the valuation of the Stock or ware &[?] & resist some tricks which have been attempted. In conformity with an agreement the Dispute has been left to reference & Mr Henry Bath has been appointed by me & Mr David Tennant by the other Party
- Tuesday 14 The Arbitration commenced in the Card Room of the new rooms exactly at 12, & was adjourned at about 7 in the Evening. Mr Sockett attended as my Council & was opposed by Jones. I this day knocked

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off 1500£ from the charges which had been made upon me. Dined with the Counsils Attorney [?] & ...[?] the Mackworth Arms

- Wednesday 15 The Arbitrators again met at 11 oclock, & before 7 in the Evening the tricks of Mr John Bevington had been made so apparent that his Partners cried for mercy, & I let them off more easily than they ought to have been. A deduction of about 2000£ was however made from their demand. I dined with Mr Jones & others at Mr Socketts, & slept at my Lodgings
- Thursday 16 Shewed the Pottery to Mr Jones & etc & returned home to Penllergare in the Evening. Called on Mrs Llewelyn who had returned last night from Bath
- Friday 17 Mr Sockett came to Breakfast & he dined & slept here. Took Fanny & John in the close Carriage to call on Mrs Llewelyn & we brought Mr Osler back to spend the Evening
- Saturday 18 Drove Mr Osler in the Phaeton to Swansea & Mr Sockett in his own Chaise returned at the same time. My Business in Swansea chiefly related to our disputes with Genl Warde
- Sunday 19 I went in the Coach with Fanny, John & Miss brown to Church, but my dear Mary was too unwell, & Mr Francis read as usual in the Evening. Such a long dry spell of Rain is not said to have been remembered before, & the prayer for dry weather was read at Church
- Monday 20 Drove to Swansea to attend a Harbor Meeting & on various Business
- Tuesday 21 Engaged at Accounts all day at home
- Wednesday 22 Drove to Swansea & finally arranged with the Parties to hold the reference [?] with Genl Warde in a fortnight
- Thursday 23 Drove to Swansea on various Business
- Friday 24 Drove to Swansea to try to get some [of] Mr Ll Thomas' Accts settled & to forward some Business which his unhappy malady has left in an unsettled & unsatisfactory state. Mrs Llewelyn came on a Visit to us
- Saturday 25 Went with Fanny, John & Miss Brown to Llangafelach Church & Mr Francis rode to Swansea. Xmas Day

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- Sunday 26 Went with Fanny, Miss brown, Mr Francis & Lewis in the Coach to Llangafelach Church & John accompanied us on horseback. Lewis, Mr Francis & myself walked back. Mr F read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 27 Went in the afternoon to Swansea & as Richd Jeffries is Portreve I dined at the customary Feast at the public rooms. The Weather being very bad I slept at the Mackworth Arms
- Tuesday 28 Returned home about noon & Mr Vivian, Geo Grenfell & Rawleigh Mansell
- Wednesday 29 Not well & did not leave the House all day
- Thursday 30 Drove on Business with Thos Thomas for a couple of hours to Swansea. Messrs Frederick & George Lockwood came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 31 The Lockwoods left us in the morning & the Weather being still very bad I did not leave the House all day

1825 JANUARY

- Saturday 1 Drove to Swansea on various Business
- Sunday 2 Went with Fanny in the Coach & John on his Pony to Church, & as Mr Francis has a bad cold I read the Evening Service at home
- Monday 3 Drove to Swansea on an appointment to settle finally the purchase of Penlenna & was disappointed by the non arrival of the parties
- Tuesday 4 The Party which had yesterday disappointed me came to Penllergare & I was closely engaged all day at home by this & other Business
- Wednesday 5 Drove to Swansea on various Business. Mr Francis went to visit his relations at Bath
- Thursday 6 Engaged all day in a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & dined there. Revd T Morris remained as my Colleague till near 4

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- Friday 7 Drove to Swansea, & Sir J Morris & Vivian with whom, I form a Committee towards establishing a House of Correction at Swansea came to dine here, as also the Revd T Williams of Aberpergwm & Mr Sockett. Williams & Morris slept here
- Saturday 8 Sir Jo Morris left us soon after Breakfast, & I was afterwards engaged on Ynysygerwn Business till 12 with Mr Williams when I drove him to Swansea. In the Evening the affairs of the late Arbitration respecting the Pottery were finally decided, & I paid the Balance, being very near £2150 less than had been demanded from me. It was near 11 at night when I reached home
- Sunday 9 The Arbitration Business had yesterday been prevented me from seeing Mr Howells at Penllergare & I was reluctantly obliged to devote this morning to a settlement of many Carmarthenshire matters with hi. I however read the Service o the Family
- Monday 10 Drove about ½ past 12 to Swansea & started at 3 in a hack Chaise with Mr david tennant in our way to attend the Quarter Sessions at Cardiff. Dined & slept at Pyle
- Tuesday 11 Reached Cardiff about noon, & with Sir Jo Morris I signed a formal presentment that the House of Correction at Cowbridge is insufficient as a preparatory step for its removal to Swansea. Dined with the Magistrates & etc
- Wednesday 12 Started in the Mail from Cardiff about ½ past 9 on my way to London
- Thursday 13 Reached Town at 7 in the morning, & took a sleeping Room at Gordons Hotel in Albermarle St. Closely engaged allday by various Business, & dined with my old Friend Charles Barclay at the Athenaeum. In the Evening went to the Royal Society & found that on the Journey I had caught a violent cold
- Friday 14 Found my Cold very bad. Went to Mr Eliotts respecting my Fathers affairs & etc. Dined at Mrs Gorings, & went early to Bed
- Saturday 15 Called early & sat an hour with Lord & Lady James Stuart & 10 oclock by Appointment to meet the other Executors at Mr Eliots where I dined, At 4 my Sisters called there for me & took me in their Carriage to Higham
- Sunday 16 My Cold very bad & I remained allday at Higham

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- Monday 17 Went to Jo Elliotts in the Carriage by appointment & attended afterwards to various Business. Dined at the Athenaeum with a private party of Friends consisting of Sir Humphrey Davy, the Bishop of Carlisle, Sir Everard Home, Sir R Seppings[?], & Messrs Barrow, Lambart, Marsden, Herschell, & Dr Young. Attended the Soiree in the Evening
- Tuesday 18 Engaged allday chiefly about bermondsey & Lord Butes affairs. On calling in Cavendish Square I was sorry to find that my Sisters only Child had died at 7 in the morning at the age of exactly 11 months. I dined & spent the Evening at Sir Jo Nicholls
- Wednesday 19 Engaged in the morning about the proposed Dock at Bermondsey. Dined at Dr Sims, & leaving Sarah with Lydia I returned with Judith & George to Higham
- Thursday 20 Engaged most of the Day in sorting my Fathers Papers at Higham, & Mr Eliot came to dine with me
- Friday 21 Went to Town by the 9 oclock Stage & the morning was chiefly devoted to Bermondsey & Mr Llewelyns affairs. Dined & spent most of the Evening with my Sisters in Cavendish Square
- Saturday 22 Went to the City to meet the Solicitors for the intended Bermondsey Dock Company, & this & other Business occupies most of the Day. Dined with Charles Barclay at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 23 A pain in my thigh which has long troubled me had yesterday become so severe that I determined on being cupped as Dr Sims had prescribed. I breakfasted at Cavendish Square, where I was present when the Coffin of the Infant was closed, & at 11 the Corpse with the Nurse & etc in our Coach & followed by the Dr & my Sisters in our own Carriage proceeded to the Funeral at Tottenham. I was then severely cupped & went into a hot bath in Harly [sic] Street after which I spent an hour with Dr Wollaston & proceeded to Higham where Dr & Mrs Sims dined
- Monday 24 The Carriage took me to meet the Executors at Mr Eliots at 11, & I was afterwards much engaged about Bermondsey & other Business. Dined with John Nicholl where I met Miss Talbot, & went late to a Soiree at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 25 Engaged chiefly about my Fathers & Bermondsey affairs till 4 when the Carriage arrived & took me to Higham where I found Mr Alexander & Dr & Mrs Sims in readiness to divide my Fathers Books,

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& Prints. Of the former my Father some years ago sent me my share, & I paid in a way consistent with the affection of liberality of our Family party for such others as I wanted & more particularly for my Fathers Collection of Books & Tracts relating to the abolition of the Slave Trade. I this day gave up my apartment in Gordons Hotel

