

MARCH 1759

Thursday the First day. The weather for two months last past has been so remarkably dry, that at Gisbro' - we have only had one Shower of Rain – which continued half an hour; - I rode to Grainge and called at Brotten as I went, I also rode to M^r. Wardell's Barns, but he not being at the Allum works, I returned to Gisbrough. –

Friday the Second, in consequence ^of an invitation^ I had from M^r. Fox (& a pair of Gloves) I went to his wife's funeral who died last Wednesday, see that day in Journal Letter G; - I also drank Tea at M^r. Hides.-

Saturday the Third – I finish'd reading the Second vol. of M^r. Cleveland's Life, & began the 3rd & last volume,

Sunday the Fourth – I went to Church twice, my Un: is not yet able to go, W^m White came from Grainge and returned in the evening. –

Monday the Fifth – I sat an hour or two at the Cock wth Jn^o. Hackson of Lackenby, commonly called Chief Jackson.

Tuesday the Sixth – I read much,- Thom.^s Preswick went to Ayslaby for Jn^o. Rice, who return'd wth him at four in the afternoon, I then left him wth my Un. and drank Tea at M^{rs}.

Lincoln's; when my Un^r went to bed, Jn^o. Rice & Thom: sat up wth me in the Closet till twelve o'clock.—

Wednesday the Seventh.—Jn^o. Price return'd home after dinner, M^r. Hide sat two hours wth my Un; in the afternoon, and I finished reading the 3: & last volume of M^r. Cleveland's Life, see last Saturday.—

Thursday the Eighth – My Un: and I set out for Grainge a little after Six, where two oxen were killed for M^r John Jefferson who wth M^r Wardell dined wth us at Will White's, then we returned home, as did Jack who was wth us.

Friday the Ninth – Jack and I set out for Grainge a little after Six, where the two oxen were cut up. One of them weighed 91st 5^{lbs}, and had 13st 7^{lbs} of Tallow. The other weighed 89st 6^{lbs}, and 14st 10^{lbs}; after we had dined at Will White's, Jack, myself, and Ja^s Bird who went wth us in the morning for the Tallow, went back for a Hare, having taken my Greyhound, but tho' we ranged over the greatest part of my Un:'s ground did not see one Hare, so we returned to Gisbro at five.

Saturday the Tenth – I read some of the late Magazines, and after dinner went to the Rev^{md} M^r Husband's, and took Thos Preswick wth me, and paid him a bill M^r Jefferson sent me drawn

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on M^r Rob^t Core amount £28 16s, being in full for Three Tuns and four Hundred weight of Salt, he and Partn^{rs} had of the said Rev^{md} M^r Husband's late Brother John Husband accidentally killed Saturday the 2nd of December last, see Sunday the 3rd of the same month in Journal Letter G. M^r Husband made us some Bumbo, which we sat an hour to drink.

Sunday the Eleventh – Will: White came from Grainge and returned in the evening. This is Silent or Month Sunday.

Monday the Twelfth – I walked up street, and down to Francis Fox's for an hour. M^r Preston Senior, and John Readhead of Yarm, dined.

Tuesday the Thirteenth – I drank some Tea in the morning and at M^r Jackson's, my Un: having sent me th £100 which M^r Jackson, Jun^r, and his Father in Law gave their joint note for to be paid at May day. I read the 51st and 52nd Numbers of Smollett's History of England, having read the foregoing fifty; they come out weekly. There will be 120 Numbers which at 10 Numbers to a volume will compile the History into 12 volumes, and come down to 1748, the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle. M^r Fox and James Bird dined here.

Wednesday the Fourteenth – I went th the gardener and our Jack to the Garden at Winn Ground. We rooted up most of the 'berrie Trees, and dressed the others.

Thursday the Fifteenth – We wrought allday in the Garden up street, and open'd a Gutter that is coverd from that Garden all the way to John Aysley's yard end, where it empties into the beck, running under the Market place. There is a Grate at its entrance in the Garden which my Grandfather W^m Ward placed. I wrote to my Mother by Alexander Pulman who goes to Richmond tomorrow.

Friday the Sixteenth – We wrought as yesterday. W^m Atley the Sexton was wth us both yesterday and today.

Saturday the Seventeenth – My Un: and Thomas went to Stoxley, and return'd in the evening. I drank Tea at M^r's Lincoln's, and we finished the Garden.

Sunday the Eighteenth – I went to Church twice. My Un: went in the forenoon for the first time since Sunday the 15th of October last, during which space he has had a severe illness. At noon John Weatherill came to my Un: to acquaint him wth his intentions of setting out for London next Wednesday, my Un: having wrote two or three Letters on his behalf to Thomas Spencer. I drank Tea at M^r Hide's. John Weatherill stayd all night, and on

Monday the Nineteenth – in the morning he went away. My Un: gave him a Letter to Thomas Spencer. His is Son to [blank] Weatherill near Hurth, whose mother was Sis. to Thomas

Allen's mother, consequently he's a Relation. M^r Wardell dined. I sat an hour at M^r Hide's before Eight.

Tuesday the Twentieth – At seven I set out for Grainge and took Will: White wth me from thence to Handell, where we dined and lookd at Thomas Morley's Cows which are to be canted¹ tomorrow, but they being in general small, we rode to Liverton, and thence to Richard Hasletons at Moorsome, for whose Cow we bad £6. 15^s but it wou'd not buy her. I then parted wth Will: White and returned home in Company wth Jn^o Aysley's Serv^t.

Wednesday the Twenty First – at Ten I rode to Grainge, then to Boulby where I dined and drank Tea, the Rev^{md} M^r Oldfield, his wife, and Miss Todd being there.

Thursday the Twenty Second – I was at home all day, and assisted Jn^o Aysley and Alex^r Pulman to settle their Accounts about the highways for the years 1756 & 57.

Friday the Twenty Third – My Un: had a severe fit of the Gravid from five o'Clock till Twelve, when he voided a Stone much like a Pepper Corn, then he was quite well. M^{rs} Bateman called in her road from Whitby to Darnton. I walked down to Francis Fox's.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth – Jack and I went to Grainge and carried my Brother's Colt. We brought home 3 Quart. of Mutton, the other was left for Miss Moor, and the other hinder Quarter was given to M^{rs} Chaloners. I walked up street, and drank Tea at Ol. Preswick's.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth – I went to Church twice. W^m White came from Grainge and return'd. I walked wth Francis Fox.

Monday the Twenty Sixth – M^r Preston dined. I went up street twice.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh – In the morning I went wth our Jack and Duke Blencoe to Winn Ground when they began to Scour the Cross Hedges. I walked to Francis Fox's.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth – at Six my Un: and Thomas set out for Stockton, where they lay all night and then proceeded to Yarm Fair tomorrow. I walked up to Winn Ground, see yesterday, and in the forenoon went to M^{rs} Lincoln's wth Ol: Preswick to help them to settle their acco^{ts} which are standing since the year 1744. Maurice Lincoln died in Apr: 1756. Ol: Preswick and M^rs Lincoln dined wth me and Oliver sat till Eight at night. We cou'd not settle the Account today.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth – I walked up to Winn Ground, where Duke Blenkoe is working alone, our Jack having strained his foot by the Spade yesterday. I breakfasted wth M^rs Lincoln, and proceeded in the Acco^t, see yesterday, but did not settle it. I drank Tea there in

¹ i.e. sold by auction

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the afternoon also. About five my Un: and Thomas return'd from Yarm Fair; and 'tis resolved I shall go to Richmond tomorrow.

Friday the Thirtieth – at Seven I set out for Richmond. I breakfasted wth Doct^r Waine at Stokesley, then rode to Hutton-rudby, to East Rounton and Deighton where I dined at Will^m Cornforth's. He set me to Smeaton. I rode through Long Cowton and past Pepper Hall to Scorton, Brunton, and Richmond at Seven.

Saturday the Thirty first and last Day – I walked into Richmond Markett, and after dinner I rode to West Auckland where I found my Sis. Dolly.

APRIL 1759

Sunday the First – I went to St Helen Auckland Church twice wth M^r James Junior and Sis. Dolly. We drank Tea at old M^r James's who has lately had a fit of the Palsey. M^r James Junior and self walked into his Ground.

Monday the Second – My Sis. Dolly and self left W: Auckland, attended to Denton by M^r James, but before we came there M^r James and I took off the road to Killerby and saw a Greyhound Dog at a Tennants of his, that he will give me if my Un. allow of it. We drank Tea at M^r Culley's, and then M^r James set us to Persbridg. he then left us, we called at M^r Seamer's at Aldbrough, upon Hors'back. Thom^s Warburton rode before my Sis. all the way, and return'd after he had stayd an hour at Richmond. M^r and M^r's Lodg and Miss Barrick drank Tea at our House.

Tuesday the Third – Thom^s Dun of Grinton called at my Mother's, and I went down wth him to Matty Bewley's and sat wth Ja^s Simpson's of Reeth, M^r Robinson of Richmond and M^r Hutchinson (now Lord Holderness's Steward) &^c till Six, and then went to Cousⁿ Betty Coats's and found my Mother, Dolly and little Bess had there drank Tea.

Wednesday the Fourth – I settled accounts relating to Ellerton Moor Lead mines wth M^r Reuben Kilburn and paid him £1.1^s 8^d in full of all accounts including our share of the millage being £3.10^s. The whole of the Lead smelted was computed at 40 Fodder [?], which at 3s 6d p. Fodder amounted to £7, which my Mother was accountable for half of. I took his Receipt in full of accounts. This day my niece Bessy is five years old. I walked down street and sat an hour at M^r Deighton's.

Thursday the Fifth – At Seven I left Richmond, breakfasted and dined at M^r Pease's in Darn'ton, but he had set out early this morning for Hallifax to sell a small Estate there of

about £25 p. Ann: which his wife brought him. I called for an hour at Yarm, & found my Un: well at Gisbro at Six.

Friday the Sixth – I wrote to Bro^r Geo:, Sis. Wilson and my Mother and walked up street.

Saturday the Seventh – My Un: and Thomey went to Stokesley and return'd. I read at home and walked into my Mother's Ground up street, and drank Tea at M^r's Lincoln's. I rode to Skelton wth M^r Wardell from Bishopbrig.

Sunday the Eighth – Will: White came from Grainge. It being silent Sunday we walked to W^m Cass's to see a good four year old Steer, but he is too fat for the draught, which my Un: wants a pair for.² He went home in the evening.

Monday the Ninth – Rain fell successively the day through. My Un. went up street once as did myself. M^r's Turner, wife of W^m Turner of Kirkleatham Esq: died last night. I read the 1st volume of an Anonymous Book 'titled the Enthusiasm of Methodists and Papists compared, wh^{ch} I borrowd of the Revnd M^r Hide.³

Tuesday the Tenth – I walked up street and in the afternoon I went to the Cock and sat till Eightth (Chief) John Jackson, his Son in Law W^m Jackson, and Doct: Proddy.

Wednesday the Eleventh – I walked into my Mother's Ground twice, and read the Memorials of the Courts of Great Brittain & France relating to the Limits of Acadia or Nova Scotia, and the Newtral Islands, which ought to have been settled at the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle 1748, but were referd to Commissaries appointed by both Courts. 'tis a Quarto in Boards Printed at the Hague 1756, w^{ch} M^r Fermer of Yarm lent my Un:.

Thursday the Twelfth – The wind at E, begun to rain about two in the morning and continued successively all day wh^{ch} swelled the beck to the Bleaching Yard corner, wh^{ch} was higher than I ever saw it. The wind shifted by the N to the N.W. and W: when it ceased Raining I went up street twice, and in the evening my Un: went to M^r Jacksons about some Money they have promis'd him to make up a Sum I am to carry to Stockton on Saturday. My Un: was so affraid of being disappointed that, as above, he went up street tho' the weather was excessively Boisterous, & he obliged to put on a wide coat. I sat an hour wth Thomey at M^{rs} Lincoln's in the evening.

Friday the Thirteenth – Being Good Friday I went to Church once, we had a Markett here instead of next Monday, I wrote to my Mother, and in the afternoon I went wth Duke Blencoe into my Mother's ground, and opened some grips for the water.

² proof that oxen were still used for ploughing in this area

³ note in margin by 'WWJ 1873' that this was by 'Bp. Lavington'

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Saturday the Fourteenth – Thom^s and I set out for Stockton wth £500 for M^r Sleigh, which wth £200 before made £700 upon a mortgage, the Deeds of which I brought home, after dining at M^r Maddison's, and drinking Tea at Geo: Mewburn's, butcher, John Wilkinson's Son in Law. Sunday the Fifteenth – I went to Church twice, but my Un: none. He's not quite well. I drank Tea at M^rs Lincoln's.

Monday the Sixteenth – at Seven Jack and self set out for Boulby, but as we met M^r Wardell at Millumbeck, we went no further than Grainge, from whence Jack brought two Hams. We got home against dinner, and I drank Tea at Ol: Preswick's.

Tuesday the Seventeenth – being Easter Tuesday M^r Wardell breakfasted in his road from Boulby to Thomas Weatherel's Canting near Stokesley, so I went wth him. He bought three Ewes wth two lams apiece for 34 shil^{ls} the Couples, (or a piece). I bought nothing so we return'd to Gisbro'

Wednesday the Eighteenth – I went wth Jack to the Ground upstreet & spread some manure, and after dinner I walked wth Rob^t Stephenson to his Ground; drank Tea at M^{rs} Lincoln's wth Tho^s Preswick and W^m Colthirst.

Thursday the Nineteenth – at Six I set out for Boulby, but stayed two hours at Grainge. In which time my Brother Geo.'s Colt was first Shoed, being now only three years old, and in the Mouthing bridles. The Bags for the Coals were measured today at Boulby by M^r Burgh the Collector of Whitby Customs, and M^r Monkman, the Surveyor, upon w^{ch} occasion M^r Wardell provided a dinner as usual at which were present the Rev^{md} M^r Caley and Oldfield, Rector and Curate of Easington, M^r Jⁿ Jefferson, Messrs Samuel Gill and Macdonald Junior, Coast Waitors, M^r Wardell attorney of Whitby, and myself. I returned to Gisbro' at Six, and Thomas and self walked to see W^m Colthirst's Cow of five years old that I think of buying for my Mother. He asks 6 Guineas for her, but as she's expected to Calve in a day or two I bid him nothing till then.

Friday the Twentyeth I walked to the Ground upstreet, and wrote to M^r James of West Auckland; W^m Reed's Daughter Elizabeth was this morning married by License to John Newham, son of Newham Joyner at Stockton. It has been an intended match of some years. I sat at M^{rs} Lincoln's till past Ten.

Saturday the Twenty First – Jack went down to Cargo Fleet wth the Sledg and I follow'd him. We brought from thence half a Dozen small Chairs, an Arm'd Chair and a Table that have been laying there some time, being sent down from London for my Mother. I return'd to dinner. In the afternoon I took a walk into my Un:'s ground and called at Francis Fox's.

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Sunday the Twenty Second – I went to Church twice and read.

Monday the Twenty Third – I bought a Cow 4 years old wth a calf 3 days old of Will^m Colthirst, Dyer, to give £6. 10^s. and something return'd for my Mother. Thom^s Preswick, Willy and self drank the Earls which wth our own addition made 5 Pints of Bumbo. I then unhappily went into the Cock and drank wth Apoth. Proddy, Geo: Mewburn and Geo: Snowdon of Sour Punch till about Eight, when I was seized suddenly, whether by the Liquor or some other disorder I know not, but I was put to bed at M^r Baldock's the Landlords, & our People came up and stayd till one. Jack stayed till Six when he called me up and I came down street.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth – and instead of going to Staiths as I ought to have done if well, I laid down till Ten. My Un: did not go to bed till about Ten last night, and this morning was not so angry as I imagined. Peter Champion of Castleton dined and M^r Hide sat two Hours in the afternoon. I drank Tea wth Thomas at M^rs Lincoln's and walkd upstreet wth him to pay Baldock off, and also into my Mother's ground. I have wthin these few days read the 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th Numbers of Smollet's History, see Tuesday the 13th March, of this Book. I have read the 53rd and 54th Numbers but have not noted it before.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth – at Seven I set out for Staiths and dined wth M^r John Jefferson for the first time since his wife died January, 1758. M^r Wardell and Ralph Jackson, the Blind Man of Stokesley dined wth us. The Thomas and Richard came out of Whitby this Noon Tide to proceed on her voyage to Riga. She has been in the Dock this Winter, got New decks and several other great repairs. I called at Brotton, Grainge and Boulby, from whence I walked to Staiths.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth – I took a ride to meet M^r Pease Jnr and M^{rs} Bateman on their rode from Darnton to Whitby. They dined and M^{rs} Bateman being very ill here, I set them upon the moor to Scaling and return'd. I paid Will^m Colthirst for the Cow, see last Monday. He, or rather the wife, return'd me two shillings, so that the Cow and her calf cost £6. 8^s. 'Tis thought a cheap Cow. We brought her to my Un:'s.

Friday the Twenty Seventh – I read in the morning, and at afternoon my Un: and self rode to Will Casse's, who went wth us to the top of the hill to his intack.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth – M^r Pease, Junior return'd from Whitby, dined and I set him some miles towards Darnton, and return'd.

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Sunday the Twenty Ninth – I went to Church twice, my Un: only in the forenoon, for we dined at M^r's Chaloner's and he went from thence home, but I went to Church wth M^r Hide who dined wth us. I had a letter from my Mother, drank Tea at Oliver's

Monday the Thirtyeth and last day. – I read and walked upstreet, but there was little Markett as tomorrow's Fair Day.

MAY 1759

Tuesday the First. – being Fair day I went upstreet wth Will White who came from Grainge this morning, but he did not buy anything, for I got him to take a walk wth Thom^s Preswick and self to M^{rs} Lincoln's field to look at her Cows, she being determined to sell one of the two, so we bought the Spangled one for my Mother. This is two Cows now bought for my Mother which is all she wants. This Cow cost 6 Guineas and is Six years old. M^r Wardell dined as did Will: Hill near Whitby, Butcher. I walked up street and saw the Stone Horses shewn, and to Francis Fox's. I sat till Eleven wth Thomas Preswick, and M^r Forster at M^{rs} Lincolns.

Wednesday the Second – I took a walk before dinner wth the Rev^{md} M^r Hide to the top of Upleatham Plantation of Firrs, among which are delightful avenues which afford a pleasant Prospect of the Country and the Sea. I finished reading the 2nd and last volume of Enthusiasm &^c, and also the 59th No: of Smollett's History of England.

Thursday the Third – I walked to Francis Fox's in the forenoon, and in the afternoon upstreet to my mother's ground. M^r Wardell dined on his rode in to Bishopbrig.

Friday the Fourth – at five I mounted, breakfasted at Yarm, dined at Darlington, and drank Tea at Richmond, where I found M^r's Seamour and Miss Taylerson wth my Mother.

Saturday the Fifth – I walked into Richmond Markett.

Sunday the Sixth – I went to Richmond Church.

Monday the Seventh – after dinner I and Sis. Dolly walked wth Miss Maddeson and M^r's Dolly Close to M^r Wilkinson's of Oliver.

Tuesday the Eighth – I walked down to M^r John Closes & spent two hours wth him and Miss Maddeson waiting of her Father from Middleham, and then I dined wth M^r Deighton and his Comp^a he being Mayor this Year of Richmend. I drank a large Silver Cup full of Punch, call'd Willance. Sis. Dolly and self also stay'd and danc'd till Ten.

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Wednesday the Ninth – I helped to load a waggon wth my Mother's goods. We dined at Cousin Coats and took leave of all Friends. M^r Pease came from Darnton to carry Sis. Dolly to Darnton. He and I laid at Cousin Coats's.

Thursday the Tenth – My Mother, Sis. Hannah and Niece Betsy road in M^r Stephenson's Chaise, Dolly behind M^r Pease and I single to M^r Seamours, drank Tea there and proceeded to Darn'ton. We met Thomas Preswick there.

Friday the Eleventh – We dined at Yarm, and arrived at Gisbro' at Six. Thomas Preswick rode before Sis^r Dolly from Darnton.

Saturday the Twelfth – I rode to Yarm and saw three Carts of goods loaded for my Mother.

Sunday the Thirteenth – is silent.

Monday the Fourteenth – I rode to Boulby and Grainge and return'd to dinner.

Tuesday the Fifteenth – My mother, Sis. Hannah and Dolly went up to their intended habitation, and begun to settle things.

Wednesday the Sixteenth – We all went up to the House again and continued to work about it.

Thursday the Seventeenth – The same as yesterday.

Friday the Eighteenth – The same as yesterday. I wrote to M^r W^m Allen at London.

Saturday the Nineteenth – The same as yesterday.

Sunday the Twentieth – Sis. Dolly and self went twice to Church, my Un: once. They still live at my Un:'s.

Monday the Twenty First – The same as last Wednesday about the House, - but Jn^o Jefferson of Staiths, M^r Wardell and Ralph Jackson (blind man) dined at our House. The former laid all night, but M^r Wardell went home, and Ralph to Geo: Pearson's.

Tuesday the Twenty Second – We (Mother and Sis.) went up to the House.

Wednesday the Twenty Third – The same as yesterday, wth the addition of my taking a ride wth my Un: up Ruthergate, along the Top of the Hill to our Quarry, and down Bellmangate Bank, home.

(Holy) Thursday the Twenty Fourth – My Un: and Thomas went early to Yarm Fair and Back. We went to the House.

Friday the Twenty Fifth – I had a Letter from M^r W^m Allen from London wth two Bank Notes inclosed each of £50. I answerd him by return of Post. We went to the House as usual.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth – We went up to my Mother's House as lately.

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Sunday the Twenty Seventh – My Un: has a touch of the Gout in the little finger on his left hand so did not go to Church, but Sis. Dolly and self did twice as did the Child (Bess) in the afternoon.

