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JULY 1765

Monday the First day, I walked upstreet, being Markett day, & saw many performances on the Slack wire, & Slack-rope by Doctor Barton's (Quack Doctor) Man, after dinner my Mother & her 3 Grand daughter Jacksons went to Ayton & return'd, I follow'd with M^r. Preston Jun^r. & found M^{rs}. Fisher & her son Benj^a. return'd from with Bro & Sis^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Dolly, from West Auckland where they went last Friday, we began to mow today

Tuesday the Second, my Mo: & her Housekeeper (Boagman) went early this morning to Ayton, & return'd in the evening, M^r. & M^{rs}. Mauleverer dining at Bro. Wilson's today, my ^Nieces Pally & Bessy^ Jacksons went to Saltburn with M^r. Tho.^s Preswick & M^{rs}. Lincoln, bathed & ret.^d, they all din'd with us, I attended the Hay-field & drank Tea at M^r. Harrisons with my 3 Nieces (Jacksons)

Wednesday the Third, I attended the Hay-field all day which has been very fine, after dinner my Mother, her 3 Grandaughter Jacksons, & M^{rs}. Lincoln went to Normanby, clean'd my House a little against tomorrow, & return'd about eight

Thursday the Fourth, I attended the Hay field in the forenoon, and after dinner Mother & M^{rs}. Harrison in the Chariott 3 Niece Jacksons, M^r. Harrison, & myself on horseback went to Normanby, Bro.^r & Sis.^r Wilson, Sis.^r Wilson, Sis.^r Dolly, & M^{rs}. Fisher & her Son, with Miss Skottowe, & M^r. & M^{rs}. Wood met us from Ayton, we drank Tea, & M^{rs}. Wood, Miss Skottowe, Sis.^r Dolly & Niece Bessy walking down to the Riverside, some of the Gentlemen followed with ^M^r. Wood's^ Coatch, but it was so late before we returned that my Mo. & M^{rs}. Harrison were set off for Gisbro', & Sis^r Wilson & M^{rs}. Fisher for Ayton before we got ^back^ to the Hall, they ^all^ went to Ayton.- Niece Jacksons, M^r. Harrison & myself did not get home till Eleven

Friday the Fifth, I attended the Hay-field all day; 3 Niece Jacksons, M^{rs}. Lincoln, & W^m. bathed in the Sea at Saltburn

Saturday the Sixth, I attended the Hay field as yesterday, we have secured nearly 15 acres this week, which has been very fine, without any Rain; 3 Niece Jacksons, M^{rs}. Lincoln, & Rich the Coatchman bathed in the Sea at Saltburn & return'd

Sunday the Seventh, my Mother & Niece Sally Jackson are not very well today, Nieces Kitty & Bessy Jackson went to Church with me in the forenoon, M^r. James came to

dinner, & then we all went to Ayton drank Tea and return'd, M^r. Tho^s. Preswick is not well today of a fall he got yesterday against a Stone (upon his side) in crossing the beck between our Hay fields, but no rib is broke.

Monday the Eighth. My Normanby Tenants came up and paid me their last May-day Rents, M^r. James assisted me, M^{rs}. Fisher & her son Benj^a. came from Ayton where they have been to stay a week, a gloomy Hay day

Tuesday the Ninth, we began our Hay stack but a heavy Rain came on and put us off. M^r. Scottowe & his Daughter & M^r. & M^{rs}. Wood & Miss, drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Tenth, Bro^r. Wilson & his three Daughters with Sis^r. Etty came from Ayton, ^they^ went to Redcar with my Mother, Sis^r. Dolly, 3 Nieces (Jackson) M^{rs}. Fisher, her son Benj^a. M^r. James & myself, some of them bathed in the Sea, we dined upon Fish, & return'd to Tea at Gisbro' the Aytoners went home afterwards

Thursday the Eleventh, my Mother, Sis^r. Dolly M^{rs}. Fisher & c. & c., we all dined, & drank Tea at Ayton & return'd in the evening, Bro^r. Wilson, M^r. James & self saw Jn^o.

Richardson's Oyl Mill at ^near^ Ayton.

Friday the Twelfth, we got to our Hay-stack again, a fine day, Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson, their four Children & Sis^r. Etty spent the day with us at Gisbro' & return'd

Saturday the Thirteenth, Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson came to breakfast. M^{rs}. Fisher got into their Chariot with my Sis^r. Wilson, Sis^r. Dolly, 3 Jacksons, Benj^a. Fisher & M^r. James & myself all rode on horseback to Grainge, I called on the Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles at Skelton Castle, he went with us and dined upon a cold dinner, drank Tea & return'd. ^Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson went home^

Sunday the Fourteenth, being the second Sunday in the month we had no service, & therefore it is comonly called silent or Dumb Sunday; after dinner, M^{rs}. Fisher her son Benja: (6½ y^{rs}. old) & M^r. James left our house, she in the Chariot with my Mother, & the two latter on horseback with my Sis^r. Dolly Niece Jackson & myself, we drank Tea, my Mo^r. two Jacksons & myself return'd soon after,

Monday the Fifteenth I walked upstreet several times, spending two hours after dinner in the Cock, seeing Doct. Barnett's Merryman perform upon the Slack Rope at which he was very dextrious, they leave the Town today, having attended this Markett once a fortnight for about two months past, Nieces Kitty & Bessy Jackson bathed in the Sea at Saltburn wth M^{rs}. Lincoln riding behind Rich^d the Coatchman after dinner.

Tuesday the Sixteenth, ^Midsummer^ the Quarter Sessions of the Peace being held here, M^r. Temple keeper of the Ho. of Correction at Thirsk, came with his Prisoners to Town last night, he got breakfast with us this morning, I went into Court with the Justices Mauleverer, Burton, T. Boulby, & Beckwith (and dined with them at the Cock, they had not much business to do Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Dolly drank Tea wth my Mo., 2 former went home.

Wednesday the Seventeenth, we opened ^added to^ our Hay Stack (the 1st. time), after breakfast I rode to Brotton & met M^r. Smith there, at Willy Child's, by appointment, we both proceeded to Boulby dined & smoaked a Pipe wth. M^r. Wardell, rode through his Grounds & some of mine at Grainge, where we drank a little Bumbo, M^r. Wardell went home, M^r. Smith & I came by Lofthouse, & at Skelton met ^with^ M^r. Lascelles with whom we smoak'd a Pipe at Alex^r. Mitchel's & parted between Nine & Ten.

Thursday the Eighteenth, Sisters Wilson & Etty wth. the two youngest Children din'd & drank Tea from Ayton, after dinner I called upon Rob^t. Jackson of Eston who went with me to Normanby, and we there look'd at the propozed alteration in the lanes at the high end of the Township, & I came home

Friday the Nineteenth, my Mother, Sis^r. Dolly & 2 younger Niece Jacksons dined & drank Tea at Ayton, we left the latter (2) at Ayton, M^r. Wilson & I road to see the allom work erecting a little to the South of Rosebury Topping

Saturday the Twentyeth I spent all day at Home, M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with my Mo. & Sis^r. Dolly

Sunday the Twenty First, my Mother, Sis^r. Dolly & self went to our ^Church^ in the forenoon, we dined & drank Tea at Ayton & all 3 return'd in the evening, I went to Ayton Church in the afternoon

Monday the Twenty Second, I walked upstreet into the Markett, & sat an hour wth Jn^o. Jackson & his son Robert at Walker Pulman's, M^r. Preston Jun^r. dined with us

Tuesday the Twenty Third, we were very busy with our Hay-Stack having cut a hole 4 feet square to within two feet of her Botthom down the Middle of it, the Hay from ^it^ was black, from the great sweat she has been in, and smelled very strong of Fire, we put a dess of last year's dry Hay into the Hole & laying 3 or 4 load of New dry Hay upon it, hope she will do well; Bro. & Sis^r. Wilson, Mother, Sis^r. Dolly & self paid a morning visit to M^{rs} Chaloner, her Son & Daughter Lascelles being with her for a week, the

Ayton family wth Niece Kitty Jackson dined, drank Tea with us, and return'd in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth, in the morning. M^r. & M^{rs}. Wood, Miss Skottowe & my Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson called & took up my Sis. Dolly, they dined & went upon the Sea at Redcar, they stop'd a little with us in the evening, Doct^r Wayne drank Tea with my Mother and I in the afternoon

Thursday the Twenty Fifth, my Mo^r & Sis^r. Dolly and self went to Ayton & return'd to dinner bringing three Niece Jacksons with us who, with Mrs. Lincoln & M^{rs}. Boagman (my Mother's housekeeper) went to Saltburn to Bath, M^{rs}. Pybys & M^{rs}. Butterwick of Thirsk came before Tea to stay a few days.

Friday the Twenty Sixth, after breakfast my Mother M^{rs}. Butterwick & myself went to Kirkleatham, saw the Hospital Library etc. & return'd to dinner, Bro^r & Sister Wilson drank Tea with us and returned

Saturday the Twenty Seventh. Bro^r Wilson & his whole family dined & drank Tea with us and return'd, M^{rs}. Butterwick, Sis^r. Dolly, the two younger Jackson's & myself walked to M^{rs}. Chaloner's Fish Ponds and return'd the back way

Sunday the Twenty Eighth, after breakfast my Mo^r Sis^r Dolly, the three Jacksons M^{rs}. Pybys and M^{rs}. Butterwick went to Ayton to Church & after dinner my Bro^r Wilson's Chariott carried the two latter Ladys, they would drink Tea & go home (to Thirsk,) all our family returned home in the evening

Monday the Twenty Ninth. my Bro^r Wilson & his family spent the day with us & return'd in the evening being the birth day of Niece Catharine Jackson she now entering into her 14th. Year, Bro^r Wilson & I walked upstreet,

Tuesday the Thirtyeth, we drank Tea at Ayton & return'd, it has been very droughty weather for some time.

Wednesday the Thirty First, & last day, I breakfasted with M^r. Smith at Marsk, we then rode upon the Sand and I dined with him, he then rode with me upon the Beach all the way to Normanby, we rode up the Estate and then to our respective homes, our Hay Stack was opened out today & I hope is now out of danger of Firing

AUGUST 1765

Thursday, August the First, I went down to Normanby early with John & William, we weeded Quicks etc. & pulled the Pears & a few Apples of which Nich^r Patten took his Tythe, I return'd to dine at M^{rs}. Chaloner's with Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, Sisters Etty & Dolly, 3 Niece Jacksons & 3 Wilsons, we also drank Tea & then to our respective homes, M^{rs}. Chaloner's company were, her 4 Daughters, & 2 Sons in Law (Lascelles & Hale) & Miss Harrison of Yarm, my Mo. not being very well did not go

Friday the Second, I took John with me to Yarm Fair (Maudlinday) & after dining & receiving Rents I return'd wth. Cous. Matty Reed behind John, drank Tea at Ayton on our road, where we found my Mo^r & Sis^r. Dolly who join'd us to Gisbro'.

Saturday the Third. I spent all day at home till the evening that I walked out with my 3 Niece Jacksons

Sunday the Fourth, Cous^r Matty Reed & the 3 Jacksons went with me to Church in the forenoon, & walked to M^{rs}. Chaloner's Park House in the evening; my Mother & Sis^r. Dolly went to Ayton after dinner & returned

Monday the Fifth, I walked upstreet, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson dined, ^drank ^ Tea with us & return'd M^r. Preston also drank Tea with us, fine showery weather,

Tuesday the Sixth, I wrote several Letters by Post, after dinner my Mo^r Sis^r. Dolly & Cous^r Matty Reed went to Ayton & returned in the evening except Sis^r. Dolly (see tomorrow) I drank Tea with my 3 Niece Jacksons at M^{rs}. Lincolns, & then Tho^s. Preswick & I rode to Normanby & about, till eight o'Clock

Wednesday the Seventh, I took John with me to Yarm where I met Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson and Sis^r. Dolly from Ayton, two former return'd but Dolly and I went forw^d. (she road behind John) we dined & drank Tea at Cous^r Wilkinson's at Darlington & went to West Auckland, I laid at M^{rs}. Betty James's

Thursday the Eighth, after Breakfast M^{rs}. Fisher mounted behind me, Dolly, M^r. James, & Benj^a. Fisher single we road to my Brother's ^Estate^ at Woodhouses & return'd to dinner by M^r. James's Farm upon Raily Fell, after Tea we all walked to Hummerbeck, where Master Tim Eden came to us, on our return we mett Doct^r Dunn & his wife who supt & spent the evening with us till past Ten

Friday the Ninth, I took breakfast at W: Auckland, & leave of M^{rs}. Fisher & Benj^a. (who set off for London tomorrow) stayed half an hour at Darn'ton, & calling at Ayslabby dined at Yarm, Rich^r Corker called on me, & he, M^r. Forster & self rode to my Farm at Morley Carr, drank Tea at Ayton & return'd home from thence with my Mother in the

Chariott Saturday the Tenth, I called on Bro^r Wilson at Ayton who went with me to Stokesley to meet M^r W^m Masterman but he not coming we look'd over M^r Taylor's Garden & return'd to dinner at Ayton, which place I did not leave till nine the Boy (Geo: Wilson) being very ill

Sunday the Eleventh, my Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson breakfasted with us (their Boy being much better) my Mo^r & I return'd with them, & spent the day, they return'd wth us in the even.g & went home.

Monday the Twelfth, Mr. Preston dined with us, I spent two hours at the Cock wth Mess^{rs}. Tho^s. Preswick, Scarth, Watson &^c. my Sis^r Dolly & Cous^r Matty Reed return'd in my Mother's Chariot from Thirsk, w^{ch} carr^d. Cous^r Reed & 2 eldest Jacksons there yesterday morn^g where they met M^{rs}. Fisher & Dolly

, but I dined with M^r Robinson after riding down to Cargo-fleet before I found him

Thursday the Fifteenth, about twelve M^r W^m Masterman of London, & M^r Preston Jun^r called, they wou'd not dine ^wth^ us so I set them to Herby-bank-Top on their rode to M^r Turner's at Kirkleatham, & I spent the rest of the day at home

Friday the Sixteenth, after dinner my Mother, Cous. Matty Reed & myself went to Ayton, they return'd soon but I remained till eight having drank Tea at (Quaker) Willy Richardson's with Bro. & Sis^r Wilson & Dolly, & 3 Niece Wilsons

Sunday the Eighteenth, we all went to Church & after dining at M^r Butterwick's with M^r Ra: Bell & Cous^r Pybuss Bro. Wilson & I returned into Cleveland with John ^& Deacon who went wth us^ & the Horses, leaving my Bro^r Jackson to attend ^with ^Mess^r Butterwick & Ra: Bell York Races next week, I laid at Ayton

Monday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I came home & went into the Markett, M^r Preston drank Tea wth us, Tuesday the Thirteenth, I breakfasted at my Bro^r Wilson's who went with me to the meeting ^at Stokesely^ advertised some time lately, about a Turnpike road from Gisbro' to Thirsk or North-Allerton, it was determined at this meeting that an application shall be made to Parliament next Session for the said road, and two Men (Ja^s. Rutherford ^of Smeaton^ & Cuthb^r Lakin of Burroughby) go upon the said ^two^ roads, and give an account of the length of both roads, and an estimate of the expence ^ money ^ that each road will cost making, which they are to deliver at a meeting to be held at Stokesley on Friday the 31st of this Month, we dined and retired to our respective homes, the company were, the Hon^r Gen^l Cary, S^r Lawrence Dundas, S^r

W^m. Foulis, M^r. W^m. Turner, M^r. Cha^s. Turner, M^r. Fermer, Mr. Mauleverer (Chairman)
M^r. Rakes Fulthorpe, Bro^r. Wilson, Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles, M. Nich^s. Smith, M^r. Gale (for M^r.
Lascelles's) M^r. Foster (for M^r. Chaloner) & myself, in all fourteen, the day was very
Rainey with a high wind at North East

Wednesday the Fourteenth, Bro^r. Wilson breakfasted 14. with us, I took John & went
with him ^to^ Kirkleatham where we paid M^r. Cha^s. Turner 2,500£ in part for Busby
Estate, we return'd by Normanby where M^r. Wilson left ^me^ to go home

Tuesday the Twentyeth, I finished reading the History ^ (in 4 vol^s)^ of Tom Jones the
foundling, & after dinner went to Ayton with my Mo^r. Cous^r. Matty Reed,
& Niece Betty Jackson, we all returned to Tea, and then the two latter walked with me
through the back ^Lane^ & to near Hutton Locross

Wednesday the Twenty First, at four William the Gardener called me up, we took my
Perambulator & walk'd to Normanby by Upsill Mill, & found the distance to be 5 Miles
7 Furl & 80 yards, we got home by dinner but was prevented from measuring the
distance (the Moor way) home by my letting the wheel fall out of my hands and broke
the Axletree at Normanby Hall, a very hott day

Thursday the Twenty Second, Cous^r. Matty Reed & I went to Ayton in my Mother's
Chariot we breakfasted & return'd with my two eldest Niece Jacksons who came from
Thirsk yesterday, after dinner my Mo. 3 Jacksons Cous. M. Reed & self drank Tea at M^r.
Harrison's, M^r. Etherington's Daught. Fanny was buried to day

Friday the Twenty Third young M^r. Askew sat half an hour with us on his to Whitby,
Bro.& Sis^r. Wilson & Dolly & 3 ^little^ Wilsons dined with us, Doct Wayne drank Tea
(from Whitby) & they all left us in the evening

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, Cous Matty Reed & 3 Niece Jacksons with M^{rs} Lincoln
went down to Saltburn & bathed, I went to Normanby & weeded Quicks after dinner

Sunday the Twenty Fifth, my Mo. Cous.M. Reed & 3 Niece Jackson went to Ayton after
breakfast, so did I after Church time & dined there with my Bro. Jackson, who came
from Thirsk this morning, having spent last week at York Races ^see last Saturday &
Sunday^ we all supt at Gisbro' - very sultry weather

Monday the Twenty Sixth. Bro. & Sis. Wilson Etty & the two youngest Wilsons dined
& drank Tea with us, Mr. Butterwick's (of Thirsk) youngest Son (Rob^r) came in the
evening to stay a day or two with us (he's now 16 years old) my Bro. Jackson and I
walked to the Park House, a warm evening

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, Bro. Jackson went early this morning to meet Capt Peighin, of the Seaford (Man of War) who is at Ayton, & return'd to dinner, Miss^{es}. Wardell & Smith sat an hour with us in the forenoon, I walked upstreet several times being first Ladymass Fair; M^r. Skottowe, his Daughters Wood & Skottowe, & Grandaughter Wood, with Capt. Peighin [?]. Bro. & Sis^r. Wilson drank Tea with us, Sis^r. Dolly went to Ayton

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth, after dinner my Mother, Bro. Jackson, his three Daughters, Cous. M. Reed & self went to Saltburn, we drank Tea & return'd. Polly & Bessy bathed

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, Bro. Jackson & I rode to Ayton before dinner after breakfast; soon after, Cole W^m. Wright came there, he dined & drank Tea & then return'd to M^r. Marwood's at Busby, my Mother, Cous. Matty Reed, & three Jacksons came to us after dinner, the two former return'd with me home in the evening.

Friday the Thirtyeth. M^r. Smith called upon one, we called upon my Bro. Wilson and attended the meeting at Stokesley (on the subject of a Turnpike road) see 13th. Inst. it was determined (by 9 for Thirsk, 2 for Northallerton, & 1 for both Thirsk & Allerton) that an application be made to Parliament next Sessions for an Act to make the Turnpike road from Gisbro'. to Thirsk, no Toll Bars to be erected, 'tis needless to mention every particular as I shall have an list a Bill (as a Trustee) as soon as the Act passes, there was 980£ subscribed at this meeting, the meeting consisted of the Hon^{'ble} Gen^a. Cary, S^r. W^m. Foulis, Mess^s. W^m. & Cha^s. Turner, Doct Wanley, M^r. Fermer (for M^r. Edw^d. Mennell) M^r. Mauleverer, Bro. Wilson, M^r. Smith, (for S^r. Laurence Dundas) M^r. Hodshon, (for M^r. Hurstler) M^r. Foster, for M^r. W^m. Chaloner) & myself, 12 in all; on my return home I found Cous. Bell^a. Pease on her road to Whitby, (from Darnton).

Saturday the Thirty first & last Day I walked upstreet, paid M^r. W^m. Danby his Shop Bill, and spent the rest of the day in my Closet, writing; a very Stormy day wth. Rain,

SEPTEMBER 1765

Sunday September the First Bro. Jackson & Sis. Dolly breakfasted, dined, & drank Tea with us & then returned to Ayton, in Bro. Wilson's Chariot, we all went to Church in ^the^ forenoon

Monday the Second. I took John with me to Ayton, after breakfasting there we proceeded to Stockton with Bro. Wilson & Bro. Jackson & his serv., we dined at the Inn, look'd about the Town, called upon M. Johnston, drank Tea with ^at^ M^r. Websters, M^r. Wilson return'd home but my Bro., myself & two servants laid at M^r. Pease's at Darn'tn. Tuesday the Third, we took the company of M^r. Dent (M^r. Pease's Partner) & went to Easby but M^r. Close being gone upon Richmond Moor we left the Portmanteaus & followed calling upon M^r. Allen who went with us, the wind being high with some Rain we all went upon the Stand, there were only two Mairs started, giving us two heats which were easily won by M^r. Tho^s. Cornforth's Mair (Dido) M^r. Allen went with us to M^r. Close's where we dined, he went home. M^r. Close with us walked into Easby Church Yard we looked upon my Father's Toombstone, he dyed 5th. May 1757, aged 71, & my Sis. Ann (who lays by him) died 4th. Augst. 1744, aged 15 years, in the evening we had a Post Chaise from Richmond which carried my Bro^r, M^r. Close & self to the Assembly (where there was not much company) & down to Easby again before Twelve Wednesday the Fourth a very Rainy day, so my Bro. & I (with M^r. Close) dined at M^r. Allens, & proceeded ^directly^ to West Auckland, where we drank Tea & laid at M^r. James's

Thursday the Fifth after breakfast M^r. James, my Bro. & I walked ^rode^ to woodhouses, & return'd by M^r. James's inclosure ^allotment^ upon Raily or - Etherly Fell - to dinner; we found Capt. Eugeny & M^r. Abra Oliver at M^r. James's, after Tea my Bro. & I went to Darn'ton where we found M^r. & M^{rs}. Pease from Whitby & M^r. Ra: Reed,

Friday the Sixth, after breakfast we walked down to M^r. Wilkinson's & then rode to Ayslabby, where we met Bro. Wilson by appointment, rode over the Estate and dined at Cousin Forster's at Yarm, drank Tea at Ayton & Bro. Jackson & I came home, Saturday the Seventh, after breakfast, Bro. Jackson & I rode upon Eston Crag, to Normanby, & dined at Ayton, they all went to drink Tea at S^r. W^m. Foulis's and after drinking Tea with the Children, I came home alone.

