

Ralph Jackson's diary (Book E), Newcastle, November 1752 – August 1753 &
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Journall Letter E begun Wednesday November 1st 1752

& continued regularly till Wednesday Aug. 29th 1753

When I neglected it being in Business but on

Monday March 1st 1756 I began again and regularly

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NOVEMBER 1752

Wednesday the First. In the forenoon I went to see if there was anything from Richmond but there was not so I retir'd into the Office and wrote to my Sister Hannah then I carried it away and gave a letter to Jn^o Hodg to carry to Cousin Matty Reed at Westa. I got the Letter from Richmond yesterday by M^r Wade then I went to M^{rs} Hudspeth's awhile after dinner I went there again and Billy & self cleaned out a Loft for our diversion. I drunk Tea there then my Master sent me for some Lemons which I did, I sat in M^r Sowerby ho^s a while and retired to bed exactly at Eleven. Winkhamlee

Thursday the Second. In the forenoon I went down to came home and M^r Jn^o. Jefferson Mas^r of the Rich^d & Ann dined at our house, after dinner I cleaned my Shoes and went to Alderman Sowerby's Raffyard came home, Billy & self played at Chequers, M^{rs} Hudspeth was at our house after she went away I went into M^r Sowerby's house a while then came in and retired to bed a little after Ten.

Friday the Third. In the forenoon I went down to Winkhamlee after I got my dinner I went to see M^r James and stayed there a good while and he brought me a Letter from Sister Rachel, then I went up to the Post Office came down and went to M^r Sowerby's Raffyard awhile then I came home and sat awhile then I went into M^r Sowerby's house, after I had sat there about two hours I came home and retired to bed exactly at Ten o'Clock.

Saturday the Fourth. In the morning I went down to the Shore to see if any of our Keelmen wou'd go to Team for M^{rs} Hudspeth but it blew so hard that they cou'd boudg so I went down to Winkhamlee. In the afternoon I came home and went up the key at night I sat in M^r Sowerby's house awhile then came in and retired to bed at Ten.

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Sunday the Fifth. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon. I retired into the office after dinner and wrote to Cousin Betty Coats. I went up to the Post office and in the evening I took a walk to the Shield F^d. and I ordered Miller to go down to Winkhamlee in the morning, and I took a walk up and down the key then I came in and I retired to bed between 10 & 11.

Monday the Sixth. In the forenoon I went with Billy to M^r Haggerston's Shop upon the Bridge, and he went with me to Mr. Tho^s Barker's and to M^r Lionell Slaters where I rec'd at each place a Bill for £15. 0s. 4d. and at Slaters for £9 10s. 3d. which in all amounted to £24. 10s. 7d. I brought it to my Master and then took a walk with Billy to Sandeferstone to see the Horses we gave them a feed and) we stoped at the Stables, as we came home, after dinner I took my Flute to M^r Sowerby's Raffyard where I play'd a good while then I came home and walked upon the Key and at night retired to bed at Ten.

Tuesday the Seventh. In the forenoon I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played upon the Flute and I went to M^r Sowerby's Raffyard, after dinner I went there again and got a Book, and carried it to M^{rs} Tindells for her son William, then I went up to the Post Office came down, at night I went with Billy to his mammas and played upon Billy's Flute we came in and I retir'd to bed between Nine and Ten.

Wednesday the Eighth. I got up early in the morning and went down to Winkhamlee, came home and carried a Letter (w^{ch} I wrote on Sunday to Cousin Betty Coats) to M^r Wade who was going there and I went as far as old M^r Akenhead's shop and stay'd awhile and at last I saw W^m Battison come past and I asked him if he had anything from Richmond but he told me he had not so I came home and retired into the Office where I wrote in my Journall, and wrote to Sister Rachel, M^r John Jefferson dined at our house after dinner I went to M^{rs} Hudspeth's with Billy and we maid some squibs and set them off in the yard then I carried the Letter to the Carrier and M^r Galilee came up, In the evening I drunk Tea with Billy and at night I went to M^{rs} Tindells and read in the magazine, then I came home and retired to bed at Nine.

Thursday the Ninth. I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I got shaved and retired into the office. In the afternoon I walked upon the Key and in the evening I went to M^{rs} Tindells and stayed awhile then I came into our house and played at Cards and I retired to bed nigh Eleven.

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Friday the Tenth. I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee, came home and went to Mr Haggerstone's wth Billy and to Mrs Hudspeth's with Billy were we mayed squibs att the forenoon, and in the afternoon we maid some, I drunk Tea there and went up to the Post Office were I got a Letter from my Father from London, then we set some of the squibs of in the street, and the rest in M^{rs} Hudspeth's, I sat awhile in Jacob Gillespy's shop then came in and retired to bed between Nine and ten.

Saturday the Eleventh. In the morning I took a walk upon the Key came in, went upstairs wrote in my Journal and put on my Boots for there was a good deal of snow fell yesterday, and it was very cold. In the forenoon I went to M^{rs} Tindells and in the afternoon I went there too, and play'd upon my Flute then I went to M^r Sowerby's Raffyard, in the evening I came into the house and read the news paper over and retir'd to bed nigh Ten.

Sunday the Twelvth. I got up early and cleaned myself a pair of shoes then I retired into the office again, I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, I went to) M^{rs} Tindells before afternoon service, and after I went there to in the evening I went to the Post Office twice but there was no Letters, in the evening I stay'd in the house & retir'd to bed between Nine and Ten.

Monday the Thirteenth. In the forenoon I went down to Winkhamlee. In the afternoon I went to M^{rs} Tindells and walked upon the Key, at night my master Billy & self played at Cards and I retired to bed between ten and Eleven.

Tuesday the Fourteenth. I got up early in the morning and went down to Winkhamlee after dinner I took a walk with Billy to the Sandhill and Castle Garth, came down by the side and retired into the office and copyed a Letter to my Mas^r. In the evening I went to M^r Sowerby's Raff yard, came home and played upon my Flute, we played at cards and I retired to bed between ten and Eleven.

Wednesday the Fifteenth. In the morning I carried a Hatt to dress for Ra: Morton to all S^{ts} Church yard, and I went up & down the Key side 3 or 4 times to see for Ja^s Coats to borrow his Graplings for Miller lost his anchor in the fest, then I went down to Gothard's landing for their Boat, and I helped George to row her up, we got the anchor the first sweep and then George and self took up 4 Bowles of Malt for Margaret Rosebrough, and I retired into our Office and got out my shirts for the washing and wrote in) my Journal, M^r John Galilee dined at our house, and after dinner I went into the Office and wrote to my Sister Hannah,

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then I went with it to the Carriers, and played upon my Flute in M^{rs} Tindells, then I went to M^r Sowerbys Raffyard in the evening I went with our Billy to M^r Wilkinsons Psalmery School, came home we played at Cards and I retired to bed at Ten.

Thursday the Sixteenth. In the morning I went down to Winkhamlee, M^r John Campion dined at our house, after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played upon my Flute and walked upon the Key at night we played at cards and I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Friday the Seventeenth. In the forenoon I went down to Winkhamlee, after dinner I took a walk with Billy and Lionell Trotter and old George to see the Horses, the Mair had got out of the field, but she leap'd in again as soon as we came nigh hand her, we stoped at W^m Humbles in the Shield field and gave Lio^l & Geo. Two pints of bear then I went to Mrs Tindells and played upon my Flute, at night I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths and sat till my Master came away for Miss Bellah came home from Staiths this evening, after we got into our house my Master smoaked a Pipe I retired to bed between ten and Eleven.

Saturday the Eighteenth. In the morning I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths and got a Haisty Puding with Billy, then my Master sent me to Mr Fetherston's Office with 3 Bills, but M^r Fetherston was not at Leisure so I took a walk with Billy to the Shield field with our Little Black dog then I went up to M^r Fetherston's Office again when I got my business done, after dinner I retired into the office and posted M^r Galilee's Loading into the Tickett Book, made out the Keelmens Note and wrote in my Journall, at night my Master sent me for some a Pound of Prunes, but I cou'd get none so I got ½ Pound of small currans, and I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Sunday the Nineteenth. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, I retir'd into the Office and made a Couple of Pens for my Master and I wrote in my Journall, In the evening I took a walk with Billy Henderson & Nanny, came home and I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Monday the Twentieth. I got up early and went with Billy & John to catch the Galloway, but we had a deel to do before we got it for it had got out of the field and I was obliged to leap two or three hedges after it, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, at night we played at Cards, and I retired to bed at Eleven.

Tuesday the Twenty First. I went to M^r Akenheads Shop for 2 Quire of paper and my Master told me who all the Bills were passed to since last April and I marked them down in

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the Bill Book, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, in the evening I went into M^{rs} Hudspeths with Billy and sat a good while then we came in and I retir'd to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Wednesday the Twenty Second. In the morning my Master sent me into the Office to draw out M^{rs} Alice Peterson's Acco^t. for a Cha^r. of Long Benton Coals got on the 23d. March @ 13s. per Ch. Then I went to W^m Battison but he had not anything from Richmond, then I went up to the Stables with Billy for the Horses but they were come down, then my Master & Billy went down to Shields and I packed up some Cloth's & wrote a Letter to Richmond then I carried them to the carriers, after dinner I stayed in the house cleaned my shoes and played upon my Flute in the evening I went to Alderman Sowerby's Raff Yard, when my Mas^r came home we talked awhile my Master smoaked a pipe and I retired to bed at Ten.

Thursday the Twenty Third. In the forenoon I took a ride out with Billy, and I rode upon my Masters Mair, after dinner I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths to call on Ralph Morton to go down to Winkhamlee, after he got his dinner we went down and we came home with Jo. Allen (that is) the mayor's Butler, at night we talked about my going home to Richmond, soon and I retired to bed at Eleven.

Friday the Twenty Fourth. In the forenoon I took a ride out with Billy upon my Masters Mair, M^r John Jefferson (Master of the Rich^d & Ann of London) dined at our house, In the afternoon I went up to the Post Office and stayed along time before I got my Letters at night I retired to bed exactly at Ten.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth. In the morning I went up the Key to seek for Watson Wherrey but cou'd not find her, then I set forward for Winkhamlee but got no further than Gothard's Landing for I met Alex^r Paterson there and he told me that the Long Benton Waggon went by two gates and that we were shared out so I turned back and went to the new Printing Office for a News Paper, then I went up to the Stables with Billy and saw the Horses bled, and gave them a Mash, after dinner I went to Alderman Soresby in the Close and got a Bill accepted to M^r Haggerston's I went to M^r Reavely's Work Shop and got a Ruler made to our John's where I got a bit of Beefstake, then I went to Alderman Sowerby's Raff yard and at night I retired to bed between Nine and Ten.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon in the evening I retir'd into the Office and wrote a Letter to my Brother, at night I retired to bed night Ten.

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Monday the Twenty Seventh. I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee, came home and went into the Maltloft to take up four Bowles of malt for Margaret Rosebrough, after dinner I made a fire in the Office and went to seek for Geo. And found him at his own house, then we took up four Bowles of Malt for W^m Charlton Carpenter, then I retired into the office and copied over some letters into the letter Book till it was dark, then I went down stairs, we play'd at Cards & retired to bed a little after Ten.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth. Billy & self got up at Six o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee. I wrote from thence to Mr. Jn^o Dawson Mas^r of the Good agreement lying at Jarrah Key, then I came home and retir'd into the Office where I wrote in my Journall and other Books ab^t. my masters business and wrote to my Father at London, at night we supped upon a couple of Woodcocks and I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth. I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee, I rode home upon one of M^r Hedley's Horses, after I came home I went to the Carriers to see if they had brought any thing from Richmond and I got a Letter with a small poake from Sister Hannah, I retired into the Office and pack'd up some of my Cloths then I carried them to the Richmond Carriers, after dinner I asked my Master to let me write for my Galloway but he refus'd me so I retired into the Office and wrote to my Sister Hannah, and I carried it to W^m Battison but I cou'd not find him till I went upon the Bridge and there I found him at the Toul shop, In the evening John Campion came up he sat a while at our house then my Master & Billy went with him to M^{rs} Hudspeths and spent the evening but I retired to bed nigh Nine.

Thursday the Thirtieth. In the morning I went down to Winkhamlee, came home and retired into the office, wrote in my Journall and dressed myself for M^{rs} Hudspeth and Misses with John Campion dined at our house, In the afternoon I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and set Miss Bellah to Miss Bucks, for they were going to the Concert, then I went almost to the Mayor's house in the Close to tell Joseph Richinson that M^r Campion did not intend to go till Saturday morning, came home after the Miss Hudspeth's came from the concert the came into our house with M^{rs} Hudspeth when, they went away we all retired to bed nigh twelve.

DECEMBER 1752

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Friday the First. In the forenoon I went down to Winkhamlee, when I came home my Master carried me into M^{rs} Hudspeth's where I drunk Tea and play'd at cards then we all went away to the Moot Hall, and saw the famous Rope Dancers and Tumblers, who performs to admiration my master treated me to see them, after we came home we went into our house, supt and retired to bed nigh Twelve.

Saturday the Second. In the morning M^r John Campion set forward for Staiths and we fell to work and got in 2 steeps of malt from M^{rs} Tindells, into our new Maltloft and also, parts of one from George Orricks, and the rest of it into the old Maltloft, I drunk tea at M^{rs} Tindells, and at night my master smoked a pipe and we retired to bed exactly at half an hour past ten.

Sunday the Third. I went to church both forenoon and afternoon, in the evening I retired in to the office and wrote in my Journall and went up to the Post Office came down and got a bason of Tea at our own house, at night I retired to bed between Nine and Ten.

Monday the Fourth. I got up early in the morning and called of my Mas^r and Billy to go a hunting but they would not go, so I made a fire on in the office, then my Mas^r ordered me to go down to Winkhamlee so I put on my Boots, and rode down upon his Mair and Billy rode upon his own Galloway, we came home and I retired into the Office and mended the fire and wrote in my Journall, after dinner I retired into the office and wrote till was dark then I went upon the key with Billy, came in, and I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Tuesday the Fifth. I got up at Six o'Clock and called of Billy to go a Hunting, we went into there house and got some boilled milk then I set him up to the Stables and from thence to Pilgrom Street came down and found my Mas^r very ill for he had taken my Uncle Jos.

Wards Pill so I made a fire in the Office and copyed over all the Reckonings since the 27th August to the time, and was both forenoon and afternoon in doing them all beside going to M^r Turnbolls for my Cyphering Books and writing in my Journall, at night, I got a Letter from my Mother by the Post with an inclosure to my Master, but I did not give it to him tonight & retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Wednesday the Sixth. In the morning I went to Peggy Bone's and examined the drink Notes with her, Captain Clifton came up and dined at our house, I went to M^r Ellison's to see if I cou'd get to Scorton upon Mas^r. Ellison's Galloway but the man was not in the way so I called at M^r Cuthbertson's and gave their maid servant a Letter and went to M^r William's in the Close to see if I cou'd get to Scorton upon one of their horses but I cou'd not, so I came

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home and my Master sent me to the Custom house for a [2 *blank pages*] Sufference, and to pay Christopher Soulesby one Shilling which my Master borrowed of him and I went to M^r Ellinson's again where I found the servant who told me he wou'd let me ride to Scorton so I came down and got leave of my Master to go home then I retir'd into the Office where I wrote to my Mother & got a Letter from my Mother this day, and I put up my Cloth's but was too long tho' I got a Man to carry them to the Sandhill but brought them back this afternoon I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and went up to M^r Ellison's to see if the man was for going tomorrow morning but he cou'd not I came down and retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Thursday the Seventh. I got up at Six o'Clock and wrote in the Office till Eight then my Master sent me to the Stables for the Horses & him & Billy went down to Shields, Jn^o. & self went into the Office and examined the Vends and found them all right, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee came home and cleaned my Boots and shoes I retired into the Office and put up all my Cloths and carried them up to M^r Leonard Bellsn with them & left a Letter to Tho^s Warbottle came down and went to bid M^{rs} Hudspeth farewell, I gave my Master my Staith Charges I helped the brewer to Mash and retired to bed a little after Eleven.

Friday the Eighth. I got up at Four o'Clock and went up to M^r Ellinson's where I took Horse we bated at Firry Hill and went forward to Darlington, where I dined at my Cousin Stephenson's, then went to M^r Pease's Shop & from thence to Mr Currys where I found (p1 the Man, and we set forward to Scorton and got there before Six o'Clock, then I mounted my Father's Horse and went to Richmond and got there before Seven o'Clock where I found old M^r Allen and all Friends well but Sister^ Hannah^ who had been very ill but was pretty well recovered I retired to bed between Nine and Ten

Saturday the Ninth. I went down street before dinner with Sister Dolly after dinner I played upon my Slate, in the evening Miss Deighton & Jackey came up to my Sister Dolly & Self we set them down street, came home and I retired to bed at Ten.

Sunday the Tenth.. I went to Church neither forenoon nor afternoon, but wrote in my Journall, and went to see M^r Kilburn, Cousin Nancy Coats came up to see me that night I went for my Sisters to Mary Halls for she was not well, and I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

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Monday the Eleventh. In the morning Taylor Jack came to our house and I wrote to my Master (as also to my Fa^r. & Couⁿ. Sally James yesterday) and went down street to M^r Lewisses the Taylor who took measure of me for a Waistcoat and cut out a Waiscoat for me & I brought the remains away, came home & found Cousin Bellah Stephenson of Darlington at our house so I went to M^r Temples for my Mother or Sister Rachel & Rachel came up with me after dinner I went with the Lad and cut a whole of Hay by myself we got it into the house drunk Tea, & at night I went to M^r Temples wth Etty who laid there all night came up and retired to bed at Ten.

December. Tuesday the Twelvth. I went down street twice & to M^r Temples once or twice, and wrote to my Father at night I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Wednesday the Thirteenth. From this day to the 22nd Dec^m I played upon my Flute and went down street sometimes and on

Friday the Twenty Second. Sister Dolly & self set out for Whitby, with Sister Etty & Cousin Dorothy Reed for Yarm, we all laid at Yarm, on,

Saturday the Twenty Third. Sister & self with the Lad went to Guisborough, my Uncle had been come from Boulby ab^t half an hour I laid wth Thos. Pressick & Dolly wth Margaret Poskett.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth. My Uncle, Sister Do. & self went to Church both forenoon and afternoon before dinner M^r Jn^o. Pease of Darlington, came, and after dinner he set forward for Whitby, in the evening my Uncle read a Sermon and then we retired to bed.

Monday the Twenty Fifth, being Christmas Day I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon but only went in the forenoon & my Uncle not at all 'tho' very well (I omitted making a memorandum yesterday that my Sis^r. Dolly & self drunk Tea at one M^{rs} Lyons an old maiden & an acquaintance of my Mother), this evening old Jn^o. Posskett & a young Woman that came to see Sis^r Dolly supt at my Uncles, & B Jn^o. Reed drunk Tea.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth. Sis^r. Dolly & self wth. My Uncles Serv^t. (Jn^o. Pearson) went to Steaths where we found Ralph Jackson who is blind, in the afternoon Mr Francis Fox came from Guisborough at night Ra: Jackson sang several Songs and play'd several Tunes upon the Fiddle & I retir'd to bed with Jn^o. Campion.

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Wednesday the Twenty Seventh. We stayed at Staiths and I went upon the Sands and gather'd some shells for my Sis^r Rachel at night we all played at Cards and I retired to bed wth, Jn^o. Campion.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth. Sis^r Dolly & self set out with M^r Fox & Ralph Jackson to Whitby and got there at dinner time, in the afternoon I went with young M^r Pease and saw the dry docks, at night I went with M^r Pease's Sen^r. & Jun^r. to M^r Pearsons where we supt and stayed till Twelve o'Clock, then we came home and I retir'e to bed with Cousin Pease Jun^r.

Friday the Twenty Ninth. I went with Billy Pease to the Pear end and walked ab^t the Town and went to Church with M^r Pearson, in the evening M^r Pease Sen^r went out (I omitted that in the morning Cousin Jn^o. Pease of Darlington went away) we played at Cards till bedtime & then retired to bed.

Saturday the Thirtieth. I went from Whitby to Guisborough & called at Boulby for my Uncle but he was gone, that night I laid with Tho^s Pressick.

Sunday the Thirty First. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, in the evening M^r Hide (who is Parson) sat in the evening wth us, after he went away w^{ch} was past eleven o'Clock I retired to bed with Thomas.

JANUARY 1753

Monday the First. In t he morning I set out for Richmond, called at Yarm, saw my Sis^r Etty, got dinner and came away, I retired to bed, abo^t Nine or Ten. from this day to the 16th I played upon my Flute went down street & several other things I did, and on

Tuesday the Sixteenth. I set M^{rs} Layton to Thirsk, she was sent for upon acco^t of M^{rs} Deighton's illness when we got to Thirsk we heard that M^{rs} Deighton was dead, so M^{rs} Ra^l Pybuss went to Coxwold with M^{rs} Layton to the Funeral. in the afternoon I went about to see some old acquaintances & then went to M^{rs} Pybusses, drunk tea, got Supper & Retired to bed between Eight and Nine.

Wednesday the Seventeenth. I set of Thirsk with young M^r Johnson as far as Allerton, I staid there ab^t. an hour and then set forward for Richmond, in the evening I went down street and did some business then I came home & retired to bed. from this time till the 29th I

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went down street, played upon the Flute went a shooting & to Gillen with M^r Allen & some more Gentlemen to see them Seatach, & several other things till the 29th and on Monday the Twenty Ninth, I went to meet my Father on his Journey from London, I stayed at Catherick till I payed for a wigg and got my Horse shod, then I went to the sign of the Oak Tree, the Landlord Name Rob^t Wilkinson I stayed there ab^t an hour and then went forwards to Borrow bridge where I lay all night and on Father at Borrowbridge, M^r Rob^t Deighton of London, & Mr W^m. Allen met us between Catherick

Tuesday the Thirtieth I set forward towards Weatherby, but met my Father before I got Eight measured miles, I turn'd back with my Father, we stayed at Borrowbridge & also at the Oak Tree at each place about an hour. I changed horses with my & the Bridge, when we got to Brumton' I rode on to St Trennions for my Sister Rachel was there, when we got home I looked after the horses and wrote to my Brother to inform him of my Fathers being got safe home, I omitted our getting home ab^t. Six o'Clock, after riding 44 measured miles today, at night I retired to bed.

Wednesday the Thirty First. In the morning I went to Stapleton, with my Cousin Deighton but the water being impassible, either by Horse or Boat, so we went from thence to Croft Bridge where I parted with him, this afternoon I played upon my Flute and at night retired to bed

FEBRUARY 1753

From this day till the 4th of February I did nothing particular and on February. Sunday the Fourth, I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon, Cousin Betty & two little Cousin Coat's dined at our house in the evening I took a walk with Cousⁿ. Betty Coats. Sis. Rachel Capⁿ. Preivel, Mr Jn^o. Close & Mr W^m Allen, when we came home we found Doctor Wain who drunk Tea, I set Cousin Coats down street, & stayed a while there and took my leave of all acquaintances down street. M^r Temple was at our house, at ten he went away I got my Cloths ready and retired to bed.

Monday the Fifth. It was a very fine morning, and our boy, William, and self set out between Eight and ^Nine^ o'Clock for Newcastle, we did not call till we came to the sign of the Road Lion ab^t.two measured miles ^to the southward of^ Durham, we stayed there about an hour, and then set forward again, we reached N'Castle between five and Six o'Clock, my

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Master sent me an errand ^to^ the Wherry Stairs, then Billy & self with the Lad went up to the Stables and saw the Horses, then came down & the Lad & I retired to bed together at Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday the Sixth. I got up at five o'clock and took my Cloaths out of the Portmantle, went up to the Stables and got the lad set away by a Little after Six o'Clock, and I set him as far as the Turnpike Gate, at the high end of Gateshead, in the forenoon my Master set me into the office and I copyed over five Reckonings into the Book, in the afternoon I went a shooting with Billy, we killed nothing but a small bird which he killed, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths, in the evening, my Mas^r. Billy, Lionell Trotter & self play'd at Cards, and the winnings went towards the buying of Shott we got 7d. among us w^{ch} paid for ¼ Stone after Lionell went away I retired to bed at Eleven.

Wednesday the Seventh. I got up early and wrote part of a Letter to Sister Hannah, after I came down stairs I went to W^m Battison's Inn and got a Parcell from Richmond then I went into the Office and wrote the other part of my Letter, when I carried it along Billy went with me, and we bought the Shott we played for yesterday night, M^r Robert Waddell dined at our house, after dinner I walked upon the Key, in the evening my Master and Billy went with M^r Raiston to see the Rope Dan And Tumblers but I retired to bed at Nine.

Thursday the Eighth. In the morning I made a fire on in the Office and copy'd some ships loadings into the Tickett Book, in the afternoon I took a walk with Billy into the Shield field, with Dogo the dog, I came home and retired into the Office, and wrote in my Journall, & played upon my Flute, at night we got supper, & I retired to bed between ten & Eleven.

Friday the Ninth. In the morning I made a fire on in the Office and cut ^out^ the reckonings w^{ch} I had copy'd the other day for they were wrong, and copyed them into the Book again, I retired into the Office & also helped my Master to remove some Books, at night I went to M^r Partises, for half a pound of Tobacco and I went up to the Post Office came home and retired to bed at Ten.

Saturday the Tenth. In the morning I went to tell Geo. Wardell not to Water the Horses, for Billy and self was going to ride, but it was such a rainy morning we cou'd not so I walked upon the Key, and read the Newspapers after dinner I walked upon the Key, at night I read in the Bible I sat a little while after my Master and Billy came in, and retired to bed a little after Ten.

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Sunday the Eleventh. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, I went into my Chamber and read in the New Testament, in the evening I went to M^{rs} Tindells and sat better than an hour then came in and retired to bed a little before Ten.

Monday the Twelvth. In the forenoon I went a shooting with Billy & Lyonell Trotter, we went to Lancelott Bullman's & dined, then we came home after killing some small birds tho' I only killed one, at night my Master made us all to play ^at cards^ for Powder, we raised as much as bo^l. ½ lb, after Lionell went away I retir'd to bed between Twelve and One o'Clock.

Tuesday the Thirteenth. In the morning I went into the Maltloft with John and helped him to trim the Malt, I went upon the Key with Billy to M^r Kirton's shop where we bought ½ lb of Gunpowder, came home and found Archibald Readhead at our house who dined with us, he is the man that looks after M^r Tabors Brigg w^{ch} is to be sold, after dinner I went out a Gunning with Billy he fired thrice & killed three ^small^ birds, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and went up to the Post Office, sat at M^{rs} Tindells till after Eight then came in and retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Wednesday the Fourteenth. I got up early in the morning and wrote part of a Letter to my Sister Hannah, then I went up to Jane Duckitts (who lives at M^r Cuthbertson) to see if she wanted anything into Yorkshire, I called at W^m Battison's inn before I got a Letter and a Parcell from Sister Hannah, after dinner I retired into the Office and finished my Letter to Sister Hannah, I carried it to William, but was obliged to go into Gateshead tho' I did not find him there, came home, and drunk tea at M^{rs} Tindells and stay'd there till Eight o'Clock, then my Madter, Billy & self played at cards for Shott but I lost nothing, I retired to bed night Eleven.

Thursday the Fifteenth. In the forenoon we got in two steepings of malt from M^{rs} Tindells, and in the afternoon we almost filled the Hay Chamber with Hay, then I retired into the Office and put on a clean shirt. I drunk Tea with my Mast^r and went to see how John did, for he was very bad with getting in the Malt, & I went with Billy to Doro^y Corner's for one Hundred of Chestnuts, at one shilling p^r Cent. Jn^o Crenmore was at our house after he went away I retired to bed at Ten.

Friday the Sixteenth. In the forenoon I played upon my Flute, at M^{rs} Tindells, in the afternoon I took with Mr Heldey's man to see there horses, I came down upon the Key for

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there was some ships sending up, in the evening my Mas^r told me Mr Till was dead, & I retired to bed at Ten.

Saturday the Seventeenth. In the morning Jno called me up, and I went upon the Key, when I saw a very Fresh in the River there was fifteen sail of Ships, besides Keels and Wherrys tore away from there Moorings, there was 3 large stones with rings at them tore away by the Ships. In the forenoon I played upon my Flute at Mrs Tindells, and walked down the Key some times for the fresh had almost forced one of our Keels upon the Key, after dinner I took a walk with Billy on the Tops of the Hills of the South side above Bridg, and we saw a great deluge for the Water cover'd a great many low grounds, after we came home I retired into the Office and wrote in my Journall, then I went to M^{rs} Tindells and sat about an hour at night I retired to bed exactly at Eleven.