Monday the Twenty Eighth – We went upstreet as usual. I made marketting for my Mother, viz bought a Leg and loin of Mutton, and breast of veal. John Price and his Son Samuel came to work for my Mother.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth – My Mother and Sis. and Niece after breakfasting here, went to their own House upstreet, staid there all day, and laid in it, so that this day my Mother begins Housekeeping, after staying a fortnight and 3 days at my Un:'s.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth – after breakfast I road to Boulby Barns, retur^d to Grainge where I staid an hour, and then came home. I drank Tea at my Mother's.

Thursday the Thirty First and last Day – I went to my Mother's forenoon and afternoon, but victual'd wth my Un: and lodged.

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Friday, June the First – The same as yesterday.

Saturday the Second – Rob^t Allen went from hence this morning for Whitby, having laid here all night. I spent the day at my Mother's as usual.

Witsun. Sunday the Third – My Mother, Sis. Hannah and Dolly and Niece Bess went to Church, but my Un: having still a touch of the Gout in his hand did not go.

Monday the Fourth – Tomorrow being Fair Day there was little Markett. I spent most of the day at my Mother's. Robert Allen, see last Saturday, laid here all night – this day Prince Geo: of Wales is Twenty one years old, on which account the Gentlemen of the Town met in the evening, but my Un: refused me.

Tuesday the Fifth – Being Fair day Will^m White came from Grainge and return'd. M^r Preston dined wth us. I spent part of the day at my Mother's. I went up after my Un: went to bed, for an hour.

Wednesday the Sixth – I spent most of the day at my Mother's, and read the Life of King William the IIIrd abbreviated.

Thursday the Seventh – I was upstreet greatest part of the day. M^r Hide sat an hour or two wth my Un:, but I was not present.

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Friday the Eighth – My Mother, Sis. and Bessy, drank Tea at M^r's Lincoln's, and supt at my Un: 's.

Saturday the Ninth – Jack went early to Boulby and Grainge, and I followed at Seven. He, having the Cart, brought home some Pann Slam [?] to lay upon our pavement to kill the Grass, as my Un: imagines. We return'd at Three, and Thomas Preswick at Six from Stoxley, where he had been at the Trinity Fair there.

Sunday the Tenth – is silent. I spent the forenoon wth my Mother. She, Sis. and Bessy came down in the evening and supt. My Mother's first visitors since she came to Gisbro' drank Tea wth her this afternoon, viz M^{rs} and Miss Etherington, and M^{rs} Baldock.

Monday the Eleventh – W^m Stevens who is come to stay for a few days, and Rob^t Thomas dined wth us. I was upstreet most of the day.

Tuesday the Twelfth – I was upstreet all the afternoon, my Sis. Hannah being ill, and M^r's and Miss Chaloners and M^r's Jackson, Junior, being visitors to my Mother, for the first time.

Wednesday the Thirteenth – I spent most of the day wth my Mother, my Sis^r Hannah being now extremely ill – and my Mother and self wth Geo: Meuburn, went to the Church-yard and dug down to late Mary Wilkinson's Coffin, dead 3 years the 30th Apr. last, aged 83 upon her Coffin, (w^{ch} we saw) but 84 upon the headstone. The Sexton dug to the Coffin to be convinced where she was buried, as there was some disputes about it, and because 'twas necessary to know as certainly as might be, that her husband John Wilkinson, late of Gisbro', but since his wife's Death (as above) lived wth his Daughter, Hann^a Meuburn, wife of the above Geo: I say, that he, Jn^o Wilkinson, who died this morning aged 92, the 22nd of this Inst: may be buried near her.

Thursday the Fourteenth – M^r Pease, Jun^r, dined wth us on his road to Whitby, and after dinner walked to my Mother's. I set him to the foot of Birk brow, and then rode to the rock where the Masons are working for my Un: for Stones. M^{rs} Danby, junior, drank Tea wth my Mother for the first time.

Friday the fifteenth – In the afternoon the Corps of Jn^o Wilkinson, see last Wednesday, was brought to this Church, and was buried close by his wife, and only about two foot off the wall, about two yards below the Stone that lays over my Grandfather, Wm Ward. &^c. Hann^a Meuburn and her two Daughters drank Tea at my Mothers. The Elder was married a fortnight ago to M^r Emerson, the common brewer's Son at Marton. My Sis. Hann^a is better.

Saturday the Sixteenth – Within these few days I have read the 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd and 64th Numbers of Smollet's History, Thomey went to Stokesley, and Jack to Cadgate Fleet for three

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Hundred Tiles, and after dinner I rode to the Quarry a' Top of Spring Wood. I went to my Mother's at four, drank Tea, and stayd till near Ten, but supt at home.

Sunday the Seventeenth – at noon Cousin John Pease (see Thursday), returning to Darn'ton wth his Bro. Bristoe, brought his Sis^r Bella behind him to stay a few days. She and Sis^r Dolly went to Church in the afternoon, and my Mother in the forenoon. I went both. My Sis^r Hannah is still very ill.

Monday the Eighteenth – M^r Rob^t Harrison, Master of the Trinity School at Newcastle, dined wth us, as did M^r Preston. the former and M^r Newsham of Yarm walked into M^{rs} Chaloner's Gardens wth me.

Tuesday the Nineteenth – I mounted at five, breakfasted at Boulby, called at Grainge and dined at home I spent the afternoon at my Mothers. M^{rs} Lincoln was there.

Wednesday the Twentieth – at Six I mounted, got breakfast and dined at M^r Maddison's at Stockton. Misses Maddison, Taylerson, Johnson was there. I return'd at Seven.

Thursday the Twenty First – I spent the forenoon and drank Tea at Mothers. In the afternoon I also rode wth my Un: to the Quarry. My Mother, Sis^r Dolly, Niece Bessy and Miss Pease came down to ask him how he did.

Friday the Twenty Second – I took a walk wth Sis^r Dolly and Cousin Bella Pease to the plantation a' top of the Hill above Upleatham. I got breakfast and dinner wth my Mother, as my Un: and Thomas Preswick went to Grainge about Six, and from thence they go to Boulby – Pay. Thomas rides upon my Horse wth a Meat Basket behind him. They return'd at Six.

Saturday the Twenty Third – I spent great part of the day at my Mother's. Thomas Preswick went to Stokesley.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth – My Un: went to Church in the forenoon and call'd at my Mother's for the first time since she went to her own House. I went to Church twice, as did Sis. Dolly and Miss Pease, my Mother and Hannah each once. In the evening Dolly and Cousin Pease walked to meet M^{rs} Pease, Junior, from Darnton, but did not reach her, thoo she came about an hour after, and they all walked down to and supt at my Un:'s.

Monday the Twenty Fifth – I dined at my mother's, and after M^{rs} and Miss Pease set out for Whitby. I carried Cousin Bell: behind me to Scaling where we stopt half an hour, and then took Sis. Dolly behind me and we return'd home. They proceeded to Whitby.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth – I spent the forenoon at my mother's, and as by this Post my Un: has advice from M^r Thomas Spencer of Robert Core's death, I went to Boulby to tell M^r

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Wardell to come to Gisbro' in the morning, that my Un: and he may consult about another Agent for their allom.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh – M^r Wardell, see last night, came, and wth the concurrence, or rather desire, of my Un: pitched upon Thomas Richardson Core, Eldest Son of the late Robert Core, aged nineteen years only for their agent. He dined and return'd to Boulby. I drank Tea at my Mother's, and sat till Twelve at M^r Jacksons wth Joseph Danby, and Walter Baldock.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth – I sat an hour wth Francis Fox at the Factory, spent most of the day upstreet, and wthin a few days have read the 65th, 66th, and 67th Numbers of Smollet's History,

Friday the Twenty Ninth – In the afternoon the Revnd M^r Hide, his wife, and M^r Proddy paid my mother a visit when I was there.

Saturday the Thirtieth and last day – I spent most of the day at my Mother's.

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Sunday the First – I went to Church twice, but my Un: did not go as 'tis very boisterous, tho' Will White came from Grainge and return'd. William Cornforth sat an hour wth me at my mother's viz till Eight, so that I did not see my Un: before he went to bed.

Monday the Second – after dinner I took a ride to Hamilton Hills to meet M^r William Allen who we expected today from Richmond, but he did not come.

Tuesday the Third – after dinner M^r W^m Jackson went wth me to Boulby where we drank Tea. We called at Skelton as we went and at Brotton as we return'd.

Wednesday the Fourth at Six my Un: and Thomas set out for Stokesley, where the Revnd M^r Hide, his wife, and Doctor Proddy called on 'em, and they all proceeded to and dined at Busby wth M^rs Turner, widow of Cholmley Turner Esq, late of Kirkleatham. They return'd at Eight in the evening. We began to mow today in the far pasture field, which is meadow now.

Thursday the Fifth – M^r Wardell came from Boulby and return'd. The men continued to mow. My mother, Sis. Dolly and Niece returned M^{rs} Chalons first visit, as they did M^{rs} Etherington's yesterday.

Friday the Sixth – My Un: had a severe fit of the Gravel from Six this morning till two in the afternoon. My mother was down here most of the time. Jack and I had our first Swarm of

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Bees today. The Grass that was mown on Wednesday and part of it yesterday, is dry hay this evening.

Saturday the Seventh – We continued to make Hay, and lead that in the far Pasture field. I drank Tea at M^r's Lincolns.

Sunday the Eighth – Was silent or month Sunday. M^{rs} Wilson of Aton, and M^{rs} Kirby wth her came to see my mother and stayd an hour. M^r W^m Allen came from Richmond, and stayd till Monday the Ninth – after dinner wth my mother's family at my mother's he went, or rather return'd, to Richmond. We had another Swarm of Bees today from another Stock.

Tuesday the Tenth – The General Quarter Sessions is helled in Gisbro' today so my Un: dined wth the Justices, and I at my mother's. I helped a little at the Hay this afternoon.

Wednesday the Eleventh – I got up at four and rode to Grainge. On my return, which I did at Twelve, I called at Brotton, when Will Child set my Horse a Shoe on; Calvert Close is mown today.

Thursday the Twelfth – We continued to make Hay.

Friday the Thirteenth – We led all the Hay out of the four meadow fields to the north of the Beck. M^r Wardell dined on his road to Bishopbrigg.

Saturday the Fourteenth – Geo: Agar, John Lynas, and Geo: Kirby begun and finished mowing my Mother's two meadow fields, containing by estimation about five acres.

Sunday the Fifteenth – My Un: called at my Mother's as he went to Church. He was there once, I was twice.

Monday the Sixteenth – I got nine women to work at my Mother's Hay, so I dined and spent all day upstreet. M^r Wardell came out of Bishopbrig.

Tuesday the Seventeenth – I began to lead my Mother's Hay wth proper assistance, Robert Ellerby upon the Stack, but a shower of rain coming on at three put us off for today, but on

Wednesday the Eighteenth – We completed it before Six in the evening, see last Saturday. I spent this day as well as yesterday at my Mother's.

Thursday the Nineteenth – I spent part of the day at my Mother's and the rest in assisting to lay more Hay upon my Un:'s Stack.

Friday the twentieth – Our Jack and Duke Blenkoe began to mow part of my Un:'s pasture which is very good this year. In the evening my Un: gave me leave to go to the Revnd M^r Hide, and M^r Jackson, Senior &^c, at William Corney's about affairs relating to the Militia, which has orders to go to Newcastle. I staid till between Eleven and Twelve.

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Saturday the Twenty First – at Six my Un: and Thomas Preswick went to Grainge, and return'd at Two. I did not see my Un: before they went. I assisted to work at the Hay in the pasture, see yesterday, which is dry this evening.

Sunday the Twenty Second – My Un: did not go to church but I went twice, and in the afternoon sat in the Pew that belongs to my Mother's House, adjoining to M^{rs} Chaloner's seat. My Mother, Sis. &^c sits in my Un:'s.

Monday the Twenty Third – M^r Preston dined wth us, and after dinner I rode before my Mother, Sis. Dolly was single, to Revnd M^r Wilson's of Ayton, M^r Kirby being there now. We returned home at nine

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth – Thomas Preswick and self bottled off a Hogshead of Cyder. I drank Tea at Thomas Sanders wth my Mother &^c. Both M^rs Jacksons also were there I wrote to my Brother. We were busy wth the Hay-stack a third time.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth – M^r John Pease, Junior, dined wth us, and after dinner he went to my Mother's, where he took Sis. Dolly behind him to Whitby, unknown to my Un:., and I set them to the top of birk brow and return'd.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth – At six my Un: and Thomas Preswick set off for Boulby, dined, and return'd at Six in the evening. M^r Baker of Elemore is there. I dined at my Mother's; I went into the School.

Friday the Twenty Seventh – At noon M^r Baker, see yesterday, attended by M^r Wardell, dined here on their road to Bishoprigg, M^r Baker having staid a week at Boulby to avoid the Races at Durham which are this week; after dinner M^r Baker and self went to M^{rs} Chaloner's. I went wth my Un:'s compliments, and to know how the young Gentleman does, who arrived from Eton School this forenoon for the month's vacancy, see Journal Letter G, Saturday August 5th. I also went to M^r Hide's wth M^r Baker. He and M^r Wardell set off at Two for Stockton.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth – I assisted to load and unload 3,000 Bricks from Doctor Proddy's killn to our House, and drank Tea wth my Mother.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth – I went to Church twice, but my Un: did not go once W^m White came from Grainge and return'd, and my Sis. Dolly return'd from Whitby wth M^r Pease Unknown to my Un:. My Mother &^c and I drank Tea at James Birds, and afterwards came down to my Un:'s.

Monday the Thirtieth – M^r Preston dined wth us. I spent an hour wth Chief Jackson and Ol: Preswick at Walter Pulman's. I shot some Birds in the Oarchard.

Tuesday the Thirty First and last Day. – I spent the forenoon wth my Mother and after dinner my Un: and I took a ride toward Osbury topping, but a Shower of Rain coming we return'd back.

AUGUST 1759

August. Wednesday the First Day. – At eight my Un: and Thomas set out for Stockton, to attend Yarm Fair tomorrow. I dined wth my Mother, and in the evening she and Sis. Dolly walked down and look'd at my Un:'s and my Shirts.

Thursday the Second. – within these few days I have read the 68th, 69th, 70th and 71st Numbers of Smollet's History of England, see the 28th of June, I dined at my Mother's, and at Six my Un: and Thomas Preswick and Will: White came from Yarm Fair, see yesterday. Will went home, having bought nothing at the Fair.

Friday the Third – In the forenoon I assisted to top and Rope my Mother's Hay-rick; at noon M^r John James and his Brother William came to Town. They came down to see my Un:, and laid at my Mother's. I spent an hour wth Oliver Preswick and Mark Burley, Fitter in Sunderland.

Saturday the Fourth – I got up at four, went up street, breakfasted, and mounted wth M^r James &^c, see Yesterday. I set them beyond Stokesley on their rode to London. Rain fell all day.

Sunday the Fifth – My Un: did not go to Church, but I went twice. In the evening Cousin Matty Reed came.

Monday the Sixth – I paid my Un:'s Rent to M^r Forster for the Executors of late M^r W^m Chaloner for the Ground &^c he has under lease which amounts to £28. 10^s and £1. 7^s for Tythe. I went to W^m Reed's wth Cousin Patty in the afternoon, and then she went away, see yesterday.

Tuesday the Seventh – I was upstreet great part of the day. In the evening Will^m Postgate came into the foreparlour. I played upon my German Flute for better than an hour, which was till ten minutes past Ten.

Wednesday the Eighth – I mounted my Horse at five, and rode to Grainge. From thence Will: White and I rode to Scaling, and after staying near an hour M^r Pease, his Daughter Bell and M^{rs} Pease, Junior came from Whitby. After they had stayd above an hour the two former return'd to Whitby, and the latter, M^{rs} Pease, Junior, rode behind the man she had from Whitby, to Gisbro' and I attended her. We arrived at Gisbro' at Two. She stays till Saturday.

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Thursday the Ninth – The forenoon I spent at my Mother's, and in the afternoon I went wth her, Sis. Dolly, Niece Bessy and M^{rs} Pease to M^r Hide's a visiting.

Friday the Tenth – I spent most of the day at my Mother's and in the evening I took a walk wth Sis. Dolly and M^{rs} Pease to M^{rs} Chaloner's Ponds.

Saturday the Eleventh – My Mother, Sis. Hannah and Dolly, Niece Bessy and M^{rs} Pease dined wth us and after dinner I set M^{rs} Pease, Junior, see Wednesday, to Forster howl on her rode home, after having staid [*blank*] weeks at Whitby, and three days here.

Sunday the Twelfth – Being silent I spent most of the day at my Mother's.

Monday the Thirteenth – At ½ past four I mounted, and accompanied by Will: Hobkirk rode to Whitby, about a House, or rather warehouse, of my Un:'s at Sandsend, where we stopt half an hour, and then proceeded. I dined at M^r Pease's who set us to Sandsend on our return. We reached Gisbro' before nine but my Un: was gone to bed. The above warehouse is to be repar'd shortly.

Tuesday the Fourteenth – I went to Francis Fox's wth some money I brought from M^r Pease yesterday. In the afternoon I drank Tea at my Mother's, and before we had done M^{rs} Chaloner, her two Eldest Daughters, and Miss Moor came in, as did M^r W^m Chaloner, aged 14 yrs tomorrow, and his Brother James, but I ran upstairs unknown to them. There were great rejoicings tonight on Account of a victory obtained by Prince Ferdinand, General of the allies, over the French commanded by Marshall de Contandes. I sat at my Mother's till past Ten, but did not go to the Cock.

Wednesday the Fifteenth – at Six I set forward for Boulby, where I found M^r Wardell very badly in a flux. I went into the Harvest field at Grainge and return'd. In the evening I went to see Alexander Pulman, who wth many others, is as M^r Wardell above.

Thursday the Sixteenth – I read the 72nd, 73rd and 74th Numbers of Smollet's History, I spent part of the day at my Mother's.

Friday the Seventeenth – between Five and Six my Sis. Dolly mounted my Grey Horse behind me, (which is the first time he has carried a woman, and without kiking) to Yarm, where we found M^r James's Servant wth a Horse, and after breakfasting at M^r Forster's we proceeded to Darnton. She rode behind the Servant. We dined at M^r Pease's, and then she proceeded to West Auckland to stay a fortnight. After drinking Tea &^c I set forward for Richmond where I arrived at Eight, and saw M^r Allen Senior, who has been ill but is now better. I laid at M^r Thomas Simpson's, and on

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Saturday the Eighteenth – after seeing all Friends I set out for Gisbro' where I arrived at Seven, after staying an hour at Yarm. This Journey to Richmond is a secret to my Un: as he knows of no other than my carrying Dolly to West Auckland. The weather being hot I return'dth a very inflamed face.

Sunday the Nineteenth – As my face continues inflamed I did not go to Church, nor my Un:. Will White came from Grainge and return'd. I drank Tea at my Mother's.

Monday the Twentyeth – Will: Brotton and Will: Lamb, both of Skelton, began to build the wall that makes the side of the warehouse into the yard. They finished the wall that divides my Un:'s yard from Will: Reed's last Saturday. I went to my Mother's several times.

Tuesday the Twenty First – In the evening word being brought that M^r John Jefferson was ill, and desired Doctor Waine's advice, I rode to Stokesley and return'd home wth him: at Ten at night we set forward for Staiths where we arrived at one; but in the way I was very sick which stopt us a little. I was also very sick at Stokesley and went to bed at M^r Waine's

Wednesday the Twenty Second – See yesterday. Doctor Waine thought M^r John Jefferson in a bad way, so we sat up till four o'Clock. At Eight I got up, and continued very ill of the toothach. M^r Jefferson continued bad also. M^r Adam Boulby and M^r Pease came from Whitby, and M^r Fox from Gisbro'. The two former went away, but the latter staid. At Nine in the evening M^r John Jefferson died of a Diarrhoea, or Flux, which he has been subject to of near Thirty Years. He was 62 years old a few Months ago. He was at Church last Sunday twice, having dined at the Revnd M^r Todd's at Hinderwell in seeming good health, but at midnight was seizd as above, continued all day on Monday, sent for Apothecary Proddy on Tuesday morning, and his disorder attended him without intermission till he died, tho' Proddy bled him, and M^r Waine prescribed Medicine without the least effect

Thursday the Twenty Third. – In the forenoon I return'd to Gisbro', and in the afternoon went to Staiths again, where I found M^{rs} Pease from Whitby. I laid at Staiths all night.

Friday the Twenty Fourth. – I spent at Staiths in assisting M^r Fox to look over the deceased's papers. In the evening we found his will, which is dated in January 1758. He therein bequeaths to his Brother Anthony £500, and his part of the Midsummer, his Sis. Jane Champion £500, to Paul and Mary Harrison £600, to John Galilee his 1/32nd part of the Mary and Jane ^and^ profits, to Samuel Champion his 1/16th part of the Triton and profits; to Nathaniel Champion his (I believe ½) part of the Thomas and Richard and profits; to Richard Spencer £200; to Esther Spencer £300 and his late wife's Apparel; to Dorothy and Esther Boulby £100 each; to Ralph Ward Esquire of Gisbro', Joshua Ward Esquire, M^r Adam

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Boulby, M^r John Pease Senior, M^r Francis Fox, Collonel Willm Gansell, and myself £50 each, to be paid at the end of Six Months after his Disease, by M^r Thomas Spencer who he has made his Sole Executor. We compute him to have died worth about £8000.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth, - There was a cold Table provided which the Company dined at, and about Four the Corps was put out of the window and carried to Hinderwell church, and buried close by his wife. (See her funeral in Journal Letter G.) The Bearers were M^r Pease, Senior, M^r Sanderson, M^r John Holt, M^r W^m Skinner, (both of Whitby), M^r Wardell, M^r Francis Fox, M^r John Robinson and myself. The mourning, and I think every other thing as much as circumstances would admit, were the same as M^{rs} Jefferson's Interment. I came home from the Church.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth. - I went to Church twice. In the forenoon I had my Scarf on. My Mother, Un: and Mally Saunders had Scarfs, but they did not go to Church.