Sunday the Eighth, my Mo., Cous. Matty Reed & self breakfasted at Ayton & went to Church there in the forenoon, in the evening we returned with Bro. Jackson his three Children, & Dolly to Gisbro'. Brothers Jackson & Wilson wth myself walked home by Airyholme, the latter ret^d. wth. Sis. Wilson

Monday the Ninth. the Rev^d. M^r. Geo: Johnson & M^r. Geo: Sutton dined with us, Brothers Wilson & Jackson with myself & M^r. Preston Jun. drank Tea at M^r. Turners when he conveyed the Manor of Great Busby to my Bro. Wilson, who went home, his wife, Sis. Etty & their four Children having dined wth us, & gone before we got home Tuesday the Tenth, Bro. Jackson, Tho^s. Beswick myself & servants Ranged in S. Laur. Dundas's ground with our Greyhounds, we saw four but killed only two hairs, & ret^d to dinner, all drank Tea at M^{rs}. Lincoln's, M^r. W^m. Allen came from Richmond to spend a few days

Wednesday the Eleventh. After breakfast my Bro. Jackson (his serv.) M^r. Allen (his serv. Beaujcaulois, a Frenchman) myself (& John) road upon Roseberry Topping, we return'd by the Moors, but cou'd not meet with one hare, Sis. ^Wilson^ came, & after dinner went home with my Bro. Jackson, M^r. Allen & myself, also Sis. Dolly & Cous. Matty Reed,

Thursday the Twelfth, while we were breakfasting at Ayton, M^r. Dalrymple, an acquaintance of Bro. Wilson in the East India came, we all rode over Great Busby Estate, but cou'd not meet with a hare, we return'd to dinner & found my Mother who return'd in the evening, ^wth her 3 Grand daugh. Jacksons^ but all the rest lay at Ayton, M^r. August Scottowe spent the day ^& evening ^ with us,

Friday the Thirteenth, after breakfasting at Ayton, my Brothers Jackson & Wilson, & Mess. Allen & Dalrymple, with myself rode over Barnaby Moor, by Nordale Beck, & came into Gisbro' by Northoutgate to dinner, we found the ladys from Ayton, Doct^r. Wayne drank Tea with us, all strangers went to Ayton but Bro. Jackson & M^r. Allen

Saturday the Fourteenth, M^r. Aug. Skottowe came from Ayton, & after breakfast we all rode to Grainge where some Shott & some coursed, at two we retired to a cold dinner there, sat four ^cheerful^ hours & retir'd to our respective homes, the company consisted of Nine ^(^or so)^ viz: Bro. Jackson, Rev^d. Mess.^{rs} Oldfield & Kitching, Mess.^{rs} Allen, Smith, Wardell, Harrison, Skottowe, & myself, & Matt.^w Smith (of Skelton)

Sunday the Fifteenth, after breakfast my Mother & Bro. in her Chariot, & M^r. Allen & myself on horseback went to Ayton, after dinner M^r. Allen went home to Richmond, so did my Bro. Jackson, to London, after having been with us three weeks, see Sunday the 25th. Ult.^o, he took with him my Sis. Dolly & his three daughters, they having been with us since ^Friday^ 14th. June last, in all 13 weeks last Friday, - M^r. Dalrymple intending to stay till Tuesday with Bro. Wilson, he cou'd not set my Bro. Jackson, so I did not go,

they had the two Chariotts to Thirsk, I left my Mother all night at Ayton, but I came home and got 7 or 8 men to pull a dead Calf from the old ^spangled^ Cow (once M^{rs}. Lincoln's) we were two hours & a half before we got it, ^she wants a Month of her time)^ three men sat up with the Cow, & I hope she will recover, I went to bed about half past two.

Monday the Sixteenth, I sent Wilsⁿ. the Gardener to Ayton for directions from my Mo^r. about the Cow, I walked upstreet several times, and after dinner my Mo. & Cous. Reed came from Ayton, in the evening a suspicion arose that the Cow had another Calf in her, several Men were got & they drew a very large calf from her much decayed, very little hopes remains of the Cow's life

Tuesday the Seventeenth the Cow is still alive, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison spent the afternoon with us, while at Tea, M^r. & M^{rs}. Pease Sen^r. with their Granddaughter Betty came from Darlington, they stayed all night.

Wednesday the Eighteenth, after breakfast M^r. & M^{rs}. Pease etc. left us on their road to Whitby in their Son John's Post Chaise, all the Ayton family dined and drank Tea with us, ^&^ return'd in the evening, I began to read Pope's Homer's Iliad to my Mo. & Cous. M: Reed.

Thursday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I went to Normanby, & weeded Quicks etc. till the evening, W^m. our Gardener, & Tho^s. Waite are pruning Trees there; my Mo. & Cous. Matty Reed dined at Ayton, I read after supper.

Friday the Twentieth a Fair was held at Gisbro' comonly called latter Lady Fair, & long held in repute as a good one, w^{ch}. it was this day, my Bro. Wilson and all his family dined & drank Tea with us M^r. Preston also dined with us, I sat an hour at M^r. Harrisons,

Saturday the Twenty First, after dinner M^r. Harrison & self took our Greyhounds & rode to Stanghow, from whence a M^r. Scarth went with us upon the Moor &^c. but we cou'd not find a Hare, we drank Coffee at M^r. Scarth's and got home about seven, I finished reading the 1st. volume of Pope's Homer's Iliad after supper

Sunday the Twenty second, my Mother, Cousin Matty Reed ^& self^ went to Church twice, Bro. & Sis. Wilson & their two eldest Girls went to Church with us in the afternoon, & we all drank Tea at M^r. Harrison's, they return'd to Ayton, I read a sermon as usual in the evening

Monday the Twenty Third. I spent the forenoon about home, & after dinner sat an hour with Miss. Beckwith & Smith at the Cock, I read in the 2^d Vol: of Pope's Hom^{rs}. Iliad

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth. I spent the forenoon at home, after dinner went with my Mother & Cousⁿ M: Reed to Ayton, drank Tea & return'd, Capt Wayne and his wife drank Tea there

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth. after breakfast, my Mother, Cousin Matty Reed, & self went to Normanby, W^m. The Gardener, & Alex. Pulman who were there and having nearly pulled ^all^ the apples brought them home, we dined at Gisbro' but 'twas about four o'Clock, Cous. W^m. Wright called to see us, and I sat an hour, I read in Pope's Homer's Iliad,

Thursday the Twenty Sixth. I breakfasted at M^r. Harrison's and then we took our horses, called at Skelton, Lofthouse, through Easington & I went to Boulby, ^din'd^ and then came to Grainge, where I stay'd till M^r. Harrison came to me from Staiths &^c. we came ^home^ in the evening, I read till bed time.

Friday the Twenty Seventh. The Cow dyed this morning, (see Sunday & Monday 15th & 16th inst.) I saw her open'd and buried, my Mo. & Cous. M. Reed went to Ayton from whence Sis. Wilson, her 3 Girls, & M. Reed went to see a ball at Yarm & all ^5^ to return, I rode to Ayton after dinner, drank Tea, and return'd with my Mother in the Chariot; I read in the evening

Saturday the Twenty Eighth, M^r. Harrison breakfasted with me, & then we rode towards Stanghow where we met M^r. Lascelle's Hounds by appointment, we ran several Hares two of which we kill'd, I got home by two o'clock & found my Mother was gone to Ayton, I eat something cold & followed her, and drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's with M^r. Marwood, his Mo. & Sister, the latter is a very agreeable young Lady; my Tenant, Duke Foggethwaite came from Brumpton this evening , & paid me my rent.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth, my Mother, Cous M. Reed & self went to Church twice, the two former sat an hour at M^r. Etherington's after evening service, Bro. & Sis. Wilson dined with us, I read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Thirtyeth & last day, I dined at the Cock with M^r. Beckwith etc. He was the only Justices that attended this Highway meeting, M^r. Burton excusing himself, I spent the afternoon with M^r. Smith and others at the Cock M^{rs}. Dolly Stonehouse ^of Yarm^ Supt & laid at our house

OCTOBER 1765

Tuesday the First after breakfast I went down to Normanby with Rog. Beckwith Esq & M^r. Harrison the former as Justice of the Peace certified that those Roads are in good repair, M^r. Peter Consett of Brawith having lately presented at, ^them^ he signed the Certificate at Normanby Hall, we ranged for a Hare ^for^ several hours but cou'd not fin'd one, we got home about four, and after eating a piece of cold Beef, we drank a Bottle of wine, I ^then^ read till bed time.

Wednesday the second, I dined with M^r. Smith at Marsk, & then we went to Skiningrave where we mett M^r. Wardell at M^r. Easterby's by appointment to settle a dispute about a ^new^ Lane by which a New ro ^the road^ through Skiningrave-field ^to Lofthouse bank top^ was altered this last spring, the dispute was between M^r. ^Fran. Easterby, young Geo: Webster, & John Trattles, Geo: claimed the whole of a ba^u^lk on which the Lane now stands ^lays^ but M^r. Easterby claimed half of it, we gave it to Geo: and as each Person had agreed at first agreed to contribute to give an equal share of Land towards the new Lane, & both hedges & Geo: had given 13 links of a Chain from one of his Lands, the Lane and Hedges being 48 links of the same, ^chain^ we gave 19 links to geo: Webster off Jn^o. Trattle's Land, and laying 3 links to Jn^o. Trattles Land from M^r. Easterby's Land East, made him 16 Links and M^r. Easterby to maintain both Hedges, which he had agreed to when he made both Hedges in the Spring, thus the affair was settled to the satisfaction of every Party, & we retired to our respective homes. a Rainy day.

Thursday the Third, after breakfast I went to Ayton, & after dinner Mo & Cous. M. Reed came, M^r. Wilson & I spent an hour at M^r. Preston's at Stokesley and I return'd from Ayton home in Mo the Chariott wth. Mo & Cous. Reed.

Friday the Fourth, I took John & the Greyhounds & with M^r. Harrison coursed towards M^r. Turner's Park, and return'd by Tockets to dinner, my two Sisters, the three ^little^ Girls and Miss Skottowe from ^Ayton^ dined & drank Tea with us. M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea, when they were all gone, M^r. Wilkinson & Dolly Stephenson came from Darn'ton, he brought his Survey of Normanby,

Saturday the Fifth, M^r. Wilkinson and I rode to Skelton, and then to Stanghow with the hounds we called on M^r. Scarth and hunted till about one, dined and spent the afternoon

at home, but my Mother, Cous. Reed & Dolly Stephenson spent the day at Ayton & returned home in the evening

Sunday the Sixth, M^r. Wilkinson & Dolly Stephenson left us, my Mother, Cous. M^r. Reed & Dolly Stephe & myself went to Church twice, so did Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson, & after they had drank Tea at our house, I went to my Mother & Cous. Reed who with several Neighbours spent the afternoon at old M^r. Jacksons for the first time since they left their Sons, I read a Serm. in the evening.

Monday the Seventh, we had very little Markett the day being very Stormy with much Rain, our new Curate M^r. Robinson, with M^r. Harrison dined & stayed with us till Ten in the evening, Tho^s Preswick spent the evening

Tuesday the Eighth, M^r. Wardell dined with us on his road into Bishopbrig, I set him part of the way, & then struck off to Normanby with Jn^o. & the Greyhounds, but saw no Hares, ret^d. at seven

Wednesday the Ninth, after breakfast I mounted my Galloway, & met the Skelton Hounds near the Castle, we ran three Hares, killed one, and then repaired to Alex. Michel's an appointed hunting dinner, we sat till Seven and then all parted together, the Company, were the Rev.^d M^r. Kitching, M^r. Jackson Sen.^r, Mess.^s Smith, Harrison, Scarth, Watson, Sanders, Jn.^o Robson & myself, nine in all, I finished reading Pope's homer's Iliad in six volumes, after I came home.

Thursday the Tenth, I paid John Martin his wife Susannah's half year's annuity, out of M^{rs}. Robinson's Farm at Yarm due this old Michaelmas day, £11 5s w^{ch}. I paid in presence of his said wife, I rode to Ayton where I met young M^r. Preston by appointment, dined, drank Tea and return'd.

Friday the Eleventh, M^r. Harrison John & I took the Greyhounds, saw several Hares three of which we killed between Skelton & Brotton, I spent half an hour with Willy Child, return'd about three, and began to read the 1.st vol: of Pope's Homer's Odissey to my Mother & Cous. M. Reed

Saturday the Twelfth, I hunted with several others upon the Rocles with M^r. Lascelles's Hounds, & return'd at one to dine at Jn^o. (sign of the Cock) with eleven others viz: Rev.^d Mess.^s Hide, Kitching, & Robinson, & Mess.^{rs} Smith, Scarth, Harrison (Att^y) Harrison / (Apoth^y) Jackson Sen.^r Sanders, Watson, & Ol^r Preswick, we stay'd till Seven, Bro. & Sis. Wilson din'd wth my Mo^r

Sunday the Thirteenth, silent Sunday, so I read the Service of the day & a Sermon, M^r. James came when we were at dinner.

Monday the Fourteenth, I walked upstreet several times, Bro^r & Sis. Wilson & M^r. Preston dined with us, & after all drinking Tea we proceeded to Ayton, leaving only my Mother & Cous^r Matty Reed at home,

Tuesday the Fifteenth, after breakfasting at Ayton, Bro Wilson, M^r. James & I rode through the Great Busby Estate, & return'd to Ayton by three where we found my Mo^r & Cous^r Matty Reed, we all laid at Ayton, Willy Richardson's wife drank Tea,

Wednesday the Sixteenth, M^r. James & I spent the day at Ayton, assisting Bro. Wilson to lay out his Farms at Busby more commodiously and came to Gisbro' in the evening with my Mo & Cous M.Reed.

Thursday the Seventeenth, M^r. James & I rode through my Normanby estate, & return'd to dinner

Friday the Eighteenth, M^r. James & I spent the day at home, Bro. & Sis. Wilson dined with us & return'd

Saturday the Nineteenth, after breakfasting at Seven M^r. James left us, and I went to Skinninggrave with M^r & M^{rs}. Harrison, we then ranged with our Greyhounds till One, and then repaired to M^r. Easterbys to dinner, and I came home in the evening with the above, the Company were the Rev^d Oldfield & his wife, ^wth. their Un. Chapman^ M^r. M^{rs}. & Miss Nanny Wardell, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison M^r. & Miss Macdonald, Capt. Hart and myself.

Sunday the Twentyeth, M^r. Matt^w. Culli^y & his Neighbour M^r. Charge of Cleasby came after breakfast, & went away before dinner which prevented my going to Church, Sisters Wilson & Etty wth. the three Girls came & went to Church with my Mother & Cous. M. Reed in the forenoon, Bro Wilson & M^r. Dalrymple (who has called at Ayton for a few days from on his rode from Scotland to London) came before dinner. They drank Tea and ^all^ return'd, old M^r. Pease wrote to my Mother today that his Daughter Isabella was married at Whitby last Friday (St. Luke's day) to M^r. Ra: Robson Jun^r. of Darlington now a Lieut. in Col. Traupaud's Regem^t. of Foot, quarter'd upon the Island of Tobago.

Monday the Twenty First. I walked upstreet & sat an hour at the Cock with Mess^{rs}. Nich. Smith, & Bart. Rudd, Rich. Watson dined at our house, I read in Pope's Homer's Odysey

Tuesday the Twenty Second, I took Rich. Pulman with me to Stangow where we sat two hours, ^at M^r. Scarths^ and afterwards ran a couple of Hares with Hounds on the Rocles. tho' the day was Hazy, M^r. Wardell laid all night at our house, M^r. Harrison spent the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Third, M^r. Wardell & I met Mess^{rs}. Smith & Rudd at Normanby by appointment at nine, we view'd my ground adjoining the River, to judge what must be done to secure it, we eat a piece of cold Beef at the Hall, & then to our homes, except M^r. Wardell who laid at M^r. Smith's

Thursday the Twenty Fourth, I took John with me to Grainge, & tho' the day was unfavourable killed 3 hares with my appointed friends, and parted to our homes about six, after dining & drinking cheerfully, the company consisted of the Rev.^d Mess^{rs}. Rev^d Robinson (of Hinderwell), & Oldfield; & Mess^{rs}. Smith, Wardell, Easterby Sen^r, & Jun^r. Sanderson, Harrison, Macdonald, Hart, & myself

Friday the Twenty Fifth, my Sis^r. Wilson spent the day at Gisbro', & I at Ayton, assisting Bro^r Wilson to settle his Farms at Busby, ret^d in the evening, my Mo^r is not very well,

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, I went to Normanby early, & after seting out some hedging work return'd to dinner; in the afternoon, M^r. ^Ra;^ Yoward of York's Sen^r with some others came & paid my Mother the 2,000£ he ought her, a very bad day,

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, my Mother is purely again, I went to Church in the forenoon, M^{rs}. Etherington and two ^daught^s^ drank Tea with my Mother, but I went to Ayton & return'd, a fine evening, about six o'clock, read a Sermon as usual,

Monday the Twenty Eighth, my Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Preston dined with us, I went to Ayton & laid all night

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth, after breakfast, my Bro^r Wilson & I went to Busby, look'd over the Farms & appointed the Tenants. to be at Ayton next Friday & Saturday, I drank Tea at Ayton & came home, Sis^r Etty dined at Gisbro' & return'd.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth, I hunted (in company with Rich^d. Watson), on Hob-hill wth. M^r. Lascelles's Hounds, & ret^d to dinner. I finished reading Pope's Homer's Odyssey to my Mother & Cous^r Matty Reed, my Mother is not very well this evening,

Thursday the Thirty First & last day, about Eleven o'clock I took John & the Greyhounds with me, killed ^a brace of^ Hares, & spent an hour with my workmen ^Hedgers^ at Normanby,

NOVEMBER 1765

Friday the First, I dined at Ayton & assisting my Bro^r Wilson with his Busby Tenants till late in the evening I laid there all night, M^r. W^m. Chaloner arrived at Gisbro' from a three years stay at Geneva etc. he was 20 y^{rs}. old last August

Saturday the Second, the remainder of Bro^r Wilson's Tenants came & he gave them all the conditions on w^{ch}. they may have their Farms, Thomey Preswick called at Ayton from Stokesley, & after drinking Tea I return'd wth. him to Gisbro',

Monday the Fourth, Sis^r Etty dined, drank Tea with us & return'd to Ayton, I walked upstreet tho' a very bad day,

Tuesday the Fifth, several Neighbours were to have hunted with Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles's Hounds (who came from the South last Saturday) but the day being so very bad we cou'd only meet to dine as appointed at John Searles at Skelton, M^r. Lascelles cou'd not be there being ill of a cold, our company consisting of Ten, were the Rev^d. M^r. Kitching, Mess^{rs}. Smith, Scarth, Harrison (Apo^y) Harrison (Att^y) & his Bro^r Rich^d Harrison, Watson, Robson, Robinson (a dancing Master) & myself

Wednesday the Sixth, after dinner I rode down to Normanby & acquainted my Tenants Rob Thomas, & W^m. Robinson of the opportunity I now have to take M^r. Peirson's Intack, & made them an offer of it jointly, both present, the latter refused any med'ling with it, the former desired time to consult his friends. and on

Thursday the Seventh, came to me in the morning with his Uncle Jos Agar, & desired I would take it so I took John with me & by appointment met the Rev^d. M^r. Graves & Tho^s Weatherel, (M^r. Peirson's Stewards) upon the Intack, which we view'd with it's Fences, they asked me 15£^s. p ann^o. I bid them 13 tho' ^w^{ch}.^ I think it's full value, they to put the out Fences & Barn etc. into good condition, we parted thus on this subject, but went down to Normanby Hall where we drank a Glass of Bumboe, saw three Hares w^{ch}.

afforded us good diversion, two of which we killed, & repair'd to our respective homes

Friday the Eighth, after breakfast I rode to Brotton, & proceeded to Boulby, I dined at M^r. Wardell's wth. Rev^d. M^r. & M^{rs} Robinson, & M^{rs}. Oldfield, & came home early when I found Mo^r better.

Saturday the Ninth, I breakfasted at Ayton dined at Stokesley & called at Ayton on my road home my Mother is pretty well again

Sunday the Tenth, being silent Sunday I read the service of the day ^ & a Sermon^ at home to my Mo^{&c}., Bro^r Wilson came, he and I paid M^r. Chaloner a morning visit of half an hour (see Friday gone a sennight) M^r. Wilson dined with us & return'd, this days Newcastle News-paper informs me that last Thursday my late Master M^r. W^m. Jefferson, Fitter, dyed with a fair Carracter, I think he must be about 56 or 57 years old his health has long declin'd

Monday the Eleventh, after breakfast I called on M^r. Chalinor, we rode to Skelton, there breakfasted again at M^r. Hall's & M^r. Lascelles being ill of a sore Throat we took his Hounds upon the Rocles, had but poor diversion tho' we killed three hares, but them almost upon their Seats, we left the field at two, I found my Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson who had dined drank Tea & return'd, Cousin Matty Reed went to M^r. Readheads to stay a fortnight at Lofthouse, M^o. carried her,

Tuesday the Twelfth, and I spent the forenoon at home finishing the History of England, in 2 Pock^t Volumes- being a series of Letters from a Nobleman to his Son at Colledge after dinner I rode to Normanby & ret^d. before six

Wednesday the Thirteenth, I spent the day at home with my Mother, (mostly in reading the Law of Tithes by a Gentleman of the Middle Temple) but Rev^d. M^r. Robinson (our ^M^r. Hide's^ Curate) & M^{rs}. Lincoln drank Tea with us, Tho^s. Beswick sat by us (a rainy day)

Thursday the Fourteenth, I went early to Normanby & set out both the Hedges from my Hall (westward) to Spencer Beck on both sides the Lane, which W^m. Lamb & four others are now working at, on my return I found M^r. Chalonor & several others hunting upon Barnaby Moor with M^r. Lascelles's hounds, I join'd them for the half hour they ran afterwards, and dined at M^r. Chaloners there being none there but myself I stay'd till near seven

Friday the Fifteenth, after dinner I took John & W^m. with me to Normanby, & bought ther Jn^o. Laverick's Black Cow, she was eight y^{rs}. old last Mich^r, now ^near^ calving price 8 G^{ns}.

Saturday the Sixteenth, I went to Ayton after breakfasted, Bro^r Wilson went with me to Stokesley, we return'd to dinner, I drank Tea too, & came home, a hazy disagreeable day,

Sunday the Seventeenth, my Mother continues pure well, I went to Church twice, M^r. Wardell came in the evening and laid night,

Monday the Eighteenth, after breakfast I rode down to Normanby, & return'd by Eleven, this is a great fair day, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson, & Mess^{rs}. Smith & Wardell dined with us, I played at Cards an hour (till 7) at M^r. Harrison's

Tuesday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I went to Skelton Castle, drank a Bason of Tea there & went out a hunting wth M^r. Chaloner & Rev^d M^r. Lascelles till three, (upon Hob Hill & by M^r. Hale's New Allom works) & dined at M^r. Hale's with Coll^o. Hale ^&^ M^r. Chaloner we came away about eight,

Wednesday the Twentyeth, I eat a piece of Cold Beef about Eleven, and went to Normanby where ^among my Hedgers^ I staid till dark, came home in a very stormy, Snowy night

Thursday the Twenty First, after breakfast I went to Ayton & from there to Busby with M^r. Wilson & Jn^o. Price Sen^r. we look'd at W^m. Bean's dwelling House & Rich^d

Thompson's Barn which are to be rebuilt next year, laid all night at Ayton

Friday the Twenty Second, we settled the Plan for building see yesterday, Jn^o. Price went home before dinner, but I staid ^dined^ at Ayton, & found my Mo^r well on my ret^{ng} home

Saturday the Twenty Third. after dinner I went to Normanby & attended my workmen casting a New Hedge from my Nursery, westward to Spencer Beck, till dark

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, I went to Church twice, Rev^d M^r. Robinson (the Curate) & M^{rs}. Harrison ^Lincoln^ drank Tea with us, & M^{rs}. Harrison came after, and supt; I read a Sermon afterwards

Monday the Twenty Fifth, Bro^r Wilson came in the morning and return'd before dinner my Sis^r Wilson being ill; I walked upstreet, M^r. Preston drank Tea with us, I played a game at Cards at M^r. Harrison's M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd being there till 7.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth, a very stormy forenoon, after dinner I went to Normanby where I have Tho^r Natdby the Cartwright ^ & another^ working, we hear Sis^r. Wilson is better

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, I spent all day at Normanby among my workmen, & in the evening found Cous. Matty Reed come from Lofthouse, (see Monday 11th. inst.)

