

**SEPTEMBER `1756**

Wednesday the first. I went down to Winkhamlee Staith soon & breakfasted at Miss Fairlams, I Clear'd M<sup>r</sup> Galilee at Cust:<sup>o</sup> & Town Houses, got a Letter from my Mother & answer'd it, also sent her two Prints of Old Jenkins, I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth's & spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Grey's.

Thursday the Second. I got a Bill discounted at this Bank for my Mas<sup>r</sup> for 5<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup>, which was at the rate of half (or 10<sup>s</sup>) per Cent: the bill being for £56 5<sup>s</sup>. I rode out before M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth to the Town Moor & that way, I drank Tea with M<sup>r</sup> James at his Inn in Pilgrom street, I took a walk with M<sup>r</sup> Ord & several more to field House where we got some Cream;

Friday the Third. I saw Miss Coward from M<sup>rs</sup> Greys, and drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Fosters, I went to the Post Office & spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths Saturday the Fourth. I got 20<sup>£</sup> in Cash of Miss Surtees Milliner for a bill of that value of my Masters, I paid the Keelmen £18:6<sup>s</sup>:10½<sup>d</sup> & drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Stocks w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord, w<sup>th</sup> whom I went over the water, & I supt at M<sup>r</sup> Hendersons.

Saturday the Fourth. I went to our Church both forenoon & afternoon, I sat an hour after dinner at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths, & after church in the afternoon I found M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Reed of Darnton at my Masters I went to the Cofee ^House^ w<sup>th</sup> him & spent the evening with him & M<sup>r</sup> Cowling ^Black^ Smith, at M<sup>rs</sup> Hayes in Pilgrom Street.

Monday the Sixth. I inform'd of Geo: Cooks leaving my Masters Ship he was bound to, w<sup>ch</sup> I made oath of before W<sup>m</sup> Clayton Mayor being the first oath I ever took, I then rode down to Winkhamlee, I took a walk w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord & M<sup>r</sup> Allen Robinson in the evening.

Tuesday the Seventh. After dinner I rode down to Winkhamlee after I came home I got a Letter w<sup>th</sup> a bill inclosed ^for £20:12::^ on Geo Liddle in Gateshead from M<sup>r</sup> ^Robt^ Deighton of London who advises me of Sister Wilsons come down to Richm'd soon I took a walk in the evening.

Wednesday the Eighth. I Clear'd the Fortune of Whitby, Farg<sup>s</sup> Forster Mas<sup>r</sup> at the Cust.<sup>o</sup> House, I had a Letter from my Mother & answer'd it today, I took a walk in the evening to field House w<sup>th</sup> some young Men & got some Cream.

Thursday the Ninth. I went to the Bank & paid 15<sup>s</sup> for Cash for £120 Note, I paid M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Fetherston, on my Master's Acco<sup>t</sup> for Coals £300:~ and dined at M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Ord's, about 3 o'Clock I went into our boat w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss Addison her Brother, M<sup>r</sup> Ord & about Six more, we went to Swalwell & saw some of Crowley's Manufactory (Iron] there,

particularly a Large Anchor that weigh'd upwards of 69 C:w<sup>t</sup>, & part of large Chain each link weighing ab<sup>t</sup> 2 Cw<sup>t</sup> supposed to be intended to go across the River Medway, we drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup>: Tates, & after we came down in the Boat supt at M<sup>rs</sup> Addisons & danced till past Ten.

Friday the Tenth. I got M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Ord to go to M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Liddells w<sup>th</sup> a bill of M<sup>r</sup> Deighton's (vid: Tuesday) for acceptance, which M<sup>r</sup> Liddell did, I wrote in the Office after dinner, & put 2 Letters directed to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sergeant & one to Mr Pet<sup>r</sup> Jackson into the Post Office, they all contain'd advice of Notes Both of them that were unpaid.

Saturday the Eleventh. I went down to the Burns Mouth in a pedd<sup>l</sup> Sculler w<sup>th</sup> Hen<sup>y</sup> Airey, W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth & Co, I paid the Keelmen partly w<sup>th</sup> John £24:11:0<sup>d</sup> and then went up the water in the boat w<sup>th</sup> some Companions.

Sunday the Twelfth. I went to All Saints Church in the forenoon & received the Sacrament, Jn<sup>o</sup> Bates of Winkhamlee dined at our house, I went to Gateshead Church in the afternoon, and to M<sup>r</sup> Hendersons with several others we all walked in the Forth & I spen the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths —

Monday the Thirteenth. I bathed in the morning, several Ships came today, I drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth & spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Hendersons

Tuesday the Fourteenth. After dinner I took a walk w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord, over the Water, & to the Post Office, drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Forsters & then took a walk to field House, I spent an hour at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths.

Wednesday the Fifteenth. I had a Letter from my Mother, I answer'd it & sent an ounce of Laud:<sup>m</sup> for Sis Hannah who my Mother says is poorly, after dinner I went down to Geo: Galleys Key in a boat & went on board Cap<sup>n</sup> Clifton lying there, drank Tea at Miss Meurisses.

Thursday the Sixteenth. I went down to Winkhamlee, Capt<sup>ns</sup> Lammas & Clifton dined at our house, after dinner I went to Elsieck w<sup>th</sup> Miss's Nancy Hudspeth & Meuriss we drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth & Miss who stay there at present for M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths health, & I spent the evening at Town w<sup>th</sup> the 2.

Friday the Seventeenth. I partly breakfasted at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths House in the Town, & went to L<sup>d</sup> Winsor's steward for Cap<sup>n</sup> Clifton I received of him (M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gill] £14: for the Captain I clear'd the Hannah of Whitby, W<sup>m</sup> Galilee at Cust<sup>o</sup> House, I went to the Post Office & drank Cofee at Miss Jane Fairlam's, came up in the boat, and spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Greys w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord

Saturday the Eighteenth. I Clear'd the William of Whitby, W<sup>m</sup> Richardson, & the Suckey & Nelly of Lynn, Cap<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Clifton, at Cust<sup>o</sup> & Town Houses both together, they dined at our house, I paid the Keelmen £17:0:2<sup>d</sup>, drank Tea and spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hendersons.

Sunday the Nineteenth. I went to our Church (All Saints) both forenoon and afternoon, drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths in the Town, & walked w<sup>th</sup> William to Elswick to see how she did I spent the evening at the House here,

Monday the Twentieth. I drank Tea and spent the evening till past Nine o'Clock at M<sup>rs</sup> Stocks,

Tuesday the Twenty first. I rode upon my Mas<sup>rs</sup> mair to Elswick & there took M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth behind me, we rode to Benwell & thereabouts, before we return'd to Elswick I left her there & came to Newcastle to dinner, I went into Gateshead about my Hat dressing, then to Elswick & drank Tea I came home w<sup>th</sup> Miss Nancy Hudspeth and spent the evening

Wednesday the Twenty Second. I had a Lett<sup>r</sup> & a Coat & Waistcoat from my Mother I answer'd it & drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths, Old George Davison was this morning seiz'd w<sup>th</sup> an Insensibility but recover'd toward the evening,

Thursday the Twenty Third. I paid M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Fetherson on my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Acco<sup>t</sup> for Partnership Coals £100, and I walk'd to Elswick to see M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth I drank at M<sup>rs</sup> Meurisses.

Friday the Twenty Fourth. I was about home most of the day, but in the evening after drinking Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Hendersons I went to Elswick & came home w<sup>th</sup> Miss Nancy Hudspeth & two others, I stayd at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths till Ten o'Clock.

Saturday the Twenty fifth. The Keelmen had nothing to receive being something remarkable, I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Addisons.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth. I took a walk to Elswick & breakfasted w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth & Miss Bella, I went to our Church in the forenoon & to Sandgate Chapell in the afternoon, Miss Nancy Hudspeth & Miss Johnson dined at our House, I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Meurisses and took a walk to meet the two Ladies above, coming from Elswick,

Monday the Twenty Seventh. several Ships came today & I went upon 'Change, M<sup>r</sup> Hillam loads Tanf<sup>d</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Tipple loads Team Main, & M<sup>r</sup> Rickarby has not thoroughly fix'd, I took a walk a walk into the Country in the afternoon and spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Cramlington's

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth. In the morning Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee, Mas:<sup>r</sup> of the Mary & Jane, came & fix'd to load Long Benton Co<sup>l</sup>. I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Forsters & went to the Cofee Ho.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth. I had a Letter from my Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly giving an Acco<sup>t</sup> of Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilsons being come down I answer'd it, and drew out Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee's Acco<sup>t</sup> who settled today, I went to Gateshead & drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> Miss Mosley & M<sup>rs</sup> Stock there. I spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Greys.

Thursday the Thirtieth. I went towards Winkhamlee but not quite there as I heard the Waggon's were not on, I drank Tea & spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth's in the Town, after Tea Miss Nancy & self walk to Elswick to see M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth & Miss Bella.

### OCTOBER 1756

Friday, October the First. To got up early & went to Winkhamlee M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> w<sup>th</sup> Miss Hillam dined at our House I bid M<sup>r</sup> James farewell and took a walk w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord & M<sup>r</sup> Robinson & spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Greys

Saturday the Second. I got up early & rode down to Shields upon my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Mair & went on board the Mary & Jane, Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee w<sup>th</sup> a Protection, I breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Cowards of Cullercoats & bro<sup>t</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Coward Jun<sup>r</sup> behind me to M<sup>rs</sup> Greys & M<sup>r</sup> Ord bro<sup>t</sup> Miss Nelly Grey. M<sup>r</sup> Railston dined at our house, and I paid the Keelmen £23:15<sup>s</sup>:0<sup>d</sup>, I drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Stock, & went w<sup>th</sup> Miss Mosley cross the Water to Cap<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hedleys who was Married yesterday to Miss Nanny Dent Miss Mally Cotesworth is Bridemaid.

Sunday the Third. I got up early & walked w<sup>th</sup> Billy Hudspeth to Elswick where we breakfasted, I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon, I paid the Bride visit (vid: yesterday) & walked M<sup>rs</sup> Stock & Miss Meuriss to meet Miss Hudspeth coming from Elswick, we went w<sup>th</sup> an intent to hear M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield Preach but cou'd not get in, I sat a while at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths & retired to bed past Ten.

Monday the Fourth. I breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Henderson's and rode down to Winkhamlee, from thence to Wellington Key & then to Shields, I went on board the Diamond, Rich<sup>d</sup> Knaggs Mas<sup>r</sup>. with whom I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Peterson's to whom I sold 2 score bolls of Malt for my Master, I had to walk as far as Simpson's Key at the high end of S<sup>o</sup> Shields before I found the Ann, M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Davison Mas<sup>r</sup>, then came to the N<sup>o</sup> side and found him at a Sailmakers Ra: Morton call'd on me & we came home together.

Tuesday the Fifth. I Clear'd the Diamond of Whitby, Rich<sup>d</sup> Knaggs Mas<sup>r</sup>: at Cust<sup>o</sup> house, my Mas<sup>r</sup> Clear'd the Betsy of Pool, Rob<sup>t</sup> Rickarby at Cust<sup>o</sup> House, I met M<sup>rs</sup> Stock & Miss Nanny Hudspeth coming from Elswick, I spent an hour at Mr W<sup>m</sup> Henderson's w<sup>th</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth's

Wednesday the Sixth. I went to W<sup>m</sup> Battison Carrier's Inn, but did not hear of his being com'd as expected to Town today, I walk'd down to Winkhamlee w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>tn</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hedley & his Bride, & Miss Cotesw<sup>th</sup>. I spent part of the eving at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth.

Thursday the Seventh. the last night has been the most Windy I ever knew one, a great deal of damage being done both upon the River & Land, the wind blew hard at flat south ab<sup>t</sup> Ten till Twelve & then shifted to the West and to the N:N:W, but no farther. my Master has two loaden Keels sunck at Shields, one of them being moored on board the Diamond M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Campion's Ship he expects to be reimburs'd the damage when known, but the other ^not^ being moor'd on board any Ship, the Damage falls upon himself, for when a Keel is Moor'd at the Staith and any damage happen her, the Owner of that Staith pays it, but if between the Staith & Ship then the Owner of the Keel, and if moor'd on board of Ship or has been & the Ship People cast her of, then the Owner of the Ship sustains the Loss; a great many ^other^ Keels are sunck also at Shields & other Places, & Trees torn up by the Roots, I had a Letter from my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson dated from Richm<sup>d</sup>. I answer'd it & went down to Winkhamlee, drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Fairlams, & went to a Concert at Six o'Clock; came home before Nine & retir'd to bed at Ten or thereabouts. I went this morning to M<sup>rs</sup> Liddles in Gateshead for Cash for a bill drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Deighton but she put me of till Tuesday next.

Friday the Eighth. I went down to Winkhamlee, and finished the Diam<sup>d</sup> of Whitby, I went to the Post Office.

Saturday the Ninth. I paid the Keelmen £12:5<sup>s</sup>:8<sup>d</sup>, I took a walk w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Stock & Miss Meuriss; and drank Tea near M<sup>r</sup> Russels factory.

Sunday the Tenth. I went to our Church both forenoon and afternoon drank at M<sup>rs</sup> Stocks & walked to the Forth, spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Grey's, w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord, M<sup>r</sup> Percival & M<sup>r</sup> Robinson.

Monday the Eleventh. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Campion breakfasted, I paid M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston for my Mas<sup>r</sup> £186:16<sup>s</sup>:8<sup>d</sup>, drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> Billy Hudspeth & spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Hendersons.

Tuesday the Twelfth. I rode down to Shields about a Keel of my Mas<sup>rs</sup> that's sunck, but only prepared against tomorrow, I came home tonight.

Wednesday the Thirteenth. I breakfasted & rode down to Shields I went over the Water and got the Men to work at weighing my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Keel, but to no purpose, tho' two of the Water Bailifs Men came to help, I spent the evening till Twelve o'Clock at M<sup>rs</sup>

Petersons, I then went with M<sup>r</sup> Nath: Campion on board the Thylo Tender w<sup>th</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>: Fall where we stay'd till past One, and then retired to bed on board the Tho<sup>s</sup> and Rich<sup>d</sup>.

Thursday the Fourteenth. We got another lift at the Keel in the morning but the Ebb being strong she canted, however I dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wallas, Carpenter at Shields, & got him to assist us, we then got the Keel Swifted & canted bottom down & brought to the shore by Six o'Clock. Jn<sup>o</sup> Dent came down a little before & bro<sup>t</sup> me a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Mas<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a Lett<sup>r</sup> which he had inclosed that the Town Clerk had sent him by order of S<sup>r</sup> Walter Blacket, Bar<sup>t</sup>, Mayor & the rest of the Magistrates, containing a Summons to the Court to lay in bail for the Keels being weigh'd, w<sup>ch</sup> is first thing of it's kind, (for a Keel) ever known, Jn<sup>o</sup> also bro<sup>t</sup> me a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Fa<sup>r</sup> that came yesterday, we cross'd the water and both rode up' on the Mayor. My watch came today by F. Warburton.

Friday the Fifteenth. I rode down to Shields, dined on board the Thomas & Richard & orderd at the Keel every utensal that had been borrow'd for the use of the Keel to be returned to it's proper Owner I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Petersons, I spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Stock's in Newcastle.

Saturday the Sixteenth. I paid the Keelmen £1:15<sup>s</sup>:4<sup>d</sup>, & the other Men for assisting at the Weighing of Mr Henderson's Keel Ten Shill<sup>s</sup> each, drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Stock's who is ill, and spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Greys.

Sunday the Seventeenth. After Breakfast, W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth & self, rode down to Shields & dined on board the Thomas & Richard of Whitby, M<sup>r</sup> Nath: Campion Mas<sup>r</sup>, we had a Russia Duck & some French salt fish taken in the Ships from them lately for part of our dinner, we drank Tea on board, & I spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Stocks.

Monday the Eighteenth. I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Stock's & spent the evening there till past Nine.

Tuesday the Nineteenth. I went down to Cullercoats between Twelve & One, drank Tea there & with M<sup>r</sup> Ord went to Shields where I did some business, I had a Letter from London from Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty this Post, & retired to bed before Eleven

Wednesday the Twentieth. I Clear'd the Two Bro<sup>rs</sup> of Newc: Tho<sup>s</sup> Lammas Mas<sup>r</sup>: & the Hannah of Whitby, Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee Mas<sup>r</sup> at Cust<sup>o</sup> & Town Houses, & the York of York, Jn<sup>o</sup>

Edmonds Mas<sup>r</sup>: at Custom House, I had a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Do: & wrote to my Father, drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Forster's and retired to bed a little past Ten.

Thursday the Twentyfirst. I took a walk with M<sup>r</sup> Hudspeth in the morning, I bo<sup>t</sup> a pair of Silver Buckles of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Langland & Gudrick & drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Ords in the afternoon.

Friday the Twenty Second. M<sup>r</sup> Nath: Campion dined at our house, I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Deighton & directed to him Linen Draper in Bucklers Berry near the Mansion House London, & inclos'd a Bill for £20:12<sup>s</sup> as a remittance (vid: Tuesday the Seventh ultimo.) I took a walk w<sup>th</sup> Billy Hudspeth on board New brigg at S<sup>t</sup> Anthons, call'd the Samuel & Martha of Yarm, M<sup>r</sup> Tolver being chief owner & M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth part. Jn<sup>o</sup> Robinson's Keel was sunk by striking against the Bridge but the Skipper (Robinson) was not in her, Saturday the Twenty Third. I got up early & went over the water to Hilgate end where the above Keel is lying, we got a light Keel & took part of the Coals out, I paid the Keelmen £20:8<sup>s</sup>:7<sup>d</sup>, got 2 Keels & slung to the sunk Keel which ^bro<sup>t</sup> her^ nearer the Shore, but (vid: Thursday Nov<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>.)

on Sunday the Twenty Fourth I found she laid badly having her Stern in the deep, so I got some of the other Skippers & took all the Coals out of her into another Keel, & I stay'd by her w<sup>th</sup> the Carpenters all the forenoon, and in the afternoon I went to her again, and also to Gateshead Church, I drank Tea & spen the evening M<sup>r</sup> Meurisses.