- Wednesday 26 It was near 3 this morning when I got to Bed & as Mr Alexander was obliged to return to Ipswich we set to work early & soon after noon completed the Division which was yesterday commenced. The Dr went early & Mr Alexander & Mrs Sims also left us after an early Dinner
- Thursday 27 Engaged all day by various Business at Higham
- Friday 28 Went by the 9 oclock Stage to Town where by appointment I met & spent an hour & a half very satisfactorily with Mr Alfred Janson who has made an offer to my Sister Sarah. Afterwards attended to various Business & returned by the 5 oclock Stage to Higham
- Saturday 29 Went by the Stage again to meet the other Executors of my late Father, & afterwards to meet Mr Frampton on new proposals respecting the Bermondsey Docks. Returned to Higham by the 4 oclock Stage
- Sunday 30 Spent the day at Higham
- Monday 31 Spent the morning at Higham where I dined & about ½ past 3 the Carriage took me to meet the Bristol Mail in which at ½ past 7 I started homewards

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 1 Crossed the Passage in about an hour & soon after midnight reached home in our own Carriage which met me at Swansea
- Wednesday 2 Drove about 12 to Swansea on various Business, & on my return to Dinner found Dr Edwards here & he had pulled out one of my dear Sally's Teeth
- Thursday 3 Drove to Swansea for a quarter of an hour & attended a petty Sessions & Militia Meeting at Llangafelach

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- Friday 4 Drove to Swansea in the expectation of settling for the Estate in Swansea purchased in the Trust Account from C R Jones, & was unable to get all the matters settled
- Saturday 5 Drove to Swansea to meet Mr Berrington, Mr C Jones & Morgan respecting the projected Tram Road from Penclawd Canal to Cefnymaes with a view to prevent its being carried over Glanyrafan, & to enforce the Restrictions which the Penclawd Canal Act contains in our favor. Mrs Llewelyn after having spent several weeks here returned this afternoon to Swansea. After a very unusual course of wet & mild weather the Winter at last seems to have set in & the Ground is covered with Snow
- Sunday 6 Prevented by the Weather from going to Church, & Mr Francis read the morning & Evening Services to the Family as usual.
- The following is his Account of a brace of Greyhounds which Vivian has sent me - Valiant - a well known Dog bred by myself out of a Bitch of Mellish's by a Dog of Gurneys - distinguished himself at the Autumn Meetings at Amesbury's Deptford Inn.
- Virtue - quick active killing little Devil bred by Latour & sent by him to Sir Hussey - drafted for having run cunning [?]
- Monday 7 Drove on various Business to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting
- Tuesday 8 Drive on various Business to Swansea
- Wednesday 9 Drove John with me to Swansea I staid there only a few minutes
- Thursday 11 Variously employed at home all day
- Friday 11 About 8 in the morning Mr Philip Taylor & Mr Henry Bath arrived to consult with me on the subject of some proposed Coal Works in the neighbourhood & they breakfasted here. About noon they went to Penclawd & for an hour to Swansea, & they afterwards returned to dine here with me
- Saturday 12 Drove to Swansea, & was principally engaged at the Pottery
- Sunday 13 Mary went with the elder Children to Llangafelach Church, & Mr Francis read the Evening Service as usual. Not half well
- Monday 14 Drove in the Close Carriage to Swansea & brought back Mr & Mrs Richd Jeffreys to spend a week with us

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- Tuesday 15 Went a coursing on the Commons with Mr Jeffreys & John put up 5 hares but killed none. Afterwards drove Mr Jeffreys for a few minutes to Swansea & Sir John & Lady Morris with their two eldest Daughters Henrietta & Lucy came on a visit to us
- Wednesday 16 Went in Sir J Morris's Carriage to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Thursday 17 Drove Sir J Morris to a petty Sessions & Appeal Meeting at Llangafelach, & then as it rained very hard as far as Swansea on his way home. Revd S Davis came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 18 Coursed on the Commons with J Davis & John & we had a capital run in which John kept up with the Dogs & took the hare from them. Mr Vivian & Mr Osler came to Dinner & Mrs Jeffreys was too unwell to come down stairs
- Saturday 19 Mrs Jeffreys still too unwell & I took her & Mr J home in our close Carriage. Fanny also went to spend the afternoon with Mrs Llewelyn & returned with me to Dinner
- Sunday 20 The Weather being bad, & Mr Francis troubled with a bad cold I read both the Services to the Family at home.
- By two Memoranda among my Fathers Papers I find that he weighed.
- On June 4th 1796 184 lbs
- On Sept 16th 1802 189 -
- & in the latter day my Sister weighed 115 lbs
- Mr Brother in Law Mr Emlen was born at No 5 Orchard St Bristol on April 9th 1766
- Monday 21 Drove to Swansea in the expectation of seeing Mr Thos Thos. on Genl Wardes Business but he was from home
- Tuesday 22 Went a coursing with my two Boys & when we had killed one hare after a good run on the Commons Lewis returned home as I was afraid of overtiring him. We afterwards had some excellent sport
- Wednesday 23 Went to Swansea on various Business
- Thursday 24 Engaged all day with Revd T Morris at a Militia Meeting at Llangafelach which was very riotous[?], & kept one Fellow in the Stocks for 3 hours & afterwards sent him to the Jail at Swansea

At 12 this day Mr Bowdler died at the Rhyddings

- Friday 25 Went at 7 in the morning to breakfast at the Landore Inn to take the examination of a Man who was yesterday considered to be in great danger from a violent blow with a Poker in the head but he is better & I admitted the offender to Bail for £200> Afterwards drove to Swansea & reached home at 11. Went then to course with my 2 Boys & we went over Penderry, Lliswine, Bachy[?], Grinae, Gorscoed, & round by Gellyorgans & Bryndavid home - but met with very little sport
- Saturday 26 Mary & Fanny accompanied me in the close Carriage to Swansea & we returned to Dinner at 5
- Sunday 27 Unwell from a severe bilious ailment I did not get up till the afternoon. John went on horseback to Llangafelach Church alone, & Mr Francis read the two Services as usual to the family
- Monday 28 Very unwell but was obliged by an appointment with Dd Powell on ynysygerwn affairs to drive to Swansea. he however disappointed me & I immediately returned home so as to dine with the Children

MARCH

- Tuesday 1 Went with John & Mr Francis to Llangafelach Fair & met Mr Powells Brother, with en...[?] that illness had prevented me from meeting him yesterday. Weather very bad & Mary with our 2 Girls had set out in the Socialet to go to the Fair but were obliged to turn back at the Tuckers
- Wednesday 2 By Promise[?] Mary & I took the two younger Girls to Llangafelach Fair & from thence they returned home & I walked on various Business to Swansea. The Phaeton went for me & brought me back to Dinner at 5
- Thursday 3 Variously engaged by Business all day at Swansea. Mr Berrington told me that he had been employed by the Matthias of Pembrokeshire to trace out the Descendants of my ancestor ...[?] Musgrave & that from them he had received my Pedigree which except as to misspelling proved to be correct. Of his Communication

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I have sent some Memoranda which are deposited with the others on the same Subject among my Papers

- Friday 4 Went to Breakfast with Mrs Llewelyn & thence at 10 to the Rhydings to attend as Pall Bearer the Funeral of Mr Bowdler. I accompanied Sir Jo Morris in his Carriage & at ½ past 12 the Coffin was lowered in a Vault in the Church Yard at Oystermouth. The following Inscription was on the Coffin - "Thomas Bowdler Esq, FRS & FSit[?], died February 24 1825 aged 75 Years" I afterwards accompanied Sir Jo Morris to Sketty where I staid ½ an hour & thence drove home
- Saturday 5 Drove chiefly on Business of the Estate to Swansea & John & Mr Francis went with me in the back of the Carriage & they walked home
- Sunday 6 A violent Storm of Wind & rain allday & Mr Francis read both Services to the Family at home
- Monday 7 Went to attend a Harbor Meeting & on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 8 This is dear little Mary's Birthday & as usual has forced[?] me of unhappy[?] domestic Jubilees. In the morning I walked out with my two Boys & Gun & shot a Hare
- Wednesday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 10 Engaged at the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where no[?] Magistrate met & about 3 drove round by Llonysea[?] home
- Friday 11 Drove after breakfast to Neath where I had appointed Griffiths & many others to meet me at Mr D Powells office, & was closely engaged allday on Business of the Ynysygerwn Estate. Reached home about ½ past 5
- Saturday 12 Drove to Swansea on various Business
- Sunday 13 Went in the Coach with Mary, Fanny & Miss Brown to Llangafelach Church & Mr Francis read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 14 Drove to Swansea & spent most of the day at the Pottery
- Tuesday 15 Went with Mary & Fanny in the close Carriage & John on Horseback to spend a couple of hours at Swansea