Thursday the Twenty Eighth, after breakfast I went to Normanby & stay'd all day with my workmen planting ^Beech^ Trees from the Hall to Spencer Beck ^north side of the Lane^

Friday the Twenty Ninth, after breakfast M^r. Barth^r Rudd rode with me to Normanby, he soon after went to Coatham, but I dined at Ayton, & found my Sistr. Wilson somewhat better, my Mother had sent my Cous^r M. Reed to stay a day or two, I drank Tea, & came home.

Saturday the Thirtyeth and last day, before dinner I went down to Normanby & staid till evening among my workm.

DECEMBER 1765

Sunday December, the First my Mother went to church but I to Ayton, where I dined & John brought Cous^r M. Reed to Gisbro' in the evening with me, I read a Sermon,

Monday the Second, I walked upstreet several times, ^Rev^d. M. Robinson drank Tea with us^ & in the even.g began to read the Life of Pope Sixtus the 5th to Mo^r & Cous^r M. Reed

Tuesday the Third, I went down to Normanby and attending my workmen casting New Hedges near the Hall, till the evening, & then prosecuted my History of Sixtus the 5th.

Wednesday the Fourth, I spent my day at Normanby, came home, & in the evening as yesterday,

Thursday the Fifth, I spent the day as yesterday

Friday the Sixth, I rode to Normanby and to Ayton to dinner where I found my Sis^r.

Wilson purely, I return'd home to drink Tea, & read in the ev^g as on Tuesday

Saturday the Seventh, I attended my workmen at Normanby where the Hedges on each side of the Lane west of the Hall, ^is finished^ I took W^m. Lamb into the great Forestt

(Tho^s. Appleton Farms) I mark'd out two ^new^ Hedges to stand from East to West in

that Field, which will divide it into 3, it now contains 39^A. 3^R. 31^P. and in the evening I

came home with W^m. the Gardener who has planted me Trees on each side of my Lane

Sunday the Eighth, I rode to Boulby, Doct^r Todd of Whitby dined at M^r. Wardells too, on my road thither I was seized with the Mogrims in my head, being the first time I was

alarmed, but recover'd at Boulby, Wardell set me to Skiningrave hill, we called at

Grainge 5 Minutes, on my return home I found M^r. ^& M^{rs}.^ Harrison & M^r. Rudd

drinkg Tea, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson dined wth. my Mother,

Monday the Ninth, about eight I took Richard (the Coatchman) with me, called for half an hour at Stockton, dined at Sedgfield, and drank Tea at M^r. Baker's (Ellemore Hall) & laid there all night,

Tuesday the Tenth, after breakfast, M^r. Baker sent a Servant to shew me the way (by Lambton Hall) upon the Turnpike road to Newcastle, which I reached (after much rain) at noon, went upon 'Change for half an hour, walked to see M^{rs}. Robinson, my late Mast^r Jefferson's niece, & several other acquaintances, and at six set out in a Post ^Chaise^ with M^r. Robinson (Atty) to Durham, I lay at his house, Rich^d. got to Durham with the Horses sooner,

Wednesday the Eleventh, after M^r. Robinson & I had dispatched several Letters to M^r. Baker, Lambton (of Biddick) etc. by special Messengers, I proceeded to West Auckland to stay a few days

Thursday the Twelfth, M^r. James & I walked out with his Hounds towards Brussleton, till dinner

Friday the Thirteenth, I road a hunting with ^M^r.^ James towards Woodhouses, with several others, he took a fit while we were out, but luckily at that time was off horse-back, I dined with the Gentlemen of the Hunt, at a Publick House in the Town

Saturday the Fourteenth, M^r. Pease was at W. Auckland today, but I did not stay till he return'd in the evening, but set out after dinner, drank Tea and laid at M^r. Wilkinson's, but spent the evening at M^r. Peases

Sunday the Fifteenth, I dined at M^r. Forster's at Yarm, and got home to Tea, finding my Mother very well, & had sent Cousⁿ Matty Reed to Ayton on her road to Yarm, having been with us since 2^d Augst, except a fortnight at M^r. ^Readhead's^

Monday the Sixteenth, I walked upstreet, sat an hour at the Cock with Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield, & Mess^{rs}. Harrison & Rudd, they spent the evening at home with me, the former laid all night

Tuesday the Seventeenth, before eight M^r. Oldfield & I set off, he for North Allerton, & Richard (the Coatchman) & I for Ellemore Hall, called at M^r. Forster's at Yarm for a quarter of an hour, (not being able to go by Stockton for the great quantity of loose Ice in the River that Freighten horses in the boat) dined at Sedgfield, and reached M^r. Baker's by Four,

Wednesday the Eighteenth, I went to Durham in M^r. Baker's Coatch with himself & M^{rs}. Baker, I dined at an appointed House with Mess^s. Baker & Rich^d. Lambton, & Mess^s.

Rudd, Gyll, Walton, & Brown our ⁴ Arbitrators about Biddick - Colliery, & M^r Robinson our Attorney, after the business was over, I left them, & got to Stockton by eight, M^r George Sutton spent the evening [^] with me [^] at the Publick House where I lay, Thursday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I came off, stayed a little with my workmen, upon the Forest at Normanby, & got home by dinner, when I found my mother very well, Richard fell very ill [^] in [^] the evening

Friday the Twentieth, after breakfast, M^r Harrison & I went to Boulby half Year Pay and dined at M^r Wardell's, the Company were, M^r Wardell, his wife & 2 Daugh^{ts}. Rev^d. & M^{rs}. Robinson, M^r Easterby, his Son, & Bro^r M^cDonel, & Mess^s. Sanderson & Harrison & self, return'd in the evening when I found M^{rs}. Robson (late Cous^r Bell; Pease.) & Miss Robson on their road from Whitby to Dar'nton, they stayed but half an hour having left Capt Robson at the Cock, where they lay all night,

Saturday the Twenty First. I breakfasted and dined at Ayton, but went to Stokesley for an hour in the forenoon, drank Tea at Ayton too, before I return'd home,

Sunday the Twenty Second, I went to Church twice, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Sis^r Etty dined with us & return'd, M^r Chaloner & Col. Hale sat half an hour with us in the afternoon, I read a Sermon in the evening; before my Mother went to bed she became very ill of a severe cold,

Monday the Twenty Third, I walked upstreet, and sat most of the afternoon with John & Rob^t Jackson at Walker Pulman's, talking over Normanby affairs.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth, I was called up at four this morning my Mother being very ill an hour before, she has had a cold two or three days but this seems to have been the Gravel to a high degree, I immediately sent John to Stokesley for Doctor Wayne & to call at Ayton for Sis^r Etty, they were both here by day-light, my Mother grew better, and they both went to their respective homes in the evening, M^s. Harrison drank Tea with us, Tho^s. Preswick spent the evening.

(Christmas Day,) Wednesday the Twenty Fifth, my Mother being better I went to Church twice; Tho^s. Preswick dined with us, M^{rs}. Lincoln has not been well this fortnight, the School-Dame (Eliz^a Yeoman) dined in the Kitching & drank Tea with me, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison sat an hour,

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, my Mother continuing better I went a hunting with M^r Chaloner etc.to Coat Green, there was pretty good diversion, tho' about Fifty on

horseback & as many foot (being S^t Stephens day noted for hunting) I was at home about two Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson dined here,

Friday the Twenty Seventh, Doct^r Wayne came in the morning, and I return'd with him to dine at Bro^r Wilson's where Rev^d M^r. Hastwell, M^r. Augustine Skottowe also dined there it being my Sis^r Esther's birth-day, I came home before seven & spent the evening at M^r. Harrisons, wth M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd, M^{rs}. Jackson Jun^r. Rev^d M^r. Robinson & M^r. Sanders

Saturday the Twenty Eighth, my Mother is not quite so well today as yesterday, I spent all day at home,

Sunday the Twenty Ninth, my Mother is purely, I went to Church twice, Rev^d M^r. Robinson dined with us as did M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison, and they (Harrisons) drank Tea too. Monday the Thirtyeth, my Sis^r Etty dined with us & return'd home, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison spent part of the day with us in great concern, & her Mother ^ M^{rs}. Eliz^a. Beckwith ^ dyed this evening about Nine

Tuesday the Thirty-first and last day, my Mother being pretty well recover'd again, I breakfasted at Bro^r Wilson's, and he and I went towards Stanley Houses in pusuit of M^r. Edmund Preswick's Hounds by appointment, we met with them and hunted till about three, and then repair'd to Capt^r Wayne's ^ he's in London ^ on the invitation of the Doctor, my Bro^r And I left the company before five, it consisted of Doct^r Wayne, Rev^d M^r. Hastwell, & Mess^{rs}. Edm^d. Preswick, Augst. Skottowe, Dennison, Sparke, Bro^r Wilson & self, I came home.

JANUARY 1766

Wednesday the First. M^r. Geo; Culley who laid at our house on Monday night on his road to M^r. Readhead's at Lofthouse, return'd this morning & stayed but an hour, I dined at James Bird's with Tho^s. & Ol. Preswick, old Ja^s. Bird (of Stokesley) Rev^d M^r. Robinson, & W^m. Colthirst, & stayed till Nine, on the Christning of a Girl

Thursday the Second, after breakfast, Tho^s. Preswick and I went over the Street, as soon as M^{rs}. Beckwith's Corps, see last Monday, were put on a Carriage we mounted with Mess^{rs}. Harrison & Isa: Scarth, and attended the Corps to Lofthouse where we were joined by several People that has been invited, after the Interment ^ aged 66 ^ (in the

Church) we dined on cold victuals prepared with ^ for ^ us at W^m. Johnson's, and returned in the evening, very cold; Harry Pecket came to see us, Friday the Third, after breakfast Harry Pecket and I went to Ayton, dined with Bro^r Wilson's, & return'd in the evening, he had all his Busby Tenants dining with him, and paying their Rents

Saturday the Fourth. I spent the day at home with my Mother who is rather better than she was

Sunday the Fifth - I went to Church twice M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison supt. & sat with us till towards Ten.

Monday the Sixth, I had all my Normanby Tenants paying their Rents, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Etty & M^r. Preston dined with us, M^r. Beckwith sat an hour towards evening in my office, & certified for Normanby Roads being in good repair, (to the Quart^r. Sessions at Malton the thirt. [?] inst.) Harry Peckett sat wth. my Mo^r & I in the evening

Tuesday the Seventh, I spent all day at home settling my Books my Mother has a close cough.

Wednesday the Eighth, after breakfast I walked to Ayton (being a hard ^ frost ^ with a little Snow upon the Ground) with Harry Peckett on his road home, ^ (see last Thursday) ^ dined there & return'd by myself in the afternoon, in the evening I settled Thom^s Prestwick's last year's Acco^r for my ^ Mother's ^ House-keeping, my Mother is better today than yesterday

Thursday the Ninth, Oliver Preswick breakfasted with me, and (with John) went with me to Whitby, we dined at Scaling, I laid at M^r. Peases.

Friday the Tenth, after breakfasting at M^r. Peases & eating a mutten chop at Twelve I set out from Whitby with John & came over the moor to Gisbro', being a hard frost wth. some Snow ^ tracked ^

Saturday the Eleventh, I walked upstreet in the forenoon, and spent the rest of the day with my Mother, who is now pretty ^ well ^ again; this morning abt. 7 M^{rs}. Hide dyed (see next Tuesday)

Sunday the Twelfth, being silent, ^ as ^ second Sunday of the Month, I read the service of the day to my Mother and Tho^s. Preswick, and after dinner walked to Eston (o'er Barnaby Moor, with Mess^s. Harrison and Rudd, service being finished at that Chapell we only walked into it it with the Clark, & return'd (on foot) by Wilton, drank Tea & spent

the evening at our house, M^{rs}. Harrison & M^{rs}. Rudd being also with my Mother, Bro^r Wilson walked from Ayton to see my Mother.

Monday the Thirteenth, the Frost still continues very severe, (from Tuesday the 31st. of last month,) I walked upstreet several times. Tho^s. Preswick sat an ho^r in the even^g. Tuesday the Fourteenth, after dinner I went to M^{rs}. Hide's burial but called at M^r. Jacksons as I went & smoaked a Pipe with some of the Funeral company and we then all went to M^r. Hide's about three, and attended the Interment, she was 78 Years old, the bearers were the Reverend Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, Kitching, Nelson, Langstaff and Husband, & M^r. Jackson Sen^r. in lieu of Rev^d. M^r. Morgetroyd, some Neighbours (as myself) had silk Scarphs but no Hat-bands, no women but M^{rs}. Chaloner, & M^{rs}. Hale; M^r. Harrison, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, & Kitching & Robinson, wth. Mess^{rs}. Wardell & Sanders, drank Tea, ^ at our house ^ & smoaked a pipe till Six, Wardell lay here, & Mess^{rs}. Smith, Rudd, & Harrison (from a Militia meeting at Stokesley) & Robinson spent the evening Wednesday the Fifteenth, M^r. Smith (who lay'd at the Cock) breakfasted here with M^r. Wardell, & after they went away, Mess^{rs}. Harrison, Rudd, & I, went a Shooting to Aysdale-Gate, &^c. being a hard Frost still, we had but poor diversⁿ. On my return (about four) I found Mess^{rs}. Jn^o. James, & W^m. James (his Bro^r from Liverpool) we dined together,

Thursday the Sixteenth, Mess^{rs}. Jameses and I walked into the Church ^ yard ^ etc. (this day Harry Pecket brought a black Horse, with bald Face, rising six year's old from Easingwold which he bought there for us having given 15 Guineas for him) for my Mother's Chariot) Sis^r. Etty dined with us today and return'd.

Friday the Seventeenth, Mess^{rs}. Jameses & I walked about & in the evening played at Cards wth. my Mo^r.

Saturday the Eighteenth, Harry Pecket went away, and with him went William Mills (to his Father Jn^o. Mills's at Land Fulforth near York) from his service as Gardener, to my Mother in which ^ capacity ^ he has served her since May-day 1763, Mess^{rs}. Jameses also went away after breakfast, we have now a very fine Thaw, having been severe Frost since 31st. Dec^r. last, I dined at Ayton & return'd, M^r. Garth (of Durham) is there having begun ^ yesterday ^ to teach Han^a. & Rachel Wilson Musick (on the Harpsichord) - old Capt W^m. Longbotham dyed this afternoon about four, aged about 76. I was not invited to his Funeral, which was on Monday 20th. inst

Sunday the Nineteenth, I went to Church twice, & read a Sermon to my Mother & Tho^s Preswick in the evening

Monday the Twentieth, I walked upstreet, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson, & Willy Child dined with us, M^r Preston Jun^r drank Tea with us, I paid him his Father's Law Bill amounting to £53:2s:6, & sat an hour at M^r Harrison's in the evening, M^r Jn^o Pease Jun^r ^ of Darn'ton ^ Servant called here on his road to Whitby for necessarys for the Funeral of M^{rs} Pease Jun^r who dyed last night ^ between eight & nine ^

Tuesday the Twenty First, I spent the day at home, being rainy, M^{rs} Lincoln drank Tea, M^r Pease's Man ret^d see yesterday

Wednesday the Twenty Second, after breakfast I rode to Normanby & set out some New Hedges for William Lamb & his Company to make for me, and from thence went to Ayton in Company wth Matt^w Masterman, I laid all night at Ayton, to avoid going to M^{rs} Chaloners this even.g Sis^r Etty was at Gisbro^r to-day.

Thursday the Twenty Third, after breakfasting at Ayton I came home to dine wth my Mother, M^r & M^{rs} Harrison drank Tea

Friday the Twenty Fourth, I spent the forenoon wth my Mother, M^r Chaloner went to London this morning, I drank Tea at M^r Harrison's, supt & sat at M^r Bart^r Rudd's till two, with M^r & M^{rs} Harrison, Mess^s Jacksons (Sen^r & Jun^r) Sanders, Harrison, (apoth^y) Rev^d M^r Robinson & myself.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth, after breakfast Tho^s Preswick and I went to Stokesley, & drank Tea at Ayton on our return, M^r & M^{rs} Harrison, & M^{rs} Cornforth drank Tea with my Mother, the two former supt & spent the evening till past nine.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth, I went to Church in the forenoon, but was prevented in the afternoon by my Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson, their children Han^h & Rachel, Sis^r Etty, Tho^s Preswick & M^{rs} Lincoln dining with us, I being this day 30 Y^{rs} old

Monday the Twenty Seventh, I walked into the Markett, & spent an hour after dinner with Rev^d M^r Nelson of Kirk-Leatham, & Mess^{rs} Smith, Rudd, & Hewitt at the Cock; Rev^d M^r Robinson & Tho^s Preswick spent the evening till Ten ^ (at our house)^

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth, M^r Jn^o Sanders breakfasted with me and we then rode to Skelton, from thence wth Rev^d M^r Lascelles, & his Hounds, we hunted upon the Rocles &^c and parted about two, M^r & M^{rs} Harrison, M^r & M^{rs} Rudd, & Mess^r (Rev^d) Robinson, Sanders, Corney (apo^y) & Harrison (apo^y) supt & sat with us till one, Tho^s Preswick sat till Ten,

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson dined with us, & paid M^r Hale a morning visit, I drank Tea & play'd a Game at Whist at M^r Harrison's, M^r & M^{rs} Rudd being there,

Thursday the Thirtyeth, I breakfasted at M^r Harrison's, we then proceeded (by Brotton) to Grainge where we met several (as under) & coursed till twelve, when we repair'd to Ra^r Frankland's (my Upton (Publican) Tenant) dined & sat till Seven when we repaired to our respective homes, the company were, Rev^d M^r Oldfield, & Mess^{rs} Smith, Scarth, Wardell, Harrison, Readhead, Easterby Jun^r, Willy Child and myself I sent John with my Greyhounds to my Normanby Tenants today.

Friday the Thirty First, & last day, after dinner I rode to Ayton, drank Tea & return'd, very fine weather

FEBRUARY 1766

Saturday the First, I attended my ^ the ^ men scouring the Gutter in Rich^d Walker's yard, & after dinner rode to Normanby, where I paid my workmen for some New Hedging w^{ch}. I measured off today, much Rain & wind on my return^

Sunday the Second, a very hard frost this morning, I went to Church twice, Rev^d M^r Robinson & M^{rs} Lincoln drank Tea, M^r Harrison & Tho^s Preswick came afterwards, they all went away before Supper, I read a Sermon afterw-

Monday the Third, some Snow fell today, Sis^r Etty (from Ayton) & M^{rs} Preston dined with us, I walked into the Markett, sat an hour at M^r Rudd's

Tuesday the Fourth, I spent the day at home & finished reading M^{rs} Catharine Macauley's 1st ^ Quarto ^ Vol^l of her History of the Stewart Reigns published 3 years ago, begun it 2 or 3 days ago,

Wednesday the Fifth, after breakfast I took John with me, staid an hour at M^r Forsters at Yarm, & dined at M^r Peases at Darn'ton where I also spent the evening and laid, I sat an hour in the afternoon with Cous^r Ra^r Reed who is but very weak, and has got his Niece Newham, from Stockton, I cou'd not prevail for ^ with ^ him to let me know the State of his Affairs, tho' I took this Journey to serve him, ^ in it ^ I also spent an hour at M^r Wilkinson's

Thursday the Sixth, after breakfasting at M^r Peases, I return'd to dine at M^r Forster's at Yarm, and got home to Tea, much Snow has fallen yesterday & to day,

Friday the Seventh, I rode to Ayton after dinner, drank Tea and return'd, M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with my Mother in my absence

Saturday the Eighth, I spent the day with my Mother, and began to read M^{rs}. Macauley's 2 Vol: of her ^ the ^ Stewart line, Bro: Wilson drank Tea with us, & hired Dinah King (for 20^s. till May day) for their Maid

Sunday the Ninth, we have now a fine mild thaw, no prayers at our Church to-day being second Sunday in the Month, I read the service of the day to my Mo: & Tho^s. Preswick, & a Sermon in the evening, M^r. Harrison drank Tea with us, M^{rs}. Boazman & the other 2 Maids drank Tea at M^{rs}. Lincoln's.

Monday the Tenth, M^r. Smith dined with us I spent an hour at the Cock with him & M^r. Rudd

Tuesday the Eleventh, about seven I took W^m. Mills (my Mother's late Gardener, who is come from York to see his Sweat-heart Betty Pennock, wth. whom he was ask'd at Church yesterday) with me to Normanby, where with some day-tale Men I have at work there, sew'd my Haws(ab: Eight Bushels,) & a peck of Ash Chatts I buried last year; transplanted me some ^ yearling ^ oaks, & Chestnut Trees into my Garden, return'd about six, and I spent the evening at widow (Joan) Corner's with Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, & Mess^s. Tho^s. & Ol: Preswick, Colthirst, and Roger Shepherd

Wednesday the Twelfth, I spent the day at home, reading M^{rs}. Macauley's 2: Vol: of the Steward Reigns, we have a deep snow, it having fallen without intermission from eight last night till now (10 o'clock)

Thursday the Thirteenth, a hard frost last night, some more Snow today, wind at N.E.; I spent the day at home, finished reading the 2: Vol: of M^{rs}. Macauley's History published 1765, she proposes to continue this work, but no more volumes are yet published, I sent for Rich^d. Walker, & he denying that he is my Tenant for the House I last year bought of him, in which his Son John now lives, I gave him notice to give me possession (next May day) by a writing deliver'd him by John Peirson, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson drank Tea with us,

Friday the Fourteenth, more snow fell today insomuch that several old People say they never remember to have seen more, being about a yard deep on the level, I spent the day at home reading, the Post did not come in today as usual,

Saturday the Fifteenth, I spent this day at home also, the Post came in at noon today, M^{rs}. Lincoln drank Tea with us, (I have voided much blood lately by stool)

Sunday the Sixteenth, we have now a very fine thaw, I went to Church in the forenoon, & after dinner rode to Ayton, drank Tea and return'd, M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with my Mother, I read a Sermon after Supper to the whole family for the first time.

Monday the Seventeenth, the Thaw continues, M^r. Matthews dined with us, I drank Tea at M^r. Harrisons

Tuesday the Eighteenth, a great deal of ground is now clear of snow much being dissolved last night and the brooks are much swelled, I walked into the Shops up town in the forenoon and spent the rest of the day at home reading to my Mother,

Wednesday the Nineteenth, Brother & Sis^r. Wilson dined with us & return'd; M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, & Mess^{rs}. Sanders, Danby, Harrison (apo) & Thos. Preswick supt and spent the evening with us

Thursday the Twentieth, Doct^r. Harrison, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson & self went to Hob-hill where we hunted wth. M^r. Lascelles, we had good diversion tho' the Hounds kill'd but one Hare.