Sunday the Eighteenth. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, I retir'd into the Office after dinner, & both my Master and Jenny found fault with me, it was a very high tide, after Church time I went to see if the Post was come in, I came into the House after my Master had finished a Letter to M^r Taben, I carried it to the Post Office, I was very bad in a Cough or Cold, & my Mas^r gave me a half penny to buy Treakel w^{ch} I did and had a Possit made when I went to Bed, Jn^o went up to the Post Office and got a Letter from M^r Ra: Tunstall of Darlington for my Master w^{ch} gave us an acco^t of the damages done at & nigh Croft particularly those at Oxenfield, I retired to bed a little after Ten.

Monday the Nineteenth. In the forenoon Jn^o came with me to chuse a shovel out of my Masters stock, and also to Robt. Gotharts where I one of my Toy sparrs, and I went to Glass houses to see if they had any frosting but they sell none, I called at old M^r Akenhead's shop and sat awhile and got ½ quire of 3d Paper for myself, after dinner I took a walk into the Carling Croft with Billy Hudspeth, Billy Henderson & Jn^o Allen, ^then we^ came home I played upon my Flute in our house as none but Geo. Was in the house, I went with John to his house, & got a dish of Coffee with him, then I went into M^{rs} Hudspeths and stayed a good while Billy & self came into our house, and I sat with him till my Master came in and then retired ^a little^ after Eleven.

Tuesday the Twentieth. In the forenoon I stayed in the house and made some Pens for my Master, after dinner I went wth Billy into there house and made some Squibs, I drunk there and played a good deal upon my Flute, in the evening John Champion of Staiths came to our

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house, I went up to the Post Office and got a Letter from Rob^t Campion for my Mas^r who was delivering his coals at a buy Port in Cornwall, call'd Towey Lionell Trotter was at our house almost drunk and after he went away we all retir'd to bed at Eleven.

Wednesday the Twenty First. I got up early in the morning and wrote a letter to Cousin Betty Coats, in the forenoon I went to the Carriers and got a Box from Richm^d with a Letter from Sister Hannah and some snaps for Billy, I carried my German Flute Key to get mended I retir'd into the Office and wrote to Sist^r Han^h I gave it to William and got my flute key from M^r Pryon, after dinner I play'd upon my flute at M^{rs} Tindells and read in Telamachus wh^{ch} I got from Richm^d this forenoon, in the evening my Mas^r, Billy, and Jno Campion went to M^{rs} Hudspeths but I read in Telemachus & retir'd to bed at Eleven w^{ch} was before they came in.

(p2 Thursday the Twenty Second. In the forenoon I went up the Key and saw a French Cutter w^{ch} Capⁿ Obryan took two or three days since with some un custom'd goods in, as Brandy, Rum & Tea, I went to M^{rs} Tindells and sat awhile. Capⁿ Cuffly & Jn^o Campion dined at our house & Henry Metcalf called of Campion to go down to shields he stay'd by us till dinner was over then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & also in the evening till Eight o'Clock where I read the 3 first Books of Telamachus, this day my Mas^r was very angry at me because Mr Jn^o Campion told him that my Fa^r was saying at Staiths that he feared I shou'd little improvement at Newcastle, at night I retired to bed between Nine & Ten.

Friday the Twenty Third. In the morning Mr Samuel Campion came up, after breakfast John & him took a ride up the Water to see the Coals upon Mr Bowesses Staith, and I went with Billy to seek a Hen w^{ch} had got out of the Yard but we cou'd not find her, after John & Mr Campion came home I went up to the Printing Offices to tell them to continue the advertisement of M^r Tabor's Brigg, Marigold, lying at the South Shore w^{ch} is to be sold by applying to my Master, Mr Sam^l Campion dined at our house, after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells played upon my Flute drunk Tea and in the evening read 4th & 5th Books of Telamachus, but I went up to the Post Office called to see Mr Jn^o James, at his inn the foot of the side. I got a Letter for him I came home & after my Mas^r came in I retired to bed at Eleven exactly.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth. In the forenoon I took a ride with Billy upon the Town Moor, after we came home I went to bid to M^r James farewell, and after dinner I took a walk on

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Moor edge with Billy, we had the Guns and Billy killed a Thursh I did not fire but at a Mark which I hit, in the evening I went to M^{rs} Tindells & read the 6th and 7th books of Telamachus. I came in & retir'd to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth. In the forenoon I went to our Church, in the afternoon I went to Sandgate Chapell & I heard an excellent Sermon preached by M^r Wilson of Gateshead taken out of the 42 Chapter of Genisis, & I also heard an anthem sung by Tho^s Wilkinson & some of his Schollars taken out of 105th Psalm, reading Psalms, after service when I came home found Lyonell at our house but he went away & I went to see if the Post was come in, & also up to the Stables with Billy to see the mair, after Six o'Clock I went up to the Post Office and got a Letter for my Mas^r from Mr Tabon, and I retired to bed at Ten.

Monday the Twenty Sixth. In the morning George called me up and told me that M^r Rutter's Malting was burnt down, In the forenoon I walked upon the Key and went to Jn^o Cowlson's for M^r Jn^o Jefferson of London was come there he dined at our house, after dinner I took a walk up to the Castle Yard with Lionell Trotter to buy a Waist coat but he did not buy one then, tho' he (did) awhile after, I retired into the Office, and copied over some Keels in the Tickett Book, in the evening I went to Lyony's with Billy till he played over the Notes Lyony played us a Tune then we came awa I came into the House and played upon my Flute, my Master gave Lyony a Jill of Beer in Stephen Greys & Billy went with them, after they came in I retired to bed at Eleven.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh. In the morning I went for Jn^o to come to my Master and my Mas^r sent me down to Shields with a Letter to Samuel Campion who was then lying at Simpson's Key neeped on. Billy went down with me after I crossed the Water I walked up to the Key, but she had got off this Tide and come ashore at the high end of Dottwick, so I got a boat and went on board where I found the mate & Master at dinner, I dined with them, & after dinner talk'd with M^r Campion ab^t the Coals, & he agreed that we might send him down some more coals, after I came on shore I went to M^{rs} Paterson's but Billy was not come for he dined on board one M^r Fox of Scarborough's Ship, I stay'd there till he came and then went with him, Jn^o Campion & one Watson Master of one of Walkers ships of Whitby, down to the Fort and went on board the Peggy Man of War where we saw the Prisoners that she had taken of a Cutter (vide Thursday the 22d Ins^d) we ^all^ came to M^{rs} Paterson's again and sat awhile, I rec^d 13s. of her for a Cha^r of Coals then Billy & self came

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away, after we got home I found M^r Ralph Tunstal of Darlington with my Master in the Kitchen, I went up to the Post Office & Mr Tunstall went to his lodgings at night my Master paid me my Charges at Shields, & also for a letter I payed for on Sunday, I played upon my Flute and retired to bed at Ten.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth. In the forenoon I went to the Carriers but got nothing from Richmond. I retired into the Office and wrote to my Sister Rachel, with some Gloves I sent home for they came here to get washed. I carried it to William, I went up the Key twice to seek for M^r Cuffly to dinner but could not find him ^but^ after we almost done he came & dined, after dinner I carried some Sassifras & Sugar to Mary Davisons then I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played upon my Flute & read the 8th Book of Telemachus, came in, and found John Campion at our house, he spent the evening at our house and also laid here I retired to bed at Eleven.

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Thursday the First. In the morning I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea then I came to our house & got a little milk, after breakfast I went into the Office and wrote some Recits ordered the fire Coal deliver'd to sundry people, I took a walk up the Key & sat in M^r Akenheads shop awhile after ^this^ I went for some fish Herbs upon the Sandhill to Mrs Barfields for some Vinegar, I also went into Office and wrote over Mr Cuffley's Acco^t, Mr Cuffley & Jn^o Campion dined at our house, after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells and wrote out all the tunes of the little book into the great one, in the evening I went for ½ pound of Powder sugar, My Master Billy & Jno Campion went in to Mrs Hudspeths after they came in I retir'd ^to bed^ between Eleven and Twelve.

Friday the Second. In the morning I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea then I went up to the Printing Offices to order them to continue the advertisement (vide this day sen' night) in the forenoon I stayed upon the Key, Sam^l & Jn^o Campion dined at our house, after dinner I went with Billy to old M^r Ackenheads to buy some paper for writing musick on, & went to the shop again to inform him of a Bill my Master had for £30, w^{ch} he said he would take tomorrow morning, & I went to the insurance office to know what they had a hundred for the runn up to London & they told me a Guinea & a half, so I told my Master,

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for Sam^l Campion wanted to insure, after they went down I went into Mrs Hudspeths and drunk Tea, then I went up to the Post Office, after I came down I went to M^{rs} Tindells & sat an hour, then came in & retired to bed exactly at Eleven.

Saturday the Third. In the morning I went to Mary's and got my Tea, then I came in & Copied over 3 bills into the Book, after I carried them to my Master he let some ink fall upon one of them and spoil'd it so I rode down to Shields upon my Master's Mair, I got Jn^o Campion to go with me on Board his Bro^r where I got the Bill renewed it was for £30-12s-4d, I came from Shields as I cou'd and got back against dinner time, after dinner I went to old M^r Ackenheads & passed the above Bill to him, I bro^t the money to my Master and went down to the Cann ho^s till Jn^o Paid the Keelmen, then I came away and came into the Office were I did a good deal of my Master's business as well as writing in my Journall, I came downstairs and played upon my Flute, I sat up with Billy till my Mas^r came in, after he came in he smoaked a pipe for he was a little in Liquor, I retired to bed between Eleven and Twelve.

Sunday the Fourth. In the morning my master sent for John, and I went out to Church both forenoon & afternoon, my Mas^r sent me (after dinner) to James Dryden's to enquire ab^t an Anchor, after evening service I went to the Post Office, & also to Mary Davison's, & got some Sassifras Tea as I did this morning before Church time I sat a little while at M^{rs} Tindells then came in Billy read one of Clark's Sermons & I retir'd to bed at Ten.

Monday the Fifth. I went three times as far as the Close to carry a pair of stockings to dye, but cou'd not find them in the shop till the last time, & then I took a walk round the Castle Garth, I went to Mary's & got my Tea, then I walked upon the Key & Mr Galilee came up, he dined at our house & after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells & played upon my Flute & to Jn^o Peart's & to Mary Davison's but cou'd not find the house, in the evening I took a walk with Ra: Morton & Stephen Haxton and set Tho^s Boynton down to Winkhamlee Waggon way then we turned back having a very fine evening, then I went to M^{rs} Tindell's and read the 9th & 10th Books of Telamachus, I came in ^and retired to bed^ exactly at Eleven.

Tuesday the Sixth. I got up early in the morning and Coppi'd two Letters into the Book, then I went to Mary's & got my Tea and went to Peacock's Shop where I found him and paid him for a Pay Iron, I walked upon the Key all the forenoon, & dinner we all turn our Pancakes, after dinner I went to tell Jos. Peacock to come to my Master, but he did not come

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then I took a walk with Billy into the high Town, we went by the Castle Garth & saw some men throw at a Cock, after the Cock was killed we went a^{bt} our business, after we came down I went into the Office & copied over four or five Letters into the Lett^r Book, then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & read the 11th or last Book of the 1st Volume, after I came in I got my Supper & we retired to bed nigh Eleven, for they were brewing.

Wednesday the Seventh. I got up early and wrote part of a letter to my Mother, then I went to Mary Davison's & got my Sassifras Tea then I went into my room & got on my Cloths for I went to St. Nicholas Church & heard Mr Jn^o Ellison preach from the 119 Psalm & 1st Verse, I called at W^m Battison's as I went & as I came back I called and got a pair of shoes wth a pair of Black Stockings, after dinner I went into the Office & finished my Mo^{rs} letter & carried the History of Telamachus to W^m for I was too late & then carried the Letter, I called at the Dyers & got my Stokings w^{ch} was died Black, I walked upon a good while then I went to Mary's & got a Basin of Sassifras Tea, then to M^{rs} Tindell's & played upon my Flute I came in & after my Mas^r came in we retired to bed a very little after Ten.

Thursday the Eighth. In the morning I went to Mary's and got my Tea, then I went into the Office & copied over a Letter to Mr Tabor and another to his Son, then I went to M^r Ackenhead's & got a Book to copy the Bor^d & Lent Coals into, my Master did not like it so I carried it back after dinner, & went again before I got one to please then my Master gave me leave to go with ^Billy & ^Lyoney to see the Fryer goose, on Park head Coals, but they were gone so I ran down after them & got to them before they rossed over at Dents Hole, after we had seen them work a good while we came home on the South side & saw the place where the Whale oyl is cured, after we came home I took a walk up the Key with Tho^s Reaveley, then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & read in Salmon's Geography, I came home at Eight & retired to bed exactly at Eleven.

Friday the Ninth. In the morning I went to Mary's and got my Tea, then I went up to both printing Offices, to order the Ship to be advertised (vide this day fortnight) then I came home & went into the Office where I drew our the Fitters Acco^{ts} for the last year Bord. & Lent Coals, I went to Mr Forsters to see if he wanted a forty pounds bill but he was not at home, Mr Jn^o Jefferson of Londⁿ dined at our house after dinner I finished the above acco^{ts} in the Office then I went to the Sandhill to see if the post was come in, I came down the Key and stayed abo^t half an hour & went up to the Office, but there was no Letters for my

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Master I went sat awhile then to Jn^o Crenmor's, but Billy was not come, so I went to Georges & sat a good while then I went to John's again & they were going to Raffle for the pocket pistles w^{ch}. Put in at a Guinea, there was Twenty one Lotts & our Billy was one, they were won by Tho^s Durham who got 46 dise, then I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths with Billy, & sat awhile, then we came into our own house got our suppers & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Saturday the Tenth. In the morning I went to Mary's and got my Tea, then I went again to carry 9 Oz^s of Sassifras, then I went with Billy & set M^r Galilee as far as Byker Hill, we came home by the fields I went to tell W^m Alexander that my Master tho^t his Keel laid very badly, & I went to the Exchange for my Master after dinner I took a walk with Billy and Lewis Hick to the Carling Croft where we bought some Nors (?) to play with, in the evening we went & Tho^s Wilkinson with us as far as the Shield field & played till it was dark, then I went to Thos Durham's shop & got 1 lb (?) of French prunes for my Master, we all retir'd to bed exactly at Eleven.

Sunday the Eleventh. In the morning I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, ^Mr Barrett dined our h^s^, went up to the Post Office & saw the two Hutchinsons of Durham, then I took a walk with Billy Hudspeth, Lewis Hick & Willowby Hall to Elsick we got Tea there, after we came home I went to order Oliver to Winkhamlee & sat at M^{rs} Tindells apiece & then retir'd to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Monday the Twelvth. I got up early and went with Billy to there house, were we breakfasted and then went down to Winkhamlee Mr Jn^o Campion dined at our house, in the afternoon I took a walk with Billy & some others to the Shield field & played at spell & Nor ab^t an hour, then I went down to Winkhamlee & after I came home I went with Billy & Lewis Hick to the Auction, after we came home I was not very well so I retir'd to bed exactly at Ten.

Tuesday the Thirteenth. In the morning I went to Mary's & got my Tea, then went down to Winkhamlee with Billy, there was one Dale there along wth Hen^{ry} Airey who I had seen at Scorton and he is to be bound to M^r Airey, after I came home I retired into the Office & after dinner likewise but my Master called me down and sent me down upon his mair to Shields with a letter to M^r Galilee, I set up my Mair at M^{rs} Peterson's and went to the high

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end of the Town to seek for M^r Galilee, but he was not on board, so I went back again & found him at Tea at Mrs Peterson's, where I drunk Tea then I came to Newcastle, and went up to the Post Office, in the evening I went to M^{rs} Tindells & sat awhile then came in & retir'd to bed a little before Ten.

Wednesday the Fourteenth. In the morning I went down to Winkhamlee wth Billy after I came home I went to the Carriers & got a Letter from Sister Rachel with a Musick Book, wth Six Sonatas in it, M^r Isaac Newton dined at our house, after dinner I retired into the Office and answered my Sisr. Rachels Letter, then I carried it to W^m, then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & copied over ^part of one^ of the Sonatas and drunk Tea, then I took awalk to the Shield f^d Where our Billy, Jn^o Hebden, Stephen Haxton & some others played at spell & Nor then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & finished the first Sonata then I came ^in^ and retired to bed at Eleven.

Thursday the Fifteenth. In the morning we heard that Park Coals were to be delivered today so I ordered Alexander down to the Staith and went to order Thompson to Winkhamlee, where I stayed a good while then I went to the Cann house till they drank their Cann then I went down to Winkhamlee in the Keel, was 40 minutes in going down against the Tide wth a strong Westerly Wind, I called at Park as I came from Winkhamlee our business was done, part of Fitter's men came to Geo. Cram's & had something both to eat and drink (the names wer as follows, Billy Hudspeth, Ra: Simpson, Wm. Carr, Robt. Humble, Thos. Newton, John Simerell, George Blakey & myself, Thos. Hodgson the Offputter was there allso, after we came home I went to M^{rs} Tindells & copied part of a Sonata and I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Friday the Sixteenth. In the morning I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea, then I went down to Winkhamlee, after I went to the Post Office & to Mary's were I got a Bason of the then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & wrote over the 3^d Sonata, I came in & my Master told us he had heard that Sam^l Campion's Ship was lost, I retired to bed nigh Eleven.

Saturday the Seventeenth. In the forenoon I went to Mary's and got my Tea, then I went down to Winkhamlee with Billy Tindell, We cut some Hollan to make Nors on, after I got my Dinner I went to M^r Forsters & got some Gold changed, then I went into the Office & drew out the Keelmans note, and went to the Can house & paid them, then I went to M^{rs}

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Tindells & sawed some Hollan in pieces & made two Nors, I got myself shaved, came home and retired to bed nigh Eleven.

Sunday the Eighteenth. In the morning I went to Mary's & got my Tea, went to Church both forenoon & afternoon, Archebald Readhead dined at our house, after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells & after Church time I went up to the Post Office twice occasioned by my not carrying money enough with me first, then I went to tell Geo. To come & sit in the house, at night I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Monday the Nineteenth. In the morning I went to Mary's and got my Tea, I bought some Sugar and carried there, then I went to M^{rs} Tindells and copied over the 4th Sonata, I went into the ho^s & found M^r Galilee, who dined at our house, immediately after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, as I came home I called at the Glass house ab^t Some Frosting then I went to M^{rs} Tindells & copied part of the 5th Sonata, after I ^came home^ I found Lyanell Trotter in our house who stayed till between Ten & Eleven, and I retired to bed directly.

Tuesday the Twentieth. I got up early and went down to the Bottle house were I got some frosting for my Sister Rachel, then I went to Mary's and got my Tea, and from thence to the Sand hill with Rich^d Cotesworth were I bo^t a fountain pen for Jn^o Bates of Winkhamlee, I copied over a bill in the Office and went to M^{rs} Tindells were I copied ^the latter^ part of the 5th Sonata, Billy came for me, I helped Jn^o with some Hops down stairs & went to M^{rs} Hudspeths were I got some dinner then Billy & self rode down to Winkhamlee upon the Horses we went by the Glass Ho^{ses} & Byker Steath to save the Turnpike, we came home the same way, after we came home I got some Coffee at our house then went to M^{rs} Tindells & copied the 6th & last Sonata, I came in and retired to bed between Ten & Eleven, I never knew it Blew as hard as ^then^.

Wednesday the Twenty First. In the morning I went to Mary's and got my Tea, then I went to the Carriers twice before I got a parcel ^& a letter^ from my Mother & another from my Father then I retired into the Office & answered my Mothers, I carried it away, & after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee then went into the Office and drew out some fitters acco^{nts} for Borrow'd & Lent Coals then I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played upon my Flute, came in and retired to bed a little after Ten.

Thursday the Twenty Second. I took some powder w^{ch} my Mother sent me yesterday, I took as much as wou'd lie upon a halfpenny as I got out of Bed according to my Mother's orders,

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(vide her Letter on the 19th Instant) I went down to Winkhamlee after dinner and at night retired to bed about Ten.

Friday the Twenty Third. I got up early and took my Phisick and went down to Winkhamlee with Master Billy, after dinner I rode down upon his Galloway when I came to the Milk Markett I saw our Lad William ^with^ the Horses come for me, I rode into the Pandon dean with Master Billy & him to water our horses, when I came down street I read my Father, Mother & Sister Rachels Letters wherein they told my Sister Hannah was very weak, I got all things ready for my Journey in the morning, bad M^{rs} Hudspeth's family farewell and retired to bed with William after 9.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth. I got up at four o'clock and got everything ready & set forward for Richmond before Six, we called at Heighington between Eleven & Twelve where we stayed ab^t an hour then proceeded and got to Richmond by a little after two where I found my Sister very weak, she continued so and M^r Blackburn came up and prayed with her, she was quite resigned and willing to die, I retir'd to bed with my Fa^r abo^t Nine.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth. My Sister continued very weak all day, so none of the family went to Church, I retired to bed with my Father about Nine. Miss Deighton came to ask how my Sister did, in the evening and Mr Deighton & Cousin Betty Coats yesterday.

Monday the Twenty Sixth. I got up early and my Sister Hannah was rather better, and continued so till night and then was visited with the Stiches w^{ch} weakened her vastley, Sister Rachel read in the Whole Duty of Man, & I retired to bed with my Father between Nine & Ten.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh. I got up early and found my Sister a little better, so I played upon M^r Allen's Flute, in the afternoon we drunk tea Mr Stoop came up and prayed with my Sister, at night I retired to bed with my Father abo^t Nine.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth. I got up early and found my Sister better, so I pricked some tunes out of M^r Allens Book & played upon his German Flute, I allso dug in the Garden for the Gardiner came today, In the afternoon M^r Blackburn came up & prayed with my Sister we drunk Tea and at night I retired to bed with my Father between Nine & Ten.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth. In the morning I took Physick w^{ch} wrought very well, My Father and Mr Kilburn went into the dales and it rained all the day, this afternoon Miss Deighton & M^r Waine drunk Tea with us, my Father came home and I retired to bed with

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him between Eight and Nine. I took a walk with M^r Allen to Bondhagg this evening & I omitted, that yesterday evening I took a walk with M^r Allen down as far as Brockenbrow by the waterside & saw the desolation which the water made last flud (vide Sister Hannah's Letter Dat. 19th Febry. 1756 we overtook M^r Clark a Limner, and so came home by Easby, this is ^last^ Wednesdays relation.

Friday the Thirtieth. My Sister Hannah continued a little better, in the forenoon I played upon M^r Allen's German Flute, in the afternoon M^r Stoop & M^r Francis Allen drunk Tea at our house, I ^have^ omitted that in the forenoon I went down street, then went to Church, after Church I went down street again and took my leave of some Friends & acquaintances, in the evening I took a walk with M^r Stoop & M^W Allen, to below Lovelane and there got some curious stone w^{ch} the water had thrown up, we left them at Jos^h Beautimans, & came home, at night Cousin Betty & Nanny Coats came to see Sister Hannah, & to bid me farewell, after they and M^r Francis Allen went away I retired to bed between Nine & Ten with my Father.

Saturday the Thirty First. and last day. I got up early and got all things ready & sett forward with our Lad W^m To Newcastle before Nine o'Clock, we called at farewell Hall or the Sign of Read Lyon to the Southward of Durham where we stayed about an hour, then proceeded and got to Newcastle between five & six, Billy & self carried the Horses to the Stables, then the Lad went with us to the Sand hill to buy a Dozen of L^{mons} for my Mother we went to the Auction at David Shields then the Lad & I went up to the Stables & called of Billy when we came down we got our Suppers & the Lad & self retired to bed at Ten. I omitted that yesterday I got some Ship Bisketts from Mas^r Billy by the Carrier Wm. Battison.

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Sunday the First. I got up before Six & got all things ready for the Lad, wrote to my Sister went up to the Stables & got him set forward for Richmond between Seven & Eight o'Clock, then my Master sent me to tell Doctor Stoddart to call and Bleed him (& I was to buy 1½ Yard of Fillitting for Binding the Arm I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon then to the Post Office, & into our Office & wrote in my Journall since part of

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Thursday the 22nd Ma^{ch}, in the evening I walked upon the Key about half an hour then I came in & retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Monday the Second. I got up a little after Six o'Clock, and did some business for myself then I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea, then I retired into the Office and did business for my Master, I fetched a Jill of vinegar & then M^r Jn^o Jefferson of London & Mr W^m Richardson dined with us, while we were at dinner George Hill of Wy he that my brother Edw^d Served came in and dined also, ^immediately^ after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I retired into the Office & my Master sent me with a Suffernce to two Chalders of Coal for M^r Railston's Brigg at Snowdon's Hole I gave it one Barber at the Custom House, after I had done in the Office I went to M^{rs} Tindells & played upon my Flute, then came in & retired to bed between ten and Eleven.

Tuesday the Third. I got up between five and six o'Clock and threw some pepper upon ^all^ my Cloth, then I went to Mary Davison's and got my Tea & from thence to old M^r Akenheads shop & bo^t some paper for writing Musick on, I saw Ral Watkin of Richmond & ^I^ carried directions for M^{rs} Spencers for Mr Jn^o Jefferson Master of the Rich & Ann, I retired into the Office but my Master called me down, after dinner I rode down to Winkhamlee upon Mas^r Billy's Galloway, I retired into the Office and did for my master as well as my self, then I went to Auction Room but the Auctioneer was not come so I ordered Alexander down to Winkhamlee & went to M^{rs} Tindells were I stayed a good while, then came in and Retired to bed after ten.

Wednesday the Fourth. I got up before Six, and wrote part of a Letter to Sister Hannah, I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea then I went to the carriers but he told me his Labourer [*had*] a Letter for me so I went into pandon and got my letter from Sister Rachel, I went into the Office and answered it to Sister Hannah, I carried the Letter and a Musick Book of Mr Allens to the Carriers, Jenny went down to Shields today, after dinner I walked upon the Key and drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths, then I went to seek to Jn^o at his own house & the Cann house but cou'd not find him so I went up the Key and order'd the first two men down to Winkhamlee I went to M^{rs} Tindells awhile & from thence to the Auction, then came in and retir'd to bed between ten and Eleven.

Thursday the Fifth. My Master called me up before five o'Clock & I went down to Winkhamlee (I omitted that yesterday I carried two Bills one of £100 and the other of

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£107.10.1d. drawn by Mr Jn^o Jefferson on his wife Ann Jefferson, and also £42.9.11d, in cash to M^r Fetherston's Office which was in all £250 being so much of Acco^t between the partn^{ers} & my Master). I went to the Sand hill and bo^t some Ingredients to make Ink with as 4 oz. of Galls $\frac{3}{4}$ of Coperas and $\frac{3}{4}$ Oz. of Gum Arabic infused in a pint of Water, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee with Billy, after I came home my Master ordered me to take his Mair and ride down to Dents Hole & from thence I went walked down to Snowdons Hole on the south side, to M^r Railstons ship but there was nobody on board but a Lad to whom I gave the Letter my Master wrote, then I walked up to Dents Hole crossed the water rode home got my Supper & retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

(Friday the Sixth. I got up before Six and went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I retired into the Office and did business both for my master and self, after dinner I took a walk into the fields with mas^r Billy & Lionell Trotter, we took our young Spanial & the Partridge and made the dog scent it out, w^{ch} he did very well, after we came home I carried two Letters to the Post Office then I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths with Billy, took a walk with Billy up to the Key, then came in and got my supper & retired to bed exactly at Ten.

Saturday the Seventh. George called of me before five & I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I took a walk as far as the high Crane went to M^{rs} Tindells awhile and played upon my Flute, M^r John Dowson dined at our house, after dinner I went to shew him where M^r Giles liv'd, stayed upon the Key awhile then went into the Office & did business both for myself and for my Master. I went downstairs and aired my Cloths I inted to put on tomorrow and took a walk with Master Billy and Jn^o Simerell with the dog (as yesterday afternoon) when we came home I went to M^{rs} Tindells and read the 12th Book for the 1st Book of the 2nd Volume of Telemachus, came in & retired to bed very little after Ten.