Monday the Twenty Seventh. - I rode to Staiths, and laid there all night, after assisting M^{rs} Pease and M^r Fox to pack the China (which there's a great quantity of) and the Plate to go to London, or as M^r Spencer orders, who is expected down.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth. - after breakfasting at Staiths, I return'd to Gisbro' to dinner, and drank Tea at my Mother's; we have an account of the King of Prussia's being defeated by the combined army of Austrians and Russians near Francfort on the Oder, tho' last Post brought us contrary News. In another Post we expect to be more convinced and the particulars.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth. - M^r Richard Forster came to my Un: wth Thomas Milburn and drew the Agreement between the two latter, relating the Sale of my Un:'s warehouse at Sandsend, which he sold yesterday to Milburn for £120th some abatement.

Thursday the Thirtieth. - at Seven I set forward for Whitby and dined there, but called at Sandsend warehouse to take a Schedule of some moveables that my Un: woud not part wth, see yesterday; M^r Pease and I walked into the Town to discharge some Tyles and Timber that had been provided for the repairs, see the 13th inst, I also walked wth Cousin Bella Pease and Miss Bracken by the side of the River towards Russup. M^{rs} Pease return'd to Whitby from Staiths after staying there since this day sennight. I laid at Cousin Pease's.

Friday the Thirty First and last Day. - I set out from Whitby at Seven and rode to Staiths, from whence Francis Fox and I return'd to Gisbro' in the afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 1759

Saturday the First. - I spent great part of the day at my Mother's and walked to Francis Fox at the Factory for an hour – yesterday evening Jack and I took two Hives of Honey, one of w^{ch} was our old and first Hive, bought at Michelmas 1757, and this evening we measured the Honey of both Hives after 'twas dropt, which amounted to 16 Quarts of dropt Honey, 6 Quarts of Squeezd and 12 Pound Honey in the Comb. One of the Hives weighed 5st 2^{lbs}, and the other 4st 12^{lbs} after the bees were killed. The 22 Quarts at 1 shill. per Quarter, and 10^{lbs} of Honey in comb at 6d per lb amounted to £1 5^s and 3^{lbs} 12^{oz} of wax at 1/3^d per lb is 4/8^d, which in all amounts to £1. 9^s. 8^d.

Sunday the Second. - I went to church twice. My Un: did not go.

Monday the Third - M^r Geo: Crowe of Stockton dined wth us, and I spent part of the afternoon at Walker Pulman's.

Tuesday the Fourth. - I finished making a Pigeon Trap or Cage for my Mother upstreet, and in the evening took a walk out wth Jack and bought a Beehive between us at Robert Goftons for 11 shill. M^r Jackson, Jun^r, came to us, and as we had Greyhounds wth us we killed a Hare.

Wednesday the Fifth. - I set out for Grainge, but beyond Skelton my Horse fell lame, so I called at Brotton, and got a Horse of Will: Child to prosecute my Journey, till he set me on some new shoes, which cur'd the Horse.

Thursday the Sixth. - I spent most of the day at my Mother's, and till near Ten at night for M^r and M^{rs} James came wth Dolly from West Auckland, see Friday

Friday the Seventh. - I spent most of the day wth M^r James at my Mother's. They all came down to see my Un: in the evening.

Saturday the Eighth. - at Six M^r James and self mounted. We rode to Grainge, spent two hours there, and an hour at Boulby. We then set forward to Whitby and arrived there at one, being only an hour and a half from Boulby, but M^r Pease had done dinner, so we got a few mutton stakes, took a walk upon the Pier, drank Tea, and at five set out for Gisbro', where we supt before nine.

Sunday the Ninth. - is silent; my Mother, Sis., Niece, and M^r and M^{rs} James dined at our house. While at dinner M^r and M^r's Pease, Senior, came from Whitby. We all drank Tea at my Un:'s, and supt at my Mother's.

Monday the Tenth. - at five Jack and I took a walk wth my Greyhound and killed a couple of Hares. M^r Pease, M^r James and self sat an hour wth Francis Fox. I dined wth M^r Preston at my Un:'s, and spent the afternoon wth my Mother and her strangers.

Tuesday the Eleventh - at Six M^r James set forward for home, and I set him to Hamilton end. He has not been well since Saturday. I went to Church wth my Mother and her family, and dined wth them. This post brings a confirmation of Admiral Boscawen's having met wth the French fleet from Toulon, consisting of 14 Sail of the Line besides Frigates, w^{ch} was the same Number that Boscawen had under his command. Seven of the French fleet separated before the Engagement, so that we engaged wth double advantage. Two 74-Gⁿ, and one 64 Gun Ship struck to us, one of 80 Gⁿ and one of 64 Gⁿ burnt, the other two got into Cadiz, not far from whence the Battle was fought.

Wednesday the Twelfth. - Yesterday in the evening M^r Pease, J^{nr}, came from Darnton to see his Parents. He laid at our house and I wth him in the sick parlour, where we thought we lay damp. He return'd to Darnton this morning and before dinner M^r and M^r's Pease, S^{nr}, set out for Whitby, see Sunday. Between Eight and Nine in the evening my Un: bid me a good night, concluding that M^r Thomas Spencer woud not arrive here till tomorrow, tho' he appointed today, and before my Un: had got into bed he came wth a Servant in a post-Chaise. He was a good deal fatigued and sat up only about an hour in which time M^r Fox came to see him. His business relates his Executorship of M^r Jefferson's effects.

Thursday the Thirteenth. - Cousin Thomas Spencer is very ill being over fatigued wth his journey. He came out of London at one on Monday morning, and without stopping anywhere to sleep came 123 miles down. My Mother spent all day wth us, and by his taking Un: Joshua's sweat is better this evening. I walked upstreet several times to M^{rs} James and Dolly &^c. My Mother came down in the morning.

Friday the Fourteenth. - M^r Spencer is much better today, and sat in the parlour from morning till Ten at night. My Mother was here all day as yesterday; after dinner M^r Hide sat three or four hours during which time I took a walk out wth my Greyhound and killed three Hares.

Saturday the Fifteenth. - Early my Un: set out for Stokesley, and return'd after dinner. M^r Adam Boulby came from Whitby and return'd. He breakfasted at my Mother's. M^r Spencer is a great deal worse today and was let blood. He was disturbed last night and got up in the dark to call his Servant, nobody sitting up wth him. In the evening Dr Waine came from Stokesley being sent for. He found M^r Spencer much easier. My Un: went early to bed. My Mother supt and Doctor Waine and Proddy sat till past twelve at night.

Sunday the Sixteenth. - I went to church twice, but my Un: did not, as M^r Spencer is poorly still. Doctor Waine went away before dinner, and return'd in the evening. He and Proddy sat

up till Eleven tho' we had no wine but a pint which was nearly drank before. M^r James came to my Mother's to stay a few days and carry his wife home, see Tuesday last. My Mother and he came down to our House but did not stay long.

Monday the Seventeenth. - M^r Spencer is worse this forenoon, but is better towards evening. M^r Adam Boulby came from Whitby and return'd. He, M^r James, Doctor Waine and Apoth Proddy dined. Doctor Waine drank Tea at my Mother's, who had M^{rs} Kirby from Rev: M^r Wilson's of Aton to visit her. Proddy sat at our House till near twelve.

Tuesday the Eighteenth. - M^r Spencer is better in the morning but worse towards night. Doctor Askew, Jun^r, came to see M^r Spencer but did not know of his being ill. I drank Tea at my Mother's. Doctors Waine and Proddy sat up till past Twelve, but Doctor Askew went to bed sooner.

Wednesday the Nineteenth. - M^r Spencer is but poorly this morning. Doctor Waine went home in the forenoon, and return'd again. M^r Spencer is better towards evening.

Thursday the Twentieth. - M^r Spencer continues very ill. Will: White came from Grainge and return'd, this being latter Lady fair day. I walked among the Beasts several times wth M^r James. I sold late John Jefferson's Horse to the Revnd M^r Caley for £5. 17s. 6d at M^r Spencer's request. M^r Adam Boulby came from Whitby and return'd. He, Doctors Askew and Waine, and M^r Preston dined. Waine went home. M^r Spencer is extreemly ill and quite delirious.

Friday the Twenty First. - I went to Boulby at five, and went from thence wth M^r Wardell to Staithes where we appraised in a cursory was the late John Jefferson's effects, and both signed the appraisment, then I dined wth him and M^r Oldfield at Boulby and return'd when I found M^r Spencer very ill, quite delirious and continued so all night. Doctors Waine and Proddy laid a Blister upon his back at Ten at night. Doctor Askew had a Letter from Newcastle by this day's post wth advice of his wife's being deliverd of a Son, so he repair'd immediately home. She has had two miscarriages, but this is the first child she has had at her full time.

Saturday the Twenty Second. - M^r Spencer is delirious all day. His Blister was taken off at four by Proddy's Servant, himself having gone a shooting. It has risen pretty well. In the morning my Un: was ill and continued so till noon, when he got up and sat till Six in the evening; My Mother came down most of the day tho' my Sis. Dolly is extremely ill of a sore throat, having set M^r and M^{rs} James as far as Yarm yesterday in their rode home. She return'd last night, see the 6th instant and last Sunday.

Sunday the Twenty Third. - Dolly's extremely ill, being feverish. M^r Spencer was got up today and shaved, being easier, and quite sensible. M^r Wardell dined and return'd.

Monday the Twenty Fourth. - My Sis. Dolly is something better, but M^r Spencer is worse. In the evening Doctor Askew, Junior, return'd from Newcastle, see last Friday. After he came 'twas resolved that the old Doctor should be sent for, accordingly Alex: Pulman set forward for Newcastle at Eleven at night.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth. - M^r Spencer is thought to be in the most imminent danger, but the two young Doctors don't prescribe anything for him till the old Doctor comes, which was not till Nine at night, when ordered my Un:'s (Joshua's) sweat to be given him after he had drank about a pint of old Hock whey, made about half and half. This we had from M^rs Chaloner's Sellar, she being now at Gibside, in a slight Fever. M^r Spencer sweat profusely all night but did not awake. My Sis. Dolly is better. M^r Adam Boulby came from Whitby and lay at my Mother's.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth. - This morning at nine o Clock the three Doctors, Askew, Senior and Junior, and Waine gave their opinion that M^r Spencer could not live many hours, so my Mother was sent for, and between Eleven and Twelve o Clock clos'd M^r Spencer's Eyes, his Servant Oliver being present. My Un: was vastly affected when she informed him of it. I indeed apprehended his death would be the consequence for he has been bad for above a week past, having had cold trembling fits, and then hott ones. Richard Pulman was dispatch'd Express to Northallerton wth a Packet directed to M^r Geo: Clifford, late M^r Spencers co-partner in Trade, which M^r Careless, Postmaster at Allerton forwarded by Express. 'Twould reach London in 36 hours from thence, for which he charged £2. 18^s. 6^d. Old Askew return'd home. M^r Wardell came from Boulby and return'd. M^r Boulby remain'd all day, and laid at my Mother's again. My Sis. Dolly is better. Doctor Waine went home.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh Messrs Boulby and Askew, Junior, went to Whitby. This day was spent in preparing for the Funeral.

Friday the Twenty Eighth. This day was likewise spent as yesterday for M^r Pease, Senior, and his Daughter Bell' came wth Scarphs and Gloves &^c, but some Gloves were got at M^r Jacksons. Sis. Dolly is a good deal better.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth. - There was a cold dinner provided, and at four in the afternoon the Corps of late Cousin Thomas Spencer was moved and buried at the North side of his Father. He was 53 years old last January. He served his apprenticeship at Hull, at the expiration of which he was 21 years old. He spent 2 years in Travel &^c. He then lived 12

years at Riga, and has been 18 years in London, a Riga Merchant in the highest Credit; 'tis supposed he has died worth £100,000. He died in my Un: 's best Chamber which is over the Entry. The bearers were M^r Pease, and M^r Jackson, Seniors, Captain Will; Longbotthom, Ol: Preswick, M^r Wardell, M^r Joseph Danby, M^r Francis Fox, and myself. The Rev^{md}'s M^r Hide and Husband wth Scarphs went first; then Doctors Waine and Apothecary Proddy next; two women wth Hoods next; and Oliver, (late M^r Spencer's Servant) before the Corps; Messrs Boulby and Askew as Mourners, and all the men in the Town invited wth Gloves, see John Jefferson's funeral, this book.

Sunday the Thirtyeth and last Day. - M^r Boulby went to Whitby, M^r Askew to Newcastle and M^r Wardell to Elemore. I went to Church twice. My Un: continues very ill, but Sis. Dolly is better. M^r Pease went home, but left his Daughter to stay a few days.

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Monday, October the First. - My Sis. Dolly is now purely recovered, but Un: is no better, so that my Mother comes down every day. I was upstreet part of the day.

Tuesday the Second. - This Post brought us a Copy of late M^r Spencer's will, made the 7th October 1758. He leaves Cousin Etty his manor of Weeton in Holderness, and £8000. He appoints Messrs James Norman, John Cornwall and Geo: Clifford his Executors in Trust, to whom he bequeaths only £100 each; his Real Estate to Richard Spencer and Issue, failing that to Esther Spencer and her Issue, and failing them to his next heiress, M^{rs} Askew Junior, M^r Boulby's Daughter, and he leaves her £5000. To Miss Cooper, who is Miss Spencer's Companion, £1000; to Francis Fox £500, to my Un: Ralph Ward, Adam Boulby, my Brother Geo:, Colonel W^m Gansel, Ralph Ward, Jn^r, Thom Ward and Reb: Ward £200 each, to John Fox, Mary Saunders, Will Manley, his Sis. Bec^a: Lawrence, his own Clerk Poppe, my three Sis., Etty, Hann^a & Dolly & myself £100 each, to each of his other Clerks that have been a year in his Service £50 each, to Gisbro' Parish £50, and to M^r Vaus an Annuity of £50, the Legacies to be paid out of his Personal Estate, and Etty Spencer residuary Legatee, also to late John Jefferson £3000. My Un: Joshua, nor any of his aunts anything. I took a Copy of it for my Un:.. Old Wid^w Jane Campion dined wth us and return'd to Staiths. My Un: is much the same as yesterday, my Mother here.

Wednesday the Third. - Thomas Natby, Joiner, and I set out for Stockton to look at M^r Peacock's Beehouses, which done we return'd at one. My Un: is building me a Beehouse.

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He is no better, my Mother here all day. Oliver, (late M^r Spencer's Servant) and Jack went to Easington to fetch the Horse that was late John Jefferson's, which I sold to Revnd M^r Caley, who has made great complaints of him, but upon Tryal he would not rue his bargain.

Thursday the Fourth. - About Eleven last night a Fire broke out in a kiln called Jake's kiln, but leased by Apoth Miller, tho' Tenanted by Nicholas Harker, Rope Maker. It burnt wth great fury, till most of it was consumed, which was about four this morning. I heard nothing of it till I got up at Seven o'Clo. My Un: much the same, my Mother here all day. Ol: (late M^r Spencer's Servant) bought M^r Forster's Mair to ride to London on, for which he gave 11 Guineas and on

Friday the Fifth. - he set forward at five in the morning. My Un: is worse and my Mother here all day again. I was a good deal upstreet. Cousin Bell Pease still there.

Saturday the Sixth. - My Un: is this morning relieved from all other pains but those of the Gout, which have attacked him in the knee of the left leg, and the ankle of the other. Within these few days I have read the 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th and 80th Numbers of Smollet's History of England, my Mother was here all day.

Sunday the Seventh. - I went to Church twice, Cousin Bell Pease also, and Sis. Dolly who is now pretty well recovered; my Un: is much afflicted wth the Gout. My Mother here all day, except that she went into M^{rs} Lincoln's in the afternoon and drank Tea, my Sis. Hannah and Dolly, Niece Bessy and Couⁿ Bell Pease and myself meeting her there.

Monday the Eighth. - My Un: is now much worse of the Gout than I ever saw him. My mother was here all day. M^r Preston dined.

Tuesday the Ninth. - My Un: is surprizingly better. He has laid in the sick Parlour since Friday night and Jack upon the Couth in the same Room. My Mother was here most of the day.

Wednesday the Tenth. - I went to Boulby and Grainge at Seven, and return'd at Twelve but as M^r Preston is busy wth my Un:, I suppose upon the alteration of his will I dined wth my Mother &^c upstreet. M^r Preston went away in the evening after having taken the heads of my Un:'s intended Will. My Mother came down.

Thursday the Eleventh. - My Un: is better today and spent most of it in his Closet upstairs. In the afternoon I took a walk wth our Jack and John Homan wth two Greyhounds. We were out but an hour before we saw and killed three hairs near Springwood, where we met wth Sis. Dolly and Couⁿ Bell Pease, so I return'd wth them. My Mother came down in the evening.

Friday the Twelfth. - My Un: is somewhat better today. My Mother came down and I went upstreet a while.

Saturday the Thirteenth. - M^r Wardell dined here, (as did Apoth Proddy) on his rode from Bishopbrig, see the 30th ult. I drank Tea upstreet. My Un: continues as yesterday.

Sunday the Fourteenth. - being silent I read the Lessons and Psalms for the day to my Un:, who is but poorly. Will White came today for some sheep that he bought in Northumberland in Company wth his Un: in law, Thom^s Bell. They were ten days out, and these 37 sheep came from Thom^s Bell's flock last Friday. William went the low way home, and as above came here today for them. He laid all night, and set off wth Jack for Grainge in ye morning of Monday the Fifteenth. - M^r Boulby called here and dined onh his rode to Newcastle, M^r Preston also dined.

Tuesday the Sixteenth. - I was upstreet a part of the forenoon, and at Twelve I set out for Darnton where I arrived (after only calling upon Horse-back at Yarm) at five, and before Six M^r Pease arrived from London in Company wth M^r Will Stephenson and his Daughter from their home St Ives. I spent the evening at M^r Pease's wth Messrs Robson and Terry, Attorneys.

Wednesday the Seventeenth. - as my business to Darnton was to sign a purchase deed of the Estate near Halifax that M^r Pease got wth his wife, I being a Trustee to the settlements, which Estate he has sold to one Lea for £755, and as they (he and his attorney) were not to be at Darnton till noon, I set forward to Stockton and dined at M^r Maddison's, and before I left that Town M^r Parker, M^r Lea's attorney, came to me, and I executed as far as related to me the Deed above. I also received £68. 10s. 8d as Interest money for my Un: from several People in and about Stockton. I arrived at Gisbro' at Seven, when I found my Mother wth my Un: who is better.

Thursday the Eighteenth. - My Un: is rather worse today, and seems visibly to decline. I spent part of the day upstreet, and in the evening took leave of Cousin Bell Pease who goes away tomorrow. Will: White laid here all night

Friday the Nineteenth. - A little after three Will White and I set out for Yarm Fair. We arrived before Seven. Will bought four Steers gone three years old for £8 a piece of James Harrison of Aysleby. These were the first beasts I ever saw bought at Yarm, it being the first Fair I was at in that Town, my Un: never before being unable to go, so I received Will: Fawcett's and Marmaduke Foggethwaite's Rents and some Interest amounting in all to £59.0.3^d. This money wth that received on Wednesday appears right to my Un:. I dined at

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Robert Smith's as did Tho^s Preswick who did not come to Yarm till near noon as he went by Stockton. I was twice or thrice in M^r Forster's. We reached Gisbro' before Six, when I found my Mother at our House, and Couⁿ Bell Pease not gone from my Mother's, the morning being so stormy, that her father did not send for her. Some snow fell about four in the morning.

Saturday the Twentieth. - after dinner Couⁿ Bell Pease left my Mother's having been there since the 28th ultimo, my Un: continues much the same. My Mother did not come down, but I went upstreet.

Sunday the Twenty First - I was at Church twice. My Mother, Sis. Hannah and Dolly and Niece Bessy supt down street, they not having been here since this day six weeks; my Un: much the same and still lays in the parlour wth Jack upon the Couth. By this post we have an Extraordinary Gazette wth the agreeable News of Quebec's having surrendered to us on the 18th ultimo. General Wolfe who commanded the Land Forces was killed in an engagement wth the French Army before the Garrison capitulated. Brigadier Monkton was wounded by a Ball that enter'd his right breast and Lungs but it is hoped he will recover; The French lost the General Montcalm, chief in command and three that succeeded him during the engagement. Admirals Saunders, Durell and Holmes commanded the fleet.

Monday the Twenty Second. - This day my Un: made or rather signed his will engross'd by M^r Preston, who wth his son and Ol: Preswick, sign'd as witnesses thereto. I went upstreet in the afternoon and evening, there being some Houses illuminated on account of the news yesterday, but none of the principals did so. My Un: continues very poorly.

Tuesday the Twenty Third. - My Un: is no better. I was upstreet twice and my mother was here and drank Tea wth Sis. Dolly in the Closet.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth. - at Seven I mounted for Boulby, but called at Brotton an hour, as also when I return'd. The Darling was on for 40 Tⁿ of Allom so I went down the Newfall and dined on board wth Mess^{rs} Wardell, Rev^{md} Oldfield and Barris. Thomas Fotherley Jun^r is present Master. I was at Gisbro' at five and drank Tea wth my Mother and Sis. Dolly in the Gun-closet. My Un: much the same.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth. - I think my Un: is worse today. My Mother dined downstreet, and I drank Tea at my Mother's.

Friday the Twenty Sixth. - My Un: has the Gout severe in the little finger on his right hand. After dinner John Price and Richard Reah, my Un: 's Tenants at Ayslabay, came and staid all night, and on

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Saturday the Twenty Seventh. - they dined and went away; my Un:'s Finger is much enflamed. My Sis. Hannah is very ill.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth. - I went to church twice, my Un: much as yesterday. Sis. Hannah continues very ill yet my mother came down and supt.

Monday the Twenty Ninth. - My Un: is pure well after an extraordinary good night. My Sis. Hann^a is as bad as ever. I was upstreet several times; the weather is very Hazy which has ('tis supposed) occasion'd a Fever to break out in the Town.