Friday the Twenty First - after breakfast I rode to Boulby where I met M^r. Smith by appointment, we dined with M^r. Wardell, & came off about 5 o'clock

Saturday the Twenty Second, I breakfasted at Ayton, then rode with Bro^r. Wilson to Busby & returned to dine at M^r. Matthews's at Stokesley, but M^r. Wilson went home; calling at Ayton in the evening I met wth. Tho^s. Preswick, who had been at Stokesley and we came home together-

Sunday the Twenty Third, I went to Church in the forenoon, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, & Sis^r. Etty dined with us & return'd after drinking Tea, I read a Sermon to the family after Supper.

Monday the Twenty Fourth, I dined at the Cock at the request of M^r. W^m. Linskill of Whitby, M^r. Preston drank Tea with us in the afternoon, I read to my Mo^r in the evening

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth, I intended to have gone to Brotton to meet M^r. Wardell & M^r. Smith there with our Greyhounds by appointment, but the morning being unfavourable I took John with me to Marsk only, & after sitting at hour with M^r. Smith return'd to dinner, on M^{rs}. Lincoln's account I went with Tho^s. Preswick to Joan^r. Corney's at seven & spent two hours with ^ young ^ Tho^s. Dale & John Dale,

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, John and I spent the forenoon at my young Hedge at Rich^d. Walker's, and after dinner I took him & Alex^r. Pulman a Greyhound coursing

Rev^d. M^r. Robinson came to us, we killed one hare, M^r. Robinson drank Tea & spent the even.^g Bro^r Wilson drank & took the Hare home,

Thursday the Twenty Seventh, I walked upstreet in the forenoon, and after dinner rode to Normanby. this morning (before breakfast,) Ol^r Preswick and I sent for Thomas Natdby (a Cartwright) to draw the Staples that fixed with an Iron Chain, a firr board or plank that lay across the beck between said Oliver's Garth (which M^{rs}. Lincoln even now has of him) and our first croft, there was also a stob or post about three foot long drove into the Ground on Oliver's side, which Oliver threw into the beck after he and I had thrown the plank into the beck, Jn^o. Peirson (my Mother's Servant) and said Natdby were present, Tho^s. Preswick & Alex^r Pulman were at a distance; W^m. Boyes (a Farmer) W^m. Wilson (a Cartwright) and Rowland Lamb (a blacksmith) laid & fixed the above plank yesterday, we believe at the instance of Jn^o. Cook, who pretends to a road across the beck as above, being named in a Lease from late W^m. Chaloner Esq^r to some Ground he has South of our barn, but no such Road is named in either Oliver Preswick's nor the Lease from said Chaloner to my late Un^c. Ra^r Ward, & some People pretend to make a common high foot road of the above, which we we believe we can disprove, M^{rs}. Chaloner who represents her son W^m. Chaloner yet, he being a Minor till August next, interferes in favour of Cook, ^ she ^ having applied to Oliver about it but has not taken the least notice to my Mother or me, we believe Foster (the Steward) is in the pay of Cook, & Jacob Longbottham

Friday the Twenty Eighth & last day. Rev^d. M^r. Robinson breakfasted with me, soon after Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles called, we rode to Barnaby Moor where we found several hundred People assembled to pursue a bag Fox which was set down about Ten before M^r. Lascelles's hounds (12 Minutes law) he crossed the Gisbro' Vail to high-Cliff Nab and going by the Moor to Water-fall was taken up alive by a wall side which he could not leap, was set down again by Tocket's Lyth & eartht in Rock-hole from whence he was dug out & set down upon the Top of the Hill where he was soon kill'd, my Horse loosing a fore foot shoe coming off Barnaby Moor I was content to send him home by Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, & mounting my Galloway which he rode, cameng up with a few couple of Tail hounds at Kemplar, ran a brace of Hairs (one of which they killed) the company which upon this occasion dynd at the Cock, were the Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, Hide, Mawer, & Robinson, and Mess^{rs}. Harrison & Corney (Apothecarys) Foster (Att^y.) Jackson Jun^r, Sanders, Danby, Wilson, Hutchinson, Castley, Watson, Tho^s. Lincoln,

Fran^c Clark, Rich^d. Pulman, Alex^c Mitchel, and myself, we parted at one, M^r. Lascelles took a bed with us,

MARCH 1766

Saturday March the First, after breakfast M^r. Lascelles left us, & after dinner I rode to Ayton & rest^d in the eveng.

Sunday the Second, I went to Church in the forenoon, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea and supt with us

Monday the Third, I spent an hour at M^{rs}. Chaloner's arguing the matter of the bridg ^ with her but we parted without conviction on either side, Mr. Preston drank Tea with us, I sat till Ten at walker Pulman's with Oliver Preswick, and John Jackson of Lackenby.

Tuesday the Fourth, I breakfasted with M^r. Lascelles at Skelton Castle, & after it hunted upon Brotton-Warsett till three, where we were joined by Mess^{rs}. Oldfield, Smith, Wardell &^c, the two latter and I dined at M^r. Hale's with Rev^d. M^r. Kitching, & Mess^{rs}. Jackson Sen^r. & Jun^r. we parted about Ten, M^r. Wardell came home with me and took a bed, seasonable weather, rather cold

Wednesday the Fifth, after breakfast M^r. Wardell & I (calling on M^r. Harrison) went to Marsk, where we met M^r. Lascelles by appointment, ranged with our Greyhounds but only ran a brace of hares one of which we killed, and then dined at M^r. Smith's, M^r. Harrison & I came home about six

Thursday the Sixth, after dinner I rode to Ayton drank Tea and return'd, the Children have not been well, but better now I supt at M^r. Jackson Jun^{rs}. & after drinking only two glasses left them, M^r. Foster being there, the Company were Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, Hide, & Robinson, Mess^{rs}. Jackson Sen^r, Harrison (Att^y.) Harrison (Apo^y) Sanders, Watson, & Foster (as above)

Friday the Seventh, I hunted with M^r. Lascelles at Brotton several Gisbro' Neighbours were there, took half an hour refreshment at the sign of the Plough in Skelton, & came home, having lent Rev^d. M^r. Robinson my Galloway he came down with me, & he & M^r. ^ & ^ M^{rs}. Harrison spent the evening

Saturday the Eighth, I took John & the Greyhounds & calling on Jos^c Agar we (three) ranged several hours but only saw one hare, w^{ch}. we killed & gave to Jos^c, dined at home, I drank Tea at M^r. Harrison's

Sunday the Ninth, being silent, my Mother & Tho^s. Preswick rode out in the Chariot, round Sandsworth Close (near John Wilson's), & I read the service of the day ^ to them ^ before dinner, I then rode to Ayton drank Tea and return'd, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison sat two hours in the evening

Monday the Tenth, Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles breakfasted with me on his rode to London, M^r. Preston Jun^r dined with us, I sat two hours with M^r. Smith at the Cock

Tuesday the Eleventh, after breakfast M^r. Rudd Tho^s. Preswick & myself took a ride to Appleton's Batts at Norm'by and return'd to dinner, I spent the afternoon at home.

Wednesday the Twelfth, I breakfasted at Bro^r. Wilson's, we then called on M^r. Preston at Stokesley who went with us to Busby, where Jn^o. Price Sen^r. & Henry [blank] a Cartwright of Stokesley begun to value some wood there that M^r. Wilson intends to sell, return'd to Ayton to dine, then M^r. Preston took down the Conditions on which M^r. Wilson has let his Lands. to prepare Leases by, after Tea I return'd & spent the evening at M^r. Harrison's (till 12) the Company there were the Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Hide & Robinson, & Mess^{rs}. Luckson Sen^r. & Jun^r., Sanders, Corney & Harrison (apothecary) Wardell, Rudd, & myself, Wardell laid at our house

Thursday the Thirteenth, M^r. Hide breakfasted with us, & then I set M^r. Wardell to Upsilbeck on his rode into the Bishoprick, & return'd, after dinner my Mother & I rode in the Chariot round Sandsworth. field, with the New Horse, Prince, I sat an hour at M^r. Harrisons, & spent the evening (till 12) with M^r. Harrison & Jn^o. Sanders, at M^r. Jackson Jun^{rs}.

Friday the Fourteenth, after breakfast I took Levi Wetherell (my Mother's New gardener) with me to Normanby, he wrought in the Garden while M^r. Lamb and I top'd some New planted Quicks, return'd in the evening

Saturday the Fifteenth, after breakfast I went to Ayton, spent the day and return'd, M^r. Jeffery Jackson, late Chief Mate, of the Pitt Indiaman, (Joseph Jackson Comm^r) came to M^r. Wilson's on Thursday evening (wth. a Serv^r. & 2 horses) to stay sometime.

Sunday the Sixteenth, I went to Church in the forenoon, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Etty and M^r. Jackson (see yesterday) dined with us, drank Tea and return'd, I set them toward Pinchinthorp & overtook my Mother in her Chariot before I got home, she having rode out a little; I then walked to Waterfall, with Mess^{rs}. Harrison & Rudd; supt and read a Sermon to the family

Monday the Seventeenth, I walked upstreet, sat half an hour with Mess^{rs}. Lamb (of Stockton) Smith, Rudd, Harrison, & Foster at the Cock, drank Tea (wth. M^r. Preston) at home.

Tuesday the Eighteenth. Rev^d. M^r. Kitching breakfasted with me, Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield dined, I spent an hour with him afterwards at the Cock, Miss Robson called for a few minutes wth. her Nephew Jackey Pease on their rode to Whitby, her Bro^r (Robson) & his wife rode through without calling, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison spent the evening with my Mother, but I was at M^{rs}. Lincoln's till Eleven with M^r. Foster & Tho^s. Dale Jun^r. settling her affairs

Wednesday the Nineteenth, Bro^r Wilson, & M^r. Jackson (see last Saturday) & M^r. Harrison breakfasted with me, we then hunted with M^r. Lascelles's hounds upon Hob Hill & Burley Moor till two, then all dined at our House M^r. Rudd dined with us

Thursday the Twentieth, after dinner Tho^s. Preswick and I rode to Normanby, & marked out a ditch to be 5 feet wide from my Quicks in Parson Garth late belonging to Rev^d. M^r. Consett who has disputed the above sometime but is now agreeable.

Friday the Twenty first, after dinner I went to Ayton, drank Tea & return'd, I was invited by old M^r. Jackson to spent the evening at his House with some Neighbours but M^r. Foster being invited also, I did not go

Saturday the Twenty Second, I assisted Geo^r Sparling to grind my New Splashing knife for Hedges, and after dinner rode to Normanby where I paid my workmen & on my return had most severe weather, Snow wth. wind at North.

Sunday the Twenty Third, I went to Church twice. Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, & M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with us

Monday the Twenty Fourth, much Snow with wind at North, high & very cold, I dined at M^r. Harrisons with Mess^{rs}. Wardell, Rudd, & Watson; M^r. Preston drank Tea at our house

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth, I spent the forenoon at home, but drank Tea & sat till seven at M^r. Harrison's, we have very cold, frosty weather, the Snow lays drifted

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, I spent all day at home, Sis^r Etty dined & drank Tea with us, M^r. Harrison sat an hour

Thursday the Twenty Seventh, after dinner M^r. (Bart^w.) Rudd took a ride with me to Normanby Batts which Jn^o. Appleton Rents of me adjoining upon the River (Tees), as I intend this Spring to make a Mound or Bank ^ under his direction ^ to keep the water off

which now overflows & damages me much, we found the water high, & rough from the North west wind, & got home by seven having had some Rain

Good Friday the Twenty Eighth, I went to Church in the forenoon, & to Normanby in the afternoon

Saturday the Twenty Ninth, I breakfasted at Ayton, and after dining there went with my Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson (see Saturday 15th. inst.) to meet at M^r. Preston's my Bro^r Wilson's Busby tenants, & to settle with them about their Leases, but cou'd not finally determine things, so we return'd to Ayton to Tea, and I came home in the evening.

(Easter,) Sunday the Thirtyeth, I went to Church twice, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson drank Tea with us, I read a Sermⁱ in the even^g.

(Easter,) Monday the Thirty First & last day. I breakfasted at Ayton, my Bro^r Wilson, M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson & myself called on M^r. Preston at Stokesley and then rode to Busby, where we settled something with some of the Tenants and return'd to Ayton to dinner (leaving M^r. Preston at home) I drank Tea with Mess^{rs}. Skottowes & their familys at Bro^r Wilson's, and came home before eight

APRIL 1766

April, (Easter) Tuesday the First, I treated Geo: Hill (of Whitby) with a Tankard of Negace¹ at the Cock having sold him my two year old Sweeper Colt for 5 Guineas, and sat a while at M^r. Harrison's before dinner (he's at Marsk) M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with us, her Husband sat till seven (ab: an hour)

Wednesday the Second, after dinner I took Levi (my Mother's Gardener) with me to Normanby, went to Eston for Rob^t. Jackson who endeavour'd to settle a dispute between Rev^d. M^r. Consett & I about a hedg, but cou'd not, so I came home, very cold,

Thursday the Third, before seven I took John with me to Yarm Fair, where I reci'd my Mother's and my Rents, Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Jackson came from Ayton after dinner, & we all came away by four to our respective homes, (a very severe cold & Rainy ride)

Friday the fourth, I spent the day at home settling my Books, but did intend to have gone to Skelton to M^r. Isaac Scarth's (of Stanghow) Funeral, he dyed last Tuesday night

¹ i.e. Negus, which is port or sherry mixed with water, sweetened and flavoured with lemon or spice

about twelve, (about Sixty years old) but the day was throughout very Rainy, M^{rs}.

Lincoln drank Tea,

Saturday the Fifth, I spent an hour at Jn^o. Martin's paying him his wife Susannah's half year's Annuity due today, and after dinner rode to Normanby, & ret^d.

Sunday the Sixth, I went to Church in the forenoon only, being much engaged after with writing to M^{rs}. Dingley, & M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison sat an hour, - I read a Sermon after supper,

Monday the Seventh, I walked upstreet - Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, & their 2 Children, (Han. & Ra.) with Sis^r. Etty, Miss Skottowe & M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson came to see us, dined, drunk Tea, & return'd

Tuesday the Eighth, (I took John with) M^r. Bart^w. Rudd & myself rode down to Appleton's Batts at Normanby where we took the levels for making a Sea Bank or Dyke Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Jackson came to us while we were eating a piece of cold Beef, they went home, but we rode by Lazenby and called on Fran^s. Dryden, who meets us next Saturday at the ^Batts^

Wednesday the Ninth, after dinner I took Levi (the gardener) with me to Normanby, and planted 74 Saughs (from M^r. Wilkinson of Darlington) in Rob^r Thomas's Cow Howe and 24 in in the New Hedg at botthom of Crook Pasture, Jn^o. Martin & M^r. Masterman's (of London) Nephew spent the evening

Thursday the Tenth, I breakfasted, dined & drank Tea at Ayton & return'd in the evening

Friday the Eleventh, after breakfast I walked with M^r. Bart^w. Rudd to his Farm at Ariholm, and dined at home with Bro^r Wilson, Sis^r. Etty, & M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson, the two Gentlemen and I rode to Kirkleatham after dinner, I sat a quarter of an hour with Rev^d. M^r. Nelson, we drank Tea at home & then they went back to Ayton, M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd, & M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison supt and spent the evening with us

Saturday the Twelfth, after dinner M^r. Rudd & I rode to Normanby, & by appointment meeting Fran^s. Dryden; with some workmen set out my intended Sea Bank on Appleton's Batts & made some Bargains with some of the workmen, (Fran^s. Dryden is to be Surveyor of the work) Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson came to us from Stockton, & went home to Ayton

Sunday the Thirteenth, no service was done at our Church being second Sunday in the Month, so I read the service of the day to my Mother & Tho^s. Preswick, Doctor Wayne

(coming from Whitby) dined with us, I went with him to Ayton drank Tea and return'd in the evening

Monday the Fourteenth, I went to Normanby with Levi, cut the Saughs below Jn^o. Neesums & return'd by Eleven, M^r. Smith dined with us, I sat an hour wth. him at the Cock, M^r. Rudd supt with me & smoaked a pipe till Ten,

Tuesday the Fifteenth, I walked upstreet, and after dinner rode to Normanby (Willy Cornforth being with me) I having begun today to make a Plantation of Firrs in Crab Tree Close _{our} Gardener Levi Weatherell (who came to us last February) plants 80. it, there will ^{be} 172 Trees in it, in the evening M^r. Jn^o. Pease Jun^r. came from Whitby and laid all night

Wednesday the Sixteenth, M^r. W^m. Linskill came to our house from Whitby, he and M^r. Pease eat apiece of dinner between Eleven and Twelve & proceeded to Darn'ton, Bro^r & Sister Wilson & Sis^r. Etty dined with us about one, they drank Tea with my Mother, but I rode to Normanby with Tho^s. Preswick on his new Mair, (bought of Tim^o. Castley) & return'd about six

Thursday the Seventeenth, after breakfast I took John with me to Grainge where I met Mess^r. Smith & Wardell by appointment, & with them came Mess^{rs}. Harrison (Att^y.) & Hewitt we dined on cold beef & ^c. & got home about eight

Friday the Eighteenth, after dinner Mess^{rs}. Rudd, Tho^s. Preswick, & myself rode to Appleton Batts & set out more banking, we got home by eight in the evening

Saturday the Nineteenth, after dinner I took John with me to Normanby and the workmen, at Sea Bank on Appleton's Batts £3-15s-1d,

Sunday the Twentyeth, I went to Church in the forenoon, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson dined with us, then I rode to Ayton, drank Tea, & return'd,

Monday the Twenty First, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Sis^r. Etty, & Dolly Stephenson of Darn'ton (who has been at Ayton since begining of last week) dined & drank Tea with us, I sat awhile at M^r. Harrison's & M^r. Rudd's afterwards,

Tuesday the Twenty Second, after dinner I rode to Normanby Batts, & meeting M^r. Rudd there (on his rode from Stockton) we set out more Sea Bank work, sat an hour at Jn^o. Elgie's at Caudgate-Fleet, & came home, when I found M^r. Wardell at our house, who staid all night,

Wednesday the Twenty Third, after breakfast I went to Stockton with M^r. Wardell & Tho^s. Preswick, after dinner we ^all^ return'd with Willy Colthirst, M^r. Wardell laid all night at our House, we had a good deal of Rain today,

Thursday the Twenty Fourth, M^r. Wardell went home after breakfast, & I walked upstreet, and at two o'Clock rode down to Normanby with Tho^s. Preswick on our return I found Mess^{rs}. Harrison, & Aug^t. Skottowe with their wives who supt & spent the evening with us,

Friday the Twenty Fifth, M^r. & M^{rs}. Skottowe having laid all night at M^r. Harrison's I went with them to Ayton, dined & drank Tea at Bro^r. Wilson's & return'd, a Rainy day

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, I dined about Eleven and took John & Levi with me to Normanby, leaving them at the Hall I rode to Appleton's Batts where I met M^r. Rudd and after paying my men there (for work at the Sea bank) M^r. Rudd & I came home, past nine when we arrived,

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, I went to Church twice, M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd drank Tea with us, I read a Sermon aft^r. Supper

Monday the Twenty Eighth, I went down to Normanby & return'd to dinner, Mess^{rs}. Rudd & Harrison supt & spent the evening here with M^r. Wardell who laid all night

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth, this is a fair day at our Town, M^r. Wardell went away, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, Sis^r. Etty & Cous^r. Dolly Stephenson dined, drank Tea & return'd, we all walk'd upstreet

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last day I breakfasted at Bro^r. Wilson's, & went with him to M^r. Preston's at Stokesley who took down the minutes for Bro^r. Wilson's will, we return'd to Ayton to dinner & after Tea I came home,

MAY 1766

Thursday the First, M^r. Rudd breakfasted with me at six, & going to Normanby, ^Batts^ he and set out the intended Bank by the brook side, he came home by two o'Clock parting with me at Wilton, but I proceeded to Saltburn Club to meet M^r. Wardell who I found with Rev^d. ^M^r.^ Robinson (President) & Mess^{rs}. Smith, Easterby. Sanderson, Corney, Jackson Jun^r and Harrison (Attorney) who being very sick we did not get home till about nine

Friday the Second, I spent the day at home, and the evening at M^r. Rudd's wth. Mess^{rs}. Tho^s & Ol. Preswick

Saturday the Third, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson dined with me, then he, Tho^s. Preswick & myself rode down to Appletons Batts at Normanby where I paid my Labourers & returned by nine in the evening, we have fine showery weather which ^is seasonable^ for my Bank especially in the sodding of it,

Sunday the fourth, my Mother went to Church in the forenoon, & to M^{rs}. Rudd's in the afternoon, but I dined at M^r. Smith's at Marsk wth. M^r. Wardell by appointment I ret^d. about six & sat with M^r. Rudd at M^r. Harrison's (who is not well) till eight, I read a Sermon to the family after supper

Monday the Fifth, I walked upstreet for an hour or two before dinner as usual, my Bro^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Esther, M^r. Preston Jun^r. & Tho^s. Preswick dined with us, the two former drank Tea, I smoked a pipe (till four) wth. Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles at M^r. Jackson's

Tuesday the Sixth, I wrote several letters by the Post, and after dinner rode down to Normanby Batts with Mess^{rs}. Rudd, & Jn^o. Sanders, we return'd about nine

Wednesday the Seventh, I spent all day at home it being very Rainy, M^{rs}. Alderson, & M^{rs}. Jonas (M^{rs}. Cornforths Daughter) drank Tea with my Mother,

Thursday the Eighth, I rode to Skinninggrave Bank-Top with Mess^{rs}. Beckwith, Harrison & Sanderson, they went by Lofthouse to Handell, but I proceeded to Boulby where the Whitby Custom House Officers measured our Coal Bags, I dined with them at M^r. Wardell's drank Tea & return'd home by about eight – a very rainy all day, the Company at dinner were the Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield, & Mess^{rs}. Robinson (Controll^r) Monkman (Survey^r) Douglas (the Collect^{rs}. Clark) Roberts (the Collect^{rs}. Nephew) Gyll, Macdonal & W^m. Frankland, (inferior Officers) Simpson (Merch^r at Whitby) Capt. Easterby, Jn^o. Fotherly (lately married to M^r. Wardell's Daught. Tomasine), Mess^{rs}. Anth^o. Jefferson & Jn^o. Galilee drank Tea there,

Friday the Ninth, M^r. Rudd & I breakfasted at Bro^r. Wilson's & return'd home to dinner by Airyholm, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson drank Tea with us at Gisbro' & return'd, M^r. Jn^o. Pease Jun^r. with his Sis^r. ^Bell^ Robson & Miss Patty Robson also drank Tea and laid all night on their rode from Whitby (wth. Post Chaise etc.)