Monday the Twenty Sixth. I got up between five & six & call'd of M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord, who w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lionel Dixon, &c, went Greyhound coursing but killed no Hairs, we dined at M<sup>r</sup> Ords in Westgate.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth. I got up between five & Six & went down to Winkhamlee, In the afternoon I took a walk up the water side w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh. I had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Mother, & answer'd it w<sup>th</sup> an Oz: of Laud: for Sis<sup>r</sup> Hannah: I Clear'd the Sam<sup>l</sup> & Rob<sup>t</sup> of Yarm, W<sup>m</sup> Sergeant Jun<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup>, at the Cust<sup>o</sup> House, after dinner, (M<sup>r</sup> Matt<sup>w</sup> Jeferson din'd with us) I went down to Winkhamlee came home & retired to bed at Ten.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth. In the forenoon I took a walk upon the Moor & saw Lord Cha<sup>s</sup> Manner's Regim<sup>t</sup> quarter'd here review'd by L<sup>d</sup> Beuclark. I rode down to Winkhamlee after dinner, & spent the evening w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James, & retir'd to bed past Ten.

Friday the Twenty Ninth. I walk'd down to Winkhamlee early, M<sup>r</sup> Tunstall (my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Relation) of Dar'nton breakfasted at our house & I got leave from my Master to go to Yorkshire w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James tomorrow. M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gibson, ano<sup>r</sup> of my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Relations, din'd

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with us, I spent the evening with M<sup>r</sup> James at the sign of the Bird & Bush & wrote to my Father by M<sup>r</sup> Lonsdale for the Horses to meet me at Westauck L<sup>d</sup>.

Saturday y<sup>e</sup> Thirtieth. I went to the Cust<sup>o</sup> House w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Richardson but met with W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth there who did the business without my staying, I mounted one of M<sup>r</sup> James's Horses in Pilgrom street, & went to his House with him, we got Cofee at Durham.

Sunday the Thirty First & Last day. My Fa<sup>rs</sup> Lad & Horses came to West Auck L<sup>d</sup> & I mounted before dinner, I found my ??? at Richmond as well as I expected, for my Mother was purely recover'd & Sis<sup>r</sup> Hannah indiferent, Miss Smiths drank Tea.

### NOVEMBER 1756

Monday the First. Past Twelve o'Clock Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson mounted behind me, upon Fa<sup>rs</sup> Horse, & Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly on the Galloway, we rode to Yarm, where we found all well but Cous: Dolly Reed.

Tuesday the Second. We rode in the same manner to Gisb<sup>o</sup> in the forenoon, we found my Uncle but indiferent in a strain'd Arm, M<sup>r</sup> Hide the Parson sat awhile in the afternoon.

Wednesday the Third. my Uncle told me this morning that he intends me to live with him after I've serv'd my time out, and God grant I may be of Comfort to him, all my Friends & myself, we walk'd about, as into the Gardens &c &c

Thursday the Fourth. in the morning Sis<sup>rs</sup> & self return'd to Yarm; we stay'd

Friday the Fifth. it being a very stormy day, and on

Saturday the Sixth. forenoon we set forward to Richmond, we baited at the sign of the Ship by the Plantation, I went down street with my Mother after we got home & saw Friends Old M<sup>r</sup> Allen is ill of a very sore Leg.

Sunday the Seventh. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, Betty Coats ^& M<sup>r</sup> Allen Jun<sup>r</sup>^ drank Tea.

Monday the Eighth. I got up at five call'd of the Lad Will, & was upon Horse back before Six, we rode through Gilling, Melsenby, Aldbrough, Persbridge, past Walworth (Esq<sup>re</sup> Jennisens seat], Heighinton, Redworth, & Elsdon, & through Kirk Merrinton to the top of the Hill at ^the^ S<sup>o</sup> end of Sunderland Bridge, where we stopt an hour, and then proceeded through Durham & Chester to Newcastle where we arriv'd about five o'Clock after over 44 Miles or thereab<sup>ts</sup> Journey, my Master was well,

Tuesday the Ninth. I got ^up^ before Six & set Will: away with the Horses, I having left my Keys at Richm<sup>d</sup> could do little, I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Hendersons.

Wednesday the Tenth. I got a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Deighton of Lond<sup>o</sup> at Miss Surtees shop, & wrote one to Richm<sup>d</sup> this being King George the 2<sup>d</sup> birthday when he enters into the 74<sup>th</sup> Year of his Age, his 58<sup>th</sup> Regm<sup>t</sup> of foot commanded by Lord Cha<sup>s</sup> Manners fired upon the Sandhill at Twelve o'Clock, I spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths,

Thursday the Eleventh. Memo: on Tuesday last I clear'd the Edw<sup>d</sup> of Scarb<sup>o</sup>, Cap<sup>n</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell, at Cust<sup>o</sup> & Town Ho<sup>se</sup>, after dinner today I took a walk with Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord into the Country, & spent the evening with him at M<sup>rs</sup> Greys,

Friday the Twelvth. I got my Keys (vid Tuesday last) from Richmond by way of West Auckland, and spent some time upstairs, I drank Tea & spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Henderson's

Saturday the Thirteenth. I wrote several of the foregoing days the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> and after dinner paid the Keelmen £14:12<sup>s</sup>:2<sup>d</sup> and then business for myself as writing &c I bo<sup>t</sup> a pair of New Leath<sup>r</sup> Breach<sup>s</sup> of Isaac Mills in the Castle Garth vid his Rec<sup>t</sup> dated this day in a New Pock<sup>t</sup> Book, I spent part of the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Forsters,

Sunday the Fourteenth. I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon & to the New Meeting in the evening where I heard the Noted Lowthian Lecture on keeping the Sabbath, I drank Tea and spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths

Monday the Fifteenth. M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hillam mas<sup>r</sup> of the Fortune of Yarm<sup>o</sup>: came to Clear at Cust<sup>o</sup> & Town Houses he dined at our house, I wrote in the Reckoning Book & drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Forsters,

Tuesday the Sixteenth. I overhall'd the Carpenters Note, and found it pretty right, it was Will<sup>m</sup> Charlton's M<sup>r</sup> Jos: Tipple, Mas<sup>r</sup> of the William & Mary of Lond<sup>o</sup> din'd at our house, I drank Tea & spent y<sup>e</sup>: even<sup>g</sup> at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths

Wednesday the Seventeenth. I had a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly, I answer'd it & sent a Box of my Cloths home, I went to M<sup>r</sup> Pawson's Office an hour or two & played in the evening at our house upon the Checkers with W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth

Thursday the Eighteenth. I carried my Mas<sup>rs</sup> last weeks Vend of Coals to M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston's Office, on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> last, I settled an Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sam<sup>l</sup> Campion, own<sup>r</sup> of the Triton of Whitby, at the sign of the Ship (Vigilant) in the Milk Markett Sandgate, when I paid him a Ball<sup>ce</sup> of the Acco<sup>t</sup> of £5:0<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> he gave me a Receipt for, but wrong worded it, calling it for short measure instead of Ball<sup>ce</sup> of an

Acco<sup>t</sup>, I propose to settle this more to my Master & my own satisfaction when I see M<sup>r</sup> Campion; I got some Apples from on board M<sup>r</sup> Tipple, I went to the Close in the afternoon & settled with M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pawson for a Boat (vid: Journal Lett: E, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1756) and spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Greys

Friday the Nineteenth. I copied some Master's Acco<sup>ts</sup> into the Reckoning Book,. Jos Tipple dined at our House, I took a walk in the afternoon as far as Elswick fields w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ord &c &c, and spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Forsters,

Saturday the Twentieth. I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth's in the afternoon, but stirr'd very little out all day for a sore Eye

Sunday the Twenty First. I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Henderson's,

Monday the Twenty Second. In the afternoon I went out w<sup>th</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth with our Guns (I'd my Mas<sup>rs</sup>) I drank Tea at their House & spent the evening there,

Tuesday the Twenty Third. this day ^7 Seven years^ my Indentures were dated Old Stile, I took a walk out with the Gun twice, & ^in the^ afternoon I walk'd w<sup>th</sup> Ja: Cole, Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord &c, past Park House, & stay'd in Gateshead till the evening, ^when^ I wrote a few lines to Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly & left 'em **for en**

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth. I got up early, breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Ord's & walk'd w<sup>th</sup> Thomas & M<sup>r</sup> Allen Robinson to Marley Hill to M<sup>r</sup> ^Jn<sup>o</sup>^ Seaton's, who went out with us a Greyhound Coursing & Gunning. M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Seaton of Gibside came to us, & we ran a lease of Hairs but it being too hard for the Dogs killed none, we went w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Seaton to Gibside where we din'd & sat till eight o'Clock, then to Marley Hill with Jn<sup>o</sup> Seaton & to bed,

Thursday the Twenty Fifth. M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Seaton walk'd to Town with us, I wrote a good deal in my Mas<sup>rs</sup> books, drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Meuriss's & spent an hour or two w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James, who bro<sup>t</sup> me a pair of Stockings for myself & another for W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth w<sup>th</sup> a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly from Richmond.

Friday the Twenty Sixth. I wrote to Sister Do: by M<sup>r</sup> James who I din'd with, I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Forster's & sat at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh. I got up early & rode down to Shields, breakfasted at M<sup>rs</sup> Petersons, & made a bargain w<sup>th</sup> her for some Malt, vide a Memorandum book in my Pocket Letter Case, & I was at Newcastle about Eleven o'Clock, I did business in the afternoon in the Office.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth. I went to our Church both forenoon & afternoon, wrote to Cap<sup>n</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Ward of the York Indiaman now taken up by the Company, I drank Tea and spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths.

Monday the Twenty Ninth. I copied a great deal out of my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Cashbook into that I keep,

Tuesday the Thirtieth and last Day. I copied a great deal of the Cash book and drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Tindell's

## DECEMBER 1756

Wednesday the First. I had a Letter from Fa<sup>r</sup> & another from Sis<sup>r</sup> Do: w<sup>ch</sup> last I answer'd, I drank Tea & spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths

Thursday the Second. I got up early & took a long walk by Jasmond & home by the Town Moor. I copied a great deal into the Cash book, drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth's & went with M<sup>r</sup> William to the Concert, where Sir Ra: Milbank & his Lady was,

Friday the Third. I got up early & went with M<sup>r</sup> Ord to Marley Hill where we dined & supt, we were out forenoon & afternoon w<sup>th</sup> the Greyhounds but only saw two Hair's one of which we killed, we walked home & I retired to bed a little after Ten, very weary

Saturday the Fourth. This day my Seventh Years Bond expires allowing the Eleven days also, for the alteration of the Stile in 1752, I went with M<sup>r</sup> Ord to M<sup>r</sup> Winds in Pilgrom street & bespoke a Supper for Seven of my Acquaintances against Monday night first, I finish'd copying out of my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Cash book into that I keep. I walk'd to Elswick with the two Miss Hudspeths & Miss Meuris, where we drank Tea, this is my foye? with them.

Sunday the Fifth. I went to our Church in the forenoon, din'd & drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Ord's in Westgate & went to S<sup>t</sup> John's Church I supt at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth's,

Monday the Sixth. I got several odd things that I'm desir'd to carry home, my Mas<sup>r</sup> or M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson & I din'd at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth's where we had a Pheasant for one Dish, in the evening past five o'Clock, I went to Mr Winds Innkeeper in Pilgrom street, w<sup>th</sup> Seven of my acquaintances, Namely M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth, Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord, Allan Robinson, Alex<sup>r</sup> Adams, Jn<sup>o</sup> Percival, W<sup>m</sup> Addison, & Ra: Morton, where we supt upon a Hair, Veal stakes, & an Apple Pye, we parted a little past Ten, & I retired to bed before Eleven.

Tuesday the Seventh. I had a very indifferant night last night in the Heart burn, tho' was not in Liqueur, I went to M<sup>r</sup> Winds & paid him £1:2<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> for my Treat last night & to the Servant a Shilling. I finish'd all my Mas<sup>rs</sup> Books today, M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeth & Misses dined at our House, & I drank Tea there w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> only & spent the Evening.

Wednesday the Eighth. I Pack'd up all my Cloths & got them to the Carriers, I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Meuriss's and had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Fa<sup>r</sup> with his **H ?? by** Thomas Warburton M<sup>r</sup> James's Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Thursday the Ninth I took my leave of Newcastle ab<sup>t</sup> Ten accompanied by M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord to Durham where we dined at Jos: Hays's w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wilson who we overtook in riding to Durham I parted with Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord & Tho<sup>s</sup> Wilson at Sunderland Bridge they were going to Chilton w<sup>th</sup> one Hardcastle of Knasbr<sup>o</sup> who was going there & din'd w<sup>th</sup> us. I got well to West Auck L<sup>d</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> Six o'Clock where I stay'd till Saturday evening the Eleventh, when I rode to Cous<sup>n</sup> Peases of Darnton where I found Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly & was to have carried her to Richm<sup>d</sup> but my Mo<sup>r</sup> had given her leave by Lett<sup>r</sup> to stay ano<sup>r</sup> week. I went to Church on Sunday forenoon & to Richm<sup>d</sup> in the afternoon where I found Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & Cousin Matty Reed upon a visit, Sis<sup>r</sup> Hannah was but Poorly.

Wednesday the Fifteenth. I rode down to Cous<sup>n</sup> Pybuss's of Thirsk Cous<sup>n</sup> Rachel is at Bridlington to stay the Winter, on Thursday I saw all the old Neighb<sup>rs</sup> and in the evening I went w<sup>th</sup> Cous<sup>n</sup> Pybuss to M<sup>r</sup> Preston's a Leeds Gentleman who married Miss Kilvington of Thirsk (ab<sup>t</sup> 3 Mo<sup>s</sup> since] and stay'd till Ten o'Clock, several Persons call'd at M<sup>r</sup> Pybuss's being at York show of Horses, on

Friday the Seventeenth. I set out from Thirsk to Darn'ton where I reach'd past 2 o'Clock. I called but did not light at N: Allerton at M<sup>rs</sup> Wilsons. Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly & Cous<sup>n</sup> Bell Pease & self drank Tea at Cous<sup>n</sup> Stephensons & spent the evening,

Saturday the Eighteenth. after dinner M<sup>r</sup> & Miss Pease set us to Stapleton Ferry where Dolly & I cros'd over in the Boat & the Horse, we got home ab<sup>t</sup> five.

Tuesday the Twenty First. I rode to M<sup>r</sup> Forsters of Russwick (ab<sup>t</sup> 8 Miles S<sup>o</sup> of Richmond) at the instance of M<sup>r</sup> Forster of NewC. I return'd to Richm<sup>d</sup> that night, Saturday the Twenty Fifth. being Christmas Day went to Church forenoon & afternoon, Cous<sup>n</sup> Fran<sup>s</sup> Allen & ^B:^ Coats din'd at our Ho<sup>se</sup> & my Mo<sup>r</sup> had a L: from **F:P. that my U: R:** was not quite well, Cous<sup>n</sup> Reed was sent for to Yarm on acco<sup>t</sup> of Cous Dolly Reeds being ill, so I accompani'd her to Yarm on Sunday; we chang'd Horses w<sup>th</sup> the Messeng<sup>r</sup> near Nesham.

Ralph Jackson's diary (Book F), Newcastle/Guisborough, Sept 1756 – Oct 1757

Monday the Twenty Seventh. I parted w<sup>th</sup> Friends at Yarm & din'd with my Uncle at Gisbrough, & W<sup>m</sup> White Husbandman at Grange, my Uncle was a great deal better than he had been, I had a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Addison & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> last I answer'd on Saturday;

Friday the Thirty First. I wrote to my Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo:

## JANUARY 1757

Saturday the First. I went to Church, on Sunday the Sec<sup>d</sup>, my uncle went w<sup>th</sup> me in the forenoon but I went alone in the afternoon,

Monday the Third. Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick & self set ^out^ about Seven & rode to the Grange where we saw the oxon & sheep feeding places, which was very entertaining, we went into W<sup>m</sup> Whites house, & got some Goosepye it being Xmas time, then went to Boulby Allom works, where we found M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson of Staithes, w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, (M<sup>r</sup> Bakers Stewart) Nath: Campion & Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee went a Greyh<sup>d</sup> Coursing w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, but we proceeded to Staiths w<sup>th</sup> Cous<sup>n</sup> Jeferson, Tho<sup>s</sup> dined & return'd home but I, by my Uncle's permission stay'd all night — we play'd at Cards

Tuesday the Fourth. M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson & I din'd w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wardel at Boulby, & I return'd to Gisb<sup>o</sup> that afternoon, call'd at the Grange in my Road

Wednesday the Fifth. I answer'd M<sup>r</sup> Addison of Newcastle's Lett<sup>r</sup> (vid: 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>;) & wrote to W<sup>m</sup> Henderson of Newcastle. this evening my Fa<sup>rs</sup> lad came upon the Galloway & carried his Horse home on

Thursday the Fouth. Tho<sup>s</sup> Day Joiner came & set some locks on ^some of^ the Drawers & Desk in the Gun Closet.

Sunday the Ninth. being the Second Sunday in the Month was a Silent Sunday (as they are call'd at Gisb<sup>o</sup>) and therefore I read the Lessons Epistle & Gospel & a Sermon of Tilletson's to my Uncle in the little parlour, in the evening M<sup>r</sup> Jackson up street & two other Parish off<sup>rs</sup> came to my Uncle ab<sup>t</sup> business & sat till Seven o'Clock.