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- Wednesday 16 Mr Socket brought his Brother the Revd Mr Sockett to see my Library & they lunched here. I afterwards drove to look over Taly elyn[?] & etc & did not reach home till about 7
- Thursday 17 Drove to Swansea on various Business chiefly magisterial
- Friday 18 Left Penllergare about 5, & went with Mary to dine & sleep at Marino
- Saturday 19 Walked for two or three hours to Vivians extensive Improvements, & then with him to Swansea, where Mary arrived after calling on Mrs G Powell & at St Helens, & soon after 4 we started homewards together
- Sunday 20 Went with Fanny, Miss Brown & my 2 Boys to Church. John was on Horseback & Lewis & I walked home. I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 21 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Mr & Mrs Vivian & Miss C Jones dined & slept here
- Tuesday 22 The Vivians left us after an early Breakfast to attend the Sale of Furniture at Middleton Hall. I drove to Ynisforgan[?] & for the first time found leisure to look at the extensive improvement which I have made there
- Wednesday 23 Had intended to look over the new Plantations at Penhafod & etc but was called to Swansea by the tiresome bother which attends our Disputes with Genl Warde
- Thursday 24 Drove to Swansea to meet Sir J Morris & Vivian, we 3 being a Committee appointed at the Quarter Sessions to decide on the Plan for a new House of Correction, & about Genl Wardes Business. Met the whole Penrice Family on their return after an absence of near 6 Months
- Friday 25 Drove in the afternoon to dine & sleep at Danygraig
- Saturday 26 Left Lockwoods after Breakfast, & was fully occupied by various Business at Swansea till I drove home to Dinner about 5
- Sunday 27 My dear Mary was too unwell & I went with Fanny, Lewis & Miss Brown to Llangafelach Church. To see Mr Howells on various Business & more particularly respecting a Treaty which I have been carrying on for the purchase of a Farm called Macholws[?] which

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adjourns Hendrehedog, I drove this afternoon to Carmarthen & John accompanied me in the Phaeton

Monday 28 At ¼ past 7 drove from the Ivy Bush at Carmarthen to breakfast at Letty's Gog & having finished my Business we proceeded about 11 to attend the Sale of Books at Middleton Hall. John walked up to Nelsons Tower, & I purchased nothing but Ossians Poems. We went to dine at the Nelsons Head at Pontashyd & did not reach home till near 8

Tuesday 29 Having agreed under a Rule of Court to refer our claims for Coal worked by genl Warde in two of our Lands ...[?] in Llanelly Marsh to Mr Vivian, the reference was held this day at the Mackworth Arms & lasted from 11 till 4. I afterwards dined at the Mackworth Arms & returned home in the Evening

Wednesday 30 Went in the close Carriage with Mary & our 3 younger Children to spend a couple of hours at Swansea. Sir C Cole, Revd T Morris & T E Thomas came to dine & sleep here

Thursday 31 I drove Sir C Cole to Swansea & in the Evening my Brother & two unmarried Sisters arrived on a Visit to us

APRIL

Friday 1 Good Friday. Most of the Family went to Church but having the Sciatica I did not accompany them

Saturday 2 Drove my Brother to Swansea in the Phaeton

Sunday 3 Most of us went to Llangafelach Church & Mary & I staid the Sacrament. My Sisters & Brother went in their own Carriage to Meeting at Swansea

Monday 4 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea

Tuesday 6 Unwell & engaged all [day] by Business at home

Wednesday 6 Took my Sisters & Brother to see the Pottery

Thursday 7 Engaged nearly all day in a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Lockwood & T Morris met me

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- Friday 8 Drove to Marino to meet Mr Storage[?] who has been sent by the Duke to value the Timber at Singleton & tried to settle with him for the Enclosure of Twyn[?]. Returned home to Dinner & went again in the Evening with Mary, Fanny & John to an Astronomical Lecture at the Theatre which was very bad. In my way from Marino I attended a Sale of two thirds of Knapllwyd & it was bought for 1050£
- Saturday 9 Mr Vivian came to breakfast & immediately afterwards I drove with George to Swansea & was closely engaged on various trust affairs the whole day
- Sunday 10 Fanny, John & I walked to Llangafelach Church, & Judith & George went to Meeting at Swansea. Mr F read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 11 Col Cameron came here after breakfast & was occupied with me till 4 in looking over the Deeds of Penhafod & etc in order more clearly to ascertain whether Mynydd Staffa is a Common of the Dukes, & we found additional reason for thinking that it is not
- Tuesday 12 Drove into Swansea & followed up some enquiries respecting Mynydd Staffa
- Wednesday 13 Drove with my Brother to look over Coedmawr & Knapp lwyd & afterwards went to Swansea & Purchased two thirds of the latter for £1050. Reached home soon after 5 much fatigued
- Thursday 14 Drove to look at the new plantation at Penhafod & etc & afterwards to Swansea on various Business
- Friday 15 Attended to obtain the award from Mr Vivian according to appointment & it amounts to above 229 whereas Genl Warde on the day of reference had offered but 154 & previously only 84£. We ought to have obtained more but great difficulties attended the proof & the Genl proved that a part of the trespass had been committed by his predecessors in the Colliery prior to 1814. Went afterwards with my Brother to dine & sleep at Sir Jo Morris, & there met Mr J Baillie, a Mr Elwin, Capt Hickey & Mr John James
- Saturday 16 Left Sketty Hall about 10, & spent 2 hours with Mr Leigh in endeavouring to arrange matters for a rail road from Crinant to Aberdylais & etc. Returned home to Dinner & Mr David & Mr T L Martin dined with us

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- Sunday 17 Went with Mary, Fanny & Lewis in the Socialet & John on his Pnoey [sic] to Llangafelach Church, & my Sisters went to their Meeting at Swansea. Mr Francis read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 18 Mary went with my Sisters & etc to Swansea. At 2 drove off with my Brother in the Phaeton to Neath where I stopped half an hour on Business, & then on to Pyle where by appointment we dined at 7 with Sir Jo & Revd T Morris, Mr Jones of St Helens, Calvert Jones & Mr D Tennant slept also at Pyle & we spent the Evening together
- Tuesday 19 Sir Jo & I in the Phaeton & the Revd T Morris with my Brother in a Gig after an early Breakfast drove on to Cowbridge Quarter Sessions & there we at last finally succeeded in obtaining my favorite object of establishing a House of Correction at Swansea. Lord Bute was there. We dined with the Magistrates & afterwards returned to sleep at Pyle
- Wednesday 20 Drove in the same order as yesterday with my Brother & the 2 Morris's to Swansea, & in our way stopped for about an hour & a half on Business at Neath. Returned to Dine at Penllergare. It has rained a little today, & a Month of unusually fine weather seems to have closed.
- Thursday 21 Drove in my Sisters Carriage to Swansea to sign the contract for Knapplwyn [?] - to bargain for Coedmawr in which I failed & to try to enforce our claims on Mynydd Staffa. Returned home to Dinner. A bad head ach all day
- Friday 22 Drove with my Brother on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Saturday 23 My Brother left us after a early Breakfast & went by the Steam Boat to spend a few days at Bristol. Mr T Thomas as the Dukes agent arrived before 8, & we concluded conditionally on a compromise for the enclosed Lands by the Twyn which is an important addition to our Grounds. I also at last found sufficient Evidence to satisfy him that Mynydd Staffa is ours & have ascertained that it was never noticed by the Jury as a Common of the Dukes till within these two Years. Drove with Mr Thomas & Griffiths to look over the Boldgoed which is to be sold by Auction on the 30th & afterwards reached Swansea in time for the Sale of Coed mawr which was bought in. Mrs Leigh Mrs & Miss Williams of Aberpergwm & Mr R Mansell afterwards called here