Saturday the Tenth, M^r. Pease etc. left us after breakfast for Darn'ton, I got dinner at Eleven, & went to Normanby Batts where I paid my Labourers at the Sea Bank, I got home about eight, having had a fine day

Sunday the Eleventh, being 2. of the Month no service done at Gisbro', after dinner I called on M^r. Wm. Jackson Jun^r. with whom I rode to Upleatham, M^{rs}. Morgan shewed us the Hall, we then alighted at Rich^d. Watson's, where the Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, Mawer & Robinson we were by appointm^t we smoaked our Pipes till 7, after supper I read a Sermon to our family

Monday the Twelfth, I walked upstreet several times, & in the afternoon sat an hour at the Cock with Mess^s. Smith, Rudd & Hewit, I spent the evening at home wth. my Mo^r who is not quite well,

Tuesday the Thirteenth, M^{rs}. Rudd being ill, my Mother had Rich^d. Macklah to drive her (for the last time) to see her in the forenoon (staid an hour) after dinner I rode to Normanby, Levi return'd with me he having spent the day in earthing up the New Planted Firrs in the Nursery

Wednesday the Fourteenth, my Mother's old Coatchman (Rich^d. Macklah) & her Chamber Maid (Eleanor Robson) left her this morning, she is not very well from the Gravel, Sis^r. Etty dined with us today, after dinner M^r. Rudd & I went to Normanby Sea Bank w^{ch}. is now in great forwardness

Thursday the Fifteenth, about ten I went down to Normanby and attended my workmen at the ^Sea Bank on the ^Batts till 5 that they gave over work, then Fran^s. Dryden (the German) and I drank a Tankard of Punch at Jn^o. Elgie's (of Caudgate Fleet) and I return'd home, my Mother not very well,

Friday the Sixteenth, my Mother being so much out of order I did not go abroad today, at four I sent John for Doct^r Wayne, who return'd with him before eight, & order'd my Mother to be bled, finding her complaint to be an inflammatory Fever, I smoaked a Pipe from 5 till past six at M^r. Jackson's Sen^r. with whom the Rev^d. Mess^s. Lascelles, Hide, and Kitching ^& M^r. Harrison (Att^y.)^ dined

Saturday the Seventeenth, my Mother's fever is so much abated today that the Doct^r went away, & she got down stairs about Eleven, but went up again very ill about one, Sis^r. Esther dined with us & return'd, after dinner Rev^d. M^r. Robinson & M^r. Harrison went with me to Normanby I paid my workman at the Sea Bank and we return'd before eight, I found my Mother very poorly

Whit Sunday the Eighteenth, my Mother is very ill this morning, but she would have me go to Church in the forenoon, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Etty dined & drank Tea, ^&^ in

the evening return'd to Ayton, Doct^o. Wayne returning to us about eight found my Mother so ill that a vein was opened again, & the blood appeared much inflamed
 Whitsun - Monday the Nineteenth, my Mother has had an easy night & is much Cooler this morning but low, the Doctor went away this evening with Sis^r Esther who dined with us, I spent the day at home

Whitsun - Tuesday the Twentyeth, my Mother having had a very restless night is much worse this morning, I sent for Doct^r Wayne, a vein was opened a 3^d time, very inflamed blood again, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Sis^r Etty dined, drank Tea, & return'd, but the Doctor stayed all night, my Mother continuing ill the whole day,

Wednesday the Twenty First, my Mother has had so good a night that Doctor Wayne went to M^r. Peirson's Sale (of his Household Goods) and return'd in the evening, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Sis^r Esther dined & drank Tea with us, & return'd, I walked an hour or two in the fields with M^r. Rudd, my Mo^r has a higher Fever towards the evening but it is worse ^more^ so tonight

Thursday the Twenty Second, my Mother is much cooler tho' weaker this morning, Doctor Wayne went away & return'd at four but I did not get home till eight, having rode to Normanby Sea Banks with M^r. Rudd, we return'd by Cotham Banks & called for a quarter of an hour's refreshment at a Publick House there

Friday the Twenty Third, my Mother tho' weak is much better today, Doct^r Wayne went away in the morning, after dinner I went to Ayton, & there met my Sis^r Dolly two

Nieces Mary & Catharine Jackson with M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson from London, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson met them at Thirsk yesterday with their Chariot & Horses, & my Mother's Horses too, they are all well, I return'd after Tea, my Mo^r's Fever's a little higher tonight
 Saturday the Twenty fourth, my Mother continues freer from the pain & the Fever she had, but is weak, Sisters Wilson & Dolly dined here & return'd after Tea to Ayton, but I left them after dinner to pay my workmen at Normanby Sea Banks, a very cold day wind at N.E.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth. my Mother continues better, Doctor Wayne came about twelve, I return'd to Ayton with him to dinner, drank Tea & came home

Monday the Twenty Sixth, my Mother sat up five or six hours but was sore fatigued, Sis^{rs}. Esther & Dolly came from Ayton in Bro^r Wilson's Chariott to dinner, the former return'd after Tea, but Dolly stays here

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, we have had very Hazy, ^weather^ & sometimes rained hard, on Sunday, yesterday and today; after dinner I went to Ayton, and after drinking Tea there I road to Stokesley Races with Bro^r Wilson, Nieces Pally & Kitty Jackson, & M^r. Jackson, there were two fine heats, both won by Burdon's Guelding, I called at Ayton a little on my return and Doct^r Wayne came home with me, we found my Mother uneasy, but the Doct^r prescribed something that relieved her

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth, Doctor Wayne dined & left us, I paid him seven Guineas for attending my Mother's Inflammatory Fever seven times, and she is now so well as to sit up most of the day; Tho^s. Preswick and I rode to Appleton's Batts at Normanby in the afternoon, & were there met by Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Jackson, we returned to our respective home about Nine

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, we had much Rain which confined me at home today, I sat an hour at M^r. Rudds

Friday the Thirtieth, I took a piece of cold Beef in my Pocket & eat at Tho^s. Appleton's wth. Fran^s. Dryden at Normanby Batts where I am making my Sea Bank

Saturday the Thirty First & last day. I spent part of the day with M^r. Rudd who is ill of an intermitting, I cou'd not get down to Normanby the day was so bad

JUNE 1766

Sunday the First, I went to Church in the forenoon, Doctor Wayne came to dine, & drank Tea with us, I rode with him to Ayton and return'd

Monday the Second, I walked upstreet seven times, M^r. Preston dined & drank Tea with us, Mess^{rs}. Jackson Wilson, Skottowe Jun^r & Sis^r. Esther drank Tea & return'd to Ayton

Tuesday the Third, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, ^& their Child^ Sis^r. Es^r & two Niece Jackson's dined & drank Tea with us & return'd

Wednesday the Fourth, Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Jackson breakfasted with me, we then rode to Boulby, saw the Allom works, M^r. Wardell return'd with us as far as Grainge where we eat a piece of cold Beef, drank Tea at Gisbro', & they went to Ayton afterwards

Thursday the Fifth, my Mother got downstairs today, M^r. Rudd & I met Fran^s. Dryden at Normanby Cliff ^by appointment^ & their fixed upon a Plan for making throwing down a slope & soding it to prevent the River's washing away the Land, we did not get home

till five when I found ^my^ two Niece Jacksons come from Ayton to spend a few days with my Mo^r, Sis^r Dolly went to Ayton,

Friday the Sixth, after dinner I took John with me to Ayton, who with Bro^r Wilson, M^r Jackson & self fished in Ayton beck, but caught nothing, I drank Tea & return'd

Saturday the Seventh, I spent the forenoon at home, Sis^r Esther dined with us, I set her home & drank Tea with her, Bro^r Wilson & family drank Tea at M^r Skottowe's, I return'd in the evening. N. B. I have charged [*blank*] paid my Labourers at the Sea Bank at Normanby as this day, but this Money was paid them last Monday morning by Fran^s. Dryden having sent it to him at Lazonby by Jn^o. Peirson last Sunday not being able to go to them on Saturday the day was so bad, & their has been no work done there since last Monday on Account of M^r Rudd's ill state of health, I had posted several Articles of June 25^r in my Cash ^Book^ before I ^cou'd^ know the exact Sum paid the Men on that day, & to preserve my Cash Book regular I charge it as paid this day with a Reference to this remark in my Journal.

Sunday the Eighth, no service at our Church being second Sunday of the Month, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Sis^r Dolly din'd drank Tea, & the two former return'd with two Niece Jacksons, the ^latter^ stayed all night, in the evening I walked (wth. Mess^{rs}. Harrison & Rudd) through Lowther's Folly, to Burleigh Moor end & return'd

Monday the Ninth, I walked upstreet, Mess^{rs}. Preston, Harrison, & Rev^d. Robinson drank Tea with us, the two latter walked with me to Rich^d. Walker's &^c. & play'd a Game of Back-gammon till 9. fine showery weather

Tuesday the Tenth, my Mother having taken some Physick is but poorly today, about Ten M^r Rudd and I went and attended my workmen making my first great slope at the west end of Normanby Cliff or hill as it is called, we got home at eight, & supt at Ol^r Preswick's & sat till twelve wth. Rev^d. M^r Robinson, Tho^s. Preswick & Ja^s. Bird

Wednesday the Eleventh, Sis^r Dolly is very badly to day having been up all night from the pain in her head, after dinner I rode with M^r Rudd to his Farm at Ayriholm, he drank Tea with me at Bro^r Wilson's, we ret'd ^by^ same rode.

Thursday the Twelfth, I spent the day with my workmen at Normanby Sea Bank & did not return till eight when I found M^r. & M^{rs}. James from West Auckland

Saturday the Fourteenth. a great deal of Rain fell today, after dinner I rode to my Sea Bank and paid the Men at Normanby, M^r James durst not venture the day was so bad, I got home at 9.

Sunday the Fifteenth, Brother & Sis^r. Wilson with their eldest Children came in the Chariott and went to Nieces Pally & Kitty Jackson rode here, they all went to Church ^wth. M^r. James & I[^] in the forenoon Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & Children went home after Tea, Niece Jacksons did not return the evening was so very rainy.

Monday the Sixteenth, I did not walk into Markett today, Sis^r. Esther dined, drank Tea with us, & ret^d. with M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson who came after dinner, M^r. James, M^r. Rudd & I sat an hour at Jn^o. Martin's in the morning waiting for an appointment of Quakers that were to meet me about an exchange of their meeting house - for some other place of mine it being very much in my way at present, but they did not come till after dinner, when we made our several proposals at M^r. Rudd's house, he wrote them down, & they were signed by myself, onesiphorus Hooper, W^m. Richardson, and John Martin, & are to be presented to their next Monthly meeting for acceptance, much Rain today

Tuesday the Seventeenth, after breakfast M^r. James and I rode to Normanby Sea Banks, and dined at Ayton, we drank Tea at home, Sis^r. Dolly & M^{rs}. James got to Ayton this forenoon, they drank Tea there with S^r. W^m. & Lady Foulis & Miss Skottowe, they came home in the evening

Wednesday the Eighteenth, much Rain fell most of this day, M^r. Jackson walked from Ayton to dine with us, after dinner M^r. Rudd & I attended my workmen at Normanby Sea Banks, got home at nine

Thursday the Nineteenth, after breakfast M^r. James went away (leaving his wife) I set him to the Top of Ormsby-bank, and then attended my workmen (till seven) at Appleton's Batts, Bro^r Wilson got down an hour before we left work, we met M^r. Jackson & our John on our return

Friday the Twentyeth, I breakfasted at M^r. Harrison's, he and I went to Boulby's half year pay of our workmen, our John carried a cold Mutton Pye as usual, the company at dinner were Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield & his wife, with Mess^{rs}. Easterby, Sanderson, Harrison & myself, we drank Tea there & came home

Saturday the Twenty First, in the forenoon M^r. Harrison & I went to Normanby Batts, and there were met by Mess^{rs}. Smith & Rudd, we took Thom^r Appleton's coble and row'd up to Sampher Batts, an Island in the River opposite to Middlesburgh enclosed three year's ago by M^r. Jonathon Davison (now Collector of Stockton Customs), M^r. Rudd & Fran^s. Dryden were the Engineers, we called at Cargo or Caudgate Fleet on our return, I paid my workmen we return'd home by Wilton, M^r. Smith left us there

Sunday the Twenty second, Sis^r. Dolly, two Niece Jacksons, Cous^r. James & self went to Church in the forenoon, after dinner I rode to Ayton, Doct^r. Wayne, M^r. & M^{rs}. Skottowe Jun^r. Miss Macdonal, & Miss Easterby drank Tea at Bro^r. Wilson's, but he & M^r. Jackson ^had^ walked to Gisbro' by Ayriholm, I sat an hour at old M^r. Richardson's, & return'd past nine

Monday the Twenty Third, I walked upstreet. at Markett time, Mess^{rs}. Jackson (from Bro^r. Wilson's) & Preston drank Tea with us, then M^r. Jackson, M^r. Rudd, & two Niece Jackson's with myself walk'd to Skelton Park, (M^r. Jackson went to Ayton)

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth,. M^r. Jackson came from Ayton to breakfast, he with Niece Jacksons & self rode to Normanby, dined at Tho^s. Appleton upon the Batts on cold victuals which we carried, we went upon the water in a Coble an hour, drank Tea at my Hall, M^r. Jackson branch'd off the road to Ayton, Nieces & I came home,

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth, we began to Mow our Meadow (this morning;) M^r. Jackson came in the morning, my Mother & Cous^r. James in the Chaise Sis^r. D. & 2 Nieces with myself on horseback return'd with him to dinner at Ayton, we all drank Tea there too, & all return'd in the evening, but the Chaise hind Axletree broke opposite Ja^s. Mawer's House, so my Mother, Cous^r. James & self stay'd at his house till Bro^r. Wilson's Chariott came, they got home about nine, M^r. Jackson return'd

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, at six I mounted paid off & discharged all my Men at Normanby SeaBank having finished for this year, I got home to dinner when I found Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, their 4 Children, Sis^r. Etty, & M^r. Jeff^y. Jackson from Ayton, they drank Tea & return'd; - this day my Mother is Seventy one years old, Harry Peckett brought a Black Horse, six year's old, which he has bought for 11 Guineas for my Mother, as a third horse for her Chaise, to draw in the Cart, & carry double

Friday the Twenty Seventh, much Rain fell yesterday and last night, M^r. Boulby sat an hour with us this forenoon on his rode from Newcastle to Whitby, after dinner Harry Peckett & I rode to Skelton Park to see two horses I've there, & return'd to Tea, when I found M^r. Jackson, who return'd to Ayton before supper

Saturday the Twenty Eighth, I went down to Redcar with Sis^r. Etty & M^r. Jackson (from Ayton) Sis^r. Dolly & Cous^r. James in the Chaise, & two Nieces on horseback, we dined on Fish, M^r. Jackson, Sis^r. Dolly Niece Pally & self went upon the Sea in a Coble, we all drank Tea at Gisbro' having some Rain on our road home, we found M^r. Geo: Deighton on our return, Sis^r. Etty & M^r. Jackson went to Ayton

Sunday the Twenty Ninth, Cous' Ja^s Pease breakfasted with us on his road from Whitby to Darlington we all went to Church in the forenoon, except my Mother. After dinner Cous' James & Sis^r Dolly went to Ayton in my Mother's Chariott & return'd in the evening, M^r Geo: Deighton left us (to Whitby) two Niece Jacksons & myself drank Tea at M^r Rudd's & walked a mile afterwards on the Ayton road.

Monday the Thirtyeth & last day. We have had a great deal of Rain today, M^r Preston Jun^r dined with us, Bro' & Sis^r Wilson drank Tea, & return'd (in their Chariot)

JULY 1766

Tuesday the First. much Rain fell again today, I drank Tea at Jn^o Martin's with old W^m Richardson, his son John, & Tho^s Pennett, talked about their (Quaker) Meeting house, I appointed to meet them to morrow

Wednesday the Second, Cousin James went away this morning in my Mother's chaise with 4 horses, Sis^r Dolly set her to Yarm, dined ^at M^r Forster's^ & return'd, I rode two Miles on the road wth them, at three I went to Ayton, sat half an hour at M^r Skottowe's with Bro' Wilson & his family, at six I met the Quakers (see yesterday) we at last came to some agreement about their Meeting house at Gisbro', which I am to have in lieu of another, to be built at a joint expence, I did not get home till Eleven,

Thursday the Third, I spent all day at home & in the hay-field, Rev^d M^r Robinson & Miss Skottowe drank Tea with us, Sis^r Dolly return'd with the latter to Ayton, M^{rs} Harrison supt & spent the evening with us

Friday the Fourth, my Mother & two Niece Jacksons went to Ayton, & return'd about seven in the evening, old M^r (W^m) Turner sat half an hour with me in after dinner, Cous' Jemmy Pease dined, on his road from Darlington to Whitby, I have had a fine Hay day

Saturday the Fifth, I spent the whole day in the Hay-field except to dinner, got three fields safely,

Sunday the Sixth, my Mother, two Niece Jacksons & myself went to Church in the forenoon, & after dinner we all went to Ayton & return'd at seven.

Monday the Seventh, much Rain has fallen today, wind at North, thick weather; my Normanby Tenants paid me their Rents today, Sisters Wilson & Dolly dined with us, & imediately return'd to Ayton.

Tuesday the Eighth, I went to Ayton in the forenoon, & assisted my Bro^r Wilson to receive his (Busby) Rents, after dinner I came home, Sisters Wilson & Dolly came from Ayton with Master Jack Pybuss (who got to Ayton last Saturday to stay a week) & return'd after Tea, having Coln. Hale & his Wife two hours this afternoon,

Wednesday the Ninth, my Mother & two Niece Jacksons went to Ayton in the forenoon, (M^r. & M^{rs}. Mauleverer dine there) I stayed at home all day & attended the Hayfield I met my Mother etc. at Pinchinthorp it being 9 oClock

Thursday the Tenth, I attended the Hay field all day, which is very fine

Friday the Eleventh, my Bro^r Wilson and Master Jack Pybuss, came in the forenoon & return'd before dinner, after dinner M^r. Rudd went down ^with me^ to Caud-gate Fleet to meet M^r. Marshall Robinson by appointm^t about a diversion of a water course (near his warehouse) which he made about four years ago, by a New-cut & stopping up the old Channel of the Brook caled Spencer-beck, but he was obstinate & left us (we M^r. Rudd & I) drank a bowl of Bumbo & got home past nine

Saturday the Twelfth, I spent all day in the Town, sat an hour at M^r. Harrison's, M^r. Rudd drank Tea with us, a very disagreeable Hazy day.

Sunday the Thirteenth, - being a silent Sunday (as it's called) my Mother, two Niece Jackson's & myself dined at Ayton, I spent two hours with Willy Richardson (the Quaker) drank Tea at Bro^r Wilson's & return'd home, Sis^r. Dolly came with us, instead of two Niece Jackson's.

Monday the Fourteenth, I got up at three o'Clock and attended the making of our stack, and the Hay-field all day, some Thunder in the evening, & a heavy Rain, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, their two youngest Children, Sis^r. Etty & M^r. Jackson dined & drank Tea with us

Tuesday the Fifteenth, we had a great deal of Rain all day, which confined me at home

Wednesday the Sixteenth, after dinner my Sis^r. Dolly and I rode to Normanby-Hall drank Tea & return'd, I hoped to have met our Friends from Ayton but the day being doubtful prevented them

Thursday the Seventeenth, my Sis^r. Dolly and I went to Normanby again, and their met my Sis^r. Etty. two Niece Jacksons, Miss Skottowe, Doct^r. Wayne & M^r. Jackson, we eat such cold victuals as we carried, rode to the River side, viewed my Sea Banks, return'd to the Hall to Tea, and then to our respective homes after having had a very agreeable day .

Friday the Eighteenth, I walked with Ol^r & Tho^s. Preswick & M^r. Rudd to the former's hay-field, Cousin Matty Reed came to dinner my Mother having sent to Yarm for her, in the evening M^r. Rudd and I rode up Belmangate Bank, then along the hill top westward and down Ruthergate Lane giving an Eye every where, & judging where an Allom-work might best be carried on, a most delightful evening

Saturday the Nineteenth about 3 this morning M^{rs}. Rudd was deliver'd (of a Boy) her 2^d Child, who was Xned Geo: (the first a Girl dyed 11th Sept 1766) after dinner my Mother, Sis^r. Dolly, & Cous. Matty Reed (in the Chaise) and myself went to Ayton; after Tea, many of us played at Burn.ball on the Terras before the House, my Mother and I return'd in the Chaise

Sunday the Twentyeth, my Mother & I went to Church, after dinner I got into the Chaise with her to Ayton, from thence I went with Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, Sis^r. Dolly, two Niece Jacksons, & M^r. Jeffy Jackson to S^r. W^m. Foulis's (at Ingleby Manor) we drank Tea, and return'd to Ayton by 7 - my Mother and I came home in the evening

Monday the Twenty First, I walk'd upstreet several times, M^{rs}. Bateman dined with us on her road from Whitby to Darn'ton, to attend the Funeral of her Nephew Ra: Robson who dyed (of a Consumption) yesterday morning about two o'Clock, he married my Cousin Bell^a. Pease the 18th. of last October, she is big with Child; Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson drank Tea here

Tuesday the Twenty Second, after dinner I went with my Mother in her Chaise after di, to Ayton & then rode to Stokesley where the Quarter Sessions is this day held, I stayed an hour in the Court, & had some talk with M^r. Mauleverer about the Cut M^r. Marshal Robinson has made in the beck near his Warehouse at Cargo Fleet ^Caudgate Fleet^ & got home at Eight, my Mother brought home with her, my Sis^r. Dolly, two Niece Jacksons & Cous. Matty Reed.