Sunday the Eighth. I went to Mary's but she was very poorly so I came home and got my Cloths on I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon, after dinner I retir'd into the Office & after Church time I went to the Post Office and to M^{rs} Tindells where I got some Carlings, but my Master sent for me to get some with him so I did and went to tell Jn^o to order a keel down to Winkhamlee, I came home and retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Monday the Ninth. I got up between five & six o'Clock & laid by my Cloths, then I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played upon my Flute, & after dinner I retir'd into the Office and did business for my Mas^r & self as copying

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Letters and writing in my Journall, then I went to one M^r Harrison's an Exciseman he invited me to drink Tea with him, w^{ch} I did, and went through the Glass House with him then came home and at night I retired to bed exactly at Eleven.

Tuesday the Tenth. I got up ab^t Six o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee when I came home I went to speak for some bisketts for Sister Hannah after dinner I went to the Sandhill to see if the post was come in but it was not so I went ^with Billy^ to Mr Paterson's bake house for the above bisketts, & went into the Office where I sow'd them into the bagg, then we went to M^{rs} Hudspeths where I drunk Tea and then ^we^ went with Lionell Trotter and the dog by Heaton and so by the Shield field home for it was so cold that the dog cou'd not hunt, after we came home I went to M^{rs} Tindells & read the 14 Book of Telemachus, then came in and found Lyonell Trotter in our house, after he went away I retired to bed a little before Eleven.

Wednesday the Eleventh. I got up between five and Six o'Clock and wrote part of a Letter to my Sister Rachel, and went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went to the Carriers and got a Letter from Sister Rachel with a pair of knitted Gaters. I went into the Office and sowed up some Ship bisketts to send to Richmond, and wrote part of my letter again, after dinner I carried the bisketts to the Carriers, came home and finished my letter and I carried it to the same place, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Tindells and played upon my German Flute, (in the evening I sat there a good while then came in and retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Thursday the Twelvth. I got up about Six o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee, after dinner I went to Lyonell Trotters wth Billy while he got a Lesson upon the Viol, then I went into the Office and got a clean shirt on, and from thence to M^{rs} Hudspeths where I played upon the flute, and drunk Tea, then I went into the Maltloft & helped to take in a Bowle steep of malt, at night I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths and we sat a good while then came in and retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Friday the Thirteenth. In the morning I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras Tea, I went into M^{rs} Tindells Maltloft and played upon my German Flute with Billy Tindell, then I went with Master Billy to the Carling Croft and saw the Soldiers fire, we got some Whirt at our house, after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells again, and went up to the Post Office, I called to see if M^r James was come to Town but it is not his Week, then I went to M^{rs} Tindells and

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read the 15th Book of Telemachus, then I went up the Key twice as far as the Sand hill & M^r Peareths in the Close to seek my Master, and at last I found him in Henry Emillions [?] where I asked him how to word the Park Acco^t w^{ch} I did in this manner, Park Coals Shipt p W^m Jefferson in the Richard & Ann of London Mr Jn^o Jefferson Mas^r 192 Chalders, April 13th 1753, then I went to M^{rs} Haxtons and played upon my Flute with Billy Henderson then came in and retired to bed nigh Eleven.

Saturday the Fourteenth. In the forenoon Master Billy lent me his Galloway, to ride down I went by the Glass houses & through Byker to save the Turnpike, after I came home I went to seek my Master for dinner upon the Exchange but cou'd not find him, Mr Johnson ^Captain^ dined at our house, in the afternoon I went to M^{rs} Tindells wrote out some Musick and played upon my Flute, in the evening I read part of the Newspaper there, then came in but did not get to bed till ^a little after^ Eleven.

Sunday the Fifteenth. In the morning I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassafras Tea, I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, but after dinner I went to M^{rs} Tindells apiece and to the Post Office, after evening service I drunk Tea with Master Billy & Lewis Hick at M^{rs} Hudspeths, I retired into the Office and paid my devotions to Almighty God for the Word preached, then I stayed upon the Key a good while with Billy, I came and retir'd to bed a little after Ten.

Monday the Sixteenth. In the forenoon I went down to Winkhamlee & Mas^r Billy bro^t Lyonell Trotter down with him afterwards, when I came home I found Mr Johnson at dinner by himself for he was too late for my Mas^r's dinners, so I sat down with him and dined, after dinner I ^went^ to order Oliver for Mr Bell, & to tell Younger to come & see some offers [?] before he took any bodys orders I went to M^{rs} Tindells and wrote some Musick then I went to M^r Fosters but he was not come out of Yorkshire so I sat a good while with M^r Foster then came in, my Master sent me to pay M^r Spencer 8s. for a Kitt of Salmon, I came home and retired to bed a very little after Ten by my Watch.

Tuesday the Seventeenth. I got up between five and Six o'Clock and after doing my Duty to God & writing in my Journal I begun to read in the whole Duty of Man which was given me by my Ms^r but was called down stairs for M^r Galilee was at the doer, then I went upon the Key to see for a Lad to take care of his horse, but cou'd not get one, when I went upon the Key I got old George, after M^r Galilee went away I copied two Notes over w^{ch} he gave my

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Master, then I went to Mary's & got my Tea then I took a walk up the key and walked a little while in the Exchange, came down & got my breakfast, then I walked upon the Key a good while, I also retired into the Office and wrote ^the above^ in my Journal, then I went down to Winkhamlee, and read in the whole Duty of Man as I walked, after I came home & got my dinner, I was going up to the Post Office but Billy met me in S^t Nicholas Churchyard wth a letter for M^r Johnson, then I went to Mary Davison's & read till ab^t 6 o'clock then came in and my Mas^r gave me two Letters to copy w^{ch} I did, in the Office then went to M^{rs} Tindells & read the 15th book of Telemachus, came in & retired to bed, between Ten and Eleven.

Wednesday the Eighteenth. I got up between five and Six o'clock, I read in the whole Duty of Man, and wrote part of a Letter to my Sister Rachel, I went to Marys and got my Tea, I went to the Carriers Inn and got a Letter wth. two Shirts from my above Sisr., I retired into the Office & finished my Letter, I also carried it away, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I wrote some Mus^k at M^{rs} Tindells, & went wth. M^r Johnson twice to Mr Scafes for £6-16s.-0d. after we got the money I came home & retired to bed a little after Ten.

Thursday the Nineteenth. I got up between five and Six o'clock and read in the whole Duty of Man I went to Mary Davisons and got my Sassifras Tea, I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played upon my Flute, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, came home and went to M^{rs} Tindells, wrote out some Musick and read the 16th Book of Telemachus and at night I retired to bed between ten and Eleven.

Friday the Twentieth. I got up between five and Six and went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I retired into my room & got ready for Church it being good Friday, I visited the above place, M^r W^m Johnson dined at our house, after dinner I got ready and went down I drank Tea on board M^r Galilee, after I came home I went to the Sign of the Pack Horse foot of the side and stayed with M^r James then came home & retired to bed a little after Ten.

Saturday the Twenty First. I got up about five o'clock and went down to Winkhamlee after I came home my Master sent me wth a Note to Rob^t Akenhead Sen^r for £25 w^{ch} I got by going to his house, and an^r Note to Geo. Wright for £27 w^{ch} I also got but stayed along while then I went back to him wth two 36^s pieces w^{ch} were not weight & he changed them both, then I went to the above Rob^t Akenheads for two Quire of Paper & I went to bid M^r

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James farewell at the same time then my Mas^r sent me to draw out Geo. Bowes Esq^{rs} Acco^t w^{ch} I did, M^r Galilee dined at our house, after dinner my Master gave me money to pay the Keelmen w^{ch} I did but was obliged to go from the Canhouse unto the Key side to get change and then walked up to M^r Weights office & paid for a news last week and 3 papers of Clintons snuff got now. I got shaved and retired to bed a little after Ten.

Sunday the Twenty Second (I got up very early and read in the whole duty of Man, then I went into Sandgate with our John to seek for a Keelman that was wanted after we found him I paid him a Tide w^{ch} was due to him, I went to Mary Davison's gave her a pair of old Stockings & got my Sassifras Tea then I got ready for Church & went both forenoon and afternoon, after dinner I took awalk to the Sand hill to see if the Post was come in and retired into my room after evening service I went up to the Post Office twice & walked back & forward in all S^{ts} Church yard with Rich^d Cotesworth, and retired into my room & read in the whole duty of Man and wrote in my Journall, then I took awalk with Master Billy to the Forth but did not stop, then my Master sent me to tell John to tell all the Keels but one or two go away, after I had sat awhile I retired to bed exactly at Ten.

Monday the Twenty Third. I got a very little after five and went down to Winkhamlee after I came home I went into the Office and also after dinner I did business for my Master all the time and then went down to Winkhamlee again I sat down against a hedgside and read in my whole Duty of Man, after I came ^home^ I retir'd into my room and mended my Coat, at night I read the above book and retir'd to bed a little after Ten before ^my mas^r^ came in.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth. I got up a little after five and went down to Winkhamlee after I came home I got a Letter from my Sister Rachel wth a Copy enclosed for me to my Uncle Ra: By my Father after I (had read it I went to the Sand hill and saw Ra: Watkin who brought it, then I retired into my room and got ready for Church I went to Church both forenoon & after noon, before dinner I went to the Exchange for my master and after dinner I retired into the Office and did business for my Mas^r after evening service I went up to the Post Office & stayed a little while in M^r Hallowell's shop wth Rich^d Cotesworth, I drunk Tea wth master Billy, for his Mo^r & Sister were gone out, then we went to the shield field with Cha^s Atkinson, Willowby Hall & Lewis Hick & played a little at hand ball & spell & nor, after I came in & read in the whole duty of Man & when my mas^r came in I retired to bed a little after ten.

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Wednesday the Twenty Fifth. I got up a little after five and went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went to see if there was anything for me from Richmond but there was not, so I retir'd into the Office and wrote a great part of a Letter to my Sis^r Rachel, after dinner I finished it and carried it to the Carriers, I stayed upon the Key almost all the afternoon then I went wth Mas^r Billy to Mr Forsters where we got two Gallons of Brandy for my Mas^r I got some Tea at our house, I bo^t some Sassifras & Sug^r and carried it to Mary Davisons where I sat a good while then came home & retired to bed nigh Eleven. I eat some brandy Cherries ^at our house^.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth. I got up a little after five and stay'd in the Office till past Seven (save letting old Geo. into the house) I went to Mary's and got my Tea, I allso went up to M^r Featherston's Office with £90 in cash & a £60 Bill, I called at Mr W^m Allens and got a bag changed w^{ch} my Master got off him yesterday. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, after my Master & me had almost done dinner Mas^r Billy & Mr W^m Richardson came up from Shields and dined I went for Jn^o To come to my (Master and after evening prayers I took a walk as far as M^r Harrisons in the Close but he was not in the house so I went to M^{rs} Tindells and read 2 books in the 2^d Volume of Telamachus, then I retired into the Office & did business for my Master & self I went down stairs and got my Supper my Master went into M^{rs} Hudspeths, after he came in I retired to bed a little after Ten.

Friday the Twenty Seventh. I got up a little after five and read in the whole ^duty^ of man, I went to Mary Davison's and got my Tea, then I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went to the Sandhill to seek Jack: Murthwaite, but did not find him, after dinner I walked as far as the low Crain, & upon the Key with M^r Harrison till the bells knowled and then went to Church, and from thence to the Post Office but the letters was not sorted so I walked a little bit higher up with W^m Henderson and after we got our Letters I went to M^{rs} Tindells & wrote some musick, then I took a walk to M^r Harrisons house and sat awhile and went through the Glass houses wth him, After I came home Miss Isabella Hudspeth came and laid at our house for there beds were full & I retir'd to bed a little before Eleven.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth. I got up a little after five o'Clock and read in the whole duty of Man and I went up to the New Printing for a Newspaper & I went to Mary's and got my Tea I allso went down to Winkhamlee, M^r W^m Richardson dined at our house, after dinner M^r Robert Campion came and I went to M^r Clarks and rec^d £2.15s. for 2½ Dozⁿ Of

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Shovells got of my Mas^r by Jos. Wheatley & one Brown a Smith for Fra^s Dalevall Esq^{rs}
Use, I rec^d the above of money of M^r Tho^s Dobson who is M^r Dalevalls Steward then I went
into the Office and enter'd the Ships into the Tickett Book and drew out the Keelmens Note,
I got 3 guineas changed of M^{rs} Tindell and went to the Cann house to pay them, my Master
went to Gibside, after I came home I went to Mary Davisons and read in the whole duty of
Man, then I came home and retired into the Office where I did business for my self, after I
got my supper Mas^r Billy came to my Mas^r and retir'd to my bed a little after Ten.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth. Billy & self did not get up till it was late, I went into my Room
and after doing my duty to God I went to Mary Davisons and got my sassafras Tea, then I
got ready for Church and went both forenoon and afternoon, after dinner I took a walk wth
Billy & Jos. Aubone to M^r Galillee's garden and got a Posey, I went to M^{rs} Tindells and tied
it up, after service was over I went to the Post Office with Billy Henderson, but it rained so
we got into an Entry till it abated, then I went to the Garthheads & heard M^r Jn^o Westley
preach, I came down into my Rooms and prayed, then I went up to the Shield field & found
Billy Henderson who I expected and we walked a good while, as we also did upon the Key,
^and^ we settled a Friendship to each other, after Nine o'Clock my Master came ^home
from Gibside^ and I carried the Mair to the Stables, & retir'd to bed between Ten and
Eleven.

Monday the Thirtieth. I got up a little after five, mended my Gloves & read in the whole
duty of Man, I went to Marys & got my Tea from thence to the Exchange where I walked a
little while, I also rode down to Winkhamlee upon Billy's Galloway, by the Glass houses, to
save the Turnpike & came home the same way, after I got my dinner I went to Church I
stayed in the house a good while and ^after^ I walked upon the Key a while I retir'd into my
Room and did ^some^ business for myself as (drawing out my Months Acco^t for my
Father, I also took the receipts ^& Letters^ of the files for the years 1749, 1750, 1751 and
1752 and after rolling them up I put them into the box among the old Receipts, after I went
down stairs my Mas^r & Billy & Lionell Trotter came from walking but I retired to bed
rather more than 20 minutes past Ten.

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Tuesday the First. I got up about five and read in the whole duty of Man I went to Mary's and got my tea then I went to the Sandhill and asked Ra: Watkin ^if he knew^ how my Sis^r Hannah did, he told me she was better, then I went to the blackball makers and got one, I went down to Winkhamlee & after I had got my dinner at home I went & paid Marg^t Wood ^3s^ for, 1 Quaters for mending ^& washing^ my Stockings & cleaning my Shoes, I told my Mas^r (who was at M^r Grays) what I got done at L. Benton Steath and went to speak to M^r Rob^t Campion at the Peacock, but he was not there so I was going to the Post Office but met Ra: Morton wth a Letter to be left at my Mas^{rs}, I gave my Mas^r the letter & Rob^t Campion had met with him so I retired into my Room and begun D^r Hamonds Historical Naration of the Whole Bible viz. the Old & New Testaments, then I went to the Close to M^r Harrisons where I got some Frosting for my Sister Rachel then I came home, got my Supper, and retired to bed exactly at Ten.

Wednesday the Second. I got up a little after five and read in the History of the Testaments, I went to Mary's & got my Tea, then I went to the foot of the side to seek W^m Pattison but found him at M^r Bells in Pilgrom street, then I went into Gateshead where I got the Labourer and got a Letter from him from Sis^r Rachel, I went into the Exchange, and read it, then retired into my room and answer'd part of it but had not time to do it all, I gave the ^it to^ the Barbers young man to carry to the Carriers, and went down to Winkhamlee, after dinner I retir'd into my room, then I went to Church and to M^r Harrison, the fre Porters were going to weigh a Horse for a wager in the weigh house upon the Sandhill but I did not stay so I found them Tea, I sat awhile and then came home my Master sent me to copy a Bill in the Office, Ra: Reed & him went to the Shield field so I did some business for my self as this (viz) writing in my Journal after I went down stairs I read in the whole duty of Man & retired to bed 20 M^s. Past Nine.

Thursday the Third. I got up before 4 o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee & after I came home I went to Church M^r Ra: Reed dined at our house & after dinner my Master ordered me to take his Mair & go down to M^r Robt. Campion at jarrah Key, I rode down to Hawden Pans & set upon the Mair till I crossed the water the Tide was very rough, I did not stay long on board, till I crossed the water again in a Boat, after I rode home I retir'd into my room & read in the History of the Bible, but my Master called me down & sent me to receive a bill for £25 of Aub. Surtees Esq., but I only recd. £5-7s.-6d. in ballanc of this bill,

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as there was £19-12s.-6d. due to him for Barley I gave my Master the Ball. & Acco^t. & retired to bed before Ten.

Friday the Fourth. I got up before five & went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I got my Tea at Mary's (as also yesterday afternoon) I went upon the Sandhill and got some houney then I retir'd into my Room & got on my Cloaths, I went to Church & after that I retir'd into my Room & begun a Letter to my Uncle Mr Ra: Ward, after dinner I finished it & went round by the Sandhill & New Printing Office to Church & from thence to the Post Office, I call at the forementioned Office and left my Uncle's Letter wth A penny for the Man, then I retired into our Office and did business both for my Master & self, and read in the History of the Bible I went down stairs, M^r Robt Gibson called but did not stop long at our house I took a walk upon the Key came in & retired to bed a very little before Ten.

Saturday the Fifth. I got up about five o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee after I came home I got the money for the Keelmen, I got it carried and went into the Office, I drew out the Acco^t. and posted some loadings into the Tickett Book, M^r Robt. Campion dined at our house after dinner Jn^o Went with me and I paid the Keelmen, after I came home I got a Letter from my Sis^r Dolly at Steaths off M^r Sanderson I retir'd into the Office and answer'd it by him, I carried it to one Place's Groat Markt., where I found him, he asked me to sitt awhile but I stayed very little, at night I retired to bed a little after Ten.

Sunday the Sixth. I got up after five o'Clock but did not read till I got my Cloths on for Church, I went to Mary's before that and got my Tea, I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon, after dinner I went to the Post Office and after evening service I retired into my Room pray'd & read in the whole duty of Man, my Master sent me to M^r Henry Peareths with a copy of a Bill of M^r Wardells but he was not in the house, so I came & then took a walk towards the Sandifer Stone dune where I walked about an hour then came home & retired to bed a little before Ten.

Monday the Seventh. I got up ab^t Five o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went into the Office & copied over 3 Promissory Notes and a Bill, my Master sent me to old M^r Akenheads with 2 Notes and the Bill but I was to go after dinner w^{ch} I did and the £20 Bill to him then my Master sent me to M^r Fetherston's Office with 3 Notes for £56 & £30 & £32 a piece and £40 Bonds in Cash w^{ch} made one Hundred and Sixty pounds, I got some certified, after I came home I went to Church and I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths then I

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went down to Harper's Test to stop the Keel and went up to the place where they measure the Keels on Board the Keel, I went up the Key to enquire whether they wou'd measure Shade was there and Harper but The Cusm. Hos. Officers said that they wou'd be measured in the morning and I took a walk up the Key again with W^m Henderson to see where the Keels lay, after I came down the Key again & look'd too much upon the vanities of the world I walked along time with the above W^m Henderson, after I came into the House I read a little in the whole duty of Man and when my master came in he sent me for John & after Jn^o Went away I retired to bed a little after Ten.

Tuesday the Eighth. I got up before 5 o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee but had a great pain in my Hipp, so I washed my feet, after I came home I went into the Keels beside the Custom house when they were measuring W^m Harpers thers then I retired into my room till nigh dinner time, after I went to the Post Office with Billy, I went to Church and to M^{rs} Tindells & got some Coffee, I also played a little upon my Flute and I retired into my Room, drew a Copy of part of a Letter to my Sister Rachel then I went down stairs and bathed my hip (w^{ch} I had a pain in) with salt and water & I read in the whole duty of Man, then I called of Billy Tindell and we took a walk towards the Shield field and down steppy lane, after I came home I went to John's house and told him my master said he might go to Winkhamlee in the morning & I retired exactly at Ten o'Clock.

Wednesday the Ninth. I got up between five and six and copied part of a Letter to my Sister Rachel then I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras tea then I retir'd into the Office & copied M^r Railston's acco^t in to the Reckoning Book I went to the Richmond Carriers & got a Letter from Sister Rachel, I went into the Exchange and after I got my Breakfast I went to M^r Charlton's shop and got half of Gum Arabeck, I retired into my room and packed up some things for my Sister Rachel I wrote to her & carried the parcel & Letter to the Carriers, after dinner I went into the Office and copied some Reckonings into the reckoning Book then I went to Church & from thence to see if the parcel was packed up for W^m told me it was too late but the labourer told me it was gone, then I retired into the Office and did what I did before Church time, and I read in the History of the Scriptures, then I took a walk by myself down stephney lane & towards Sandyfurstone dean, after I came home I got my supper and retired to bed very nigh Ten.

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Thursday the Tenth. I got up early and read in the History of the Bible, I went to Mary's and got my Tea I also went with Will^m Henderson to their Raft Yard & got some magazines I lent him and I went to Church after Church time I took a walk with Ra: Morton to well between Sandifer stone & Jazment, after dinner I went into the Malt loft & shut the doors & I read in the whole duty in Lionell Trotters newsroom and then I went to Church, then I went to George's & read part of a sermon that preached in St. Nicholas Church concerning the Infirmary, then I went down Sandgate & found Jn^o Scafe slater. We walked up the Burn as far as Benton bridge & then came back the same way as far as hob's well & then came in by the Shield field, we talked about the Scriptures & other sorts of divinity, I went into All Sts. Churchyard with him & he fetched a book, he read to me & told me some secrets I came in & retired a very little after Ten.

Friday the Eleventh. I got up about five and read in the whole duty of Man, and I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassifras tea, from thence I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I ran up the Key to ask a Man wth 2 Cart Loads of Kilp what he paid a Tun and he told me £3-5s-0d, then I went to Lionell Trotters Room and read in the whole duty of Man till nigh dinner time & after dinner I retired into my room & did business for myself with a little for my Master. I went to the Post Office and I went to Church in the evening I went to M^{rs} Tindells & sat a good while then I went to the high Crain to seek for one M^r George Burton with a letter directed for him to be left at my masters, I found the ship but he was not on board so I went to one Hardy a cork cutter, so I came home and after I had got my supper I sat a good while and retired to bed a little after ten.

Saturday the Twelvth. I got up a little after five and read in the whole duty of Man I also went down to Winkhamlee, In the afternoon I went to Church I also went into the Office & Master Billy called me down and I drunk Tea at their house, after that I retired into my room, and I aired two shirts by the Kitching fire and I took a walk with W^m Henderson, it rain'd so we went under the Tyle shade and we also walked in the Shield fd. Ropery, I retir'd to bed between 10 & 11.

Sunday the Thirteenth. I got up ab^t 6 o'Clock and read in the whole duty of Man, I went to Mary's and got my Tea then I went into my room, I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, after dinner I went up to the Post Office & to M^{rs} Tindells, after Church time I

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walked upon the Key and went to Thos. Scafe's House where I sat till past nine, he lent me a Book called Crucified Jesus, and after I got my supper I retired to bed 20 minutes past Ten. Monday the Fourteenth. I got up between five and six and read in Doctor Hammonds Natural History of the Bible, I went to Mary's twice but the door was fast, I got some cold veal about Eleven o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee, I got something to eat, after I came home & washed myself and went to Church, I came home by the Sandhill & stayed to see them begin to measure a Keel at the high end of the key, I went with W^m Henderson to M^r Paterson's for ¼ stone of course ship bisketts for Jn^r Bates of Winkhamlee but he was not in the house so we came down upon the Key again & in the evening I retir'd into my room, then I took a walk with Master Billy & Lionell trotter to Widow Humble's they played at Skittles but I walked in the yard, as we came home we called at the above M^r Paterson's and got the bisketts I got my Supper & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven. Tuesday the Fifteenth. I got up after five and read in the History of the New testament, I went to Mary's and got my tea, and to Ra: Watkin who was upon the Sandhill he told me he did not hear of my Sister being any worse, I read in Geo. Waddell's shop in the whole duty of Man & went to Church, I went to M^r Aireys & got a Letter for M^r Dent w^{ch} I carried down to Winkhamlee, M^r Jn^o Galilee came up before I went to the Staith, after I came home I retired into my room and I went to Church after I came home I read in the Kitching & retir'd into my room again but master Billy called me down to ride up on the Town Moor w^{ch} I did and Robt. Potts was with us, they had a Net and endeavour'd to catch some larks but did not, after we came home I read and retir'd to bed about twenty minutes past Ten. Wednesday the Sixteenth. I got up early and went down stairs where I read a good while and I went to Mary Davison's & got my Sassifras Tea, I went to Mr Thos. Simpson's for acceptance of a Bill but he was not at home and I went upon the Bridge & met the Carrier I got a Letter from my Mother with something wrote both by my Father & Sister Rachel, I retir'd into my room and wrote to my Sister Rachel, I went to Church and carried the letter from thence to the Carriage Man, I got a small pye to eat at our house & went down to Winkhamlee with W^m Henderson & came home with him after I got something to eat I went to Church and I also went to M^r Harrison's the Exciseman and I went up to the Shield field to my Master to know if he would lend M^r Scott some Long Benton Coals & after he came down with Ra: Rud & Master Billy, I sat awhile & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

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Thursday the Seventeenth. I got up before Six o'Clock and cleaned my breaches put on a clean shirt & did other things for myself, I went to Mary's and got my Tea and went to Thos. Simpson's twice for acceptance but he was not at home, M^r Jn^o Galilee dined at our house, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee & came home with W^m Henderson it rained very sore, after I got home I copied two Bills and a Note over and went with the Bills to M^r Mich^l Akenhead & passed it & I went to the above Simpson's again but he was not in the house, after I gave my master the money I went to M^{rs} Spencers with W^m Henderson Keelmen & got a Kitt of Salmon, I got some Tea at our house & I went to M^{rs} Tindells and played a little upon my Flute, after my master came in I retir'd to bed about a quarter before Eleven.

Friday the Eighteenth. I got up early and read in the History of the New Testament and I went down to Winkhamlee and I went to Church, I also walked upon the key and took a walk to the high end, after dinner I went to the Post Office but the letters were not sorted so I took a walk into the new Infirmary & saw the Workmen work awhile then I returned and got a Letter, I called at M^r James Inn but he was not come I went to Church, I went into the house & read in the whole duty of Man for jenny was gone out, then I went to see M^r James but did not stop long and I also took a walk with Will^m Henderson, Robt. Potts & Thos. Newton to Elswick where we got some whey, I found Lyonell Trotter in my house so I retir'd to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Saturday the Nineteenth. I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee, I went to Church and after that I went into the Close & got a bill on Thos. Simpson accepted by himself, after dinner I walked upon the Key & went to the Can house where I got my owners Wages then came back and I went to Church I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths in the evening I read in the Whole duty of Man to old George and I took a walk with Will^m Henderson to the high end of the Key, then I brot A pair of clean Shoes into the house for tomorrow and I washed myself at the barbers and retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Sunday the Twentieth. I got up about Six o'Clock and after doing my duty to Almighty God & writing in this Book I read in the Whole Duty of Man I also went to Mary Davison's & got my Sassafras tea. I went to Church, Mr Robt. Railston dined at our house, after dinner I went up to the Post Office & called at Thos. Allen's to tell my Master there was no letters for him, I went to Church and also into my room where I rough copied a Letter to Sister

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Rachel, I read in the Whole Duty of Man in the Kitchen and I walked up the Key, and retired to bed about a quarter past Ten.

Monday the Twenty First. George called of me before five o'Clock & I went down to Winkhamlee with Ra: Morton, we went to Edw^d Stalperts & got some New Milk, after I came home I retir'd into the office and did business for my Master & self, I went for one Pound of Sugar and 2 pennoth of Oyl & to M^{rs} Ladelers in Pilgrom Street to seek for M^r Dawson but he was not there, after we had set down to dinner he came, after dinner I went up to a Tea shop with master Billy & Robt. Potts, Master bot. a quantity w^{ch} I believe was ½lb then we came down street and I went to Church, in the evening I retir'd into my room & wrote to my Sister Rachel, I carried it to one Reed who told me he wou'd give it to the man I wanted it given to, which was Ralph Watkin of Richmond, I took a walk with Will^m Henderson & we read two sermons in a field his was concerning the innocency of little Children and mine was recommending Religion, they were both out of a Book of M^r Sowerby's w^{ch} he had, after we came home I got my Supper & retir'd to bed about a quarter past Ten.