Monday the Tenth. I shav'd James & he shav'd me by way of learning ourselves, this being the first time we either of us shav'd any body, the Wind blows hard at S<sup>o</sup> & continues a strong frost as it has done for above a week successively, on Friday my Uncle gave Richard Walker of Gisb<sup>o</sup> 13 Guineas for a strong Brown Mair for his own riding, she's now rising Six years old. Mr Meaburn din'd at our House,

Tuesday the Eleventh. about Seven o'Clock Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick & self set forw<sup>d</sup> for Whitby, we call'd at the Grange but did not light, we also call'd at Boulby, dined at Staiths but M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson went early in the morning, we got to Cousin Peases ab<sup>t</sup> four o'Clock, Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease Jun<sup>r</sup> (of Darn'ton) came ab<sup>t</sup> an hour after, Thomey supt with us.

Wednesday the Twelfth. Thomey & I walk'd upon the Peer I breakfasted at Cous<sup>n</sup> Peases, & Thomey & self went to seven Mas<sup>rs</sup> of Ships Houses that my Uncle is concern'd w<sup>th</sup>, & went to the Dock where Samuel Campion's Ship Triton was repairing, after dinner I went with M<sup>r</sup> Pease & his Son John &c to the Cust<sup>o</sup> House where there was a Sale of Goods as Brandy Geneva & Tea, in the evening we went to Watkin's Innkeeper, & spent the evening with M<sup>r</sup> Pecwith Traveller for one Fallowfield of Hull, there were several others there, as, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell attorney, M<sup>r</sup> Burgh Coll<sup>r</sup> of the Customs at Whitby & M<sup>r</sup> Plummer Shopkeep<sup>r</sup> &c, we did not part till very near Two in the morning

of Thursday the Thirteenth M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson of Staiths breakfasted w<sup>th</sup> us at Cousin Peases, & then he with Thomey & I set out for Gisb<sup>o</sup> where we arrived ab<sup>t</sup> Three o'Clock, we din'd at Staiths and call'd at both Boulby works & the Grange, I rode home upon the Mair my Uncle bought (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> vid: Monday the 10.) for his own riding. I like her pretty well; M<sup>r</sup> Pease gave me Twenty One Pounds, 4<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> for my uncle which I gave him in the morning of

Friday the Fourteenth. I gave my uncle yesterday a Lett<sup>r</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Pease & read a Sermon by A: B: Synge, the Justices of the Peace met yesterday, it has been a most remarkable Stormey night for I'm told it Snew & Blew all night & is extreemly Stormy ^as ever I remember^ this morning, still continuing all night the Wind to the Southward of the East, I read a good deal to my Uncle in the evening as I do almost every night, the Air is much milder & seems inclinable to Thaw.

January the Fifteenth Saturday. it Snows & blows hard again, this morning, I wrote ^a Lett<sup>r</sup>^ to my Mother, to be ready for M<sup>r</sup> Pease of Darn'ton tomorrow, James ^Bird^ bro<sup>t</sup> me a Lett<sup>r</sup> this evening from my Mo<sup>r</sup> with some Cloths &c, he sat with my uncle & I, till almost Nine when it Snows fast

Sunday the Sixteenth. I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon but my uncle only in the forenoon, my Cousin Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Dar'nton dined with us in his Road from Whitby (vid Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Inst.) we had a Chinese Goose to dinner, I read to my uncle in some

small books wrote by Edw<sup>d</sup> Synge, a Bishop of Tuam in Ireland, a good deal of Snow fell in the afternoon

Monday the Seventeenth. We have as Stormy a morning as any yet, it blows excessive Hard & tho' no Snow falls, the wind blows it up so, that it is severe Cold and drifts, the Wind at ab<sup>t</sup> S:W: I am told that wheat is at Richmond 7<sup>s</sup> a Bushel and the best sells at Gisb<sup>o</sup> for 6<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> per Bush. I wrote a Lett<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Squires of North Allerton for Marg<sup>t</sup> Lincoln at the instance of Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick, she sign'd it.

Tuesday the Eighteenth. After breakfast I took a walk with Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick to the Church Yard but as the Snow is frozen yet cou'd not read the Inscription of my Grand Father's &c &c Tomb Stone, we also went over street to see Jn<sup>o</sup> Reed who being seiz'd w<sup>th</sup> something of the Palsy last night is but poorly. Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick & self took a walk to Stack Garth also where Jack was getting in a Dess of Hay, after dinner my Uncle read me the Acco<sup>t</sup> of his Journey into Scotland, w<sup>th</sup> one Rowl<sup>d</sup> Bulmer, the former, (my uncle) set out with from Gisb<sup>o</sup> April 28<sup>th</sup> 1713, & return'd to it again 9<sup>th</sup> June after, but the latter (Bulmer) was called on in the Road, I think beyond Newcastle, NB. they went on to the Orkney Islands for Kelp also, this Rehearsal was extreemly entertaining, he also read me a Letter from Cous<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gansel, Coll<sup>l</sup> in the Guards. I read the News Papers to him, my Uncle.

Wednesday the Nineteenth. I fill'd up a Three year's Protection for Geo: Collyear Son of Geo: Collyear of Kirkleatham Butcher, who has bound himself for that time to Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson of Staiths; viz: I inserted in the Margin a Description of his Age, Person, Complexion, & that he had not been at Sea before in the evening I read to my Uncle part of a Treatise of the Inquisition, by John Coustos once a Prisoner, it thawed a good deal both last night & today,

Thursday the Twentieth. I was call'd up about Six, & about an hour after I set forward for Boulby (my Uncle was downstairs before I mounted) where arriving I went up from the Allom House to the works with Thomas Allon, I suppose a distant Relation, I went down & din'd at Staiths about two hours after, then called ^& stay'd^ above an hour at Grainge in my Road to Gisb<sup>o</sup> where I arriv'd before five, I ended the Treatise of the Court of the Inquisition yesterday evening, a most Horrid Court indeed, M<sup>r</sup> Wardel's Boy laid here tonight in his way to M<sup>r</sup> Bakers of Elimore Hall, who on Saturday enters into the [blank] Year of his Age, the Lad carried two Pheasants from Brotton.

Friday the Twenty First. After breakfast my uncle said I might go to Grange & Boulby, w<sup>ch</sup> I did, & got home between five & Six. This day an Ox for Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee was pitch'd on, I read a small book to my Uncle and retired to bed before Ten.

Saturday the Twenty Second. This forenoon I mix'd the Ingredients for making a Quart of Ink, my Uncle bro<sup>t</sup> me out of his Closet the Life &c of Pope Sixtus the 5<sup>th</sup> & Cockburn's Travels in the West Indies ^&c^ part of which I read to my Uncle in the evening,

Sunday the Twenty Third. W<sup>m</sup> White my Uncles Husbandman at the Grainge came this morning. I walk'd over to see Cous<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Reed, who is very ill in an enflamed Leg, I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon, my Uncle only went in the forenoon, & dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Chalons; I had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Father, with one inclos'd from M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jeferson my last Master at Newcastle, w<sup>ch</sup> he had directed for me at my Fathers, this Letter, recommended one Ben:<sup>a</sup> Heslop, late apprentice to a Surgeon in Newc, that I might write to my Brother to befriend him in a Place on board a Ship of War, viz: as a Surgeon or Surgeon's Mate &c. I continued to read to my Uncle in the evening, Jn<sup>o</sup> Cockburns Travels

Monday the Twenty Fourth. My late Master M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson's Letter yesterday informd me of my last Guild being called in Court, last Monday. I went to the Market once or twice today, M<sup>r</sup> Preston Attorney in Stoxley dined with us, Jn<sup>o</sup> Aysley, Plumber?? sat a while with us, & then I read

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth. yesterday I saw Tho<sup>s</sup> Lythe of Yarm & enquir'd after Friends there; Tho<sup>s</sup> Day came & wrought a little this forenoon I wrote to my Bro<sup>r</sup>, & to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jeferson my late Mas<sup>r</sup> at Newcastle, the latter recommended a young man to my Bro<sup>rs</sup> favour, tho' I was write to him, after dinner I rode to Grange where I stay'd very little, but went to Boulby where I laid in a bed my Uncle has there

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth. In the morning Jn<sup>o</sup> Nicholson Butch<sup>r</sup> Stabed an Ox, in the Spinel Marrow w<sup>ch</sup> lays ^a little^ under the Skin in the upper side of the Neck, ab<sup>t</sup> three Inches behind the Horns, when the beast immediately dropt down dead; He had 16<sup>stos</sup>:10<sup>lb</sup> of Tallow in him & his 4 Quar<sup>rs</sup> weigh'd 94:12: his Hide 7<sup>Sto</sup> odd; & tho' thus heavy was look'd on as the lightest Beast had out of Eight except one, Seven of them are yet feeding, when the Beast was killed I found an Iron Nail in his Maw w<sup>ch</sup> is the last bag the food goes through, after dinner I went down to Staiths & drank Tea with Cous<sup>n</sup> Jefersons in the evening (before Dark) I went to the Allom works & laid as last night.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh. the above ox was cut up, and Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee of Staiths paid me 13<sup>£</sup>:17<sup>s</sup>:10<sup>d</sup> besides 2 Shill<sup>s</sup> for the Head and Heart for him, W<sup>m</sup> White happened the Misfortune to cut the Top of his foot with the Bill, or Chopping knife, my Uncle's Serv<sup>t</sup> Jack (who came for a piece of Beef of 31 Pound weight) and I came home in the evening.

Friday the Twenty Eighth. I set out from Gisb<sup>o</sup> a little after Seven & rode to the Grange where I found W<sup>m</sup> White's leg but badly, I then rode down to the Allom works, & from thence to Staiths where I dined, & returned in the afternoon, my Uncle I suppose went to the Sign of the Cock to a Tripe Feast at 3 o'Clock, he did not come home till past Nine.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth. In the morning about Eight it Snows fast, & has done some times last night so that now there is a great deal of Snow including Drifts on the Ground, for tho' we had slight Thaws, that is a night at once, yet except those slight Thaws I do not remember a longer Frost (or indeed Storm) for it has lasted now about a month, I've observ'd that ^upon^ the Wind's shifting from the S<sup>o</sup> (w<sup>ch</sup> is as we've had it most of the Time) to the N:W — or thereabouts, then it Thaws, & freezes upon it's returning to the Southward, Two Beast were drove to the Grange this afternoon by Jack; Jn<sup>o</sup> Porritt paid his half years Rent due Mich<sup>s</sup> last, being £7:10<sup>s</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wardell dined in his road from Esq<sup>re</sup> Bakers of Elymore, to Boulby Allom works, & D<sup>r</sup> Proddy sat an hour or two, most of the Discourse was ab<sup>t</sup> Screw Cawkers for Horses Shoes, that must screw in the Heels of the Shoes on Occasion and also about Screws to fasten upon a Man's shoe in frost. Sunday the Thirtieth. I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon but my Uncle only in the forenoon, it continues a frost.

Monday the Thirty First & Last. I stich'd the little books that contain an abstract of a form of Prayer to be used on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> vid: that day, after dinner I went to the Markett & to see Cous: Jn<sup>o</sup> Reed who is very ill in a sore Leg, the inflammation is called a s<sup>nt</sup> Anthony's fire I also stepped down to the Factory, and sat half an hour with M<sup>r</sup> Fox — a great deal of Snow fell in the two last nights, and

## **FEBRUARY 1757**

Tuesday the First. It freezes excessive hard, & has done all night, I read a good deal in the forenoon, & in the evening I read to my Uncle, this afternoon I received a Letter f<sup>m</sup> my Brother wherein he informs ^me^ of his having placed Benj<sup>a</sup> Heslop late of Newc,

Surg<sup>n</sup> on board one of his Maj<sup>s</sup> Ships of War (the Ferrett) (vide the 25<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>) I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson mention'd in that Page, & also to my Mother by Yarm, sending ^it by^ Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird her Serv<sup>t</sup> thither; my Bro<sup>r</sup> tells me that Adm<sup>l</sup> Byng is Sentenced to be Shot, but recommended to his Maj<sup>s</sup> Mercy, w<sup>ch</sup> greatly ofends & affects the ^good^ old King, the Court Martial find him Guilty by the 12<sup>th</sup> Art: of war made in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> of his present Majesty, but don't find him guilty of Cowardice or Disafection therein mentioned, so that it must be Negligence ^or an Error in Judgment^ in not going down to engage the Enemy

Wednesday the Second. I shot a Snipe, and measured the Snow that has fallen in a few days lately part today, & found it 7 inches thick. I read a good deal, & to my Uncle at Even.

Thursday the Third. In the morning I rode to Grange, stay'd at W<sup>m</sup> White's (the hind) ab<sup>t</sup> an Hour. I look'd at the Beasts also, & went down to Boulby from thence to Staiths, where I dined at Cous<sup>n</sup> Jefersons, it was near Six when I came home

Friday the Fourth. It is this morning excessive Cold, being a hard frost attending w<sup>th</sup> a thick haze as it was yesterday, when in coming I was benum'd with the Cold in the first Joint of all my fingers, & they this morning feel num, I made great part of a pair of Garters (i.e. Buckel Garters) this afternoon the Wind has rose to a great hight at S:W: w<sup>ch</sup> occasions the Snow to be drifted it being light by the Frosts, & was ab<sup>t</sup> 7 inches thick upon a level (as appears by the Top of the opposite Page)

Saturday the Fifth. It continues to Blow as hard as yesterday but the Snow is sadened a good deal, for it rather thaws, I measur'd a Snow drift in the back Lane w<sup>ch</sup> is 6 feet & a half deep, Jn<sup>o</sup> Johnson the Stockton Carrier told me this morning that his Horses went over the Ice upon the Tees at Stockton yesterday, I took a walk w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick into the Town,

Sunday the Sixth. I went to Church this day the Wind blows hard at S,S:W, and a great deal of Snow is desolv'd, for it rains very hard some times, my Uncle complains of pain in his knees, w<sup>ch</sup> was at first (viz: ab<sup>t</sup> 2 days since) in his Hip

Monday the Seventh. M<sup>r</sup> Preston of Stockton Attorney & the Ex<sup>rs</sup> of Rob<sup>t</sup> Davison Merch<sup>t</sup> at Stockton, came & paid my Uncle a Mortgage of the Estate left by the above R: Davison, they dined & after dinner - Conset Esq<sup>re</sup> of Normanby paid my Uncle also some Interest

Tuesday the Eighth. My Uncle is but very poorly having the Gout in his left Ankle, this day I wrote a Codicil to be annex'd to Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswicks will dated Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1756, this Codicil is dated this day & signed by Alex<sup>r</sup> Pulman & myself as Witnesses to Thomeys own signing, after dinner I went with Thomey to his Sis<sup>r</sup> Marg<sup>t</sup> Postgate's who is badly, my Uncle went soon to bed.

Wednesday the Ninth. The Weather has been very soft since Saturday last attended w<sup>th</sup> Winds at ab<sup>t</sup> S.W. and Rains w<sup>ch</sup> has wasted the Snow greatly none being seen but in drifts, tho' this last night has been a Frost & the Wind has got to the N:W: a little before dinner M<sup>r</sup> ^Jn<sup>o</sup>^ Jeferson of Steaths — M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Campion & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wardell came & stay'd all night my Uncle sat up till past Ten & drank Punch pretty freely, w<sup>ch</sup> I attribute to his Sleeping so well, for on

Thursday morning the Tenth he said he had not slept better for some years, I observed he sweet much last night (while up) and tho' he's lamer in his foot this morning, yet is easier every where else, w<sup>ch</sup> I attribute to the drink's having **fiot??** it there, after the above went away; at Ten o'Clock; I went into the School that my Grandmother founded w<sup>ch</sup> my Uncle keeps up still, and deliver'd among the ^35^ Children ^35^ small books, that contain a Form of Prayer that's to be used tomorrow — for

Friday the Eleventh being appointed a day of Fasting & Humiliation; to implore the Blessing of God on his Majisties Fleets & Armies against the French whom England is now at War with I went to Church both forenoon and afternoon; eat nothing till a little before three neither my Uncle till then, tho' I intended to eat nothing after even Prayer but my Uncle chose, who is in the little or Sick Parlour, ill of the Gout, and as he cannot get up stairs to bed, but with the greatest fatigue, laid there in the night, —

Saturday the Twelfth. I set forw<sup>d</sup> to Staiths at Seven o'Clock, where I dined and W<sup>m</sup> White return'd with me in the evening according to my Uncle's desire, the roads are so drifted by the Snow & Wind that I was oblig'd to go in the inside great part of the way about Nine o'Clock Tho<sup>s</sup> Jackson a Servant at the Grange came from thence to acq<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> White that his wife's father is dead, they both return'd to night or I believe my Uncle wou'd have sent W<sup>m</sup> to N<sup>o</sup>: Allerton to buy a Pair or two of half fat Beasts for Summer feeding, on Monday when the Fair is held as old Candlemas day falls

Sunday the Thirteenth. It being a silent Sunday I read the lessons to my Uncle who has not been out of the little parlour & the Gout has got into one of his fingers, after I wrote to my Mother, in answ<sup>r</sup> to a Lett<sup>r</sup> ^my Uncle^ rec<sup>d</sup> f<sup>m</sup> Fa<sup>r</sup> last Post

Monday the Fourteenth. My Uncle continues ill, I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Linskill Esq<sup>re</sup> Justice of the Peace at Whitby, my Uncle sign'd it, requesting a Certificate for Jn<sup>o</sup> Galilee, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell & M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Campion came to our House, the former dined, but the latter proceeded for Newc, M<sup>r</sup> Fox sat awhile at our House, being sent for on Mr Wardells Acco<sup>t</sup>.