Wednesday the Twenty Third, at Six M^r. Rudd & I rode to the top of High-Cliff Nab where I met Edw^d. Bruce (a Mason) to pitch upon a Stone to cut for building, but did not find a good one till we came to the top of Bellman Bank, in the evening M^r. Rudd & I walked to the top of Kemplar & at several places tryed (with my little spattle Staff) for Allom Mine, which we found an appearance of

Thursday the Twenty Fourth, after breakfast M^r. Rudd and I rode to Normanby Batts, & with his Plain-table took a plan of the old water course at Spencer Beck, near Caudgate Fleet, which M^r. Robinson has stopt up, & also of the New Channel he has thrown it

into, we eat a piece of some cold victuals at Normanby Hall & got home by eight, had a heavy shower of Rain about 5. my Mo^r & two Nieces went to Ridcar today

Friday the Twenty Fifth, I breakfasted at Harrisons, then he, his wife, & I rode to Boulby, they proceeded to Staiths but I spent the day riding about &^c.with M^r. Wardell, they drank Tea at Boulby and we came home together about eight ^my My Sis^r Dolly, two Jacksons, & Miss Reed were at Ayton today^

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, after dinner I took Levi the Gardener with me to Normanby where we dressed some Lime Trees etc. planted last winter, and did not get home till near Ten, my Mother & two Niece Jacksons were at Ridcar, the latter bathed

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & two eldest girls came in the morning & went to Church with us, in the evening they went away

Monday the Twenty Eighth, my Sis^r Etty came in the morning & staid all day, I walked upstreet several times, & in the evening took a ride with M^r. Rudd to Saltburn & spent half an hour M^r. Smith's on our return,

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth, I spent the forenoon at home, and after dinner M^r. Rudd took a sauntering ride with me to Normanby we were at home by six, & then I walked by the Mills with Sis^r Dolly, two Nieces, & Cous^r M: Reed,

Wednesday the Thirtyeth, Cous^r Matty Reed went home behind John at six, see the 18th. inst^r after dinner, my Mo^r & Sis^r Dolly in the Chaise, with two Nieces & myself on horseback went to Ayton, drank Tea (at Bro^r Wilson's) & return'd

Thursday the Thirty first, & last day, M^r. Harrison & I dined at Saltburn Club, with Rev^d. M^r. Langstaff, & Mess^{rs}. Wardell (President) Smith, Easterby, Jackson Sen^r, Hewitt, Atkinson, M^cDonal, & Fenwick, ^& Watson^ got home about nine

AUGUST 1766

Friday the First, I breakfasted with M^r. Rudd, we rode to our Mason's at the Quarry, on our return I went to Ayton with my Mother on horseback, ^& Sis^r Dolly in the Chaise^ & two Nieces on horseback we dined, drank Tea and got home by about Seven

Saturday the Second, I took John with me to Yarm Fair, we spent half an hour on my Farm bought last year of Cous^r M: Reed, came home about seven

Sunday the Third, Sis^r Dolly, two Nieces & self were at Church in the forenoon, my Mother carried Dolly to Ayton after dinner & left her there, two Nieces & self drank Tea

at M^r. Harrison's, M^r. Wardell laid at our House all night, Mess^{rs}. Rudd & Harrison, with M^{rs}. Harrison spent the evening with us,

Monday the Fourth, after breakfast M^r. Wardell went away & M^r. Rudd and I walked to my Masons at the Quarry, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson & M^r. Preston dined with us, in the evening M^r. Rudd & I walking walking ^to Skelton^ Ellers met M^r. Fox, we all walked through Skelton Park, on the ^high-end^ of the Wood, and by water-fall home to supper, the weather appears somewhat settled, hitherto the Summer has been wett

Tuesday the Fifth, I spent the day in my Closet, writing this a part of the time, and am now, six o'Clock, ready to set out for London, with my Neighbour M^r. Ol. Preswick, he breakfasted with me, we then set out, I drank a Bason of Tea at Bro^r. Wilsons, called for a few minutes at Stokesley, we stayed an hour at Ingleby - Cross, and after dining at Richardson's of North-allerton set out from thence on the Fly -(Coatch) we laid at Weatherby, and next night ^the 7th^ at Grantham and Friday the Eighth, I arrived at my Brother's at about Nine o'Clock, Ol. Laid in the City, all well

Saturday the Ninth, my Brother, Mess^{rs}. Masterman & Duck & I went down to Deptford wth. Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles, and dined on board the York Indiaman, with several other Gentlemen

London, Sunday the Tenth, Brother and I spent the day together, and in the evening rode out in his Coatch to Camberwell

Monday the Eleventh, M^r. Dan^l. Stow went with me to bespeak several things I want, and among the rest, 2 cases of Silver hafted Knives & Forks with Silver Spoons (of Mess^{rs}. Jn^o. Masterman & Archer) which by their bill came to about 43£, Mess^{rs}. Stow, Bentham, Page, Hutchinson, & Davis dined with my Brother, he and I spent the even^g. till 12 at M^r. W^m. Masterman's.

Tuesday the Twelfth, I called upon M^{rs}. Allen in Newgate Street, and after dinner my Bro^r. M^r. W^m. Masterman and self went to Harlow, near the River Stort, (in Essex) where we met M^r. Yeoman their Engineer,

Wednesday the Thirteenth, we fished on the River Stort by Harlow Mill, we return'd to the Town and dined with several Gentlemen at a Club held there, many of whom were Comissioners of the Stort Navigation we were very merry & laid there

Thursday the Fourteenth, my Bro^r sent his Horses to Hoddesdon in Hartfordshire where we dined at four, after having walked from Harlow bridg' to the bottom ^low end^ of the Stort, and having called at Roydon for half an hour's refreshment, and bored at many

places for brick-earth, M^r. Yeoman & I in one Chaise, & my Bro^r & M^r. Masterman in another got to the Navy office at Eleven

Friday the Fifteenth, Mess^{rs}. Stow & Davis dined with my Brother, then he and I walked to M^r. Masterman's, but he, not being at home, we return'd.

Saturday the Sixteenth, my Bro^r & I set ^mounted^ our Horses and rode to Maidenhead bridg in Buck's, where we met M^r. & M^{rs}. Masterman, and laid all night

Sunday the Seventeenth, my Bro^r M^r. Masterman and I took a Chaise and going through a part of Berkshire went to Marlow, stay'd half an hour and return'd to dine with M^{rs}. Masterman, we then set out and drank Tea at Hounslow where my Bro^r and I took Post Chaise,

Monday the Eighteenth, I breakfasted with Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles & his Bro^r the Captain at their Chamber's in the Temple, spent half an hour at M^r. Duck's Chambers, and an hour with M^{rs}. Allen, my Bro^r & M^r. Masterman went to see M^r. Nuttal upon Enfield Chaise, & did not return till past Eleven, I dined at a Chop-House with Mess^{rs}. Stow, Page, Bentham, & Davis, the former & I went to Vauxhall.

Tuesday the Nineteenth, I wrote six Letters into Yorkshire, Mess^{rs}. Page, Bentham, Stow, Hutchinson, Player, Vaughan, Tomlinson, & Capt^r Bob Butterwick dined with my Bro^r; Page, Butterwick, Bro^r & I went to Vauxhall,

Wednesday the Twentieth, M^r. Stowe & I bought many odd things in the Shop-way, I went with M^r. Core upon "Change- Mess^{rs}. Stow & Saxby dined with my Bro^r; M^r. Hutchinson, Bro^r & I drank Tea at M^r. Stow's, whose wife & her Sis^r. went with us to Vauxhall

Thursday the Twenty First, my Bro^r Mess^{rs}. Stowe, Page, Hutchinson, Davis, Capt^r Bob: Butterwick and I dined at M^r. Bentham's at Tottenham

Friday the Twenty Second, I breakfasted at M^{rs}. Page's at Greenwich, went & return'd by water, and dined at M^r. Duck's Chamber's (N^o. 8.) Grey's Inn, with Mess^{rs}.

Masterman, Wilkinson, Burrell; I drank too much Wine but walked to the Navy-Office & finding my Bro^r was gone to M^r. Masterman's in Chancery Lane I walked to his, and spent the evening there till Eleven

Saturday the Twenty Third, aft^r. breakfast my Bro^r and I rode to Waltham-bridg & were met by M^r. & M^{rs}. Masterman; we Laid there all night.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, we went to see Lord Lincoln's Pleasure Grounds at Oatlands, and after dinner we return'd to Town, I return'd with M^r. & M^{rs}. Masterm in their Chariot

Monday the Twenty Fifth, my Brother, Mess^{rs}. Stow, Saxby, Bentham, Horne, Page, Davis, and self dined at the King's Arms Tavern upon Turtle, M^{rs}. Ward & Niece Betsy Jackson came from Margate this evening where they have been with M^{rs}. Fisher & her son bathing, & have left them there

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth, M^r. Masterman and I bought a few odd things I wanted, as Gun Powder etc. and after dinner I went with M^{rs}. Ward & Bett to Beckingham,

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, Niece Bett and I walked about, & wth. M^{rs}. Ward in the evening

Thursday the Twenty Eighth, I spent the day in fishing in M^{rs}. Ward's Ponds, Capt Dawes & his Son dined with us,

Friday the Twenty Ninth, M^{rs}. Ward, Bett and I breakfasted at the Navy-office, and dined at M^r. Masterman's, M^{rs}. Ward went with me to see my Aunt Edwards but she was not at home

Saturday the Thirtyeth, I went to see my Cous^d. Spencer but he was not at home, after dinner my Bro^r. M^{rs}. Ward, Bett & I went to Beckingham drank Tea at Dulwich on our road, & walk'd through apart of Norwood, a very heavy shower fell this even^g.

Sunday the Thirty-First & last day, M^r. & M^s. Masterman came down to Beckingham, & after dinner they came to Town with my Bro^r. & I, I drank a dish of Tea, and bad farewell to my Brother at 8, got into a Post-Chaise & called at M^r. Bishop's at Islington who with M^r. Duck (who I found there) stept into my Chaise and got to Barnett before Eleven, where we laid.

SEPTEMBER 1766

Monday, September, the First, at five we were called up and got into the fly with M^r. Barker (of Leeds) and M^r. Robson (of Darlington) & his eldest Daughter, we lay at Grantham to night

Tuesday the Second, we got to York

Wednesday the Third, I took Post-Chaise breakfasted at Easingwold and at Eleven found my Mother, & Sis^r. Dolly at Cous^r. Pybus's, we dined at M^r. Butterwick's with M^r.

Talbot (of Wood-end) & his Lady (Fagg) (Gisbro', September, 1766) & his Sis^r. M^{rs}. Lee [?], & M^r. Elsley of Mount, we spent the even^g at Cous^r. Pybus's

Thursday the Fourth, after eating a little dinner at Eleven we left Thirsk, I called for half an hour at M^r. Mauleverer's, met Bro^r. Wilson, and got to his House about four, my Mother & I came home

Friday the Fifth, I walked upstreet & ask'd my Neighbours how they did, Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson their two youngest Children, Sisters Est^r. & Dolly & M^r. Jackson dined & drank Tea with us & return'd, M^r. Rudd sat the even^g wth. us

Saturday the Sixth, I spent all day at home, writing my last Lond^o. Journey in this Book, &^c. & ^c.

Sunday the Seventh, my Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson Sisters Esther & Dolly ^2^ Niece Jacksons & 2 eldest Wilsons came to breakfast this morning, & we all went to Church in the forenoon, & some of us in the afternoon, except Sis^r. Wilson who is much out of order, & was let blood; Dolly & 2 Niece Jackson's stay'd here, the rest went home after Tea, we took a walk in the evening, old Mary Allen (now 79) came to stay a few days

Monday the Eighth, M^r. Preston dined with us, this day & night very stormy, being a high wind at N.E & ^much^ Rain

Tuesday the Ninth, M^r. Jeff.y Jackson dined with us from Ayton whither I return'd with him, & met M^r. Preston by appointment with whom I ^we^ went shooting but did not kill anything, I came home, Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson drank Tea at Gisbro', Sis^r. Dolly and two Niece Jacksons return'd with them to Ayton

Wednesday the Tenth, my Mother, being God-Mother, with Rev^d. M^r. Noble, & M^r. Tho^s. Duck (God-Fathers) for M^r. Rudd's Son George (who was baptized soon after born, about 7 or 8 weeks ago) ^ which was on Saturday 19th. July last) she and I dined at M^r. Rudd's, I spent the evening too, the Company were M^{rs}. Han^a. Smith, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Noble, Lascelles, & Robinson, ^& M^r. Geo: Duck of Mennel Hall^ with Tho^s. Duck & his companion M^r. Bishop, (see Sunday 31st. ult^o.) the two latter laid at our House

Thursday the Eleventh, M^r. Duck & M^r. Bishop going to see M^r. Duck of Mennel Hall, I breakfasted with them at M^r. Rudd's & set them to Ayton, where my Mother following me we spent the day, & in the evening return'd with Sis^r. Dolly and two Niece Jacksons and M^r. Jeff.y Jackson

Friday the Twelfth, after breakfast M^r. Jackson & I set out, ^I^ for Boulby, and he for Scarbrough, we dined at M^r. Wardell's who went with us to look at Staiths & Runswick, M^r. Jackson proceeded, but I drank Tea at Boulby and return'd home.

Saturday the Thirteenth, I spent all day at home, much Rain fell in the afternoon

Sunday the Fourteenth, being 2nd. Sunday of the Month, when no service is done at Gisbro' Church, my Niece Jacksons read the Service of the day; they with my Mother, & Sis^r. Dolly went to M^{rs}. Jackson's Jun^r. in the afternoon, M^r. Rudd spent that time with me.

Monday the Fifteenth, I walk'd into the Markett, and after dinner went a Shooting with M^r. Rud and our John, but did not kill anything, the last Summer having been very Wet, the Coveys are small, & many single pairs of Partridges

Tuesday the Sixteenth, at seven M^r. Rudd and I rode to Normanby Batts, view'd my Sea Banks, etc. eat a piece of cold Beef I carried, & got home to Tea

Wednesday the Seventeenth, after dinner I rode to Ayton, my Sis^r. Wilson being ill of a Feverish compl^t

Thursday the Eighteenth, my Mother, two Nieces Jacksons & self went to Ayton found my Sis^r. Wilson much better, we all return'd to Tea; I rode to Busby with Bro. Wilson before dinner, he's build.g a Farm House for W^m. Bean,

Friday the Nineteenth, at seven I rode to Normanby Batts and return'd to dinner, M^r. Pease Sen^r. & his Son Bristowe came in Post Chaise on their road from Whitby, ^&^ M^r. Wardell, & M^r. Geo: Culley laid here all night,

Saturday the Twentieth, M^r. Pease & his Son proceeded to Whitby, ^Darnton^ where ^his Daugh^r.^ M^{rs}. Robson was lately deliver'd of a Daughter, Mess^{rs}. Wardell & Culley went away, after attending the Beast Fair held here today, Cattle of all sorts sold high (such as good Calves of six month's old at 3£.) wheat is also high, viz: at six Shillings per Bush^l, - Bro. & Sis^r. Wilson dined here today, I spent an hour at the Cock with Mess^{rs}. Smith, Rudd, & Hewett.

Sunday the Twenty First, I took John with me at seven, rode through Stockton, dined at an Inn at Sedgfield, & drank Tea at M^r. Baker's (where I laid)

Monday the Twenty second, I spent all day at M^r. Baker's, M^r. Robinson attorney of Durham came to us and I staid all night

Tuesday the Twenty Third, Mess^{rs}. Baker, Robinson and I went to M^r. Nic: Lambton's at Biddick, and there mett Rev^d. M^r. Greenhill, Represent^a. of late M^r. Matt^w. Noble of

Sunderland (& his Attorney M^r. Pemberton) with whom an acco^t was open with the Partn^r'sh^p of Biddick, but M^r. Baker & I determin'd to leave it to the arbitrators in that cause, M^{rs}. & Miss Baker din'd there, so did S^r. Tho^s. Herring Bart^r his Lady & Daught^r who are on a visit to M^r. Lambton, M^r. Baker & I return'd in the Coatch wth. the Ladys to Elemore

Wednesday the Twenty fourth, after breakfast I left Elemore & passing through to Durham dined at M^r. James's. at West Auckland

Thursday the Twenty Fifth, M^r. James & I went by Shildon, (to see old Jn^o. Walton,) to B'h^p Auckland dined, drank Tea at Doct^r. Dunn's & return'd at seven

Friday the Twenty sixth, M^r. James & I walk'd to Hummersbeck, Doct^r. Dunn, his wife, & Misses Peggy Adamson & Liplaw dined & drank Tea, at M^r. James's, Capt^r Heugonin & his Son Frank laid at M^r. James's, M^r. Ja^s. James spent the day & even.g wth us

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, after dinner I left M^r. James's, ^M^r. Leever dined^ drank Tea at M^r. Wilkinson's of Darlington, he spent the evening at M^r. Pease's with me, where I found old Cousin Pease & his wife, but M^r. Pease Jun^r was gone to near Doncaster, M^{rs}. Robson ^Jun^r^ being in her lying in Room I did not see her, I laid at M^r. Pease's

Sunday the Twenty Eighth, M^r. James call'd upon me at M^r. Pease's & after breakfast we call'd upon M^r. Pierse Jun^r at Hurworth, look'd over my Mother's Farm at Stoddow, and din'd at M^r. Forster's at Yarm, we mett M^r. Rich^d. Richardson in that Town he came with us & laid at our House (Gisbro') after having view'd the Road I want, through M^r. Cha^s. Kingsley's Est^a for whom Richardson is Steward

Monday the Twenty Ninth, M^r. Richardson & I with M^r. James settled the Terms to be offer'd to M^r. Kingsley for his Ground for the Road (see yesterday) he din'd with us & went away, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson their Son Geo: Sis^r. Etty, 2 Niece Jacksons & M^r. Jeff.y Jackson din'd with us & went away after Tea, Sis^r. Dolly M^r. James & I walked near two Miles, with M^r. Jackson & Nieces who walked from Ayton this morning to breakfast, and return' on foot

Tuesday the Thirtyeth, & last Day, M^r. James & I with our Servants & Greyhounds, met M^r. Jackson at Ten, at Normanby, by appointment, we ranged till three that we got home, but did not see one Hare, M^r. Jackson return'd to Ayton after Tea

OCTOBER 1766

October, Wednesday the First, my Mother Sis^r Dolly, M^r James & self, went to Ayton, din'd, drank Tea, and return'd, Sis^r Wilson, 2 Jacksons & 3 Wilsons drank Tea at M^r Augustine Skottowes, Rev^d M^r Hastwell din'd &ca. at Bro^r Wilson's

Thursday the Second, M^r James left us after breakfast, I sat an hour at M^r Harrison's in the morning & spent the rest of the day at home, M^{rs} Lincoln drank Tea with us.

Friday the Third, at six M^r Rudd & I mounted, and rode to Normanby Batts where Jn^o Fishook & other Labourers begun to build a Brick arch or Sluice to conveylet out water, M^r Rudd left me, I got home by seven

Saturday the Fourth, my Mother & Sis^r Dolly went to Ayton, the latter stayed there but the former returned with Cous: Matty Reed who is come to stay some time with us, I went to Normanby, where I saw the Sluice finish'd see yesterday, and got home by seven

Sunday the Fifth, my Mo^r, Matty Reed & self went to Church in the forenoon, so did Cous: Matty & I in the afternoon where I was distressed at Rev^d M^r Robinson's performance of the Service, he showing some signs of being in Liquor, Cous W^m Reed dined with us, M^r Harrison walked with me near two miles in Yarm Lane ab^t 6.

Monday the Sixth, a successive Rain fell throughout this whole day, - my Mother sent her Chaise to Ayton in the morning for Sis^r Dolly & two Niece Jacksons, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson, their 4 Children, Sis^r Etty & M^r Jackson dined and drank Tea with us & return'd to Ayton, Dolly & her Nieces stayed here, M^r Preston drank Tea with us, I walked upstreet once

Tuesday the Seventh I spent all day at home with my Mother, &^c. she is not very well Wednesday the Eighth, M^r Rudd, & I, with John, went out, a shooting with John, we did not kill anything, but met M^r Jackson walking to our dinner.

Thursday the Ninth, I met Bro^r Wilson & M^r Jackson by appointment near Bousdale with my Greyhounds, we only saw one Hare (& killed her) tho' we ranged till one o'clock near Pinchinthorp & Newton, and din'd at Ayton with my Mo^r; Sis^r Dolly, Niece Jacksons & Cous^r M. Reed, & M^r Preston Jun^r, they had a dance after dinner, my Mo^r & Cous^r Reed came home, so did I after Tea.

Friday the Tenth, my Bro^r Wilson & all his family din'd at Gisbro', Sis^r Dolly & Niece Jacksons stayed at Gisbro', I was not at home being obliged to spend the day with some

workmen covering the Sluice I built last week in Appleton's Forest at Norm'by, & did not get home till past seven

Saturday the Eleventh, after dinner M^r Harrison, John, Walker Pulman & myself went out with my Greyhounds towards Nordale & Dunsdale Becks, we only saw two hares, and killed them, I drank Tea at M^r Harrison's

Sunday the Twelfth, after dinner my Sis^r Dolly and two Nieces Mary and Catherine Jackson took leave of my Mother, intending to leave Ayton tomorrow morning for London, having been with us since Friday 23^d of May last, Cous^r M. Reed & I set them to Ayton, I return'd after Tea, & found my Mother better of a severe cold she has had for some days, M^r Jeff.^y Jackson intends to ride his own Horses to London, my Sis^r Dolly & Nieces will keep him company in Post Chaise,

Monday the Thirteenth . I walked upstreet and after dinner rode to Marsk with M^r Rudd, & his Bro^r in Law M^r Duck, after drinking Tea at M^r Smith's, M^r Rudd & I came home,

Tuesday the Fourteenth, after breakfast M^r Rudd and I walk'd out with our Guns towards Hutton Lo'cross, & the Grove, he shot a Hare which was all the Game we killed, return'd to dinner, Cous^r M: Reed return'd from Ayton to which place she set Sis^r Dolly &^c on Sunday

Wednesday the Fifteenth, Tho^s Preswick & I called on Bro^r Wilson, & we all rode to Busby and din'd at Ayton, we came home about five

Thursday the Sixteenth, M^r Rudd breakfasted with me, and we met Bro^r Wilson and M^r Smith at Normanby by appointment, we rode to view the Batts with respect to a Warehouse, eat a piece of cold Beef at the Hall, and return'd to our respective homes,

Friday the Seventeenth, I went to Stokesley with Rev^d M^r Lascelles and M^r Smith, and dined with the Justices of the Peace &ca. & ^I^ got home about seven; when I found M^r & M^{rs}. Pease Sen^r, their Son John, & his two Children Betty & John, on their rode to Whitby

Saturday the Eighteenth , M^r Pease went away after breakfast, my Mother & Cous^r M: Reed went to Ayton & return'd, and M^r. Rudd and I took our Guns and went rode to Ayreholme, tho' we ranged several hours for woodcocks & Pheasants, cou'd not get a Shott, we return'd to drink Tea at home.

Sunday the Nineteenth, Cous^r M: Reed and I went to Church in the forenoon, and after dinne I went to Ayton, drank Tea and return'd to supper Doctor Wayne drank Tea there, ^a^ very high wind at S:W:

Monday the Twentyeth, At Eleven I set out for Normanby, where I was mett {by appointment} by Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Mauleverer, we eat some cold victuals (Jn^o. came down) & sent John to Marsk for Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles & M^r. Smith, which^who^ the Rainy day had prevented coming, they got to us about four upon Appleton's Batts, but the Tide had rose so high when we got there as prevented M^r. Mauleverer's seeing so well as I cou'd ^wished^ the disputed Cause between M^r. Robinson and I, M^r. Smith & Bro^r Wilson went home but M^r. Mauleverer & Lascelles came home with me, a very Rainy evening

Tuesday the Twenty First, M^r. Mauleverer & M^r. Lascelles left me after breakfast, I spent the rest of the day at home, fine towards evening

Wednesday the Twenty Second, my Mother & Cous^r Matty Reed in the Chaise and myself on horseback went to Ayton, and return'd after dinner, my Bro^r Wilson and I walk'd out with our Guns 2 or 3 hours before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Third, I rode to Skelton, called on M^r. Lascelles but he being at Marsk went there, M^r. Smith, he, and I went to Skinninggrave by appointment we killed a brace of Hares & repair'd to M^r. Easterbys where we dined & stay'd till Eleven o'Clock, the Comp^a. Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, & Oldfield, Mess^{rs}. Smith, Harrison (& wife) & Sanderson, M^r. Wardell is not well

Friday the twenty Fourth, I rode up to my Quarry & took an Acco^r of the Stones already cut there, Rowl^d. Lamb intending to cut some Stones near them, I drank Tea & stayed two hours at M^r. Chaloners.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth, after dinner I went to Ayton, drank Tea and return'd, Windy weather

Sunday the Twenty Sixth, Cous^r M. Reed and I went to Church in the forenoon, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson dined with us, M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea, we have had very windy weather lately with some Rain.