Tuesday the Twenty Second. I got up about five o'Clock and went down to Winkhamlee I went to Edw^d Stalpart's & got a half penn'worth of Milk after I came home I carried my Camblet Coat to W^m Shepherds to mend and I went with M^r Broom to M^r Tizacks out of Pilgrom Street Gate and to M^r Hall's & Button's & got a Bill accepted, I came home & went to M^r Scotts about some Coals, after dinner I retir'd into the office and did business for my Master & self, I went to the Post Office and from thence to M^r Harrison's the Exciseman and got some frosting for my Sister Rachel, I went to Church and I walked upon the key and went to Jn^o Simmerells where I got some Coffee & I took a walk up the Key with John & went on board Mr Broom's Sloop, I retir'd into the Office and read in a Book called the Crucified Jesus, I went down stairs got my Supper & read as my master was long in coming in I retir'd to bed about five minutes past Eleven.

Wednesday the Twenty Third. I got up a little after five and went down to Winkhamlee, I went to Edw^d Stalports and got some Milk, after I came home I went to Church & from thence to W^m Shepherds where I changed my coats for one was mended and the other not but before I went to Church I went to see if there was anything from Richmond but there was not, after churchtime I retir'd into the office & put up a pair of single Jenneld Pumps &

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some frosting to send to Richmond & I wrote to my Sister Rachel I carried it to the carriers. Mr Broom & his Brother in Law Master Till & Mr Thos. Wheatley dined at our house, I went to Church in the afternoon & to M^{rs} Tindells & walked upon the Key for my Master went out with master Billy & Lyonell Trotter, I took a walk to the high end of the Key and walked upon some deals nigh the Broad Chair gate with W^m Henderson at night I retired to bed between ten and Eleven.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth. I got up a little after five and walked upon the Key and went down to Winkhamlee, Will^m Henderson & self went to Edw^d Stalparts & got some milk, after I came home I retired in to the office after dinner I stayed upon the key and went to Church then I stayed in the House awhile, I went to seek my master for M^r Railston had been enquiring for him but did not find him, I went to W^m Shepherds for my Coat & to Jn^o's house to know what Keel he had ordered to Winkhamlee but he was not in the house I took a walk wth Will^m Henderson to old M^r Akenheads shop for a Minute Book for his letter case, I went to M^r Henry Atkinsons to know if he cou'd let my master & M^{rs} Hudspeth have 4 dozen of the Wine he bought at M^r Vanholts Sail this afternoon , but he was not in the Town so I retired to bed between Ten and Eleven.

Friday the Twenty Fifth. George called of me a little before five and after I had done my Duty I read Doctor hammonds natural history of the Revelations of St John, I waited upon the key till W^m Henderson came out & then we went down to Winkhamlee, we went to Edw^d Stalparts & got some milk, after we came home I went into the Office & begun to draw a Bill for M^r Pyeman on M^r Richard French Coal merchant in London for £22-14s-2³/₄d. but my Master called me to dinner before it was done, M^r Pyeman & M^r Isaac Newton dined at our house, I went into the office & finished the Bill then I went to the Post Office & after I came down my master gave one M^r Jona. Tabor's Acco^t to draw which I did, in the Office & went to Church & went down to M^r Charlton's landing with a Letter for m^r Broom who was lying off there, I went to Mary Davison's & sat awhile then I walked upon the key & at night retired to bed before ten.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth. I got up between five & six and read in the whole duty of Man, I went down to Winkhamlee with Will^m Henderson & we went down to Edw^d Stalparts and got some milk, after dinner I retired into the Office & begun to draw out the Keelmens Note but I did not finish it but went down to the Can house when John was pay the Man, I also

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stood beside the maltloft while a steeping was coming from George Orricks, I went to Jn^o's House and got some Coffee then I walked upon the Key & stayed in the House till bedtime & retired abt. 20 minutes past Ten.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh. I got up about five o'Clock and I read a Chapter in the whole duty of Man, I went to Mary Davison's and got my Sassafras tea, I retir'd into my Room got on my Clothes & read then I went to Church, after dinner I went to the Post Office & stayed upon the Key till Church time and then went to Church, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths & got some tea at our house, I went to Thomas Scafes and read a sermon and stayed a good while my Master sent me twice to know if Mr Jn^o Robinson's Keel had got orders & I retired to bed a little after Ten.

Monday the Twenty Eighth. George called of me about five o'Clock & I called of Master Billy & follow'd him to the Stables but he was rode away & Ann Wardell wou'd not lend me a Horse, so I came down & retir'd in to the office till between Seven & Eight o'Clock & my Master sent me twice to Hall & Buttons with a Bill but saw neither of them I retired into the Office & copied some Coals into the Tickett Book out of my memor^m. Book, & I copied M^r Isaac Newtons Clearance & a Promisary Note, I also went to the Sandhill for some Capers to to Doctor Parrotts shop for Girkins (& I omitted that in the morning I got 2 pennyworth of hartshorn Drops & a little Salvilaine in it for my Master at Doctor Thuresby's in Pilgrom Street) & I went to the Sandhill to seek my Master for dinner, M^r Isaac Newton dined at our house and after dinner I retir'd into the Office and did business both for myself and my Master, I went to Church and to Thos. Scafe's house twice & did not find neither Thos. Scafe nor his wife in the house I took a walk as far as M^r Harrison's in the Close but they were not at home so I took a walk with M^r Loggon the Exciseman towards the Infirmary & stayed a good while beside the men that were making preparations for a Cool bath, we called as we came back at M^r Harrisons but did not find them, after I came home I went to Thos. Scafes & found his wife who I gave one of my Uncle Jos. Wards Pills to & I went to a funeral in the Church but before I went to Thos. Scafes I went to the high end of Pilgrom Street to the smoothers and brought a Smoothing Iron down by the Carling Croft & I walked upon the Key & as my master was late in coming in I came up stairs about Eleven when I retired to bed.

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Tuesday the Twenty Ninth. I got up about five o'clock & stayed in my room till about seven then I went upon the Key and as far as Sandhill to see for Ralph Watkin of Richmond but did not see him, so I came home & before Ten I went down to Winkhamlee, but did not stay long after dinner I retired into the Office, I went up to the Post Office & then carried two letters to my Master who was at the Shield field I went to Church & from thence to M^r Hudspeths the Razor Grinder for a knife of Jn^o Bates I left there to be grinded w^{ch} was done, I went upon the Key again and then to Thos. Scafes where I drunk Tea, then I went to seek Jn^o Simmerell but did not find him so I was going to M^r Harrisons but met him & his wife upon the Keyside & I took a walk through the fields above the Low Glass Houses & came in the low way after my Master came from walking he gave me directions how to proceed at the Customs House to clear Mr Jn^o Lawson & I retired to bed a little after Eleven.

Wednesday the Thirtieth. George called o'me ab^t 20 minutes before five and my master, Master Billy & M^r Cramlington went down the river in a Boat a Fishing before Seven o'clock, & about 8 I went to M^r Harrison's in the Close & got some Tea but I got some Glass thread which I went for as I came home I got a letter off the Labourer from my Sister Rachel I went into the Exchange & read it I retired into the Office & answered it & put up the Glass thread as above for my Sister Rachel, I went to the Custom House with M^r Dawson & cleared him, I carried from thence the letter & Glass to the Carrier then I went into the office & drew out M^r Dawsons Custom house Charges alone w^{ch} was £2-11s-9d. & his Coals & Keel dues with the aforementioned charges amounted to £23-18s-1d, after dinner I waited for M^r Dawson upon the Key & when he came we went into the House & I gave him his Custom House Charges & told him what the whole amounted to, he had a Glass of Wine & went away, I went to Church & after I came home I drunk Tea with Jenny & Patty in the Office, I also drew out some Acco^{ts} for Coals Borr'd & Lent between my Master & other Fitters & posted some Keels into the Tickett Book, I took a walk into the fields and read the last Sunday in the whole duty of Man, which is the second time I have read the 17 Sundays contained in it, it was between Nine & ten when I came home I got my Supper & before Eleven o'clock my Master & Billy came from fishing so I gave my master M^r Dawsons Acco^t & Charges & retired to bed between Eleven & Twelve.

Thursday the Thirty First. George called of me about six o'clock & I let him in but came up to my room again & cleaned my breaches, In the morning I went with Will^m Henderson to

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his Master M^r Ra: Sowerby's Raff Yard till the bells knowled for prayers and I went to Church, after that I waited upon the Key till about Twelve o'Clock and then went down to Winkhamlee with Will^m Henderson, we stayed not long & we saw the Barge come up the river as we came up the Shore & after I got my dinner I went to Church then I waited upon the Key & went to Mary Davisons where I read part of the Preface of caring for the soul in the Whole duty of Man, I went upon the Sandhill & into several houses to seek for my Master but did not find him after he came in I held the Candell a little to let the workmen see that was mending the Sealing in the fore parlour for the Ratts had wasted some malt & lodged the Shillings there I took a walk with Will^m Henderson to the Brick Kill in the field. Came home I got my Supper & retired to bed about Ten minutes past Ten.

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Friday the First. I got up between five & six & abt. Seven I took a walk with Ra: Morton towards the Shield field & got a drink of water. I went to Church about Ten & when I came from thence I went down to Winkhamlee but did not stay long so I got home before my master had done dinner, after dinner I retir'd into the Office & stayed till past two, I went to the Post Office & then to the Church then I walked upon the key & took a walk with Will^m Henderson to Ellsick where I got some bread & Milk while he went to do business with m^{rs} Hodgson, after we came home I went with Jn^o Simmerell & master Billy to W^m Harpers Keel w^{ch} was laying at the other side of the River & was loaded with Soap Ashes, below the Bridge, he told Jn^o I gave him Leave to take the Tide but when I went he said neither with or against it, but before he took the Tide I told my master I advised him not to take the Tide w^{ch} I did do, but did not forbid him to do it, we came across the Water in the same boat we went over in, I walked upon the Key & went to Jn^o's, to ask him what Keel was ordered to Winkhamlee, I came home & retired to bed between Nine & Ten.

Saturday the Second. George called of me about 20 minutes past four o'Clock and I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I walked upon the Key & went into the Office & to Church but the Lessons were read after I came home I retir'd into the Office & did business for myself & Master, after dinner I did the same & went to M^r Partis shop for ½lb of Tobacco & went to the Can house, but I left John there between Six and Seven o'Clock

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Will^m Henderson went to our Can house with me when I told Jn^o I was going to take a walk, I went down to the Raff Yard with my acquaintance & from thence we went to the Shield field & he read in a Book of Sermons that he borrowed concerning a future State after we came home I got my Supper & read in the New Testament I went upon the Key to Lionell Trotters Room with Master Billy, & after my Master came into our house I retired to bed about Ten minutes past Eleven.

Saturday the Third. I got up about Six o'Clock, I went to Mary Davisons and got a Bason of Sassifras tea then I retired into my Room and after I got my Clothes on I read the Lessons for the Day and in the Whole Duty of Man, I went to Church & after that I went upon the Key, after dinner I went to the Sandhill, but the Post they said was only about ½ an hour since it came in, so I came home retired into my room and read in the whole duty of Man, I also went to Thos. Scafes where we had prayers & both him & myself read about the Sabbath, we also had prayers afterwards & I sat awhile when I came home my Master said I might draw out the Vend for Partnership Coals this year w^{ch} I did in the Office, after I went down there was a Man who I believe was sent up by M^r Isaac Bell for a turn for his Ship, I went upon the Key & walked a little while then I came in & got my Supper & retired to bed about Ten.

Monday the Fourth. George called of me about four o'Clock and I stayed in my room till past five and then went down to Winkhamlee I went to Edw^d Stalparts with Will^m Henderson & got some Milk, after I came home I retir'd into the Office & went to help George & Jn^o Shade to take up 4 Bushels of Malt for my masters own use & I went to Church, when I came from Church I got a pair of clean Shoes & washed myself, my Master sent me to the Custom house to get Mr Jn^o Dawson's Muster Role but I did not get the new one till the old one was discharged & that cannot be unless M^r Dawson was here, so I brought my Master the old Muster Role, after dinner I retir'd into my room & drew out my May Acco^t for my Father, I went to Church & I walked upon the Key. I also went to Mary Davison's but she had not a fire on so I only got a biskett that was there, I went to M^{rs} Tindells & read in that bad Book of Telemachus, I went into my Masters Room then I went down stairs & read in the Whole Duty of Man & in the New Testament I went upon the Key & retir'd to bed about Ten.

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Tuesday the Fifth. I got up a little before five & stayed in my Room till about Six o'Clock when I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I got a Pair of clean Stockings & shoes & went to Church, after I came home I retir'd into the Office & begun to copy a Letter to my Father after I retir'd into my Room but did not stay long, then I went to the Post Office but the Letters were not sorted so I went to St. Andrews Church, I called at the Post Office as I came down but Master Billy had asked for my Master, I came down upon the Key and then went to our Church, I called at Thos. Scafes as I came down then I went down upon the Key and my master gave me a letter to show M^r Giles I went up the [*word unreadable*] twice but did not see him, then I gave Jenny my dirty Linnen to go to wash, I went to Thos. Scafes & drunk Tea but he was not there himself, I went from thence up the Key to seek for M^r Giles but did not see him, in the evening I walked upon the Key & came into the house to read, I went to William Shipherds to see if my Breaches was mended but they were not, after I got my Supper I took with george, I stayed beside M^r Blacketts Pant till he had carried a Shirt to Wash or smooth, we came down by the Carling Croft & sat a little while & retired to bed about a quarter past Ten.

Wednesday the Sixth. I got up about five o'Clock & stayed in my Room till past Six when I went down to Winkhamlee, I washed my feet in the River, after I came home I went to see for something from Richmd but stayed a good while before I got a Letter from my Father with my old Holland Shirt & 4 Stocks, I read my Father's letter in the Exchange after My master & Master Billy went away upon Horseback I went to m^{rs} Tindells & got Telamachus and retired in my room & packed Telamachus & a Comb within my old Holland Shirt & carried them to the Richmond Carrier, after dinner I retired into the Office & wrote a Letter to my Father I went to Church & from the Letter to M^{rs} Dawsy's at the foot of the side where the Richmond Inns, after I came home I retired into my room & began at the beginning of the Crucified Jesus & wrote in this Book, then I read in the Bible in the Kitching & went to W^m Shepherds for a pair of black Breaches w^{ch} he had mended for me in the evening my Master & Billy came home I walked down to the foot of the Key with Will^m Henderson & retir'd to bed better than 20 minutes past Ten.

Thursday the Seventh. I got up before, [*word unreadable*] & read in the Crucified Jesus I went down to Winkhamlee & from thence to Edw^d Stalparts where I got some Milk after I came home I went to Church, I stayed upon the Key till almost dinner time after dinner I

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went into the Office, & I went to M^r Sowerby's Raff Yard with Will^m Henderson & we took a walk up Pandon Deen as far as M^{rs} Roses Mustard Hill w^{ch} was at work, I went to Church & after that I read in the Bible in the Kitchen I also went to M^r Harrison's Exciseman & stayed a good while, he came as far as the Sandhill & then we parted, I stayed in the house & upon the Key & in the house till almost Nine o'Clock, & then took a walk with Will^m Henderson, we came home nigh Ten, & after my Master came in I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Friday the Eighth. I got up early and sat in my room a good while, & I went down to Winkhamlee, I went to St. Nicholas Church after I came home (for this being the Visitation there was no Prayers at our Church) and heard M^r Sharp Vicar of Hartburn, & son of the present Archdeacon of Northumberland preach from the 3 Chapter of 2^d Timothy & 16th & 17th Verses, after dinner I retired into my room & my Master ordered me to go to M^r Giles but the maid said he was not in the house, I went to the Post Office with Will^m Henderson but it had not been long in so we came down & I went to M^r Giles about a Freight for M^r Tabor o'Colchester, but he said M^r Carrick did not choose to freight a Vessell so far off, I went to the Post Office came down & went to St. Nicholas Church, came home & stayed in the Kitchen till my Master had finished two Letters & carried them to the Post Office I called at Thos. Scafes as I came down & stayed a good while then I went upon the Key & went backward & forward from the house to the key some times, I also went to Alderman Sowerbys Raff Yard with Will^m Henderson, at night I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven. NB I heard the Archdeacon as above lay down his Charge to the Clergy w^{ch} was but short.

Saturday the Ninth. I got up before 4 o'Clock & let Nanny in to clean & got up & sat in my room before Six, I went down to Winkhamlee but did not stop long after I came home I went to Church then I went into the high foreroom where the Joyner was making a Table. M^r Rickin dined at our house & while we were at dinner Mr Jn^o Galilee came & dined, after dinner I wealked upon the key & got myself shaved & went to Church, after Church I retired into my room & stayed till past Eight. I went upon the Key & to Lyonell Trotters Room where I washed myself came in & retired to bed within 20 minutes of Eleven.

Sunday the Tenth. I got up early and went down stairs after Seven I took a walk towards the Shield field & I got a drink of Water at the Well nigh our Milkwomans, I called at Mary Davison's & got my Sassifras Tea, I retired into my Room & got ready for Church & read

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in the Bible, I went to Church & after dinner I went to the Post Office & got a Letter from Cousin Elizth Coats. I went to Church & retired into my room copied a Letter for my master into the Letter Book & carried it to the Post Office, after I came home I went to Thos.

Safes were we had a discourse upon witsunday & also walked upon the Key & I read in our own house in Slackhouse on Judgement and I retired to bed a little after Ten.

Monday the Eleventh. I got up about [?] & sat in my room, after I had been upon the Key I got my Breakfast, my Master sent me into the office and I copied a Promissary Note then I went down to Winkhamlee Steath & I drew a rough copy of a Letter to my father. I got home before dinner & after dinner I retired into my room & wrote a Letter to my father against Wednesday, then I went upon the Key & I went to Church, after Church I came into the house & got a Bason of Tea, I walked upon the Key for M^r William Jefferson sent up to my master & he was gone awalking, I also read the lessons for the day in the Kitchen & I went into the office a little while after I got my supper I went to Eliz. Dixons to know when she was coming to Smooth, after I came home my master was come & I sat awhile & retired to bed about Eleven.

Tuesday the Twelvth. I got up early and went upon the Key, I came into the house and stayed in the house till my Master gave up about Nine o'Clock I went down to Winkhamlee, I got home against dinner time, M^r J^{no} Galilee dined at our house, after dinner I went to the Office & stayed a good while, then I went to the Post office & got a Letter for my Master. I went to Church & I read the Lesson for the Day & in some other parts of the Old & New Testaments to old George & I went upon the Key sometimes & at night I retired to bed (Before my Master came in) a little after Eleven.

Wednesday the Thirteenth. I got up early and stayed in my room, in the forenoon I went to the foot of the side but the man that had a Letter for me was not there, I went towards Gateshead & got a letter from Sister Rachel from him, I went into the Exchange and read it then I came into my room and answered it, after I carried it to the Carriers I went down to Winkhamlee but did not stop long, I came home with Jⁿ Dales & Alex^r Adams by the Deen & towards Thomas Gowerly, after I came home got my dinner & stayed upon the Key awhile I went to Church when I came home I stayed upon the Key & in the house where I read in the Bible & I was in the Office, I went with Will^m Henderson to Thos. Safes were we stayed agood piece of time, after we came away I came into the house and got my

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supper, my Master came in & I sat up awhile & then retired a little after Eleven by my watch but she is for the [*word unreadable*]

Thursday the Fourteenth. I got up early and stayed in my room, after I went upon the Key I took a walk as far as the West India Ship which was lying night the high Crain. I went on board & saw the curiosities as 2 or 3 Tortesses alive, a Parrott & Parroket, a Negro Boy, Munkey & pine apples with other curiosities which I was a stranger to. I read in the Kitchen & then went to Church, after Church time I went down to Winkhamlee but did not stop long at the Steath, after I came home I went to Church & I retired into my room then I took a walk with Will^m Henderson up the Key & he went on board the West India Company's ship after I came into the house I went into the office & wrote a note for 1½ Stone of Pitch & 3 Gallons of Tarr for W^m Henderson's Keel, Master Billy called of me for Supper & after Supper Cousin Eliz. Coats sent a young Woman from the Inn where she was at to acquaint me of her being coming, I went into my room & got on a clean shirt & another waist coat & went to M^r Place's in the groat Marckett & found Cousin Betty Coats there, there was a young man with her who I took to be a traveller, I came home past Eleven & retired to bed before Twelve.

Friday the Fifteenth. John Simmerell called of me after Six and I wrote a Note to M^r Surtees for the same quantity as yesterday evening & for the man for Jn^o Had not got the other, I walked upon the key & went to Church then I went into the office & copied a Letter into the Letter Book for my Master, but before Church I retired into the Office and stayed a while, between Eleven and twelve I asked my Master my leave to go to see my Cousin Eliz. Coats which he granted. I went to the place where she was last night, which to Christopher Places Sign of the Crown & Thissell at the foot of the Groat Markett, he is Brother to David Place nigh Richmond, after I had been there better than ½ an hour the traveller who was with her last night came in & stayed till nigh dinner time, she called him Bruckfield & told me he dealt in Ribbands only, I dined with her & stayed till she went away for M^r Uston's at Thirk Harle, & she brot. Me a Letter w^{ch} I got last night & a Holland Shirt, & a stock w^{ch} I got today, I went to the Post Office & to Church I also went to M^r Fosters the Distiller & stayed better than an hour talking with him & I went to Thos. Scafes & stayed there a good while when I read in Drelingcourt against the fears of Death & I talked a good while, at night I retired to bed about Eleven.

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Saturday the Sixteenth. Old George called of me after five & after I had stayed in my room about half an hour I went down to Winkhamlee, I went to Edw^d Stalperts & got some Milk with a Bole I bot. at M^r Dents, after I came home I went to M^r Fetherstone's Office with a Note for £40 & a Bill for \$85, I called to see M^r James at his Inn as I came down but did not stop long with him, I went to Church but before that I helped to sheal some green Pease, I retired into the Office & Master Billy called me to dinner, after dinner I went to the Canhouse & called at John Simmerells house as I went but he was gone, after I came from the Canhouse I read the Lessons for this afternoon & went to Church & I went to the canhouse where John had some words with W^m Harpers Wife, after Jⁿ & myself came from thence W^m Harper his Wife & two Men came to my Master about the binding Money w^{ch} my Master had ordered Jn^o To stop off him w^{ch} was Seven shillings and sixpence but my master ordered Jn^o To return 6s.6d. for his is parting with him. I retired into the Office and did business for my Master & self, I went to Miss Kents shop to seek for two Whalebone Busks for my Sisters Ester & Rachel but she has none so long as the Pattern I had sent, & from thence I went to Miss Yeomans, M^r Fosters Hardwareman, & Miss Crows shops at the head of the Side, but did not see any to the measure as Miss Kents so I bought none, where after I came home I bought ¼lb. of Sassifras & carried it to Mary Davisons but the door was fast, I went to bed about Eleven.

Sunday the Seventeenth. I got up about Seven, I helped to sheal some Pease & went to mary Davisons where I got some Sassifras tea, I retired into my room & got my Cloths on for Church which Place I visited, after dinner I went to Jn^o Simmerells & stayed a while then I retired into my room & stayed there till nigh Church time & went there, from Church I went to the Post Office with Will^m Henderson in the evening I went to Thos. Scafes when he read a sermon & prayers, I stayed till a little past Nine by my watch when I got my supper I sat some time in the Ketchen with my Master & the family & retired to bed a little before Eleven.

Monday the Eighteenth. George called of me before five & after I done my morning Exercize I went down to Winkhamlee but called at Thomas Gowerbys where I got a halfpen' worth of Milk & I heard of a Young Man being killed by a Waggon w^{ch} was Loaden ran over his head & killed him on the spott but I did not see the misfortune, I did not stop very long at Winkhamlee & after I came home I washed my hands & went to Church

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after that I went into the Maltlofts for Jn^o & geo. took up 10 Bushells of Malt, my master & master Billy M^r Cramlington & Mr Ra: Reed went a shooting, between Eleven & Twelve I retired into my room & did business both for my Master & self, after dinner I stayed upon the Key, & also went to see one Maddison who is employed by his brother in the Law at Stockton, I went to Chris^r Places in the Goat Markett to seek for him but the above told me they did not expect him into Town till night, this Maddison was a particular acquaintance of Jos. Coats for which reason I went to seek him then I sought for some Busks for my Sisters but did not find any so long as Miss Kents so I bought two at 8d. p^r Which was 1s. 4d. for 2, I went to Church & to Thomas Scafes where I drunk Tea I read in the Bible in the Kitchen but Jn^o Asked for me to go down the Shore with him w^{ch} I did but when we got down W^m Harpers Wife told us that he was gone at Tide with his Neighbour, I retired into my room & stayed a long time, after my master & master Billy came home I stayed about ½ an hour & retired to bed between Eleven & Twelve by my watch tho' fortherly [?]

Monday the Nineteenth. I got up early & after staying in my Room a little I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went to Church and retired into the Office while we were at dinner there was a Man came to tell me that Cousin Coats was at old Doctor Fosters, after dinner I went to the Post Office & to see for Cousin Coats at the above place twice but the first time she was at dinner & the second a woman told she was gone a walking, I went to M^r Christopher Places in the low end of the Groat Markett to seek for M^r Robt. Maddison of Stockton who was at the Earl of Northumberland's Audit which is held here now, he was imployed to fill up the Receipts & another Attorney imployments they told but he was at dinner, so I walked into St. Nicholas Church & read in the Whole Duty of Man, then I went to see for Mr Maddison again when I met with him but did not stop long for I came down street to acquaint my master that there was no Letters for him at the Post Office, I went to Church but prayers was almost done I asked my Master to let me take a walk which I intended to be with M^r Maddison but first I went to Doctor Fosters & drun k Tea & from thence to M^r Places with Cousin Coats & when she with (I believe) one of the Miss Oustons went away, I stayed with Maddison till nigh Eight o'Clock when we, with Mr Matt^w Pyeburn of Fossitt took awalk to see the Infirmary but the men had given over work & we went to a Glass house where they saw some Curiositys, I went to M^r Places with them Supt & stayed till past ten by my watch I retired to bed between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock.

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Wednesday the Twentieth. I got up early and after staying in my room a little time I went down to Winkhamlee, & from thence to Edw^d Stalparts where I got some Milk, after I came home I went to The Carriers Inn & got a Letter from my Sister Rachel & another in closed from my Father, I went to Church & read the above Comfortable Letters there, as I came from Church I met Wll^m Henderson & took a walk to M^r Akenheads Sen^r Shop, I also retired into my room & put up two whalebone Busks for my Sisters Ester & Rachel & I carried them to the Carriers Inn, after dinner I retired into the Office & wrote a Letter to Sister Hannah, I went to Church & from thence I carried the above Letter to the carriers Inn & left it with the Hoster. In the evening I went to see M^r Robt. Maddisons Lodgings (vide yesterday) and stayed about an hour then I came down street & got my Supper then I took a walk upon the key & saw him coming down the key I went to M^r Jn^o Armorers with him where we stayed some time, after we came from thence I stayed upon the Key with him sometime I also set to the low end of the side where I talked with him about half an hour when we parted, after I came home I retired to bed between Eleven and Twelve.

Thursday the Twenty First. I got up early & after I had spent some time in my room I went down to Winkhamlee after I came home I staid upon the Key & Thomas Pyman came up, who is master of the Seaflower of Whitby M^r Isaac Preston Owner, he gave on the ship for Long Benton Coals, I went to M^r Thomas Simpsons & got acceptance for a Bill, I also went to M^r W^m Handaside for payment of another Bill who told me he wou'd pay it next week, M^r Pyman dined at our house and after dinner I retired into the Office and I also went to the above said Handaside & got acceptance in writing but before this I called at M^r Robt.

Maddisons Lodgings (vide 20th Inst.) & from M^r Handasides I went to M^r Thomas Simpsons Office & received a Bill of his younger Brother for £23, I also went to Church as I had not an opportunity of seeing my Master before & after I gave him the above Cash & I went to the Sandhill for 2d. of Salts for M^{rs} Scafe & carried them to the house, in the evening Master Billy was out of order so I went to his Mothers to ask him how he did, I went to Maddisons Lodgings & stayed some time after I came home I retired to bed before Eleven.