Tuesday the Thirtieth. - My Sis. Hann^a is ill yet. My Un: is better. I wrote to my Brother Geo: in answer to a Letter of his to my Un:.

Wednesday the Thirty first and last day. - at Seven I mounted and rode to Grange where I staid an hour, then to Boulby, but as M^r Wardell was not at home I return'd without lighting to dinner, and found my Un: easy, but Sis. Hannah very poorly.

NOVEMBER 1759

Thursday the First day. - My Un: much the same, Sis. also. I went upstreet once or twice.

Friday the Second. - after dinner Doctor Waine came in to see my Un: and staid all night, being called on for his advice to Rch^d Outhread. Doctor Waine and I sat at M^r Hide's till past Twelve, and then he came down wth me and laid at our House.

Saturday the Third. - Richard Outhread died this morning at four o'Clock of a Fever. He was between fifty and Sixty. Doctor Waine drank Tea at my Mother's yesterday afternoon, and after dining at our house today he went home, leaving my Un: extreemly ill. My Mother came down in the morning and staid all day. I never saw my Un: worse till about nine, when the agonies he endurd from ('tis suppos'd) the Gout in and near his Kidnies abated. I sat up till towards one in which time I finish'd reading an anonymous work entitled, The Present State of Europe, a book that late Cousin Thomas Spencer brought down wth him, but his Servant Ol: left it behind him. Jack always lays in the parlour wth my Un:.

Sunday the Fourth. - I did not go to Church at all, my Un: being poorly tho' he has no pain, but sweats and sleeps much, but within Eighteen hours has had four tremblings like Ague fits which last him about an hour – my Sis. Hann^a is better. I wrote a Letter of Condolance to my late Mas^r, M^r Jefferson at Newcastle, for the loss of his niece, Miss Bellah Hudspeth, who died last Monday. She was about 24 years old, and has never been well since her Bro died in June 1758, soon after which was the last time I was at Newcastle. M^{rs} Hudspeth also has been

inconsolable, see Journal Letter G Tho^s Preswick and I sat up till past Eleven and then left wth my Un:.

Monday the Fifth. - My Un: had another trembling this morning about two, which lasted till near three. M^r Proddy saw him at nine and pronounced him irrecoverable, tho' he made such efforts at Eleven as to get into his closet, and stay'd an hour, but 'twas wth difficulty, and not without suspicion of his dying as he got downstairs. He's free from pain of any sort but sweats continually, and has not made above two teaspoonfuls of water this 24 hours, and that a thick slimy matter; now six in the even. - Thomy Preswick and I sat up all night. About one my Un: had another trembling fitt. M^r Hide pray'd wth my Un:.

Tuesday the Sixth. - My Un: continues weak, and seems to baffle M^r Proddy's Judgment, having made plentiful of water and that a good colour. Proddy sat three hours beside him in the evening. Jack and I sat up tonight with my Un: to be easy in throughout, but on

Wednesday the Seventh. - My Un: was found to be still very weak. I laid down in Thomy's Bed for four hours. M^r Wardell sent his Servant to see how my Un: does. Will: White and Tho^s Jackson brought 30 Bush: of Barley to be made into malt for my Un: when the other 30 comes, according to Annual Custom. Tho^s Preswick, Jack and Alex^r Pulman sat up.

Thursday the Eighth. - My Un:, after having a pretty good night is something better today. I walked upstreet for an hour; Jack went to Boulby today for a Box of Grapes and some Cheeses from Coll. Gansell to my Un:, w^{ch} have come in good order. My Mo. and Sis. Do. continue to lye here. I sat up wth Alex Pulman.

Friday the Ninth. - My Un: has had a good night and is perceiveably stronger today. I wrote to Cousⁿ Gansell by Un:'s order, see yesterday. I also wrote to Cousⁿ Etty Spencer. Fran. Fox drank Tea here. Tho^s and Jack sat up.

Saturday the Tenth. - My Un: continues much the same. Will: White came from Grainge wth the remaining 30 Bush. of Barley, see last Wednesday, Jack and Alex. sat up.

Sunday the Eleventh. - being silent I did not go to church. My Un: much the same. John Price came here and staid all night, sitting up part of the night wth Jack, and then Tho^s sat up. My mother and Sis. Do. lay here as lately.

Monday the Twelfth. - My Un: is seemingly weaker today. Will: White came from Grainge this being a Fair day, but he did not buy any beasts. I went up street as usual for an hour. Jack and I sat up wth my Un:.

Tuesday the Thirteenth. - My Un: is stronger today. I went upstreet for two hours. Jack and I sat up tonight again. Jn^o Price and his wife from Staiths return'd home yesterday.

Wednesday the Fourteenth. - My Un: is today as yesterday. I went upstreet for two hours. Tho^s and Alex sat up tonight.

Thursday the Fifteenth. - My Un: continues the same. M^r Boulby called on his rode to Whitby from Newcastle where he has been a month to attend the Christ'ning of his Grand child Askew, but it died the night before the intended Christning. It was not baptiz'd, but it was intended to be called Adam, Boulby, Askew. Jack and I sat up. My Un: had a good night as usual.

Friday the Sixteenth. - My Un: is much the same as yesterday. I wrote to Tho^s Rich Core for ten Gall^s Gen^a. for my Un:. M^r Hide pray's wth my Un:, and drank Tea wth my Mother and Sis. Dolly, who (Do.) generally drinks Tea wth my mother as well as lays wth her at our house. Jack & Alex sat up.

Saturday the Seventeenth. - My Un: thinks himself weaker and has a mind for Doctor Waine's advice, accordingly Thomy rode to Stokesley, and M^r Waine is to come in the morning.

Sunday the Eighteenth. - Doctor Waine came at noon and found my Un: so weak, that he imagines he cannot live above four or five days. – and he return'd home in the evening.

Monday the Nineteenth. - My Un: is weaker today, and refuses all sorts of Medicines. John Galilee was here.

Tuesday the Twentyeth. - My Un: is weaker today, but nevertheless wou'd be up, and laid upon the Couth Eight hours – but this was the last time he ever was out of bed. I and Jack and Alex sat up last night, and this also, and in the morning of

Wednesday the Twenty First. - I got him to take a little Julep wth some heart-burn cakes infused, and this was the last of anything that came within his mouth – for Doct^r Waine dined wth us today, and he said he doubted my Un:'s surviving this night. Tho^s, Jack and Betty Wright sat up.

Thursday the Twenty Second. - John Galilee from Staiths was here and dined. Apo^y Proddy thinks my Un: cannot live tonight, and Accordingly at a quarter past five in the evening Died my Un: Ralph Ward, supposed to be sensible to the last, tho' he has not been able for near two days to speak so as to be understood, on Account of the Phlegm that disturbed him & at last closed with a Rattle. My Mother, Sister Dolly, & M^{rs} Lincoln, & I believe Margery and Eliz^a Wright were in the room (being called the low or sick parlour) where and when he died; after Richard Pulman shaved my Un:, he was laid out, and then my mother and Sis. Dolly came to Tho^s Preswick and I in the Gun Closet. The will was not look'd for tonight, but on

Friday the Twenty Third. - My Mother, Sis. Dolly, Tho^s Preswick and I went into that called my Un:'s Closet & found the will, bro. it down and read it in the Gun Closet, there being two parts thereof, both of the same date & Tenure, dated Octo: 22^d last past We found my mother Sole Executrix, and I am left all the Estates in Yorkshire of what Tenure soever, except the Leasehold in & about Gisbro, see a copy of the will in [blank] I sent the Heads of the will to my Brother & requested his coming down. I also wrote to Coll. Gansell in Craven Street, and to Ra: Ward at the Rainbow Coffee House, Cornhill. In the evening Cousins Jn^o and Eliz^a Pease came from Whitby in consequence of my mother's sending Jack for them wth two horses this morning.

Saturday the Twenty fourth. - was spent in preparations for the Funeral against tomorrow, for a Boy came from Whitby today wth the Silk Gloves &^c &^c from Cos: Peases.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth. - There was a cold dinner provided, and at three o'Clock the Corps of my Uncle Ra: Ward was carried to Church where evening and Funeral Service was performed, and then Inter'd between my Grandfather William Ward, and Un: Edw. Ward I saw the Skeleton of the former, my Mo. being minded to lay my Un: Ra: in his Grave, but tho' 'twas forty one years since his (my Grandfather's) Interment, the Bones were entirely perfect, & as we found room between him and Un: Edward, we built a wall near three foot high between my Grandfather and where my Un: Ra: is laid. The Paul Bearers were M^r Wardell, M^r Jackson, Senior, M^r Will^m Longbotthom, M^r Ol: Preswick, M^r Danby, M^r Fox, M^r Etherington, and M^r Forster. M^{rs} Chaloner having had a Hood and Scarf sent she attended the Procession in her Coatch from our House to the Church, w^{ch} was thus conducted, viz the Rev^m M^r Hide & Husband, first, then Doctor Waine and Apoth Proddy, then my Un:'s two maids, then Will: White and Jack, and immediately before the Corps Tho^s Preswick walked single, after the Bearers, M^r Pease & self, Will: Reed and Tho^s Allen as mourners. The whole was conducted wth the utmost regularity & Decorum.

Monday the Twenty Sixth. - If my Un: had lived till the 10th of next February he woud a' been 79 years old. M^r Pease and I walked to the Church-yard and view'd the Grave – then we walked down to Fran. Fox's at the Factory.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh. - at nine my Cousin Peases set forward to Whitby upon my mother's Horses, and Jack before M^{rs} Pease. I set them to Birk-brow, and in the afternoon, was wth my mother and Sis. in my late Un:'s Closet.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth. - at Seven I mounted for Grainge where I found Jack, see yesterday. He and Will: White signed the Appraisement of my Un:'s Effects at Grainge

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and Elsewhere, w^{ch} wth ready money and at Interest I made amount to £21,499 – tho' this is much short of reality; M^r Jn^o Readhead met me at Grainge and offered me his assistance wth regard to the settling the Acco. for the Allom-works, which I find has not been done since the Commencement of Partnership betwe'n M^r Baker and my Un: on the 11th of June, 1754. I rode to Boulby, dined wth M^r Wardell, & return'd home.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth. - being a day appointed for Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the advantage we have this year gain'd over the French, I went to Church in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I took out the Names of most of my late Un:'s Debtors.

Friday the Thirtieth and Last Day. - at nine I mounted and rode to Stokesley where I detained the Gisbro' post man and took a Letter from my Bro. Geo: out of his packet. This Letter encouraged me to go to Thirsk, where I arrived at five, and soon after my Bro. arrived from London, from whence he set his Horses and Servant a day before him and overtook them at York where he left the Postchaise and took to his own Horses.

DECEMBER 1759

Saturday the First. - after my Bro. and I had seen some of the neighbours we set out for Gisbro' where we arrived before Six, having called at Bessy Bells and Stokesley.

Sunday the Second. - My Brother, Sis. Do: and self went to Church in the forenoon, but not in the afternoon. Oliver Preswick drank Tea wth us, and at Six Will: Allen came from his Regiment of Militia at Newcastle to see my Brother who had wrote to him on the rode.

Monday the Third. - My Brother, Will: Allen and myself walked into our Markett. The Revnd M^r Hide came down to our house before whom my Mother took Administration to my Un:'s will as Sole Executrix.

Tuesday the Fourth. - Jack having found a Hare upon her Seat, my Brother and self went wth Apoth. Proddy and his Dogs to kill her, but did not, tho' we saw other two and killed one. M^r Proddy dined wth us and sat two hours after. My Brother and I look'd into the Books and did business.

Wednesday the Fifth. - having let two or three days run on without entering anything in this book I have mistaken yesterday for today, and what follows was the occurrences of Tuesday, viz a Gazette extraordinary appears wth an account of Sir Edward Hawke's having dispers'd the Brest fleet, commanded by M^r Conflans, taking one, sunk two, and burnt two, wth the loss

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of two of our ships on the French coast, the engagement happening in a Tempest. Will: Allen, see Sunday, went away also on Tuesday.

Thursday the Sixth. - Cousin Patty Reed came yesterday, my Mother having sent Jack for her. My Bro. and I persued our Business among the Books, and gave notice by Letters to above Thirty People to pay in the money owing to my Mother as Executrix of my late Un: Ralph Ward.

Friday the Seventh. - my Bro. and I persued our Business among the Books.

Saturday the Eighth. - at Eight Tho^s Preswick, my Brother's Servant & self set out for Stockton. My Bro. did intend going himself but the morning being unfavourable he alter'd his purposes. M^r Maddison was from home, so I cou'd only give Tho^s Preswick the Letters my Brother and I had wrote as notices to the respective people to pay in the money they now owe to my Mother, which he did before dinner. I dined wth M^{rs} and Miss Maddison, then paid M^r Sutton's bill for wine, and return'd home which we reached before Six.

Sunday the Ninth. - being silent we did not go to Church, but Jack having found a Hare in our Ground, my Bro. & self went wth M^r Proddy's Servant and Dogs, and after they had tund her several times my Brother threw his stick at her which hitting her legs the Dogs got up to and killd her.

Monday the Tenth. - My Brother and I walked upstreet, and in the evening M^r Proddy, M^r Jackson, Junior, and Ol: Preswick spent a few hours and supt wth us.

Tuesday the Eleventh. - My Brother and I rode to Skelton Castle, breakfasted wth Messrs Lascelles, and M^r Proddy coming to us we went towards Marsk accompanied by Tho^s Jackson, the Horse rider, M^r Anthony Smith and M^r Michael Smith, and the Greyhounds. We had fine sport and M^r Wardell joined us. They all dined at Michael Smith's, but my Brother and self return'd to dinner and were surpriz'd by Letters at M^{rs} Robinson, my Un: Jos's housekeeper, being discharged by Colonel W^m Gansell without a hearing. My Bro. wrote several Letters to London, as to my Un:, Miss Spencer &^c &^c.

Wednesday the Twelfth. - at nine my Bro. Sis. Do. and self set out for Whitby where we arrived at five, after having called at Grainge, and dined wth M^r Wardell. Cousⁿ Jn^o Pease, Jun^r, arrived at Whitby from Darnton about an hour after us.

Thursday the Thirteenth. - We all remained at Whitby, and walked out, and drank Tea wth Adam Boulby.

Friday the Fourteenth. - We walked upon the Pier &^c at Whitby, and sent an express Messenger for my Bro's Letters to Gisbro', who return'd at nine at night wth James and

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Bristoe Pease from Scorton School almost lost by the weather's being cold and snow upon ye Ground. Doctor Ker, and M^r Linsell, Jn^r, sat the evening wth us at M^r Peases.

Saturday the Fifteenth. - We, viz my Bro, Sis. Do, M^r Pease, Jn^r, & self, return'd from Whitby to Gisbro', where we arrived at five, dined at M^r Wardell's, and Doctor Ker and John Addison set us a few miles from Whitby.

Sunday the Sixteenth. - M^r Jn^o Pease, Jn^r, went to Darnton, and I went to Church in the forenoon wth Sis. Do. & Co^s Patty Reed when M^r Lascelles preached, and as M^r Wardell came from Boulby, he, wth his Brother the Capt, Revnd M^r Hide and Apo: Proddy spent the evening till Twelve.

Monday the Seventeenth. - M^r Wardell went home. M^r Preston Sn^r went wth me to Revnd M^r Hide's when I paid £3. 4^s. 0^d for the Probat of my late Un:^s will. M^r Preston dined wth my Mother &^c, but my Bro. and I dined at Ol: Preswick's and sat wth Messrs Peacock, Proddy, Jackson Jn^r, and Tho^s Preswick till Nine.

Tuesday the Eighteenth. - Harry Pecket came to see my Bro: several Messuages passed between my Mother & M^{rs} Chaloner about Winn House & ground w^{ch} my Mo. has let to M^r Harrison an Attorney for Nine years but M^{rs} Chaloner would not agree to any more than from Year to Year

Wednesday the Nineteenth. at Eight my Bro. & self mounted for Skelton from whence Messrs Lascelles went out wth their or the Rev^{nd's} hounds with us, we were join'd by the Revnd M^r Casley, M^r Mich^a Smith, M^r Wardell & M^r Jackson Sen^r we ran several Hares till three but killed none, so we retir'd to Skelton Castle, and after dining sat two hours & came home.

Thursday the Twentieth, Miss Kirby came to see my mother & bro. but return'd to Aton, I employ'd most of the day in my late Uncle's Books

Friday the Twenty First, at six I mounted attended by Jack & went to Boulby where I rece'd the Rents for Upton &^c. & after dining I sat an hour with the Rev^{nds} M^r Oldfield M^r Todd, & M^r Tho^s Peacock, I return'd, calling at Grainge as I went and came back – then I went wth Bro. for an hour to M^r Jacksons but did not stay supper, as we promised my Mo. not to do it tho M^{rs} Chaloner & her two Eldest daughters, Mess^{rs} Lascelles, Hide & Proddy were to sup.

Saturday the Twenty Second, my Brother's Servant went to Thirsk to day his Mas^r proposing to go tomorrow, Harry Peckett went to Aton to the Revnd M^r Haswell & bought a light Chesnut Guelding rising Six years old for 20 Guineas. my Bro. & I rapt at M^{rs} Chaloners over several times in twelve Minutes, but as no body came we left it, & in the evening M^{rs} Chaloner wrote a Card to desire our comp^a but we did not go.

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Sunday the Twenty Third, at nine my Bro. & self set out for Thirsk on his rode to London, Harry Peckett was with us. we called at Revnd Mr Wilson's of Aton and at Bessy Bells at Ingleby Cross where we baited an hour & half, we got to Cousin Pybusses at five. Harry went home to Easingwood, M^r Sim. Butterwick sat the evening with us till past eleven.

Monday the Twenty Fourth, M^r Ostler & M^r Dent (apothecary) breakfasted with us at Cousin Pybusses, & at Ten my Brother set out for London, he rides to York, & then takes post chaise from whence his servant takes his horses to Lond^o: he came to Gisbro', Saturday three weeks I set out for Gisbro' upon the little Mare my Bro's Servant rode down on, he having taken the Horse Harry bought for him t'other day, I called at Bessy Bell's & got to Gisbro' at five Christmas-Day, Tuesday the Twenty Fifth I went to Church twice with Sis. Dolly & Cousin Patty Reed, also wrote in my Closet.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, Tho^s Preswick & I went upstreet & gave notice to M^r Danby &^c to pay in their money against May day M^r Forster & his Wife from Yarm came to stay a few days with my Mother, we play'd at Cards

Thursday the Twenty Seventh. I rode to Boulby & was out with M^r Wardell & Revnd M^r Oldfield aCoursing but cou'd not start a Hair, I return'd at Six in the evening –

Friday the Twenty Eighth. I went to the Cock according to messuage from Mess^{rs} Willoughby Hall, Jn^o Pawson, & Holiday sat half an hour wth them before they took Horse for Newcastle, I spent the day below stairs with M^r & M^{rs} Forster, Mast. Tho^s Cockburn the youngest of three Brothers that boarded with M^r Temple of Richmond as Scholars, spent the evening at our House, he is now Apprentice to an Attorney at Leeds –

Saturday the Twenty Ninth. he breakfasted with us in the morning, & then took Horse with Tho^s Preswick & self for Stokesley in his rode home; M^r & M^{rs} Forster also return'd home, Tho^s Preswick & I rode from Stokesley to Broughton where we view'd a field that my Uncle has left me, being part of late Jos: Hutchinson's Effects, M^r Greensides was with us, & promises to be a purchaser if I sell it, we return'd to Stokesley, & after dining with M^r Preston & getting my Business done with him we return'd home.

Sunday the Thirtieth. I went to Church with Sis^r Dolly & Cousⁿ Patty Reed in the forenoon but not in the afternoon –

Monday the Thirty First & last Day of December in the year 1759. I wrote to M^r Preston ab^t a Deed of Gift from my Mo: to me of her parts of Ships, he not being at town today, I walked upstreet, but spent part of the day in my Closet –

JANUARY 1760

Tuesday the First Day. at Eight Jack & I & Ja^s. Bird &^c went out with my Greyhound (Nettle) & met Jn^o Bird near Pinchinthorpe, we killed two Hares after ranging a long time, & got home at one, this Post brings an Account of Bro: George's getting safe to London, Jn^o Price Sen^r came today to stay sometime as a Joiner, my Mother gave me this day 50£ as a New Year's gift, out of w^{ch} I had a demand of £15. 12^s 0^s of her as Balance of an Account between us. M^{rs} Lincoln & Tho^s Preswick din'd wth us

Wednesday the Second, I had John Price into this Closet or Library setting me some locks upon the Drawers &^c.

Thursday the Third, at Six Jack & I mounted for Grainge, I met M^r Mich: Smith & M^r Wardell according to appointment with our Greyhounds we ranged Grainge-ground & near it, saw five Hares, killed two, Jack came home wth Oats, but I dined wth M^r Smith at M^r Wardell's and got to Gisbro' at seven.

Friday the fourth. I looked over Tho^s Preswick's Books for Year 1759, Rich: Reah my Mo:'s Tenant, at Ayslabby came & stay'd all night, Doct^r Waine called in the evening & drank Tea

Saturday the Fifth – the forenoon I spent in my Closet, & drank Tea with M^r Hide in the afternoon, my Mo: having sent me with a Ring for him to wear in remembrance of my late Un: Ra: & yesterday she sent one to M^{rs} Chaloner

Sunday the Sixth, my Mother, Sis^r Dolly & Cousⁿ Patty Reed wth myself went to Church in the forenoon; (only); they three received the Sacrament but I did not, I wrote to my Bro:

Monday the Seventh, this day my Mother executed her Assignment of all her right of Shipping (late belonging my Uncle) to me, M^r Preston dined with us, & after dinner I rode to Stokesley to see M^r Matt^w Consett about his Acco^s with my Mo:, he cou'd not pay me the Interest now due, which amounts to above 210£, but told me positively in presence of M^r Preston Jun^r that he will pay both Principal & Interest at Mayday next, he was dining at Doct^r Waine's today, I got home at seven.