Monday the Twenty Seventh, I got up early took Levi (the Gardener) with me to Normanby and dined at home with Mess^s. Geo: Sutton & Preston, & Sis^r. Etty they all went to their homes in the evening

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth, after breakfast M^r. Rudd, John, & myself went a wood-cock shooting, ^above Hutton^ we saw eight (they each killed one) I spent the evening at M^r. Rudd's till past Nine, when we settled the accounts between us.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth, M^r. Rudd & I rode to Marsk, from whence M^{esrs}. Rudd & Smith went with me to Boulby, we dined & left M^r. Wardell's at three

Thursday the Thirtyeth, M^r. Adam Boulby being at the Cock on his rode from Newcastle to Whitby, I went to him, and he pay'd me £20:15s being all I am to expect from him on Account of the late Ship Lyon, my Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson came in their Chariott, they dined and return'd, tho' the roads are very bad

Friday the Thirty first and last Day, I went to Ayton in the forenoon & did not return till six

NOVEMBER 1766

Saturday, November, the First, M^r. Rudd ^& self^ walked with our Guns into the Gills above Hutton Lowcrass, we saw several woodcocks, I killed ^shott^ one, which was first I ever killed (to my knowledge,) M^r. Rudd sat wth me till eight.

Sunday the Second, Cous^r. Matty Reed and I went twice to Church, I read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Third, I walked into the Markett, and after dinner I took Chr^r (the Postilion) with me to Stockton, M^r. Geo: Crow spent the evening with me there

Tuesday the Fourth, breakfasted at Sedgfield and dined at Durham by appointment with Mess^{rs}. Baker, & Lambton, & our Arbitrators Lawyer's Gill and Rudd Jun^r. (the old Gentleman dying lately) & Walton & Brown, also M^r. Robinson, his Clerk, & M^r. Cha^s. Burn were there, after the business of the day was over, which was to determine that M^r. Lambton shou'd settle all the Accounts that remain open upon the Colliery Account and this upon the recomendation of the Arbitrators, I drank Tea and spent the evening at M^r. Robinson's, & laid at the Inn.

Wednesday the Fifth, breakfasted at Sedgfield and dined at Stockton, came home by Ormsby before six

Thursday the Sixth, M^r. Rudd and I took our Guns to Normanby, we went by Crowel Beck, he shott a brace of woodCocks, and got home before two Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, Mess^{rs}. Rudd, Ol^r. Preswick, Ja^s. Bird & self spent the evening till past twelve, at Tho^s. Preswick's.

Friday the Seventh, I spent all day at home

Saturday the Eighth, I spent two hours of the forenoon among my Neighbors, as M^r. Rudd, Harrison &^c. I read to my Mother & Cous: Matty Reed in the afternoon & evening

Sunday the Ninth, being second Sunday of the Month we had no service at our Church. I spent the day till six at Ayton, Sis^r. Est^r. din'd at Gisbro'

Monday the Tenth, Brother Wilson dined with us, about two I went to sign of the Cock, and smoaked a Pipe with Mess^s. Linskill (of Whitby) Smith, Rudd &^c.

Tuesday the Eleventh, I took John and the Greyhounds with me to Normanby, only saw one Hare which we brought home, I met Geo: Mewburn & his son James there by appointment, when we nearly agreed about Edw^d. Bussey's Farm and I went down to the Batts, got home at five, and spent the evening at Joan^w. Gofton's with Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, Mess^{rs}. Rudd, Tho^s. & Ol' Preswick, Harrison (apoth') and James Bird

Wednesday the Twelfth, after breakfast I took Chr^r with me, din'd at Boulby, drank Tea, supt, and laid at M^r. Peases at Whitby, and sat half an with Doct^r Wayne who is ill of a fever ^at a Public House^ at Whitby

Thursday the Thirteenth, after breakfast I left Cous^r Peases, dined at Boulby, and drank Tea at home, we have now very fine weather

Friday the Fourteenth, I spent the day at home, (most of it in reading to my Mother & Cous^r Matty Reed the Freeholder by Addison) this Post brings a Letter from my Brother Jackson to my Mother, giving her the agreeable Account of his being appointed Dep^{ty}. Secretary to the Admiralty in the room of Cha^s. Fearne Esq^r. (Salary 500£ p ann^y) L^d. Chatham was his Friend with S^r. Cha^s. Saunders 1st L^d. of the Adm^{ty}.

Saturday the Fifteenth, I rode to Marsk & from thence to Hob.Hill where I met Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles with his Brother Capt^r Peter Lascelles, (aHunting) this is the first time I've met the Captain since he, his Lady & Child came to live at Marsk, which was last Tuesday, I got home at four; Sis^r Esther, dined at Gisbro' & was just gone when I came home,

Sunday the Sixteenth, Cous^r Matty Reed and I went to Church in the forenoon, I drank Tea at M^r. Rudds and spent the even^g. till Ten wth. M^r. Linskill of Whitby, at the Cock.

Monday the Seventeenth, I walked upstreet several times, it being Fair Day, Bro^r Wilson & M^r. Preston dined with us,

Tuesday the Eighteenth, We have had a most violent Gale of Wind from the South all last night with heavy showers of Rain, which continued all day, tho' I walked upstreet and paid M^r. Harrison

Wednesday the Nineteenth, Brother ^& Sisr.^ Wilson breakfasted with us, then he, and I rode to Marsk to welcome Capt^r Lascelles into the County, he was hunting but came home, and then ^after sitting ½ an hour^ we set him to the Hounds again, when M^r Chaloner met them, we dined at Gisbro', & they went home by three,

Thursday the Twentieth, M^r Rudd, John & I with the Greyhounds went to Normanby, killed a brace of Hares, set out a New Hedg in the Tofts, & got home by five.

Friday the Twenty First, I met Mess^{rs}. Lascelles aHunting at Brotton warsett, M^r Sanders & I called at a Public House at Skelton for half an hour, when I got home (at six) I found my Mother very ill, but had been extremely so of the Gravel, but was happily relieved by bleeding, Cous^r Matty Reed too was much out of order, Sis^r Etty had been fetched from Ayton & return'd,

Saturday the Twenty Second, my Mother thank God is so well as to get down stairs, Cous^r Matty Reed was let blood, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson din'd and return'd

Sunday the Twenty Third, my Mother is pretty well recover'd again, Cous^r Reed better, I went to Church in the forenoon, rode to Ayton & return' by 5 in the evening,

Monday the Twenty Fourth, Cous^r Matty Reed is very badly today, & took my late Uncle Jos's Sack Drop in the evening; Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Sis^r Esther dined and drank Tea with us, my Mother sent her Cook, Margeret, away (to Stokesley) and received W^m. Child's Daughter Sarah,

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth, John and I mounted, breakfasted at Ayton, and dined on a ^cold^ Collation at Carlton, where I attended the Funeral of my late acquaintance M^r Edmund Prissick who dyed between 10 & 11 last Friday even^g. aged 39 of an Inflammation in his [blank] The bearers were Mess^{rs}. Peter Consett, Geo: Sutton, Tho^s. Kirton, Jn^o. Harrison, & Jn^o. Readhead, & self I drank Tea at Ayton, M^r Harrison & I came home together

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, I spent the day at home, M^{rs}. Cornforth, & her daughters Jones and Peggy drank tea with us, my Mother & Cousin Reed being pretty well again

Thursday the Twenty Seventh, after breakfast I rode to Normanby and return'd to dinner, a cold day.

Friday the Twenty Eighth, I rode to Ayton dined, and returned to Tea, I read in the evening.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth, I spent all day at home, in reading &^c to my Mo^r & Cous^r M. Reed,

Sunday the Thirtyeth, and last Day, I went to Church in the forenoon, and after dinner rode to Ayton, drank Tea, & return'd, after supper I read a Sermon to my Mother & Cous' Reed I have not have been well of a pain in my Bowels for some days,

DECEMBER 1766

Monday the First, I walked upstreet both before and after dinner, and read to my Mother & Cousin Matty Reed in the evening

Tuesday the Second, I rode to Marsk after breakfasted and hunted with Mess^{rs}. Lascelles till two, on coming home I found my Bro' & Sis^r. Wilson, & Sis^r. Etty who went away after Tea, I sat at M^r. Harrison's till past Ten in the evening.

Wednesday the Third, after breakfast I set forward for Boulby but met M^r. & M^{rs}. Wardell before I got there, going to dine at Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield's who as this day commemorates his Marriage; so I return'd with them and din'd, the company, were Rev^d. M^r. Turner & his wife, Capt' Easterby, his Daughter, M^r. M^cDonald & his two Sisters, M^r. Wardell & wife, Cha^s. Peacock, Tho^s. Campion, & self, I got home by Six. & found M^r. Rudd who came from London today, he left Gisbro' only last Monday, gone a sennight

Thursday the Fourth, I walk'd on to M^r. Rudd's in the forenoon, and spent the day in my Closet having a fire in it, a very rainy day,

Sunday the Fifth, my Mo^r, Matty Reed & self went to Church in the forenoon, so did Cous: Matty & I in the afternoon where I was distressed at Rev^d. M^r. Robinson's performance of the Service, he showing some signs of being in Liquor, Cous W^m. Reed dined with us, M^r. Harrison walked with me near two miles in Yarm Lane ab^t. 6. Saturday the Sixth, my Mother is not very well today we sat in her Closet, the Parlour being new painted, I rode to pay my men at Normanby after dinner

Sunday the Seventh, I went to Church with Cous: Matty Reed in the forenoon, Bro' & Sis^r. Wilson din'd and drank Tea with us, a hazy day

Monday the Eighth, I walked upstreet, Sis^r. Esth^r. din'd, she went away ab^t. four, Mess^s. Rev^d. Robinson & Preston drank Tea with us, Sis^r. return'd with M^r. Preston

Tuesday the Ninth. after breakfast I went out ahunting with M^r. Chaloner, to Coat.Green, Charlton-bank &^c we had good diversion and killed a Lease of Hares, I read in the evening to my Mo^r &^c.

Wednesday the Tenth, at seven John & I set forward for Grainge, I call'd at Brotton, M^r. Wardell, Oldfield, Easterby, W^m. Child, with John & myself ranged two two or three hours at last found one ^Hare^ & killed her with the Grayhounds, Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles came to dinner we parted about Nine; Cous^r. Matty ^Reed^ left Gisbro' today having been sent for to attend some business wth. M^r. Ra: Robson of Darn'ton, she came to us Saturday the 4th. Octo.

Friday the Twelfth, a very stormy day, I spent all day at home, Cousins Ja^s. & Bristow Pease dined with us, the former went forw^d to Whitby, the latter to Skelton & Darn'ton Saturday the Thirteenth, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & their Daught^r. Hannah dined with us, they went away immediately after dinner, I took Levi (the Gardener) with me to Normanby measur'd off some New Hedges, paid the Men & got home at six.

Sunday the Fourteenth, being silent Sunday I read the service of the day to my Mother & Tho^s. Preswick, Sis^r. Esther dined with us & went away after Tea, about five in the evening my Mother was seized suddenly with a swiming in her head, grew very sick which was in in some measure carried off by a Camamile Puke, she had a better night than expected, M^r. Rudd sat wth. me till ten

Monday the Fifteenth, I sent Chr: to Ayton Bro. Wilson & Sis^r. Est^r. return'd with him & went away after Tea, my Mother is able to get down stairs,

Tuesday the Sixteenth, after I breakfasted took a ride to Wilton wood where I found M^r. Chaloner & much other company, unkenel'd a Fox which leading us a Chase of an hour and half took Shelter in Eston Cragg. I got home to dine with Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson, my Mother's disorder I thank God seems entirely to have left her; M^r. Baines, a Quaker, nephew to Mr. Chr: Masterman .Coal Merch^t. in London drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Seventeenth, after breakfast I took John and the Greyhounds with me to Felbrigs, Rob^t. Harrison helpt us to rainge 4 hours, had bad success, but as we came home I found a hare set which we killed I dined at home, Tho^s. Preswick spent the even.g with us

Thursday the Eighteenth, M^r. Rudd & I sat an hour with M^r. Smith at Marsk and return'd to dinner, when I found Sis^r. Esther from Ayton she return'd after Tea, & soon after M^r. Geo: Deighton of London came, he laid here, and M^r. Rudd spent the evening with us till past nine,

Friday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I took John with me to Boulby with a cold Mutton pye my Mother always gives ^me^ at the half year's pay of our Men, ^there^ the

Company at dinner were, Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield, & Mess^{rs}. Easterby & Son (John) Saunderson, Jefferson, & Harrison, which last return'd with me about six, M^r. Deighton left my Mother for Whitby in the forenoon, - a very cold stormy evening
Saturday the Twentyeth, much Snow fell last night & lays in high Drifts from the South Wind I sat an hour of the forenoon at M^r. Rudd's, he drank Tea with us in the afternoon, thaws apace this evening

Sunday the Twenty First, I went to Church twice, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson din'd with us, read a serm: in the even.g

Monday the Twenty Second, my Horse Pug was taken very ill last night, Mess^{rs}. Smith, Preston, & Willy Child dined with us, I sat till six o'Clock with Mess^{rs}. Smith, Rudd & Hewitt at the Cock

Tuesday the Twenty Third, I went with M^r. Rudd & John a Gunning to Aysdale - Gate &^c. Pug is worse.

Wednesday the Twenty fourth , I spent all day at home, my Mother has got a Cold, Pug continues worse

Christmas Day, Thursday the Twenty Fifth, my Mother's cold is increased, I went to Church in the Forenoon, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson & Sis^r. Est^r. Tho^s. Preswick and M^{rs}. Lincoln din'd with us, the last drank Tea, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison, supt and spent the evening till past Nine,

Friday the Twenty Sixth , I spent all day at home, my Mother's cold is bad, Tho^s. spent the evening with us till almost Nine; my Horse is somewhat better

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, the frost is very severe, my Mother is better, Sis^r. Etty dined with us, & drank Tea, also Jn^o. Flounders, then both went away; I spent the evening at M^r. Rudd's till Eleven with Rev^d. M^r. Robinson Mess^{rs}. Harrison, and Tho^s. and Ol. Preswick .

Sunday the Twenty Eighth , not being very well I did not go to Church, but read the service of the day to my Mother, and in the evening read a Sermon as usual, Tho^s. Preswick being here, my Mother is pretty well,

Monday the Twenty Ninth, a very rapid thaw, I spent all day at home with my Mother

Tuesday the Thirtyeth, my Mother is pretty well again, - Willy Child put two more Scopperels (or Rowels) into my Horse, (in his Belly) M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd & their Child Geo: spent the afternoon with us till, ^seven^ Sis^r. Etty dined and drank Tea with us

Wednesday the Thirty First and last Day, I spent all day at home, & the evening at M^r. Harrison with Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, Mess^{rs}. Jacksons, Sen^r. & Jun^r. Sanders, Rudd, and Harrison, apothecary

The Year 1766 ended.

JANUARY 1767

Thursday the First, M^r. Rudd and I took a ride to Burley Moor and there join'd Capt Lascelles with his Hounds, we return'd at two, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson dined with my Mother

Friday the Second, I spent all day at home except drinking a dish of Tea at M^r. Rudd's, this has been a most stormy day, the wind began to blow from the North last night, & continued till now ten o'Clock - ^see Sunday next^

Saturday the Third, the Storm still continues with much Snow, I sent John to Normanby Sea Banks Tho^s Appleton my Tenant also came here, both bring me disagreeable tidings, - see tomorrow

Sunday the Fourth, after breakfast M^r. Rudd, John, & myself went to Normanby Batts by Wilton ^ Lazonby ^ where we called on Fran^s. Dryden who went with us, on our view of the Banks we found two breaches made in the Bank upon the Batts, and two in that upon the Batts ^ Seives ^ both which ^ Banks ^ are much damaged in other places, the piece of Cliff which I sloped down last Spring is also much damaged, by the Sodds being washed off in the upper part of it, all the above damage I have rece'd from my Banks being too low, but this tide is supposed to have risen about three feet perpendicular water hig^her than ever was known in the memory of Man, the cause of which I account for thus, the Gales of wind we had this Autumn were from the South, & S: W: especially at Spring Tides, which kept the Sea to the Northward, (having sometimes had high Neap Tides) till the latter end of last week, when the wind blew fresh at North-west, the Moon changed last Wednesday, the wind blowing a hurricane Thursday night and all Friday (the day being the 3^d. after the chainge the height of the Spring ^ is ^ always expected) proved critical, there was supposed to be about two feet water upon the top of my Bank if it had been still water; tho' my Banks were the highest upon the River Tees except M^r. Turner's at West Coatham, so that great damage is done upon the River, apart of which we saw, for after we had refreshed ourselves with the

cold Beef &^c. we carried down with us, we viewed M^r. W^m Jackson Jun^r^s. Bank below Lackonby, which is much torn, and there is a breach of about 50 yards on the North East end of M^r. Turner's Bank, and the Sea broke through the Bent-Grass a hundred yards in breadth between west-Coatham Town & the Store-house, we arrived at Gisbro' past four in the evening

Monday the Fifth, Capt. Easterby of Skiningrave and Rev^d. Oldfield of Lofthouse, with Mess^{rs}. Harrison, & Lawson dined wth. me, M^r. Lawson went away, and Mess^{rs}. Jackson Jun^r. & Sanders supt & spent the evening, the two first laid all night, Sis^r. Etty dined with my Mother, drank Tea & return'd

Tuesday the Sixth, after breakfast Mess^{rs}. Oldfield & Easterby & myself mounted, we called at Skiningrave and Lofthouse, they went to Staiths but I dined at Boulby and return'd by four calling at Brotton, M^r. Wardell told me of the most dismall Scenes at M^r. Sanderson's & the generality of the Town of Staiths occasion'd by the storm last Friday, Whitby & Scarbro' have also suffer'd immensely.

Wednesday the Seventh, I spent all day at home, Bro^r Wilson & Sis^r. Etty dined & drank Tea with us Cuthb^r Atkinson & Tho^s. Preswick supt, & sat with us till past Nine

Thursday the Eighth, I spent the day at home last night a violent storm begun, wind at N.W. and this day has got to the North, and sometimes Eastward thereof, with a great deal of Snow, has made the most violent Storm remembered of many years, ^ (see last Friday &^c) ^ Tho^s. Preswick dined with us, I settled with him his last year's Account for my Mother's housekeeping.

Friday the Ninth, the Storm continues violent, but heighten'd towards night, with much ^more^ Snow, no passage to Chappel-brig- ^of course no Post today^ M^{rs}. Lincoln drank Tea with me, for my Mother has not tasted Tea for four years, nor has she taken a glass of wine or any kind of Spirits for many years

Saturday the Tenth, I spent all day at home with my Mother. The Post w^{ch}. sho'd have comed yesterday got here between three & four this afternoon, M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with us; a calm day till about Ten at night then more Snow

Sunday the Eleventh, being silent as second Sunday of the month, I read the service of the day to my Mother & Tho^s. Preswick, and a Sermon in the evening, I drank Tea at M^r. Harrison's, stormy weather yet,

Monday the Twelfth, the roads being impassable for Horses, my Tenants walk'd from Normanby and paid me their Rents, this is the most cold day, (wind at full South) that is

remembered, ^to have been^, a hard frost; I sat half an hour at M^{rs}. Rudd's in the forenoon her Husband being laid weather fast in Lincolnshire, my Mother continues pretty well,

Tuesday the Thirteenth, I sat an hour with M^{rs}. Rudd this forenoon, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with us, Tho^s. Preswick spent the evening till 9 as usual,

Wednesday the Fourteenth, after breakfast Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles & M^r. Smith call'd on me, I went with them to Ayton Bro^r Wilson went forward with me to Stokesley where we din'd with Justices Mauleverer, Burton, & Beckwith, Mess^{rs}. Lascelles & Smith, return'd with me & laid all night

Thursday the Fifteenth, after Mess^{rs}. Smith & Lascelles went away I sat an hour at M^r. Rudd's, who drank Tea with me, we we then supt at the Cock, with Mess^{rs}. Smith Rich^d. Scarth, Harrison (Att^y.) Jacksons (Sen^r. & Jun^r.) & Sanders, M^r. Smith paid the Bill and we parted at one

Friday the Sixteenth, the large quantity of Snow still continues upon the Ground, with the addition of more all this day through, I spent the day at home.

Saturday the Seventeenth, Sis^r. Esther dined and drank Tea with us, after dinner I went a shooting with John but left him, & got home in two hours, having shott a Snipe.

Sunday the Eighteenth, I went to Church in the forenoon, M^{rs}. Lincoln drank Tea wth. me in the afternoon.

Monday the Nineteenth, I walked upstreet &^c. Bro^r Wilson din'd with us, & drank Tea as did M^r. Preston Jun^r.

Tuesday the Twentieth, at three o'Clock I went to M. Jackson Jun^{rs}. and dined there with Mess^{rs}. Hall, Chaloner, his Bro^r Captain, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, & Hide, Capt^r Lascelles, & Mess^{rs}. Jackson Sen^r. & Saunders, some went away about nine but I staid till two,

Wednesday the Twenty First, my Sis^r. Esther dined & drank Tea with us, my Mother being badly

Thursday the Twenty Second, the same as yesterday

Friday the Twenty Third, my Mother appearing better, I dined at Ayton, & return'd to drink Tea at home, when I found my mother so ill that she puked, vomited till almost ten o'Clock, she then went to bed, had a sort of Cholick,

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, my Mother has had a bad night, & day, Sis^r Esther came & stayed allnight, after dinner I went to Stokesley to consult D^r. Wayne, he being confin'd to his room by sickness, I got home about Seven,

Sunday the Twenty Fifth, Bro^r Wilson dined with us, & my Mother being somewhat better, Sis^r Etty retund with him after Tea, this day we have a thorough Thaw much wind at South, but no Rain, the Roads are mostly over-flow'd from the great quantity of Snow, which lays in Drifts.

Monday the Twenty Sixth, my mother had not a good night tho' almost free from pain, but is so well today as sit up several hours, she looks yellow, Sis^r Etty came to dinner & after Tea return'd, I walked upstreet before dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, my Mother is easier today, we have a great deal of Rain, old John Price came to stay aday or two with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson, Sis^r Esther & Geo: Wilson, came before dinner, the two former return'd after Tea, but the two latter are to stay some time, my Mother is better today.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, my Mother got down stairs, but is very weak, John Price went away, I set him to Ayton, Bro^r Wilson & I rode to Doct^r Wayne's after Tea, I drank Tea at Ayton, & sat till almost twelve at M^r Rudd's .

Friday the Thirtyeth , after breakfast M^r Rudd and I rode to Normanby, & meeting with Tho^s Brown ^ (of Ayton) ^ there by appointment, set out two kilns of Bricks of 80,000 each to rebuild Edw^d Bussey's & Tho^s Dixon's Houses, we then rode to the Batts, where we found Fran^s Dryden with several Men repairing my Banks, I set James Appleton to open out the old the old water courses which M^r Robinson stopt up near four year's ago, John Elgee came & discharged me in the name of M^r Robinson but I did not desist from giving my orders to James Appleton, M^r Rudd & I came by Wilton where we parted, he to Marsk, & I home, after calling on M: Richardson the Mason; Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson .din'd with my Mother & return'd, M^{rs}. Rudd & her little Boy drank Tea but I dined (at four) & stayed till eleven at M^r Jackson Sen^{rs}. the company were Miss Chaloner, Col. Hale, M^r Hall, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, Hide, & Robinson, Jackson Jun^r. Saunders & self

Saturday the Thirty first & last day, I spent all day at home, having the Tooth Ach, Mother is better,

FEBRUARY 1767

Sunday, February, the First, I went to Church in the forenoon, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson, & their Daughter Rachael, dined, drank Tea, & return'd, Mother continues better,

Monday the Second, M^r Geo: Sutton of Stockton dined with us, I walk'd upstreet for half an hour only; M^r Preston drank Tea with us, I was so ill of the Tooth-Ach tonight that after I had laid 2 sleepless hours in bed. I got up, made on a fire & did not go to bed again till near six.