Friday the Twenty Second. After I had stayed in my room a little while I went down to Winkhamlee, I went to Church, to see Master Hudspeth who was in bed so I did not stop long but retired into the office & after dinner likewise and I went to the Post Office but it was not come in, I called at M^r Maddisons Lodgings (vide 20th Inst.) twice or thrice but did

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not find him so I went to St. Nicholas Church & read in the whole duty of Man, after I came down street and after I had stayed in our house some time I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths and drank Tea and played at Chequers, I went to M^r Maddisons Lodgings again twice when I found & bid him farewell, and a little before Ten o'Clock Mr Ra: Tunstall of Darlington came to our house, I went up stairs with Master Billy and stayed till my Master came up & retired to bed between Twelve and One.

Saturday the Twenty Third. after I had spent some time in my room I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went into the office & made out the Keelmans Note & after dinner my Master gave me the money w^{ch} was £10-3s.-8d., I got the gold changed at M^r Foster & went with John to the Can house, I went to Church & in the evening I went into the Office but my Master called me down stairs, after Ten o'Clock struck I went up stairs with Master Billy & read as yesternight in the Whole Duty of Man & this night in the old & New Testaments after my master came up stairs I retired into my room & went to bed after Twelve.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth. After I had stayed in my room I also went to Mary Davisons and got some Sassafras tea then I got my better Close on and went to Church, after dinner I took a walk with Will^m Henderson to the Sandhill to see if the Post was come in but a Woman told me it was not so we came down the Key and I retired into my room, I went with Jn^o Simmerell to Sandgate Chapell & heard a good Sermon from the 1st & 2nd verse o'the 14th Chapr. Of Job by M^r Thompsons Curate at Elsdon, as I went to the Post Office I went into All Sts. Church & stayed till service was over then I went to the Post Office with Will^m Henderson & got a Letter for my master from Mr W^m Richardson with a Bill inclosed which M^r Bell charged Nine pence for, but I went up again & got 3d Returned for it was stamped with Whitby upon it, I stayed in the house till my Master wrote a Letter & carried it to the Post Office I called at M^r Thos. Scafes he read a Sermon & I read a discourse in question & answer concerning St. John Baptist after I came home I got my supper then walked upon the key with the dogs, came in & sat some time before I went into my room & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Monday the Twenty Fifth. After I had spent some time in my room I went to Jn^o Simmerells house & drank some Salt Water, I came home got my Breakfast & went down to Winkhamlee, I bathed & after I came home I went to John's and after I came back my

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master sent me to M^r Fetherston's to know if he wou'd take a Bill upon one in the Town but he told me that my Master had better Receive it himself, after dinner I retired into the Office, I went to Church I also went to Mr Thos. Scafes but did not stop long, I came home went into M^{rs} Hudspeths and staid till my master came out & then went for the Horses for my Master & Billy to ride unto the Horse Races, I went to Thomas Scafe again but the maid told me he was not in the house so I stoped till I read the Lesson for the Day, I walked upon the Key a short time & went into the Office I was called down to get Tea, after I had done I retired into my room and stayed till it was nigh dark, after my master came home I left Lyonell Trotter in the house & retired to bed before Eleven.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth. I got up a little before Six o'Clock & stayed in my room till almost Eight I went down to Winkhamlee and after I came home Jn^o Told me there was one Deighton enquiring for me, I found M^r Thos. Pyeman & Lyonell Trotter dining at our house, after dinner I went to the sign of the Peacock but did not find him then but I went back again & after staying some time with M^r Fairlum of the Glass Houses M^r Deighton & his Son Christ^r Came down stairs, I went to the Glass Warehouse in the Close with Christr. To see if his Father had not changed his Hat but we brot. the same that we carried back again for did not get M^r Deightons. I stayed a little while at the Peacock & went to Church, after Church (I went into the Office & got a Letter from Sister Rachel by M^r Deighton) my Master & Billy being gone to see the Race I went to Thos. Scafes & stayed some time, I got some cold veal & Bread & Butter & came home I went to the Peacock & sat a little while with M^r Deighton I came home & retired to bed past Eleven.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh. I got up early and stayed in my room sometime, then I went upon the key, after I had got my breakfast I went to the Carriers to see if he had any thing for me but he told me no, from thence I went to M^r W^m Handasides to receive a Bill but I thought there was some money wou'd be short of weight so I did not receive it I brought my master the Bill and went down to Winkhamlee, I stoped by way as I came home & read in the Whole Duty of Man, after I got my dinner I washed myself & went to M^r Swifts in Gateshead to see one George Wilkinson Barber of Catterick, but I did not stop long, as I came home I met with M^r Deighton of Richmond & his Son Christopher, so I went to M^r Flemings the Bookseller with them & I spoke to one Jobling Servant to young M^r Harrison the Merchant for some unroasted Coffee for M^r Deighton, he told me he wou'd

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be about the Bridge end after Eight o'Clock, I went to the sign of the Peacock with M^r Deighton & did drink two glasses of Cyder against the checks of my own Conscience to the contrary, I went to Church where I received a great deal of comfort, I came home and after my master went to the Races I retired into my Room & begun to copy a Letter to my Father, I drunk Tea at our house & I wrote a Letter to my Father, M^r Deighton called of me so I went with him & his son Christopher to seek M^r Flemmings after we found him he came to the shop & M^r Deighton bought a Book which was Gays Tables & bespoke another, I sought for the young man that we applied to for the unroasted Coffee but did not find him, I came down the key with M^r Deighton, he said he was going down to M^r Fairlums so I got my Letter to my Father & carried it to the sign of the Peacock & I retired to bed but cannot tell certainly what time.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth. I got up early & stayed in my room sometime, I went to see for the young man about the unroasted Coffee but the shop was not open. I waited upon the Key sometime & M^r Deighton & his Son Christ^r With Miss Fairlum behind him came from the Eastward so I went with them as far as M^r Harrisons Shop but did ?? see the young man, before Ten o'Clock I set forward for Winkhamlee I did not stop long there but as I came home I read in the whole duty of man I got home before dinner, I went up the Key to seek Mr Christopher but did not find him, M^r Robt. Railston & Mr Jn^o Dawson dined at our house, after I retired into the Office & I went with W^m Hendersons Man to get a new Saile that was in Mr Raphills Garrett, I also went to Church, I went to young M^r Jobling and got the unroasted Coffee but I went once before I got the Coffee I carried it to M^{rs} Tindells & she looked at some of it we weighed it & by her scales it wanted about two ounces so I went more than two oz. I put it & went to Church & saw Ralph Simpson who was apprentice to Mr Jn^o Baker laid in the Earth, he was buried at the N.E. end of the Church, Thos. Durham junr. & Jn^o Hebden, Lewis Hick, W^m Hudspeth, Charles Atkinson & W^m Kent were bearers, after the service was over I went to M^r Thos. Scafes where I was instructed a little for receiving the Sacriment & went with Thos. Scafe to M^r Maddisons who told us to go into the Church w^{ch} we did & he came to us in the Vestry where he talked to me sometime, then I went with Thos. Scafe to his house & stayed a little I came home, before I went to bed my Master sent me to tell John if it was like to be rain he wou'd have him to let the loading of Keels alone till the day Tide, I came home & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

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Friday the Twenty Ninth. I got up between five & Six but did not go upon the Key till abt. 8 when I went to three stationers shops before I got Robert Nelson Esquire's Preparation for the Sacrament I carried two of them to Thos. Scafes to lett them see them, they asked me to stay & get Breakfast with 'em so I carried the Books back to M^r Bryson & Co's Shop & paid for one of them. I went to Thos. Scafes & Breakfasted after I had been upon the Key a short time Geo. Beckoned of me so I went to my Master & he sent me to old M^r Akenheads shop with a Bill but M^r Akenhead was not certain what day he cou'd take it so I brot. it back copied it & went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home & got my dinner I retired into the Office, my Master called of me & sent me with the Bill to M^r Akenhead but he was not in the shop so I went to the Post Office and called at M^r Akenheads when I received £21-17s.-0d. for the bill, gave my master an Accot. of it & went to Church I called of Thos. Scafe to take a walk upon the Moor and we went by the Shield field, we stayed at a distance from the Crood & saw two Heats w^{ch} were both won by Sir W^m Middleton's Stead, after we came home I read in the Book for the preparation of the Sacriment I also retired to bed after my master came in a little after Eleven.

Saturday the Thirtieth. I was called on before Six, I stayed in my room till nigh Eight and I went upon the Key, my Master gave one M^r Isaac bells Acco^t to draw out w^{ch} I did & copied 3 Notes in the Office, I was called down to go with Mr Jn^o Dawson to the Custom House & cleared at the Ballst Office & Towns House, but before we got home Geo. met us & told me I was to go back to the Custom House which I did & paid 8s 2d for Ty^o & spurn Lts. To M^r Allcock's Clerk, I gave my Master the remainder of the money, I went down to Winkhamlee after dinner & when I came home my Master sent me an Errand to M^{rs} Hudspeths who were at Tea she invited me to drink a dish so I delivered my message returned and drunk Tea, I also retired into the Office & I went to speak to John at his house and I went into the Office again & at night I retired to bed but am not certain at what time.

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Sunday the First. I got up early and read in the Crucified Jesus, I went to mary Davisons' & got some Sassafras Tea I returned in my room & got ready for Church which Holy place I visited likewise in the afternoon, after dinner I went almost as far as the Sandhill to know if

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the Post was come in & I retired into my room, I went from Church to the Post Office I also retired into my room & in the evening I took a walk with Will^m Henderson towards the Shield field a little after we returned home I went to Thos. Scafes where I heard part & read the latter part of a Sermon, I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Monday the second. I got up between four & five o'Clock & after I came down stairs the 2^d time I went into the Maltloft & helped George to deliver 6 Bowles or 18 Bushells of Malt for Jn^o Crenmor, I went to the Trinity Chapel & heard M^r Maddison Preach from the 37th Psalm & 38th Verse Keep innocency and take heed to the thing that is right: for that shall bring a Man peace at the last. I also went to prayers at all Sts. Church & I retired into the Office, after dinner I did likewise & got my Boots & I went to George Wardells & according to my Masters leave I got the Mair for it rained I stayed at Winkhamlee some time but after I came home I retired to bed about Ten.

Tuesday the Third. George called of me a little after four o'Clock I got up & let him in, but I went into & stayed in my room sometime after that & did not go down to Winkhamlee till past five. I went from Winkhamlee to Edw^d Stalparts and got some Milk I went to the Staith again & as I came home I called beside the M^r Charlton's Landing place for the Keel that W^m Paterson is Skipper of was going to be repaired, after I came home I made some assistance in the corking & setting by some drink which Master Billy bottled this morning & I did other things about it as going an Errand & I also went as far as M^r Peacock's shop & told W^m Paterson to tell my Master to come home, when he went down to the Carpenters for M^r Gothard Shipwright with another man who I believe is Master of the Robert & George of Ipswich, M^r Benj^m Coal, but they went away before my Master came home, my Master sent me to M^r Featherstons Office with 3 Notes & a Bill all amounting to £156 but I was told M^r Featherston was at dinner so I came down street & after our dinner was done I went into the Office & stayed a little time then I went to M^r Featherstons & got a Receipt for the forementioned Notes & Bill amounting to £156, after I had been down street some time I went to Church & I went to the Post Office but did not get any letters at all I also went to George Davison's house & slept (for I was weary) about an hour, after I came from thence I retired into the Office and did business for my Master & myself, I copied a Letter to M^r Deighton of Richmond, at night I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

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Wednesday the Fourth. I got up when George called of me a little after four, I stayed in my room a time & went down to Winkhamlee after I came home I went to the Carriers Labourer & got a Letter from my Father with an Inclosure directed for M^r Robt. Deighton, I went into the Office & wrote a Letter to M^r Deighton of Richmond & carried it with 6^{lb}. of unroasted Coffee to the carrier, I went into the Garrett where my Master Shovells lays with Master Billy & George & gave W^m Paterson two Shovells to get Ironed, I went into the Office & wrote two Notes to M^r Surtees for Pitch & Tarr & another to M^r Peacock for 3lb of spikes, while we were at dinner there was a Man came to tell me of M^r Deighton (of London) being come to Town, after dinner I went into the Office and to M^r Deighton's Inn at M^r Fish's ye sign of the Kings Head & stayed a little while with him, I came from thence into the Office & wrote a Letter to my Father I went to Church & after carried the Letter to the Carriers Inn, and I got Coffee at M^{rs} Hudspeths, I also played upon my German Flute there in the evening I went to Mr. Robt. Deightons Inn but as I was told he was not in the house I took a walk upon the Sand hill once or twice after I had been at home a while I was sent for by M^r Deighton, so I went but did not stop long, after I came home I retired to bed about Eleven.

Thursday the Fifth. George called of me soon, so I got up & let him in & went to bed again & Ann Means called of me past five, I stayed in my room sometime & went down to Winkhamlee, Mr. Jn^o Galilee dined at our house & after dinner I went into the Office, I also went to Church, In the evening I waited upon the Key sometime & walked up the Key I also went for some bills for M^r Robt. Deighton but got none. I got my clean shirt & went to M^r Fish's but as M^r Deighton was not in the house I walked on the outside of the Key & upon the Sandhill when I saw M^r Deighton I went to his Inn & sat till past Ten o'Clock with him, M^r Jordan, M^r Ivison & M^r Hindmarch I came home and retir'd to bed a little after Eleven. Friday the Sixth. George called of me between four & five o'Clock & after I had abode in my room sometime I went down to Winkhamlee, but I did some small things ab^t Business before I went down, I spoke to Robt. Potts about M^r Bells Keel of Long Benton Coals & I wrote a note for 6 paling boards of M^r Atkinson jun^r, After I came home I sought for bills for M^r Deighton & saw that M^r Gambell (Math^w Ridley Esq^{rs}. Clerk) had, so I went to M^r Deightons Inn & as far as the Head of the side to seek for him, but did not find him till I was coming homewards when he called of me, I went with him & he gave me the Hundred

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Pounds for the above bill in M^r Ridleys Offrice, I set him up the Key, came down & stayed about the key sometime & I walked as far as the Sandhill with W^m Hudspeth and I retired into the office when we were at dinner M^r Deighton came to the door but did not come to dine, after dinner I retired in my Room but did not stop very long, I went to M^r Deighton twice or thrice and as I was told he was in the House I went into the Exchange as I was going from Fish's to the Exchange I saw him standing beside M^r Ogle Wallis so I went up to him I went to the Coffee house to see if the Post was come in & I went to M^r Fish's the sign of the Kings Head with M^r Deighton, I stayed sometime and then left him when I went to Church & from thence to the Post Office but as the Letters were not sorted I came down to M^r Deighton again & after I had stayed sometime I went to the Post Office again when I got 3 Letters for him & 1 for myself from my Mother. I brot. them down to M^r Fish's I also set him to the top of the Bottle bank in Gateshead, after I left him I came home & I went to Georges & from thence upon the Bridge to see for a Marking Iron for myself but did not get one, I came home & as my master was not come in I retir'd to bed ab^t ¼ after Ten.

Saturday the Seventh. I got up early and after staying in my room I went down to Winkhamlee, after I came home my Master sent me to M^r Thos. Simpson's in Pilgrom Street with a Bill for £180-0s-0d. M^r Simpson told me to go to the Office about an hour & half after, I told my master & went to Church, after I went into the office but did not stop very long till I went to M^r Simpsons Office in the Close & to his house but did not receive the money then, but after dinner I stayed in the way & went into the Office till past two o'Clock when I went to M^r Simpsons again, & likewise sometime after when I received the £180-0s-0d for the Bill, after I came home I stayed in the parlour sometime before my Master came in to receive the money and then he sent me to M^r Fetherstons Office with £100-0s-0d in Money & a Bill for £115-12s-10d w^{ch} in all made £215-12s-10d, after I came home I got supper & went into my room & my Master sent me on an Errand to old M^r Akenheads, after I came from thence I went into my room about Nine o'Clock but did not retire to bed immediately.

Sunday the Eighth. I got up past five but I did not go upon the Key till about Eight when I went & told Mary Davison to take off the water for the Sassafras Tea, I retired into my room again & I called at Thos. Scafes as I went to Church, M^r Swinbourne Preached from the 16th Chapter & 12th verse of the Gospel according to St. Luke, I went out of our pew &

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to one nearer to the Choir beside M^{rs} Scafe and there received the blessed Sacrament but was confounded as I took the bread in my left hand, and as soon as I came home I sat down to dinner Lyonel Trotter being in our house, after dinner I retired into my room and stayed till I heard the Bells when I went to Church & heard M^r Fetherston Preach from the 10th Chapter & 42nd Verse of the Acts of the Apostles, after Church service I came home & stayed sometime before I went to the Post Office & after that I retired into my room & abode a long time for I read 2 Chapters of the Crucified Jesus, & I went to Thomas Scafes where there was a Sermon & prayers read, after I came home & got my supper and walked towards the Shield field & after I came home retired to bed past Ten.

Monday the Ninth. I got up early but did not go upon the Key till past Seven o'Clock I went down to Winkhamlee & after I came home I went into the Office & likewise after dinner likewise my Master sent me to M^r W^m Jeffersons boy who was up the Broad Chaire & after I delivered my message to my Master I retired into the Office, I was called down to receive a trunk maile from a Labourer who brot. it from the Heysham Carrier with a Letter to me from Cousin Betty Coats, I retired into the Office again & stayed till the evening when I read in the Bible in the Kitching, a Boy from the Frelove came to the Door, Nath^l Jatin Master, M^r Jn^o Walker Owner, I went for Jn^o Simmerell & retired to bed before 11.

Tuesday the Tenth. I got up before Six and read in the Crucified Jesus, after I went upon the Key M^r Nathaniel Jatin Master of the Frelove, M^r Jn^o Walker of Whitby came up & fixed to load Tanfield with my Master, I went down to Winkhamlee but did not stop very long, after I came home I retired into the Office and after dinner I went upon the Key & took a walk with W^m Henderson to a Coffee house to know if the Post was come in, we came down to the key again but did not stop long till we went together as far as the sandhill but John Simmerell called of me back again, I went to Church & after that I went up to fore rooms to help George to remove the Shovels after that I read the Lessons for the day to George for Jenny was gone out, afterwards I went to Thos. Scafes & read two Sermons, after I came from thence I let a watchmaker look at my watch for she had stoped & I heard that M^r Cramlingtons Apprentice was drowned, I went to the outside of the key & saw them seeking for him towards the low end of the key, it's imagined (as he was subject to take fitts) that he had taken one now which occasioned his Turning from his back to his side

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when swimming and going down, after my master came from walking I retired to bed past Ten.

Wednesday the Eleventh. I got up early but did not go upon the key till about Eight when at a distance I saw the young man was lying that was drowned yesterday evening. I went to M^r Greaves with my Watch who set it a going, I retired into the office and wrote a Letter to my Mother, I also sent a Trunk maile w^{ch} came to me directed to my care on Monday (Vide the Letter at same time) to William Battisons Inn & I went up afterwards & from thence I came down the key and went to Winkhamlee where I stayed till past two o'Clock, after I came home I got some tongue & retired into the Office, in the evening I went to Thos. Scafes and stayed sometime, I came home & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Thursday the Twelvth. I got up past five & stayed in my room for sometime, I read in the Crucified Jesus, I retired into the Office & went away down to Winkhamlee, I went to Edw^d Stalparts house with Jn^o Dale & got some Milk, I got to Church before I came to my master after I came from Winkhamlee. In the evening I went to Thos. Scafes & read in a very good old book how to imploy ones tho^{ts} When solitary & alone as well as in company, after I came home from thence I got supper & retired to bed past Ten.

Friday the Thirteenth. I got up early and stayed in my room sometime, I went upon the Key & my Master sent me to tell Jn^o Simmerell to come to him, before Ten o'Clock I went down to Winkhamlee after I came home got my dinner & stayed in the way sometime. I went to M^r James Inn & spoke to him aswell as inquired of the Hostler if W^m Battison left a Mail but he told me he had left no goods there, I went from there to Thos. Scafes where I stoped sometime, I reeled some yarn but yesterday evening was the first time I did ever try to do it, I came home got my supper & went to a Quakers shop for ¼ o'Pound of Tobacco & retired to bed before Eleven.

Saturday the Fourteenth. I got up early and copied over part of my June disbursements for to send to my Father, in the forenoon I went to old M^r Akenheads shop for 1 Quire of 10d p^{er} & 1 Quire of 8d Paper for my master, my Master deposited £31-10d into my hand in norder to clear M^r W^m Jefferson if he should come up while my Master was gone to Markett, I waited in the house & upon the key but he did not come up till after I was gone down to Winkhamlee, after I came home I went to M^r Place's at the foot of the Groat Markett where I found Cousin E. Coats with one who she called Shaftoe, after we had stayed sometime

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together we all came to M^r Fosters the distiller where we stayed I think about ½. an hour, from thence to Miss Kent the Milliners shope where Cousin Coats bot. some thing as also some Tea at M^r Sowlesby's shope, I saw Master Hudspeth who I told I shou'd stay till Nine or Ten o'Clock, I went with them to a Pastry shop where we supped and I stayed till past Ten, I also stayed with Cousin Betty at the door sometime I took leave of her came home and retired to bed between Eleven & Twelve.

Sunday the Fifteenth. I got up early but did not go upon the Key for sometime for I read in the Crucified Jesus, I went to Mary Davisons & got some Sassifras Tea I also retired into my room till the Bells chimed when I went to Church (& sat in the Pew my Master frequents for he told me) where I heard M^r Mountain preach from the 3 Chapt^r & 17th Verse of the 2nd Epistle General of Peter, Miss Windship who abides at M^{rs} Hudspeths dined at my Master for M^{rs} & Miss Hudspeths are at Tinmouth, after dinner I retired to my Room till the Bells chimed when I went Church & heard M^r Fetherston read Prayers & Preach from the 10th Chapt^r & 42nd Verse of the Acts of the Apostles I went from Church to the Post Office, I also went to Thos. Scafes house where I got Tea, I came towards home & enquired for W^m Henderson but did not find him but he came to Thos. Scafes while he was reading a Sermon, Will^m Henderson read one & part of another which I finished, we had prayers I came away with Will^m Henderson, got my sup. & retired to bed between Nine & Ten.

Monday the Sixteenth. George called a little after 3 o'Clock I got up let him in & retired to bed again, George also called between four & five when I got up but did not go upon the key till between five & six, I enquired if the Long Benton Waggons were yoaked but was informed they were not, I came into the house & told my Master who was down stairs after he went upstairs I went out & made further inquiry but did not get intelligence of there being yoaked so I retired into the Office where I wrote in my Journall & did other business, In the forenoon I went into the Office likewise but cannot certainly recollect wether I went to Church either forenoon or afternoon, M^r W^m Jefferson Master of the Jn^o & Ester dined at our house, before I went into Sandgate and made enquiry about the Long Benton Waggons where I heard they were not on at night I retired to bed but cannot tell certainly what time.

Tuesday the Seventeenth. George called of me and after I had been up sometime I went away with an intent to go to Winkhamlee but met W^m Henderson & Jn^o Allen (the former man being M^r W^m Scott's Servant & the Latter M^r Hedley's) who told me the Waggons

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were not to be in till Nine o'Clock so I turned back, I drunk Tea with W^m Hudspeth & Miss Windship at his Mothers house, she being abroad as also her two daughters (& I believe I drunk with above W^m & Miss yesterday afternoon) (the reason I am not very certain of what I have in the above part of this page is because it is not entered till ye 19th Instant after Churchtime) my Master & W^m Hudspeth went from hence for Tinmouth to see M^{rs} Hudspeth before dinner, I went to Gateshead Church & after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee where I stayed sometime, after my Master and W^m Hudspeth came home I retired to bed But not till past Ten.

Wednesday the Eighteenth. George called of me early & after I had let George into the house & spent sometime in my room I went to Winkhamlee, I got some Milk at Edw^d Stalparts house & after I came home my Master sent me to M^r Fetherston with 4 Promissary Notes & one Bill amounting to £200-0s-0d being for £40 each, I went to St. Thomas's Chapell at the bridge end & I retired into the Office, after dinner I went to the Sandhill with W^m Hudspeth & treated him with ½ of Gooseberries, I went into the Maltloft & stayed nigh hand till there was 18 Bushells of Malt measured for Jn^o Crenmor was there himself, I went with W^m Hudspeth to Henry Marshals Garden where I treated W^m with ½ of Black Currant Berrfies & we walked in the Garden & did injustice in pulling fruite, we called to see my Masters Mair as we went, after we came home I drunk Tea with him & Miss Windship, I retired into the Office & wrote a Letter to my Sister Rachel, I carried it to the Inn where the Carrier comes to & where I called at the morning (to see if there was anything from Richmond for me) as I went to M^r Fetherstons I read in the Bible in the evening and went up the Key with W^m Hudspeth & Robt. Potts, I retired to bed between Ten & Eleven, in the morning I carried the dictionary w^{ch} my Uncle gave me to Winkhamlee & lent it to J^{no} Bates, I have observed it was begun by Mr. Thomas Dycke & finished by W^m Pardon.

Thursday the Nineteenth. George called of me past five & I let him into the house, & stayed in my room afterwards for sometime, I went down to Winkhamlee, I washed my feet in the River at the side, after I came home my Master sent me to put some Receipts upon the files of Receipts I went to Church & to Mary Wood's where I darned my stocking in two places, my master gave me Mr. Jn^o McMillians Acco^t to draw out but was called before I finished it, I retired into the Office after dinner when I wrote some more, but when I carried it to my Master he said it was all wrong, I saw the Acco^t he drew out, I went upon the Key as also to

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Church, I retired into the Office & wrote all that is in these two pages thus far, except the Numbers of the pages, & Month, & Year of the other page, as also some other business for myself, as well as my Master, I went down stairs got my supper and retired into my room again, but did not go to bed till more than half an hour past Ten.

Friday the Twentieth. I got up before five & stayed in my room till past six I went down to Winkhamlee and after I came home I got my Breakfast & went to Church I came from Church by the Sandhill, I read in the Bible & my Master told who the bills & Notes were passed to that were passed since the 24th o' June & I wrote who they were to in the parlour, after dinner I walked to a Coffee House wth. Will^m Henderson to see if the Post was comed in but a Woman told no, so we came down the Key again & after I had stoped sometime I went to Thos. Scafes house & read a Sermon to his wife whom I went to Church with & from Church I went to the Post Office, I also went to George Davisons house & got some Sassifras Tea, I came home got an old Shovell & went with George to M^r Peacocks shop where the handle was taken off on purpose for another shovel, I went to Church for M^r Aynsley Master of the Charity School of all Sts. Parish was buried this night, I called at Thos. Scafes as I came home & stayed sometime, after I came home I got my Master came in & I retired into my room before Ten but did not go to bed directly.

Saturday the Twenty First. I got up a little before or after five but did not go down to Winkhamlee for some time, after I came home I went to Church & into the Office after dinner I walked upon the Key and went to the canhouse to Margaret Bone but did not stop long, I went to Church & got Tea with William Hudspeth, I also went with him to the other side of the Water & towards Park Hall, we saw the two ships which had come from Greenland, we also were beside Park Colliery, we caught a Lark in a Net & after we crossed the water to the North side we caught another Lark not far from Byker, after I brought them into the house my Master killed one of them in the yard, I retired to my room past Ten but stayed sometime before I retired to bed.

Sunday the Twenty Second. I got up about the same time as yesterday & read in the Crucified Jesus, I went to George Davisons house & got some Sassifras Tea, I retired into my room after washing myself in Lyonell Trotters Room, I read the Lessons & I went to Church and I heard M^r Swinbourne Preach from the 16th Chapter & latter part of the 29th Verse of the 1st of Cronnicles there words were Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness,

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Miss Windship & Ralph Morton as also M^{rs} Hudspeths woman servant dined at my Masters house today, after dinner I took a walk with Will^m Henderson to a Garden nigh to the Cunditt Head, Will^m Treated me with some gooseberries, I went to Church but after I had been there a little time I bethought myself of my promise to Ra: Morton so I went out and went to call of the young woman and servant at & of M^{rs} Hudspeths to go to Church which was my promise to Ra: Morton. M^r Fetherston preached from the 5th Chapter & part of the 20th Verse of St. Matthews Gospell the words were, Expect your Riteousness shall exceed the Righteousness of the Scribes & Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, I brought my Books as Latin Bible & English prayer Book to my Master & went to the Post Office I came home & gave my Master the Letter I got, I also went to Johns house to see for him according to my Masters orders, in the evening I retired into my room & read in the Crucified Jesus & I went to Thos. Scafes where I read in a good old Book do not remember the name of the Author, M^r Scafe read Prayers & before I finished reading W^m Henderson came whom I left there & after I got my supper & had sat a while I retired into my room before Ten but did not retire to bed directly.