Tuesday the Fifteenth. M<sup>r</sup> Matthews & M<sup>r</sup> Howlett of Stoxley called in their road to Whitby, my Uncle gave M<sup>r</sup> Howlett £400 in part of a bill for £500, the other £100 he'll pay on Monday next, this day my Uncle got up Stairs twice, but had a bad night,

Wednesday the Sixteenth. The Wind N:W: & is a fine day, my Uncle had but a bad night tho'

Thursday the Seventeenth he got up stairs twice, but thought himself worse for it, M<sup>r</sup> Hide & M<sup>r</sup> Proddy sat an hour or two in the afternoon, my Uncle took Uncle Jos's Sweat, 40 Grains at 6 o'Clock, he laid in bed in Blankets without Sheets, & drank small Punch, (or small bear sweatned w<sup>th</sup> course Sug<sup>r</sup> wou'd have done) four times, allowing little more than half an hour for an Interval, tho' shou'd a' been a full Hour a Gill at a time, w<sup>ch</sup> was a quart in all, He had but an indiferent night, but on

Friday the Eighteenth was a great deal easier, I walk out once or twice today, & sat beside my Uncle, who is a most usefull & entertaining Companion; he some times speaking of Man & his own Infirmities, says —

“Like Apes we toy, till Twenty & one,

“As bold as Lions, till Forty is done,

“As Cuning as Foxes, till Three score & Ten

“Afterwards Asses, & no more as Men”

Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Staiths &<sup>c</sup> today, and on

Saturday the Nineteenth he went to Stoxley, this day my Uncle got up stairs & staid till ab<sup>t</sup> Noon, when Nath: Campion call'd in his road from Newc, he tells me my late Master M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson's maid Jane was married last Thursday, I read a good deal of the Life of Pope Sixtus the Fifth, D<sup>r</sup> Proddy sat great part of the afternoon —

Sunday the Twentieth. my Uncle continues much the same, the Wind has blown hard today at S:W. after I came from Church in the afternoon, I found Mr Maddison Attorney of Stockton, with my Uncle, he sat till near Seven o'Clock, I had a Lett from my Mother today, w<sup>ch</sup> gives me hopes of her & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson ^being^ here soon. Monday the Twenty First. I rode to Boulby early, but the Butcher had killed one of the Beast, but the other

that's for M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson I saw kill'd, the former weigh'd 92<sup>sto</sup> 1<sup>lb</sup> the latter 104<sup>sto</sup> 3<sup>lb</sup>, the former had 15<sup>sto</sup> Tallow, & the latter 17<sup>sto</sup> 4<sup>lb</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup> Nickolson killed them but I did not pay him as my Uncle told me I need not for he wou'd reckon w<sup>th</sup> him afterw<sup>ds</sup> this afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, M<sup>r</sup> Campion & M<sup>r</sup> Hollfield (who dined w<sup>th</sup> us] & self went to Staiths & drank Tea, we stay'd till about Six

Tuesday the Twenty Second. the Beasts were weigh'd as above after being cut up, I returned to Gisb<sup>o</sup> arriving ab<sup>t</sup> 3 o'Clock for I did not stay to dine at Boulby we (Jack & I) called at Grainge & he bro<sup>t</sup> some Eggs along with 3<sup>sto</sup> 2<sup>lb</sup> of Beef my Uncle is better

Wednesday the Twenty Third. My Uncle is better today having been twice up stairs w<sup>th</sup> little trouble to him.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth. My Uncle is rather worse I think today & attribute to his ^having^ done too much yesterday tho' he this day got up stairs, after dinner I dug in the Oarcherd.

Friday the Twenty fifth. My Uncle is a good deal better, I dugg in the Oarchard, & took a walk into the Ground, my Uncle shew'd me a Copy of a Letter that he had by the Post in 1726, dated Octo<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1726 but no Town mentined it was sign'd - Pottowske, advising him that his Life was to be taken before Christ<sup>mas</sup> - but this he is persuaded was only a Scheme of the Duchess of Buckingham's & M<sup>r</sup> Moor's who at that time were his professed Enimies<sup>1</sup> the Wind has blown very hard these four days at S:W. and W.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth. My Uncle is rather better today, & about Ten o'Clock I rode to Boulby & called at the Grainge but got home before Five, One of our Cows happen'd a misfortune in one of her Paps, my Uncle told me that Jn<sup>o</sup> Scafe of Wilton a Husbandman ^or rather a Farmer^ died yesterday

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<sup>1</sup> due to a dispute between them and Ralph Ward's brother over the Sandsend alum works

Sunday the Twenty Seventh. W<sup>m</sup> White came here this morning according to my Uncle's orders by me yesterday he stay'd till the evening, I went to Church  
Monday the Twenty Eighth & Last. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell came & dined, he bro<sup>t</sup> a Book Treating of Husbandry by Edw<sup>d</sup> Lisle Esq<sup>re</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I began to read to my Uncle, today I went up street & treated w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jackson for a firkin of Butter for my Bro<sup>r</sup> it is to be 1<sup>£</sup>:2<sup>s</sup>, & is gone to Lond<sup>o</sup> in the W<sup>m</sup> & Tho<sup>s</sup>, Tho<sup>s</sup> Eden Mas<sup>r</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> Ship deliv<sup>s</sup> at Cotton Warph, I carried 20<sup>£</sup> odd money to M<sup>r</sup> Fox at the factory, w<sup>ch</sup> my Uncle receiv'd from W<sup>y</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Pease.

### MARCH 1757

Tuesday the First. My Uncle is rather worse, I continued to read to him, vid: yesterday, this day Mary Postgate came to see her Mo<sup>r</sup> who is ill, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson has thought of her going to Lond<sup>o</sup> w<sup>th</sup> her, She brought me a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Mother, ^she^ making some allegations at going to Dar'nton I wrote this Post in answ<sup>r</sup> to that Lett<sup>r</sup> as my Mo<sup>r</sup> writes for me to borrow ^10 Pounds^ of Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick.

Wednesday the Second. I read as on Monday, my Uncle is better today, having had a good Night, and finds that Steeping his feet in warm water w<sup>th</sup> Salt in it ^is^ good, yesterday I copied Jenkins's Epitaph & a Story that's related ab<sup>t</sup> him, w<sup>ch</sup> my Uncle Ra: intends to send to my Un: Jos<sup>a</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a Print of that old man, that died 169 y<sup>rs</sup> old.

Thursday the Third. I read to my Uncle who is better as on Monday, we boxed a framed Picture of old Jenkins to Cous<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gansel, I receiv'd £10 of Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick (viz: borrow'd as desir'd by the lett<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> for my Mother) & gave him my Prom<sup>ty</sup> Note for it & interest at 4<sup>£</sup> per Cent per ann: on demand I wrote a Lett<sup>r</sup> to my Mo<sup>r</sup> in the evening

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Friday the Fourth I rode to the Grainge, then to Boulby & Staiths, where Cous<sup>n</sup> Jeferson spoke to me in a resenting manner, seemingly blaming me for there being some words, made ab<sup>t</sup> the Quantity of fat that was left upon the **Ironmeat ??** she got last week (vid 21<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>) I remember perfectly that W<sup>m</sup> White Tho<sup>s</sup> Allen, & Jn<sup>o</sup> Nickolson Butcher said there was ab<sup>t</sup> a stone, w<sup>ch</sup> my Uncle being made acquainted with, displeas'd her, W<sup>m</sup> White as well as myself told him of it, the Horse I rode on being greased I was obliged to ride very slowly

Saturday the Fifth. My Uncle being a good deal better within these two days, got up stairs where he spent great part of the day, I read below, & Tho<sup>s</sup> went to Stoxley upon my fath<sup>rs</sup> Galloway, w<sup>ch</sup> Mally rode here on.

Sunday the Sixth. Last night was a very Stormy night it Blew hard at N: & Hailed much, it snows fast this morning, I was at Church twice

Monday the Seventh. Mrs Chaloner set out this morning for Lond<sup>o</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> Ten o'Clock upon Horse back to N<sup>th</sup> Allerton, where she takes her own Coach gone ab<sup>t</sup> two Hours since w<sup>th</sup> 2 Maid Serv<sup>ts</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, M<sup>r</sup> Matthews, & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Meabourn dined, M<sup>r</sup> Preston & M<sup>r</sup> Maddison call'd after dinner, my Uncle being so well as to allow dining in the little Parlour, I had a Letter from Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord dated Lond<sup>o</sup> Mar: 1<sup>st</sup> 1757, he bids me direct for him at Cowells, Surgeon in Birchin Lane Cornhill Lond<sup>o</sup>.

Tuesday the Eighth. I put up one Hundred Eggs in a box among Bran for my Bro<sup>r</sup> my Uncle also had some Hams & hung Beef put up to send to Lond<sup>o</sup> by the Darling that's to ly on soon for Allom, this day is very stormy especially towards Evening being Wind at S:W: and Snow.

Wednesday the Ninth. I read to my Uncle (vid: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>) Jack carried the Hams (vid: yesterday) to Boulby. Nath<sup>l</sup> Campion dined at our House in his road to Newc where he is going ^to^ fit out for Sea being intended for the Baltick directly

Thursday the Tenth. after dinner I took a walk with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick to Peggy Postgate's who still continues ill I read to my Uncle also (vid: Mond<sup>a</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>)

Friday the Eleventh. in the forenoon I took a walk with Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick into our Grounds that's let to James Bird where a foal was dropt last night we walked to Marg<sup>t</sup> Lincoln's Grounds & some others, called at the factory M<sup>r</sup> Proddy Apothecary dined at our House I finished Lisle on Husbandry begun to be read to my Uncle (who is this day better) on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>

Saturday the Twelfth. I set forw<sup>d</sup> early upon the great Horse (call'd by some Rumbermash) to Boulby I called at Brotton & saw our Mair that W<sup>m</sup> Child has in his hands for the Grease, I eat some Cold Beef at M<sup>r</sup> Wardells & stopt at Grainge as I came home ab<sup>u</sup>t an hour & ½ when the fat sheep were got in & W<sup>m</sup> White explain'd to me that expression of Cloven w<sup>ch</sup> is some times spoke of in fat Sheep. it's a sort of nick or seperation a little above the rump behind the Huck bones, fat sheep also feel brode & softish cross the fillets

Sunday the Thirteenth. it being month Sunday I read the Psalms, Lessons &c to my Uncle, Eleanor Price Wife of Jn<sup>o</sup> Price of Aislaby my Uncle's Tenant there dined, in her way to Staiths where I suppose their Son lives (NB: on friday last the Proceedings at the House of Lords came down (w<sup>ch</sup> is uncommon) that day (Mar: 1<sup>st</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>) the four Adm<sup>ls</sup> & 8 Cap<sup>ins</sup> that composed Adm<sup>l</sup> Bing's Trial were examined, concerned a Bill w<sup>ch</sup> the Ho<sup>s</sup> of Commons had pass'd to release from the Oath of Secresy the above Gent<sup>n</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> some answer'd in the Negative & some on the affirmative however the Bill was rejected by the Ho<sup>s</sup> of Lords)

Monday the Fourteenth. M<sup>r</sup> Preston Attorney of Stoxley M<sup>r</sup> Walker Butcher of Westa near S<sup>o</sup> Shields, & my Un<sup>s</sup> Tenant at Egton near Whitby dined at our House, my Uncle & I look'd over his Ships book,

Tuesday the Fifteenth. my Uncle continues better, nothing material occur'd

Wednesday the Sixteenth. I took a walk into the Ground. Oliver Presswick dined at our House & settled his Acco<sup>ts</sup> w<sup>th</sup> my Uncle there being a Ball<sup>ce</sup> of 2<sup>£</sup>:17<sup>s</sup>:8½<sup>d</sup> due to the latter, Oliver sets out for Lond<sup>o</sup> tomorrow morning.

Thursday the Seventeenth. Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick & self set out after five, I breakfasted w<sup>th</sup> Cousin Reed at Yarm we then rode to Darn'ton where we dined at M<sup>r</sup> Peas's & saw the House my father took there, in the evening we arrived at Bish<sup>p</sup> Auckland; In the morning of

Friday the Eighteenth M<sup>rs</sup> Dun paid me her half year Rent for the House & Ground viz 11<sup>£</sup>:10<sup>s</sup> which I gave Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick and he brought home, but I proceeded for Newcastle where I dined and hired a Horse down to Shields, from whence I walked to Westa, but rece'd no profit for the Ships I went ab<sup>t</sup> viz: M<sup>rs</sup> Noble's Ship, the Vulture, and + M<sup>rs</sup> Yeoman's the Swan, I drank Tea on board the Tho<sup>s</sup> & Rich<sup>d</sup> Nath: Champion at Shields as did also M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hudspeth with whom I returned to M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson's where I lay, on

Saturday the Nineteenth. I took up my freedom of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, the Oath runs thus;

Newcastle upon Tyne

You Swear, That you shall from henceforth hold with our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and with his Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens of Great Britain, against all persons, to live and to die, and maintain the Peace; and all the Franchises of this Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and be obedient to the Mayor,

Aldermen, Sherrif, and all other the Officers of the same, and their Counsel keep; and no man's Goods avow for yours unless he be as free as yourself, and of the same Franchise: and you shall observe and keep, to the best of your Power, all Lawfull Ordinances made by common Consent, on High Court days; and all other things you shall do that belong to a Freeman of the said Town, so help you God. Ralph Jackson Hoastman was this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord ^God^ 1757, admitted a Free Burgess of this Corporation, before the Worshipfull Cuthbert ^Smith^ Esq<sup>re</sup> Alderman and stands charged with a Muskett for the Defence thereof,

C. Smith (the Alderman's sign]

In the evening I had my late Mast<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson & some acquaintances to whom I gave a Treat,

Sunday the Twentyeth. I went to Church both forenoon & afternoon, we dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Hudspeths that family supt at M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson's.

Monday the Twenty first. I got some Lessons in the use of the Globes as also on Saturday,

Tuesday the Twenty first I left Newcastle before Nine, and got to Richm<sup>d</sup> before Six, the next day

Wednesday the Twenty Second I went down street & in the evening to M<sup>r</sup> Blackburn's Lecture it Blew desperate hard till one in the morning 'till which time I sat up with my Sis<sup>rs</sup>, about Eleven o'Clock of

Thursday the Twenty Third day morning, my Sisters Wilson & Dolly & self set out for Thirsk where we arrived about five after stopping an hour by the way my Cous<sup>ns</sup> Rachel & Ann Pybusses were well on breakfasted at the formers on

Friday morning, in the afternoon Cous<sup>n</sup> Jno Pease of Darn'ton called in his way from York he stoped above an hour, and then Lady Fag, the late S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Fag's Lady, but now married to Talbert Esq<sup>re</sup> of Woodend, came on a visit, the following days,

Saturday & Sunday we walked to see the Neighbours and visited Miss Bell one day & M<sup>rs</sup> Livesey (late the younger Miss Bell) on the other, we also breakfasted M<sup>r</sup> Temple's one of the days, but on Saturday my Cous<sup>n</sup> Ann was taken ill & continuing so M<sup>r</sup> Wobank Apothecary judged it to be a confirm'd Intermitting on

Monday the Twenty Eighth when we came away, at our arrival at Richmond we were told that my father & Mother had taken M<sup>r</sup> Allen's House, so that at Darn'ton is to let

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth. I left Richm<sup>d</sup> and had a course day to Worsell where I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Pears's I arrived at Gisb<sup>o</sup> at about Seven after a troublesome afternoon for my Horse lost a ^forefoot^ Shoe about 3 Miles from home,

Wednesday the Thirtieth. my Uncle & Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Stockton, and on

Thursday the Thirty first and last day of March they went from thence to Yarm and W<sup>m</sup> White went from Gisb<sup>o</sup> they all returned in the evening w<sup>th</sup>out buying any beasts at Yarm fair my Uncle was a good deal fatigued,

#### APRIL 1757

Friday the First. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell called in the forenoon in his road to Bishop brig, and I wrote in this book NB I had very Tempestuous weather on my Journey for the weather was Windy, and this day has been very severe it having Rain'd & Snown great part of it & wind high, at ab<sup>t</sup> E.

Saturday the Second. I begun to use the Globes w<sup>ch</sup> my old Master Turnbull instructed me in a little at Newcastle, my Uncle & Thomas went to Stoxley, I was present with the Gardener when he planted the Asparagus that came this day from D<sup>r</sup> Dun of B<sup>p</sup> Auck<sup>d</sup>.

Sunday the Third. I went to Church but my Uncle did not,

Monday the Fourth. I took a walk into the Market, and also worked some Problems on the Terrestrial Globe,

Tuesday the Fifth. about Eleven o'Clock M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson of Staiths came, we dined & stayd till the Post came in and then set out with him, viz: my Uncle & self, for Boulby, where I stay'd all night and the next morning,

Wednesday the Sixth. I went down to Staiths and breakfasted, for my Uncle laid there last night, we came to Grainge where we sorted the ^fat^ sheep into 5 lots for sale, we left Grainge about 3 o'Clock

Thursday the Seventh. nothing material occur'd

Good Friday the Eighth. I went into the market several times, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell called in his road out of Bishop brick vid: this day sennight, it is a remarkable fine day, as also is the morning of

Saturday the Ninth I wrote to my father, my Mother & Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty my Uncle & Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Stoxley after dinner, & I went into the School my Uncle endows, &

distributed some books to the Children. In the afternoon Jack return'd from Grainge & bro<sup>t</sup> a Lamb to be nurs'd

Sunday the Tenth. W<sup>m</sup> White bro<sup>t</sup> a young Sorril mare w<sup>th</sup> him, to be kept here & ^w<sup>ch</sup>^ my Uncle says he intends for me to ride on, after dinner W<sup>m</sup> went to Darn'ton to buy some Beasts there, tomorrow being a fair

Monday the Eleventh. In the forenoon I copied part of a Letter to my Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo:, M<sup>rs</sup> Bateman called here in her road to Dar'nton, she left 50<sup>£</sup> with me for M<sup>r</sup> fox, after dinner Tho<sup>s</sup> & I went to him & carried it, We drank a little Brandy ^Bumbo^ with him & some wine at D<sup>r</sup> Proddy's, we called to see Jn<sup>o</sup> Aysley, who in coming from Stoxley last Saturday broke a rib in his left side by a fall from the Horse at the Chapel Bridg, Tho<sup>s</sup> & I also went to M<sup>rs</sup> Marg<sup>t</sup> Lincoln whome he may marry (viz it seems to be his intentions) we drank some Bumbo & Tea the first I've drank out of my Uncle's House in Gisb<sup>o</sup> since I came, W<sup>m</sup> White got home from Dar'nton fair ab<sup>t</sup> Eight with two pair of Steers, and on

Tuesday the Twelvth He proceeded to Grainge with 'em, Henry Meuburn of Sunder Land Butcher & his Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: breakfasted, & then I went on w<sup>th</sup> them to see the fat beasts, I left them at Grainge & rode on to Boulby, we dined at Gisb<sup>o</sup> & my Uncle sold Henry the four large Beasts for 23<sup>£</sup> a piece & the Steers for 12<sup>£</sup>, but is not to let him (Henry] loose by the bargain —

Wednesday the Thirteenth. my Uncle & I set to work at some long Acco<sup>ts</sup> of Biddick Colliery — W<sup>m</sup> Meuburn called but did not stay,

Thursday the Fourteenth. my Uncle & I kept busy at the Books as yesterday, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell dined in his road from a Canting<sup>2</sup> at Scutterscelf near Stoxley of ^one^ Oventon deceas'd's Stock. M<sup>r</sup> Hide sat an hour or two, & my Un: & I took a walk into the Oarchard where he told me that I may ^call^ the young mair mine (4 y<sup>rs</sup> old] that was bro<sup>t</sup> from Grainge last Sunday.