Tuesday the Third, I am somewhat better today my Mother, Sis^r Esther, & George, rode out in the Chaise half an hour, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson & Niece Han^a din'd, drank Tea, & return'd

Wednesday the Fourth, I was so well this morning as go down to Normanby Batts where Fran^s. Dryden is repairing the Damage my Sea Banks rece'd in the Storm on the second instantultimo - I got home about four,

Thursday the Fifth, after breakfast I rode to Boulby dined at M^r Wardell's who came with me to Lofthouse, from whence Rev^d. M^r Oldfield came with me to Skinninggrave, M^r Easterby informed me of the prices of his Timber, and I came home (about five) by Brotton, having had a fine day. M^{rs}. Lincoln drank Tea,

Friday the Sixth, Rev^d. M^r Robinson breakfasted with me, we then mounted and rode to Barnaby. Moor where we joined an immance Number of People, collected to hunt a Bag Fox M^r Chaloner set down, he took into Eston Cragg, and I then return'd home, it being a hazy day, I dined with M^r Chaloner on his invitation at the Cock, where were about 50 Men all treated by M^r Chaloner on the occasion

Saturday the Seventh, after breakfast M^r Rudd and I went to Normanby - we eat a piece of cold Victuals at Appleton's, I paid off my workmen at the Bat ^Sea Banks^ amounting in all to about Ten pounds – we got home about Six, I am now very well

Sunday the Eighth, I sat an hour at M^r Rudd's in the forenoon being silent Sunday, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson din'd & drank Tea, I read the Service of the day in the evening.

Monday the Ninth. I walked upstreet several times, Tho^s. Preswick with us, - a Rainy day

Tuesday the Tenth, at six I breakfasted at M^r Rudd's, he and I (with John) mounted, & going over the Moors together, I called at old Tho^s. Wharton's my Tenant at Oakbridgeholm where I stayed an hour, & found M^r Rudd at Egton receiv.g M^r Elwes's Rents for

the first time since his appointment of being Steward in the room of late M^r. Edm^d. Prissick, I din'd with him & M^r. Geo: Duck, & went to Whitby with M^r. W^m. Linskill, I laid at M^r. Pease's

Wednesday the Eleventh, I spent all day at Whitby, M^r. Linskill supt & smoak'd a pipe at M^r. Pease's

Thursday the Twelfth, after breakfast I left Whitby & overtook M^r. Rudd at Hinderwell
^(from Newbigin^ (by appointment) we din'd at M^r. Wardell's who came with us to Grainge, & Lofth^s. and we reached home by five, having had a Rainy day

Friday the Thirteenth, at Seven I set out to Normanby, stay'd there a little, called at M^r. Smith's at Marsk who went with me to Brotton, near which place we stay'd viewing M^r. Lascelles's hounds two hours, & repair'd to Saltburn to dinner, the company were, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles & Langstaff, and Mess^{rs}. Smith, Wardell, Easterby, Sanders, Harrison (Att^y), Harrison (Apoth^y), Hewitt, Atkinson, Fenwick, Scarth, Watson, Mac-Donal Jun^r. & self, the Club usually held at Saltburn was dissolved today, Mess^{rs}. Lascelles Wardell & self sat an hour at M^r. Smith's I laid at M^r. Lascelles's, the Captain is at London

Saturday the Fourteenth, we ran 7 Hares with Greyhounds at Marsk but kill'd only one, dined at M^r. Smith's, the Company, were, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles & Langstaff, & Mess^{rs}. Wardell, Watson, Willy Child, Ra: Wellfoot, & self, I got home between six and seven

Sunday the Fifteenth, M^r. Rudd breakfasted with me, we then rode to Kirk-Leatham, went to that Church twice, M^r. Morgetroyd preached, with whom we dined, & drank a bottle of wine wth. Rev^d. M^r. Nelson, in the evening got home at six.

Monday the Sixteenth, I walked upstreet several times, and sat two hours in the afternoon at the Cock with Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Langstaff & Mawer, Mess^{rs}. Smith, Rudd, Hewit, and Capt. Iley

Tuesday the Seventeenth, after breakfast I rode to Ayton, but finding on my arrival there that Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson were mounting their Horse, I only spent a quarter of an hour with the Children, and we got to Guisbro' by dinner, they went away after Tea, M^r. Jn^o. Pease of Darlington call'd for half an hour & went to Skelton

Wednesday the Eighteenth, I spent all day at home, M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea with us

Thursday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I took John with me to Normanby, we clean'd out the Pigeon-Court, try'd to find a Hare, (having the Greyhounds) but did not succeed, got home at six

Friday the Twentieth, after breakfast I rode to Ayriholm with M^r. Rudd, after looking over the Ground he is preparing for a Nursery for Oaks &^c, & an Orchard, he return'd, but I din'd & drank Tea at Ayton, got home at six, a violent storm with rain from 10 o'Clo^r

Saturday the Twenty First, I hunted with M^r. Chaloner & his Bro^r ^on Barnaby Moor^ till 3 o'Clo^r Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson dined & drank Tea with my Mother, Rev^d. M^r. Kitching, & Cous^r. Jn^o. Pease of Darn'ton supt & laid at our House, the latter on his road from W^y. see Tuesday

Sunday the Twenty Second, at seven M^r. Kitching mounted for his home at Skelton, & at same time M^r. Pease went away to his home, I went to Church in the forenoon, & drank Tea with M^r. Rudd in the afternoon,

Monday the Twenty Third, I walked upstreet in the forenoon, and after dinner rode to my workmen at Normanby, got home at six ^M^r. Preston din'd with us^

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth, after breakfast, I accompanied M^r. Harrison (Att^y.) Harrison (Apo^r) & Jn^o. Saunders to the Rocles where we met with Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles, hunting, by appointment; in going through M^r. Hale's Park the Hounds ran at the Deer & we had much todo before we got them off, & the day growing bad we repair'd to Alex^r.

Mitchel's, sign of the Plough at Skelton where we had our annual hunting feast, the company consisted of Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Lascelles, Mawer, & Langstaff, and Mess^{rs}. Smith, two Harrisons & Sanders, (as before) Watson. Bissett, Scarth, Hutchinson, Willy Appleton, & Tim^o. Castley (who was married this morning,) we parted at Ten

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth, I hunted with M^r. Chaloner till one, & then went to Normanby, after looking at my workmen there I came home to Tea, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, dined & drank Tea at Gisbro^r

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, I dined at M^r. Harrison's, with Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles, & Mess^{rs}. Smith, Jackson Sen^r & Jun^r, Sanders, Rudd, Wardell & Easterby, the two last laid at our House.

Friday the Twenty Seventh, after breakfast we called upon M^r. Harrison & rode to Marsk, where we coursed 3 brace of Hares, half of which we killed and then repaired to M^r. Lascelles (Capt^r Lascelles is at London) where we din'd, M^r. Harrison & I got home

by seven, the Company were, Rev^d. Mess^{rs}. Kitching, Mawer & Langstaff & Mess^{rs}. Smith, Wardell, Easterby, Harrison, Hutchinson, Watson & self,
 Saturday the Twenty Eighth & last day, after breakfasted I went to the Men clearing my Quarry at Normanby Moor, & joining M^r. Chaloner with his Hounds hunted till two o'Clock, Bro^r & Sis^r. ^Wilson ^ din'd & drank Tea here, I spent the even.^g at the Cock with Mess^{rs}. Linskill, & Hudson, (of Whitby) & Ol^r. Prestwick, till ten.

MARCH 1767

Sunday the First, I went to Church in the forenoon, M^r. & M^{rs}. Rudd with their little boy spent the afternoon with us

Monday the Second, I walk'd upstreet in the forenoon, spent all the rest of the day at home with John Price Sen^r. settling the Plans of two new intended Farm-Houses at Normanby

Tuesday the Third, I hunted with Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles about Skelton low Moor till two, then Rev^d. M^r. Mawer with Mess^{rs}. Jackson, & Watson & myself eat an Egg, & Collop,² at Alex^r. Mitchel's, got home at five; Rev^d. M^r. Robinson, & Mess^{rs}. Harrison, (Att^y.) Harrison (Apot^y.) Rudd, Corney, Danby, Sanders, Tho^s. & Ol^r. Preswick, & Ja^s. Bird sup't & sat with me till past two in the morning, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson were ^here^ today

Wednesday the Fourth, Rev^d. M^r. Lascelles & I dined at Bro^r Wilson's, he set off for London at five and I for Gisbro', Doct: Wayne & M^r. Ripander (M^r. Peirson of Stokesley's Bro^r) drank Tea at Bro^r Wilson, Cous^r Matty Reed came there ^at four^ for a few days

Thursday the Fifth, I employ'd myself and the Gardener all day at my young Quick-Hedge at ^behind^ Rich^d. Walker's, M^{rs}. Lincoln drank Tea, Mo^r. is not well

Friday the Sixth, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, Cous^r Matty Reed, M^r. Matt^w. Culley & his Sis^r. Jane, with Miss Skottowe came from Ayton, din'd, drank Tea, & return'd my Mother is better, I sat an hour at M^r. Rudd's about 7.

Saturday the Seventh, I breakfasted at Ayton; Bro^r Wilson, M^r. Culley & self rode to Busby, we return'd to dinner, I rode to Normanby paid my work-men at Hedges &^c & got home before seven

² i.e. eggs and bacon

Sunday the Eighth, no Service at our Church today; M^r. Rudd and I took a walk in the forenoon and again in the evening, (the former to Skelton Ellers, the latter to Waterfall) Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, Cous^r Matty Reed & Doct^r Wayne, dined, & drank Tea with us, my Mother is very much out of order, and was bled today,

Monday the Ninth, I walked upstreet, and in the afternoon sat an hour ^at Rob^r. Walker's^ with Tho^s. Pearson of Ormsby Tho^s. Dixon of Normanby, & M^r. Preston Jun^r; the former ^ (Pearson)^ paid me 6^s as an acknowledgment for his Son's going through my field called Cogdale Leas (which said Tho^s. Dixon rents of me) to gather his Corn Tythes off my Estate upon old John Jackson's Farm (which said Pearson's Son Rents) there being no way through my said Ground but by leave, which said Tho^s. Pearson ask'd of me for his Son, I added 6^s. to the above which paid for a Tankard of (Rum) Bumbo I walked in the evening wth. Rev^d. M^r. Robinson & M^r. Rudd, my Mother is better today

Tuesday the Tenth, about six I mounted (with Chr:.) dined and drank Tea at M^r. Forster's at Yarm, and laid at Stockton, M^r. Sutton & his son Geo: spent the even^g. wth. me

Wednesday the Eleventh, I breakfasted with M^r. Sutton, & came home (by Normanby) to Tea, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson, & Cous: Matty Reed, dined & drank Tea at Gisbro'.

Thursday the Twelfth, I breakfasted with M^r. Smith at Marsk, he went with me to Boulby where we din'd, M^r. Wardell was not at home but we met him coming from Capt^r. Easterby's (at Skiningrave) to which place he return'd with us and stayed till six, Capt^r. Addison & Rev^d. M^r. Oldfield was there, also M^r. Harrison with whom I return'd came home

Friday the Thirteenth, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson din'd with us, Cous^r Matty Reed came with them and stays a few days at our House, my Mother being very much out of order, Sister Esther with my Neph^w. George Wilson return'd to Ayton after dinner, having been at our House since Wedn^r 28th. Jan^a. [*word unreadable*], I took a walk with M^r. Rudd in the evening

Saturday the Fourteenth. after breakfast M^r. Rudd & I walked to Normanby Batts & return'd to drink Tea with M^{rs}. Rudd having walked about 5 measured Miles, we called at my Quarry & stopt a little with some Men I have scouring at Tho^s. Appleton's.

Sunday the Fifteenth, my Mother is better, Cous^r Matty Reed & I went to Church in the forenoon, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson dined with us, M^r. & M^{rs}. Harrison drank Tea, & M^r. Rudd sat an hour in the evening.

Monday the Sixteenth, we have now a very hard frost with some Snow, I walked upstreet both before and after, and in the evening employ'd myself in the Accounts between my late Uncle Ra^d Ward & Biddick Colliery for the inspection of the Arbitrators, - my Mother is pretty well

Tuesday the Seventeenth, I employed myself at home, writing Letters, & drawing plans of two Farm-Houses I intend to build at Normanby next summer

Wednesday the Eighteenth, I spent this day at home, it being very stormy, with Snow

Thursday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I rode to Normanby and return'd to dinner when I found Sis^r Esther from Ayton, she return'd after Tea.

Friday the Twentieth, I spent the day at Ayton; in the evening I found my Mother not quite well

Saturday the Twenty First, I rode to my Quarry at Normanby, & return'd at noon, when I found Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson from Ayton, who return'd after Tea,

Sunday the Twenty Second, about Nine John carried Cousⁿ Matty Reed away, to Yarm, ^she^ having stay'd with us since Friday 13th. inst: my Mother is now better than she has been for a long time, I went to Church twice, Rev^d. M^r. Robinson drank Tea & took a walk with me

Monday the Twenty Third, M^r. Smith din'd with us, afterwards I spent two hours with him at the Cock, Mess^{rs}. Rudd, Hewitt, & Rob Corney of Coatham were with us

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth, after breakfast M^r. Rudd & I walked to my Quarry on Barnaby-Moor and return'd to dinner, I spent the afternoon with my Mother

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth, Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson came to our House about Eleven, I join'd them and went forward to Marsk, where we dined at Capt. Lascelles's drank Tea and return'd to Gisbro' about seven; where my Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson laid all night Coll^o. Hale & his Lady, & M^r. & Miss Chaloner were at M^r. Lascelles's to dinner, and return'd in our company

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, after breakfast I rode to M^r. Smith's at Marsk, from thence to Boulby where I dined, M^r. Wardell return'd with me to Skiningrave where I drank Tea at Capt. Easterby's who is ill of an accident he had last Sunday of slipping down a Cellar Window in his own yard, he is better, I got home ab. 7. Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson left my Mo^r at five.

Friday the Twenty Seventh, after dinner I walked to Marsk with M^r. Rudd we drank Tea at M^r. Smith's and return'd by seven

Saturday the Twenty Eighth, M^r. Wardell dined here on his road from Boulby to Elemore, & with him came Joseph Snowdon an Agent of M^r. Baker's, about three I set them to Hambleton hills and return'd by my Quarry on Barnaby Moor

Sunday the Twenty Ninth, I went to Church twice, Sis^r. Esther din'd & drank Tea with us I walked with M^r. Rudd to the top of Wilton Bank,

Monday the Thirtyeth, M^r. Preston din'd with us, I sat two hours at the Cock with Mess^{rs}. Smith, Hewitt, Rudd, &^c. &^c. my Mother has a bad cough,

Tuesday the Thirty First, & last Day, I went to Normanby, where (our gardener) Levi sow'd me eight Bushels of Acorns which I had from M^r. Stow of the Navy Office who procured them out of the County of Sussex, did not get home till near Eight

APRIL 1767

Wednesday, April, the First, my Mother is much out of order, but ^ (I) ^ being obliged to go to Ayriholm with M^r. Rudd (by appointment) he and I went to Ay/m from whence I sent Sis^r. Esther, I got home about five and Sister return'd home.

Thursday the Second, John and I went to Yarm Fair, where I rece'd my Mother's and my own Rents, and return'd about seven, when I found my Mother so ill as to go to bed, she grew so bad as to have some blood taken from her, which was very sizy, I sat up till three o'Clock, and then sent John for Sis^r. Etty & for Cous' Matty Reed from Yarm, and sent Rob Johnson to Whitby for Doctor Wayne

Friday the Third, Sis^r. Esther came before breakfast, and Cous' Reed before dinner, the Doct & Sis^r. Esther left us in the evening my Mother being somewhat better, but grew worse towards evening

Sat^urday the Fourth, Sis^r. Etty came this morning, & my Mother being easier I went to Normanby, & took Tho^s. Nadtby with me to Caud-gate-Fleet, where we chose some Timber I intend for my New House at Gisbro', I got home at five Sis^r. Est return'd

Sunday the Fifth, I did not go to Church today expecting my Bro' & Sis^r. Wilson with Doct' Wayne who came before twelve, the two former return'd in the evening, but the latter finding my Mother better went to Whitby, I took a walk in the afternoon wth. M^r. Rudd & M^r. Harrison to Marsk, drank Tea at M^r. Smith's and return'd

Monday the Sixth, my Mother continues better, I walked upstreet, Sis^r. Est^r. came today & return'd with M^r. Preston who drank Tea at our house, I walked with M^r. Rudd in the evening to the botham of Kemplar,

Tuesday the Seventh, at five M^r. Harrison & self set forward to Marsk, breakfasted at M^r. Smith's who rode with us to M^r. Turner's Storehouse at Coatham, where we left our Horses & took a Coble provided for us, &^c in which we cross'd the Sea to Hartlepool, where we lookt at some ^Onega^ Timber cast ashore there last December, we din'd, & Mess^{rs}. Kilner (the Collect^r. of the Customs there) & Brown (Agent for the Timber) sat an hour with us, we cou'd not agree in price, walked to Seaton Snuke, where we embarked again, - we got home about eight

Wednesday the Eighth, my Mother being better I walked to Ayton, dined, drank Tea, & return'd, Bro^r. Wilson came with me to Pinchinthorp

Thursday the Ninth, - Levi (our Gardener) and I went to Normanby, he wrought in the Garden, and I attended, W^m. Lamb, & some other Men, plashing a Hedg that divides the two Ingdale's in M^r. Robinson's Farm, return'd in the evening, - my Mother recovers slowly

Friday the Tenth, I spent all day at home except taking a walk by W^m. Cass's in the evening, Sis^r. Es^r. drank Tea with us, Mother rather better,

Ssturday the Eleventh, after breakfast I walked with M^r. Rudd to his Farm at Ayriholm, and return'd to dinner, my Mother better

Sunday the Twelfth, being silent Sunday M^r. Rudd & I walked to Skelton & return'd to dinner when I found Bro & Sis^r. Wilson, who return'd after Tea my Mother got downstairs for the 1st. time, since the 2^d inst

Monday the Thirteenth, Doct^r. Wayne called ^dined^ with us on his road from Whitby, my Mother is better today, I did not walk upstreet today

Tuesday the Fourteenth, M^r. Rudd & I rode to Normanby, he proceeded down my Ground & went over the Tees to M^r. Jonathon Davison's Island (called Sampier Batts) where they are repairing the Banks; I dress'd many of my young Hedges clearing the broken parts that was occasion'd by the Snow in January last, I found M^r. Wardell on my return home (about three) who went forward to Yarm, my Mother is not so well today.

Wednesday the Fifteenth, after breakfast I rode to Marsk, M^r. Smith went with me to Brotton where we saw Willy Child's nick by Sweeper Colt's Tail (5y^{rs}. old) we din'd at

his House at Marsk where we found M^r. Wardell who laid ^lays^ there tonight, I came home about eight and found my Mother better, - down stairs

Thursday the Sixteenth after breakfast I walked to Ayton, dined, drank Tea, & return'd.

(-Good-) Friday the Seventeenth, I went to Church in the forenoon with Cousin Matty ^Reed^ ; Sis^r. Esther came in the afternoon, drank Tea, and return'd

Saturday the Eighteenth, after dinner I rode to Normanby, dressed some Quicks & returnd in the evening when I found my Mother much fatigued having taken Physick today

(Easter) Sunday the Nineteenth, Cous^r. M: Reed & I went to Church in the forenoon, Bro^r & Sis^r. Wilson dined and drank Tea with us, my Mother is better-

(Easter) Monday the Twentyeth, after dinner M^r. Harrison & myself, with John, went (by Stockton) to Hartlepool where we laid all night, we look'd over the Farm M^r.

Harrison bought last Winter ^of Cornforth^ at Dalton Peircy in the County of Durham, M^r. Kilner (Coll^r. of Hartlepool, & M^r. Brown (Timber Merch') spent the evening with us

(Easter) Tuesday the Twenty First, after breakfast Mess^{rs}. Kilner, Brown, Harrison, Jn^o. Price, my Servant John, & myself walk'd to the Burn, about half a Mile South of Hartlepool, and marked off 95^{Loads}. 6^{feet}. 6^{inches}. of Timber for me, and 15^{Loads}. 0^{ft}. 6^{Ins} for M^r. Harrison ^at 43^s. per Load^ return'd to dine at Hartlepool, & after looking over Jn^o. Middleton's Bolting-wind-Mill came home (by Stockton,) also, a cold night.

Wednesday the Twenty Second, my Mother and I are bad in colds, Sis^r. Esther, din'd & drank Tea.

Thursday the Twenty Third, I went to Normanby & attended a common days work wrought upon the Highways, return'd between two and three, - when I sent my Mother's Serv^t (Chr) to Stokesley for Doctor Wayne to attend M^r. Rudd, he came and laid at our house

Friday the Twenty Fourth, Doctor Wayne staid all day at our house & laid all night, M^r. Rudd's complaint is a Fever, my Mother and I are better

Saturday the Twenty Fifth, before seven I went to Normanby, where I stay'd all day, attending some Carts & Labourers that the Neighbours assist me with to widen the Lane from the Hall, westward to Spencer-Beck by taking ^leading^ away the Earth into my Dove-Court-Garths, my Mother is pretty^near^ well again, as am myself, but M^r. Rudd continues ill

Sunday the Twenty Sixth, M^r. Rudd is better, I went to Church service, Rev^d. M^r.

Robinson drank Tea and took a walk with me in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Seventh, at seven I got to Normanby where I attended the Carts (see last Saturday) till Eleven, then John reliev'd me, and on my return to dinner found M^r. Wardell, who went with me to Ayton after dinner where we viewed Bro^r. Wilson's Ewes & Lambs, & return'd about seven, Doct^r. Wayne laid all night at our house, M^r. Rudd is now very ill

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth, M^r. Rudd is somewhat easier today, but in danger, Doctor Wayne, M^r. Smith, & Sisters Wilson and Esther dined with us, it is a fair day at our town, M^r. Wardell dined at M^r. Hide's and about three M^r. Smith I rode out of Town with Mess^{rs}. Smith & Wardell, stopt at Marsk an hour, parted with M^r. Wardell at Brotton, M^r. Smith and I parted at Skelton-Ellers on our return

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth, I spent all day at home, except taking a walk with Rev^d. M^r. Robinson in the evening, - about Twelve last night Ol'Prestwick's Son. Christopher dyed he was always a weakly Man & I'm affraid drank much privately, has only laid ill for the last three or four days, - we hear M^r. Strickland Hill of Stainton-Grainge dyed last night of a Fever, M^r. Rudd is better, Doct^r. Wayne drank Tea with us,

Thursday the Thirtyeth, and last Day, I rode to Captain Lascelles's at Marsk, spent an hour and return'd to dinner, at four I attended the interment of my Neighbour M^r. Ol: Preswick's son Christopher, see yesterday, He was 38 year's old, the Company was great, and the whole very decently conducted, M^r. Rudd is much better