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- Sunday 24 Mrs Llewelyn returned to Swansea, & only John went with Mr Francis to Llangafelach Church. The morning Service was read by myself & the Evening by Mr F to the Family at home
- Monday 25 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 26 John accompanied me in the Phaeton on various Business & Fanny went with he Aunts in the Carriage to Swansea. John changed places with my Sister Sarah on our return & I drove her back
- Wednesday 27 Drove my Sister Judith & Fanny to see the Piers & etc at Swansea & ewe remained there about 2 hours. This Day it is six Years since my Heart received a wound which Time can never heal
- Thursday 28 Drove to Swansea to meet Mr Leigh respecting our proposed Tram Road through Cwm Dylais. My Sister Sarah very unwell & in bed all day
- Friday 29 Drove to Swansea & my Brother who arrived from bristol about 1 in the Steam Boat returned with us to Penllergare. My Sister still continues very unwell. Dr Edwards dined with us
- Saturday 30 Went with my Brother on various Business to Swansea. At the close of an auction be private contract I purchased on the Trust Acct the Bolgoed see p53. & also a Farm called Werndda in the Parish of Llandebie - for the former I agreed to give 790 & for the latter 946. The latter circumstances had prevented me from looking over personally but it had been surveyed under my direction by H Griffiths & he valued it at 1110. In 1814 it was for several Years let at 50 till 3 years ago at 40, & then reduced to 32. H G thinks it is now worth 42 & he valued the Timber at 60. Under both probably & certainly under Bolgoed there is Coal

MAY

- Sunday 1 Drove Fanny in the Phaeton & John went on his Poney to Church. George & my Sister Judith went to their Meeting & Mr Francis read the Evening service as usual. Dr Edwards drank Tea here

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- Monday 2 Drove to Swansea & procured an entry to be ready on the Books of the Manor that Mynydd Staffa is ours. I also ascertained that it was never noticed or presented by any Jury as a Common of the Dukes till 2 years ago. Mr Rees Williams of Aberpergwm to consult on various matters concerning the Ynysygerwn Estate came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 3 Engaged all morning with Mr Rees Williams & Mr Thomas the Surveyor of Neath on various Ynysygerwn Business & in the afternoon drove Mr Williams to see the Lime works at Loughor. Mr Brother & John on Horseback accompanied us & Mr Williams stopped the night here
- Wednesday 4 Drove Mr Williams to Swansea & was engaged nearly allday with him. Mr Leigh & others respecting the proposed Tram Road in Cwm Dylais & I wish to force it into that line which will be most beneficial for the Estate
- Thursday 5 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach
- Friday 6 After Breakfast started with my Brother in the Phaeton & was engaged on Business with Dr Powell for about 2 hours at Neath. I had sent H Griffiths to meet L Griffiths at Crinant to ascertain some points affecting our Interests with regard to the proposed Tram Road through Cwm Dylais & received their report & consulted with them on the subject at Ynysygerwn in the afternoon. Some further points must still be ascertained & I have directed a more particular Survey. We were detained at Ynysygerwn till near 5, & returned home in the Evening. A violent storm of Thunder & Rain in the Evening
- Saturday 7 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Weather very rough
- Sunday 8 Mary & I with our 3 eldest Children went to Llangafelach Church & my Brother & Sister JND to Swansea Meeting. Sarah still is too unwell to go out. Mr Francis read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 9 My dear Fan has this day compleated her 17th Year, & it has been kept as a Holliday[sic]. In the morning I shot Rooks with my two Boys but in the afternoon I as obliged to go on Business to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn joined us at Dinner & will spend a few days here. John wore a new Dress of a more manly make than he had worn before & made his first entré as a regular Parlor Guest at Dinner

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- Tuesday 10 Went with Mrs Llewelyn. my Sister Judith, Brother George, Mary & our Elder Children to see Vivians Copper Works. Griffiths returned from compleating a Survey of the Dylais Valley, & has ascertained that the new Company can [?] make the Tram Road to bring down Mr Leighs coal without passing through our Estate
- Wednesday 11 Went on various Business with Judith, George & Fanny & they leaving me in Swansea walked up Kilvey Hill
- Thursday 12 Engaged in the morning with my Brother about Accounts of the Estate, & in the afternoon we drove for an hour to Swansea
- Friday 13 Shot Rooks with John, & Dr Howells came with the same object in the afternoon. Both Howells & Dr Edwards dined with us
- Saturday 14 Drove to Swansea & was closely occupied by Business of the Trust & Estate. George & John on Horseback joined us in Swansea in the afternoon
- Sunday 15 Went with Mary, Fanny, John & Sally to Llangafelach Church & my Sister & George to Swansea. In the afternoon George fell down & John fell over him & the former severely hurt his Knees
- Monday 16 Drove with my Brother in the morning but did not put up & returned home to shoot Rooks with John. For the first time I trusted him with the separate management of a Gun & he killed 12 & I 28
- Tuesday 17 Drove with George to Swansea on various Business & we dined at 5 with Mr Gibbins the Banker. Returned home about 7
- Wednesday 18 In the afternoon I drove my Sister who is convalescent for an airing to Swansea
- Thursday 19 MAY My dear Boy Lewis has this day compleated his 11th Year & his constant good humour & good conduct has so compleatly gained him the affections of everybody that all sorts of attempts have been made to gratify him. He is too delicate for much exertion but I performed my promise by taking him with John to shoot Rooks for an hour in the morning & another in the afternoon. Mary & Judith in the Phaeton went with Fanny & Sally round by the halfway house & the seaside to Swansea
- In the morning I killed 10, John 15 & Lewis 4 Rooks
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- Friday 20 Drove my Sister Sarah to Swansea, & without putting up returned home with her. Mrs Llewelyn, Mrs Harriot Bowdler, Miss Frodsham & Hester Phillips came to lunch here. Afterwards took my Brother to dine at T Edwd Thomas's & we reached home again before 11
- Saturday 21 Went to Swansea on Business of the Estate, & drove my Sister Sarah back, she having gone in her own Carriage. R Mansell dined with us
- Sunday 22 Not being very well I staid at home with the 2 younger Children. Mary with Fanny, Lewis & Miss Brown went to Llangafelach. My two Sisters to their Meeting at Swansea & John rode with George to Loughor Church
- Monday 23 Mr & Mrs Robert Howard came to Breakfast, after which I was obliged to leave them to settle by appointment for the Estate which has been purchased on the Trust Account from C R Jones & for almost the 50th time I was again disappointed. Returned home in time to see Mr & Mrs H who left us soon after 2, & Thos E Thomas, Capt Morgan & Thos Thomas came to dine here
- Tuesday 24 Drove into Swansea & at last compleated the purchase from Calvert Jones. Mary went with Judith & John to the Mumbles
- Wednesday 25 Drove into Swansea on various Business & prepared for a settlement with Mr Howells & other Carmarthenshire matters
- Thuirsdlay 26 Started with my Sister Judith, George & John in the Phaeton about 10, & drove to Cross Inn where we dined. My Companions strolled about the River while I was engaged for about 2 hours with H Griffiths in examining my new Purchase of Wern & etc & am greatly pleased with it & think it probale that the minerals alone are worth more than I gave for it. In the Evening we went to see Glynhir Waterfall & drove by Castel Carreg Cennen to Landilo. At Dark I made a tumble & severely hurt my leg
- Friday 27 Breakfasted at Landilo & by appointment reached Lettyr'Gog by ½ past 10. While I was engaged on Business with Mr Howells for about 2 hours my Companions walked tp the Slate Quarry. Drove through Carmarthen where we left George with my Servants horse to follow us next day. Dined at Kidwelly. Drank Tea at Pontardulais & reached Penllergare by ½ past 8
- Saturday 28 Engaged all day in Collecting the Penllergare Rents at Swansea & did not finish so as to reach home before 8. My Brother arrived from Carmarthen at the same time

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- Sunday 29 George & John rode to Llangafelach Church & I read the morning Service to the rest of our Family at home. Dr Edwards drank Tea & put an ointment poultice on my leg
- Monday 30 My leg so bad as to confine me to the House. George drove Fanny to Swansea. Mr Lewis Fox dined here
- Tuesday 31 Drove Mary, Judith, Fanny & George & engaged appartments between Swansea & the Informary which are close on the adge of the Seashore, & our hopes are that a change of air will be of service to all & more particularly to our 3 youngest Children