Friday the fifteenth. I copied over an Acco<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> my Un: & I took out of the Books yesterday w<sup>ch</sup> my Uncle sent to M<sup>r</sup> Baker of Elimor near Durham, it contain'd the fitters Names at Sunderland that my Uncle had got Coals, ^on^ the separate years, the Quantity in each & the diferent prices, then I went to Grainge, w<sup>th</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Homan Butcher, he look'd at ½ a Score of Sheep but wou'd not go to the price 35 Shill<sup>s</sup>. I then went to the Allom

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<sup>2</sup> sale by auction

works & got a piece of Mutton and paid M<sup>r</sup> Wardell 42 Pounds of Silver w<sup>ch</sup> he gave me Gold for,

Saturday the Sixteenth. I got a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson from Richm<sup>d</sup> advising me of their beginning to remove, I took a walk with Thomas in the Grounds & Lanes, & after dinner rode out with my Uncle to Eston Nab upon Barnaby Moor, where I beheld the finest Prospect I ever saw, viewing to the N:E: the Sea, to the N: that pleasant vale from Mask to Marton, containing the following villages, viz: Mask, Redcar, East & West Gotham, Kirkleatham, Yourby, Wilton, Lazenby, Lackenby, Eston, Normanby (M<sup>r</sup> Consets Seat) Ormsby, Whornby, Marton & Stockton, and on the S<sup>o</sup> W: the confused Mass of Hills Rosbury & many others I've now forgot the Names of tho' my Uncle told me, & Scarth Nick; we came home & took a walk into the Garden, Mr Husband Clergyman sat the evening, I had forgot to mention our view of Hamleton & those Hills above Richmond Sunday the Seventeenth. It being the Month or silent Sunday I read the Service to my Uncle, and had a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty from Lond<sup>o</sup> giving an acco<sup>t</sup> of my Bro<sup>r</sup> George's having had a very narrow escape w<sup>th</sup> his Life by a fever, but is now better I thank God, I wrote part of a Letter to my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson against tomorrow,

Monday the Eighteenth. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell dined at our House, he had 15 Hog sheep met him today, W<sup>m</sup> Stevens also dined at our House, he is a Boy little above 13 years old, & lives w<sup>th</sup> his father a little from Stoxley, and is surprizingly quick at the Mathematick having learnt Algebra by the help of a Printed book only, & several amazing Circumstances are to be found in him, my Uncle order'd him to come again next Monday & w<sup>th</sup> his father, Jack bro<sup>t</sup> another Lamb from Grainge this evening. I saw a Swallow for the first time this year

Tuesday the Nineteenth. I was in the Oarchard much today about Eleven o'Clock my Un: met the Justices Scotta<sup>3</sup> & Robinson at the Cock in the evening the wind Blowing pretty fresh at S<sup>o</sup> we had a great deal of Thunder & Lightning but the wind ceased —

Wednesday the Twentieth. my Un: & Tho<sup>s</sup> went to Stoxley, I wrote to W<sup>m</sup> Henderson, & W<sup>m</sup> Addison of Newc and Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord at Mr Cowell's Surgeon in Birchin Lane Cornhill London, after dinner I played upon my German flute, & read in Rob<sup>t</sup> Knox's History of Ceylon

Thursday the Twenty first. my Uncle & I set out past Six & stopt an hour or two at Grainge then went to Boulby, where we dined & drank till about five o'Clock w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> i.e. Thomas Skottowe of Great Ayton

Wardell, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson was there, as ^also^ M<sup>r</sup> Monkman, the Collectors Clerk, Sam<sup>l</sup> Gill, & M<sup>r</sup> Macdonald the Sworn Meeters, the Coal bags being measur'd this day, I laid at Boulby, and on the morning of

Friday the Twenty Second. I rode down to Staiths & came away w<sup>th</sup> my Uncle we called at Grainge.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth. I went to Church twice, my Uncle in the forenoon, at Eleven o'Clock at night Jack called me out of bed for W<sup>m</sup> Hall was come from Richm<sup>d</sup> with a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & ano<sup>r</sup> from Mother to my Uncle desiring leave for me to go to Richmond directly and also to London with Sister Wilson for my Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: was thought past recovery from a Fever. My Un: wou'd not look at the Letter tonight but in the morning

Monday the Twenty fifth read it and gave me leave to go, so I set forward about Ten upon my Fathers Horse and W<sup>m</sup> Hall walk'd, when I arriv'd at Richmond found my fa<sup>r</sup> very ill of the Gravel, or Stone, and Cousin Bell Pease & Miss Cully there, they both went away before

Thursday the Twenty Eighth before Seven Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & self set out for Catterick bridg attended with Dolly so far, and about Eight we two (Sis<sup>r</sup> W: & self) got into the Post Chaise and rode to Borrough bridg where we chang'd Chaise as also at Wheatherby, Ferrybridg, ^where we din'd^ Doncaster & laid at Bawtry arriving there ab<sup>t</sup> Nine having rode 74 Miles in the Chaise & 4 upon Horse back,

Friday the Twenty Ninth. about four we took Chaise, changed at Tuxford,( where we breakfasted] at Newark, at Grantham, Colsworth, Stamford (where we dined], Stilton Huntingdon, Caxton, and laid at Royston, it was about Nine o'Clock when we got in, on Saturday the Thirtieth before four we took Chaise, changed at Ware & Enfield, & arrived at Mile End at Cap<sup>n</sup> Wards where we saw my Brother about Ten, having rode 109 Miles yesterday, & 37 today, in the evening Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & self walk'd to Fenchurch buildings, my Bro<sup>r</sup>'s House and laid, leaving Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty at Mile End,

## MAY 1757

Sunday, May the First. I went down to Mile End w<sup>th</sup> Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson, Sis<sup>r</sup> Jackson came down in the afternoon.

On Monday & Tuesday I walk'd down after laying in Fenchurch buildings, One of these days I also walk'd with Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord, who is now w<sup>th</sup> Mr Cowel Surgeon & attends S<sup>t</sup> Thomas's Hospital, to S<sup>t</sup> James's Park the King Mews &c

Wednesday the Fourth I dined with Cousin Tho<sup>s</sup> Spencer and on

Thursday the Fifth I din'd with Un: Jos<sup>a</sup> & Cous<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gansell at the formers House Whitehal, I stay'd till about four o'Clock, at which time my Father Died as inform'd by Letter, vid: Monday next, on

Friday the Sixth I walked down to Mile End as on all the former days this forenoon my Bro<sup>r</sup> was carried in a Sedan Chair from Mile End to Hackney where lodgings was taken for him on Acco<sup>t</sup> of it's being inconvenient to stay any longer at Mile End, Cap<sup>n</sup> Ward & his Wife being expected from Bath shortley,

Saturday the Seventh. I went with Sister Wilson to Greenwich in a Boat, ^we^ were row'd past the Dublin Man of War of 74 Guns launched at Debtford a day or two before, I thought her a fine Ship, as also some other smaller Men of War that lay there, we stay'd a little ^at M<sup>rs</sup> Pages^ and then went up to my Sisters House at Mays Hill where we sent for Niece Kitty to us from L<sup>rd</sup> Tyrawleys where she had ^been^ Six weeks, we dined and drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Pages and saw the Chapel & Hall of the Hospital, where were fine Paintings, the door Keeper demanded 3<sup>d</sup> a piece w<sup>ch</sup> I understand supports a Number of Children in their Education, we return'd in a boat that night

Sunday the Eighth. I went down to Hackney to Bro<sup>r</sup> & Etty, Sis<sup>rs</sup> Wilson & Jackson came down & dined as did M<sup>r</sup> & Mrs Deighton to drink Tea - On

Monday the Ninth I got a Letter at the Navy Office from my Mother to Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson given an Acco<sup>t</sup> of my father's Death on Thursday the fifth at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon. Oliver Presswick supt at Sis<sup>r</sup> Jacksons with us, and on

Tuesday the Tenth about ^a Quarter^ past Six o'Clock I took leave of Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson in bed at Fenchurch buildings, breakfasted at Hackney ^with Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo:^ & Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty, ^I stay'd ab<sup>t</sup> an Hour^ I rode on Post Horses to there from the Bull in White Chapell & to Enfield, chang'd Horses at Ware, Royston (between which places I saw a man hang in Chains for Robbing the Mail), at Caxton, Huntingdon (where I din'd) at Stilton, Stamford, & took Chaise at Colsworth to Grantham where I lay, arriving about nine, on

Wednesday the Eleventh NS: but the 30th of April Old Stile, so that I arriv'd at Lond<sup>o</sup> & Richmond on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April but the one was New, & the other Old Stile, I was in the Chaise w<sup>th</sup> a French Limner a little after four, I took Horses at Newark, chang'd at

Tuxford, Bawtry, Doncaster, ferrybridg, where I dined, Wheatherby, Borrough bridg and Catterick bridg and arrived at Richmond between Nine and Ten, having travel'd 120 Miles today and 106 yesterday, in all 226, being only 38 Hours from London to Richm'd allowing an Hour at Hackney, but I compute only 28 Hours, or thereabouts, on Horse back, the Number of Miles between Richmond & London are made up thus:

	Miles
from Richm'd to Borrowbridg .....	27
from Borroughbridg to Wheatherby .....	12
from Wheatherby to Ferrybridg .....	16
from Ferrybridg to Doncaster .....	15
from Doncaster to Bawtry .....	8
from Bawtry to Tuxford .....	16
from Tuxford to Newark .....	13
from Newark to Grantham .....	14
from Grantham to Colsworth .....	8
from Colsworth to Stamford .....	13
Carried forward .....	142
.....	Miles
Bro <sup>t</sup> forward .....	142
from Stamford to Stilton .....	14
from Stilton to Huntingdon .....	11
from Huntingdon to Caxton .....	9
from Caxton to Royston .....	11
from Royston to Ware .....	17
from Ware to Enfield .....	10
from Enfield to London, better than 11 but p'd for ...	12
from Richmond in Yorks: <sup>e</sup> to London .....	226 Miles

but Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson ^& I^ getting out of the Chaise at Mile End only paid for 10 Miles at Enfield

Thursday & Friday, the twelfth & Thirteenth. I stay'd in the House but on

Saturday the Fourteenth I went down street several times. NB: my Mother is in Mr Allen's House now & since the latter end of April N: S: M<sup>r</sup> Leon<sup>d</sup> Hartley bid me 10 Pounds for the Black Horse,

Sunday the Fifteenth none of us went to Church, I wrote to Cous<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Dar'n'ton, and on

Monday the Sixteenth. I came to Gisb after dining at Yarm, M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson came from Stockton about Nine having been to set Cous<sup>n</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward, & M<sup>r</sup> Barclay to Stockton in their way to Scotland

Tuesday the Seventeenth. I went with my Uncle & M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson to Graing & I went to Staiths Cousin Bell Pease being there, & called of my Uncle as I came back

Wednesday the Eighteenth. Cholmley Turner Esq<sup>re</sup> late of Kirkleatham was this day inter'd in his Vault at Kirkleatham, this day I told my Uncle of the Debt my father has died in being upward of £500, he advises that my Mother take Administration

Thursday the Nineteenth. My Uncle & Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Yarm fair before I was up being a little after five I finish'd writing in this Book from 22<sup>nd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> to this day, & settled my Acco<sup>ts</sup>, after dinner I rode to Skelton Ellers upon the young Chestnut Mair to where Jack is leading some Paving stones from, soon after W<sup>m</sup> White came from Yarm fair with 2 four year old Stears & a Cow for one of his Neighbours, then my Uncle came, & afterwards M<sup>r</sup> Baker of Ellemor Hall but he staid only ab<sup>t</sup> an hour & then set forward for Boulby, but on

Friday the Twentyeth morning heard he laid ^at^ D<sup>r</sup> Proddys all night Tho<sup>s</sup> & I look'd over the Inventory of Winnings House up street, and we also took a walk into M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner's Gardens, I read the News Papers with my Uncle, and wrote to my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty & Tho<sup>s</sup> Ord, Oliver Presswick return'd from London having been there upw<sup>ds</sup> of 2 Months (vid: this book Mar: 16<sup>th</sup>) I supt with him once at my Brother's House in Fenchurch buildings which was the only ^time^ I saw him at London

Saturday the Twenty first. about Eight I set out for Richmond made half an hour Bait at Jona<sup>n</sup> Unthanks at Entercommon & got to Richmond at Three, upon the young Chesnut Mair being the first Journey I've rode on her, I found Cousin Matty Reed, & Henry Peckit, who desired me to write to him if I cou'd hear of a farm to let of 30<sup>£</sup> or 40<sup>£</sup> a year, I went down to M<sup>r</sup> Blackburn to advise with him about my Mother's taking Administration, which he wou'd have let alone till she gets settled w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn about the ^Lead^ Mines

Sunday the Twenty Seco<sup>d</sup>. I went to Richmond Church, and after dinner Sis<sup>r</sup> Do: Cous<sup>n</sup> Matty Reed & self walk'd to Easby, we saw where my Hon'd Father lay & stay'd the Church In the evening I went down to M<sup>r</sup> Blackburn's, he told me had spoke to M<sup>r</sup> Dixon who advised him that they were not very strict whether an Inventory was given into the Court, at Administration, and that if it amounted to less than forty Pounds the charge is £1:13<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> but if above, it amounted to 2<sup>£</sup>~0<sup>s</sup>~0.

Monday the Twenty Third. at half an hour Past Nine I came from my Mothers & without baiting lighted at Gisb<sup>o</sup> at four o'Clock exactly, from of the Young Mair now only four years Old, NB. Henry Peckit left Richmond yesterday morn<sup>g</sup>

Tuesday the Twenty fourth. I went to Staithes to see M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson who is but badly in his old Disorder (the Flux] tho' better, I dined, & as I came ab<sup>t</sup> a mile from thence met Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick, who my Uncle had sent with the Confirmation of the King of Prussia's having gained a Compleat Victory over the Austrians, near Prague, taking 6 or 7,000 Prisoners (I don't know the Number Slain) all their Ammunition of every kind, & some Magazines, this News comes by a Gazett Extraordinary, the Battle was fought on friday May the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> & the Common News say that the King of Prussia had wrote to our Sovereign telling him that his Men has taken Prague Sword in hand, where they have taken a greater Number of Prisoners than on the field of Battle, when Tho<sup>s</sup> & I came home my Un: was gone up to the Cock to meet the Gent<sup>n</sup> of Excise & perhaps to rejoice upon this Good News — he staid till between Nine & Ten o'Clock — the Bells were set on Ringing & bonfires made

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth. In the forenoon I look'd over part of one of my father's Books that I bro<sup>t</sup> with me from Richm<sup>d</sup> when last there, after dinner I help'd to get in Hay

Thursday the Twenty Sixth. at Six o'Clock Uncle & I set out for Boulby we called on M<sup>r</sup> Jackson Grocer he follow'd ^overtook^ us a little after we were past Manless Green, my Uncle view'd a Hedg between M<sup>r</sup> Hall's Estate & M<sup>r</sup> Linas, & giving rather in the latters favour. M<sup>r</sup> Jackson (who is Steward to M<sup>r</sup> Hall] said M<sup>r</sup> Hall wou'd not give it up so, w<sup>ch</sup> a good vex'd my Uncle so he left them and we called at Grainge in our Way to Boulby Allom Works where we dined w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Baker of Ellimore, M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson, M<sup>r</sup> Burgh, Coll<sup>r</sup> at Whitby & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson was badly after dinner so I rode down to Staiths with him my Uncle & I came home

Friday the Twenty Seventh. I rode to Stoxley w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Matt<sup>w</sup> Dodsworth of Thornton Watlass near Beadle who is making Interest for the Registry at N<sup>o</sup>: Allerton, w<sup>ch</sup> I suppose will be vacant by the resignation of M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner who recommends the Young Gentleman my Uncle promis'd him his Interest. I dined at Stoxley w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blackburn of Richmond Archdeacon of Cleveland he at this time holding his Visitation Several Clergymen &c dined with us & after dinner I rode to Smeaton w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blackburn where his wife was come to meet him in a Post chaise w<sup>th</sup> their Son Tho<sup>s</sup>, we drank Tea & proceeded to Richmond, I found Sister Hannah very bad Saturday the 28. I went down into the Town & paid M<sup>r</sup> Newsam's Bill of Goods of £5:12<sup>s</sup>

Sunday the Twenty Ninth. I went to Church forenoon & afternoon w<sup>th</sup> Sis<sup>r</sup> Do: & Cous<sup>n</sup> Matty Reed,

Monday the Thirtieth. before dinner ^I drew^ over an Acco<sup>t</sup> of my father's Debts, w<sup>th</sup> the Lead Mines ^as taken from Reub<sup>n</sup> Kilburn^ & every other Circumstance of my Mother's affairs for my Uncle's inspection, which was my errand this Journey, & as my Uncle order'd every circumstance to be laid open to him w<sup>th</sup>out reserve so I did it, & I sat half an hour w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blackburn, then got my dinner & proceeded to Gisb<sup>o</sup>. I baited at Entercommon, Jonathan Unthank Landlord shewed ^me^ an Electrical Machine, w<sup>ch</sup> I found the effects on two or three times

Tuesday the Thirty first & Last day

I walked up Town w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> being fair day there were few Cattle to be sold, M<sup>r</sup> Preston of Stoxley dined with us

## **JUNE 1757**

Wednesday June the First. I read a good deal in Rob<sup>t</sup> Knox's History of Ceilon in the E: Indies, w<sup>th</sup> an acco<sup>t</sup> of ^his^ Confinement on that Island, for near Twenty years, & how he escaped I finis'd the Book today.