Tuesday the Eighth. I took a walk with Jack & the Greyhound for two hours but did not see a hare, I walked to Fran: Fox's, Bristow Pease lays here tonight on his rode from Whitby to Kirkmerrington School, M^r Pease Sen^r writes me, that he has took his son James into his Shop.

Wednesday the Ninth. I sho'd have met M^r Wardell at M^r Smith's at Marsk, but in going out yesterday, I lamed my left Ankle so as disable me to attend without hazard, so I kept my

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Closet all day, & in the evening I went to M^r Jackson's where M^r Wood & M^r Kitching both of Kirkmerrington were, & sat there till near one, M^{rs} Jackson Jun^r bore a daughter the other day.

Thursday the Tenth. I kept house all day, the Frost is very intense.

Friday the Eleventh. I kept my Closet all day except that I walked to Fran: Fox's for $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour.

Saturday the Twelfth. I spent most of the day in my Closet, in the evening M^r Wardell came & stay'd all night. M^r Fox sat till near Eleven.

Sunday the Thirteenth. M^r Wardell & myself mounted, we stopt at Yarm an hour, (the Boat being froze at Stockton) we dined at his mother's at Sedgfield, and got to Elemore Hall at Seven I laid there at night & on

Monday the Fourteenth, leaving M^r Wardell at Elemore I proceeded to Newcastle, where I was kindly entreated by my late Master M^r W^m Jefferson laying at his House as long as I stay'd

Tuesday the Fifteenth, my Horse being at the Bird in the bush in Pilgrom street I mounted for Shields and dined at M^r Anth^o Pearsons, I returned to N.C.wth Mess^{rs} Whartons & Airey &^c – spent the even. at Doct^r Askew's Jun^r

Wednesday the Sixteenth, I went upon 'Change & M^r Jefferson went with me to give in my Shares of a List of Ships I am concerned in (see that List in Ship Book). I have mistaken this day for yesterday, for twas yesterday I gave in my shares of Ships to M^r Jonaⁿ Sowerbie, at the Town House, & this day I went to Shields, & sat the evening till Ten at M^r Hen^y Forster's.

Thursday the Seventeenth. I walked into the town, & upon 'Change, M^r James came to town & I saw him at Noon – I spent the evening with M^r Jefferson at M^r Cramlington's

Friday the Eighteenth. I took leave of my late Mas^r M^r W^m Jefferson & came out of Newcastle about Ten with M^r James, without seeing M^{rs} Hudspeth, she being insensible since the Death of her Son in June 1758 and her Daugh: Bella last October, M^r James & I reached Durham ab^t One, & dined at Jo: Hays's wth M^r Wardell, who with myself considered of an Answer to a Lett^r from my Brother w^{ch} I rec^d at Newcastle about the Allom Trade, after we had dined at Durham M^r James & I called to see his Daughters Sally & Bess at M^{rs} Burton's in Durham, and got to W. Auckland at Seven.

Saturday the Nineteenth. M^r James & I walk'd after dinner to Bishop Auckland, where I reced 11^s 10^d of Miss Nancy Dunn for her Mart^s. rent 1758, then went to Doct; Dunn's, drank Tea,

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& sat an hour with him & his Friends, Gentlemen of B^p Auckland who spent the afternoon wth him as at a Christ: feast. M^r James & I walked home by Seven. we walked thither.

Saturday the Twenyeth M^r James & his Cousⁿ William walked with me to Woodhouses, w^{ch} are now my Mothers by my Uncle's Will, & w^{ch} David Jackson Rents, he (Jackson) sat the evening with us at M^r James's.

Monday the Twenty first. M^r James & I walked to his ground at West end of West-Auckland, & to his father's House for half an hour. Doct^r Dunn dined & spent the afternoon at Mr James's.

Tuesday the Twenty Second, M^r James & I set out from West Auckland at Six, breakfasted at M^r Pease's, dined at M^r Forster's, & reach'd Gisbro' at five, where we found Cousⁿ Bell Pease's sis: Hann^a ver ill, & my Mother not quite well.

Wednesday the Twenty Third. Will: White came over when I agreed to let him my Farm at grainge for 126£ P. Ann: he to pay all outgoing except an out Rent to Lofthouse of 12 [?] P.ann. It to be fast for Nine years & he loose or at liberty to quit the Farm every three years thereof he had time to consider with his wife & friends about it.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth. in the morning M^r James & self, wth Jack walked out with my Greyhound (Nettle) but did not see a Hare, in the evening Mess^{rs} Jn^o Close & W^m Allen came to see us we played at Cards.

Friday the Twenty Fifth. I went with Mess^{rs} Close & Allen to M^{rs} Chaloner's Miss Maddeson being there, stay'd half an hour & walked in the Gardens, and after dinner they went to Stockton, M^r Pease's (Jun^r) Boy came for Cousin Bell yesterday to go to Dar'n'ton, by appointment.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth. at Eight Cousⁿ Bell: set out for Darlington, & Sist^r Dolly, Cousⁿ Patty Reed, & M^r James & self for Lofthouse, I carried Cousⁿ & M^r James carri'd Dolly, M^r James & I left them at M^r Readhead's & rode on to Grainge, then we dined at M^r Readheads (of whom I reced yesterday 50£ for his Note & 1£ being his Mo: Int: due theron 16th inst:) Dolly rode behind M^r James to Gisbro' & we left Cousⁿ Patty at Lofthouse to stay a week.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh. M^r James, Sis^r Dolly & self went to Church in the forenoon –

Monday the Twenty Eighth. M^r James & I walked into the market, he bought a strong Black Horse of Rich^d Walker for 10£ -

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth. at Eight M^r James set out for West Auckland, & I set him to Ayslabby, where we took possession for my Mo: of Rich^d Corker's & Rich^d Reah's Farms, & I

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parted with him, & rode to Stockton, did business there & got home by Seven, - we called on horseback at M^r Forster's at Yarm.

Wednesday the Thirtieth. at ten Ol: Prestwick & I set out for Whitby where arrived at five, after calling at Grainge, & Will: White consented, but with seeming reluctance, to my terms, see this day sennight, Ol: sat in the evening with me at M^r Pease's.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day. Ol: Prestwick & I set out from Whitby for Scarbro' at Nine, I was bogged in Stainton Dale L.Ship on this side the Quaker's meeting House upon the Moor,. but I got out (tho' unhorsed) without other mischief than much mired, w^{ch} obliged us to call [?] at Cloughton three miles on this side of Scarbro', we arrived at Scarbro' & hosted at the old Globe Inn kept by [blank]

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Friday the First - after Ol; & I had breakfasted we went to Rob: Thompson's, who married late Ja^s Huston's Widow, who managed my Un: & M^r Tho^s Spencer's Interest in that Town, &^c. Rob: Thompson & self went to every person's House that Miss Spencer & self are concerned with, (having taken down their Names at Rob: Thompson's house last night) but had bad success, however there is Nine Ships now in being, w^{ch} I have taken a list of. Rob: Thompson dined with us, & M^r Jⁿ Hebden, in Saturday market, late apprentice to a Fitter in Newcastle, sat the evening wth us.

Saturday the Second. Oliver & I left Scarbro in the morning, took possession of my Estate at Peak let to W^m Willis, and got to Whitby by dinner. I did business wth the People concern'd wth at that Town, & spent th'evening at M^r Peases, but Ol: was with his Friends at the Inn –

Sunday the Third. Ol; Preswick & I left Whitby, dined at Scaling, and reach'd Gisbro' before four, he rode upon my Mo:'s Brown Mare w^{ch} with my Grey Horse has got a violent coughing & running at the Nose, a Distemper now raging among the Horses in this Country, as it has done lately in the South..

Monday the Fourth. I walked into the market, M^r Preston dined with us, & took a foul draught of a Lease between Will: White & me who came from Grainge today & return'd.

Tuesday the Fifth. I spent in my Closet.

Wednesday the Sixth. I went to Grainge where I met M^r Wardell according to appointment who with Will: White walked with me into the Estate at Grainge, & fixed the Orders of the

Tillage, I dined at Boulby & returned home, accompanied by Nat: Campion who upon a visit to me, laid at our House all night – and on –

Thursday the Seventh. Nat: Campion left us, a Man passed thro' this Town on his rode to Lofthouse (see Saturday gone a sen'night, I saw her, M^r Jn^o Readhead & his wife at Grainge yesterday) to fetch Cousⁿ Patty Reed to Yarm, Dolly Forster being extremely ill, Sist^r Dolly drank Tea at M^r Jackson's on Account of the Christ'ning today of the young man's child Rebecca, and on which Acco^t I spent the evening till four in the morning –

Friday the Eighth – Cousⁿ Patty Reed called here on her rode to Yarm, I spent the day in my Closet & walked up street.

Saturday the Ninth. I spent the forenoon in my Closet, & after dinner walked towards W^m Milburn's wth M^r Jackson Jun^r & our Greyhounds, we, having our Jack & some others with us, saw Nine Hares but only kill'd one with the Dogs, & another blind of an Eye, which Jn^o Walker slyly click'd off her Seat upon some Fallow land, this evening we heard that Dolly Forster (see yesterday & Thursday) died this Morning at Eight of a Fever & sore throat, she was a very fine child, was Seven years old last July, and was very forward at her books.

Sunday the Tenth. being silent Sunday I did not go to Church, a message came for Sister Dolly & self to go to Dolly Forster's Interment, and the same went forward to Lofthouse.

Monday the Eleventh. at Seven M^r Jn^o Readhead (who laid in the Town last night) W^m Reed (whose Daughter Newham was bro. to bed of a Son last night) & Sis: Dolly, wth Jack set forward for Yarm, but I having symptoms of a sore Throat & business today, did not go, M^r Preston dined.

Tuesday the Twelfth. Jn^o Price fixed me an Iron Box wth Drawers in my Closet, & in the afternoon M^r Hide drank Tea with us, Sis: Dolly returned from Dolly Forster's funeral, see yesterday.

Wednesday the Thirteenth. I breakfasted at Seven at M^r Jackson's, & then set out with the Jun^r Gent^m on foot to Brotton, where we got some hung Beef, &^c. coming on a Bad day, I took W^m Child's Horse to Grainge where I met Mess^{rs} Wardell & Nat: Campion, my Mother having two oxen killed there today for the latter, we stay'd till about 2, and as we went to Boulby we killed a Hare, Nat: Campion stay'd till near Nine, I laid at Boulby all night.

Thursday the Fourteenth – Nat: Campion called upon M^r Wardell & self at Boulby, from whence we rode to Grainge, where the two Oxen were weighed the Read & White Ox's four Quarters weighed 115^{Sto} 8^{lb}, had only 13^{Sto} 6^{lb} Tallow, & his Hide 9^{Sto} 11^{lbs}, the Grey Ox's four Quarters weighed 105^{Sto} 8^{lbs}, Tallow 16^{Sto} 2^{lb}, & Hide 8^{Sto} 12^{lb}, we dined in Will:

White's house as also yesterday, M^r Fox dined yesterday, Antho: Jefferson did so today he having come to settle the Sloop Midsummer's Books but I cou'd not agree with him about it, Apoth^y. Proddy also dined with us, he having been to see W^m Stevenson at the Barns who is ill, our Jack came for me with two Horses (see yesterday) & took home wth him 5^{Sto} 2^{lb} of Beef for my Mo: & 1^{Sto} 1^{lb} for Proddy, Geo: Mewburn of Ormsby was also with us, my Mo: having desir'd him to come & look at her effects at Grainge, he & I came to gisbro' together (having left Proddy at Lofthouse) & he went home after drink. a dish of Tea & talking with my Mo:

Friday the Fifteenth – at Seven I mounted upon Will: King's Galloway & reached the sign of the hole in the wall beyond Yarm Bridg before Ten, where I alighted, & soon after M^r Preston Sen^r came to me, John Price being there the night before; we had John Butterwick aged 83 who remembers attaching Netstakes upon M^r Fermer's ground opposite Yarm Church yard, for the convenience of Fishing in the Salmon Fishery claimed by my late Grandfa; & Un: & now my Mother, W^m Armstrong remembers letting s^d Fishery by my Un:'s orders for above twenty years; Jn^o Coulson, Blacksmith, remembers the Fishery, as does Matt^w Robinson who once rented it; M^r Fermer admits my Mother's right of Fishing, but will not allow any to come upon his Ground, w^{ch} Jn^o Price did last year, we dined at s^d Inn, & after I had called for half an hour at M^r Forster's, M^r Preston & I left Yarm, he to Stokesley & I home, and had a most stormy evening to ride till near Seven. when I got home, Damp Snow wth high Wind at East

Saturday the Sixteenth. I spent in my Closet.

Sunday the Seventeenth. I went to church in the forenoon, but several Lett^{rs} came by the Post w^{ch} I answer'd, prevented my going in the afternoon.

Monday the Eighteenth. M^r Preston dined, & then Tho^s White (who paid me today my Mo^s Int. for 1,000£ due yesterday 40£) & W^m White went with me to Mary Havelock's, where M^r Preston drew an Article between us, I having let Grainge Farm to W^m White for 126£ P. An: for Nine years, he to be loose every three years, & at first 3 years end he is to pay me 2 Guin.^s more for the Cottage Houses that Jo^s Chilton & Rich^d Burdon now lives in, this Article to be converted into a lease before Lady Day next, see Wednesday 23^d Ult^o, Geo: Mewburn was with us part of the time, in the evening Doctor Waine called on his rode from Whitby to Stocksley & laid all night.

Tuesday the Nineteenth. Doct^r Waine went away, & I spent the day in my Closet, except that when Jn^o Robson of Long Newton paid me on Mo:'s Acco^t Lyonel Vane Esq^r's Bond for 200£

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& 7 Mo: int. due there yesterday, s^d Robson paid the Mo: by order of Rev^{and} M^r Henry Vane who is Committee for for s^d Ly^l Vane (his Bro: being proved a Lunatick) Robson dined wth us and the Children whose times were expired at the Charity School were dismissed, and others taken in their steads – the day very stormy till about four, at Seven I went to M^r Forster's, where I spent the evening wth Rev^{and} M^r Hide, Mess^{rs} Jacksons, Cap^t Longbothom, Jos: Danby, W^m Colthurst, & M^r Proddy a part of evening, I got home by one –

Wednesday the Twentyeth, I spent in my Closet, & walked upstreet half an hour after dinn^r

Thursday the Twenty first. at Eight my Sis^r Dolly mounted behind Jack to Yarm; Tho^s Presw^{ck} & myself rode to Grainge, then to Boulby where we dined, & to Staiths wth M^r Wardell, who I returned to Boulby wth at Ten, but Tho^s laid at Staiths.

Friday the Twenty Second. M^r Wardell & I rode up to his Barns & sat an hour with W^m Stephenson who is not well, we dined at Staiths, & after dinner Tho^s Preswick & I attended with Doct^r Proddy returned to Gisbro' but called at Grainge, where Jn^o Price Jun^r met me & took a view of the ground I am to build W^m White a dwelling House upon, viz two rooms upon a floor adjoining the Old House, yesterday I agreed with W^m White in presence of Tho^s Preswick that he is to give my Mother 4 Guineas for five old Horses, viz: the Horse or guelding called Wagdale, Trenham, Old Brown Mair (near blind) & two black Mares, they are all broken winded, and there Ages altogether amount to upwards of Ninety – in the evening Tho^s Preswick & self went to the Cock & sup^t wth the Rev^{and} M^r Hide, Mess^{rs} Jacksons, Longbothom, Danby, Proddy, Forster, & Baldock, upon some Tripes I provided, as of the last Ox, killed of my late Un: Ra: Ward's feeding (see Wednesday gone a sennight) we sat till two

Saturday the Twenty Third. I spent the day in my Closet, & the evening wth my Mo:

Sunday the Twenty Fourth. I went to Church in the forenoon but not in the afternoon

Monday the Twenty Fifth. Capⁿ Nat: Campion dined here as did his Bro: Sam. on his rode from Whitby to Newcastle. I walked upstreet & did Business with M^r Preston – W^m White was here today wth two Beast Hides

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth. In the morning I went out wth Jack &^c. & wth my Greyhound, killed one Hair, in the evening I sat till two o'Clock at M^{rs} Lincoln's, wth Ol: Preswick, Ja^s Bird, & W^m Colthurst, being asked by Tho^s Preswick who was our entertainer.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh. at nine I mounted & rode to Grainge where I stay'd but a little, (I called at Brotton on my rode), I rode to Boulby & dined wth M^r Wardell, Mess^{rs} Mich. Smith, Rich. Smith, Proddy, Oldfield, Campion & Jn^o Hartas, I also laid all night at Boulby - see next Saturday

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Thursday the Twenty Eighth M^r Wardell & self rode to Grainge, where we met Geo: Mewburn by appointment to value a Stamp of Hay for W^m White's use, & then looked at the fat Sheep, Ews wth Lam, Hogs, Tups, Oxen, and every other my Mother's Effects, viz, 11 Ews wth lam – 2 Tups. 3 fat Ews, 40 fat Wethers, 12 Gimer Hogs, & 9 Wether Hogs, in all 77 Sheep – 4 Lean Oxen rising 6 years old, & four lean Stears rising 4 years old, (& 1 Fat ox sold to W^m Hill) 6 Horses & Mears young & old, of my Bro: & hers, 157 Bush^s of Wheat grown in 1758; 215 Bush^s of oats grown the same year, - 9 Bushels of beans grown same year, besides 30 Bush^s left out for the fat sheep, & some unthrust oats for the lean Oxen, a long Hay stack uncut, & greatest part of an^o; - there's 781 Stooks of Wheat grown inn the year 1759, which by thrashing 10 Stooks of, appears to yield after the rate 7 Bushels to every 8 Stooks, & makes by that means 683 Bushels & 3/8 of a Bushel, this is sold to Will: White after the rate of 2^s 6^d P. Bush^l (wheat being now very cheap) & Amounts to 85[£] 8^s 6^d, but my Mo: taking 9 Bush^s of it home Will: is allowed 1[£] 2^s 6^d for the same, so that Jn^o Webster, & W^m Abran are out of my Mother's pay the 1st of Mar. & Rich^d Burdon continues in it to look after the Beasts & Sheep wth W^m White, Jo: Chilton (Blacksmith) enters upon my pay the 1st Mar: to make Nails for the House I intend to build White, Geo: Mewburn & M^r Wardell came home wth me, the latter stay'd all night, & Mess^{rs} Jackson Jun^r & Proddy spent the evening wth us – see Saturday

Friday the Twenty Ninth & Last Day. M^r Wardell, Proddy, Tho^s Preswick, Jack, & myself set out for Grainge, Thomey went forward, but we four having our Greyhounds ranged some ground, saw many Hares but did not kill one, the two former & myself dined at Brotton, Jack went forward, after dinner we were beat by two other Hares, & then proceded to Grainge, (Proddy now attends Willy Stephenson Clark at Boulby) The Corn, see yesterday was partly measured, and the remainder completed while we stayed, we returned to Gisbro' - see tomorrow

MARCH 1760

Saturday the First – I helped Jn^o Price to fit up the Pigeon House, & spent the remainder of the day in my Closet, I have forgot to name that Jn^o Price, Tho^s Natby, & Jack took a Schedule & estimated every thing of Husbandry Gear & sundrys on Wednesday & Thursday last at Grainge

Sunday the Second – I went to Church service, and in the aftern: drank Tea wth M^r Hide

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Monday the Third – Mess^{rs} Preston & Wardell dined with us, Will: White was also here, in the evening I rec'd for my Mo: 60£ w^{ch} wth 60£ paid before makes 120£ being the purchase money for Sandsend Warehouse, w^{ch} my Un: sold a few months before his Death to Tho^s Milburn, but not living to sign the Deeds, and giving me by his Will all his Estates in Yorkshire, I was obliged to sign, as did my Mother, she being entitled to the Purchase money by virtue of her Executrixship, M^r Forster engrossed the Writings for Tho^s Milburn both whom sat till Nine in the evening –

Tuesday the Fourth; after Six I mounted for Yarm, breakfasted & dined there, my Sist^r Dolly being there; & M^r Forster ill, I reached Darnton before five & laid there all night, M^{rs} Pease was bro. to bed a fortnight ago of her first Boy & second Child

Wednesday the Fifth, I left Darn'ton & dined with M^r James at West Auckland who (in the afternoon) went wth me to Durham, Matt^w Consett to whom I went to speak to about his concern with my Mother, was rode out of Town, & not coming in till Six o'Clock prevented our returning to W. Auckland & occasioned our laying together at M^{rs} Burton's, where Sally James is boarded, Consett inadvertently says he does not mind his Credit, what is that to him, he told me he had taken thought for the payment of the Interest, w^{ch} will be three years about May Day but imagines my Mo: will continue the Principal in his hands, w^{ch} I assured him of no longer than May day

Thursday the Sixth – M^r James & self return'd from Durham to W: Auckland by Hummerbeck, to dinner, in the afternoon we walked to his Farm, & sat an hour or two with M^{rs} James in her room, she being brought to bed of a Boy this day week, the 3rd Son, & 7th Child, the two form^r Boys died

Friday the Seventh, M^r James set me a few miles from West Auckland, I breakfasted at Darn'ton, dined at Yarm from whence Sis; Dolly went behind M^r Pease's Boy who he sent for her to Darnton, and I reached Gisbro' by five o'Clock. Sis: Hann^a but poorly

Saturday the Eighth – at Nine Tho^s Preswick & self set out for Stokesley, we dined wth M^r Preston, & at two went to Christ: Dennison's Innholder, Mess^{rs} Prestons, & Tho^s Preswick, & a large Company attended me before four, at the Sale of my field about 5 Acre called Galeon flat at broughton; by the Articles of Sale 'twas put up at 150£ but many people being there, the price was increased to 172£ w^{ch} M^r Ra: Greenside of Broughton bidding before four of the Clock, was declar'd highest bidder, & I, accordingly enter'd into Articles with him, the money to be paid on the 21st of April next when I am to sign the Purchase Deeds, Eliz^a Button

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now Tennant, only pays 3[£] 10^s P. Ann: therefore the field is well sold. Tho^s Preswick & self return'd to Gisbro' about Seven

Sunday the Ninth, being 2nd Sunday in the mo: is silent, I spent most of the day in my Closet Doct^r Waine Drank Tea in the afternoon till Seven – Sis: Dolly went this day from Darn'ton to W. Auckland

Monday the Tenth, M^r Preston dined, my Mo: (in his presence) let her Fishery to Rob^t Eden & Alex; Coburn for 25 Shill^s & a Fish for the year [?]. I sat an hour at M^r Etherington's –

Tuesday the Eleventh. I spent the day in my Closet sorting the Books –

Wednesday the Twelfth. I went to Stockton, breakfasted at Geo: Mewburns on my rode thither, and bought a Black Mare (for myself) of S: Mewburn rising 5 years old for 10£, he to return something, I dined at M^r Maddeson's & spent an hour or two in M^r Peacock's Garden, I called at Geo: Mewburn's as I return'd, and he sent a Servant with me home, being near Seven o'Clock, & the Servant to drive four pigs home he bo^t: last Monday and left at our House, the Servant laid at our house.