JUNE

- Wednesday 1 My Leg still too bad to allow of foot exercise but I drvoe to Swansea & at a partial[?] sale of the Library of my old Friend Mr Bowdler I purchased a Memento his own Copy of his Edition of Shakespear
- Thursday 2 Held Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Dr Edwards drank Tea
- Friday 3 Drove my Sister Sarah to our new Lodgings by the Seashore, & immediately returned home. A Carriage brought her back in the Evening. Dr Edwards drank Tea here
- Saturday 4 My leg too bad to allow of walking but I drove about in Swansea on various Business. Mary too Miss Brown, Lewis & Mary & left them at our Sea Side Lodging
- Sunday 5 Mary went with Sally in the Carriage & John on Horseback to see the party at our Swansea Lodgings & returned with Judith when her Meeting was over. My Leg vary bad & Dr Edwards in the Evening performed a painful operation to let out some extravasated[?] Blood which had been lodged by the Bruise[?] on the Bone
- Monday 6 My Leg so bad that I could scarcely bear to put my Foot on the Ground & it kept me a close Prisonner [sic] allday. Mary took & left Sally & brought Lewis back from Swansea
- Tuesday 7 Closely confined by my leg allday, & Dr Edwards in attempting to remove some stuff from the principal wound gave me great pain

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- Wednesday 8 Drove Judith & Fanny in the Phaeton to see the Children at our Lodgings & the Carriage took me about on various Business in the Town
- Thursday 9 Drove Mary to Swansea & leaving her to return in my Sisters Carriage I brought Sarah back
- Friday 10 Mary went with our two Boys to spend the day with the two Younger Girls at their Swansea Lodgings & as Dr Edwards has prescribed exercise in the Phaeton I drove over & dined with them there
- Saturday 11 Mr Sturge a Surveyor for the Duke of Beaufort came over with Mr Vivian to breakfast, & valued the Timber on the Twyn at £109.12.0 which I have as a compromise agreed to pay for it. I afterwards drove with Mary to see the Children at Swansea for half an hour
- Sunday 12 My leg continues too bad to admit of walking. Mary with John & Fanny went to Church & Mr Francis read as usual in the Evening
- Monday 13 Drove Mary to see the Children at Swansea
- Tuesday 14 My Sisters went to dine with Mr Bigg & Mary & I with the Children at the Cottage where Mrs Ll drank Tea with us
- Wednesday 15 Drove Mary to see the Children but did not make any stay at Swansea
- Thursday 16 My Sisters dined at Mr Eatons. Fanny & John with their Grandmamma & Mary I & Lewis after an early Dinner went to Tea at the Cottage where Grandmamma & her two Guests joined us
- Friday 17 Drove my Sister Sarah to Swansea & had my leg dressed by Dr Edwards
- Saturday 18 Drove to Swansea on various Business & Mary accompanied me to see the Children. Dr Edwards dined with us. Mr Francis, who had proved himself to be wholly incompetent for the situation of Tutor to my Boys left in the morning
- Sunday 19 My Sisters went to dine at Mr Gibbins & Mary with the 3 elder Children to Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family

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- Monday 20 My Sisters went to dine with Mr Price near Neath. Mary & I with our 3 elder Children went to dine at Beach Cottage, & we left Lewis there with his two younger Sisters
- Tuesday 21 Drove to Swansea to have my Leg dressed by Dr Edwards & Judith & Fanny accompanied me. In the morning Mr Alfred Janson arrived to spend a few days here & his Visit is more particularly directed to my Sister Sarah
- Wednesday 22 Mary went in the Coach & brought back our two younger Children from the Cottage. Drove Sarah in the afternoon to Swansea
- Thursday 23 Went with my two Sisters, Mr Janson, Fanny & John to see the Pottery
- Friday 24 Went with Mary, my two Sisters, Fanny, John & Mr Janson went to dine at the Mumbles. Drove Sarah to call in our way at Marino & we spent an hour there, & in our way home we all drank Tea at the half way House
- Saturday 25 The little exertion which I had used[?] yesterday injured my Lag, & it much disturbed my rest last night. I was however obliged by various Business to drive to Swansea, & Dr Edwards came to us in the Evening
- Sunday 26 My leg being still bad I did not stir out, but most of the Family went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 27 Engaged at home all the morning, chiefly respecting a Marriage Settlement for my Sister Sarah, & in the afternoon drove for half an hour to the Pottery
- Tuesday 28 This morning my Sisters after a Visit of about 3 Months left us & attended by Mr Janson set out in their own Carriage with the intention of going by the way of Malvern. It being a very wet day & my Lag indifferent I did not leave the House
- Wednesday 29 Drove to Swansea to meet Mr Collingwood the Surveyor of the Glosteshire Jails respecting a new House of Correction at Swansea & also on various Business of the Estate
- Thursday 30 Drove to Swansea on the same Business as yesterday

JULY

- Friday 1 With John & Griffiths in the Socialet I went to look over a Farm which is for Sale in Laneddy Parish called Cefn Gwilly, & the exercise again injured my leg
- Saturday 2 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 3 Mary went with John & the two younger Girls to Church, where in one pew she met the Parents of poor Mr Izod who died so suddenly 2½ Years ago, & also a female Friend of Mr Izods. They came here to Dinner & remained till Dark. She is still absorbed in grief. I read both the morning & Evening Service at home
- Monday 4 Drove on various Business & particularly with regard to a new House of Correction to Swansea
- Tuesday 5 My dear John much unwell & I drove to Swansea & brought back Dr Edwards to dine with us at 3
- Wednesday 6 Kilmaengwyn of which I know every field & Cefn Gwilly in Landbri were advertised to be sold by Auction this Day at Neath, but I found that there was no chance of obtaining them for their value, & therefore instead of attending I only sent Griffiths to watch the Sale. The former was bought in at 5000, altho' 4000 I considered to be the outside value, & the latter at 500, tho' as it is under Lease for two Lives[?] at 8£ a Year it cannot be worth more than 300. I drove to Swansea & brought back Mr Llewelyn to dine with us but she returned home in the Evening
- Thursday 7 Engaged allday in a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach
- Friday 8 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 9 Drove to Swansea & as neither of my Boys are quite well Dr Edwards paid us a Visit
- Sunday 10 All the Family except myself went to Church in the morning, & my Leg rendered it more prudent for me to stay at home. In the Evening I read the Service as usual

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- Monday 11 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & dined at Marino where I met Sir C Cole & Mr Talbot. If my dearest Willy had lived he would this day have completed his 13th Year
- Tuesday 12 Drove early on other Business to Neath & attended the Quarter Sessions which had closed before 4 o'clock. I dined with the Bench & returned home in the Evening
- Wednesday 13 It is 18 Years this day since I was married to my excellent wife & we kept it John Gilpin like by going all hands to drink Tea with Mrs Llewelyn & to the Play in the Evening. Fanny & Lewis slept at Mrs Llewelyns & the rest of us reached home about ½ past 12. Reeve acted Unsworth in the Hippocratic Oath & Crack[?] in the Turnpike Gate
- Thursday 14 Mrs Llewelyn after her return last night from the Play was attacked by Cholera Morbus, & Mary went & brought Lewis back leaving Fanny as Nurse at the Willows. I dined at Vivians where I met Sir Hussey & Lady Vivian, Sir Henry Fane, Sir John Morris. Lord Js Stuart & etc
- Friday 15 Drove to Swansea & dined with T E Thomas, where I met Sir C Cole, Mr Talbot, Sir Jo Morris & etc. Drank Tea at Mrs Llewelyns & returned home in the Evening
- Saturday 16 In the morning Mr W H Wayne, a senior opt...[?] of Cambridge arrived with a view to his engagement as a Tutor. Lord Js Stuart also arrived to spend a couple of days with us, & T E Thomas, Calvert Jones junr & Richd Jeffreys dined here
- Sunday 17 Went with Lord James, Mr Wayne & my two Boys to Llangafelach Church. Weather very sultry
- Monday 18 Lord James Stuart left us soon after Breakfast on his route for Cardiff & & drove on various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 19 Drove to Swansea & attended a Sale of the late Dr Collins's Books, & Jo Traherne returned with me to Dinner. My Leg has now so far recovered that at last Dr Edwards has consented to my leaving off the bandages & trust to a simpler plaister [sic] to compleat the cure. A Thermometer in perfect shade at home reached 90 - & others were said to stand at 92 & 95. Griffiths of Ynysygerwn arrived early respecting the proposed Tram Road from Grinant & spent the day & slept here