Thursday the Second. I went over the Moors for Whitby where I arrived without lossing any part of the Road, being directed by about 24 direction Posts, at half an hour past Eleven; I set ^out^ from hence at Eight, dined at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's, & receiv'd £27~18<sup>s</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> for my Uncle w<sup>ch</sup> I bro<sup>t</sup> to him & a Lett<sup>r</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Pease, he set me to Sandsend where we look'd at the House that my Uncle thinks of repairing shortly, I then took my leave of him & rode to Staiths, had a heavy shower of Rain in that rode, then I called at Boulby

but did not light, then at Grainge & stay'd near half an hour & then home a Quarter before Eight, my Uncle not being gone to bed, I gave him the money & Letter.

Friday the Third. I wrote to Matt<sup>w</sup> Dodsworth Esq<sup>re</sup> at Thornton Watlass near Bedall Yorkshire in persuance of my Promise this day se'nnight at Stoxley, & Advised of hearing of severall that will have votes for the Registry at N<sup>o</sup>: Allerton, after dinner I took a ride w<sup>th</sup> my Uncle to view the high ways that are repairing near D<sup>r</sup> Proddy's Barn, we rode as far as Tocket Lythe farm M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson's estate, I wrote to my Mother in the evening to send it by Stoxley fair tomorrow.

Saturday the Fourth. after Jack came from Coals being ab<sup>t</sup> Nine o'Clock in the forenoon, Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick & self rode to Stoxley to see the fair there, it being one ^the^ most remarkable through the Year, its called Trinitymass, a great ^deal^ of Linen Cloth is sold as upon this day, & some Horn'd Cattle & Horses, we dined, and as we came home my Mair (the young Sorreld one) not turning a corner right as we were Cantering, ran among the Cart ruts & threw me ^out^ of my seat so that I hung upon one Thye, for near a Hundred yards, and then Providentially got her stopt, by Tho<sup>s</sup> pulling up or might have fallen of ^& been drag'd^ this was Gods doing, and he was Marvellous in his Protection of me, we got home between four & five.

Sunday the Fifth. I went to Church twice, but my Uncle once in the afternoon there was a funeral w<sup>ch</sup> is the first I've seen since I came to Gisb<sup>o</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> is near 6 Mo<sup>s</sup>.

Monday the Sixth. I got up before five & rode to Boulby works where I breakfasted w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wardell then at Staiths w<sup>th</sup> Cous<sup>n</sup> Jeferson's I stopt a little at Grainge & dined at home, after dinner W<sup>m</sup> Stevens Son of Old — Stevens near Stoxley (who has a remarkable Genius] tho' only thirteen years the beginning of this y<sup>r</sup>, & myself wrought some Problems on the Terrestrial Globe, my Uncle has this day given him a Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Richardson Schoolmaster at Dar'nton by whom he is going to be taught Astronomy in the evening W<sup>m</sup> White came from Grainge w<sup>th</sup> intent to go to buy some Sheep ^20^ of the Tenant of the late Jn<sup>o</sup> Ward's Executor of Dinsdale, but my Uncle consider'd it not proper to send him, so he return'd; and my Uncle gave me 15 Guineas to carry to my Mother tomorrow morning, with a great deal of anger

Tuesday the Seventh. I was upon Horse back a little past five & after baiting at Entercommon got to Richmond ab<sup>t</sup> dinner

Wednesday the Eighth. I went down street & drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Dighton's

Thursday the Ninth. I went to the Dales ab<sup>t</sup> Six o'Clock accompanied by M<sup>r</sup> Reuben Kilburn to make a Pay of the Miners & Tradesmen (as Smiths &<sup>c</sup>) w<sup>ch</sup> we did at W<sup>m</sup> Taylers of Ellerton M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Redshaw Jun<sup>r</sup> came to us but stay'd a very little (for he went to dine w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner at Clins who takes his leave of that place on Saturday to go to Kirkleatham, the Seat of his late Bro<sup>r</sup> Cholmley) we paid every Body that came for their Money & settled the whole Acco<sup>t</sup> on Saturday being £76:8<sup>s</sup>:1½<sup>d</sup>, we also weighed this 9<sup>th</sup> day 44 Piece of Lead at the Mill

Friday the Tenth. I got up early & rode to Rippon, where I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Baynes's, I paid Miss Staines £4 for Interest for one year due the 6<sup>th</sup> April last for £100 that my father had of hers, she bid me tell my Mother that she will not distress her for it, here I saw the Acco<sup>t</sup> of my Bro<sup>r</sup> Wilsen's arrival at Madrass, bro<sup>t</sup> by three E: India Ships that are arrived in Ireland, who also bro<sup>t</sup> News of fort William & Calcutta's ^near Bengal^ being taken by the young Nabob, I return'd to Richmond, and on

Saturday the Eleventh I went down street, & after dinner made two Bargains w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn, at Jn<sup>o</sup> Hoods fingle street, one with Jos<sup>a</sup> Stoddart; he's to ^have^ £1:15 per Bing<sup>4</sup> of ore, for 10 Bings, and £1:10 per Bing for what he gets out of a Mair of Ground that he is now working in, and the other was w<sup>th</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Raw he's to have 9<sup>s</sup> per fathom for sinking 20 fathom in New Ground, except he meets w<sup>th</sup> ore that will make him £1:15<sup>s</sup> per Bing & then the fathoms to cease & to have £1:15<sup>s</sup> per Bing for 20 Bing, & £1:10<sup>s</sup> per Bing for what he can get out of a Mair of Ground. —

Sunday the Twelvth. I went w<sup>th</sup> Sis<sup>r</sup> D<sup>o</sup> & Cous<sup>n</sup> Matty Reed to Church both forenoon & afternoon. M<sup>rs</sup> Bowes of Beadall, M<sup>rs</sup> Dighton & her Daughter drank Tea with us, & the latter walked w<sup>th</sup> us (Dolly & Matty)

Monday the Thirteenth. I breakfasted at Richmond, & then set forw<sup>d</sup> to Gisb<sup>o</sup>. Baited at Entercommon.

Tuesday the Fourteenth. I copied a Survey of Ra: Yoward's Esq<sup>rs</sup> Estate, near Gisb<sup>o</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> my Uncle sent to York this Post,

Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Cous<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Dar'nton came before Eight o'Clock, he breakfasted & proceeded to Whitby, this day being his father's birth day, he being 61 years old —

Thursday the Sixteenth. my Un: & self set out early, stopt a little at Grainge and then went on to Boulby where we dined, my Uncle ordered our Jack to be there with the Cart,

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<sup>4</sup> a measure of lead ore, probably equivalent to 8 cwt.

so we pack'd up a great many Bottles & other things that belong'd to him and they were bro<sup>t</sup> home; M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson came home with us

Friday the Seventeenth. M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson had a bad night last, in his old Disorder the flux, my Uncle & him rode on to Tockets, where M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson is going to repair a farm House, they return'd to dinner, & I set M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson beyond Skelton in his rode home

Saturday the Eighteenth. I wrote to my Mother against to morrow by M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Dar'nton in his rode from Whitby, and wrote also to Old Mas<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson of Newc by the Newsman

Sunday the Nineteenth. M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease Jun<sup>r</sup> & his Bro<sup>r</sup> James dined in their rode to Dar'nton, the latter being intended for Scorton School, I went twice to Church, but my Uncle once; we had loud winds from the South all day, but in the evening a warm Rain came, it is now about Six weeks we had any ^to speak on,^ being mostly warm drowty wheather w<sup>th</sup> a little wind, M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner came down from London today, with her Eldest Son & Daughters from the Boarding School there, She went from Gisb<sup>o</sup> on Monday Mar: 7<sup>th</sup>, my Uncle sent in the evening to know how she did after her Journey

Monday the Twentieth. We have had most seasonable Showers to day, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell dined at our House, Wheat Sold in this market today for 9<sup>s</sup> per Bush<sup>l</sup> Country measure, bait 2 pence

Tuesday the Twenty First. I helped Thos to Bottle four anchors<sup>5</sup> of Ale - walked into the far Grounds & Orchards

Wednesday the Twenty Second. after dinner I went to Grainge then to Staiths where I drank Tea, called at Boulby & returned to Gisb<sup>o</sup> between 8 & 9.

Thursday the Twenty Third. about Twelve o'Clock my Uncle went to the Sign of the Cock where he dined w<sup>th</sup> several neighbouring Gentlemen, I play'd upon my German flute Tho<sup>s</sup> & Jack was at ^Stockton^ for some Wine &c for my Uncle

Friday the Twenty fourth. my Uncle & I went to Boulby early, where there was a Pay of the Men, I walked down to Staithes & bro<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson to the Allom works, we return'd home in y<sup>e</sup> even

Saturday the Twenty Fifth. before four in the morning I took Horse & went to Whitby, to get our Serv<sup>ts</sup> Jack & Peggy's Bro<sup>r</sup> clear, he being impress'd the other day by the Tenders Men now in Whitby tho' he has never been at Sea, I called on M<sup>r</sup> Presswick of Sandsend as I went, he met me at Whitby after dinner, & we went with Justice Linskill,

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<sup>5</sup> probably 8 gallons

his Nephew & M<sup>r</sup> Pease to the Lieutenant, who had sent the Young Man's Name & Circumstances, to the Admiralty, and therefore had put it out of his Power to let him go, on w<sup>ch</sup> a Petition was tho<sup>t</sup> necessary, as the Country Men's ten<sup>ts</sup> are alarm'd, and the releasing of this man might give a general satisfaction, so I returned and told my Uncle, who is very willing to Petition with the Country,

Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> I went to Church twice, and drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Jacksons, the young Man, M<sup>r</sup> Husband & M<sup>r</sup> Danby & myself took a walk to the Park House to W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirks, soon after we got home there was a fine Shower.

Monday the Twenty Seventh. Tho<sup>s</sup> Wharton Husbandman Tenant of my Uncle's Estate at Heckber Home, came to pay his Rent and dined with me as my Uncle was obliged to meet w<sup>th</sup> some Gent<sup>n</sup> at the Cock (ab<sup>t</sup> Marsk Division where they dined] —

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth. I got up early & rode over the Moor to Whitby accompanied by M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> Grocer, I dined w<sup>th</sup> him at the sign of the Rose & Crown M<sup>rs</sup> Wastells, and after I had drank Tea at Cous<sup>n</sup> Peases, return'd the low way w<sup>th</sup> the above, we called at Boulby & Grainge, w<sup>ch</sup> stopt us so that coming out of Whitby at 5 we did not reach Gisb<sup>o</sup> till between Ten & 11.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth. my Uncle, Thomey & self sorted some bottles w<sup>th</sup> various sorts of Liquors in them, as my Uncle says that he believes some of them has stood at Boulby ever since he began there, w<sup>ch</sup> is now about 39 years — Tho<sup>s</sup> went to his Bro<sup>r</sup> Oliver's whose daughter ^Isabel^ was married to Rich<sup>d</sup> Knaggs yesterday secretly Thursday the Thirtieth & last Day. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell dined & we took a walk w<sup>th</sup> my Un: down into the Ground, ab<sup>t</sup> 3 o'Clock M<sup>r</sup> Presswick of Sandsend came to consult with my Un: & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell ab<sup>t</sup> Petitioning the Admiralty for the releasement of some Landmen that have been impressd at Whitby, and that there may be no more impressed and to secure the Allom Men, but they agreed to defer it a little longer

## **JULY 1757**

Friday the First. my Uncle & self rode to M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson's House now repairing at Tockets, it looks much like rain, the wind blowing hard at S:W: last Month was most remarkable Spring weather, being warm weather & some kindly Showers of Rain, at Dinner Jack bro<sup>t</sup> the Letters from the Post, one from my late Mas<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jeferson of Newcastle, inclosing one from Brother Wilson, w<sup>ch</sup> he had sent by his Purser to Newcastle in his

road express to London, my Mas<sup>r</sup> had open'd it imagining it to be from Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo:, Bro<sup>r</sup> Wilson dates his Letter on b<sup>d</sup> the Suffolk of Montross June 24<sup>th</sup> 1757, Scotland, he says the war has been the occasion of his not being here sooner, and excepting the disagreeableness of that everything has gone well the whole voyage, I had a Letter also from M<sup>r</sup> Ord, from London; I answer'd my Brother Wilson's and one that my Mother wrote to my Uncle, also wrote to Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson and Cousin Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Whitby, and wrote a Letter for Jack to Whitby, my Uncle had a Letter from Cous<sup>n</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward dated Edinburgh June 25<sup>th</sup> 1757, wherein he says M<sup>r</sup> Barclay & him expects to be here on Thursday evening or Friday morning, meaning this morning I suppose, but they don't yet come.

Saturday the Second. I kept much about the House & dug in the Orchard, in the evening Cous<sup>n</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward & M<sup>r</sup> Barclay arrived, the latter being taken ill at Cambois was the occasion of their not coming on Thursday or Friday as we expected vid Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> Sunday the Third. my Uncle & Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward went to Church but I staid at home to bear M<sup>r</sup> Barclay company, but he did not get up till a little before dinner, I went to Church w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ward in the afternoon, we drank Tea & all of us took a walk out, about Ten o'Clock I went into M<sup>r</sup> Barclays room he sweat profusely, & Jack sat up in his ^Room^ till between Twelve & One —

Monday the Fourth. he is better, about Six o'Clock M<sup>r</sup> Hen<sup>y</sup> Mewburn & his Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: came to look at some beasts, the former paid my Uncle £104, for 4 Oxen & one Steir that they bargain'd for on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> April last vid: that day, Pa: 90, my Uncle return'd him a Guinea, and sold him Six Beasts, 2 large Ones for £18, a piece, 2 Black Ones, & 2 Read Ones for £44 — the four Beasts; they are to be taken next Monday; they both breakfasted & then went away, yesterday I had a Letter from my Mother desiring leave of my Uncle to go over to Richmond as the Mines are Prosperous, & Sis<sup>r</sup> Hannah supposed not able to live many days I answer'd it today; I saw M<sup>r</sup> forster of Yarm drank Tea & a Glass of Wine w<sup>th</sup> him at W<sup>m</sup> Reeds, Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward & I walked to the Top of Spring Wood before dinner. my Uncle dined at the Cock, there being a meeting of the Justices to hear the appeals —

Tuesday the Fifth. I got up early & went w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward to Staiths where we breakfasted & dined, walked upon the Beach and drank at M<sup>r</sup> Wardells, M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson came home with us in the evening. we called at Grainge, the King of Prussia by this days Paper has lost a Battle,

Wednesday the Sixth. I walk'd to Tocket's farm w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson in the forenoon, and after dinner I road to the Bottom of Osbury Toppin w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ward & our Serv<sup>t</sup> Jack, we then let of, and walk'd to the Top where we view'd an open Vista to the West & North, & N.E. the story or Naration of how this Hill came by it's present Name is this, there was a Prince whose Name was Osburn, who had his Fortune told ^&^ that he was to be drowned, upon which his Mo<sup>r</sup> enquired & found out this Hill as a very remarkable one, & where no water was, and hither she came with her Son & lived in a little Cave that is in the Rock to the West side till the Boy ^(the Prince)^ was so old as he cou'd be left by his Mother, and one Day walking from his Cave to the N:E. side he laid down & falling a Sleep a Spring of water a Rose out of the side not quite at the Top, and he was drowned, this well I drank of

Thursday the Seventh. In the morning ab<sup>t</sup> Nine I rode to Stoxley w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick to seek for a Post Chaise to be at Gisb<sup>o</sup> to take Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ward & Barclay up at Six o'Clock, but not meeting one there, Tho<sup>s</sup> rode on to N<sup>o</sup> Allerton where he got a Chaise w<sup>ch</sup> came in the evening w<sup>th</sup> him ab<sup>t</sup> 7 o'Clo' but I return'd from Stoxley before dinner in the evening I walked to Doct<sup>r</sup> Proddys w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ward, and drank a Bottle of Wine w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sutton of Stockton — M<sup>r</sup> Ward paid the Doctor for M<sup>r</sup> Barclay & we retir'd to bed at 11. Friday the Eighth. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ward & Barclay took Post Chaise at Seven, I got into the Chaise beyond Stoxley & M<sup>r</sup> Ward took my mair to N<sup>o</sup> Allerton, we dined upon Cold Roast Beef & they proceeded on their Journey, but by a Lett<sup>r</sup> my Uncle has had since from Barclay dated London, I find Ward left him at Doncaster & went towards Hallifax to see his Mothers Relations, I called Miss Wilsons at N<sup>o</sup> Allerton, & then rode on to Richmond

Saturday the Ninth. I went down into Richmond Market, and I lookt into my Father's Books

Sunday the Tenth. I went to Richmond Church both forenoon & afternoon, and wrote to my Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: who we hear by W<sup>m</sup> Allen (who came down on friday evening) is got to his office

Monday the Eleventh. a little after four M<sup>r</sup> Kilburn called, and I rode to Ellerton Moor w<sup>th</sup> him, and also went down two Shafts or Pitts we then rode to the Mill & weigh'd of 32 Pieces of Lead,

Tuesday the Twelfth. I expected M<sup>r</sup> James of West Auckland to see me but his Serv<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Warburton called to tell us his Master cou'd not come as he expected his Brother

Cap<sup>n</sup> Ward w<sup>th</sup> his wife & Sist<sup>r</sup> Bett Ward at West Auckland tonight; M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Closse called to tell my Mother he had seen Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: and that he wou'd do what lay in his Power for her about the Mines, I wrote a good deal in my Father's Books, & settled the Ball<sup>ce</sup> betwe'n the Partners at London & him, w<sup>ch</sup> is this day £93, odd money including every thing since my Fathers Death;

Wednesday the Thirteenth. I left Richmond at Eight & dined at Yarm where I stay'd till past four and proceeded for Gisbrough

Thursday the Fourteenth. after Breakfast I rode to Staiths to see M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson who has been ill but is now better, I called at Tockets as I went, and at Grainge & Boulby as I returned

Friday the Fifteenth. I got up early in order to assist in getting in Hay but it came some Rain w<sup>ch</sup> defer'd it till after dinner. we fell to work, got it all in from the far fields but it was towards Eleven o'Clock when we finished

Saturday the Sixteenth. my Uncle & self fell to sort some Books in his New Closet in the forenoon, & in the afternoon I wrote in this Book M<sup>r</sup> Maddison Attorney of Stockton sat an hour or two w<sup>th</sup> my Uncle in y<sup>e</sup> even<sup>g</sup>

Sunday the Seventeenth. I went to Church with my Uncle in the forenoon, and in the afternoon with the Corps of Marg<sup>t</sup> Postgate the Wife of Jn<sup>o</sup> Postgate, she died early last Thursday morning — leaving Two Daughters & a Son, the elder of the former (Mally) is now with my Sister Wilson at Greenwich, I wrote to my Mother after Church by the Post  
Monday the Eighteenth. I had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly by Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird, w<sup>ch</sup> acquainted me with the Sudden Death of M<sup>r</sup> York he rode out in the morning with his Steward, and after dinner walked into the Garden where he was found dead — I learnt to mow in Calvart's Close being there most of the forenoon, M<sup>r</sup> Presswick of Stoxley dined, and in the afternoon I helped my Uncle to sort some old Pamphlets.