Monday the Twenty Third. I got up a little after 3 o'Clock & let Ann the Charrwoman in & retired to bed again, I arose between five & six & did business for myself before I went down stairs, I got my Breakfast and went down to Winkhamlee I camer home & got shaved at Lyonell Trotters, after dinner I stayed upon the Key & went into the Office, I also went to Church & to M^r Halls shop in the Close, & three other hardware shops before I bought a pair of Buckles, I bot. a pair at M^r Hall & Buttons Shop head of the side for 5d, I came home & sometime after retired into my room where I drew out my June Acco^t to send to my Father, at night I got my Supper, read in the Bible & retired into Chamber a very little after Ten.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth. My watch stoped by neglect of not winding it up last night but I believe I got up between five & six o'Clock but stayed in my room before I went down stairs. I read in the Bible, got my Breakfast & went down to Winkhamlee, I bathed in the River & after I came home & got my dinner I went to M^r Fosters and stayed awhile, I also retired into the Office after staying upon the Key a little, I also went to Church, I drunk Tea with W^m Hudspeth I retired into the Office but was called down I went as far as the Glass House to M^r Harrisons but did not go into the room for I knocked at the door but nobody let

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me in, I called at M^r Akenhead Sen^{rs} & bought writing Paper, I also called at Jn^o Geaves shop & got my Buckle mended, I came home & stoped there a little while as likewise upon the Key, I went to M^r Scafes & stayed there till past Nine for Will^m Henderson came & read two Sermons, I got my supper & retired into my room after Ten.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth. I got up before six & wrote a Letter to my Father as well as in this Book, between Nine & Ten o'Clock I went to the foot of the side to see if there was anything for me from Richmond I went from thence towards the Bridge & saw W^m Battison & a little after his labourer from whom I got a Letter from my Mother & likewise Sister Rachel in the same sheet of Paper. I went into the Exchange and read them, I went to Church & after dinner I went upon the Key but did not stop very long till I went into the Office & wrote part of a Letter to Sister Rachel, I went to Church & after Church I retired into the Office & finished my Letter, I carried it to the foot of the side & gave it to the Hostler at W^m's Inn who told me he wou'd give it to Rich^d Kay who was going to Chester, from thence I went to M^r Harrison's house in the Close but did not see him so I stayed a long time in the house with his Wife I called at the sign of the Pack horse the foot o'the side & saw the man who was to carry my Letter to Chester & gave it to W^m Battison I came home got my Supper & retired to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth. I got up before five and let Ann Meanes into the house but went to bed again and got up exactly at Six o'Clock, I stayed in my room sometime I went down to Winkhamlee I came home to dinner, after dinner my Master & his Nephew took awalk, I went to Church when the bells rang, after Church I came into the house and read in the Bible & darned my Stockings in the Kitching for I was alone, I went to M^r Jn^o Bucks burial & at night I retired to bed I believe between Ten & Eleven.

Friday the Twenty Seventh. I was called up, I stayed in my Room after I had let George (who called of me) in, my Master & his Nephew Hudspeth set forward for Durham, I read in the Bible retired into my room and went down to Winkhamlee, I came home against dinner and was told that M^r Pease of Dar'nton was seeking for me, and after dinner I went upon the Key and also I retired into my Room and wrote a Letter to Jos. Wheatley desiring him to send for the debt of 1s. 2d. I went to Church and from thence I went to M^r Clarks in the Groat market with the above Letter, but was directed to go to M^r Steels with it I went to the Post Office & likewise I gave the Letter to M^r Cook who told me they expected a Man

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every Post day. I came down street & read in the Whole Duty of Man in George Weddell's shop, I bought some Goose berries & carried them to Thos. Scafes, where I read concerning prayer, M^r Scafe was out of Humour so I endeavoured to pacify him and read prayers, I came home & my Master & his nephew came from the Races and I retired to bed a little past Eleven.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth. I got up between five & six o'Clock and after six I let George in, I retired to my room again, I got shaved after breakfast and went to Thos. Scafes where I read concerning the quantity and quality of Prayer. O I went from thence to Church and after Church I came upon the Key down by the Trenity Chair, and went into room intended for that School but unfinished, I stayed there a little while for my old Master Turnbull was there, after I had been in our house sometime I read the lessons for this day as likewise some Chapters in Genesis for I now intend with Gods assistance to read the old & new Testaments quite through without leaving any part unread, I retir'd into the office and stayed there till past one, I went upon the Key and after dinner likewise I went to Church and after I had been upon the Key sometime I retired into the Office William Hudspeth called me down and I went with him to catch Larks towards the Shield field and we caught 3 Larks, Will^m Henderson was walking so we came home together after going into two or three fields to seek for Larks, I got my supper and retired to bed about Eleven but am not certain how much before or after Eleven.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth. I got up before Seven & stayed in my room till past eight, I went to George Davison's house & got some Sassifras Tea and a Bisquitt, I retired into my room again & where my chests stand and stayed till I went down stairs for Church I went there & heard M^r Swinbourne preach from the 5th Chapr. & 24th & 25th verses of St. Mathews Gospell after dinner I took a walk with Will^m Henderson (my Friend) towards the Shield field where we came in company with Young M^r Tinley & his younger brother. We came home for my latin Bible & English Prayer Book I went to Church & I heard M^r Fetherston Preach from the 1st Chap^r & 3d. Verse of Isiah's Prophecy, I brought my above Books & went to the Post Office I also retired to my room & read in the Crucified jesus, I went to Thos. Scafes where he read Prayers & a discourse upon duties to be performed at evening & likewise part of that discourse upon duties to be performed at night but I read it out, the Book wherein the above discourses were in by what I understand were made by one John

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Downname it is a large Book & seems to be of about 131 years standing come the 1 of 0
October next, I came home got my supper and went upon the Key about business and retired
to bed past Ten.

Monday the Thirtieth. I got up before Six but did not go upon the Key till a good while past
Seven, I went up to Church (past Ten) by the Way of the Sandhill & up the Butcher Bank
where I stayed sometime but there being a Master to Chuse for the free or Charity School of
this Parish in the room of M^r Aynsley (vide the 20th Inst) I came upon the Key and when I
thought it wou'd be time to go to Prayers I went and heard of George Taylors being chosen
Master of the above School, after Prayers I came home but we did not dine till past One
o'Clock so I read in the Bible, after dinner I spent my time upon the Key, George Waddells
Shop & other places, & I went to Prayers after I came from thence I spent my time as before
I went till I retired into my room where I wrote in my Journall and did other business for
myself after I came down I went upon the Key came in and got my supper I went upon the
Key again for my Master was wanted to know if he wou'd lend M^r Airey 3 Keels of Long
Benton Coals, I stayed in the house till he came home and after he had biven me orders to let
them go I came into my room but did not retire directly to bed.

Tuesday the Thirty First. I got up exactly as Six but prayed and wrote in my Journall copied
a letter to my Sister Rachel before I went upon the Key, I went with John Simmerell to his
house and examined our Books when we found ourselves right I read in the Bible in my
Masters Kitchen and sometimes after he got up I abode upon the Keyside sometime I got
my Breakfast & went with John Simmerell to see for M^r Clayton, Miss Robinson's Servant
& met him upon the Bridge, I went down to Winkhamlee a little after I got some bread &
milk at Edw^d Stalparts & I bathed & I came home with Will^m Henderson, I got meat after I
came home and spent the evening till towards eight o'Clock in walking upon the Key,
reading in George Weddells shop & went with Will^m Henderson into his Father in Law's
house I came in & read in the Old & New Testaments & retired into my room a little before
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Wednesday the First. I was called up early and let George Davison & Ann Meanes in at the
Back door, but cannot tell at exactly what time for I forgot to wind my watch up last night,

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but I retired into my room did ordinary duties as Praying, writing in my Journall & did other business for my Master. From this time to the 15th instant want of opportunity or negligence hindered me from noting my particular Actions in this Book there being nothing I remember that was extraordinary in that time.

[A FORTNIGHT'S GAP IN THE DIARY]

Wednesday the Fifteenth. George called of me but I do not remember any particulars till I went to M^r Scafes & from thence to Church but George came to me before Service was begun, I went to my Master and from thence to M^r Fische's where I found my Father & Sister Rachel with whom I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths & stayed there with them sometime, I carried a Letter to the Carrier and after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee where I stayed till the evening, and after I came home I sat with my Father & Master, my Bro^r Sis^r Miss Hudspeth & Master Billy being gone to the play, but I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths & sat with her till they came home then I retired to bed very late.

Thursday the Sixteenth. George called of me early & I went beyond the Turnpike but before I got to Byker I heard the Waggon were not on so I turned back and about Eight o'Clock I went an Errand for my Master and called to see my Brother at M^r Fish's I breakfasted at M^{rs} Hudspeths and took a walk with my Father, Brother & William Hudspeth down the South side of the River, we stayed at the place where the Whale Oyl was boiled and saw the inside of the House at Fryers goose Engline and likewise Park Staith, we crossed the water and came up the North side, we with my Sister, M^{rs} & Miss Hudspeth as likewise a young Woman who stays at M^{rs} Hudspeths dined at my Masters & after dinner my Sister & self retired into my room & stayed sometime as well before as after my Brother came to us, I set my Brother beyond the Turnpike Gate leading to the South where I parted with him, I walked sharply back and drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths I walked with my Sister, Misses & Master Hudspeth to the New Infirmary and all or most of the room in that magnificent building, we came home to M^{rs} Hudspeths & supped, before supper I went to M^r Fish's & saw my Fathers horse fed, I played upon my Flute and my Sister Sung & likewise by herself, my master was there likewise and I retired when it was late 'tho after my Master & Father (who laid at my Masters) waas come from M^{rs} Hudspeths.

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Friday the Seventeenth. I was called on early and I went into the room where my Father lay, I stayed some time and went to M^r Fish's and I saw my Fathers horse fed and brought my Fathers Boots to my Masters I breakfasted at M^{rs} Hudspeths & went to order the Man to bring my Fathers horse, I set my Father and Sister Rachel to the Top of the steep hill in Gateshead, I took leave of my Sister very cheerfully although I knew she was with Gods will to go to London with my Brother, I went with W^m Hudspeth and we brought my Masrters Mair from the field, I got ready and went down to Shields I did not stop long at M^r Bells but came home by Winkhamlee where I stayed sometime after I came home I went with W^m Hudspeth to turn the Mair to the field I went to M^r Scafes and called to see Lyonell Trotter who was in bed with the small bone of his leg broke, but was set by M^r greenwell Surgeon, after I had been at home sometime I retir'd to bed.

Saturday the Eighteenth. I got up early but I having heard that Long Benton Waggon's were not on went to the New Printing Office for the News paper after my Master got up I went on board the two Sloops which had coals from my Master today, I made up the Keelmans Note and cleared Mr. Marmaduke Watson at the Custom House, he with M^r Leverington dined at my Masters Table, I went to the Canhouse while John paid some Keelmen and after that came into the house. I also went to M^r Akenhead Seniors shop & bought the 2 part of the new weeks preparatioins which I had bespoke on Thursday for Cousin Eliz. Coats and I likewise bought the New Whole Duty of Man, I came home and went to M^{rs} Hudspeths with William from thence to Lyonell Trotter with him, I retir'd to bed.

Sunday the Nineteenth. I got up early and after spending some time in my room I went to George Davison's house and read in the New Whole Duty of Man, I retired into my room & there abode till the Bells gave notice for Church, after dinner I retired into my Room likewise, came from Church to have my Wide Coat for it rained when I went to Church, I went nigh the Post Office but observing the Letters were not begun to be delivered I walked higher up and met Joseph Dodsworth & W^m Raphills apprentice belonging to Whitby, I read in the house beside George I likewise went to Thos. Scafes and after I came home I retired to bed in a small time.

Monday the Twentieth. I got up early and went to Winkhamlee, after I came home my Master, William Hudspeth & Josh. Peacock Jun^r Went away in a Boat but I retired into my room till dinner time & likewise after till Church time which place I thank God Visited, I

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drunk Tea with Jenny and retired into my room after reading to George in the New Whole Duty of Man I retired into the Office, after my Master & (above) came home from Jarrow I retired to bed between Eleven & Twelve. N.B. I played upon the G. Flute today.

Tuesday the Twenty First. I got up past five and spent most of my time till between Seven and Eight in my room. I remember nothing very particular from this time til Thursday the 23^d instant when after I had been at the Staith I went to the Town Court where I saw a Woman who was suspected of Picking a Mans Pocket, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and in the evening my Master got Will^m Hudspeth & self into the Court before we came away we heard three Trials, one for Suspicion of Murder, and the other two for theft, the former cleared but the other two with a Young woman for theft ordered for Transportation for 7 Years and three sentenced to be hanged on Suspicion or found Guilty of Picking a Mans Pocket of a Sum of Money. We came home and I retired to bed being late at night.

Friday the Twenty Fourth. I got up early and stayed in my room sometime I went to John Simmerells and Likewise down to Winkhamlee, in the afternoon I waited upon the Key and in the evening I went to M^{rs} Tindells, I was at M^{rs} Tindells at near Nine o'Clock when I came home and retired to bed past Ten.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth. I got up a little after five o'Clock I waited upon the Key and went to the Printing Office for a News Paper for my Master after I went down stairs I went to Winkhamlee and after I had got my dinner at home I went to the Barbers Room & to M^r Haggerston's Shoe Maker with W^m Hudspeth, I stayed upon the Key and retired up stairs after I went down stairs I got my supper and retired to bed past Ten.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth. I got up about Six but did not go upon the Key for sometime, I retired into my room till Church time M^r Swinbourne preached from the 18th Chapter & 14th Verse of Proverbs, The Spirit of a Man will sustain his infirmity but a wounded spirit who can bear, M^r Jn^o Galilee was at my Masters when I came from Church who with John Bates of Winkhamlee dined at my Masters, I went to M^r Scafes & from thence to Church, M^r Ellison preached from the 20th Chapter & 12th Verse of St. John's Revelation and I saw the dead small & great stand before God, and the Books were opened: and another Book was opened which is the Book of Life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the Books according to their works, after I had been at home & I went to the Post Office and I drunk Tea with W^m Hudspeth & Jn^o Bates at M^{rs} Hudspeths house, I retired

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into my room, read in the Kitchen likewise and went to Thos. Scafes after the Sermon was read and prayers over I went to see Lyonell Trotter who was in bed, vide the 17th instant, Thos. Scafe went with me and I left him there, I retired to bed about Ten.

Monday the Twenty Seventh. I got up a little after five and did not go upon the Key till past Seven, I helped to take up 10 Bushels of Malt and went down to Winkhamlee with W^m Hudspeth, I helped old George in the Yard to make & mend felt for the Wood gates to rest upon, I went up the Key with Master Hudspeth & bought a Wood Kitt to send to Richmond, and after I had been in the Office sometime I went to fetch it, went into M^{rs} Hudspeths with W^m & the Kitt was carried & left there, I retired about 20 Minutes past Ten.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth. I got up about 20 Minutes past five, but did not go upon the Key till 20 Minutes past Seven by my Watch, I wrote a note for 4 Gall. Tarr & 1½ Stone of Pitch, I went to the Shop where I bought the Kitt yesterday & bought 3 Wood basons, I went to the Sandhill with W^m Hudspeth where he bought ½ beachment [?] of Pottatoes w^{ch} I carried down to Winkhamlee for us, I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths with him before we went down, after we came home I helped to take up 18 Bushels of Malt for M^r Jn^o Crenmor, I went to the Post Office & to M^{rs} Tindells and at 1 night I retired to bed about 20 Minutes past Eleven, I was in the Office sometime before I went to the Post Office.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth. I got up ab^t ¼ past five but did not go upon the Key.

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Wednesday May the Twenty Ninth 1754. My Master came from the Exchange and brought News that Mr. Jn^o Campion of Staithes Master of the Thomas & Richard was lost in Bullrow at Riga in going from one ship to another and never more seen, this News came by a Letter from on board the Ship to M^r Fish, called by some flying fish from his quickness in walking I imagine tho I believe his name is Thomas Fish, the above M^r Jn^o Campion was hall'd up by an arm by some sailors that were weighing their anchor in order to come from Riga about a week after M^r Campion was so unfortunately drowned.

[GAP IN DIARY FROM JUNE 1754 TO MARCH 1756]

MARCH 1756

Monday the First. I attended upon the Key for M^r Galilee Master of old M^r Jo^s. Gaskin's Ship the John & Mary of Whitby expecting him ^to^ Load with my Master but after their treating together sometime without coming to a resolution I shew'd M^r Galilee (who is M^r Jn^o Galilee's Bro^r Master of the Hannah of Whitby) to Matthew Ridley Esq^{rs} Office, where he fix'd to Load Byker Coals, after dinner I walked into the fields and standing upon the Key after wards saw the Shylow Tender, Robert Brown Command^r come to her moorings in the Lime Kiln Holes, where she now lies to receive press'd men and those that enter his Majesties service, after reading in Judg. Hales's works and diverting myself by playing upon my German fflute and sitting an hour or two after my Master came in, I retir'd to bed about our usual time nigh ten.

Tuesday the Second.

Being in my room a little after getting up I was minded to sett about this work again¹ and accordingly about Ten o'Clock in the forenoon I persued my resolution by retiring into the Office and writing the above yesterdays transactions and may Almighty God in whose power alone it is to prosper our handy work be pleas'd of his great & repeated munificence to look upon this weak endeavour of mine for growth in the Virtues of a Religious Life and a means to employ my time in innocence with an Eye of acquiescence by making it subservient to such ends: M^r Jos^a. Aust Master of the Samuel of London came up this forenoon & clear'd at both Cust^o and Town Houses, he dined & after dinner went down to Shields I went to the Post Offrice with W^m Hudspeth drunk Tea with him at his Mothers, took a walk with him almost as far as Dent's Hole, came home & diverted myself as last night.

Wednesday the Third.

I receiv'd a Letter from Sister Dolly with a steel chain for my watch, I answered hers and went down to Winkhamlee Staith in the forenoon where I got five Kells Load to finish the Samuel of Londⁿ.

Thursday the Fourth.

¹ RJ stopped writing his diary between August 1753 and March 1756

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I spent the forenoon upon the Key in the afternoon I wrote part of a Letter to Sister Dorothy and went to Church, from thence I went with M^{rs} Scafe to their house and drunk Tea. The Thylow Tender fell higher up the River to opposite M^r Watsons. I play'd upon my fflute and in the evening M^r Joseph Martin Master of the Warren of London sent for my Master but he spent the night at our house sitting till past Eleven, I retir'd to bed about an hour after.

Friday March the Fifth.

I got up early and call'd the family, for M^r Martin breakfasted at our house, he gave on the ship to load Tanfield Coals yesterday evening, and two Keels went down this morning. I put up a Black Satten Waistcoat & a pair of Breaches to send to Richmond to alter and carried this bundel to M^r Bells in Pilgrom Street, where M^r Toad Jun^r took it to carry to W.

Auckland. I also finish'd my Letter to Sister Dolly in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I carried ^it^ to the above place i.e. to where I carried the bundell, I then went down to Long Benton Staith with W^m Hudspth, we came up in a Keel as far as St. Anthons where we leapt out into a boat and walked home, we drunk Tea at his Mothers, I went to bed at Nine.

Saturday March the Sixth.

I got up early and went down to L. Benton Staith and as I came home between eight & Nine o'Clock I saw the Tenders boat board M^r Hen. Shadforth's ship where five ^men^ were press'd, as soon as I came home I heard that an Express came at 2 o'Clock this morning to Langdal Sunderland Esq^r. Collect^r for this port with orders to clear no ship at the Cust^o House (I imagine as no time was committed) till contrary orders, after breakfast I went to Ask M^r Aub: Surtees if he wou'd take a bill for £160.0s.0d. on M^r Rich^d Gaire, Merch^d near Billingsgate London drawn by Jos. Aust Mas^r of the Samuel of London, as he told me he wou'd, I got the bill of my Master which M^r Surtees paid me in Bank Notes (viz, the Bank of Newcastle) but as M^r Fetherston wou'd not take them I came down to M^r Surtees's & got cash for the £100: Note & paid it to M^r Fetherston on my Masters Acco^t for Coals, I receiv'd Cash for a £20 Note at the Bank & gave my Master the other two Twenty's. I drew out the Keelmen's Note which amounted to £11.12s.8d, and after dinner paid the Keelmen, my Master sent me to the Canhouse to pay three Keelmen that wanted bear onboard of M^r Aust's ship last year 1s.4d. & Keels crew, and also to pay some tides w^{ch} we did not know were casten but as none of the Keelmen were there I return'd and retir'd to bed about Ten o'Clock.

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Sunday the Seventh.

I was at Church in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I went to the Canhouse² with a single tide for W^m Cole who wanted money for a Christening, I also went to Sandgate Chapel and to the Post Office, the press was very severe this evening, I went to Thos. Scafes and heard great part of a Sermon & after he read prayers I came home & found Lyonell Trotter ^now^ one of the Sergeants at Mace.

Monday the Eighth.

I went upon the Exchange with W^m Hudspeth at the proper hour between Twelve & One, I saw M^r Jonathan Sorsbie's Serv^t who told me that nothing as yet had been, done as yet about the Effects of Ra: Cook of Monkwearmouth deceas'd, wherein my Uncle M^r Ra: Ward & Tho^s. Spencer were jointly concern'd, in loss, on the sail cloth Acco^t,³ the afternoon I spent at M^{rs} Hudspeths as well as the evening, John Dent (my Masters Servant) laid with me this night for fear of the press Gang, who we heard were to go about peoples houses at three or four o'Clock in the Morning and which I hear was accordingly done in Pandon Street.

Tuesday the Ninth.

I went with Jn^o Dent and help'd to get in a Dess of Hay for my Masters Mair, at Dinner M^r Baker Fitter came to desire my Master wou'd meet the Company at M^r Winds in Pilgrom Street, I went to Church in the afternoon and drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths & played upon my German fflute there, in the evening the Company met again, to consider of means to preserve the Keelmen from the press, & yet the Regulating Captⁿ partly demanded a Hundred or a Hundred & Fifty Men, I believe they came to no other determination than that the Captain might take that number as he wou'd come at them. M^r Thompson, Butcher, came to inform my Master of his having got Grass for the Mair (w^{ch} is thought to be with foal) and M^r Jos^p. Peacock, Anchorsmith came and receiv'd his half year's Rent of my Mas^{rs} House due last Candlemas, I wrote the receipt which was for Five Pounds Ten Shillings.

Wednesday the Tenth.

² The Canhouse was where the keelmen received their wages.

³ Ralph's uncle, Ralph Ward, and his cousin, Thomas Spencer, jointly owned a sail cloth factory in Guisborough.

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I got a Letter from Sister Dolly, acquainting me that Sister Hannah had got out of her room and recover'd something of her sight tho' slowly, having a great pain in her Eyes; she also informs that my Uncle Edwards is dead: I went to the Custom House and saw the making-out Bill, but no ship we loaded was mention'd in it, I went upon 'Change and down to M^r Fairlams before dinner, and after down among the Keels with W^m Hudspeth, I read, and went for some Tobacco for my Mas^r.

Thursday the Eleventh.

Little occur'd this day than that I saw some sailors who were going to Liverpool to a Greenland Ship there, carri'd on board the Tender ab^t Twenty four in number, I got 2 Glasses to hold for the pens in the Office, I play'd upon my Flute at M^{rs} Hudspeths.

Friday March the Twelvth.

I marked some pairs of my stockings wth E & walk'd upon the Key and to the Sandhill in the forenoon, my Master also took a ride so William Hudspeth & self dined together, and after dinner I spent some time in the Office, and the afternoon at M^r Rich^d Fairlams, when I came home in the evening I heard the Embargo was taken off all Coasting Ships, & only confined those bound oversea, I retir'd to bed nigh Eleven.

Saturday the Thirteenth.

I went to the Bank in Pilgrom Street and reci'd cash for two twenty Pound Notes, M^r Jos^p. Martin Master of the Warren of London came up to clear at the Custom House only so I went with him he dinn'd at our house, I pay'd the Keelmen £6.0s.8d. several Ships clear'd at the Custom House today as the Embargo was taken off last night.

Sunday the Fourteenth.

I read in the morning and went to our Church both forenoon & afternoon, after dinner I took a walk to the Shield field with George Finley, in the evening I went to Thos. Scafes where a Sermon & Prayers were read, I found Lyonell Trotter at my Masters when I came home.

Monday the Fifteenth.

I took a walk with Rob^t. Hedley to his ship lying at the South shore, after we came home I saw David Greehound a Keelman press'd from his protection, and I heard the Embargo was laid on again viz: upon the Coasting Ships, in the afternoon I went down to the Carpenters, Jn^o Robinson being Skipper of the Keel now there, then I went with William Hudspeth and M^r Allen Robinson to Swalwell in a Boat by ourselves where we drank Tea, after coming

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down (w^{ch} was nigh Six o'Clock) I went to M^{rs} Hudspeths where I playd upon the fflute and
supt' I retir'd to bed at Ten.

Tuesday the Sixteenth.

early in the morning I went down to the carpenters & from thence to the Stables, my Master
being there to learn if he cou'd whether his Mair was with foal or not, after we heard she
was we came down & got Breakfast my Master paid Jn^o Ferguson Maltman for making of
two 40 bowls Steepings of malt being £2.0s.0d, the Duty not being yet due, I drunk Tea at
M^{rs} Hudspeths in the afternoon.

Wednesday the Seventeenth.

In the forenoon a Letter from Cousin E. Coats desiring me to buy her 4 Yards of selk
suitable to a pattern she inclos'd to me, I borrow'd a Guinea of my Master and paid for it at
Miss Henrys Shop being in all 13s.4d., I sent it by M^r W^m Battison the Carrier, and in the
afternoon M^r Jos^p. Martin Mas^r of the Myrtilla came up about a Norsman that had sent ^to^
my Master for the value of a Keel of Coals which he had return'd being £4.16s.0d. @
12s.0d. per Chaldⁿ for 8 Chalⁿ which my Master paid last night to the man nam'd Charles
Asmondson ^whom^ we found & went before Alderman Partiss with him where he
confessed ^that^ two women pick'd him up and he supposes got the money from him, to a
Guinea w^{ch} was all that was left of the £4.16s.0d., nothing more was made on't than that the
Captain took him down with him in order to proceed on his voyage. N.B. This Wednesday I
bargained with W^m Battison carrier in presence of W^m his labourer to carry & bring what
belong'd to me from Richmond for 5s from this day.

Thursday the Eighteenth.

The Norsman (vid: yesterday) came to complain of ill usage (from his Master) to the Mas^{tr}
for the Captain had beat him sore after they got onboard, I forgot to say yesterday that I had
a Letter from Sister Dorothy by M^r Hen. Nichols Second Son who is come to Newcastle to
be bound to M^r Hindmarsh Glover. In the afternoon I pass'd M^r Jos: Martins bill on Rich^d
Guire at his Office near Billingsgate for £115.0s.0d. to M^r Robt. Carrack, I took a Counterfeit
£3.12.0. that did not want much weight but it's Letters badly set, M^r Carrack gave me value
for it when I carri'd it to him.

Friday the Ninetenth.

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I paid M^r Ra: Fetherston £80.0s.0d. in Cash this forenoon in part of payment for Partnership Coals. I got a Letter from Sister Dolly today with a pair of breaches, a black satton waistcoat & a pair of stockings. I finish'd a Letter to her in answer to hers w^{ch} I gave to Tho^s. Warburton (M^r James Serv^t) as I went to the Post Office, I copi'd a Letter to M^r Rich^d Guire, and M^r Peacock Sen^r, Sat a while this evening.

Saturday the Twentieth.

I took a walk with Ra: Morton towards the Shieldfield and Ews Burn after paying the Keelmen 6 tides amounting to £4.11s.8d. I walk'd again with Ra: Morton & Robt. Hedley down to the ship Neptune lying at M^r Headlemways, belonging to Hedley, after we came to Town I retir'd into my room till it was almost dark.

Sunday the Twenty first.