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- Wednesday 20 John Traherne left us about noon & I drove to Swansea & again attended the Sale of Collin's Books
- Thursday 21 Again drive to Swansea & attended the Sale of Dr Collins Books
- Friday 22 Drove to Swansea where I was seriously engaged & for a short time attended the Sale of Dr C's Library. Mary & little Sally accompanied me
- Saturday 23 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 24 Mary & I in the Socialet & John & Mr Wayne on Horseback, went to Llangafelach Church. Mr Benicki of the Loughor Lime[?] Works drank Tea here, & I read the Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 25 Drove to Swansea & returned to dine at 3 in order that John & Mr Wayne might enjoy an Evening ride to the Grouse Hills
- Tuesday 26 Drove to Swansea on various Business & brought back Fanny who had been spending near a Fortnight with Mrs Ll. John & Mr Wayne rode in the Evening to Swansea
- Wednesday 27 Drove to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 3. In the Evening I went with Mary & our 3 younger Children in the Socialet to the foot of & then walked up Gellywastod. John & Mr W rode to the Grouse Hills
- Thursday 28 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned home by ½ past 3. John & Fanny took a ride in the Evening
- Friday 29 Edward our Groom was sent early this morning to Swansea on the same Horse which John rode yesterday, & by a fall of the Horse about a Mile off, he was so severely injured that I went before breakfast with Mr Wayne to see him & sent for Dr Edwards. In the Evening Edward was removed to be under the Doctors immediate care at Swansea
- Saturday 30 Drove Mary & little Mary to Swansea. In our way we saw wheat cut & heard that some had been cut a week ago in Swansea Bay. Returned to dine at 5. The Treaty for Machwlas[?] which had been broken of [sic] has been today unexpectedly renewed by an offer to abate 1000£ from the Price!
- Sunday 31 Mary went with as many as our Socialet would hold to Llangafelach Church, & the absence of our Groom, the state of our Stud & extreme

heat of the Weather prevented more of us from going there. A Prayer for wet weather was asked at Church. I read the Evening Service as usual

AUGUST

- Monday 1 Drove on various Business to Swansea & left the Phaeton to be repaired. Returned home in the Socialet
- Tuesday A fine Rain which fell last night has much refreshed our parched Herbage. Went with Fanny in the Socialet to Swansea
- Wednesday 3 Went in the close Carriage on various Business to Swansea & Mr Wayne accompanied me
- Thursday 4 Held a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & the rain fell almost in torrents all day. No Magistrates met me
- Friday 5 Drove early, chiefly on Business connected with the new House of Correction to Swansea, & Miss Brown accompanied me & finally left our Family, & tho' not sufficiently qualified for the situation of Governess she carried with her our esteem & best wishes. Miss Gowing who had arrived by Coach last night went in the Carriage back to Penllergare, & in the afternoon the Carriage came to meet me on the Road. We began this Day to reap wheat
- Saturday 6 Walked part & drove part of the way to Swansea & returned to Dinner. Procured a Pony called Sampson for Lewis
- Sunday 7 Mr Wayne & my two Boys on Horseback & I in the Carriage with Miss Gowing & Fanny went to Llangafelach Church but Mary was too unwell. I read the Evening Service at home
- Monday 8 Drove to Swansea chiefly to attend a Road Committee & to advocate the Establishment of a new Road by Cwm Tawe to Brecon in which I succeeded
- Tuesday 9 AUGUST Being our dear Sallys birth day it has been kept as a Jubilee. In the afternoon John & Mr Wayne rode to the Grouse Hills, & the rest of us for a Couple of hours went in the Coach & Phaeton to Swansea

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- Wednesday 10 Engaged all the morning at accounts. Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea. Mrs Kendell [?Vardell] & Miss Ester Philips came with Mrs Llewelyn to dine & sleep here
- Thursday 11 Mrs Llewelyn & her Friends left us about noon, & I drove to Swansea for a couple of hours on various Business
- Friday 12 Mr T E Thomas & his Son with Mr Jo Grove dined & Dr Edwards drank Tea here but all returned in the Evening to Swansea. John & Mr Wayne started at day break & rode over the Grouse Hills before breakfast. On account of the scarcity of Birds I have decided on allowing no Person whatever to shoot this Year
- Saturday 13 Drove on various Business to Swansea, & met Mr Thos Thomas who after many weeks absence has at last returned to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn came to spend a couple of days with us prior to her intended excursion to spend 6 or 8 weeks with Mrs Goring in the Isle of Wight. & etc
- Sunday 14 Mary & the two younger Children staid at home but all the rest of us went to the morning Service at Llangafelach & I read to the Family as usual in the Evening
- Monday 15 Took my two Boys & Mr Wayne to spend the afternoon at Mr T E Thomas's where we dined & afterwards went together to the Play to see "William Tell" & "the Haunted Tower". Mrs Llewelyn left us in the afternoon & took Fanny with her & they both joined us at the Play. It was about one oclock when we reached home
- Tuesday 16 Drove to Swansea & brought back Fanny who had staid last night at her Grandmamma's
- Wednesday 17 Drove to Swansea to attend the Committee for building the House of Correction & on various other Business. Mary & the two younger Girls with Miss Gowing accompanied me in the Coach
- Thursday 18 Drove in the Phaeton on various Business to Swansea. Sir C & Lady M Cole with her two younger Daughters arrived on a Visit. Sir C on Tuesday had laid the first stone of the Monument to Sir Thoms Picton near Carmarthen
- Friday 19 Drove to Swansea with Sir C Cole on various Business, & principally relating to the new House of Correction

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- Saturday 20 The Penrice Family after an early Dinner left us & Mary & I then went for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Sunday 21 All the Family except myself went to Church in the morning, & in the Evening I drove to sleep at Pyle where Sir Jo Morris had appointed to meet me in our way to the Quarter Sessions. I have this day compleated my 47th Year, & have much cause to be very thankful for the many Blessings I enjoy
- Monday 22 Sir Jo Morris drove over to Breakfast at Cowbridge where I met Mr Bradley to consult his respecting Mr Rickards Estate at Eglwslewis[?] which has been again offered to me for Sale. Proceeded on to Cardiff & the Grand Jury consisting of 20 was highly respectable. We dined with the Judges & Lord Bute was there
- Tuesday 23 In the morning an adjournment of the Quarter Sessions was held & our Committee proceedings for the House of Correction was confirmed. Soon after noon the Grand Jury was dissolved & I was engaged all the afternoon & Evening with Lord Bute in endeavouring to settle his Disputes with the Dowlais Company. Dined with the Grand Jury & drank Tea & spent most of the Evening at the Castle
- Wednesday 24 Engaged all day with Lord Bute & the Dowlais Company till 7 in the Evening when I drove & reached Pyle at 11. In the way I stopped about ½ an hour at Cowbridge to consult Mr Bradley respecting Mr Ricketts offer to sell his Eglwslewis Estate including the Manor of Advowson for 7500£, & I have only renewed my former offer to give 6500£
- Thursday 25 After stopping about ½ an hour at Neath I reached home by 11, & in the afternoon drove Mary to Swansea
- Friday 26 Drove on various Business with T E Thomas & others to Swansea. Fanny who had gone over in the close Carriage returned with me in the Phaeton to Dinner
- Saturday 27 Drove to attend our House of Correction Committee & on other Business to Swansea
- Sunday 28 Our 3 elder Children with Mr Wayne & Miss Gowing & I read both the Services at home. Dr Edwards drank Tea with us
- Monday 29 Drove on various Business to Swansea

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Tuesday 30 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Mr Davis (Collector), Revd M Griffiths & Mr Place dined here on a Haunch of Venison

Wednesday 31 Drove early to Swansea & then walked in - Mary went to call at Marino & Sketty & brought me back. Fanny with a Groom accompanied her on Horseback. Capt T Morgan dined & slept here

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1 Drove Capt Morgan to Llangafelach & the Carriage then took him nearly to Swansea. Attended a held a Petty Sessions where no other Magistrate met me & reached home again before 4

Friday 2 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Mary came over in the afternoon & we returned together

Saturday 3 My dear Mary has this day compleated her 49th Year & at breakfast time she was surprised by the appearance of the Children of her Sunday School who I had secretly provided with new uniform Dresses. All our party afterwards enjoyed a ramble at the Goppa, & in the Evening Mr Wayne with our 4 younger Children acted a Play which they called the Enchanted Castle

Sunday 4 Being unwell I did not either eat any Dinner or accompany the rest of the Family to Church. Read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 5 Drove to Swansea on Business with T Thomas & to attend Meetings of the Turnpike & Harbor Trusts

Tuesday 6 Engaged in the morning at home & about noon drove Mary to Swansea & we returned to Dinner

Wednesday 7 Drove Lewis in the Phaeton & Mr Wayne & John accompanied us on Horseback to see the Swansea Boat Race, & we returned to Dinner. In the Evening I went again with Mary & Fanny to a Concert which as an Act of Charity was patronised by Lady M Cole. We reached home again about 20 mins past 11