Thursday the Thirteenth. Jack & myself went to & took possession of my Farm at Oke [?] bridge home, tenanted by Tho^s Wharton, we walked into the Ground and return'd in the evening, I rode upon the Mare I bought yesterday.

Friday the Fourteenth being by Proclamation appointed a Day of Fasting & Prayer to implore the Blessing of God upon his Majesties Arms I went to Church in the forenoon, and in the afternoon, settled my Mother's Accounts wth Alex: Pulman, Tho^s Beswick, and Jn^o Johnson, in the evening Cousⁿ Ra: Reed came from Darlington to stay a few days, his Niece Eliz^a Newham's first Child being to be Christ'ned at Gisbro' next Sunday –

Saturday the Fifteenth. I took a walk into Winn- ground wth Cousins Ra: & Will: Reed and sat up with them & Jn^o Newham (the latter's Son in Law) in our House till past Eleven in the evening

Sunday the Sixteenth. I went to Church twice, I dined at W^m Reed's, see last Friday, the Child's name is John, after it's Grandfather Newham, Ra: Reed left us about three.

Monday the Seventeenth. I was upstreet once or twice, & did business in my Closet.

Tuesday the Eighteenth. I spent the day in my Closet

Wednesday the Nineteenth. Geo: Mewburn & W^m Clement, Auctioner, called on me at Six, & we proceeded to Grainge, where a Score of Fat Sheep & some Husbandry Utensils &^c were sold by Auction, Mess^{rs} Baldock & Proddy &^c &^c. return'd to Gisbro' with the above Geo: & W^m & Tho^s Preswick –

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Thursday the Twentyeth. I stoped half an hour at Yarm, dined at Darn'ton & reached West Auckland at Six upon the Mare I bought, see Wednesday the 12th inst: she carr: me well

Friday the Twenty First. about Twelve the Revnd M^r Smith of Bishop Auckland came to M^r James's & Christened his Son, George, Sis: Dolly, M^r W^m James of W. Auckland, & self being Sponsors, Sis: Dolly only stood Proxy for M^{rs} Fisher of London, the above Clergyman & M^r Cooper the Clark sat until near 5 o'Clock, Revnd M^r Taylor is not well, and we drank Tea upstairs.

Saturday the Twenty Second, Sis: Dolly, Miss Nancy James, Mess^{rs} Jn^o & W^m James & myself walked to M^r James's Farm House, & called at old M^r James's as we return'd

Sunday the Twenty Third. M^r James, Sis: Dolly, & self went to S^t Helen Auckland Church both forenoon & afternoon, M^r J. James & self drank a Glass of Punch wth M^r W^m James

Monday the Twenty Fourth after breakfast Sis: Dolly M^r J. James & self rode from W.

Auckland to Darn'ton, And before dinner M^r James & self rode to Harworth & lookt at Captⁿ Ward's Estate there & thereabouts, we return'd to dine at M^r Jn^o Pease's, & about four M^r Dav: Jackson called upon M^r James so they return'd to West Auckland together, Sis: Dolly & I stayed all night, Mess^{rs} Ra: Reed & Tho^s Terry spent the even: wth us

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth. Sis: Dolly mounted behind M^r Pease to Yarm where we arrived after Eleven (wthout calling to see M^{rs} Stephenson of Darn'ton, her Grand Daughter being now under inoculation) we left Dolly at M^r Forster's & proceeded to Gisbro' where we found my Mo: & Sis: Hann^a at dinner, after which, he (M^r Pease) went to Whitby –

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth. in the evening Mess^{rs} John Pease Sen^r & Jun^r wth the former's Wife came from Whitby on their rode to Darn'ton to the Christ'ning of the young Man's Eldest Son, but second Child, called John.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh. after the young Man & I had gone down to the factory, I lookt at a piece of ground called the Island at the bottom of the Factory yard, w^{ch} Franc^s Fox tells me absolutely belongs to me abstracted from the Factory & y: ½ of w^{ch} only belongs to me, they went forward to Darn'ton, & I went to Boulby, called at Grainge & return'd.

Friday the Twenty Eighth, I spent the day in my Closet, sorting the books therein.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth, Sis: Dolly return's from Yarm behind Jack, who went for her this morning, after a stay there, at West Auckland & Darn'ton from Thursday the 21st of last Month, see her rout in this Book from that Day.

Sunday the Thirtyeth – at Eight M^r Ad^m Boulby sent for me to the Cock on his rode from Newcastle, I stayed wth him an hour, my Mo: Sis: Dolly & the Child went to Church with me

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in the forenoon, & the two latter in the afternoon from whence we walked to the Rubbish heaps of Allom Shale at the high end of belmangate – Sis: Han^a rode behind Jack, attended by Will^m Hobkirk to Barnaby Moor –

Monday the thirty first & las Day – At Three Jack called me up, I rode to Boulby & walked down the Cliff or Newfall to the Sloop Darling. Tho^s Fotherley Jun^r Mast^r on board of whom was Shipt 50 Tuns of Allom, in four hours M^r Wardell being in Bishopbrig, I signed the Bond for him, to Barris the Cust^o House officer. Revnd M^r Oldfield present, I left Jack to bring me word of the Ship's getting off, w^{ch} she did in safety before three, I got home to dinner at w^{ch} I found with my Mo: M^r Dav: Jackson, & his Bro:, William, Farmer, at Barwick near Yarm. I spent an hour or two at Ol: Preswick's

APRIL 1760

Tuesday the First, I walked upstreet, and got a Lett: from Bro: Geo: with advice of the Pitt – my Bro: Wilson's safe Arrival at Portsm^o having been only 3 Mo^s in Comp^a wth the Warwick from China to Kinsale, the quickest Passage ever before known, he Sailed from England in February 1758, I wrote several Letters –

Wednesday the Second, I spent the day in my Closet, & in looking after the workmen, M^r Lightfoot of Sunderland called, & gave me a pair of Silver Buthons (mourning ones) w^{ch} I left at the Old Globe Inn, M^r Stockdale at Scarbbrough, Feb^y. 1st this is a strong instance of Stockdale's Honesty

Thursday the Third, at Six J & Tho^s Preswick mounted for Yarm Fair, I took possession of the House Dav: Panton Apothe^{ry} now lives in, & also of a little House in Clapper gate in Yarm, both left to me by my late Un: Ra: Ward Esq. I sat an hour at M^r Forsters, but dined at Rob^t Smith's my Host House where I rece'd my Mo's: Rents &^c, Cousⁿ Jn^o Pease Jun^r & Ma: Reed sat a while with me, & then wth Tho^s Preswick we all walked into the Church-yard, & saw on the opposite side, some Stakes set for the conveniency of my Mother's Fisher Men (viz Rob^t Eden & Alex: Coburn) there – the ground they stand on belongs to M^r Fermer, Tho^s Preswick & self reached Gisbro' before Seven

Friday (being called Good Friday) the Fourth, my Mo: & Sisters went to Church & received the Sacrament, but I stay'd at home, and after I got my dinner, rode to Grainge, to meet W^m Brotton about Building my House there, but we did not agree, so I agreed with Christ: Wallas for 1^s 6^d p. day & Jn^o Parker for 1^s 4^d p. day, & I to allow W^m White something for the use of

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his Smith's Shop to sharp the Mason's tools at, I return'd to Gisbro' accompanied by Doct^r Proddy

Saturday the Fifth, old Lady day – Tho^s Preswick & self rode to M^r Greensides of Broughton, but called at M^r Wilson's on our rode thither, we breakfasted wth M^r Greenside, & having called the Tenant or rather tenants of Gallon flat to his House, I agreed to give them 1[£] 5^s 6^d among them for the quiet possession of that field, having only given them short notice, that is when I sold the field (see Saturday the 8th Ult^o) I gave M^r Greenside possession of it, in presence of Tho^s Preswick, who then rode to Stokesley, but I return'd home to Dinner, & spent the afternoon in my Closet

Easter Sunday the Sixth. Sis: Dolly & self went to Church twice, I sat an hour with M^r W^m Jackson Jun^r who is lately come from London, Fran. Fox sat an hour at our house

Easter Monday the Seventh, Rob^t Coatham a Labourer, rather weak in his intellects, was married today, on w^{ch} occasion there was a Horse race, & an uncommon number of People collected at his Marr: our Jack & Sam: Price went in the evening, Pet^r Consett Esq. paid me for my Mother 8[£] :5^s :1 for his Principal & Int. on his Note, M^r Wardell dined with us on his rode out of Bishopbrig, I sat in the afternoon with him at Rev^{md} M^r Hide's

Easter Tuesday the Eighth, I spent the day in my Closet

Wednesday thye Ninth, Rev^{md} M^r Wilson & M^{rs} Kirby now at his House dined with us as Rev^{md} M^r Hide, & drank tea

Thursday the Tenth. I rode to Grainge & Boulby, M^r Wardell was at Easington but I sent for him & we return'd to Grainge, but Will: White was gone out of the way – in the morning I left with him (White) Ten pounds to pay the mason's at Grainge when they want

Friday the Eleventh. Tho^s Preswick & self set out for Thirsk after dinn^r, we stopt at Bessy Bell's, laid at Cousin Pybuse's at Thirsk and on –

Saturday the Twelfth, we proceeded to Rippon, we Inned at M^{rs} Haddon's in the Market place, I went to M^{rs} Squire's & paid Miss Grace Staines (who lives with her) four pounds being the principal & one years Int: due on my late Father's Bond dated the 26th March: 1740, she gave me the Bond, which I brought home to my Mother, & she cancelled it, I sat half an hour with M^r Baynes & his wife, dined at the Inn wth Tho^s Preswick & W^m Hodgson Attorney of N^oallerton, and return'd wth the former to Thirsk by four, where I waited on M^r Bell about Matt^w Consett's affair with my Mother, but he gave me no satisfaction

Sunday the Thirteenth. Tho^s & self return'd to Gisbro' by four having called at Bessy Bell's for an hour

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Monday the Fourteenth, I had a very uneasy night sweating very profusely, M^r Peirce of Peircebridge called an hour wth M^r Preston – I met the All. Proprietors at the Cock to consult of a method to raise the price of Allom, w^{ch} is now fix'd at 12[£] 10^s p. Tun, & one Month's Credit. Will: White was here today but I was not much with him

Tuesday the Fifteenth, late W^m Fawcett's Son Mark of Stoddow came & paid my Mother half a year's Rent for the Farm due Mar. 1st 1759 – M^r James came before dinner, and towards evening I proposed going to Lond^o with him, which was resolved on before night.

Wednesday the Sixteenth, I spent most of the day in my Closet in preparation for my Journey to London tomorrow morning. I asked M^r Hide &^c their commands, M^r Fox sat two hours wth us, My Mo: had a Sale at Grainge today but little was sold, I got to bed at half past Eleven

Thursday the Seventeenth. at Six M^r James & self took Horse attended by my Mother's servant Jack to N^o Allerton, who bro: to Gisbro' the Horse I rode on, and half past Ten M^r James & self got into a Post Chaise at N^o Allerton, & changing Chaise at Borr^o Bridge &^c. &^c. reached Doncaster this evening

Friday the Eighteenth, we proceeded & got to the Wheatsheaf on Alkenbury Hill beyond Stilton where we lay all night, the Landlord being Tho^s Warburton's Brother – Rob^t Warburton

Saturday the Nineteenth, we reached London by ½ past twelve, alighted at M^r Allen's Hosier in Newgate street – I went to my Brother's, surprised him from the Office, & my Bro: & Sister Wilson who this day dined wth my Bro: Jackson, we all drank Tea at Revnd M^r Lawrance's & spent near an hour wth Uncle Jos^a then went down to Greenwich where I surprised Sist^r Etty, none of them knowing of my Journey,

Sunday the Twentyeth, my Brothers Jackson & Wilson, Mess^{rs} Hick & Bensley & myself walked down to Woolwich, & there on board the Pitt my Bro: Wilson's vessel, - we return'd to dinner, Doctor Linn of Portsmouth⁴ dined wth my Bro: Wilson, & after he was gone, we walked into Greenwich Park - & laid at Greenwich

Monday the Twenty first – at Seven my Bro: Jackson & self left Greenwich without seeing any of my Bro: Wilson's family, after we had breakfasted at my Bro: Jackson's he went to the Office, & I called upon Geo: Deighton, who was with me when I bespoke a Post Chariot for my Mother, I got a piece of Dinner at M^r Rob^t Deighton's, and afterwards dined wth my Bro: Jackson & some Gentlemen at a Beefstake House, I laid at my Brother's –

⁴ this was James Lind M.D. who had recently published 'A Treatise on the Scurvy' in which he argued that citrus fruits were the best preventative of scurvy

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Tuesday the Twenty Second, my Bro: & Sist: Wilson came to London, the latter & M^r James went wth me About some of my Mother's commissions, he left us, & my Bro: Jackson dining out, Captain Wilson his wife & self dined at my Bro: Jackson's House, & after my Sis: Wilson had paid M^{rs} Dingley [a] Bride visit, & I had drank tea & been at our All: Warehouse with Tho^s Rich'son Core, my Bro: & Sis: Wilson & self went to Greenwich in the Coatch – Wednesday the Twenty Third, I walked wth my Bro: Wilson to his Ship at Woolwich, & from Greenwich we went to Lond^o by water, & dined at my Bro: 's wth Captⁿ Ward, Mess^{rs} James & Allen – by this post my Bro: Geo: had a Lett: from Sist: Dolly giving us a melancholy Acco^t of my Mother's Health since Saturday, she being that day suddenly seized, my Bro: Geo: acquainted Captⁿ Wilson & M^r James with the Contents, but did not do so to me till I discover'd it, but this I suppose he omitted with a good Design, however, when his Company was gone, he & Bro: Wilson & self went down to Greenwich by water, & acquainted our Sist^{rs} there, at three o'Clock my Bro: Geo: 's Serv^t came down with an Express from Sister Dolly, that my Mother was in imminent danger, upon w^{ch} it was resolv'd that Sist: Etty & self shou'd hasten down so she & Bro: came to London in a post chariot from Greenwich on 5 o'Clock of the morning on

Thursday the Twenty Fourth, we got a second breakfast at my Bro: Jackson's, & at a Quarter past Seven set off from his door, and reached Grantham by Nine this evening –

Friday the Twenty Fifth – at Three Sister Etty & self were in the chaise, & reached N^oAllerton by Seven in the evening, from whence we proceeded in a post chaise drawn by two horses that had been in Harniss but two hours before, but before we got four Miles the Chaise fore wheel came down by the Axletree's breaking, so we walked back, & the Postman telling us that he heard at Gisbro' that my Mother was weaker, I prevailed on Rob^t Richardson to let us have another Chaise with four horses, & setting out at N^oAllerton again at Ten, we reached Gisbro' a little after two, where I thank God we found my Mother better so we went to bed & laid till Seven in the morning of

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, Doct^r Waine said he thought my Mother somewhat better

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, none of us went to Church but 'twas Doct^r Waine's opinion that my Mother was much better – and on

Monday the Twenty Eighth, he said he hoped she was out of danger if proper care was taken which was not at all doubted – he went home

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth – being one of our five Fair days I did a good deal of business.

Doct^r Waine came & say'd my Mother continued better

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Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day – I spent the day in my Closet, my Mother is still better

MAY 1760

Thursday the First Day – I went to Stockton & did business for my Mother, on my return I found Doct^r Waine had been here, & said my Mother was a great deal better

Friday the Second – my Mother visibly recovers apace, I spent the day in my Closet, & inclosed to my Brother, Bills to the Amo. of 360£ being the first I have sent him on the Score of paying the Legacies my Mother is charged with by my Uncle's Will

Saturday the Third – before Nine in the morning M^r James came from Thirsk on his rode from London, my Mother continues purely, & sits up three or four [*hours*] on a day

Sunday the fourth, we none of us went to church, my Mother is much better than yesterday, after dinner I set M^r James on his rode ^to W. Auckland^ to Stockton, I did a little Business wth M^r Maddeson, & return'd within the 4 hours

Monday the Fifth – I went upstreet & did business for my Mother who continues better

Tuesday the Sixth I spent in my Closet & Beehouse – which I also did on

Wednesday the Seventh, except that M^r Jn^o Pease Jun^r came in the afternoon to see my Mother

Thursday the Eighth, M^r Jn^o Pease Jun^r left us after dinner for Darn'ton, & my Mother is today so well as to sit an hour in the dining room

Friday the Ninth, Doct^r Waine who call'd to see us last night did not go away till this morning – I spent the day chiefly in my Closet

Saturday the Tenth – Tho^s Preswick & self rode to Stokesley where I did business for my Mother & also took Sam^l Howlet's Draught on M^r Alex: Macrabie in London, dated this day pay. at 30 days date to Ra: Greensides of Broughton for 170£ w^{ch} wth 2£ rece'd at same time in cash are in full of the Purchase of my field by s^d Ra; Greensides out of w^{ch} I allowed him to give the present ^or rather late^ Tenants 1[£] 1^s – I dined at M^r Preston's & return'd in the evening –

Sunday the Eleventh - silent Sunday my Mo: is so well as to sit most of the day in the dining room, M^r Fox spent the evening with us, in the afternoon Sist^{rs} Ete & Dolly & the Child walked wth me into M^{rs} Chaloner's Gardens & to the fish ponds

Monday the Twelfth – I walked upstreet, did business for my Mother, M^r Preston dined with us, Harry Pecket bro: my Mother's Chaise Horses & {*words unreadable*} Doubles

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Tuesday the Thirteenth after I had dispatched my Business such as send. my Bro: Bills, & writing &^c I drank Tea at M^r Hides wth Mess^{rs} W^m Turner & his Nep^w M^r Strawbenzie M^{rs} Strawbenzie & Miss Moer, & sat an hour at M^r Jackson's wth Mess^{rs} Wood & Kitchen of Kirkmerington

Wednesday the Fourteenth, I spent the day in my Closet, & in the evening took a ride wth Harry Peckett (see last Monday) to Waterfall where he bought a Horse of Jn^o Chapman – M^r Pease of Whitby writes that the Darling is arrived wth a Post Chariot for my Mother

Thursday the Fifteenth, I spent the forenoon in my Closet and in the afternoon went with Harry Pecket, & my Mother's Servant John Drabbles & Horses to Whitby where we lay all night

Friday the Sixteenth, we put the Chaise together and in the forenoon came away, M^r Pease set us to barnby Rails, & we got home very well the Horses being quite gentle, M^r Nesham paid me for my Mother 400£ Int. on late Dav; Dowthwait's Mortgage.