I went to our Church both forenoon and afternoon I got a Letter from Sister Esther dated Mar. 18th inst. with the News of Sister Wilsons being bro^t. to bed of a Boy ^on Thursday the 17th Instant at seven in the morning^, to be called Harry after his Grandfather and Un: Wilson, I went to M^{rs} Allens in the Close with William Hudspeth and Jos: Aubone & read the London Newspapers which were not productive of much this Post, I retir'd to bed after Ten the Embargo was taken of all ships this Post.

Monday the Twenty Second.

After dinner I rode down to Willington to seek grass of M^r Green, there, for my Masters Mair, but without success; having the Spaniel dog with me, my Master disir'd me to return by Killinworth Moor, which I did coming through part of Long Benton, nothing more particularly occur'd.

Tuesday the Twenty third.

In the forenoon I bought ingredients for making a Quart of Ink which in the afternoon I mixt, I wrote to my Uncle M^r Ra: Ward and Sist^r Elly the latters I sent by Post directed to Brother George, but the formers by Jn^o Robson News Carrier to Cleaveland, I read a good deal this evening and went to Thos. Scafes an hour, the Thyloe, Tender Captain Brown went from her moorings Saturday morning last, with a large number of press'd men.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth.

In the forenoon I got my Masters Keelmen Protections, and a Letter from Sister Dolly with two Shirts, I answered hers and in the afternoon I went with it to W^m Battison the Carriers

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Inn, & gave it to himself, after I had been down to the Burns mouth in a Boat with William Hudspeth; we went to the Stables, and we drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths, I went an hour or two at M^r Fosters.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth.

I went to the Stables and found Jacob Gillispy a Quaker there to see if the Mair was with foal, we judg'd she was, and after Breakfast I got a Protection for a Young Scotchman that engaged with Robinson to go with him in the Keel, I retir'd into the Office afterwards I drunk Tea with Doct^r. Bacon at Mr Fairlams and in the Evening read at home.

Friday the Twenty Sixth.

I went down to the carpenters in the morning, I went to M^r Barbers Stationer for a Sermon for my Master preach'd at Wolsingham, on the fast day being February the Sixth, which was most solemnly kept by of all Religions except the Quakers, but the Sermons were all sold, I having got a Letter for my Master from my Father, to enquire for one George Mowat that was impress'd in his road to Scotland, went to the Rendezvous, but upon the books being examined no such name as George Mowat, a Watchmaker, appear'd; I was told that ^if^ he had been impress'd and told his occupation he wou'd not have been detain'd for none but Seamen and Watermen are wanted at present, except a landman choosd to enter, I went to bed between Ten & Eleven this evening & W^m Hudspeth to his, my Master not being comed in when we went up stairs.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh.

I went to the Printing Office for a News paper, and down to the Carpenters, Jn^o Richardson being Skipper of the Keel now repairing at Mess^{rs} Robert & John Gothards; yesterday I went to Winkhamlee Staith, my master having heard that one of his Keels which was loaden there was sunk, but I found that report false when I got there for she ^& another^ was the only Loaden Keels out of Eight that were not sunk; The Earl of Northumberland met an exceeding great number of Gentlemen at the Moothall yesterday forenoon to consult ab^t Measures proper to be taken, now when England is threatened with an Invasion by France, several of the gentlemen advertise themselves today in the Newspapers offering a Guinea reward of One Guinea to all suitable Young Men that will enter into his Majesties 58th Regiment of foot commanded by Lord Charles Manners now quarter'd at this Town, W^m Hudspeth was upon the River twice this afternoon in a boat by ourselves.

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Sunday the Twenty Eighth.

I was at our Church both forenoon & afternoon, I went to see how Marg^t. Bone (our Can woman) did hearing she was ill, which she is, I got a Letter from my Uncle Ra: Ward today and as I walked upon the Key I met with M^r Cooper & his son who is now com'd down to see his Friends, from M^r Spencers Office, wherein he is placed, he told me that Cousin Ra: Ward talk'd of coming to England from Riga where he has been about a Twelve month, in the evening I went & hear'd a Sermon & read at Tho^s. Scafes and retir'd to bed before Ten.

Monday the Twenty Ninth.

I took a walk to the Carpenters and then retir'd into the Office, in the afternoon I copied a Prayer compos'd by Geo: Taylor now in Newgate for the Murder of his son, a Boy about seven years old, which he committed latter end of last year by cutting its throat, this Taylor was Schoolmaster of All Saints Charity Boys, I went to the Town House to give my Uncles Compliments to Messrs. Peareth & Sorsbie but nobody was there, so I went to M^r Sorsbie's House but he was not there neither, I also went to M^r John Oros Attorney with a Letter of his, which my Master order'd to deliver to him, I retir'd to bed before Eleven.

Tuesday the Thirtieth.

I went according to my Uncle Ra: Ward's orders to Mess^{rs} Peareth & Sorsbie at the Town House and gave his complim^{ts} to him and told them he wou'd acquiesce with them in the affair of Ra: Cook deceas'd at Monkwearmouth, I also according to my Masters orders, went to M^r Ra: Fetherston's Office, and gave him the outmaking of Matt^s. Jefferson's Ship last voyage loaden with S^o. Moor Coals ^with^ which the Owners uphold double coal or 16 to a Keel which was worded thus:

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Dec ^r 17 th	The Rich ^d & Ann of London	in	out				
	Matts. Jefferson Master	176	308¾	43¾	15	6	3

with my Masters name sign'd at the bottom, I copied into the Letter book a Letter that my Master wrote to the above Matt^s. Jefferson & I carried it to the Post Office.

Wednesday the Thirty first, and last day.

I got a Letter from Sister Dolly giving me a poor account of my Sister Rachel Wilson recovery and that my Father was very bad in a cold and that Cousⁿ Tho^s. Spencer had been very good in speaking to my Uncle Jos: Ward about my Fathers circumstances, which my

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Uncle as above adher'd to. I answered her Letter, and carried it to William Battisons Inn, after I had been in Sandgate at Marg^t Bones receiving for a Score of Malt, out of which I allowed her £1.3s. 7½d. for carpenters drinks at my Masters Keels last year and 7½d for 5 times Millers drinks, the Alexander & Ann, Tender of Leith came to her Moorings nigh the Town to receive impress'd and enter'd men for his Majesties service, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Fosters her brother being gone to London last Monday morning; I spent an hour or two at M^{rs} Hudspeths and retir'd to bed at Ten.

APRIL 1756

Thursday the First.

Margaret Bone my Masters Can Woman died this morning at 4 o'Clock, I went with my Mast^{rs} service to her Daughter Hannah, to offer anything we had, which might be of service: and down to the Carpenters; I was upon Change, but no Ships were arrived or sailed, I receiv'd a Guinea from Thos. Warburton M^r James's Serv^t which I paid my Master for one bor^r^d of him as appears in March the Seventeenth's proceedings; at the request of M^{rs} Hannah Gothard I was a bidder with William Henderson Carpenter, to her Mothers funeral; my Master being comed in in the evening, I went to seek M^r W^m Todd of W. AuckLand and found him at the Pack Horse, he gave me a Letter from my Sister Dolly with a Watch paper inclos'd in it from Cousin Bellah Pease being now at my Fathers.

Friday the Second.

After drinking Tea with my master about five o'Clock I got ready and went to Marg^t Bones Funeral, my Master, M^r Aub: Surtees, M^r William Errington, and M^r Rutter Attorney, being Paul Bearers, and about 14 Mourners followed the Corps, the whole being duly regulated, she was inter'd in the East end of All Saints Churchyard. 72 years old.

Saturday the Third.

Pursuant to my Masters order I went to M^r Akenhead Sen^{rs} Shop, and got the Sermons preach'd by M^r Anth^o. Munton M:A: Curate of St. Andrews Church in this Town, there are twenty two, in the Book, with the subscribers names, M^r Munton died about December gone a Twelve Month, with a most worthy Carracter. I went to Church in the afternoon and from thence to Mess^{rs} Langland & Gudrick's, where I got and paid for my Seal being set in Silver, as I was reading in the evening I was sent for, to Thomas Thompsons at the sign of

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the Crooked Billet, where M^r W^m Hedley, now master of the Resolution of Newcastle, was taking his leave, he intending to Sail on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning for the Greenland Seas, a Whale fishing, I came home between Nine & Ten.

Sunday the Fourth.

I was at our Church both forenoon & afternoon, the former I had a Scarf on, on Account of Marg^t Bone's death, I drunk Tea at my masters and had Carlings and read a Sermon at Thomas Scafes.

Monday the Fifth.

The following was a mistake for Saturday evening, I went to the fflesh Market twice with Captain Rob^t. Hedley of the Neptune, now bound for Holland when he bought nigh a C^{wt} of beef for present use, for which he gave at the rate of £1.4s. a C^{wt}. this Monday morning I return'd M^r W^m Greaves his Coat w^{ch} I bor^d being destitute of a Mourning Coat myself; and I walked upon the Key, there being some Masters of Ships coming up this morning; M^r Farg. Foster Mas^r of the Old Fortune of Whitby din'd at our house after fixing to load Long Benton Coals wth my Master. I went down to Winkhamlee and got one Keel load which with one already loaded in the fest went down, I spent an hour or thereabouts at M^{rs} Fosters our Neighbour and retir'd to bed after Ten.

Tuesday the Sixth.

I went upon 'Change but only two Ships were got to Sea, and none arrived, I helped to get in some Hay for my Masters Mair after dinner, and went down to Winkhamlee.

Wednesday the Seventh.

I went to the carriers Inn, and got a Letter from Richmond from Sister Dolly advising me of the death of my Sister Wilson's Child, but that she recover'd as well as could be expected; Sister Dolly also inclos'd a Green Purse from Miss Deighton to me; I retir'd into the Office and answered Sister Do's Letter, after dinner, M^r Fargus Foster came up and I went to the Custom House with him, and clear'd the Fortune now loaden wth L. Benton I paid one of M^r W^m Battisons Labourers (when I gave him my Letter) for a Box & Bundel belonging to a young Woman at M^r Fosters, where I drank Tea this afternoon, I read a good deal this evening my Mas^r not coming in.

Thursday the Eighth.

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I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee where I got 2 or 3 Keels off to finish the Fortune, I was wet through all my Cloths, in coming home, but it was a Warm, Spring Shower; I got great part of a Tooth pulled out by Surg: Perrotts Apprentice Edw^d Scorer, several Ships, came into Shields this morning tide, and some Masters came up to Newcastle, I read a good deal this afternoon and played upon my German flute.

Friday the Ninth.

Mr. Jas: Toppel Master of the Sloop W^m & Mary of London came recommended by M^r Rich^d Gaire to my Master, in the forenoon I went with him to Gateshead to buy a boat and an Anchor for the ship, but he agreed for neither, he dined at our house and in the afternoon M^r John Galilee Master of the Mary & Jane of Whitby, or Staiths, came up, and after drinking Tea, fixed to load South Moor Coals: I spent an hour at M^r Fosters in the evening.

Saturday the Tenth.

I went down to Winkhamlee in the forenoon and after I got dinner paid the Keelmen £10.16s.0d. but in paying them, or in getting change of M^r Foster I lost one Shilling; I drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths & then retir'd home, Billy Hudspeth and self went to bed my Master not coming in till after Ten.

Sunday the Eleventh.

I took a walk with Ra: Morton & called upon a young Man at the Skinners burn to go to Church, we walked about by the Infirmary and Sir Walter Blackets & then down Pilgrom Street to our Church, & I went to Church in the afternoon also, in the evening M^r Geo: Weddel & Ra: Morton took a walk with me down towards Shields, we met M^r Joseph Toppel who'se ship loads with my Master, and who was coming to our house, he supt.

Monday the Twelfth.

Mr. Jos: Toppel breakfasted at our house and I went down to Winkhamlee to get his ship finish'd, which I did, after I came home I went with him to M^r Fosters boat builder in Gateshead, where he had bought a New Boat, and after she was launched off the Key we came over the water in her, and being interceded by my Mas^r went to M^r Wards wth him & M^r Tipple, I read in the evening and retir'd to bed at Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday the Thirteenth.

M^r John Galilee Master of the Mary & Jane came up from Shields this forenoon, I cleared him at the Custom House and made out his Acco^t, after dinner I helped to put up 6 bolls of

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malt for Jn^o. Crenmor and 4 for W^m Charleton, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Tindels, and in the evening came home, where I sat 2 or 3 hours and then retir'd to bed when my master did between 10 & 11.

Wednesday the Fourteenth.

I recei'd a Letter from Sister Dolly with a pair of stockings per W^m Battison for M^{rs} Hudspeth, I answered my Sisters Letter and carried it to Lyonel Trotter the barbers Shop, whose apparent. Carried it to W^m Battisons Inn, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Fosters, yesterday M^r Rob^t. Carricks office doors were shut up he having broke it's computed at 13, & some say 15 Thousand pounds, my Master is clear.

Thursday the Fifteenth.

I was sent by my master with two notes and one bill, to the amount of £144.19s.3d. to M^r Ra: Fetherstons Office in part of paym^t for Coals, had from the Gr^d Allies, L^d Ravensworth, Geo. Bowes Esq^r & Squire Edw^d Wortley alias Muntigue, I spent most of the afternoon with M^r James at the sign of the Bird in the Bush in Pilgrom Str^t, after I came down I got W^m Smith Master of the Elizabeth of Scarb^o to our Office and sought for my Master who Came and agr^d to load M^r Smith's ship with L. Benton coals.

Friday the Sixteenth.

I wrote to my Sister Esther now with Sister Wilson at London, I then went to Church, and in the afternoon went down to Winkhamlee upon my Masters Mair, it being a very stormy day, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Fosters after I came home and read at home I retir'd to bed at Ten ill of the Tooth Ach.

Saturday the Seventeenth.

I paid the Keelmen £13.17s.0d. this afternoon drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and went above bridge a little way, in a boat, with William then retired home.

Easter Sunday the Eighteenth.

I went to our Church both forenoon & afternoon. In the forenoon I receiv'd the Sacrament, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths in the afternoon, and went to the Post office with a Letter to M^r Rich^d Gaire in answer to one my master had from him this Post, I went to Thos. Scafes where a Sermon & Prayers were read, I retired to bed between Nine & Ten, my Master not being comed in, Billy also retir'd to bed at same time.

Easter Monday the Nineteenth.

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In the afternoon I took a walk with M^r W^m Hudspeth, Alen Robinson, Tho^s. Ord and W^m Henderson to Dents Hole where we drank Tea at Geo. Crams & retir'd home.

Easter Tuesday the Twentieth.

M^r W^m Smith Master of the Elizabeth of Scarborough din'd at our house, I wrote to my Brother on my masters Account this Post enquiring after M^r Rich^d Gaire at Crimp at London, after carrying the above Letter to the Post Office I sat an hour or thereabouts at M^r Forsters.

Wednesday the Twenty First.

last week the Thylow Tender came to her Moorings near the Town again, having been at Nore and deliver'd her Men all well & on Monday the Alexander & Ann went down to Shields, I got a Letter this morning from Sis^r Dolly, after I came from the Staith to w^{ch} place I set forward about Six o'Clock, I answ^d Sister Dolly's Letter and went to the Carriers with it, I drunk Tea with D^r Bacon at M^r Fairlams.

Thursday the Twenty Second.

I went down to Winkhamlee Staith, and after dinner that I came home, I went wth Billy Hudspeth in a boat almost to the Burns mouth, In the evening I walk'd a longtime at the S^o. Side of the water, came home and retir'd to bed at Ten, this evening I saw the first Swallow this spring.

Friday the Twenty Third.

In the forenoon, I went to Church and read, in the afternoon I copied a Letter w^{ch} my master wrote to M^r Jn^o Galilee Mas^r of the Hannah of Whitby and carried it and another to M^r Rich^d Guise of London, to the Post Office, as I came down I went to the Town Clerks Office & gave M^r W^m Gibson the Town Clerk my Indenture with 6d. upon promise (as he had no change) of having fourpence returned to me when I take up my Trulidge, M^r Gibson told me to acq^t both the Stewards of the Hoastmans Company that I am entitled to my first Guild on Monday First, I retir'd home and afterwards went to M^r Thos. Airey's ^one of^ the Stewards of the Hoastmans Company and acquainted him with my being intitled to a Guild on Monday, I sat nigh an hour wth him and then went to the Post Office, no Letters for my Master, M^r W^m Smith Master of the Elizabeth sup'd at our house.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth.

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In the forenoon I clear'd M^r Smith Master of the Eliz^a of Scarbo. At the Custom House and made out his Acco^t, before dinner M^r Jona. Sorsbie of the Town House sent for me, I receiv'd from his man M^r Tairn £31.19s.3d. being the dividend that was due to my Uncle Ra: Ward and Cousin Tho^s. Spencer jointly of Ra: Cooks effects (now deceased) of Monkwearm^o, Sailmaker at 7s.6d. per Pound for £85.4s.8d; there whole debt. I return'd 8s.4d. which M^r Sorsbie charged for Postage from & to the above Gentlemen and for his servants expenses at Sunderland about this affair, so that I have now in my hand £31.10s.11d. neat for my Uncle, after dinner M^r Smith came to the Office and settled Acco^{ts}, I paid the Keelmen £9.8s.0d. and went to the Newcastle Bank, where I got a Bill drawn upon Mess^{rs} Vere, Glyn & Halifax in London for £140.0s.0d. pay[*able*] to M^r Henry Forster at Sixty days date, without a premium, M^r Forster, who is now upon his road from London desir'd me in a Letter to his Sister to transact the above business for him, I retired home & to bed at my usual time.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth.

I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, wrote a Letter to my Uncle Ra: Ward about business, read yesterday, and carried it to the Post Office, afterwards I copied a Letter of my Masters to M^r Rich^d Gaire and went with it to the Post House, I retir'd home read a Sermon to my Master &c. and to bed before 10.

Monday the Twenty Sixth.

In the forenoon I went down to Winkhamlee and drunk Tea at M^r Failams as I came home; this day I was called in Court it being my first Guild day, I retir'd to bed before 10.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh.

I imploy'd most of this day in copying out of my Masters cash Book, into that he suffers me to keep, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Fosters, and went to the Post Office with a Letter to M^r Rob^t. Campion w^{ch} my Master gave me to carry, I got a Letter from Brother in answer to mine on Tuesday last wherein he assures me of M^r Rich^d Gaires being a Man of Credit, I walked upon the Key a little, when I came home Miss. Isab. Hudspeth came to our house and supt, I retir'd to bed a little after Ten.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth.

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I went to our Neighbour Forster's this morning where I was pleased with the sight of M^r Forster's safe arrival from London (yesterday evening) I got a Letter from my Mother, and answer'd it to Sister Dolly, I copied still into the Cash book as yesterday.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth.

my Master had an order from W^m Hudspeth who was desired by young Mr. Dobson to tell M^r Jefferson as above to send an Acco^t every week to the Office of all the Partnership Coals we Vend, I made it out this morning & sent it by Jn^o. N.B. The disadvantage that is to accrue from non-conformance of the above order is the want of Long Benton Coals. I had a Letter from Sis^r Dolly from W. Auckland and in the afternoon I went down to Winkhamlee and drunk Tea at Miss Fairlams.

Friday the Thirtieth and last day.

I copied into the Cash book as on Tuesday and went down to Winkhamlee, I went in the evening, to the Shield field and stay'd till past nine o'Clock with W^m Hudspeth, Lewis Hick, Alex^r Adams, Allen Robinson, Thomas Ord & Edw^d Collison at the Cust^o House.

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Saturday the First.

In the forenoon I continued to copy into the Cash book, and after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee with W^m Hudspeth to get our Keelmen to go down to finish their Ship but our Men with M^r Atkinson's made a refusal so the ship was not finished, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths & then got shaved paying my Quarteridge to Mess^{rs} Lionel & W^m Trotter, I agreed this day to pay Marg^t. Martin 3 Shills. A quarter for cleaning of my shoes & washing my stockings.

Sunday the Second.

I went to All Saints Church in the forenoon and to St. Nicholas in the afternoon, I drunk Tea with my Master and went to Thomas Scafes where a Sermon and Prayers were read.

Monday the Third.

I finished copying into the Cash book (begun on Tuesday last), this afternoon M^r Thomas Lammas Master of the Two Brothers of Newcastle went with me to the Cust^o House where he was cleared, In the evening I read and retir'd into my Room.

Tuesday the Fourth.

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M^r Tho^s Lammas Master of the Two Brothers of Newcastle & M^r Is^c Newton once Mas^r of the Fortune of Whitby but now of a ship of his own dinn'd at our house, I went to the Printing Office to enquire where Jn^o Robson the Cleavland News Carrier dinn'd, I was told at the Sign of the Oak Tree in Gateshead, I went to the Carpenters W^m Coles Keel being now repairing in Mess^{rs} Robt. & Jn^o Gotharts Landing.

Wednesday the Fifth.

I got a Letter from my Mother with a New Coat &c: my Master sent me to pay M^r Ra: Fetherston in Westgate £70 in part of Acco^t for Coals had from the Grand Allies viz: L^d Ravensworth, Geo. Bowes Esq^r And Edw^d Wortley Esq^r, I answered my Mothers Lett^r to her and carried it and an oz. of Laudinum for Sister Hannah to the Carriers Inn, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Forsters and went down to the Carpenters, M^r Rob^t. Gibson my Masters Relation dinn'd at our house today, M^r Thomas Lammas sat a little at our house in the evening and we retir'd to bed about Eleven.

Thursday the Sixth.

I went to the Office in Westgate wth our weeks vend, my Masters fire coals were got in today, this morning and every day for a fortnight or thereabouts, except one day, it has fallen either Snow in large flakes, or larger hailstones and has been excessively cold, till now about two o'Clock in the afternoon the sky is serene and looks like fairweathers. I drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths & retir'd into my Room.

Friday the Seventh.

several ship Masters came up today for a Number of Ships came yesterday, I wrote to my Brother and inclosed a Letter to Sis^r Etty, I also wrote to my Uncle M^r Ra: Ward, about Seven o'Clock in the evening I was presented with a bill drawn at sight by my Uncle Ward pay^a to Matt. Consett Esq^r, M^r Thomas Sanderson presented the bill I paid him £31.10s.11d. as p. his receipt at the back of the bill, which was drawn by my Uncle at sight, I went to M^r White's the Printers, and from thence to the Sign of the Oak Tree in Gateshead where I found Jn^o Robson's Son, from whom I got the above Letter to my Uncle.

Saturday the Eighth.

My Master told me to order Emmerson's Keel to the Leadhill to be measured. In the afternoon M^r Edw^d Dillon Mas^r of the Good Intent of Falmouth came to our house & fix'd to load Tanf^d & Main Seam Top, he drunk Tea & Coffee and went down to Jarr^w Key.

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Sunday the Ninth.

I went to Sandgate Chapel in the forenoon & to our Church in the afternoon, I read in the evening & retir'd to bed after Ten. Mr Nichs. Frampton Mas^r of the Brill^{lt} Star dined & loaded.

Monday the Tenth.

In the morning Emmerson's Keel was measur'd she sunk about half an Inch, my Master was angry at me & John, he told me I wou'd not let him alone, till he wrote to M^r Jn^o Galilee of Whitby who sent my Master yesterday a £30 Note I told my Master it was a false accusation w^{ch} he seems to take particular Notice on, after dinner I went down to Howden Panns & Cross'd over to Jarrow Key, where I drank Coffee & Tea on board the Good Intent, M^r Edw^d Dillon Master, he & Mr Nichs. Frampton (see yesterday) came over the water wth me, I called for a Pint of Wine & after staying a little I return'd home being a little after Nine when I arrived at my Masters.

Tuesday the Eleventh.

I went down to the Carpenters, my Mas^r being there, I also bespoke a New Hat upon the Bridge, and was upon 'Change. In the afternoon I copied two Letters, one to M^{rs} Jefferson of London & the other to M^r Galilee of Whitby Master of the Hannah, on my masters Acco^t, I took a walk with Tho^s. Ord & M^r Addison into Gateshead & stay'd till Ten, retir'd to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Wednesday the Twelvth.

I went down to the Carpenters & to the Richmond Carriers Inn, I got a parcel with a Letter from Sister Dolly in it, I wrote to Sister Do. & carried my Letter to W^m Battison.

Thursday the Thirteenth.

I went to both Glass houses with M^r Dillon for some bottles but got none cheap enough, they were 1s.8d. or 1s.9d. for common & 2s.3d. a dozen for champain bottles, I went up the Water in the afternoon as far as Throckley Moor Staith near Bladon, I went to M^r James's Inn who I paid for 2 pair of white cotton stockings one pair being 5s/- & the other 6s/- per pair, M^r James also bro^t me from London an exceedingly pretty Cain having an Amber head, the Gift of my Brother Wilson before he went out in February last to Coast & China.

Friday the Fourteenth.

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I got M^r James 40 Guineas for so much Silver & dined with him, I then went down to Winkhamlee Staith, but drunk Tea at home, having had a Letter from my Brother & another from my Sister Etty I read, M^r Jn^o Galilee of Staiths, came this evening:

Saturday the Fifteenth.

M^r Nicholas Frampton Master of the Brilliant Star of Lymington went with me to the Cust^o House where he was cleared, I paid the Keelmen £13.17s.10d. & retir'd home. I drunk Tea at M^r Tho^s Reaveley's.

Sunday the Sixteenth.

I went to Sandgate Chapel in the forenoon & to All Sts. Church in the afternoon, I drunk Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths, & after taking a walk in the evening I went to Tho^s. Scafes as other Sunday evenings.

Monday the Seventeenth

I got up at five o'Clock & went down to Winkhamlee, I clear'd M^r Jn^o Galilee at the Custom & Town Houses, I walk'd to Elswick wth W^m Hudspeth.

Tuesday the Eighteenth.

M^r Edw^d Dillon Master of the Good Intent Gallee of Falm^o came up & I clear'd him at Cust^o & Town Houses, after dinner I went down to Winkhamlee, I called at M^r Fairlam & got a Letter from my uncle, I supt at M^r Forster's, & retir'd to bed past Eleven

Wednesday the Nineteenth.

I got a Letter from Sis^r Dolly, and went from M^r Airey & Co.'s shop wth W^m Airey, to the New meeting House, I wrote to Sister Dolly & went with the letter to the Carriers, I also drunk Tea at M^{rs} Fairlams.

Thursday the Twentieth.

I carr^d the weekly vend to Mr. Fetherston's Office in the forenoon, In the afternoon I went to Church & drunk Tea at Tho^s. Scafe's.

Friday the Twenty First.

I wrote to Sis^r Etty & Bro^r this Post, in the afternoon I went to the Coffee house and read the declaration of War against France at London last Tuesday the 18th May instant, I sincerely pray for Gods assistance now in this time of need; I drunk Tea at M^r Forsters, Miss Clark was there who wth her Bro^r &c. went to the Play, this being the first night of acting this Season, it is for Benefit of the Infirmary, I observ'd this Night, & another at about Ten

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o'Clock when I was going to bed, a light in the North Sky, pretty low w^{ch} I at first took to be a Star ^of an uncom: magnit^{de}^ but I may be deceiv'd as its Possible it might be Kite, or Scate as they are called at Newcastle with a Lanthorn [p.150] hung at it, for it had a motion towards the East, my Master saw it both nights.

Saturday the Twenty Second.

I saw the Proclamation of War read by M^r Bruce Serg^t at Mace, on the Top of the Court Stairs, the Mayor, Alderman Ridley, (also one of the Members in Parl:) & other Aldermen &c. standing below, I paid the Keelmen £11:15s:0d, & some way unknown to myself had 8d over when all were paid, I went down to the Carpenters M^r Cole's Keel being finished this evening, & I bought a Hat for half a Guinea w^{ch} I spoke for on Tuesday the Eleventh inst.

Sunday the Twenty Third.

I put on my New blue Coat & went to all S^{ts}. Church in the forenoon, & after walking with Tho^s. Ord into Ja^s. Bradley's Garden near the Forth I went to St. Nicholas Church in the afternoon & walked upon Gateshead Ropery & the Forth, I went to Tho^s. Scafes before Seven o'Clock & retir'd to bed at Ten.

Monday the Twenty Fourth.

I read & play'd upon my Germ: Flute & walk'd upon the Key.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth.

I read the London News at the Coffee House in the afternoon and carried a Letter of my masters (to M^r Kempthorn Varlo) to the Post Office, I spent an hour or two at Tho^s. Scafes & retir'd to bed about Ten.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth.