Thursday 8 Drove on various Business & again witnessed the second days Boat Race. Returned home to Dinner

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- Friday 9 Drove to Swansea - thence to Neath on Business with Mr D Powell & Lewis Griffiths, & went on to a very late Dinner & to sleep at Pyle, in my way to visit Jo Traherne at Tresilian. My original object in this Visit was to examine some points[?] at Eglwysbrewis, but the Treaty with Mr Rickards was terminated
- Saturday 10 Reached Tresilian about ½ before 9 & found my friend Traherne & his Sister Charlotte at Breakfast. Traherne & I immediately afterwards walked to the Caves & thence along the Beach to St Donats. Went over the Church & Castle, & a violent rain early in the afternoon drove us back to Tresilian
- Sunday 11 As the rain this morning fell in Torrents I lent my Phaeton to take Mr & Miss Traherne to the Christening of their little nephew at St Hilary, & I had promised to go if the weather had been fine. It cleared in the afternoon & I walked & looked over the Farm at Lantwit, & afterwards examined the Church & ruins in the Village. The Revd Mr Thomas of St Donats joined us at Dinner
- Monday 12 After Breakfast Traherne accompanied me to Dunraven where I staid about 4 hours in seeing the Caves, Strata & etc & etc. After an early Dinner which Mr & Mrs Wick[?] Burnett[?] insisted on our taking Traherne returned to Tresilian, & at about 9 in the Evening I reached home
- Tuesday 13 Engaged in the morning about Llanelay affairs & etc. In the afternoon drove Mary in to see our Children at Murrays[?] Cottage & returned to Dinner
- Wednesday 14 Met at Swansea Thos Thomas & on the part of Mrs Williams, Mr Morgan Attorney of Neath to try to settle the Hirfiguith[?] dispute. Mary & Lewis accompanied me in the Phaeton
- Thursday 15 Attended Petty Sessions at llangafelach for granting Public House Licences with Sir Jo Morris & Mr Lockwood. Returned home soon after 4
- Friday 16 Went on various Business to Swansea & Mrs D & Lewis accompanied me in the Phaeton
- Saturday 17 Drove after breakfast & was closely engaged allday by a vast variety of Business at Swansea. Sat only a few minutes with our Children at the Cottage & returned home to Dinner

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- Sunday 18 The rain fell in Torrents all day & I read both Services to the Family at home
- Monday 19 Rained hard all the morning but in the afternoon it cleared up, & we all went to spend a few weeks for change of air at Evanisses[?] House by the Seaside at Swansea
- Tuesday 20 Variously engaged in the Town allday
- Wednesday 21 Variously engaged in the Town, & the Boys took a ride to Oystermouth. The Children dined with us & we drank Tea with them at the Cottage
- Thursday 22 I went in the Phaeton & the Boys with Mr Wayne on Horseback to Penllergare. Returned to dinner at Swansea
- Friday 23 In the morning I shewed the Pottry to the Children & they all dined with us. Spent a couple of hours in the Evening at the Cottage
- Saturday 24 Variously engaged all day at Swansea. Drank Tea with the Chikldren at the Cottage
- Sunday 25 Went through a violent Rain to compleat some enquiries respecting the Estate which will be sold tomorrow to Llangafelach & went to Church there, & afterwards drove on & dined at Penllergare. I returned home about 5 & attended the Service with my Boys at St Mary's Church
- Monday 26 Attended a Sale of the Reversion of Panybank, Parthy[?] teg & cefn Cadly all in Llangafelach Parish & the two former are of more value to Sir Jo Morris than to any other Parish & were bought by him for 1610 & 470£ respectively which exceeds my opinion of their worth. Cefn Cadly isnay[?] be under a pleasing wistead[?] of an ugly object from Penllergare, & it was our general Family opinion that it should be purchased[?] at almost any price. It contains about 87 Acres, has about 300 throving young Trees & by some arangements I was lucky in obtaining it for 860£. My two Boys bathed this morning for the first time in the Sea
- Tuesday 27 Variously engaged in Business allday. Mary & Fanny went to call at Gwnllwyanwith[?] & etc. Lewis Thomas returned last night from his confinement & I am sorry to find that the roots of the disease have not been extinguished

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Wednesday 28

At noon the Corporation proceeded in procession, escorted by the Cavalry & etc to lay the first stones of the new Town Hall & of the House of Correction & I by a special Invitation joined & at 4 dined with them where the most handsome Compts. were paid to me. At 7 I joined Mary & Fanny who had gone to dine at St Helens, where I had also preengaged to dine but at the request of the Corporation Mr Jones excused me

Thursday 29

We all spent this Day very pleasantly at the Mumbles

Friday 31

Variously occupied all day by Business

OCTOBER

Saturday 1

Fanny, John & Lewis with Mr Wayne & Miss Gowing walked before breakfast to the Top of Kilvay & Mary & I with the two young ones accompanied then half way

Sunday 2

Drove to Llangafelach Church & dined at Penllergare. The rest of our Family went to St Mary's, & I also went there with Mary & my two Boys in the Evening

Monday 3

Mary took John to call at Danygraig & I was wholly engaged on Business all the morning. In the Evening Mary & I went with our 3 elder Children & Mr Wayne to the Play. It was the Comedy of "The Way to get married" & Rob Roy

Tuesday 4

Variously engaged allday in or about Swansea. Called in the afternoon at Veranda on Col Jones & took Lewis with me

Wednesday 5

Engaged by Business in the morning & in the afternoon drove Mary to call at Marino

Thursday 6

Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach

Friday 7

Variously engaged by Business allday

Saturday 8

Gave this day chiefly to Business at the Pottery. At night after the last of the Family were in Bed I enjoyed a fine view of the Comet & the Tail that extended nearly perpendicular full ten degrees

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- Sunday 9 Drove to Llangafelach Church & dined at Penllergare. The rest of the Family attended St Mary's in the morning, & in the Evening John went there with Mr Wayne & my two Boys. Weather very coarse
- Monday 10 Engaged nearly allday at the Pottery & introduced Mr Voss as Cashier & Commander[?] of the Counting House Department
- Tuesday 11 Variously engaged in the morning - dined with Capt Morgan & in the Evening went with Mary & all the Children to a Play bespoke by Sir Cr & Lady Mary Cole - Comedy - Charles 2nd & Farce a husband for an Oliver'
- Wednesday 12 Mary went with Fanny & the 2 younger Children to the halfway House & enjoyed themselves by the Sea side. John went on Horseback with Mr Wayne to the Mumbles, & much alarmed us by not returning home till ½ past 8 as it was a very dark & wet Evening. They had been shut in by the Tide at the Lighthouse
- Thursday 13 Drove to call on Mrs Jones at St Helens, on Capt Hickey & Gabr Powell & also at Heathfield & on Mr Hewson & Mr T E Thomas accompanied me in the Phaeton. The Children all breakfasted with Miss Basset. I & my 2 Boys dined with T E Thomas
- Friday 14 Variously engaged with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & others on Business most of the Day. We all drank Tea at the Cottage with the little ones
- Saturday 15 We this day quitted Evanis's House in the Boroughs & leaving the two younger Children with Miss Gowing at the Cottage the rest of us returned to Penllergare
- Sunday 16 Some Medicine which it was necessary for me to take kept me all day at home, & the rest of the Family went to Llangafelach Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 17 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Popkin Traherne, Geo Jenner, Jo Traherne, Walter Coffin & Herbert Jones came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 18 Drove to the Quarter Sessions at Swansea where I was proposed by the Honr W B Grey & seconded by Sir C Cole & officiated as Chairman. Dined with the Bench at 7 o'clock & in the Evening with Mary accompanied Fanny to make her first appearance at a Ball. Mary & Fanny slept at the Willows