Saturday the Seventeenth – I went to Stockton but did not go over the Water with my Horse, I did business wth M^r Sutton &^c & dined at Mr Webster's

Sunday the Eighteenth, n went to Church in the forenoon & after dinn^r Sister's Etty, Dolly & self went in my Mother's Chariot to Kirkleatham, where Rev^{md} M^r Murgetroyd & M^r Atkinson shew'd the Library & Curiositys drank Tea at M^{rs} Sugget's & return'd –

Monday the Nineteenth, I did a great deal of business for my Mother, Mess^{rs} Peirce, Prestons, Matthews & Rowntree dined with us

Tuesday the Twentieth. I spent the day in my Closet and also on - - Geo: Deighton spent this evening

Wednesday the Twenty first

Thursday the Twenty Second, after dinner I rode with the chaise wherein were my Mo: Sis: Han^a Niece Bessy & Cousⁿ Dolly Reed to beyond Upleatham & return'd, M^{rs} Hide & M^{rs} Danby paid my Mother a visit this afternoon

Friday the Twenty Third, we all drank Tea at M^{rs} Lincoln's in the morning; I spent the day in my Closet, M^r W^m Maddeson & son came in the evening & did business with me for my Mother, I sat till two in the morning with s^d Maddesons, Rev^{md} M^r Hide, Lascells, &^c.&^c. at the Cock

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, at Nine Sisters Etty, Dolly, & Neice bessy got into the Chaise the former & latter for Lond^o. but Dolly only to York, I rode with them to Stokesley, where we called for half an hour, & at M^r Wilson's of Aton as we went, they proceeded on their

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Journey attended by Jn^o Peirson, I dined at Doct. Wayne's wth M^r Jackson Jun^r & wth whom (Jackson) return'd home

Whitsunday the Twenty Fifth, I went to Church twice, this day Un: Jos^s: & Tho^s preswick's half y^{rs} Annty. are due & on Whitsun

Monday the Twenty Sixth I paid Tho^s 7[£] 10^s I wrote some posts ago to my Bro: to pay Un: Jos's from the day last mention'd to Thursday the first of October 1761 – I kept no Journal of my transactions, - my Bro: Geo: Jackson & Bro: Wilson & his wife coming down after the 22 of June 1760 w^{ch} caused my first omission, the former stayed a week, and the two latter a Month, when they took my Sister Dolly up to London for the first time, my Mother also went, and in September following, Tho^s Preswick & I went up, stayed three weeks, and came down with my Mother. On Tuesday the 10th of Feb^{ry} 1761, about noon my Sister Hannah Jackson departed this Life aged about 32, after being long confined to her Bed by a complication of Disorders, particularly the gout, w^{ch} was often in her head, Neck, & Stomach, in March 1761, my Mother (who took her two maids Mary Hutchinson & Ann Chapman with her) and I, accompanied wth M^r James & his daughter Eliz^a went to London, after about a fortnight's stay, M^r James & myself came down again, & attended the Durham Election for Knights of the Shire, the candidates were S^r Tho^s Clavering of Oxwell Park, the Hon^{ble} Frederick Vane Esq. Treasurer of the Chelsea Hospital, & Rob. Shaftoe Esq. of Witworth, the two last join'd Int. & carried it by a very small majority, my Mother was influenced by M^r Baker of Elemore, in favour of S^r Thomas, who voted upw^{ds} of 900 single votes, my Mother's Tenant Rich. Corker of Ayslaby at her instance, voted single for S^r Tho^s – I spent a few days at Newcastle & Shields and came to Guisbrough, where during my Mother's absence of about three Months I had the credible part of my Gisbro' & Country Neighbours to dine or spend the evening with me, On Friday May 1st 1761 my Sist. Rachel Wilson was deliver'd at Greenwich of a Daughter, the fourth Child & 3rd Daught. which they afterwards named Esther after my Sis^r of that Name, my Mo: Sis. Etty, & self were Sponsors, my Bro: Geo: was my Proxy, at the latter end of June 1761, I went to Weatherby & met my Mo: her two maids & Ol: Preswick on their rode from London, we laid at Thirsk one night & then came to Gisbro', - my Mo: made a visit to M^{rs} [?] Jn^o Close at Richmond, in July, & return'd by West Auckland, Darlington & Yarm, and in August paid M^r Pease's a visit at Whitby, wth Cousⁿ P: Reed Cousⁿ Bell Pease return'd with them and stayed a fortnight, - in June 1761 Edward Lascelles Esq. was Married to Miss (Ann) Chaloner

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OCTOBER 1761

Thursday Octo: the First – I rode to Boulby & return'd in the evening.

Friday the Second, my Mother, Cousⁿ P. Reed & self paid a visit to M^r Wilson at Ayton where we dined & return'd, S^r William Fowles & his Lady (of Ingleby Manor) dined with us, I spent the evening at the Cock, with Doct: Harrison, &^c

Saturday the Third, I spent at home –

Sunday the Fourth, was a Bad day, I went to Church once, Cousⁿ P. Reed dined at M^r Harrison's, Attorney

Monday the Fifth, M^r W^m Lawson, Attorney, dined with us, I sat 4 hours till Eight o'Clock at M^r Hide's –

Tuesday the Sixth, I spent at home – also

Wednesday the Seventh, M^r Wardell call'd for an hour with his Daught: Tomison on her rode to Sedgfield, she has been at the Rev^{md} M^r Oldfield's at Lofthouse several months last summer

Thursday the Eighth, I went with Jn^o Price Sen^r & Jn^o Peirson (Serv:) to Grainge, and examined the Building I have made there, also look'd at the New Cottage House I built this summer at the North West Corner of North Lofthouse, gave them [?] a drink for two hours at W^m Johnson's & return'd

Friday the Ninth, I took a ride with M^r Jn^o Harrison, & Jack (Serv:) towards Felbridg, with my Greyhounds, killed two Hairs –

Saturday the Tenth, Jack went with me to Lofthouse, where I receiv'd for my Mother, rents from the Tenants of the Lands late belonging to Rob^t Suggett now in her Possession – several of the Neighbours went out with me aHunting, we killed two Hairs, dined at W^m Johnson's & I &^c return'd home.

Sunday the Eleventh, silent Sunday, spent the day at home, by last Post (Friday) we were told that M^r W^m Pitt had resigned the Seals as one of the Princip: Secretarys of State, (rumor says because some of the Nobility wou'd have a Peace with France, rather than that the Spaniards shou'd join the French which they threaten to do, and that as Pitt thinks the terms offer'd wou'd be Inglorious for England to accept, he will not act longer except we carry on the war another year at all Events, or have our own Terms with France.

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Monday the Twelfth, was a most Stormey day, wind at S. E. & rain'd without intermission, and the waters were much swelled, in so much that we had no Markett, this has been a very remarkable wett summer, there having been Eight or Ten floods and many People at Gisbro' have not their fuel for winter

Tuesday the Thirteenth, by this Post we are told that Lord Egremont has rec'd the Great Seals of the Secretary's Office on the resignation of W^m Pitt Esq. – and that Earl Temple (whose Sist. M^r Pitt married) has resigned the Privy Seal, this is a very fine day, I sat at Walker Pulman's, wth Jo^s Danby & Doctor Proddy till half past Eleven

Wednesday the Fourteenth, at Eight I took Jack with me & rode to Castleton, then to Danby-Castle where M^r W^m Lawson held Lord Down's Court, I did business for my Mother with Peter Campion on Rob^t Suggett's Affairs, he being concerned for two y^{rs} past in them, & return'd at Six, when I found my Mother asleep, having taken my Uncle Jos's Drop, & sweat being suddenly seized; - a great deal of Rain & Wind

Thursday the Fifteenth, my Mo: is much better I spent the day in my closet, continues raining
Friday the Sixteenth, - a finer day, I was much with Jn^o Price & Jack, altering the Cow house
Saturday the Seventeenth, - my Mother is now purely recovered, Tho^s Preswick & I went to Stokesley, M^r James sent his Servant (Tho^s Moss) for the little chesnutt Mair I sold to him the 31st Aug. last

Sunday the Eighteenth, I did not go to Church but Cousⁿ Patty Reed did, M^r & M^{rs} Harrison spent the afternoon with us, gloomy weather, but no rain, wind South

Monday the Nineteenth, I took my Mother's Serv: (Jack) with me to Yarm Fair, which was very full of Horn'd Cattle w^{ch} sold at low prices, viz: a Pair of gone 4 years old Oxen that wou'd weigh about 60 stones apiece sold for 15£, last Spring calves sold best, tomorrow there will be a Fair for Cheeses & Sheep, the Town having been so thronged in former years, that for the first time, the Directors of the Town of Yarm (w^{ch} is pretty much in M^r Dav: Burton the Attorney's hands) have this year made use of that Clause in the Grant for Yarm Fairs, w^{ch} allows two days for the holding this Fair, I don't know whether it mentions any of the other Three Fairs, I saw M^r Jn^o Pease of Darnton & several other of my Friends & acquaintance, dined at Rob. Smith's sign of the Blacksmith's hammer & Shoes, & return'd wth Jack, and Jn^o Price Sen^r, whose youngest Daught. has had a severe time at the Birth of her first Child & Son, it's arm was broke, she was deliver'd by Doct^r Tho^s Kirton –

Tuesday Twentieth, I spent at home, & weaned my Cade Mair's first Foal, a Filly

Wednesday the Twenty First – I rode to Grainge, dined at Boulby, & return'd in the evening

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Thursday the Twenty Second, Ja^s Bird & myself met his Father, M^r Elseworth of Richmond, & M^r Stout of Skeeby at Pinchinthorp, we hunted till we killed two Hairs with the Greyhounds, and all dined at Ja^s Bird's, M^r Elsworth &^c went to Stokesley, but Ol: & Tho^s Preswick & self sat till Nine in the evening

Friday the Twenty Third, a little after six I & Jack mounted & rode to Grainge, where I met M^r Wardell by appointment, we view'd a Bank in my breamire field w^{ch} has shrunk much by the late Floods, I am to be there again next Wednesday to endeavour to repair it, we hunted a little, dined at Boulby, & return'd in the evening

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, yesterday & the day before having been extreme cold days, I find myself much stuffed in my head & breast this morning, so I spent the day in my closet, chiefly copying out of a little Rental into a New one with a Marble Paper cover,

Sunday the Twenty Fifth, Cousⁿ Patty Reed & myself went to Church twice, & with my Mother to M^{rs} Cornforth's in the afternoon, where we drank Tea, my cold continues much the same

Monday the Twenty Sixth, The Revnd M^r Daniel Wilson, Mess^{rs} Smith, Preston Sen^r & Proddy dined wth us today, I agreed to pay W^m Rogers 125£ to be paid at May day next, when he's to assign the remainder of his lease to me, memo: I paid him 24£ now, which wth 21£ 2^s 8^d also paid to my Mo: for Princip. & Int. money on his Bond to her makes 45[£] 2^s 8^d so that indeed I shall have to pay him at May day only 80£. the 2^s 8^d I agreed to pay over,

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, I sat an hour or two wth Rich. Clark & his wife, & treated with them about their Estate at Hemlington, but tho' I came up to their price (800£) they wou'd not consent to pay for a Fyne, so we parted till next Monday, M^r Jn^o Harrison sat 2 hours in my Closet.

Wednesday the Twenty Eigth, M^r Jn^o Harrison self & Jack rode to Lofthouse, when Mess^{rs} Wardell & Smith came to us we viewed & set workmen to begin the repairs of the breach in my Brea Mire field, see last Friday, then we hunted wth Greyhounds 3 or 4 hours, Revnd M^r Oldfield & Dock. Proddy's Boy Jem added to our company & killed four Hares, we then repair'd to W^m Johnson's at Lofthouse, to whose House Jack carried a cold Pye & Beef in the morn:, Proddy join'd us there, we sat till 5, & return'd at Seven to Gisbro'

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, was very rainy, wind at S:E: I spent the day in my Closett

Friday the Thirtieth, M^r Mich; Smith of Marsk call'd on me, we breakfasted, & rode to M^r Wilson's at Ayton where we dined, Coll: Wilson his Brother being there, we left them at four – M^r Smith went home, & I went to Walker Pulmans, where I had ordered a Hare to be

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roasted, & spent the evening till after twelve, wth Mess^{rs} Hide, Jacksons Sen^r & Jun^r.

Longbotthom, Proddy, Harrison Attorney, Harrison Apoth^{ry}, Justice Beckwith, Oliv: & Tho^s
Preswick, Danby, & Jn^o Dale, in all 13 wth myself –

Saturday the Thirty first & last Day, I spent in my closet & about the House

NOVEMBER 1761

Sunday the First, I went to Church twice, my Cousⁿ Reed once, my Mo: is well

Monday the Second, Mess^{rs} Jn^o Preston Sen. & Jn^o Jackson (commonly called Chief) dined
with us, I spent the evening at the Cock wth Mess^{rs} Hide, Proddy & Mich. Smith of Marsk

Tuesday the Third being a very fine day I went a Greyhound-coursing wth Mess^{rs} Jackson Sen.
& W^m Longbotthom, we went westward, & were joined by Jos^p Agar & M^r Danby, we killed
two Hairs & baited an hour at Tho^s Suitors at Upsil, my [*word unreadable*] Cousⁿ Patty Reed
drank Tea at M^r Jackson's I went up & drank Tea there too on my return as above

Wednesday the Fourth, a fine day tho' one Shower. Wind at W; I spent in my Closet –

Thursday the Fifth – at Ten I mounted, Cousⁿ Patty Reed being behind John & rode to
Lofthouse (we broke a girth on the rode), she went to Jn^o Readhead's, & I proceeded to
Grainge staid an hour there & then went on to Boulby all^o works where I lay all night

Friday the Sixth, M^r Wardell mounted early and rode to Marsk, where we coursed wth M^r
Smith and dined wth him, Wardell went home & so did I to Gisbro', Cousⁿ Reed stays two or
three days at Lofthouse

Saturday the Seventh I went to Stokesley & return'd to M^r Wilson's at Ayton to dinner, where
I staid till four & found my Mother well at home before Six, this day the above M^r Wilson
asked me 60,000£ for Marsk Estate & it's appurtenances, I bid him 58,000£ 18 wherof to be
paid in Cash or transfer of Stock at May day next, & at same time a Mortg^a for 20 more at 3[£]
10^s p.Cent: P.Ann: & the remaining 20,000£ at Midsummer 1763, not to be at Int: till then, but
as I had not taken a view of the Estate & he objecting to my proposals, we came to no agreem^t

Sunday the Eighth – this being the second Sunday in the Month we had no prayers, Thomas
Preswick & his cousin Margarett Lincoln din'd wth us. Miss Reed was sent here from
Lofthouse (see last Thursday)

Monday the Ninth. M^r Preston Sen^r dined with us, I sat the evening at M^r Jackson's with capt.
Longbotthom – a fine day –

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Tuesday the Tenth, I spent the day in my closet copying my late Uncle Ra: ward's last will into a Book which I intend to put among the Title Deeds of my estates – a Rainy Day, wind South

Wednesday the Eleventh – at noon I set out for Darlington (took John Draggie with me) where I staid the night M^r Ra: Reed spent the evening at M^r Pease's with me, I called at Yarm but did not light the waters were much swelled

Thursday the Twelfth – I dined at M^r James's at West Auckland, she had some company drank Tea

Friday the Thirteenth M^r James & I rode to M^r David Jackson's, my Mother's Tenant for Wood Houses Farm and return'd to dinner very Rainy afternoon again, and on

Sunday the Fifteenth, Rained much in the forenoon but after dinner was fair, so In took my leave & rode to M^r Pease's at Darn'ton M^r Ra: Robson spent the evening

Monday the Sixteenth, Gisbro' Fairday I breakfasted at M^r Robson's & got a second at my Cousin Stephenson's, took my leave of Darn'ton, dined with Cousin Forster's at Yarm, & to Gisbro' in the evening, in the midst of Rain, found my Mo: & P. Reed well

Tuesday the Seventeenth I spent in my closet, partly in writing to my Bro: Wilson about the Marsk Estate w^{ch} I have dropt all thought of buying, in consequence of his and bro: Jackson's Letters since Saturday the 7th inst. see that day

Wednesday the Eighteenth I spent the day in my closet, and the evening till 12 wth Ol: & Tho^s Preswick W^m Colthurst & Rich. Clark who came down & supt with me.

Thursday the Nineteenth, I sat two Hours at M^r Jn^o Harrison's hearing M^r Roger Beckwith (Justice of the Peace) examine & sign a Mittimus for Rob. Brack of Marsk upon whom a Woman of Marsk has filiated a Child already born, he having a wife & several children now alive, and cou'd not get bondsmen to the satisfaction of the Parish, I spent the afternoon wth my Mother & Cousin Reed

Friday the Twentieth – Jack Peirson rode before my Cous. Patty Reed to Yarm she having been with my Mother since Monday the 3rd of August last – I rode to Boulby but M^r Wardell being gone into the Bishoprick I staid 2 hours at Grainge and return'd home

Saturday the Twenty first – after dinner I took a walk with Jack & Rich. Pulman towards the Park & killed 2 Hares with the Greyhounds

Sunday the Twenty Second I went to Church twice, M^r & M^{rs} Harrison sat with us till Ten

Monday the Twenty Third I rece'd 332£ from Mess^{rs} Jn^o Smith & W^m Bowser viz: 189£ 10^s 6^d from the former & 142£ 9^s 6^d from the latter, for my Mo: for the Longlands fields at

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Lofthouse, 53£ from Jn^o Parker for a House at Lofthouse, 320£ from Tho^s Pearson for the Lands at Danby, & 60£ in part of 100£ from Pet. Champion for a House at Lofthouse, all late belonging to Rob^t Suggett the above Persons with Mess^{rs} Preston, Matthews & Harrison (Attorneys) & M^r Geo: Pearson all dined withn us,

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth, at Seven I mounted with Jn^o Draggie (my Sev^t) dined at Sedgfield and reached M^r Baker at Elemore Hall by four in the afternoon, M^r Wardell was there we sat up till Ten,

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth, Mess^{rs} Baker Wardell & myself looked into the Accounts between us relating the Boulby Allom Works from 11th June 1754, to 31st May 1760, & on finding a Balance due from M^r Baker to me (Devisee of my late Un: Ra: Ward) of 600[£] 10^s 4½^d M^r Baker gave me his Bond for the 600£ dated 31st May 1760 at 4£ P.C. though signed today (M^r Tho^s Wardell & W^m Arrowsmith Witnesses) & I at same time rece'd 10^s 4½^d in Cash, M^r Baker nor I did not sign any Accounts, he went to Durham & stayed all night assisting General Lampton of Lampton inn his Canvas of the Freemen of the City of Durham against M^r Ra: Gowland, a Presbyterian & Major in the Bishopbrick Militia, as Candidates for that City in Parliament, in the room of the General's brother – [blank] Lampton lately deceased, M^r Tempest the old Member, sits undisturbed, M^r Wardell & I walked out with the Hounds but it proving a wett day we returnd & chatted with M^{rs} Baker till past Ten –

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, M^r Wardell & I breakfasted with M^{rs} Baker (her Husband not being return'd from Durham) and took leave, stay'd an hour at Sedgfield at his Mother's, dined at Stockton and reached Gisbro' between 6 & Seven having had a fine frosty day Friday the Twenty Seventh, M^r Wardell breakfasted, so did M^r Adam Boulby on his rode from Newcastle, and proceeded to their respective homes, I spent the day in my closet, my Mother had not been well a day or two, but is now much better

Saturday the Twenty Eighth I walked upstreet for an hour or two and spent the rest of the day in my closet, froze hard all day –

Sunday the Twenty Ninth, I went to Church in the forenoon, and after dinner Tho^s Preswick & myself sat two or three hours wth his Bro: Ol: over a couple of Bottles of Wine he intending for London in the morning

Monday the Thirtyeth and last Day, Ol: Preswick set out at five this morning for N^o Allerton where he's to join young M^r Sutton of Stockton & to proceed together in Post Chaises to London, I walked upstreet in the forenoon, my Mo: & M^r Is^a Scarth put in their answers to M^r Peirce of Ripon's Bill in Chanc: I spent the evening in my closet

DECEMBER 1761

Tuesday December the First, I spent the day in my closet. tis now fine weather

Wednesday the Second, at Seven I mounted took Jack wth me to Grainge, I settled with my Joiner Jn^o Price, the Revnd M^r Oldfield & Wm Bowser dined with me there, I called at Brotton as I went & took W^m Child with me to Grainge, but as he had to go to Staiths he wou'd not stay to dine with me, I also called there as I return'd and Jack led my Horse Shiner home.

Thursday the Third, I spent two hours at M^r Jackson's, & in the evening Mess^{rs} Jackson's Sen^r & Jun^r. Hide & Proddy, Rob. Saunders, Rich. Smith, Cap^t L: Botthom & M^r Kitching of Skellton came down & sat with me till past Twelve.

Friday the Fourth, the frost has been as intence last night as I ever remember it to be, I spent the day mostly wth my Mo: & writing to Bro: & Sis. Do:

Saturday the Fifth, hard frost again, at Eleven I walked wth M^r Jackson Jun^r & his Cousⁿ Rob. Saunders to Skelton, where we dined at M^r Kitchings, wth the Revnd M^r Rob. Lascelles, & Doct. Bissett, & sat till seven, then walked home but I stay'd at M^r Jackson's till Eleven
Sunday the Sixth, a very hard frost again wind at S: W:, I went to Church in the forenoon, before dinner M^r James came & Tho^s Warburton with him

Monday the Seventh, the frost is succeeded by a very mild thaw, M^r James is very poorly, M^r Cuth^b Readshaw cld to see us, he & his wife came to M^{rs} Chaloner's last night.

Tuesday the Eighth, M^r James is better today & we walked into the Ground, Tho^s Preswick sat the evening with us.

Wednesday the Ninth, at Eight M^r James & I mounted, (I took Jack wth me) and after looking at my Ground at Hemlington, we viewed M^r Tho^s Lakin's Estate adjoining & dined with him, (see next Saturday) we lay at Cousⁿ Stephenson's at Darlington, after calling at Yarm

Thuray the Tenth, M^r Ra: Reed (who spent the evening with us last night) M^r James & myself went early in the morning to view Wallmire Estate, a Manor, we called upon W^m Allison near Croft as we went, after our view M^r James & I rode to Hurworth & got to Darlington by Dinner, Mess^{rs} Ra: Reed & Jn^o Pease spent this evening with us.

Friday the Eleventh, I wrote from Darlington to my Bro: Geo: and to M^r Dan Stow from Yarm desiring them to buy Walmire Lordship for me next Wednesday, it is to be sold then by

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Thos Harris Esq. a Master in Chancery, I commissioned them to give 5,500£ if it cou'd not be bought for less, I dined at Yarm, & found my Mo: well at home at Six.

Saturday the Twelfth, I went to Stokesley & dined with M^r Mathews (Attorney) so did M^r Lakin, (see last Wednesday) who asked me 2,200£ for his Estate but I wou'd not give more than 1,900£ so we parted, I called at M^r Wilson's on my return.