Tuesday the Nineteenth. I assisted as much as I cou'd (for I have a Boyl on the Back of my left hand) to lay more Hay upon the Pike (or Stack)

Wednesday the Twentyeth. I went to Boulby & dined, called at Grainge as I return'd & bro<sup>t</sup> some Cherrys home, I met M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson going home, he had been at Tockets & dined with my Uncle Tho<sup>s</sup> & self sat an Hour at Jn<sup>o</sup> Husbonds in y<sup>e</sup> even<sup>g</sup>.

Thursday the Twenty first. I wrote a Little at the Hay in Calvart Close but my hand is sorrer, the Boyl being nearer bursting, before dinner my Uncle went to the Club at the Cock

Friday the Twenty Second. The Wind has blown very fresh this morning, it having rained very much last night & early this morn<sup>g</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> added to the windy & Sunny day today, will likely be of great Service to the Country, I went into School in the forenoon, the Dame complaining of ^several^ Childrens not coming before Ten or Eleven o'Clock, I worked in the Hay field in the afternoon, in the evening my Uncle rode to Joseph Agars M<sup>r</sup> Spencers Tennant at Chapell bridge & I called on M<sup>r</sup> fox who walked with me, the cause of our going was that my Uncle might ^see^ the Kitchen & Barn both which want repairs, but the former, Rebuilding.

Saturday the Twenty Third. In the morning at Eight I went into School, where several Children were come (vid: Yesterday] the Hay was led out of Calvart Close today, the Pike being repair'd with it, One M<sup>r</sup> White a farmer near Pearsbridg in the County of Durham sat an hour or two with my Uncle —

Sunday the Twenty Fourth. I was at Church twice but my Uncle once, by this Post I received another from Bro<sup>r</sup> Wilson dated Leith 16<sup>th</sup> July 1757, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> I've had since his arrival, He herein tells me he has sent by M<sup>r</sup> Cookson of Shields, One Quilted Satin Morning Gown for my Uncle w<sup>th</sup> Compliments, two Pieces of Gingham for Sis<sup>rs</sup> Han<sup>h</sup> & Do: and One Doz<sup>n</sup> of Neccloths for me.

Monday the Twenty Fifth. M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson came ab<sup>t</sup> Eleven o'Clock and with M<sup>r</sup> Pearse Sen<sup>r</sup> dined with us, In the afternoon I walked to Tockets with M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson & sat a great while at the Cock, with him, Doct<sup>r</sup> Proddy spent the evening with us, during w<sup>ch</sup> time George Clement came into the Gun Closet & Tender'd M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson his half years Rent due Mayday last, but M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson refused it in the presence of my Uncle.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth. I walked both forenoon & afternoon with M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson to Tockets

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh. I wrote to my Mother by Jack going for Lime I again walked both forenoon and afternoon with M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson to Tockets my Uncle rode on in the forenoon

Thursday the Twenty Eight. In the morning I went into the School, and then rode to Tockets w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson, and from thence to Staiths, where I & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell dined he came with me to Boulby, and then I rode to Grainge where I stayed awhile and then home.

Friday the Twenty Ninth. my Uncle endeavour'd to adjust a difERENCE between Mich<sup>l</sup> Furnish's Men & Marg<sup>t</sup> Ellerby the former having broke her Orchard, but on

Saturday the Thirtieth Mich<sup>l</sup> Furnish wou'd not lay down 12 Shill<sup>s</sup> for his Men w<sup>ch</sup> they agreed to pay Marg<sup>t</sup> Ellerby for Damage; the payment in the Stable not standing well, my Uncle had the sand picked out, & fresh slaked Lime poured thin on & Sand stringled on, we bottled some Ale,

Sunday the Thirty first & last Day. I went to Church twice my Uncle Once, he had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from my Mother w<sup>ch</sup> I answer'd, & I'd one from B: Coats who having heard from W<sup>m</sup> Jackson from Antiga in his Passage to Jamaica, desired me to acquaint his Father, so I took a walk to Lackenby w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Grocer Jun<sup>r</sup> at whose Father's in Law we drank Tea — comonly known by the Name of Chief Jackson, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jackson who I went the Errand too, & his Son set us upon the Moor, I supt at M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's, & retired to bed at Ten

### AUGUST 1757

Monday the First. M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson came in the forenoon and went away after dinner I walked up street several times and retired to bed a little after 10

Tuesday the Second. I got up before four, but went to bed soon after, my Uncle and Tho<sup>s</sup> being set forward for Yarm (Maudlan) fair. In the forenoon I assisted Jack & Alex<sup>r</sup> to finish the Hay pike; about Three o'Clock in the afternoon Cous<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Reed came to get a few Curran Berries to eat, & to rub his legs for the Scurvey and it was so heavy a Shower of Rain & Hail (w<sup>th</sup> the wind at about N.W.) that we went into the Apple House, for in my Memory I never saw so heavy a Shower; after my Uncle was come home, and gone to Bed, Jn<sup>o</sup> Husband spent an hour or two with me

Wednesday the Third. a good deal of Rain fell last night, about Eight I mounted for Richmond baited at Jona<sup>n</sup> Unthanks —

Thursday the Fourth. I got up at five and rode to Ellerton Moor by myself as M<sup>r</sup> Kilburne cou'd not get his Horse, we met at the Mill and proceeded to Grinton to Tho<sup>s</sup> Duns, where M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Elliot met us after two according to his appointment with Kilburn after talking much & several Prices being ask'd & Bid for the chance of the Mine, & half of the Tools & no conclusion, I proposed (Tho<sup>s</sup> Dun being present all the while) that M<sup>r</sup> Elliot shou'd sell M<sup>r</sup> Kilburne the half of the Ore wastes &c, that's now on the Moor, with the former, which was calculated & 70 Guineas set on it, but Kilburne stoping at it M<sup>r</sup> Elliot ^as^ before the former & I came away bargained for 70<sup>£</sup> to be paid in this

Month, the Earls (M<sup>r</sup> Kilburne's Shilling) was drank, & we came home it being past Eleven before we got home.

Friday the Fifth. Being at Richmond I went down street, and in my presence acquainted Old Caleb Redshaw & his Son Cuthbert with the yesterday viz: he was to pay my Mother £70, in this Month August for the Chance of the Ground half of the Tools, Ore & wastes &c, that's on the Moor but my Mother to have the halfshare of the Lead that's smelted, being partly on the Road ^to Stockton^ & at the Mill, & also the <sup>^1/2 of^</sup> Ore that's now a smelting & the Slags, both first & Black slags —

Saturday the Sixth. I got ^up^ at four & went to West Auckland for Sis<sup>r</sup> Do: who when last Tuesday to see Cap<sup>n</sup> Ward his Lady & Sis<sup>r</sup> Bett there. I called at Denton as I went, we, the above &c dined at Friar Tods, & spent the evening, I laid at Old M<sup>r</sup> James's Sunday the Seventh. Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly & self ^left^ West Auckland about Ten, we dined at Denton & called at M<sup>r</sup> Seamers of Aldbrough but it being that Town's feast day they were abroad, so we did not light but drank Tea when we got to Richmond

Monday the Eighth. instead of my coming away as I proposed, it was resolved that my Mother shou'd come with me on Wednesday, so I walked down street, M<sup>rs</sup> Crawford, Miss Coat's & Miss Deighton drank Tea with my Mother —

Tuesday the Ninth. I got up at five & rode to Cattherick bridge where I took a Post Chaise for my Mother & self to morrow morning — before dinner M<sup>r</sup> James & a Cousin of his came and dined, the former soon went away ^for the South^ but the latter drank Tea & I set him upon Gatherly Moor where we parted & I returned by Ravensworth where I saw my Bro<sup>rs</sup> Colt, & by Whashton where I saw about 78 Pieces of our Lead at Sam<sup>l</sup> Smiths, in it's road to Stockton,

Wednesday the Tenth. about five o'Clock my Mother mounted single Horse, & I upon my Mare, we rode from Richmond to Cattherick bridg where took Chaise to return to Gisbrough, but we breakfasted here, the Landlord's Name being Lac<sup>h</sup> Burn once a Serv<sup>t</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> frevil Lambton of Biddick & knows the family of Wards, we dined at Yarm, & about Six in the evening arrived at my Uncles who was but poorly having had a Purging disorder but is better,

Thursday Eleventh. I went down to Grainge with half a Dozen **Cicles**, dined at Boulby & went down to Staiths w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wardell where drank Tea & I returned

Friday the Twelvth. I bespoke New Saddle, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson of Staiths came in the forenoon, I had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: w<sup>th</sup> Oliver Presswick's Acco<sup>t</sup> there being a diference or fall out between them now, I wrote to him & to Dolly.

Saturday the Thirteenth. after dinner M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson went away I set him to his House at Tocket's.

Sunday the Fourteenth by Rotation is a silent Sunday, but M<sup>r</sup> Bowes of Gibside being at M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloners M<sup>r</sup> Hide performed Duty here & ano<sup>r</sup> oficiated at Upleatham my Uncle went to Church in the forenoon, and I forenoon & afternoon - my Mother did not go at all.

Monday the Fifteenth, I went up street several times, M<sup>r</sup> Preston of Stoxley dined

Tuesday the Sixteenth, Thomas Presswick & self rode to Stockton, we had an Errand to M<sup>r</sup> Maddison & I had one to M<sup>r</sup> Robinson, we dined & returned in the evening this is the first time of my being at Stockton

Wednesday the Seventeenth, M<sup>r</sup> Preston of Stoxley breakfasted and we rode to Whitby we dined at Bellwoods Sign of the Golden Lion, and rode to Robin Hoods Bay where lay at Anth<sup>o</sup> Moody, sign of the Globe, in the morning of

Thursday the Eighteenth, I got up at Three call'd of M<sup>r</sup> Preston & rode to Peak where my Uncle has an Estate of £10 per Ann<sup>m</sup> Tenanted by W<sup>m</sup> Willis; this Estate was bo<sup>t</sup> by my Uncle John at first, it is situated between the Sea and the Peak Allum works, so ^that^ the ^old^ Allum Rubbish is forced throw ^the^ Hedg by the weight of the New Rubbish or Shale, and drives the water within the Hedg, whereas it formerly ran without, I believe my Uncle will file a Bill in Chancery against Edward Fairless the present director of the works, & Assignee for the Newton's or Newton, being appointed thereto by the Chancery (as I understood my Uncle filed One Bill against M<sup>r</sup> Dent ?? but he giving up the works my Uncle was obliged to drop it, we called on Mr Fairless after having view'd the Premises with W<sup>m</sup> Willis's Son, and M<sup>r</sup> Preston gave him a Letter ^of Attorney^ from my Uncle we returned to Robin Hoods Bay & breakfasted there, then, after getting a hind foot Shoe on at the Bay by one Cob, we rode to Whitby & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Peases, we came from Whitby past five & arrived at Gisb<sup>o</sup> past Ten my Uncle was gone to Bed but my ^Mother^ was up & supt with us —

Friday the Nineteenth

M<sup>r</sup> Preston breakfasted and then went home to Stoxley, about two o'Clock we had a very heavy Rain begun, but it fair'd before night

Saturday the Twentieth

I got up at Seven when it Blew hard at North & Rain'd heavily but it did not continue long I spent the afternoon with my Mother in the Gun Closet and read. M<sup>rs</sup> Bowes who has been with her Husband &c at M<sup>rs</sup> Chalonsers about a week is ill, and Doctor Askew sent for from Newcastle

Sunday the Twenty first, I went to Church twice my Uncle Once but my Mother did not go at all, I wrote to Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: about Oliver's affair

Monday the Twenty Second, I walked up Town, and before Twelve M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease of Whitby came to see my Mother, the former & I walked in to the Ground in the evening

Tuesday the Twenty Third, we dined early & ab<sup>t</sup> half past Twelve M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease took Horse, & I set them to Scaling Dam where we drank Tea and then parted all well, the Wind is this evening pretty brisk but it increases, &

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth, It is very loud from the South or S:W:, and the Mecury in Borometer is very low before dinner my Uncle was sent for to M<sup>rs</sup> Chalonsers, M<sup>r</sup> Bowes being going away, and left his wife not very well, they came Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup>, and also M<sup>r</sup> Wardell came down from the Cock to desire my Uncle wou'd go & dine w<sup>th</sup> the Gentlemen that are concerned in making Allum, who are met ^to consult^ about proper measure to be taken in the present dullness of that Trade, when they viz: Esq<sup>re</sup> Phips M<sup>r</sup> Sutton of Stockton, M<sup>r</sup> Presswick of Sandsend, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Howlet & Matthews & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ward & Wardell (for M<sup>r</sup> Baker) agreed to lower the present price of £14 per Tun to £12:10<sup>s</sup>: to sell by Rotation to home buyers, but at liberty to sell at any time to the Foreign, M<sup>r</sup> Dent of Stow Brow will not come into any measures, & M<sup>r</sup> Pears has contracted with ^his^ Customers, Doct<sup>r</sup> Proddy dined with my Mother & I, this day we begun to take an Old Causay that my Grandfather Ward laid but is now above a foot under the Surface & my Uncle intends ^to^ lay another; Towards evening I took a ride w<sup>th</sup> Doctor Proddy & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell to M<sup>r</sup> Turners Park where we saw a Famous Bull that M<sup>r</sup> Charles has had given him by his Father in Law, we also ^saw^ the water works &c, & rode to Kirkleatham saw the Chapell, & external parts of the Hospital there Erected there by Sir W<sup>m</sup> Turner Thrice Lord Mayor of London for 40 People, viz, 10 Old Men 10 Old Women 10 Boys & 10 Girls, besides a Master, Mistress & Overseer, M<sup>r</sup> Prody & I set M<sup>r</sup> Wardell to Marsk, then we came home by M<sup>r</sup> Halls of Skelton, and got home before Ten, my Uncle was gone to bed

Thursday the Twenty Fifth, We fell to work to Pave the Causay vid: yesterday

Friday the Twenty Sixth, I attended the Paving vid: yesterday

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, Hobkirk the Paver did not work to day, but Jack, Alex<sup>r</sup> & the Gardener prepar'd against Monday, this is a fair Day here call first Ladymas —

Sunday the Twenty Eighth, I went to Church twice W<sup>m</sup> White came here in the morning, & stay'd till evening, I had a Letter from Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: about Oliver Presswicks affair,

Monday the Twenty Ninth, we continued to work at the Causay M<sup>r</sup> Panton Apothecary and my Uncle's Tennant at Yarm dined, I put up some Pears &c, & wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Pease of Whitby with them by my Un: order,

Tuesday the Thirtieth, We finished the Causay ^in^ the yard

Wednesday the Thirty first and last Day, I rode to Grainge & from thence to Boulby I returned with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell to Sciningrave where we found M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Jeferson loading the Darling w<sup>th</sup> large Paving stones, for London having contracted there for 12<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> per Tun: the above came with me to Brotton where I left them & got home to dinner Jack went to Grainge for some Corn & bro<sup>t</sup> my Box of Close that came from London in the Darling this voyage, my Mother & I sorted them we expected Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly with the Chaise this evening but she did not come

### SEPTEMBER 1757

Thursday the First, I helped Thomey to Pull some Apples, and in the evening my Sister Dolly came in Chaise for my Mother; we then pulled some Apples & Pears to carry home

Friday the Second, I was very ill last night, but being better this morning I set forward to Richmond, with my Mother & Sister Dolly; they rode in the Chaise, the former having stay'd three weeks gone Wednesday we called at Entercommon, & I rode out of the way to Cattherick bridg to pay for the Chaise, £1:4<sup>s</sup>: we got well home at five

Saturday the Third, I rode the Mair to Easby to water, and then went down street to Richmond Market, M<sup>r</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup> Deighton Jun<sup>r</sup> came to see me he arrived last Saturday to stay the length of the Term, after dinner I settled with M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Readshaw Sen<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Reuben Kilburn about the Mines, I received for my Mother a Bill drawn by the former for £70 (the Price my Mother sold her ½ share for) on his Son Readshaw, & freeman in London dated the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant (tomorrow] at thirty days date, In the evening I took a ride

with the above Deighton drank Tea with him, and he & his Sister spent the evening with us —

Sunday the fourth, I went to Church twice & stay'd the Sacrament with my Mother & Dolly, in the afternoon I drank Tea with Ra: Brockell at the Green, an Old Schoolfellow, he served his Apprentiship near Manchester, in the Chequed Line Trade; — then I took a walk to M<sup>r</sup> Robinson's farmer on S<sup>t</sup> Trenions Estate, with Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly &<sup>c</sup>,

Monday the fifth, I set forw<sup>d</sup> from Richmond, & breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Peases at Dar'nton, where I paid M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Reed ^his^ Note of £14:12<sup>s</sup> being of several years standing I dined also and then & then rode to Yarm where I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Forsters & then home, I went to M<sup>r</sup> Forsters to acquaint him with his Brother's being worse of a Feaver that now Rages at Da'rn'ton as M<sup>r</sup> Pease desir'd me. the young man is apprentice to M<sup>r</sup> Pease I passed the Bill I rece'd on Saturday to M<sup>r</sup> Pease

Tuesday the Sixth, I rode to Grainge & then to Boulby where I dined & returned in the evening.