I had a Letter from my Sister Dolly this forenoon, and answered it, I bought some Cannon Powder & Musket balls for Jn^o Galilee & drunk Tea at M^r Forsters, when I went to bed I observ'd between Ten and Eleven a Star taken Notice on ^in^ this book Friday May the 21st. I was then diffident of it's being one but now fully convinced, for upon looking at it steadfastly, a cloud small & long at my first notice, but afterwards spread abroad and intercepted this Star, as well as another, a common one that was very low, which to me was envelop'd in the Black Cloud, this Star appears to the naked Eye about the size of a Walnut, has a much greater motion from the West to the East than any star I ever observ'd, for in

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less than an hour, it moved above the breadth of three Chimneys, which were at very little distance from my Window, and retarded my sight – N.B. the Wind was very easy, there being only a soft breeze from the N:E. or E:N:E. and the cloud went beyond a House, w^{ch} hid it from me, but as soon as it disappear'd, the Star shone as beight as ever.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh.

In the afternoon I went wth Henry Airey, his Bro^r William, Lew^s Hick & William Hudspeth up the River in a boat, having 4 Keelmen to row us, in Company with the great Barge, wherein M^r W^m Clayton Mayor & several other Gentlemen were, they made a signal for us to come near them; which we regarded, we had a Bottle of Port & an^o. of Punch presented to us by the May^r which we accepted on, the Gentlemen & us got out a little below Newburn, & walked up to the small Barge, which landed at the River Jury a little above the Town, but many of them were gone about a mile high^r up by land to the Bounder Stone, where I suppose spice was thrown about, to the intent that young People might gather it and remember where the Bounderies of N.Castle up: Tyne extended too; we young men drunk Tea at Newburn, & came to the great Barge lying at Stella, where the Gentⁿ had gone ashore to M^r Silvertops, as we came down, I was delighted with the imagination, of seeing a fleet of Men of war in Minuter, for there was not less than about a dozen boats, large & small & many of them like us, had their Coulers flying; we got 2 bottles of Clarret besides 3 of Port Wine, as we came down; we bid the Gentⁿ a good night at the May^{rs} house by huzza's from the Keelmen & us, after we came a shore we (except for Henry Airey) took a walk tow^{ds} the Forth & M^r Guns bowling green, W^m Hudspeth & self came into the house before ten & I retir'd to bed a little after,

Friday the Twenty Eighth.

I took a walk to the Cust^o House and to the Exchange, after dinner I went with Tho^s. Scafe to the Newcastle Bank, where lodg'd £50:0:0 taking M^r Jos: Airey's Note; I read the London Papers at Greys Coffee, & drunk Tea at M^r Richard Fairlams, I retir'd to bed before Ten.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth.

I went to Church in the afternoon, came home and read part of one of the Rev^d M^r Munten's 22 Sermons lately published.

Sunday the Thirtieth.

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I got up early and after drinking near a Gill of TarWater I walk'd tow^{ds} Jasemond ab^t 3 or 4 Miles, I went to our Church both forenoon & afternoon & to Tho^s. Scafes in the evening, I retir'd to bed before Eleven

Monday the Thirty First.

In the evening I took a walk towards Park Hall with M^r Ord, M^r Addison &c &c, and played upon my fflute, I came home and retired to bed at Ten.

JUNE 1756

Tuesday the First.

I went to Greys Coffee House and read the London N. Papers, went to the Post Office and drank Tea at M^{rs} Tindales, several Ships came into Shields this evening.

Wednesday the Second.

I got up early, and spoke to W^m Smith Mas^r of the Eliz^a of Scarb^o who fix'd with my Mas^r upon the Key, to load Tanf^d Coals, I went to M^r Bowes's Staith but Jn^o. soon followed me so I came home & took a Coast suffer out of the Cust^o House for the Betty of Pool Rob^t. Ricarby Mas^r who was recommended by Mr. Ja^s. Littlefield of Portsm^o to load Long Benton, I got a Letter from Sis^r Do: wth a wrought Black silk or satten waistcoat, and a Buff one, I answer'd after dinner, & carr^d it and an Oz: of Laudinum to the Carrier and drunk Tea at Mrs Hudspeths, my Sis^r Dolly tells me today of a fever that Rages at Richm^d & Barnard castle more so, I read & retir'd to bed before Ten.

Thursday the Third.

I got up after five o'Clock and rode down to Winkhamlee I gave my Cloths to wash this forenoon and went to the Cust^o & Town Houses with M^r. W^m Smith Mas^r of the Eliz^a. I drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and went down to Winkhamlee or Long Benton Staith [with] William.

Friday the Fourth.

I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee I went to the Coffee House, drank tea at Rich^d. Fairlams & went down to Winkhamlee again.

Saturday the Fifth.

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I got up early and went down to Winkhamlee wth W^m. Hudspeth, after I came home I clear'd the W^m. & Mary of London Jos: Tippell for Malden, at Cust^o & Town Houses, Mr. Rob^t. Deighton of London called to see me before dinner, I paid the Keelmen £15:11s:7½d. but fell short 1s.8d. which I pay out of my own pocket, I spent the evening till near ten o'Clock with Cousin Rob^t. Deighton at M^{rs}. Pinkney's Widow in Gateshead.

Sunday the Sixth.

I took a walk and went to our Church in the forenoon, I went to Gateshead Church in the afternoon, & drank Tea with M^r Deighton at Miss Surtees's, we all walked to the Firth.

Witsun - Monday the Seventh.

I rode down to Winkhamlee and after dinner I went to M^r Deighton at Miss Surtees's Shop, went to Church and drank Tea with M^{rs} Forster.

Witsun - Tuesday the Eighth.

I went from Miss Surtees Shop with M^r Deighton into Gateshead where I bid him farewell, I sent a Letter by him to Sis^r Dolly, he gave me 2s 6d, after dinner I took a walk with W^m Airey upon the Castle, and to see some Pidgeon's called Tumblers, I went to the Coffee House wth him and drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths, I took a walk in the evening down Gateshead Ropery, & saw Men fishing with Salmon Nets at Dents Hole.

Wednesday the Ninth.

M^r Rob^t. Richarby of Pool the Betsy's Mas^r clear'd today & din'd, I went to see for a Lett^r from Richmond but there was none, neither did I write today as I did yesterday to Sister Do: I play'd at spell & nor with M^r Cramlington, W^m Hudspeth &c. drank Tea at M^r Fairlams and played upon my Germ. Flute with M^r Jn^o Dawson.

Thursday the Tenth.

I went to M^r Fetherstons Office with the weekly vend and £101:16s:0d in bills, after dinner I play'd upon my German Flute, I walked to M^r Addison's in the Close, who with M^r Dawson M^r Ord & myself went to M^r Avisons private Concert of Musick wch. I thought was very fine. We supt at M^r Addisons & took a walk after it.

Friday the Eleventh.

I wrote Musick, and also a Letter w^{ch} I sent with some biscuits & a book by M^r James's Waggon, in the evening I took a walk with Allen Robinson, came home and retir'd before Ten.

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Saturday the Twelvth.

I paid the Keelmen £4:9s:0½, I spent 2 or 3 hours in my Room and had a Letter from Sister Dolly dated Gisbro. June 7th on w^{ch} day my Uncle's servant (John) arrived at Richmond between one & two o'Clock in the morning, and my Mother & Dolly returned with him, my Uncle Ward being ill, but he's better when Dolly writes tho' in bed – I took a walk with M^r Addison &c.

Sunday the Thirteenth.

I went with M^r Jn^o Galilee to his Inn where he took horse having breakfasted at our house & fixed to load Long Benton Coals, I receiv'd the Sacrament at our Church & went to that of Gateshead in the afternoon & to Thos. Scafes in the evening.

Monday the Fourteenth.

Several light ships got down wch occasioned a throng of masters at Newcastle, I wrote Musick and did some business for M^{rs} Hudspeth in the afternoon, and drank Tea at M^r Addisons.

Tuesday the Fifteenth.

In the afternoon I went to the Coffee house and down to Winkhamlee, & retir'd to bed past 10.

Wednesday the Sixteenth.

I got up before 3 o'Clock & called of M^r Peacock & M^r Addison with whom I went upon the Town Moor & saw a Number of Galloping Horses, I had a Letter & two pair of black stockings from Sister Dolly I answered her Letter, M^r Jn^o Galilee cleared and din'd at our house.

Thursday the Seventeenth.

I went to the Office with the vend & called to see M^r Maddison late of Stockton, but now of Alnick, & I saw M^r Dixon Town Clerk of Richmond with whom I went to the Infirmary Glass Houses & Assembly room, I dined nowhere today for I was too late at my Masters, I drank Tea at M^{rs} Tindells.

Friday the Eighteenth.

I was called up at 3 o'Clock and took a ride upon the Town Moor and walked to the Wind Mill hills where I breakfasted at Cow, Ja^s Shade's Keel being upon W^m Charlton's Landing

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I went down and I dined with M^r Seemer the E. of Northumberland's Steward, and took a walk with M^r Thos. Ord in the evening & retir'd to bed at Ten.

Saturday the Nineteenth.

I made out the Keelmens Note & in the afternoon paid them £12:9s:9½d.

Sunday the Twentieth.

I went to our Church in the forenoon, & to Gateshead in the afternoon, I walked upon the Ropery some time & coming home found my Masters Relation Hen. Allison from Oxfield near Darlington.

Monday the Twenty First.

I went into the high Town & after dinner I did the same to seek for Esq^r Mitford upon whom my Master has a bill but he disair'd indulgence till Saturday, I acquainted my Master who went to the Race after we had dined at M^{rs} Hudspeths, I did not go to the Town Moor tho' the Kings Plate of One hundred was run for & won by M^r George Scurfields Horse Dunkirk, four Heats.

Tuesday the Twenty Second.

I breakfasted at M^r George Ords with the two Miss Hutchinson's of Richmond Daughter of the late M^r W^m Hutchinson and I dined there also – and went upon the Town Moor to see the Horse races, after writing a Letter to my Mother who is now at my Uncle Wards, M^r W^m Bell of Swalwal's Gray Horse Trimmer won the Fifty Pounds, he did belong to ye late Sir Rich^d Hilton.

Wednesday the Twenty Third.

I had a Letter from Sister Dolly w^{ch} I answered, after I receiv'd £50 of M^r Geo. Lisle on Robt. Mifferd Esq^{r's} account for my Master and drank tea at M^r Addison's, I also took a walk upon the Moor & saw Robt. Shaftoe Esq^{r's} Horse win in two Heats.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth.

I went to M^r Fetherstons Office & paid him on my Masters Account £69 w^{ch} wth an £11 bill made £80, I took a walk upon the Moor when I saw M^r Robt. Shaftoe Esq^{r's} Chestnut Colt win, there was a great deal of Lightening from Ten to Eleven in the evening with some Thunder & rain.

Friday the Twenty Fifth.

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I got our keelmen their Protections, Henry Allison went from our house with one Fisher a Yarm Butcher, I drank tea with M^r W^m Hudspeth, his Mother & Sisters being gone to Tinmouth, M^r Fenwick's Horse Match'em won today but I was not there.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth.

I read the News papers but there was little in, I took a walk in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh. I went to our Church in the forenoon & to Sandgate Chapel in the afternoon, and drank Tea with Miss Fairlam.

Monday the Twenty Eighth.

Very little occur'd today worth noting.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth.

M^r Addison called me up a little after five and I took a walk with him and Bathed in the River as also breakfasted at Cow upon the Windmill Hills, I went to the Coffee house where I saw a Letter from Adm^l Bing (now in the Mediterranean) in the Gazette wherein he's thought to give a poor account of himself, I drank Tea with Billy Hudspeth & went to the Post Office.

Wednesday the Thirtieth & last day.

I was called up a little after four & went to M^r Geo. Ordss in Westgate from whence I went with young M^r Ord, his 2 Sisters & Allen Robinson to M^r Leatons of Marley Hill where we spent the whole day with the 2 Miss Hutchinsons of Richmond & M^r Ord, M^r Robinson & self came from thence about Nine & having Six Miles to walk it was near Eleven before we got home when I got a Letter & a Bag from Sister Dolly: NB. I danced.

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Thursday the First.

I rode down to Tinmouth about Eleven o'Clock & dined with M^{rs} Hudspeth & her 2 daughters in the evening I took a walk.

Friday the Second.

In the forenoon my Master went down to Tinmouth and after dinner I took a walk with M^{rs} Thos. Ord to Marley Hill (vid: the first day on this page) the two Miss Ords & M^r Thos. Wilson came home with us in the evening (N.B. Yesterday evening Peter Jackson Master of the Contents Increase gave on to be loaded with L. Benton Coals on Monday.

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Saturday the Third.

In the afternoon I paid the Keelmen £12:10s:8d. and went up the Water in a boat.

Sunday the Fourth.

I went to our Church in the forenoon & to St. Nicholas in the afternoon, afterwards & before I took a walk with Allen Robinson & M^r Adams, in the evening a Man came up from the Resolution Capⁿ W^m Hedley from Greenland having caught 14 fish or 9 whales & 6 whelps viz. young wales filling in all [*blank*] Casks wth Blubber.

Monday the Fifth.

N.B. Yesterdays Post brought me a Letter from Sister Etty now at M^r Whites, I drank Tea at M^{rs} Forsters in the afternoon wth Peggy.

Tuesday the Sixth.

I was called up by old George Davison and went down to Winkhamlee, I came home and clear'd the Contents Increase of Whitby, Peter Jackson at Custom House, after dinner being out of order I laid down 2 or 3 hours drank Tea and went to the Post Office with W^m Hudspeth, I took a walk & retir'd to bed past Eleven.

Wednesday the Seventh.

I rode down to Winkhamlee, & came home after dinner when I went over the water to see a Newboat, and after I returned & got a letter from my Mother telling me of her Gisbro. Journey, I answered it.

Thursday the Eighth.

In the forenoon I clear'd the Mary & Jane of Wy. Jn^o Galilee & the Jos. & Sam^l of Bridport Sam^l Brown at the Custom & the former at Town Houses also, and my Master cleared the Samuel & Robt. Of Yarm, W^m Serjeant Master these three masters din'd at our house & after dinner I rode down to the Staith, after coming home I saw M^r W^m James at M^r Gibsons Shop & M^r Jn^o James at his Inn, from whence we took a walk into the Town and I retir'd to bed at Eleven.

Friday the Ninth.

Old George called me at four o'Clock and I went to Shields with M^r Addison & M^r Dawson in a boat, walk'd to Tinmouth Bathed & breakfasted & I called upon M^{rs} Hudspeth & her Daughters there, we called at Winkhamlee & got home before two, Mr. Jn^o Cuffley Master

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of the Molly of Ipswich fixed with my Master to load Hutton or Marley Hill Coals, I took a walk with M^r Ord & M^r Durham and retir'd to bed at Ten.

Saturday the Tenth.

I made out the Keelmens Note and after dinner paid them £37:15s:6d.

Sunday the Eleventh.

I went to Sandgate Chapel in the forenoon and to Gateshead Church in the afternoon, then went down to Tinmouth in the boat with M^r Addison & M^r Ord set us part of the way we bathed at Tinmouth supt & laid at M^r Carrs the Beehive in No. Shields.

Monday the Twelvth.

We were called on before five we bath'd at Tinmouth & I breakfasted with M^{rs} Hudspeth & Daughters, we came from Shields past Eleven in the boat & having a strong wind against we traversed to Newcastle before four having 3 more in the boat, M^r Jos. Tipple Master of the W^m & Mary of London was at our house.

Tuesday the Thirteenth.

Mr. Jn^o Cuffley Master of the Molly of Ipswich din'd and after clear'd at the Custom House, I went to the Glass House with him & bought 3 Punch bolles & some other Glass ware there, several ships Boyes came up so I waited upon the Key.

Wednesday the Fourteenth.

I cleared the W^m & Mary of London Jos. Tippell Master at Custom House, my Master went down to Tinmouth to nsee his Sister & Neices, I got a Letter from Sister Dolly with some silk Patterns wch I could not get rightly matched, I answered her letter in the afternoon and carried it, I went down to M^r Fairlams.

Thursday the Fifteenth.

I was called up early and went down to Winkhamlee I din'd and drank tea at M^r Geo. Ords in Westgate Miss Hutchinson being there, I went into Gateshead twice before I saw M^r Husband of Gisbro by whom I had a Letter from my Uncle with an order for some Cyder.

Friday the Sixteenth.

I went wth Mr. Husband of Gisb^o to buy some Cyder for my Uncle, wch we effected in the forenoon, and I wrote a Letter to my Uncle in the afternoon, and also to my Mother, I drank Coffee with my Master and went to the Post Office, I then took a walk on the So. Side of the river.

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Saturday the Seventeenth.

NB. M^r Husband accompanied me when I went wth old George to the Bird in the Bush in Pilgrim Street and gave a web of diaper of my Masters to Bainbridge & Com: Bleachers yesterday containing 35 yds. Good measure, I made out the Keelmens Note and paid 'em £7:12s:6d. I took a walk & retir'd to bed about Eleven.

Sunday the Eighteenth.

I went to Gateshead Church in the forenoon & to Sandgate Chapel in the afternoon, I drank Tea at M^r Fairlams & supt at M^r Russels.

Monday the Nineteenth.

I am told by many people this morning how dismal at night the last was, there been some of the greatest claps of Thunder not remembering the like, tho' M^{rs} Addison remembers about 35 years ago such another Night, but what is to be remembered is that all last night I heard no noice to my knowledge but observ'd before I got into bed about Eleven o'Clock some Flashes of Lightening, it is this day reported that Port Mahon in Minorca is taken by the French General Blakeney being Governor, and Marchal de Richleu head of the Beseigers, Master Frampton of the Brilliant Star was at our house this morning and says he saw an engagement at Sea last Wednesday off the Kentish Knock, he imagined between a small French Privateer and an English Collier, I am com'd from 'Change. In the afternoon I went with M^r Allen Robinson to M^r Harthornes & bought some Musick.

Tuesday the Twentieth.

In the afternoon I went in a boat below the Burns Mouth, & at night I supt with M^r Russel and it lightened sore.

Wednesday the Twenty First.

I had a Letter from Sister Dolly & sent her some Silk she wrote for some 2 or 3 weeks ago and answered hers, M^r Cramlington Roper din'd at our house, I paid W^m Battison for last years carriage.

Thursday the Twenty Second.

It rains exceeding heavy this morning and has done most of the night. I spent the day mostly in the House reading, & have wrote to Sister Etty, I drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths in the afternoon, they came from Tinmouth on Tuesday, a great flood came down the River today wch brought down a great deal of Hay Cocks with Trees &c.

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Friday the Twenty Third.

I clear'd the Brilliant Star of Pool, Nichs. Frampton master at Custom & Town Houses in the forenoon. In the afternoon went Through bridge in a boat, drank tea at M^r Forsters & went to the Post Office, supt at M^r Heatons & retir'd to bed at Eleven.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth.

After dinner I paid the Keelmen £5:7s:2d.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth.

I went to M^r George Ords in Westgate & walked from thence with his Son Thomas to Wickham, wh^{re} we breakfasted & went to Church, we din'd at old M^r Rawling the Staithman's with M^{rs} Leaton & the two Miss Hutchinsons of Richmond whom I sent a Letter by to my Mother, after dinner we all went to M^r Ords house in Wickham, from whence we went to Church and return'd to drink tea, then we went to M^r Rawlings into the garden and stayed till the young Ladies took Horse, M^r Ord & myself walked home & I sat an hour or two at M^r Forsters his Sister having come from Yorkshire yesterday.

Monday the Twenty Sixth.

I paid Jn^o Dawson One Pound, Eight Shillings & 6d, for a quarter part of a New boat wch he calls Mellnion, wherein himself & M^r W^m Addison is part owners, I drank Tea at Miss Fairlams and went to M^r Hindmarches Glover in the Flesh market where I saw Admiral Bings Effigy burnt after he'd been carried round the Town for his ill behaviour in the Mediterranean about 3 Months Ago.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh.

I drank Tea at M^{rs} Forsters, read the London News at the Coffee House and retir'd to bed about Eleven.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth.

Several Light Ships came last night I got a Letter from my Mother & took a walk to the carpenters with Thomas Ord, Alexanders Keel being repairing at W^m Charlton's Carpenter, I went upon 'Change answer'd my Mothers Letter & went up the water a little in a boat.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth.

Yesterday M^r Richarby of the Betsy of Pool and this morning M^r W^m Hillam of the Fortune of Yarmouth fix'd I rode down to Shields & from thence to Howden Panns, I cross'd over to

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Jarrow & went on board the Tryton of Wy. Belonging to Samuel Campion but Rich^d
Knaggs is Master.

Friday the Thirtieth.

M^r Knaggs (see yesterday) came up & fix'd to load So. Moor Coals, he breakfasted & din'd
with us, after dinner I went to the Coffee House where I saw in the Gazette Admiral Bings
arrival at Portsmouth where he was arrested.

Saturday the Thirty First and last day.

I paid the Keelmen £5:15s:8d. & spent the evening at M^{rs} Greys with M^r Ord, M^r Percival
&^c.

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Sunday the First.

I went to the Bridge-end Chapel in the morning and to Gibside after dinner with M^{rs} & Miss
Coward M^r Ord & M^r Percival, we saw all the walks and the inside of the Banqueting
House, and also a tall structure almost finished, but as Esq^r Bowes his Lady &c was at home
did not see the inside of the House, my Master lent me his Mair.

Monday the Second.

I was called up early and went down to Winkhamlee, M^r Hillam clear'd today & I rode
down to Jarrow Key drank Tea with M^r Railston & then went on board the Tryton Rich^d
Knaggs.

Tuesday the Third.

I was called up early and went to Winkhamlee, M^r Galilee clear'd today, I spent the
evening at M^{rs} Greys and retir'd to bed about Eleven.

Wednesday the Fourth.

I had a Letter from my Sister Dolly, I answered it in the afternoon M^r Knaggs & M^r
Richarby dined & cleared today.

Thursday the Fifth.

After dinner I went up the River and came ^down^ in a boat with M^r Ord & M^r Dawson.

Friday the Sixth.

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I wrote to Sister Dolly by Thos. Warburton, & inclosed a writing of Sister Hannah's, I also read the London Papers at the Coffee House and went upon the Water with M^r Dawson in the Boat to Dents Hole.

Saturday the Seventh.

I paid the Keelmen £32:10s:0d. and drank Tea at M^{rs} Forsters.

Sunday the Eighth.

I breakfasted at the new House wch has been inhabited by M^r W^m Henderson & his Bride since Friday, I went to our Church both forenoon and afternoon, drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths who is but indifferent, I then took a walk to the Forth.

Monday the Ninth.

In the afternoon I took a walk and came home & drank Tea at M^r Hendersons.

Tuesday the Tenth.

I went down to Geo. Galleys Cinder key onboard the Suckey & Nelly of Lynn Captain Jn^o Clifton, I drank Tea at M^{rs} Hudspeths and went from M^r Headlam Shipwrights Landing in a boat to Shields and thence to Cullercoats, we stayed at M^r Cowards all night.

Wednesday the Eleventh.

We rose about Six got breakfast and went with young M^{rs} & Miss Cowards & Nanny Gray to Seaton Dalaval where we saw the Inside & outside of the House, we din'd at young M^r Dobson's at Hartly & drank Tea, we came to Cullercoats & M^r Emmerson Headlam & myself walked home leaving Mr. Ord & M^r Jacob Cole to stay at Jarrow Key, I went to Mr. Geo. Ords after I came home.

Thursday the Twelvth.

I clear'd Captain Clifton's Ship the Suckey & Nelly of Lynn, Jn^o Dewey Master who din'd with us, I had a Letter from Sister Do. & one from M^r W^m Allen dated Richmond with a pair of Silk stockings to get engrafted.

Friday the Thirteenth.

I carr'd the 3 last weeks Vends to the Office, after dinner I rode down to Shields & settled with Captain Jn^o Clifton drank Tea, & at night retir'd to bed about Eleven.

Saturday the Fourteenth.

I breakfasted with M^r W^m Henderson & paid the Keelmen £2:6s:6d. I drank Tea at M^{rs} Greys with Miss Coward M^r Ord &^c.

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Sunday the Fifteenth.

I went to Sandgate Chapel & the Rev^d M^r Forster one of the Kings Chamberlains Preach, I went to the new meeting & heard M^r Lothion Preach, I took a walk with M^r Ord, M^r Percival & some others towards field House where we got Cream.

Monday the Sixteenth.

Several ships are come today I drank Tea at M^r Forsters our Neighbour. Mr. Jn^o Cuffley Master of the Molly of Ipswich laid at our house.

Tuesday the Seventeenth.

I spent the forenoon much upon the Key, 3 Masters of Ships dined at our House, I drank Tea at M^r Hendersons and stay'd a long while at M^r Addisons Shop & House.

Wednesday the Eighteenth.

I was told by William Battison that he gave a Letter for me to his Labourer but I did not get it, I wrote to Sister Dolly & sent a pair of Silk stockings of M^r Allens to her, I drank Tea at M^r Fairlams spent the evening at M^r Hendersons.

Thursday the Nineteenth.

In the afternoon, past four o'Clock I clear'd Jn^o Cuffley in the Molly of Ipswich & spent an hour or two at M^r Hendersons.

Friday the Twentieth.

It has rained a great deal for some days past. I drank tea at M^r Forsters & after taking a walk, retir'd to bed between Ten & Eleven.

Saturday the Twenty First.

Geo. Davison gave me a Letter from Sister Dolly w^{ch} I should have had last Wednesday, M^r Brown came too late to clear at the Custom House, I paid the Keelmen £10:9s:9d. and went up the River in the Boat, I retir'd to bed past Ten.

Sunday the Twenty Second.

I went to Church both forenoon and in afternoon appear'd with M^r & M^{rs} Henderson as bridegroom man, I drank Tea with them & the Company.

Monday the Twenty Third.

I breakfasted at Mr. Geo. Ords in Westgate I clear'd M^r Brown Master of the Jos. & Sam^l Of Bridport at Custom & Town Houses, after dinner I rode upon the Moor before M^{rs} Hudspeth who is but weak & Sickly, I drank tea and spent the evening there.

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Tuesday the Twenty Fourth.

M^r Sam^l Campion Master of his Ship Diamond came up early & breakfasted, In the afternoon I spent an hour or two at M^{rs} Places with M^r Place her Brother in Swaledale, Jac. Richinson & Jos. Aubone & the evening at M^r Hendersons.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth.

I made a new Journal Letter F, I dined at M^r George Ord's in Westgate, and drank Tea in Gateshead where I saw the high Sheriff for Northumberland go to meet the Judges who accompanied him & his Numerous attendance to Newcastle, there was 27 Coaches & Chaise, I rec'd a letter from my Mother and I answered it, I spent the evening at M^{rs} Hudspeths.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth.

M^r William Hillam Master of the Fortune of Yarmouth came up & dined at out house after giving on to load Long Benton Coals, I drank Tea at M^{rs} Greys & spent the evening at M^r Forsters & retir'd to bed between Ten & 11.

Friday the Twenty Seventh.

M^r Dan^l Haile Breakfasted with us, I clear'd the Diamond of Wy. Mr. Sam^l Campion at Custom House, after dinner I went to the Moot Hall where I heard a woman brought in Guilty for stealing a Sheet, I drank Tea at M^r Hendersons & spent the evening at M^{rs} Greys.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth.

I went to the Town Court & heard one Curtis found guilty for Murder of W^m Atkinson a Bailiff, his Father in Law – one Cowling a Coach Maker charged with aiding the above Curtis (who wrought with him) was clear'd, some were of opinion that Curtis wou'd not have suffer'd had it not been that he obstructed an Officer in discharge of his Duty, I did not stay to hear him condemned to dye on Monday first & his Body afterwards to be given to the Surgeons, I paid the Keelmen £12:0s:8d. I took a walk with Billy to see the People come out of the Concert but did not stay long.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth. I took a walk and went to Church in the forenoon but in the afternoon I rode down to Shields upon my Masters Mair to speak to Jn^o Galilee, I lit at M^{rs} Petersons where I met with him & his wife &c. I drank tea and went to Cullercoats to M^r Cowards but did not stay long, I spent the evening at M^{rs} Hudspeths & set Molly Johnson home.

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Monday the Thirtieth.

I was called early and went down to Winkhamlee, M^r W^m HILLAM clear'd at Custom House
& dined, I drank Tea at M^r Forsters and took a walk to the So. Shore to enquire of a Kelp
Ship but the Master was not on board.

Tuesday the Thirty First and last day.

I drank Tea at M^{rs} Greys, & spent the evening there, I retir'd to bed between Ten & Eleven.