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- Wednesday 19 At 2 this morning Messrs John Traherne & Coffin returned with me to Penllergare. After Breakfast J Traherne went on our close Carriage & brought the two Ladies back, & when it ceased raining in the afternoon I drove Coffin to Swansea. We all reassembled at Dinner
- Thursday 20 Went with Messrs Traherne & Coffin to Swansea & Lord James Stuart returned with us to dine & sleep here. Coedinawr[?] was again put up for Auction, but I did not do more than match the Sale & there were no bidders
- Friday 21 Messrs Traherne & Coffin left us after Breakfast, & in the afternoon I went with Lord James to dine at Mr Hewson's where we met Sir C Cole & etc. Having a violent cold I returned home early
- Saturday 22 My Cold very bad but I was obliged to go in the close Carriage for half an hour to Swansea
- Sunday 23 Both Fanny & I were kept at home by a Cold, but the rest of the Family went to Church & I read the morning Service. I also read the Evng. Service as usual
- Monday 24 Engaged all the morning in settling Accts with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn. Drove for half an hour to Swansea in the afternoon. The following visitors arrived to spend a few days here. Mr & Mrs Popkin Traherne & their two Children, Mrs Geo Jenner & Mrs Edmund Traherne
- Tuesday 25 All our Party went to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Wednesday 26 In the morning with Griffiths looked over Cwm Cadley which is said to be sold next Friday. Afterwards drove on with P Traherne to Swansea
- Thursday 27 Attended a petty Sessions for the Road Accts at Llangafelach & in the afternoon drove with P Traherne on Business to Swansea. In the morning Mr & Mrs Edd Traherne & the two Children left us leaving Mr P Traherne & Mrs Geo Jenner to remain a day longer
- Friday 28 Mr Traherne & Mrs Jenner left us after an early Breakfast & I then drove with Griffiths to look over Glynwalin[?], Penllwynfoel & Pantydwr in Laneddy Parish which with some other trifling tenements were advertised to be sold by Auction this day at Pontardylais. I dined & attended the Sale but every Lot was bought in at the most extravagant prices. Cwm Cadley for Instance is now

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let on a Lease at 4 Guineas & if out of Lease is valued by Griffiths at 6£ & by myself at 7. Major Hughes bid for it 210£ & rather than let it go on account of its contiguity I was induced to offer £250, but it was bought in for 350£

Saturday 29 Drove on various Business to Swansea

Sunday 30 Colds & extreme bad weather kept us all at home & I read both the Services to the Family at home

Monday 21 Drove on various Business to Swansea

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Tuesday 1 Engaged all the morning by Business at home & in the afternoon drove for an hour to the Pottery

Wednesday 2 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 4. Harvest Home which had been delayed by various circumstances was kept this Evening. They rather exceeded the License which is usually given them & continued their dancing & merriment till 2 hours after midnight. My two Boys & Mr Wayne for sometime joined in the sport

Thursday 3 Attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach where the Revd T Morris joined me, & I afterwards drove for an hour to Swansea

Friday 4 Engaged principally at home. Went in the Coach with Mary & Fanny for an hour to Swansea, & returned to Dinner at 3

Saturday 5 Spent this day unpleasantly at Swansea, & returned to a late Dinner. The continued mental ailment of Lewis Thomas had rendered it necessary for me to insist on the return of several important Papers with which it had been necessary to entrust to him & I at length succeeded in getting them away

Sunday 6 Miss Gowing & Fanny in the coach & John & Mr Wayne on Horseback went to Church & I read both the Services at home

Monday 7 Left home at ¼ before 1. Staid about an hour at Swansea & half an hour on Business with Mr D Powell at Neath. Then drove on in my Phaeton & at 6 reached Pyle where I dined & slept

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- Tuesday 8 Started in the Mail & at 6 with Mr Hewson for my Companion. Had a very rough & somewhat dangerous passage of 50 minutes. We got some Dinner at Bristol & proceeded on our Journey
- Wednesday 9 Reached Town about 7 - breakfasted at the Gloster Coffee House & took an apartment at 120 Jermyn Street - the corner of Regent Str. Having occasion to go in that direction I saw the Lord Mayors Shew. Dined at the Athenaeum. Much over fatigued
- Thursday 10 Engaged by various Business. Not well from over fatigue & a cold. Dined on a Plate of Soup, & drank Tea at Dr Sims's. In the Evening went to the Haymarket Theatre & saw Liston[?] in 'Quite Correct' & 'Paul Poy'[?]
- Friday 11 Engaged at Mr Eliots respecting my Fathers Affairs & in Grays Inn about Mynydd Staffa. Dined & spent the Evening very pleasantly with several of my Friends at the Athenaeum
- Saturday 12 Variously engaged. At 4 met the other Executors of my Father at Mr Eliots - & at ¼ [?] before arrived at Hornsey to pay a Bridal Visit to my Sister Mrs Janson. My Brother & Sister Judith were there
- Sunday 13 Not being well I did not go out but remained allday at Mr Jansons
- Monday 14 Came to Town in the Stage with Mr Jansons [sic]. Variously engaged at Grays Inn, the Bankers & etc & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5 with Mr Janson
- Tuesday 15 Went in my Sisters Carriage to see Judiths intended residence at Tottenham, & then came in the 11 oclock Stage to the City. Engaged at Terraid's[?] respecting my Fathers & Mrs Llewelyns affairs. Afterwards at Grays Inn respecting Mynydd Staffa. Dined with Col Colby at the Athenaeum & afterwards went to see Monsr Mazurier perform Joco the Brazilian Monkey at Covent Garden
- Wednesday 16 George breakfasted with me & we afterwards went to the City chiefly on my Fathers Business
- Thursday 17 Variously engaged in Business respecting Mynydd Staffa & etc till Dark. Dined with the Royal Society Club at the Crown & Anchor & afterwards attended a Meeting of the Society
- Friday 18 Engaged myself for 3 hours in the morning at the British Museum, & afterwards called on Mrs Goring, Jo Nicholl & etc. Dined with Dr

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Wollaston at his new house in Dorset St & with him attended a Sitting in the Evening of the Geological Society

- Saturday 19 Variously engaged with my Fathers Executors & on other Business all the morning. Dined at Sir H Davy's with a party of 12 among which were my old friends the Bishop of Carlisle, Sir Everard Homes[?], Sir George Stanting[?], Dr Wollaston, Mr Lambers & etc. On my return to my apartment late, the stair Carpet being loose, gave me a terrible Fall & I severely injured both my thigh & right arm besides other Business
- Sunday 20 The effects of my Fall were this morning so severe that I was from stiffness hardly able to get out of Bed but being loath to disappoint George I got into a Coach & breakfasted with him at Mornington Place, Hamstead Road. We afterwards went to hear Irvin the celebrated Scotch Preacher in Hatton Garden, & there I met Dr Sims who dressed the wound which the fall had given to my arm. I afterwards attended the Evening Service at St James' Church & then answered a letter from my dear John
- Monday 21 On account of my lameness several People came to me in my Apartments on Business & I afterwards went to Grays Inn. Drank Tea at Dr Sim's & attended the Soiree at the Athenaeum, it being the first held this Season
- Tuesday 22 On account of my inability from lameness to go to Bermondsey as I had appointed Mr Frampton came to breakfast with me & to settle some Questions relating thereto. Went to dine at Hornsey where I met Mr Alexander
- Wednesday 23 Returned by an early Stage from Hornsey & attended to various Business. In the Evening I dined at Sir H Davy's where I met Lady Westmorland, Lord Porchester, a Miss Fanshaw, & Sir Alexander Johnson. Remained there till very near Midnight
- Thursday 24 Weather very bad & my bruises so troublesome that I went but little out. Spent an hour in the Evening with P Duncan at the Athenaeum & then attended a Sitting of the Royal Society. Returned in Davy's Carriage with him & Chantry to the Oyster Supper at the Athenaeum & Chantry & I remained there till near Midnight
- Friday 25 George assisted me in packing & at one I got an early Dinner at Dr Sim's. About ½ past 2 I started in the Telegraph Worcester Coach, & reached Oxford at 11. Took my Quarters at the Star

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Saturday 26

After Breakfasting at the Star I called on Dr Buckland & went over the new House which he is fitting up as a Canon of Christ Church. I then called & sat an hour with Dr Copleston & entered John as a Gentleman Commoner at Oriel. Next attended one of Bucklands Lectures & afterwards accompanied him to bury 24 Toads in his Garden at Christ Church. To try their longevity in holes when air is excluded he had prepared one large block of Hedington & another of Pennant[?] Stone with 12 holes in each & in each hole a Toad with a Glass over was placed & the Stones then buried. Each Toad was first measured & weighed by myself. I dined at Corpus & went to an Evening party at Dr Williams where I met Drs Buckland, Whately, Danbury [? Daubeny] & others of my Friends

Sunday 27

Went in the morning to hear a Sermon at St Mary's by my Friend Dr Whately & afterwards called on Dr Kidd & etc. Dined at Magdalen Colledge [sic] & spent the Evening very pleasantly at Dr Daubeny's. Got acquainted with Mr Ridley (the Brother of Sir M Ridley) who is Anglo-Saxon Professor & am much pleased with him

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