Wednesday the Seventh, before dinner W<sup>m</sup> Stevens, the Young Man that my Uncles pays for at School, came and stay'd three o'Clock when I retired into my Closet, I helped Thomey to pull some Apples in the forenoon

Thursday the Eighth, In the morning I rode to Stockton, did some Business with M<sup>r</sup> Maddison & dined there with Miss Chaloners, Miss Taylerson &c, this being one of the Horse Race days I saw several Richmond People, as Cousin Betty Coats &c - I returned in the evening before Races began

Friday the Ninth, In the morning I wrote a Letter to my Mother & inclos'd it in one to Cousin Betty Coats now at Stockton; then I rode to Grainge & Boulby and had a great deal of Rain especially as I came home,

Saturday the Tenth, W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk Paved between the Orchard wall & the New Causay, in the evening Tho<sup>s</sup> & self Pulled the Pears that Grew at the Barn-end (Calaro's, the Name) and my Uncle being heavy most of the day began to vomit, and then he took 2 or 3 Quarts of Water made strong with Camamile flowers, w<sup>ch</sup> vomitted him much, Tho<sup>s</sup> & I sat up till towards Eleven having had a loose Stool after he went to bed and had another at One o'Clock,

Sunday the Eleventh, my Uncle continues very restraining, I wrote to my Mother & Brothers Geo: & Wilson, this being silent Sunday I stay'd at home, my Uncle is better towards evening

Monday the Twelvth, my Uncle is so well as to walk up street, a great Number of Calves were drove here on Saturday & today, being bought up by People before the fair on to morrow come a sennight, I examined my Old Journals, wrote upon the Backs of them when begun & ended, and made a New One, to be ready when this <sup>^is^</sup> finished -

towards the evening my Uncle of weakness & that his Purging continu'd violent yet he eat some Plumbs, for we pulled some, & I packed <sup>^em^</sup> up in a Box, and some Pears in a Basket & sent them with a Letter I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Pease of Whitby

Tuesday the Thirteenth, my Uncle had a pretty easy night last night, having taken some Grated Rhubarb in som Gin, and this morning he consented to have D<sup>r</sup> Proddy to come, so I went up & about Nine he came down he said the Disorder may have good effects, as taking from him the Sharp Humours that have been collected by eating too much fruit this Summer, my Uncle & I went into the New Closet & examined the Microscope but imagined the Glasses to be foul, we cou'd not make much of it, we also made a sorting of his Books there, but were called to dinner, then I wrote to Mother & Bro<sup>r</sup> Geo: D<sup>r</sup> Proddy sat an hour in the afternoon, at night I carried a watchlight into my Uncles Room he had a Pain at his Stomach but on

Wednesday the Fourteenth, he was better, and ab<sup>t</sup> Eight I set forward for Grainge & thence to Boulby, where I din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Wardells w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson & Miss Pease, they rode to Grainge in M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's waggon, & drank Tea there, I got home ab<sup>t</sup> Seven & my Uncle is better

Thursday the fifteenth, my Uncle had a better night the last than he's had since he began on Saturday; - in the morning I took a Copy of Geo: Sparnell the Constable of Gisb<sup>o's</sup> List of the Men in this Cunstablerly between 18 & 50, as liable to serve in the Militia, ordered by the last Session of Parliament. England to Raise 32:000 Men, w<sup>ch</sup> is ab<sup>t</sup> One Man out of 45; the Number of Men in this List is about 240, exclusive of Constables, Parish Officers, &c, but a Great Number of People, mostly inferior, assembled from Lyth, Egton, Danby & all the little Country Towns thereabouts, and demanded the Constables Lists, which they got, & some of them even <sup>^in^</sup> sight of the Justices who were met today at the Cock to grant licenses to Innkeepers &c, & M<sup>r</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith of Mask, Chief Constable summoned the Petty Ones to give their Lists today at the Cock, my Uncle dined there & after dinner Tho<sup>s</sup> & I rode to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Casse's & return'd ab<sup>t</sup> five

Friday the Sixteenth, I wrote to Sister Dolly, W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk came today and Pointed &c several parts of the House, in the afternoon, I helped Thomey to put up some fruit,

Unnions, Cabbages &c for M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell for Jack to carry tomorrow - my Uncle seems quite well

Saturday the Seventeenth, I got up at five and got upon Horse back at Six, Jack went away about half an hour before me, but I got to Staithes before Breakfast, I dined & then returned by Boulby & Grainge, Jack delived the fruit at M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson's about Ten, Miss Pease is at Staiths

Sunday the Eighteenth, I went to Church twice, but my Uncle Once, I read a Sermon to Tho<sup>s</sup> for the first time.

Monday the Nineteenth, I got up before five & rode directly to Boulby, I breakfasted there with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson came up, & rode with me home, before dinner, I called at Grainge as I came home; In the afternoon I went with M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson to M<sup>r</sup> Hides where we sat an hour, then went down to M<sup>r</sup> Fox's; I had a Letter from my Mother, by Rob<sup>t</sup> Tinkler

Tuesday the Twentieth, this day being latter Ladymass fair, I got up early & walked up to the Beast-Market, and about Seven W<sup>m</sup> White came, he bought 2 Queys of Geo: Homan of Wilton rising four Years old, for 20 Pound, givings again; and a Steer of four Years old for 7 Pound, he drove them to Grainge after dinner; M<sup>r</sup> Pears of Worsell, M<sup>r</sup> Preston of Stoxley, & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell & M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson dined, who went home tonight after sitting an Hour at M<sup>r</sup> Hides I wrote to my Mother & M<sup>r</sup> Pease of Whitby

Wednesday the Twenty First, Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Stockton & M<sup>r</sup> Ostlers I read, Brushed my Cloths, &c, and in the evening M<sup>r</sup> Pease of Darn'ton's Boy bro<sup>t</sup> me a Letter from Sis<sup>r</sup> Do: he is come to acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Forster of this Town w<sup>th</sup> the Death of his Brother late Apprentice to M<sup>r</sup> Pease, I went down to Alex<sup>r</sup> Pulman's to see Jack & him take a Hive of Bees & strain the Honey Comb

Thursday the Twenty Second, M<sup>r</sup> Pease's Boy with M<sup>r</sup> forster went from our door at Nine, about an hour after my Uncle & Tho<sup>s</sup> set out for Stoxley,. they staid till Seven, it being a visit my Uncle paid to ^the Revr<sup>nd</sup>^ M<sup>r</sup> Wanley, I read all day,

Friday the Twenty Third, I repaid Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick 6<sup>d</sup> which he disbursed to Ja<sup>s</sup> Grey at Stockton for a pair of Shoes on Wednesday last. In the forenoon I helped Jack up ^w<sup>th</sup>^ the Potatoes; they grow on the opposite side of the Beck to the Orchard end, viz in Wilson Garth, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell dined in his rode into Bishopbrigg, in the afternoon I helped to Pull some Apples, M<sup>rs</sup> Scotta of Aton sat an hour or two with my Uncle, we retir'd to bed at our usual time ab<sup>t</sup> 9

Saturday the Twenty fourth, about Seven my Uncle set forward I rode with him to the Grainge Gate & then proceeded to Staiths, I stopt there about a Quarter of an hour, & as long with Tho<sup>s</sup> Allen at Boulby on my return to Grainge, where I found my Uncle we staid ab<sup>t</sup> an hour & then home, I not having a wide coat & being a Cold day was dull when we got home & I continue heavy now between Eight & Nine when I write this, just before going to bed.

Sunday the Twenty fifth, I was pure easy for I drank towards a Pint of Clear Water at my going to bed last night w<sup>ch</sup> put me into a Breath, the Weather is this day visibly alter'd being cold, & the wind out of the North. We have had a Series of fine Harvest weather with some seasonable Showers. I went to Church twice, but my Un:<sup>l</sup> once, I read a Sermon to Tho<sup>s</sup> in the evening, and Jack went this day for his Sister Jane to live here as an assistant to her Sis<sup>r</sup> Peggy.

Monday the Twenty Sixth, W<sup>m</sup> White came & bought 15 Bushels of Seed Wheat at 5<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> per Bushel; I read part of the Militia Act to Alex<sup>r</sup> & Jack, who brought a Beehive out of the School House Yard & set it in our Bleaching Yard, I paid Betty the School Dame's Daughter, 5<sup>s</sup>: for her half of it the other belongs to Jack who is now a Sharer of half of it with me.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Stockton, I read at home & helped Jack to pull some Damsons for preserving, & sat an hour with M<sup>r</sup> fox, this day about 100 of poor People went as far as Scaling to force some Carts back with Corn, that were carrying it to East Row Mill, & effected their Scheme by bringing one back & leaving the Rest (2 or 3 Carts more) at Scaling till some of the Rabble went forward to be satisfied how the flower was to be disposed on, and on

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth, I saw several of them going down Sciningrave West Bank, as I came from Lofthouse having come that way from Boulby & Grainge, and in the evening I walked up Town & saw several women & men (one of the latter was W<sup>m</sup> Colthirsts Serv<sup>t</sup>) carrying 3 Horse Load of Corn to the Towl Booth which they had seiz'd from a Man as Tho<sup>s</sup> Dales as he was carrying to Tob<sup>s</sup> Tayler of Skelton for Seed as they pretended, tho' I find this Tayler is a Roman Cathalick & is charged with Shipping Corn clandestinely on board Smuglers

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, The Mob went down to Mask to stop one Patten there from Shipping any more Corn, for he has bo<sup>t</sup> a quantity & says he Ships ^it^ for Northumberland for seed, at present no exportation is allowed from this Kingdom, Tho<sup>s</sup>

rode to Wilton to desire Geo: Homan to meet W<sup>m</sup> White here on Monday, as there is no safe getting the Seed Wheat bo<sup>t</sup> (vid: last Monday), to Grainge; we pulled most of the Apples in the Orchard; and in the evening a party of the Rabble came to ask my Uncle for something to drink for all their pains, but he wou'd give 'em nothing, tonight I sat up after the family was gone to bed till between Ten & Eleven.

Friday the Thirtieth & last Day, about Seven I set forward for Stockton, I met M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease Jun<sup>r</sup> in his rode to W<sup>y</sup> I dined at Stockton with M<sup>r</sup> Maddison; and before four, M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson & her Son came, I paid them £297 - & gave them a Bond my Uncle had of them for £100 which with £3 Interest for Three Quarters of a Year due thereon made £400, which the Son gave me a bond for, and which I brought to my Uncle - my Uncle was not disturbed by the Mob today

### OCTOBER 1757

Saturday the First, I rode to Grainge, Boulby & din'd at Staiths, after I came home I took a vomit, having been frequently sick lately & a Loathing to Meat, I sweat after I got to bed upon some Winter Savary Tea, & on

Sunday the Second, I repeated the Sweat, & got ab<sup>t</sup> Ten, wrote a Letter to my Mother, in answer to one rece'd last night, but did not send it by M<sup>r</sup> Pease who dined here in his rode to Dar'nton from Whitby (vid: friday last) after dinner I went with him to M<sup>r</sup> Forster's where, M<sup>r</sup> Terry Attorney of Dar'nton & Young Parson Castley drank with us till Three, when we broke up, & M<sup>r</sup> Pease & M<sup>r</sup> Terry set of for Dar'nton

Monday the Third, W<sup>m</sup> White came (vid: last Thursday) The Mob gather'd together today but don't here of any outrages, save that the Women drubbed a Miller or two, Jn<sup>o</sup> Dale of Easby near Stoxley who we buy our Cheese on, dined at our House today, in the evening I took a walk with Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick Jun<sup>r</sup> (Our Thomey's Nephew, who is lately return'd from a french Prison where was confin'd Ten Months however was in france all that time) to his father's Mill at Waterfall & saw it's operations as beating Hemp, washing it &<sup>c</sup>, In the evening Oliver Presswick sat an hour or two, to speak to my Uncle about Winn's House ^w<sup>ch</sup> he has took^ he being to set forward to London in the morn<sup>g</sup>.

Tuesday the Fourth, after breakfast I rode to Staiths & dined, I called at Boulby & Grainge as I came home,

Wednesday the Fifth, I wrote to my Mother as did my Uncle with a Copy for her ^to^ write over, & send to Uncle Jos<sup>a</sup>, about the Bounty he bestow'd on her & father, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson came before dinner to stay till Monday, after ^dinner^ I sat half an hour w<sup>th</sup> Elsworth of Richmond at Ja<sup>s</sup> Birds by whom I sent the above Letters

Thursday the Sixth, last night has been very stormy, the Wind blowing hard at South with much Rain, the like we have not had of many Months, being uncommon fine Harvest weather, & by the largness of the Crops, Wheat is fallen, from 10 Shill<sup>s</sup> to 5 per Bushel in a Month's time, other Grain in proportion, In the afternoon I went with M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson & drank Tea,

Friday the Seventh, I had a bad night from the Tooth Ach, but about 9 o'Clock I rode to Boulby & Grainge, when I came home at five M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson were gone to Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Hides, I laid in my Gun Closet till four o'Clock in the morning on a Squab before the fire, being bad of the Tooth-Ach, at 4 I went to bed & laid towards 8 of

Saturday the Eighth, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson did not go any way today, I was better of y<sup>e</sup> Tooth Ach. M<sup>r</sup> fox dined w<sup>th</sup> us today, & I took a Copy of a Letter that he had w<sup>ch</sup> was directed to any of the Mob of Gisbr<sup>o</sup> encouraging them to pursue their measures & w<sup>ch</sup> dropt in the Market last Monday.

Sunday the Ninth, Being a silent Sunday we did not go to Church, but M<sup>r</sup> Jeferson, M<sup>r</sup> fox & self walked to the former's estate at Tockets, we return'd & drank Tea with M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson at M<sup>r</sup> fox's

Monday the Tenth, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jeferson took leave of the Neighbours, and after dinner I set ^them^ beyond Skelton in their road home, M<sup>r</sup> Preston & Geo: Mewburn of Eston dined,

Tuesday the Eleventh, I got up at 4, & at five mounted for Stockton, I breakfasted at the Inn, & did my business w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Maddison & returned to dinner, this Post brings an Acco<sup>t</sup> of Admirals Hawks, Knowles & Brodrick with the fleet of Men of War & Transports returning tho' near 60 of the former & above that Number of Transports without doing any more than taking a small fort on the Isle of Aix, this is the secret Expedition much talked on lately; I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's.

Wednesday the Twelfth, at Eleven we dined, I rode to Grainge, Boulby, and drank Tea at Staiths, then return'd home

Thursday the Thirteenth, my Uncle had a Lett<sup>r</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Wardell w<sup>th</sup> Acco<sup>t</sup> of his return to Boulby last night (vid: Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>) between 3 & four in the afternoon I set forward for Boulby where I laid

Friday the Fourteenth, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell & self got up ab<sup>t</sup> five, breakfasted & went down the New fall to the Ship (Darling) we dined on board after she had taken in the 48 Tuns of Allum, I returned home tonight

Saturday the Fifteenth, In the morning I walked w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby my Uncle rode to Spring Wood to choose some Oak wood, Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick went to Stoxley, I went w<sup>th</sup> Jack and the Cart twice to Spring Wood in the afternoon,

Sunday the Sixteenth, I went to Church twice, my Uncle Once, W<sup>m</sup> White came in the morning, I drank Tea at Oliver Presswicks w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> (his Son) & Miss Etherington's

Monday the Seventeenth, I got up early & went to Spring Wood to help Jack & Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby to fetch Timber, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> return I was lamed by a piece of Timber falling on my Knee & slipping down my leg, it was Merciful in God that my leg did not lye hollow or it might have broke it .

Tuesday the Eighteenth, my leg is better having rubbed it last night with Tinkter of Myrh & laid a White plaster on it, we dined at Eleven and my Uncle & Thomey set out directly after for Stockton tonight & Yarm fair tomorrow, I wrote to my Mother by Thomey & to my Bro<sup>r</sup> by ^the^ Post, I drank Tea in the afternoon at M<sup>r</sup> Etherington's, w<sup>th</sup> Oliver Presswick's Daughter's & Son Thomas, we walked to Waterfal Mill & as we went met M<sup>r</sup> ^Rob<sup>t</sup>^ Deighton of London, as soon as we return'd I went to the Cock & sat till Nine o'Clock with the above, When I came down I found Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird & Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick Jun<sup>r</sup> (as above) whom I had invited to spend the evening, Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird's Wife & Nancy Presswick was also here,

Wednesday the Nineteenth, my leg feels not much better but my Knee is, I took my leave of M<sup>r</sup> Deighton who came down here a Quarter of an hour; Tho<sup>s</sup> Presswick Jun<sup>r</sup> dined with me, & I drank Tea with him at their House, my Uncle & Tho<sup>s</sup> came from Yarm fair before Six, & W<sup>m</sup> White w<sup>th</sup> 15 Sheep.

Thursday the Twentieth, W<sup>m</sup> White went away w<sup>th</sup> the Sheep, they had got out ^of the Stack Garth^ in the night, but we found 'em in Jn<sup>o</sup> Porrits field, I took a ride out; Jn<sup>o</sup> Husband sat w<sup>th</sup> me till Ten, my leg is better today

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