Sundy the Thirteenth, is silent or Month Sunday, M^r Wardell dined on his rode from the City of Durham, the Contest for a Seat in Parliament for that City between General Lambton & Major Gowland is decided in favour of the latter by 23, he Polled 215 Honorary freemen made by the Mayor (Apothecary Bainbridge) to serve that Purpose, after M^r Wardell left us, M^r & M^{rs} Harrison & M^{rs} Oldfield came & drank Tea with my Mother

Monday the Fourteenth, I walked upstreet, & spent the evening till 3 in the morning at M^r Harrison's, M^r & M^{rs} Oldfield being there

Tuesday the Fifteenth, Mess^{rs} Harrison & Oldfield breakfasted with me and then we rode to Skelton Rowcliff's & hunted wth M^r Lascelles till three, & then went wth M^r Lascelles to Skelton Castle where we dined & stay'd till Eleven, M^r W^m Jackson & M^r Kitching with us, - I lent M^r Oldfield my Horse Soldier

Wednesday the Sixteenth, I spent the day at home 'twas very stormey, M^{rs} Kirby came from Ayton to see my Mother & stay'd all night

Thursay the Seventeenth, she return'd to M^r Wilson's, I dined today with the Revnd M^r Oldfield at Lofthouse & laid at Boulby all night

Friday the Eighteenth, on this day the workmen at Boulby Allom-Works were paid to the 30th of last Month for half a year's work, I attended and received my Rents of my Upton Tenants, my Mother sent her Serv: Jack with a cold pye, he return'd to Gisbro' but I stayed at Boulby all night

Saturday the Nineteenth, M^r Oldfield came to Boulby, M^r Wardell, he, & I went a Greyhound coursing we killed three Hares and dined by appointment at my Tenant Ra: Frankland's, we sat till after three, and I came home, immediately after came M^r Jn^o Pease of Darn'ton to our house and laid all night, Thos Preswick spent the evening with us,

Sunday the Twentieth – after breakfast M^r Pease executed a Bond dated yesterday for 500£ & Int. after the rate of 4£ P. Cent P. Ann. his Father is a Party to the Bond and is to execute when I go to Whitby, I was a witness to the Bond's being executed, M^r Harrison (Attorney at Law) who filled it up, observed that I had wrote with different Ink which was not right, my Mother advanced the above 500£. this morning; it was to have been 1,000£ and he was to

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have Mortgaged his Ground at Darlington but some difficulty arising in the Title he can make on Account of his Wife's Jointure, she rather chose to take his and his father's Bond for 500£. he set out for Darlington before dinner, this Post brings me a Letter from my Bro: Geo: acquainting me with his having bid 5,150£ for Walmire Estate for me see last Thursday & Friday gone a sennight.

Monday the Twenty First. I applied to Mess^{rs} Preston, Matthews, & Harrison, (Attorneys) to borrow 5,000£ for me, to pay for the above estate, when the Title can be made clear, which at present I hear no doubt of, I spent an hour at the Cock with Mess^{rs} Smith, Lawson, Corner, Proddy &^c &^c.

Tuesday the Twenty Second, a very Rainy day I spent it mostly in my closet.

Wednesday the Twenty Third. about Nine I set forward to Skelton, & from thence to Brotton, where I hunted with M^r Lascelles, the Hounds ran 3 hares, the first I pursued & took up after the Dogs killed her, none in but myself at this chase, the last Hare was killed too at one, Mess^{rs} Mich. Smith, Jackson Jun^r & Prody was with us, we all repair'd to M^r Lascelles's at Skelton Castle, where we dined & stay'd all night, Rev^{md} M^r Kitching spent the eveing with us.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth. I left Skelton Castle, & rode upon Will. King's Galloway (Dick Pulman took my Horse home last night & left the above Galloway w^{ch} he had rode the day) to Brotton, from thence to Boulby, and to Staiths where I found M^r Wardell & dined wth him at Cap^t Campions, Jn^o Dale came with me to Skelton where I stayed an hour at M^r Kitching's wth Mess^{rs} Lascelles & W^m Jackson Jun^r. the latter & I came home together, I found my Mother pretty well.

Friday the Twenty Fifth X^tmas day I went to Church in the forenoon, Tho^s Preswick & his Cousin Marg. Lincoln dined with us, this Post brings me News of my Un. Joshua Ward's Death about one o'Clock last Monday noon, he was born on Friday the 25th June 1686 so that last June he was 75 years old, my Brother George says that the substance of his will which is dated in march 1760, is that he has order'd himself to be buried within or as near the outside of the Alter-Rails in Westminster Abbey as can be, he has bequeathed 2,000£ to his Niece Rebecca Ward, 1,000£ to his Nephew W^m Gansell & the choice of 6 Pictures, 500£ apiece to his Sisters Marg. Gansell, & Ann Edwards, 500£ to Charitable uses at the Discretion of his Executors, 150£ to his Man Morton, 100£ to his Coatchman, 50£ to his Housekeeper Mary - & the rest of his Servants 50£ apiece, to M^r Rob. Dingley a Cup & Saucer of Lapis Lazaris and appointed his Nephews Ra: & Tho^s Ward Executors Coll^o Gansell convened his Relations

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to Whitehall at Six the evening my Uncle died, & read the Will & told them that my Un: desired that M^r Page Member of Parliament for Chichester in Surry (who was my Uncle's Friend at Paris) shou'd have the Papers concerning his Medicines, with several other verbal requests, my Uncle has not named my Mother nor any of her Children in his will.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, I rode to Ayton and breakfasted with the Revnd M^r Wilson, & return'd to dinner. I wrote to Mess^{rs} Baker (to pay in the 200£ he owes me) & Tho^s Core, Jn^o Price Jun^r came from Staiths & staid all night

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, I went to Church in the forenoon, after dinner M^r Geo: Deighton of London came to see us, so did M^r Geo: & Miss Culley

Monday the Twenty Eighth, Mess^{rs} Deighton & Culley & self walked up Town, and into the fields.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth M^r Geo: Culley & self (wth Jack) set M^r Deighton to Newton on his rode to Thirsk, after we parted we ranged (with the Greyhounds) for a Hare found one but did not kill, we return'd home

Wednesday the Thirtieth, M^r Culley & I (wth Jack) rode to Grainge & viewed it, M^r Culley went to M^r Readheads at Lofthouse, & Jack & I laid at Boulby all night

Thursday the Thirty first & last Day of Decem. 1761. I took Jack with me from Boulby to Whitby, I went to raise money for the payment of Walmyre Estate against the last week in January see Sunday the 20th inst.

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Friday the First, I applied among my Friends & acquaintances, but found none that cou'd assist me with Money but Mess^{rs} W^m Linskill Jn^o Wilkinson Doct. Wayne & M^{rs} Beckwith, the two former 500£ a piece, & the two latter each 100£. that is a promise of it shortly, but I rec'd 500£ of M^r Linskill in Bills

Saturday the Second – I left Whitby, dined at Boulby, & reached Gisbro' in the evening, M^r Culley was gone home but left his Sist. to stay a fortnight

Sunday the Third, I did not go to Church – but wrote to my Bro: &^c. more settled weather

Monday the Fourth, M^r & M^{rs} Wilson of Ayton & M^{rs} Kirby dined with us, I did a good deal of business for my Mother & self.

Tuesday the Fifth, I wrote to my Bro: & inclosed Bills to the amount of 689[£] 15^s 6^d, see Cash Book, in the morning Harry Peckett (who came here last Friday) Tho^s Preswick, Jn^o Price

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Sen^r went with me to view my Estate at Hemlington, I mark'd out a Brick Kiln intending to build a Farm House there, I let the Farm to Harry for 40£ P. Ann:, and he went directly home, I took Jn^o Drable with me in the morning, & set him forward to Yarm with a Lett^r from me to M^r G: Forster and from M^r Jackson to M^r Butterwick, we all return'd home & in the evening Tho^s Preswick & I went to M^r Hide's where we supt & sat till twelve wth Mess^{rs} Jackson's Sen^r & Jun^r, Danby Harrison & Proddy

Wednesday the Sixth, I walk upstreet in the forenoon, M^r Cockburn, M^r Barnett's (Attorney) Clerk at Leeds, & the old School Dame (Margery Wright) din'd with us, I spent the afternoon in my Closet & wrote much in my Books,

Thursday the Seventh, I rode to & dined at Boulby with M^r Wardell who has not been well but is now much better, I called at Brotton as I went & return'd, M^r Jn^o Harrison & Tho^s Preswick sat the evening with me in my Closet – a very stormy day

Friday the Eighth, I dined with Mess^{rs} Mauleverer, Skottow & Beckwith at the Cock, several Officers in the Militia were with us, as the Men's 3 years are now expird they were discharged from their Service.

Saturday the Ninth. Tho^s Preswick & I went to Stokesley & returned about Six

Sunday the Tenth, is silent Sunday I wrote to my Bro: my Mo: & Miss Culley went to M^r Harrisons in the Chaise I walked up & drank Tea

Monday the Eleventh, I walked upstreet spent the evening with M^r Kitching at M^r Jackson's and we sat till Eleven

Tuesday the Twelfth I spent at home

Wednesday the Thirteenth as yesterday, in the evening M^r Jn^o Pease Jun^r alighted from Darlington, he & I laid together

Thursday the Fourteenth, M^r Pease & I took Horse, breakfasted with M^r Kitching at Skelton, he & Matt^w Smith (weaver) went with us to Whitby, on our rode we called at Grainge and I called at Boulby, we dined at Whitby, M^r Kitching laid at M^r Fran^s Easterby's

Friday the Fifteenth, we walked about Whitby, M^r Ol. Rigg spent the evening at M^r Peases

Saturday the Sixteenth, we dined at M^r Pease's and set forw^d for home we called at Scaling, M^r Kitching Baptized a Child near Freebro', he & Matt^w Smith went to Skelton, & we to Gisbro'

Sunday the Seventeenth, a very stormy forenoon, M^r Pease went home, I did not go to Church, my Mo: is very well

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Monday the Eighteenth, Mess^{rs} Jn^o Preston Jun^r, John Jackson, W^m Osburn & W^m Child dined with us, I drank Tea with M^r Hide at Capⁿ Longbotthom's, M^r Jackson Sen^r came to us, we sat till Eleven

Tuesday the Nineteenth, this Post brought me intelligence from my Bro: Geo: Jackson, that M^r Chater of Croft had opened the Sale of Wallmyre (see Sunday the 20th Ult) he is to give 5,600£ for it which is 450£ more than it was declared to me for, and deposited 1,000£. I was at home all day

Wednesday the Twentyeth, I took Jn^o Draggel with me to Whitby, & on my rode paid M^{rs} Beckwith at Lyth 100£ (see Ledge. & Cash Book)

Thursday the Twenty first, M^r W^m Linskill breakfasted at M^r Pease's, I paid him his Credit, and return'd to Gisbro', Miss Culley left my Mother today (see Sunday 27th Ult^o) Jack carried her to Yarm

Friday the Twenty Second, I was at home, Harry Peckett & his wife came, and calling at my Farm at Hemlington desired to be excused coming to it (see Tuesday 5th inst.) alledging that it was not a Dairy Farm, w^{ch} she wanted.

Saturday the Twenty Third, Tho^s Preswick, Harry Peckett & myself went to Stokesley & return'd

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, I went to Church service, for three days we have had hard frost.

Monday the Twenty Fifth, I walked upstreet & after dinner treated with W^m & Jn^o Waller (of Newby) & their nephew in Law Ra; Forster about my Farm at Hemlington but we did not agree.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth, M^r Jn^o Harrison, Jn^o Price & myself went a Shooting towards Hutton we got home to dinner, I killed a black bird

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, I rode to Boulby & return'd in the evening

Thursday the Twenty Eighth, I walked to Mess^{rs} Jn^o Harrison & Etherington's & sat an hour, I went to see Capt. Longbotthom in bed at M^r Jackson's, where he was carried to last night, he had spent the evening at M^r Forster's, but on M^r Jackson Jun^r & he coming towards home at about 2 this morn^g he found himself to be almost bereaved of Breath & dropt down, he was sensible, was got to M^r Jackson's & Proddy took about 5 Jills of Blood from him, he seems now pretty easy & is quite sensible.

Friday the Twenty Ninth, the frost is now broke up, windy weather from S:W: with some showers of Rain, I wrote to my Bro^s Geo: & Wilson, Sis. Dolly, & M^r James, The Rev^{md} M^r

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Rob. Lascelles, & M^r Hide, Mess^{rs} Proddy, Danby, & Jackson Jun^r spent the evening with me till one.

Saturday the Thirtyeth, M^r Jn^o Harrison, W^m Havelock, & our Jack went with me Greyhound coursing we saw seven Hares but killed only one, she was Jugged at Jacob Longbotthoms, Tho^s Preswick sat with us there till 11, M^r Dun (Exciseman), Jacob, & W^m Havelock wth myself sat till 3 in the morning.

Sunday the Thirty first & last Day, I went to Church twice, tis a very fine day.

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Monday the First, I walked upstreet spent an hour at the Cock after dinner, and ano. at Mary Havelocks, wth Tho^s Preswick, Rob^t Curry, Rob^t & W^m Moon who came to treat about my Farm at Hemlington, but we did not agree

Tuesday the Second, I took little Alex^r Pulman with me to Skelton, he rode upon my Galloway which I lent to Bristowe Pease to hunt on we went a Hunting wth the Revnd M^r Lascelles, we hunted upon Rocliff till 3, Mess^{rs} Proddy & Rob^t Saunders came to us, we dined wth M^r Lascelles at Skelton Castle, Major Mauleverer is there, but he went a Shooting, we got home by 10, I rode home upon my Galloway having sent Alex^r Pulman wth my Soldier, home before

Wednesday the Third, I walked down our fields with my Gun & shott a Feldifer flying, I drank Tea wth M^r W^m Jackson after dinner, a very severe frost yesterday & today – wind N:W: Ol. Preswick return'd to Gisbro' today, see 30th Nov. last.

Thursday the Fourth, M^r Ra: Bell Jun^r of Thirsk dined with us after dinner he & I went to Jn^o Robson's (sign of the Cock) to attend the Sale of M^r Matt^w Consett's Estate (at Normanby) I offerd to bid for the whole but no body oppos'd me, Jn^o Wilson proposed to bid for Jn^o Laverick's Farm, but no body opposing them, it was not declar'd an Auction & nothing further was done, M^r Bell went to Thirsk

Friday the Fifth, I dined at the Cock wth Mess^{rs} Turner & Mauleverer Dep^y Lieut., Mess^{rs} Skottowe & Beckwith Justices, who took from the Constable of every Township a List of the men liable to serve in the Militia viz. from 18 to 50 years old.

Saturday the Sixth, at five I mounted took Jack with me to Stokesley, & from thence M^r Preston Jun^r went with me to Thirsk, we dined at M^{rs} Pybus's, drank Tea at M^r Butterwick's, sat an hour with old M^r Bell, & spent the evening with young M^r Bell till 12, my errand was

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to endeavour to Purchase Matt. Consett's Estate (see last Thursday) but M^r Bell told us he had not had a valuation of the estate, & therefore wou'd not set a price, but fix'd Tuesday next for M^r Whitehead & another to come to view the Estate and M^r Preston to treat with M^r

Whitehead ab^t the Purchase, we lay'd at M^{rs} Pybus's & on

Sunday the Seventh we return'd to our respective homes after dining at Ingleby Arncliffe wth M^r Tho^s Mauleverer, a bad day

Monday the Eighth, I walk'd upstreet – drank Tea at M^r Harrison's & M^r Jackson's

Tuesday the Ninth, Mess^{rs} W^m Jackson & Rob. Saunders & self rode to Skelton Castle with our Guns, we dined with M^r Lascelles & return'd after having shot the day towards Saltburn, our Company was Mess^{rs} Smith, Kitching, Bissett, W^m Jackson Jun^r, Rob. Saunders & myself, M^r Lascelles was with us too, Jack brought Cousⁿ Dolly Reed from Yarm today.

Wednesday the Tenth, I took Jack with M^r Harrison & self upon the Moors with our Guns, Jack shott a Hare, Woodcock, & Moor Cock, I fired at a Pheasant Cock but tho' I did hit him he did not fall, a hard Frost.

Thursday the Eleventh, having got cold yesterday I found the Pyles & a stiff neck coming on me, I walked up street.

Friday the Twelfth, I kept House all day, M^r Rob. Saunders sat an hour with me in my Closett, my Mother has not been very well of some days but having taken my late Un: Jos's vomiting Pills is better today, by this Post M^r Preston tells me that M^r Whitehead (see last Saturday) wou'd not come lower than 4,600£ for Matt: Consett's Estate, w^{ch} being 150£ more than I commissioned M^r Preston too, the Sale broke off

Saturday the Thirteenth, my Mother & self are better today, I kept the House, except going to old Chris. Postgate's who I gave Notice to to quit my Barn on the West Freehold field next May-day in presence of Tho^s Preswick & Sam^l Corner, - we have had ten days hard frost with little intermission, some Snow, wind N:W:

Sunday the Fourteenth, it is silent or Month Sunday, my Mo: & self are pretty well again the frost is this day succeeded by a thaw

Monday the Fifteenth, I walked to Joseph Agars (wth Jack) who had a Hare set but she beat the Dogs, I also walked upstreet twice and drank Tea wth M^r Sanderson at M^r Harrison's

Tuesday the Sixteenth, I spent the day at home, writing Letters &^c. Rev^{md} M^r Oldfield & M^r Jn^o Harrison sat an hour with me after dinner, I supt at M^r Jackson's wth M^{rs} Chaloner & her 3 youngest Daughters, Mess^{rs} Lascelles, Hide, & Proddy, we played at Cards & smoak'd till near 3.

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Wednesday the Seventeenth, I set out for W: Auckland, where I arrived at 5 after alighting at Yarm and dining at Darn'ton, a windy day S:W:

Thursday the Eighteenth, I spent with M^r James at W: Auckland we walked about.

Friday the Nineteenth, I walked out wth M^r James towards Eavenwood wth his Hounds but tho' we were out 4 hours did not find a Hare, Jack brought the Cade Mare from Gisbro' w^{ch} I give to M^r James in lieu of the Pacing Galloway now 10 or 11 years old, she is 7

Saturday the Twentieth, Jack & I left W: Auckland, stop'd a little at Darn'ton, (Cousⁿ Jn^o Pease is not well, old M^{rs} Stephenson seems a dying) and dined at Yarm, from whence we had a stormy night (to Gisbro') of rain & sleet, wind S:W: & S:

Sunday the Twenty first, as stormy a day as I ever remember, much snow wind N:E: I did not go to Church, but sat the forenoon at old Nanny Cornforth's over the way

Monday the Twenty Second, before Eight I mounted & took Jack with me to M^r Matt:

Consett's at Normanby where I met with young M^r Jn^o Preston by appointment, M^r Consett & I signed an Article of Purchase agreement for his Estate that my Mother has in security for 3,100£ Princ^l & several hundred Pounds Int. due thereon, M^r Ra: Bell Jun^r agreed by his Letter dated 18th inst. that if M^r Consett wou'd sign to the undermentioⁿ'd Forms he wou'd, so that I look upon the Purchase as valid, nevertheless M^r Preston is to go to Thirsk on Wednesday next for M^r Bell's hand, the terms are these, 4,400£ to be paid 12th May next, out of which my Mother is to be paid her Princ^l. Int. & Costs of a Bill of Forcloser she has prefer'd in Chancery, amounting in the whole (I reckon) to 3,545[£] 5^s 6^d & the remaining 854[£] 14^s 6^d to be paid to s^d M^r Bell in part of his Princ^l money &^c w^{ch} he has upon Mortg. of this Estate (after my Mo:) & all others belonging to M^r Consett, we dined at Gisbro', we were often obliged to ride off the Causways on Account of the large drifts of Snow occasion'd by the great quantity that fell yesterday during a high N:N:E: wind, I sat an hour or two with M^r Lawson at the Cock.

Tuesday the Twenty Third, I walked upstreet for a few hours, & spent the rest of the day in my closet this morning Tho^s Preswick Sold & articed with Jonathan Sweeting Carriageman of Stokesley for his Estate at Thirsk, w^{ch} he bought of my Father for 370£ & now sold for 490£, the Post did not come in today.

Ash Wednesday the Twenty Fourth, Mess^{rs} Jn^o Harrison & Augustine Skottowe dined with me, we then took Horse together, drank Tea at M^r Oldfield's at Lofthouse, I laid at Boulby and they went down to Staiths & laid at M^r Sanderson's

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Thursday the Twenty Fifth, M^r Wardell & I went down to Staiths, (there's a Ship laying there that was blown up in last Sunday's Storm likely to become a Wreck) Mess^{rs} Jn^o Watson of Stockton, Ol: Preswick, W^m Richardson of Ayton, & Geo; Ward a Countryman & myself were appointed 10 days ago to Arbitrate (as this day) a difference between M^r W^m Sanderson, & Rich. Weatherell, the latter having (as appeared to us upon examination of several Witnesses) utter'd & taken a great deal of Pains to propagate reports to the discredit of the former, as that M^r Sanderson, was arrested by late Revnd M^r Marsden's Executors for 2,000£ and by M^r Fran^s Easterby for 5 or 600£ - it appeared to us that he had had some slight information of the latter, but the former seemed to have sprung out of his own head, as M^r Sanderson is a Merch. at Staiths this reports were likely to become very detrimental to him & had in consequence prepar'd to have the Affair tried at this Lent Assizes at York but was prevailed to accept of our decision which was this, that Rich. Weatherel shou'd pay to M^r Sanderson 50 Guineas, (10 of w^{ch} he laid down & gave his Note for 40 to be paid next May day) and acknowledge in writing that he had been a very great aggressor in spreading reports which he found were without the least foundation, that M^r Sanderson shou'd pay the Law charges on both sides & the expences of this day amounting in the whole to near 30£^s and that both parties shou'd give reciprocal discharges for all Damages & demands, which was agreed to, M^r Matthews was imployed by Richard Weatherel, & M^r Jn^o Harrison for M^r Sanderson, M^r Matthews laid with us at Boulby – and on

Friday the Twenty Sixth, M^r Jn^o Harrison, Ol: Preswick & W^m Richardson called upon us at Boulby and we all stopt an hour at Grainge, M^r Wardell return'd home, M^r Harrison & Ol: Preswick went to Lofthouse, M^r Matthews, W^m Richardson & myself came to Gisbro', they proceeded home

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, Tho^s Preswick went to Stokesley, I rode with him to Ayton and dined with M^r Wilson, stayed till four & return'd

Sunday the Twenty Eighth & last Day, I went to Church in the forenoon, I went with my Mother & Cousin Dolly Reed & paid a visit to M^{rs} Chaloner who is going to London shortly, M^{rs} Harrison & M^r Lascelles was there, the Snow that fell last Sunday continues upon the Ground, hard frost 7 likely to continue; wind at E: & N:E: