

OCTOBER 1774

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anby, October 1774. Saturday the ~~(Page 1)~~ First day: I walked out with my Gun for the first time this Season, killed a Leash of Partridges- Bro. & Sist^r Wilson & their Twins came e-in the evening.

Sunday the Second; spent at home, M^r & M^{rs} Newburn drank Tea with us.

Monday the Third; I dined at Gisbro' & laid at my Sister Esther's (at Ayton)

Tuesday the Fourth; M^r Rudd called on me at my Sisters, breakfasted; -took Chaise at Stokesley went to the Sessions at N^o Allerton, & after dinner we return'd. I laid at Ayton.

Wednesday the Fifth; my Sisters Wilson & Dolly in Chaise, M^r Wilson & myself on horseback went to Stockton, all took Chaises at Stockton, dined at Durham .I got to M^r Askew's at Redheugh (near Newcastle) before seven, found M^r Spencer, & M^r Smith there.

Thursday the Sixth; Bro. Wilson M^r Askew & myself walked to Newcastle, return'd to dinner

Friday the Seventh; we walked out before dinner & in the evening I rode to M^r Jn^o Baker's at Newcastle return'd before eight, having spent an hour at M^r Bakers:

(p.2) Normanby, October 1774 Saturday the Eighth, Brother Wilson & myself (-leaving my Sisters at M^r Askew's) breakfasted at Durham, I spent an hour at Stokesley, on a Comission to take my first answer to M^r Peirson's Bill in Excheq^r about Upsal Estate called at Ayton on my return home.

Sunday the Ninth; I rece'd the Sacrament at Eston Chapel this forenoon, ^ Rev^d M^r John Conset, read Prayers and preached his first Sermon since he went in Orders, my Tenants W^m Robinson & John Laverick dined with me, I sat half an hour at Rob, Jackson's in the evening.

Monday the Tenth; M^r Chaloner & myself held the Special Sessions at Gisbro' for appointing new Surveyors of the Highways in the several Townships within the East Division of Langburgh Wapentake; I found Geo. Dodds at my House, on my return home Tuesday the Eleventh; M^r Dodds went away after breakfast; and I took my Servant Geo. with me to Stockton, from thence we went in Post Chaise to M^r Henry Askew's at Redheugh,

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where I found my Sisters Wilson & Do^y Jackson, (-see 8th inst) also M^r Tho^s Boulby from Whitby

Wednesday the Twelfth; Mess^{rs} Askew & ~~(p.3)~~ Spencer went to Durham, County, Election (S^r Th^o Clavening & S^r Jn^o Eden ^ Barts^ elected without opposition) M^r Tho^s Boulby & myself walked to Newcastle, where he voted for M^r Phipps & S^r Matt^w White Ridley, & I voted for ^the honourable^ M^r Phipps & M^r Tho^s Delaval at my Brother Jackson's nomination; the Candidates are, the Honourable Constantine Jn^o Phipps, & Tho^s Delaval join S^r Walter Blacket, & S^r Matt^w White Ridley, Barts join I dined & layed at Redheugh again

Thursday the Thirteenth; my Sisters Wilson & D. Jackson ^& self^ left Redheugh, where M^r & M^{rs} Askew had behaved with the utmost politeness & hospitality to us, we arrived at M^r James's at West Auckland about four ^found Bro. Wilson^

Friday the Fourteenth, M^r James, Bro. Wilson & self walked out before dinner

Saturday the Fifteenth; Bro. Wilson went home, M^r James & I set about four Miles

Sunday the Sixteenth; Sist. Wilson & I went to Church in the forenoon with M^r James's Family; he & I walked to Luke Seaman's after dinner,

Monday the Seventeenth; my Sisters & I breakfasted at M^r Wilkinson's at Darlington, made several ~~(p.4)~~ short visits dined at Cousin Forster's at Yarm, & lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; Bro & Sist Wilson their two eldest Daughters, & Sister Dolly & self dined at S^r W^m Foulis's, (so did Gen^l Hale, his Wife, & M^{rs} Chaloner Sen^r). I came home in the evening; M^r Sanderson lay all night.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; walked out with my Gun before dinner (-few Partridges this year.)

Thursday the Twentyeth; walked down towards Appleton's with my Gun, Brother & Sister Wilson their four Children at home, & Sisters Est: & Dolly came down before dinner; the two latter, with Nep^w W^m & Niece Es^r stay'd

Friday the Twenty First; M^r & M^{rs} Turner, M^{rs} Shappo, M^r Turner Strawbenzie & M^r Davidson Jun^r dined and drank Tea with us.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I walked out with my Gun towards Wilton, dined at Rob^t Jackson's

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Sunday the Twenty Third; Bro & Sister Wilson & their two eldest Daughters dined & drank Tea with us, M^r Pease & his Daughter Mary, & Doct. Kirton & young M^r Crawford dined, & M^r Pease & M^r & M^{rs} Brown (-of Stockton) dined & laid all night.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; M^r & M^{rs} Brown & Sister Dolly went to Ayton before dinner; Sister Esther & I rode to Gisbro' after dinner; drank Tea at home. ~~(p.5)~~

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I walked to Eston & had some talk with Jn^o Reed, Miss^{es} Burton & Matthews's Clerk, receiving the Tythe Rent, rode to Ayton after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I went early to Gisbro' to see Newark Darnton put up the Iron- Rails about our burial Ground; my Servant John being with me, and having Guns we went into Boosdale Wood; came home to dinner, my Sisters Wilson & Do^y & M^{rs} Johnson (of Stockton) came down, M^{rs} Wilson went home after dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; M^{rs} Johnson went away after dinner; I walked out with my Gun.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; Cousin Forster of Yarm came before dinner to stay a few days, Bro & Sister Wilson dined & went away, their twin Daughters came with them, & were left to stay a few days.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; much Rain notwithstanding that I attended for some hours (-as Survey^r of the Highway) the Workmen altering the road at Cowhowl

Sunday the Thirtieth; Bro & Sist Wilson dined with us- all the rest of us drank Tea at M^r Consett's.

~~(p.6) Normanby, October 1774)~~ Monday the Thirtieth First .I dined at Gisbro'- a very stormy night with Rain.

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Tuesday, ~~November~~, the First; I attended the workmen (making an alteration in the Cow- Howl) till twelve o'Clock; I dined at M^r Turners with Bro & Sister Wilson their two eldest Daughters, & Sist Dolly, she & I came home about seven, the rest stay'd all night.

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Wednesday the Second; the Ladies came from Kirk-Leatham before breakfast, after ~~my~~ Sister Wilson went home after dinner; I attended the Workmen as yesterday.

Thursday the Third; I attended the Workmen as yesterday.

Friday the Fourth; Sister Wilson dined, and then left me, taking her son W^m ^ & Daugh^{tr} Estr^r ^ with her; my Sister ^ Dolly ^ & Niece Esther & Nep^w W^m have been very much at Normanby since Monday the 25th July last; M^r Peirse & Rev^d M^r Thompson came after dinner, took a snack dinner, stayed all night; Rev^d Miss^{es} Consett & Peacock supt with us; my^{late} ^ Tenant Thos Appleton dyed Wednesday last (-the 2nd inst) at 4 o'Clock in the morning; I attended his remains to Eston Chapel, (my Parochial Church) this afternoon, he was about 48 years old.

Saturday the Fifth; M^r Peirse & M^r Thompson (~~p.7~~) went away before dinner; and soon after dinner my Sister Dorothy left me, with our Twin Nieces Wilson, she ^ her maid Ann & black Boy Harry Speake ^ came to my House on Tuesday the 19th July last, & has eversince called it her home, having been absent only to pay a few Visits; she intends to stay some days at Ayton: I walked to the Workmen in Cow- Howl.

Sunday the Sixth; I rode down to the Forest before dinner, meeting there by appointment, the Appleton Family having been desired to give them my advice about the Will of late Tho^s (see Friday last) by which he appoints his Niece Elizabeth Appleton his sole Executrix; being a cold rainy I did not go to Church, my Neighbours Rob^t Jackson & W^m Sunley sat two hours with me in the afternoon.

Monday the Seventh; I set out early in the morning called at W^m Child's, dined at Boulby, & stayed half an hour at Brotton on my return home.

Tuesday the Eighth; spent most of the day with the Laborers in Cow Howl; went to Ayton in the evening.

Wednesday the Ninth; spent the day at Ayton

(~~p.8~~) ~~Normanby, November 1774~~ Thursday the Tenth; Brother & Sister Wilson their twin Daughters (-Hannah & Rachel) Sister Dolly & myself dined & drank Tea at M^r Marwood's at Busby, M^r Frankland, Cole Wright & M^r Fra^{es} Metcalf were there; I lay at Ayton.

Friday the Eleventh; Bro & Sist Wilson, Sis Do^y & ca dined at M^r Maulever's; I dined at Sister Esther's, & came home in the afternoon

Saturday the Twelfth; I walked out wth my Gun.

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Sunday the Thirteenth; dined & lay at Ayton.

Monday the Fourteenth; my three Sisters(Esther, Rachel, & Dorothy) M^{rs} Forster & self, went to Gosbro' _viewed the iron Rails & ^a that have lately been erected around the burial Ground of our Uncle Spencer's Family on the south side of Gisbro' Church; called Harrison's, Rudd's, Williamson's & M^{rs} Lincoln's & dined at Ayton

Tuesday the f~~f~~ifteenth; my Sister Doro^y Jackson her maid, & black Boy Harry Speke, set out from Ayton at seven on their return to Woodford Bridg, they arrived at Ayton on the 17th & at ny House on the 19th July last; _ (see Sat 5_inst) I came home before nine; spent the day in cow Howl, with the Men

Wednesday the Sixteenth; at home.

Thursday the Sevent~~een~~th; spent this day among the Workmen making alteration in the Road at Cow Howl, in the roads to Gisbro' & Stokesley (~~p.9~~)

Friday the Eighteenth; a stormy day, I went to Ayton.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I came home before dinner, drank Tea at M^r Consett's; very cold, high N.W. wind with Hail & ^a

Sunday the Twentyeth; Rev^d M^r Consett, his Daughter Eliz^a & Mary, & M^r & M^{rs} Consett Wilson dined & drank Tea with me, a very stormy day with Snow.

Monday the Twenty First; I dined at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Twenty Second; a very quick Thaw; my Neighbours Rob^t Jackson, W^m Sunley, & Jn^o Laverick supt with me and sat late:

Wednesday the Twenty Third; spent at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; spent at home being very boisterous weather, with showers of Rain; W^m Snowdon dined with me

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I dined & lay at Ayton.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; came home in the evening

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; drank Tea at M^r Consett's.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; dined at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; spent at home

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; at home- much Snow.

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Thursday the First; I walked out with my Gun in the afternoon, tho' we have much Snow on the Ground; the weather has been uncommonly severe since 19th ult^o with heavy Gales of Wind from the N^o

Friday the Second; at home all day; it being stormy

Saturday the Third; a violent Gale of Wind from the South-East, with much Rain; I met the Neighbours at the ale-House in the Village, & settled the last yrs Highway Acco.

Sunday the Fourth; I rode towards the River before dinner; Jn^o Neesum dined with me. - Thaw.

Monday the Fifth; dined at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Sixth; dined at Ayton

Wednesday the Seventh; I paid M^r Turner a morning visit, he was at M^r Hird's (-his Steward, who is so lame as not to get out of his House) settling Accounts with M^r Tho^s Davison (-of Scrutton-) who is now come of Age; after dinner I walked out with my Man John a Greyhound coursing, had no diversion.

Thursday the Eighth; spent at home; this day has been memorably stormy Wind from the E. with much Snow.

Friday the Ninth; I went to Ayton before dinner.

Saturday the Tenth; spent the day at ~~(p.11)~~ Ayton, it being stormy with Snow.

Sunday the Eleventh; came home in the evening, which was warm, tho' a high South-Wind, which coming on yesterday evening with Rain, had dissolved the Snow suddenly.

Monday the Twelfth; I walked out with my Gun before dinner; W^m Robinson (-my Tenant) supt with me.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I dined at M^r Skottow's (-at Ayton) with Sister Estr^r & Miss Sandersons, we also drank Tea there M^r & M^r Wilson & Family & M^r & M^{rs} Harrison doing the like, spent the evening at M^r Wilson's

Wednesday the Fourteenth; dined at home, & then set out a new Hedg' to divide Thomas Dixon's West Swang from the pasture South of it.

Thursday the Fifteenth; I dined at M^r Easterby's at Skiningrove, called at Grainge, & laid at Boulby.

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Friday the Sixteenth; I rode to Staiths aft^r breakfast, Rev^d M^r Lloy, Miss^{es} Easterby, M^c Donald, Sanderson & Farquharson dined with me at Boulby, being 6 Month's Pay day, we sat very late

~~P12) Normanby, December 1774.~~ Saturday the Seventeenth; dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk (with Mess^r -Langstaff, Rudd, & Easterby) came home to supper

Sunday the Eighteenth; I went to our Parish to Chappel after dinner; & sat an hour at Rob^t Jackson's

Monday the Nineteenth; I went to my Workmen at -New Hedg' at Tho^s Dixon's west-Swang, walked into the Hungrels with my Gun after dinner

Tuesday the Twentieth; -walked out with my Gun after diner

Wednesday the Twenty First; Rev^d M^r Langstaff, Mess^{rs} Smith, Rudd, & Harrison dined & laid all night. M^r Conset dined.

Thursday the Twenty Second; M^r Langstaff went away soon; M^r Benj^a Neesum came, he & all the above dined, & went away soon after.

Friday the Twenty Third; I dined & lay all night at Ayton

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; came home before diner; walked down to the Forest, measuring off several Hedges lately scoured.

Christmas Day, Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I walked to Ayton before dinner, lay there at night.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; spent at Ayton

Tuesday the 27th; with Bro^t & Sist^r Wilson (~~p13~~) their four eldest Children, (-Misses & Bob Sanderson at their House-) & Sister Esther, I went to Stokesley & attended M^r Walker's (-of York) Lectures on natural Philosophy, this being his fifth Lecture, he gives 12 for one Guinea each Gentleman & ½ G^a each Lady; I dined at M^r Wilson's with M^r Chas Turner & his Wife on their road to London, but first to York, Miss Davison was with them; they went to Thirsk after diner.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I attended M^r Walker's Lectures as yesterday; he dined at Brother Wilson's; I came home about eight o'Clock.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; Mess^{rs} Culley, Passman & Newburn breakfast with me; the former & myself dined at Ayton; I walked to M^r Skottow's soon after, at about 7. Bro

Wilson & M^r Walker (who were there) came away; I lay at Ayton

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Friday the Thirtyeth; I attended M^r Walker's Lecture at Stokesley, on Opticks; and Doctor Wayne came home with me in the evening

~~P14) Normanby, December 1774,~~ Saturday the Thirty First & last ~~day; t-Day~~. Doctor Wayne & M^r Walker left me after breakfast; I dined at Stockton having paid several Tradesmen's Bills there; very frosty weather.

[JANUARY 1775](#)

~~January 1775.~~ Sunday the First; ~~-(p.15)~~

Doct^r Kirton (of Stockton) dined & lay all night with me; Willy Sunley dined & he & Rob^t Jackson supt with us.

Monday the Second; I walked above Wilton (my Serv John with me) with my Gun.

Tuesday the Third; I went to Stokesley, there attended M^r Walker's Lecture on Electricity, with whom I dined & sent the evening at Bro Wilson's; lay at Sis^r Estr

Wednesday the Fourth; I again attended M^r Walker's Lectures (on Astronomy) came home in the evening

Thursday the Fifth; I attended M^r Walker's Lecture (on Astronomy) at Stokesley; dined with him at M^r Skottow^{es}, we drank Tea at my Sisters & spent the evening at Bro Wilson's.

Friday the Sixth; I attended M^r Walker's Lecture on Astronomy; & his 12th of Natural Philosophy at Stokesley with which he finishes; I came home.

Saturday the Seventh; sent Geo. to Boulby being very much out of order myself.

Sunday the Eighth; M^r Smith, Bro. Wilson, his Son George & Bob. Sanderson dined with me, the two latter staid all night. ~~(p16) Normanby, January 1775~~

Monday the Ninth; rode upon Barnaby Moor with the Greyhounds, met M^r Geo Dodds (-of Boulby-) who dined & lay all night.

Tuesday the Tenth; Geo. Dodds left me after breakfast: I called at Ayton, dined at Stokesley & went home with M^r Peirse, accompanied by M^r Blackburn.

Wednesday the Eleventh; left Peirse burgh in Company with M^r Peirse, M^r Blackburn, & M^r Walker, (-Apothecary of Stockton) the former left us near Atly Hill & went to M^r Crow's at Kipling, the other & myself dined at Scorton-Chel with Miss^{es} Crowe, Bower, Dickinson, Holmes & Humphrey, & then went to Arch- Deacon Blackburn's at Richmond.

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Thursday the Twelfth; I attended the adjourned Sessions at Richmond, dined & spent the evening with the Justices, & lay at M^r Blackburn's

Friday the Thirteenth; spent at Richmond.

Saturday the Fourteenth; M^r Fra^s Blackburn & myself dined at M^{rs} Culley's at Denton, and lay at M^r James's at West Auckland

Sunday the Fifteenth; spent at M^r James's. ~~(p17)~~

Monday the Sixteenth; also spent at M^r James's.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; M^r Blackburne went home; I dined at Durham, & lay at M^{rs} Baker's-Elmore- Hall, where I met Geo. Dodds of Boulby.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; spent at Elmore.

Thursday the Nineteenth; called at Jos Snowdon's who accompanied to Sedgfield where we dined; he then went home, & I came to my own House about five.

Friday the Twentieth; I walkd out after dinner with W^m Snowdon, having Guns, he sat with me till past Ten.

Saturday the Twenty First; spent at home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I dined at Ayton; M^r Geo Dodds, lay at ~~my~~ House on ~~his~~ road from Elmore.

Monday the Twenty Third; M^r Dodds went home, to Boulby, after breakfast; I dined at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; M^r James & his two Sons (George, & Tho^s Ward) came before dinner, he intends them to go to m^r Atkinson of K. Leatham to learn writing Accots & ~~a~~ & ~~a~~

~~(p18) Normanby January 1775~~ Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; M^r James, his two Sons & myself dined at Ayton

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; M^r Atkinson of Kirk-Leatham dined with us; M^r W^m Hutchinson & M^r Jn^o Adamson of Barnard Castle, came in the evening.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I lay till noon being much out of order; Mess^{rs} James, Hutchinson & Adamson went to Gisbro' & return'd to dinner

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; M^r Raisbeck, & M^r Jo: Grey (of Stockton) dined with us, & lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; a very rainy forenoon, M^r Raisbeck, & M^r Grey left us after dinner.

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Monday the Thirtyeth; M^r James went with his Lads to K. Leatham School; M^r Hutchinson finish'd & left me a drawing of his, of the Ruin, being the East Window, of the Priory of Gisbro'; and he, M^r James & M^r Adamson left me about twelve o'Clock to dine at M^r Raisbeck's at Stockton; I walked out with John & the Greyhounds after dinner.

Tuesday the Thirty First & Last Day; ~~(p19)~~ I dined at Ayton; returned home to Tea.

[FEBRUARY 1775](#)

~~February;~~ Wednesday the First; at home all day

Thursday the Second; I dined at Cousin Forster's at Yarm, with M^r Rob^t Culley, who came home with me.

Friday the Third; I rece'd my Normanby and Upsill Rents; my Tenants dined with me as usual.

Saturday the Fourth; being a bad day M^r Culley & I spent some part of it in my Library.

Sunday the Fifth; M^r Culley left me after breakfast; I dined at Ayton, M^r Walker was there.

Monday the Sixth; at home not very well.

Tuesday the Seventh; after dinner I rode to the Forest (Appleton's) a boisterous evening.

Wednesday the Eighth; I rode to Gisbro' after breakfast, M^r Adam Walker (Lecturer on

Natural Philosophy)⁹ went with me from thence to Ayton, we dined at M^r Wilson's, with M^r Garth & Rev^d M^r Hastwell, we lay at Ayton all night.

Thursday the Ninth; I went to Gisbro' & there attended M^r Walker's first Lecture, dined at

~~(p20)~~ Normanby, ~~February 1775.~~ M^r Rudd's came to my own House before dark.

Friday the Tenth; I attended M^r Walker's second Lecture (on Meckanicks) at Gisbro', dined at M^r Harrison's, & lay at my Sister's at Ayton

Saturday the Eleventh; I rode with M^r Skottowe over my Sister Esther's Ground; came home to tea.

Sunday the Twelfth; my Tenants W^m Robinson & Rob^t Thomas dined with me; with whom I went to Eston Chappel in the afternoon

Monday the Thirteenth; I went to Gisbro' heard M^r Walker Lecture on natural Phylosopy, & came to my own House in the evening.

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Tuesday the Fourteenth; I dined at M^r Hirds (at K.Leatham) with^d M^r Nelson, got home at Ten.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I attended M^r Walker's Lecture at Gisbro', went to Ayton in the evening where I found M^r.M^{rs}. & 3 Miss Mauleverers

Thursday the Sixteenth; M^r Mauleverer went to Whitby, but left his Wife & 3 Daughters above to stay a few days; I attended M^r Walker's Lecture, & slept at Ayton.

Friday the Seventeenth; I again ~~(p21)~~ attended M^r Walker's Lecture's at Gisbro' where I paid for a Dinner for him, Miss^{es} Smith, Rudd, Hewit, Brown & Atkinson & myself; we all, save M^r Brown, drank Tea at my House, & spent a chearfull evening till two in the morning:

Saturday the Eighteenth; after breakfast we all went (by Kirk-Leatham) to Gisbro', M^r Walker Lectured on Opticks; I came home in the evening.

Sunday the Nineteenth; I dined & lay at Ayton, M^{rs} Mauleverer & her 3 eldest Daughters are still at M^r Wilson's, her Husband will call on them to-morrow on his road from M^r Hall's at Skelton, to go home.

Sunday the Twentyeth; M^r Preston breakfasted at my Sisters, I went with him to Gisbro'; I dined at Rev^d M^r Williamson's, wth Rev^d M^r Nelson, M^r Walker &^{ca}

Tuesday the Twenty First; I walked with John into my Oak Woods at Cow Howl, & Page Howl

Wednesday the Twenty Second; I dined at M^r Rudd's at Gisbro', with Miss^{es} Smith, Hird &^{ca} after attending M^r Walker's Lecture on Electricity.

~~(p22) Normanby Febr^y 1775.~~ Thursday the Twenty Third. I coursed in Marsk Fields with M^r Smith, we had my Greyhounds; I dined & lay all night at his House, so did Rev^d M^r Lascelles; Miss^{es} Rudd & Hird dined there.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Smith & I attended M^r Adam Walker's last Lecture on natural Phylosophy ^ at Gisbro'^ I came home after dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I walked to my Workmen in Cow Howl Wood &^{ca} a Windy day.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Ayton and return'd to dinner, expecting Rev^d M^r Lascelles, & M^r Smith to dinner but they did not come.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; I dined & lay at M^r Chaloner's at Gisbro', with much other Company.

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Tuesday the twenty eighth & last Day; after breakfast, I attended M^r Chaloner with several hundred People to Barnaby Moor where a Fox was set down, came home to dinner; I found Sist^r Estr^r, Niece Estr^r & Nep^w William comed to stay a few days.

[MARCH 1775](#)

~~March~~ Wednesday the First; Brother & Sis^r Wilson, their two eldest Daughters and M^{rs} Skottowe came before dinner to stay some days ^M^r & M^{rs} Blackburn dined & lay here^
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Thursday the Second, M^r Blackburn went away Bro, Wilson & myself walked before dinner into my Woods.

Friday the Third; Brother Wilson, his eldest Daughters & myself walked in S^r Ja^s

Pennyman's Shrubbery & ^ca before dinner; we have fine settled weather.

Saturday the Fourth; Bro. Wilson left us before breakfast, return'd in the evening; I walked out.

Sunday the Fifth; spent the day in the House, being rainy

Monday the Sixth; I dined at Gisbro'by appointment; my Friends (-see last Tuesday & Wednesday) left Normanby after dinner.

Tuesday the Seventh; after dinner I went (-thro' Gisbro') to Skelton where I met M^r Smith of Marsk by appointment; we lay at Scaling.

Wednesday the Eighth; M^r Rudd (-from Gisbro'), Chr^s Forster, & Fran^s Porrit (-from Moorsome) breakfasted with us, and we all proceeded to Tho^s Yeoman's of Egton Township, we viewed a piece of uneven Ground called Bank Lane belonging to Cary Eleves Esq^r (-Lord of the Manor) & myself in Common Pasture, (p24) ~~Normanby, March 1775~~, in certain proportions-viz 12 Gates therein, the property of said M^r Eleves, occupied by his Tenants, Tho^s Yeoman (4 Gates) – Cockeril (2Gates) Jn^o Harrison (2Gates) Ra: Wood (2G^s) & my Tenant Jn^o Wharton (-2Gates) for the Farm he occupies under me as Tenant of M^r Eleves; and the remaining 2 Gates said Wharton occupies in right of the Freehold which he Rents of me; the whole Pasture contains somewhat more than 36 Acres-, including ^Δ the ^Δ several Roads therin; the Quality of the Land varying very much, M^r Smith laid only a little more than 3 Acres to my Freehold Farm, including a Bridle road that leads to Rake- Bridg'

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we dined at Tho^s Yeoman's, M^r Smith & M^r Rudd went home, and I to Boulby, calling half an hour at Ellersby.

Thursday the Ninth; spent the day at Boulby.

Friday the Tenth; I left Boulby about twelve, (-did not dine to day) drank tea at M^r Smith's at Marsk, he was not at home; got home by seven.

Saturday the Eleventh; very blowing weather; Geo & T. Ward James came in the evening from K.Leatham School 1st time

Sunday the Twelfth; Geo: & Ward James (~~p25~~) walked with me into my Woods before dinner; we went to Eston Chapel; & then rode to Appletons about 5^o Clo.

Monday the Thirteenth; George, & Tho^s Ward James went to K.Leatham after breakfast. About home all day.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; dined at Ayton, M^r Wilson was at a Meeting of Justices at Stokesley.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; after dinner I went to Boulby, lay there all night.

Thursday the Sixteenth; left Boulby after breakfast, called on M^r Smith at Marsk, who dined & lay at Normanby; we walked after dinner thro' my Page Howl, & Cow Howl Woods.

Friday the Seventeenth; M^r Smith left me I spent the day with my Men near Spencer Beck.

Saturday the Eighteenth; Miss^{es} Easterby, M^cDonald, Hird, & Hewit dined & lay here, Rev^d M^r Nelson only dined

Sunday the Nineteenth; dined and drank Tea at Ayton

~~(p26) Normanby, March 1775)~~ Monday the Twentieth; spent among my Labourers, levelling the West end of the (now) three Fields West of my House

Tuesday the Twenty First; rode to the side of the River before dinner

Wednesday the Twenty Second; Spent at home

Thursday the Twenty Third; spent at home, M^r Rudd drank Tea, and, lay at my house.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Rudd left me after breakfast; after dinner I rode to Ayton and returned before it was dark.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; M^{rs} Dunn, Miss Peggy Adamson, & M^r T.J. Dunn came (from M^r Jon Davison's) before dinner to stay a few days, & a little before them came my Sist^r Estr^r Niece Estr^r Nep^w William.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; at home all day.

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Monday the Twenty Seventh; M^r T.J. Dunn rode with me to Gisbro' & home to dinner; he & I, M^{rs} Dunn, Miss Adamson & Sist^r Estr^r drank Tea at Eliz^a Appleton's at the Forest.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; we only (~~p27~~) walked a little near the House, the weather being cold and some Snow fell on the forenoon.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; M^r T. Dunn M^{rs} Dunn & Miss Adamson left us after breakfast,

Thursday the Thirtyeth; I rece'd mine & my Bro. Jackson's Rents at Yarm-Fair; M^r Rob. Culley came home with me on the evening.

Friday the Thirty First, & last day; M^r Culley & I spent the day in my Library, sorting the Books & making a Catalogue thereof

[APRIL 1775](#)

~~April~~; Saturday the First; my Sister Niece & Nephew went away after dinner.

Sunday the Second; M^r Culley & I spent the day in my Library, save two hours when M^r Peirse called & drank Tea with us.

Monday the Third; M^r Culley & I dined at Gisbro'.

Tuesday the Fourth; M^r Culley spent the day with me in my Library.

Wednesday the Fifth; we continued sorting my Books, & making a Catalogue of them.

~~P28) Normanby, April 1775~~; Thursday the Sixth; M^r Culley & I dined at Ayton & returned: my House-keeper (Sarah Childs) went home to day to attend (tomorrow) the Interment of her Sister Rachel, who dyed of a Consumption yesterday about 23 years of Age; she did live with my Mother, & at her death became my Sister Esther's Servant, & continued so till Martimas 1773, when she went home to her Father's at Brotton, consumptive, but became worse after inoculation in Dec 1773, the small Pox never appeared on her, nor her Brother Richard, & he is not in a good state of health.

Friday the Seventh; M^r Culley left me after breakfast, having finished a rough Catalogue of my Books (-near 900-) many of them very old & small, on Religion: I spent the day at home.

Sunday the Ninth; I drank Tea at Ayton,

Monday the Tenth; at home all day.

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Tuesday the Eleventh; as yesterday.

Wednesday the Twelfth; Bro. Wilson, ~~(p29)~~ M^r Marwood, & his Bro. Geo: Metcalf dined with me.

Thursday the Thirteenth; before diner I rode to K.Leatham with Rob^t Jackson to solicit the Overseers of the Poor there for relief for a Pauper of theirs inhabiting at Eston. Dry cold weather.

Good-Friday the Fourteenth; I dined & laid all night at Sist^r Esther's at Ayton

Saturday the Fifteenth; came home in the evening, found Geo. & T. Ward James from K.Leatham

Easter Sunday the Sixteenth; walked on the forenoon, & after dinner went to Church; from thence to W^m Snowdon's (-wth W^m Sunley) smoked a Pipe & home.

Easter Monday the Seventeenth; Geo: & Tho^s Ward James walked with me to Forest after dinner, returned in a fine Spring Shower

Easter Tuesday the Eighteenth; the two Lads (see yesterday) & I dined at my Sister Estr^{r's} at Ayton, Rev^d M^r Hastwell & his two Nep^{ws} dined with her, we came home in the evening. I drank Tea at Tho^s Weatherels with W^m Richardson, M^r Skottowe, on their Parish business

~~P30) Normanby, April 1775.~~ Wednesday the Nineteenth; M^r James came to dinner, and M^r Fra^s Reed came in the evening

Thursday the Twentyeth; we rode to Kirkleatham before dinner; and sat an hour with my Neighbour Tho^s Richardson towards evening

Friday the Twenty First; Miss^{es} Reed & James & myself dined & drank Tea at my Sister Esthers; M^r Wilson & Family are at M^r Mauleverers this week.

Saturday the Twenty Second; rode to K. Leatham after breakfast; Miss^{es} Atkinson & Brown, & Tho^s Richardson dined with us

Sunday the Twenty Third; M^r James went away; M^r Reed & I rode to the Forest before dinner; Bro, Wilson dined with us, & we all walked to S^r Ja^s Pennyman's before we drank Tea

Monday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Reed & I went by Stockton & Yarm to M^r Peirse's at Peirsburgh to diner, we lay there at night: M^r Sutton came to us before Tea.

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Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; M^r Peirse (~~p31~~) M^r Sutton & myself went to the Quart^r Sessions at North-Allerton, the latter took the Oaths to Act as a Justice of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorks. I came to Ayton late in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; came home in the evening not very well.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I attended as Surveyor of the Highways, making a Bridg^e in Cowhowe.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; dined at M^r Wilson's at Ayton with M^r & M^{rs} Marwood & Doct^r Wayne.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; as on Thursday.

Sunday the Thirtieth & last Day; I dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk; his Nep^w Duck being there.

[MAY 1775](#)

~~May~~, Monday the First; Miss^{es} Smith and Duck, dined & lay all night.

Tuesday the Second; the Gentlemen went away early, I dined & lay at Busby; S^r W^m & Lady Foulis dined

Wednesday the Third; I dined at a meeting of the Justices at Stockton, came home in the evening.

~~p32) Normanby. May 1775.~~ Thursday the Fourth; spent the afternoon at the Forest, where I am about to make a low Hedg^e to prevent the Bats wearing away.

Friday the Fifth; fine Rain on the morning, after dinner I rode to the Bats (see yesterday) for an hour, & then sat a while with the Neighbours at a meeting about the Poor's Accounts, & then I produced my last y^{rs} Highway Accot's.

Saturday the Sixth; I dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk, with Nep^w Duck, & Miss^{es} Rudd, Easterby, M^c Donald, Harrison, & Hewit; late home.

Sunday the Seventh; dined at Ayton.

Monday the Eighth; I attended at Gisbro' with M^r Chaloner & M^r Smith, on the Poor, & Land Tax business.

Tuesday the Ninth; I spent the forenoon at Appleton's Batts; Rob^t Jackson dined with me, & soon after I went to the Work in Cow Howe.

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Wednesday the Tenth; after breakfast I settled with ^& paid^ my Serv^t Geo: Kirtley who has been my Footman seven years & a half ~~{p33}~~ viz. from Martinmas 1767, he married my Cook's Maid ^Jane Lindley^1770, & ~~7~~ is now appointed by M^{rs} Baker & myself Rock-Clerk at Boulby-Allum-Works; I rode to the Workmen making a Tide Hedg' at Appleton's Batts; drank Tea at home, & after walked through my Cow Howe & Page Howl Woods.

Thursday the Eleventh; I dined at M^r Brown's (-at Stockton) with Bro. & Sist^r Wilson.

Friday the Twelfth; rode to my Batts (-at Appleton's) ~~7~~ & from thence by the River side to Coatham Inn, where I dined with Miss^{es} Duck, Smith, Easterby & ^{ca} to eleven in number, from thence I went to Boulby where I lay all night.

Saturday the Thirteenth; after dining at Boulby, I drank Tea at Marsk, & home.

Sunday the Fourteenth; dined at Ayton.

Monday the Fifteenth; dined at Gisbro'.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I rode to my Workmen at Appleton's Batts before dinner; walked out before Tea

~~{p34}~~ Wednesday the Seventeenth; I rode to Stockton, waited on M^r Davison at the Custom House; & proceeded by Rev^d Marshall, Bishopton, Aycliffe, & Redworth to West Auckland, where I drank Tea and lay at M^r James's.

Thursday the Eighteenth; M^r James rode with me to Bh Auckland, we spent two hours with Miss Adamson's, & dined at W^t Auckland.

Friday the Nineteenth; at W^t Auckl^d all day.

Saturday the Twentieth; M^r James & I dined at M^r James & I dined at M^r Hutchinson's at Barnard Castle at M^r Hutchinson's, called half an hour at Major Hugenins, & return'd to M^r James in the evening

Sunday the Twenty First; M^r James & I dined at M^r Chr. Hills at Blackwell, were met there by M^r Fras. Reed; with whom we went home to Hurworth, & lay all night.

Monday the Twenty Second; dined & lay at M^r Reeds; supt & spent the evening at Rev^d M^r W^m Addison's

Tuesday the Twenty Third; Rev^d Mess^{rs} Bramwell ~~{p35}~~ Addison Sen^r & Jun^r & Mess^{rs} Reed & James & myself dined at M^r T. Reed Wards (at Dinsdale) we parted after Tea; I came home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; as yesterday.

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Friday the Twenty Sixth; Bro. Wilson and Sister Estr^r dined & drank Tea with me.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I rode out on the forenoon; & sat two hours with Will^m Sunley in the evening: Rob^t Jackson with us.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; my Tenants Jn^o Neesum & Rob Thomas dined with me; I drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's (Ayton) Capt. & M^{rs} & Doct^r Wayne & ^ca there.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; dined at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; Bro. Wilson, M^r Skottow, Doct^r Wayne, his Bro.the Captain, M^r Jon^a Davison, M^r Raisbeck, & M^r Lumby (both last of Stockton), dined with me. Very droughty weather.

~~fp36~~ Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day; I rode out before dinner and to the water side in the evening.

[JUNE 1775](#)

~~June~~ Thursday the First; rode out upon the Highways (as Surveyor) before & after dinner.

Friday the Second; dined & lay at Ayton.

Saturday the Third; I dined at Doct^r Wayne's at Stokesley; Rev^d M^r Nelson came & drank Tea with me.

Wit-Sunday the Fourth; George & T. Ward James came from K.Leatham before dinner, we went to Church. I smoaked a Pipe at Rob^t Jackson's; drank Tea at home with Mess^{rs} Smith & Rudd; walked after they left us.

Whit-Tuesday the Sixth; I went to Gisbro' Fair returned to dine (at home) with Rev^d M^r Addison Jun^r & Mess^{rs} Ward, Reed & James, they lay all night.

Wednesday the Seventh; we all dined at Coatham, and return'd home to supper: began to mow the first Crop of Hay seeds before the House.

Thursday the Eighth; rode upon Barnaby Moor before dinner; had a fine Rain after dinner, & ~~fp37~~ drank Tea at my Farm House, at the Forest.

Friday the Ninth; Mess^{rs} Ward & Addison left me after breakfast, & M^r James after dinner; M^r Reed & ^ca walked in the evening.

Saturday the Tenth; M^r Reed went away after breakfast; I dined at Ayton.

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Sunday the Eleventh; I went to Church (being Sacrament Sunday) on the forenoon, my Tenants Cornforth & Dixon dined with me.

Monday the Twelfth; I dined at Gisbro' there being an Appeal for the Land Tax but there were no other Justices & Comissioners than myself

Tuesday the Thirteenth; dined at M^r Turner's.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; M^r Rudd breakfasted with me, we went affishing on the North-Banks of the Tees opposite my Gro^d with a New Net. Mess^{rs} Smith & Hewit came to us, & before dinner M^r Harrison joined us; we dined at Rob^t Pearsons at ~~p38~~ Caudgate Fleet, M^r Smith lay all night at my House, so did Geo. and T. Ward James

Thursday the Fifteenth; the James's went home (-to W^t Auckland) dined at M^r Smith's, drank Tea at Grainge, and lay at Boulby

Friday the Sixteenth; dined at Boulby being the 6 Mo^s pay day, M^r Sanderson & M^r Spinx dined, I came home in the evening.

Saturday the Seventeenth; dined & lay at Ayton, Gen^l Cary & his Lady dined there M^r Arch. D Blackburne his Wife & Daughter are there.

Sunday the Eighteenth; went to Stokesley Church (-M^r Blackburne preached), to Ayton Church after diner; lay at Ayton.

Monday the Nineteenth; M^r Blackburne went home; M^{rs} & Miss Blackburne dined with us at Normanby, as did, Bro. & Sist^r Wilson their 4 eldest children, Sist. Estr^r & Bob Sanderson

Tuesday the Twentyeth; I dined at ~~p39~~ Ayton; wrote two Letters in M^r Preston's Office To my Bro & to Jn^o Pease of Darlington, the latter's Goods being seized by a Judgment; lay at home.

Wednesday the Twenty First; dined at M^r Sutton's with M^r Jon^a Davison, Tho^s Peirse, & Ra: Ord (of Sands) on my road thither I was met by Hodshon Thornhill of Darlington, who turned back (to Stokesley) with me, we had much conversation about Jn^o Pease; from whom he brought me a Letter.

Thursday the Twenty Second; walked in the morning, and rode to the River side before Tea.

Friday the Twenty Third; I dined and drank Tea at Ayton

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; at home

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Ayton on the forenoon; & dined & lay all night there.

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Monday the Twenty Sixth; I came home after dinner; & in the evening went affishing (with the net) on the otherside of the River; got home after midnight.

~~[p40]~~ Tuesday the Twenty [Seventh](#)^{7th}; I dined and drank Tea at Ayton; drougthy weather.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; walked before & after dinner; my Neighbours Rob^t Jackson, W^m Sunley, & W^m Snowdon, sat two hours with me in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; I went on the Durham shore a Fishing; dined on cold Victuals at Eliz Appleton's; then her Brother Ja^s & Jo^s Cornforth rowed me upon M^r Jona. Davison's Island; got home at 9.

Friday the Thirtyeth, & last Day; dined & drank Tea at Ayton; we have more Rain since 8 this evening (now 10 o'Clock) than of four Months past.

[JULY 1775](#)

~~July~~ Saturday the First; Tho^s Richardson (of Ormsby) breakfasted with me, we went to W^m Websters, & with him met W^m Garbut, & Step. Wrightson by appointment, at Webster's Carr, where had been some disputes about clearing the Stells or Drains in that Neighbourhood; it was agreed to day that W^m Webster, shall every year from hence send or lend a Man a day, to assist Garbut, & Wrightson to scour their Stell nearest to Webster, so low down as to take ~~[p41]~~ the water out of the latter's Carr, but this being voluntary & for peace- sake, is not meant to oblige Webster's Landlord, by any future Custom of his Tenant, to do the same; Richardson & I dined at Websters (-at Norton) & Rob^t Jackson & Jn^o Harrison a Wool Buyer (of Darlington), coming soon after, we stayed till about eight; Robert supt and smoked a Pipe with me.

Sunday the Second; my Tenants Henry Weetman, W^m Robinson, & Jn^o Laverick dined with me, & we went to Eston Chappel, our Parish C. Jn^o Price drank Tea & supt with me.

Monday the Third; spent the afternoon with my Labourers weeding in the Oak Wood at Cow Howl.

Tuesday the Fourth; I am not well today have got wet feet yesterday afternoon; rode out a little

Wednesday the Fifth; at home

Thursday the Sixth; Bro. Wilson & his Son Geo dined with me, a very Rainy afternoon

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Friday the Seventh; M^r Baker came about eleven o'Clo, we took an early dinner at my House, went to Boulby & lay there.

Saturday the Eighth; spent the day at Boulby, I took a ride to Grainge in the evening

Sunday the Ninth; M^r Baker & I dined at M^r Turner's, I left him there, & came home late.

Monday the Tenth; M^r Baker called on me for about half an hour, & proceeded home, I dined & went to Gisbro'

Tuesday the Eleventh; M^r Sutton (of Stockton) breakfasted with me, after which we went to Gisbro' & there attended the Quarter Sessions, we were 13 Justices on the Bench; I got home before Eleven.

Wednesday the Twelfth; -spent home, save taking a ride in the evening to W^m Snowdon's with John.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I went to Fish after breakfast, with W^m Snowdon, Jn^o Pearson, W^m Webster, & Ja^s Appleton, they all dined with me. I sat an hour afterwards at Rob^t Jackson's.

Friday the Fourteenth; I dined and ~~[p43]~~ drank te tea at Ayton, then went to speak to M^r Prestons (at Stokesley) to consult about Jn^o Pease's Bankruptcy, & came home.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I fished with Jn^o Appleton (of Lackenby) W^m & Tho^s Snowdon, we dined on cold Victuals at the Forest.

Sunday the Sixteenth; went to Eston Chapel, (or Church) after dinner; Rob^t Jackson & me walked into my Page howl Wood

Monday the Seventeenth; M^r Fran^s Reed dined with me, we drank Tea at Coatham, he lay at my House, so did M^r Ja^s Culley.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; M^r Ja^s Culley went to Coatham after breakfast; after dinner M^r Reed & I went a fishing with Rob^t Jackson, W^m Sunley, W^m & Tho^s Snowdon, & Jn^o Pearson

Wednesday the Nineteenth; M^r Reed went to Coatham to bathe, after breakfast; Bro & Sist^r Wilson, and their five Children (viz. Hannah, Rachel, Esther, George & William) & Sist^r

Esther came to dinner, & stay. [p44]

Thursday the Twentieth; my Sisters & the young Folks bathed at Marsk, and M^r Wilson & I did so at Coatham, M^r Reed returned with us, & lay all night.

Friday the Twenty First; we all went to Marsk & Coatham as yesterday, M^r Reed stayed at Coatham.

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Saturday the Twenty Second; as yesterday, we always return to dinner; we went to the Forest, my Sisters &c^a drank Tea at Betty Appleton's. M^r Wilson, Geo. & I fished & got a brace of fine Salmon.

Sunday the Twenty Third; bathed at Marsk & Coatham as before, M^r Reed & M^r Jas Culley returned with us to dinner, the latter went away soon after, the former lay all night.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Reed & I dined at Gisbro' I came home by K,Leatham.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I bathed at Coatham, dined & lay there; M^r Reed is there

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; M^r Reed & I rode out before dinner, I bathed [& lay](#) at Coatham.[\[p45\]](#)

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; M^r Reed & I walked before dinner, I bathed, Rev^d M^r Whaley M^r C. Hill, & M^r Theakston came as we were sitting down to dinner, I drank too much wine after. M^r Hird being there at M^r Ra: Ball's instance, walked on the Sands in the evening.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; we rode to K.Leatham before dinner. I was not very well therefore did not bathe; lay at Coatham.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; M^r Whaley, Reed, Hill, & Theakston breakfasted with me at normanby, as soon as they went (-home-) I went to Stokesley; drank Tea & lay at Ayton.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; I came home before dinner.

Monday the Thirty ~~F~~ⁱrst & last day; Brother & Sist^r Wilson, their 3 Daughters, Sist^r Esther, & M^r & M^{rs} Browne (of Stockton) dined with me; Willy Sunley sat two hours after

[AUGUST 1775](#)

~~August~~, Tuesday the First; I dined & lay at Ayton; Bro & Sis^r [Wilson & their 2 eldest Daughters intend to set out on the morning to Norfolk, to M^r Barnes's, M^r Long's & M^r Barney's, to stay in all about six weeks. ^see Sunday 24thSept^](#)

[Wednesday the Second; I rec'd my Rents at Yarm, also my Brother's these will be the last from Ayslabie, he having lately sold that Estate to M^r Raikes for 13,750£. M^r Rob. Culley came home with me.](#)

[Thursday the Third; I rec'd my Normanby Rents, M^r Rudd dined with us, & Rob, Jackson & W.Sunley supt.](#)

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Friday the Fourth; M^r Culley left me this morning. I went to Ayton in the evening.

Saturday the Fifth; I dined at Stokesley, and lay at Ayton.

Sunday the Sixth; dined at home, then went to Eston Chapel (as my Parish Church).

Monday the Seventh; breakfasted at M^r Smith's, dined at Boulby, drank at the Honorable M^r Phipps's (at Mulgrave Hall); supt & lay at M^{rs} Pease's at Whitby.

Tuesday the Eighth; dined at M^r Phipps's where I saw M^r Banks, (who lately sailed round the World) & Omiah, a native of Otahito in the S^o Seas; lay at Boulby.

Wednesday the Ninth; dined at M^r Smith's but he was not at home, got home to supper; much Rain.

Thursday the Tenth; I went to Ayton in the evening.

Friday the Eleventh; I spent the forenoon with M^r Preston at his house at Stokesley, dined & drank Tea at my Sisters at Ayton; came home.

Saturday the Twelfth; I called on M^r Bradley for an hour (at Stockton) proceeded by Aycliff to W^t Auckland, where I found M^r Fra^s Reed & M^r Chr^s Hill.

Sunday the Thirteenth; the above Gentlemen went to the Bp's Palace at Auckland (wth M^r James) I went to Church before dinner; we walked in the evening.

Monday the Fourteenth; M^r Hill & M^r Reed left us, I spent the day at W^t A'kl^d, M^r Catrick din'd at M^r James.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; M^r James went with me to Darn'ton, where I was met by M^r Preston of Stokesley to attend the Commissioners Hoare, Ja^s Allen, & Carter, this being their third Meeting on Mess^{rs} Pease & Dent's Banrupts, I informed the Commissioners of M^{rs} Peases claim of 625£ & Int. at 4£ p^t from her Husband's death 7th July 1770, on a Declaration of Trust from Jn^o Pease the younger to his Father in 1756, on the Lands at Hummerbeck, & the old Gentleman's Will; also of my Claim of 755£ as Trustee for the Children (of Pease the Bankrupt) on lands at Darlington, by a Settlement dated 9th & 10th Sept 1762; by the desires of the Commissioners I saw M^r Pease before he went to them; I find he gives the Commissioners great Cause to suspect him of fraud, but Dent the reverse; I dined (at the Inn) with Fra^s Reed, Chr^s Hill, Hy Gale, Rev^d M^r Addison, & Jo^s Watkin, Jn^o Preston, & M^r James, with whom I returned to W^t Auckland.

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Wednesday the Sixteenth; stay'd an hour at Durham, dined & lay at Elemore, meeting M^r Jn^o Baker (of Newcastle) there, by appointment: I made the Family an offer of my fourth share of Boulby Alum-works, but M^r Geo. Baker chooses to sell.

Thursday, the Seventeenth; left Elemore at twelve, dined at Sedgfield, drank Tea at M^r Bradley's at Stockton. & got to my Sister's at Ayton after nine.

Friday the Eighteenth; spent two hours before dinner with M^r Preston at Stokesley, ^hired Jn^o Fawcett to be my Serv.^ wrote several Letters at Ayton, and came home.

Saturday the Nineteenth; at home^in the morning I carried a Lett^r to Upsal to go to Whitby after dinner^

Sunday the Twentyeth; M^r Smith & M^r Harrison dined with me. I then rode with M^r Smith but meeting M^r Geo: Dodds of the All^o Works at K.Leatham, return'd with him, he lay here at night.

Monday the Twenty First; M^r Dodds left me after dinner

Tuesday the Twenty Second; before dinner came Sist^r Estr^r Niece Estr^r & Nep. Geo: & M^{rs} Robson of Whitby to spend a few days with me.

Wednesday the Twenty Third, at home all day.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Peggy James came to spend a week or ten days.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; we all drank Tea at my Farm House (Appletons) M^r Haigh Robson was there, M^r Fra^s Blackburne & Doct^r Wayne, also, they dined & lay here.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; M^r M^{rs} & Miss Peggy James, M^{rs} Robson, Sist^r Estr^r & Niece Estr & myself dined at the Ordinary at Coatham (I treated) M^{rs} Robson went from thence to Whitby, M^r James's two Sons came to us from Marsk, & they came home with us

Sunday the Twenth Seventh; the two young James's went to Marsk School (Atkinson's) in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; M^r James & I rode to see a Filly of [?] Wrightson's of Upsil, thence to Stockton, he went home, I spent an hour with M^r Bradley; got a late dinner at home.

Tuesday the twenty Ninth; at home.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; as yesterday.

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Thursday the Thirty First, & last Day; M^r Sober Hale, (chief mate of the Speke, Bro Jeff^y Jackson's Ship lately arrived from Bengal &^c) came while we were at dinner.

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Friday the First; M^r Hale, (my Man) John & I, met W^m Snowdon, after breakfast, shooting Partridges this being the first day allowed for that diversion; we got a late dinner at home. M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson & Miss Stephenson came from Seaton.

Saturday the Second; M^r Hale went away after dinner; M^r Wilkinson & I walked out.

Sunday the Third; M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson & their niece Miss Stephenson went home (to Darlington) after dinner.

Monday the Fourth; I dined at M^r Chaloner's (at Gisbro') after joining with him, M^r Turner & M^r Dundas in granting Licences to Alehouse

Tuesday the Fifth; M^{rs} James & her Daughter Peggy, went to Stockton with Sis^r & Niece Esther & self they proceeded homeward (to W^t Auckland) we dined & drank Tea at M^r Brown's, on our return found M Lythe.

Wednesday the Sixth; I walked out with Jn^o & Ch^r Armstrong, ashooting before dinner.

Thursday the Seventh; walked out ashooting before dinner; soon after my Sist^r Esther Niece Estr^r & Nep^w Will^m Wilson went away, having been with me since Tuesday 22nd of last Month, Mary Lythe attended them.

Friday the Eighth; I dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk, with Rev^d M^r Lascelles, Mess^{rs} Easterby & Tho^s Watson (of Ellerton) came home about 9 o'Clo.

Saturday the Ninth; I took John with me to the low part of the Estate a Shooting; at six I attended to the[^]Parish[^] Church (Eston Chapel) the remains of late Nich^s Patton, Father in Law of Rob^t Jackson of Eston, he was about 82, I sup^t at Rob^t Jackson's.

Sunday the Tenth; dined at my Sister's at Ayton, where I went to Church after dinner [^]M^r Rob^t Culley dined in my absence & lay here[^], home at night.

Monday the Eleventh; [^]M^r Culley went away; and I [^]eat some cold Beef at my Farm at Grainge; having a Pointer with me I shott to Boulby, where I lay

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Tuesday^the 12th^; M^r Geo: Dodds (of Boulby) spent the forenoon. Geo. Dodds shooting with me to Grainge, where we dined by appointment with Miss^{es} Easterby, Thos & Chas Peacock, W^m Bowser, & Rob^t Jackson (of the Sloop Violet) I lay there at night.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; Rev^d M^r Lloy of Easington breakfasted with me at Grainge; I dined & lay at Boulby, a very stormy & rainy day

Thursday the Fourteenth; walked out in the evening with M^r G. Dodds taking our Guns.

Friday the Fifteenth; Rainy weather, dined at M^r Smith's (at Marsk) lay at home.

Saturday the Sixteenth; John & I went to Lackenby, shooting, had bad success.

Sunday the Seventeenth; went to Ayton Church on the forenoon, dined & drank Tea at my Sister's; this Post I read a Letter dated 12th inst from my Brother Geo Jackson informing of his Marriage with the Widow Neale, the 9th inst.

Monday the Eighteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; I took John with me to Nunthorpe, and were met by Doc^t Wayne & M^r Preston (of Stokesley) by appointment, having our Guns & Pointers, ranged to Ayton & dined at my Sister's; & lay there.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; came home to dinner.

Thursday the Twenty First; M^r Duck & M^r Rudd came after breakfast, we went a shooting but were soon drove in by a violent Thunder Shower; M^r Dundas called but did not stay dinner; M^r Rudd went away about six o'Clock.

Friday the Twenty Second; M^r Duck & I took the diversion below the House, M^r Rudd, dined with us, & left us in the evening.

Saturday the Twenty Third; M^r Duck & I met M^r Rudd & M^r Harrison at Upsel by appointment. We ranged (with our Guns) a few hours, they all dined & left me in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; I dined & lay at Ayton, Bro & Sis Wilson & their 2 eldest Daughters returning yesterday from Norfolk, see Augst 1st Page 46 &^c

Monday the Twenty Fifth; at home in the evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; after dinner I walked in Eston Grounds with my Gun, W^m Snowdon supt with me.

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Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I attended at Mess^{rs} Bradley & Hoare's Office (Stockton) to meet W Terry & M^r Carter, dined at the Ordinary (M^r Pearson of Durham was there) & lay at M^r Ward's at Dinsdale.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; M^r Fra^s Reed came to us before diner, with whom we went to his House at Hurworth, & lay there.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; we hunted with the Hurworth Hounds, near Neesum, dined at M^r Reed's, the Company was Rev^d W^m Addison, M^r Ward, M^r Hill, & M^r Blagdon, the two latter went away, after Tea; & Rev^d Whaley & Nelson spent the evening with us.

Saturday the Thirtieth & last Day; I met M^r Hill & M^r Blagdon, shooting; M^r James came & hunted wth Rev^d Addison & M^r Reed, we all dined at M^r Whaley's, & sat half an hour after at Rev^d Bramwel's.

OCTOBER 1775

Sunday, October, the First; M^r Reed, M^r James, & self went to Hurworth Church, & dined at M^r Hill's, M^r James then went home; M^r Reed & I stay'd Tea.

Monday the Second; I left M^r Reed after dinner, home

Tuesday the Third; I dined at Ayton. I met the Neighbours at the Ale House, & settled the Highway Accounts.

Wednesday the Fourth; after dinner John walked with me above Eston aShooting; Rob^t Jackson supt with me.

Thursday the Fifth; I dined at Bro. Wilson's (at Ayton) M^r Askew & his Wife coming there last night to stay a few days; I lay at my Sister Esther's. Matty Reed also there.

Friday the Sixth; Bro Wilson, M^r Askew & myself walked towards Ingleby before dinner, I lay at Ayton again.

Saturday the Seventh; spent the day at Ayton, Doct^r Wayne dined & supt with us.

Sunday the Eighth; I dined at home.

Monday the Ninth; I met M^r Chaloner at Gisbro' where we held a special Sessions of the Highways for appointing New Surveyors for the succeeding year, &^c &^c I came home to dinner, soon after came Bro & Sist Wilson & their eldest Daughters, & M^r & M^{rs} Askew.

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Tuesday the Tenth; M^r Wilson went to Stokesley special Sessions; my Sist^r her Daughters, M^r & M^{rs} Askew & myself went to Kirk Leatham, look M^r Turner's House, the Hospital &^c. We returned to dinner, & soon after went to Ayton to meet M^r Garth; M^r Wilson did not come from the meeting of the Justices till about eight o'Clo.

Wednesday the Eleventh; M^r & M^{rs} Askew went home after breakfast; I dined at home (Jn^o Dale of Gisbro' dined wth me). M^r Dunn (of Lowther) Capt. Williams & W Lowther called here for half an hour about seven o'Clo.

Thursday the Twelfth; I breakfasted, dined, & drank Tea at Geo. Hammond's (at Wilton) with S^r James Lowther, Bart.(of Lowther) Rev^d Lowther, his Bro M^r Lowther, M^r Dunn, Capt Williams (see yesterday), Capt Whelpdale & M^r Walters; we went a shooting before dinner.

Friday the Thirteenth; I walked out with (having my Gun) M^r Jn^o Nicholson (S^r John Stapleton's Stewart) & W^m Snowden &^c before noon: S^t John's Court was held at Eston today; Jn^o Flounders dined with me, we then walked out a shooting meeting M^r Nicholson &^c called at Rob^t Jackson's: they supt with me, say, Nicholson, Flounders (who also took a Bed) Jackson, his Son Robert, W^m Sunley, & W^m & Tho^s Snowdon.

Saturday the Fourteenth; Jn^o Flounders & I coursed with Greyhounds, & dined at Rob^t Jackson's, with M^r Nicholson &^c. I bought ^of Jn^o Fl for 9£ 7s^ a chestnut roan Galloway Mare, about 13 hands high, rising five years old ^ was out of an old Pug Mare ^ & was got by a roan horse called Charlton's Horse, late belonging to Rev^d M^r Lascelles. I spent the evening at Rob^t Jackson's see my Journal Letter J. 7th May 1786

Sunday the Fifteenth; dined & drank Tea at M^r Duck's at Marsk.

Monday the Sixteenth; I went a shooting with W^m Snowdon, drove in by the rain; about seven o'Clo S^r James Lowther, Bart., his relation Rev^d Lowther, & Capt. Whelpdale (see last Thursday) called & stayed near three hours, drank a few glasses of Wine, but refused to lay here, they intending for Darlington.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; I dined at Ayton, Ra: Reed late Gunner of the Speke came home with me.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I went with Ra:Reed & John a coursing, left them near Cornforth's, & went to K. Leatham, dined at M^r Turner's, & sat an hour after at M^r Nelson's with M^r Tho^s Duck.

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Thursday the Nineteenth; at home, high S.E. Wind.

Friday the Twentyeth; a stormy morning, however John & I (with our Guns) went to Boughsdale in Hutton Locross Township (near Gisbro') we killed 2 brace of Pheasants (I killed a Leash of them) I dined at M^r Harrison's at Gisbro', by appointment with Mess^{rs} Smith, Duck & Reed.

Saturday the Twenty First; I took Chr^s (the Blacksmith) with me a shooting below the House.

Sunday the Twenty Second; spent at home.

Monday the Twenty Third; I walked a shooting with Chr^s Armstrong (to the Banks) before dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; walked a shooting (with John) in the Banks, for Woodcocks, but found none.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk; M^r Tho^s Duck being there

Friday the Twenty Seventh; walked a shooting with W^m Snowdon & my Man John, after dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I rode out a shooting with W^m Snowdon, on my return (about 3) I found M^r James at my House.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; M^r James sent for his two Sons (Geo: & T. Ward) to M^r Atkinson's School at Marsk, they spent the day with us, in walking &^c

Monday the Thitryeth; the young James's left us after breakfast. We walked near home

Tuesday the Thirty First, & last Day; M^r James & I dined & drank Tea at Bro Wilson's.

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Wednesday the First; M^r James had one of his Fits last night in Bed; he & his Man (Robin) cours'd a brace of Hare's. W^m Snowdon, John & I shott in the Banks before dinner.

Thursday the Second; M^r James left me after breakfast; I rode a shooting with W^m Snowdon before dinner most of the day in S^r James Pennyman's Estate (Pinkney's & Jn^o Elgie's Farms) having pursued a Covey of Partridges we found in Jn^o Neesum's Ladgates now in Bean Stubble, adjoiningt Rev^d M^r Consett's Estr. who, with another man or two we saw Coursing in

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Pinkney's Farm: I let my two Men (John & Fawcett) go to a Hare Feast at the Ale House in the Village. John calling it the Annual Batchelor's Feast.

Friday the Third; I dined at Ayton, and went to Stokesley, but M^r Preston being gone aShooting, I came home.

Saturday the Fourth; I dined with M^r Dundas (at Upleatham) M^r Smith was there.

Sunday the Fifth; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner M^r Baker (who was 21 yrs old the 5th of last month) & M^r Pearson (his attorney) came about six oClo.

Monday the Sixth; M^r Baker, M^r Pearson & myself went to Boulby to dinner, & lay there.

Tuesday the Seventh; we attended to Geo. Dodds, the Chief Agent's Accounts, all day.

Wednesday the Eighth; M^r Baker, myself, & Geo. Dodds signed the allowance of Boulby Alum Works Acco^{ts} from 1st Nov 1773, to 31st May 1775 inclusive, being 3 half years

Thursday the Ninth; M^r Pearson, M^r Baker & myself came to Normanby in the evening.

Friday the Eleventh [*i.e.Tenth*]; M^r Pearson went away early; after breakfast M^r Baker & myself went thro' Eston [*word indecipherable*] Banks to Wilton Wood a shooting, we had good diversion among the Pheasants, William Snowdon & some others were with us.

Saturday the Eleventh; M^r Baker left me after breakfast: I spent the day at home.

Sunday the Twelfth; rained all day.

Monday the Thirteenth; dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro'; lay at Ayton: M^r Garth there.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; spent at Ayton

Wednesday the Fifteenth; a very hard frost with some Snow on the Ground which fell yesterday in a hard Gale of Wind from the North: I came home, & walked to Eston to see Rob^t Jackson who is very ill.

Thursday the Sixteenth; at seven o'Clock John came into my Room, with Rich^d Jackson (of Wilton) and W^m Sunley telling me that Rob^t Jackson (see yesterday) dyed at five this morning aged about 43 y^{rs} he has left a Widow, & with her, 5 Sons; and a Son (Rob^t about 18) by a former Wife; they came to advise with me about sending an express to London for his Bro. Capt Rich^d Jackson, & his Son (Rob^t) now at Westminster School, Rob^t Harrison came soon after. I advised them to bury the Corps, (see next Monday). Doct^r Wayne came having been sent for to the deceased but coming too late he spent the day with me, shooting.

Friday the Seventeenth; Doct^r Wayne left me.

Saturday the Eighteenth; W^m Sunley dined with me; & Capt. Peacock supt & lay all night.

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Sunday the Nineteenth; Capt. Peacock left me; my Tenants Jn^o Laverick & Hy Weetman dined with me

Monday the Twentyeth; I walked to my Workmen at Page Howl Hedg', Apothecary Thirton dined here, & with him I went to Rob^t Jackson's Interment.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I dined & lay at Ayton: not very well.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; at Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Third; not well at Ayton.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; being better I came home to dinner; a fine day after bad ones.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I walked to Eston after dinner, where I sat an hour with young Rob^t Jackson, just come from Westminster School, see Thursday the 16th inst.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk; M^r Tho^s Watson was there a little.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; rode in the low fields with Jn^o a Greyhound coursing before dinner.

Tuesdat the Twenty Eighth; I dined at Ayton, my Sist^r Estr^r informed me of her Maid being with child to her Will^m & that he had agreed to marry to Nany (the servant)

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; a very stormy morning; Capt. Rich. Jackson, his Nep^w Rob^t Jackson, Rich Jackson(of Wilton) & Geo: Hammond dined with me.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; M^r Smith and M^r Easterby came in the evening, & lay all night here.

DECEMBER 1775

Friday the First; we rode a Greyhound coursing in the morning; they left me after dinner

Saturday the Second; Will^m Sunley spent the afternoon, supt, & smoked a Pipe with me.

Sunday the Third; I dined, went to church & lay at Ayton

Monday the Fourth; I dined at Gisbro' with M^r Galley (of Sunderland) &^c & lay at Ayton, M^r M^{rs} Miss & Mary Mauleverer being there.

Tuesday the Fifth; dined at home.

Wednesday the Sixth; M^r Garth (of Durham) breakfasted with me, we rode to Stockton together, & there parted. I dined & lay at M^r Reed's at Hurworth.

Thursday the Seventh; M^r Reed & I dined at M^r Addison's, & supt at M^r Whaley's; old M^{rs}

Routh (M^{rs} Baker's Mother) was buried at Hurworth today-aged about 81

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Friday the Eighth; I dined at M^r Culley's at Denton; lay at West Auckland (got there to Tea)

Saturday the Ninth; M^r Todd (apo^y) dined at M^r James's

Sunday the Tenth; Doct^r Trotter (of Darlington) dined at M^r James's, being sent for to attend
Tho^s Crow, (M^r James's Neighb^r) M^r Fairless & M^r Ja^s James supt

Monday the Eleventh; I dined at the Inn at Darlington with M^r Addison & M^r Culley, at home
before seven.

Tuesday the Twelfth; spent at home.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; I dined at M^r Smith's, he went with me to M^r Easterbys (at
Skinningrove) we lay there.

Thursday the Fourteenth; I went a Pheasant shooting in M^r Easterby's Estate at Catharstye,
dined at his House & lay at Boulby.

Friday the Fifteenth; attend the six months pay at Boulby, M^r Easterby, Sanderson, Sphinx, M^c
Donald, Ferguharson, Peacock, & apoth Peacock

Saturday the Sixteenth; called at M^r Easterby's who came with me M^r Smith's we dined with
him.

Sunday the Seventeenth; not well all day.

Monday the Eighteenth; Bro & Nep^w Geo Wilson dined with me.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; not well at home.

Wednesday the Twentieth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty First; M^r Ra: Reed came before dinner & M^r Rob^t Culley after.

Friday the Twenty Second; rode out after dinner, M^r Conset Wilson spent the evening with us.

Saturday the Twenty Third; at home all day.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Reed went away; M^r Culley & I dined & lay at Ayton

Monday the Twenty Fifth, Christmas Day; M^r Culley & I dined at Brother Wilson's & came
home.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; M^r Culley rode with me before dinner to M^r Turner's. he was
gone a hunting.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; M^r Culley left me after breakfast; I walked out before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; M^r & M^{rs} Turner, & their Visitors S^r Frank Standish Bart. Miss
Snow, & M^r Forster, dined & drank Tea with me.

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Friday the Twenty Ninth; dined at Ayton.

Saturday the Thirtieth; M^r Dodds came in the evening.

Sunday the Thirtieth First & last Day; M^r Dodds (of Boulby) & myself went to Eston Chapel before dinner; I reced the Sacrament.

JANUARY 1776

Monday the First; M^r Dodds left me after breakfast; Sarah went with him to see her Father & Mother two days; spent at home.

Tuesday the Second; I attended a meeting of the Justices at Gisbro' receiving Constables returned after a privy Search; dined at M^r Harrison's, came home.

Wednesday the Third; I went by Gisbro' to Skelton Castle where I spent an hour with M^r Hall & Rev^d M^r Lascelles, about one of the Trotters, & another of the Lascelles's being Trustees of a Term of ^500 yrs^ in Ayslabie Title; called on M^r Smith at Marsk; & dined at home at two.

Thursday the Fourth; M^r Smith dined with me.

Friday the Fifth; Bro Wilson,-his Son & Rob^t Sanderson dined, the two latter stay a few days- M^r Baker called half an hour on his road to K.Leatham, to Fox Hunt; W^m Child lay here; W^m Sunley & Rob^t Jackson sat two hours

Saturday the Sixth; we Greyhound-coursed till Noon; M^r Smith, M^r Harrison, & M^r Skottowe, dined and lay all night, a cold rainy evening Wind E. high.

Sunday the Seventh; the Gentlemen away, tho' a stormy morning; the Boys stayed; read the Service of the Day & a Sermon.

Monday the Eighth; Wilson & Sanderson went away.

Tuesday the Ninth; I dined & lay at Ayton; so did Sir W^m & Lady Foulis, & their son John (about 14y^{rs} old), the young Folks had a dance; M^r Masterman (of London) M^r Preston, & Doct^r Wayne, supt at Bro Wilson's, the former (Masterman) lat there.

Wednesday the Tenth; M^r Masterman went to K.Leatham; S^r W^m & Lady Foulis home; I lay at Ayton. M^r Ra Reed came to my Sister Esthers in the evening.

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Thursday the Eleventh; dined at Bro. Wilson's, so did Ra: Reed & then went away; I lay at my Sister's as usual.

Friday the Twelfth; much Snow falls to day, I came home before dinner.

Saturday the Thirteenth; at home, much Snow.

Sunday the Fourteenth; M^r Masterman, (see last Wednesday) breakfasted with me, as did M^r Hoare, who came with him in his Chaise from K. Leatham, & went together to Stockton, a stormy day with much Snow.

Monday the Fifteenth; after dinner I attended at Kirk- Leatham the Interment of my late acquaintance M^r Jn^o Hewit, who dyed last Saturday of an apoplectic Fit.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I am far from well, rode to Ayton, dined & lay there; M^r Garth at M^r Wilson's.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; spent the day at Sist^r Esther's; Bro & Sist Wilson & Child^{ren} & M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Skottow drank Tea.

Thursday the Eighteenth; Sist^r Estr^r & myself dined & drank Tea at M^r Skottowe's

Friday the Nineteenth; spent at Ayton

Saturday the Twentieth; rode to Stokesley before dinner at M^r Wilson's; lay at my Sister's as usual

Sunday the Twenty First; dined & lay at home.

Monday the Twenty Second; at home all day.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I dined at Ayton.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I went to Stockton, spent an hour at M^r Bradley's Office on business, & home to dinner, with M^r James, M^r Hill, & M^r Theakston who I found at Stockton on their road to my House.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; we rode to Gisbro' before dinner, viewed the Ruin (the East Window of the Abbey) & calling at M^r Harrison's I found S^r Tho^s Herring Middleton with whom I had some high Words, about my Man John, [killing] a Hare at Easington the 15th of last Month; on our return found M^r Fra^s Reed & Rev^d M^r W^m Addison.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; we rode to K. Leatham before dinner, on our return found M^r Jon^a Davison.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; they all viz. M^r Fra^s Reed, Rev^d M^r Addison, M^r Hill, M^r Theakston, M^r Davison, & M^r James, left me after breakfast, in a very stormey forenoon, the

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Wind being high at S^o E^t & much Snow falls, so that now we have much upon the Ground, there^having^ been no thaw since Sunday the 11th & much Snow has fallen in that interval.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; Bob Jackson & W^m Sunley, & my Tenant Jn^o Neesum dined with me.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; dined at home.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; I dined at Ayton.

Wednesday the Thirty First, & last Day; I dined & lay at M^r Smith's at Marsk; Rev^d M^r Lascelles & Langstaff & M^r Ja^s Hind, & Atkinson, dined, Langstaff & Atkinson supt.

FEBRUARY 1776

Thursday the First; dined at home.

Friday the Second; I dined at Ayton, & with M^r Wilson signed my Interest in Ayslabie Estate to M^r Raikes, (who hath bought it of my Bro Jackson for 13,750£) we were Trustees for Sis^t Dorothy for 3,000£

Saturday the Third; I rece^d my ^last^ Michmas Rents.

Sunday the Fourth; at home all day; a fine thaw.

Monday the Fifth; dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro', M^r Geo: Dodds of Boulby came home with me; the Thaw continues.

Tuesday the Sixth; M^r Dodds went away; Rev^d M^r Lascelles, M^r Smith & M^r Harrison dined & lay here.

Wednesday the Seventh; the Gentlemen left me after breakfast; Brother & Sist Wilson, their 3 Daughters & Son W^m, Sist^r Esther, & M^r M^{rs} & Miss Skottowe came before Tea, to stay some days.

Thursday the Eighth; walked out before dinner

Friday the Ninth; we (Gentlemen) walked before dinner.

Saturday the Tenth; Bro. Wilson & M^r Skottowe & myself rode to the River side before dinner

Sunday the Eleventh; ^ M^r Wilson & M^r Skottowe walked before dinner^ & after dinner all my Company left me, see last Wednesday.

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Monday the Twelfth; I rode out before dinner.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I dined & lay at Ayton: spent an hour wtth M^r Preston at Stokesley. Rev^d M^r Clayton, & M^r Garth lay at M^r Wilson's.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I dined at home, my Tenant Rob^t Thomas sat the evening with me.

Thursday the Fifteenth; I walked to Rob^t Jackson's before dinner; in the afternoon my Tenant Jn^o Wharton (of Oakbridg-holm at Egton) & his Neighbour Tho^s Yeoman came, & lay all night.

Friday the Sixteenth; Jn^o Wharton & Tho^s Yeoman & my Neighbours Rob^t Jackson, W^m Sunley, & W^m & Thom^s Snowdon, coursed on Barnanby Moor, we had [?] of good diversion, they all dined with me.

Saturday the Seventeenth; Jn^o Wharton & Tho^s Yeoman left me after breakfast; M^r Rudd dined with me, & I rode with him to the other end of Barnanby Moor, we rode on Midd-Rigg (as called) which M^r Chaloner hath left a Lease of to Gen^l Hale; but I think he will not be allowed to cultivate it, as it is a part of Gisbro' Common where M^r Turner & myself are Freeholders

Sunday the Eighteenth; at home

Monday the Nineteenth; dined at Gisbro', lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; came home after Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty First; I baited my Horses two hours at Stockton, drank Tea & lay at West- Auckland, where I found M^r W^m James from Liverpool; Jn^o Appleton (of Lackenby) rode with me to Darlington.

Thursday the Twenty Second; at W^t Auckland.

Friday the Twenty Third; went a hunting with M^r W^m James (M^r Jn^o James being out of order) towards Shildon; & afterwards we dined at the W^t Auckland Club.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; came home after baiting at Stockton.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; at home, having a cold.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; rode towards the River before dinner; & walked after, not very well.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I dined & lay at Ayton; M^r Preston supt at M^r Wilson's

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; came home before dinner: fine, settled weather

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Thursday the Twenty Ninth; & last Day; I went to Redcar, early, to offer every assistance of the Civil Magistrate to a Court Martial now settling there on Quarter Master Grant, charged with receiving money from Publicans to excuse them from having Soldiers billeted on them, the Regiment is the 4th Dragoons, commanded by Gen^l Carpenter, Ja^s Hugenin is the L^t Colonel, I called at K.Leatham on my return; Rev^d M^r Nelson & M^r Ja^s Hird came home with me to dinner & lay here; M^r Jn^o James & his Bro W^m also came before dinner.

MARCH 1776

Friday the First; Mess^{rs} Nelson & Hird left us; Mess^{rs} James & myself rode to see K.Leatham before dinner.

Saturday the Second; Mess^{rs} James left me after an early dinner; I walked in to the Wood.

Sunday the Third; I dined & lay at Ayton.

Monday the Fourth; dined at Gisbro', on my return home I called for half an hour at W^m Webster's, with Capt, Jackson, his Nep^w Rob^t & [?] Jackson of Wilson, who bought a Bull of Webster 14£ & ½ Gⁿ to be set^d

Tuesday the Fifth; Capt. Jackson, Rich^d Jackson & myself coursed with our Greyhounds in Upsil Est^a they dined with me.

Wednesday the Sixth; I dined at M^r Smith's drank Tea at M^r Easterby's, called at Grainge & lay at Boulby, Geo Dodds dined at M^r Farquharson's & did not get home till past 9.

Thursday the Seventh; I walked to the Works with G.Dodds before dinner, a stormy afternoon & evening.

Friday the Eighth; M^r Dodds & me dined at M^r Easterby's he set- also set me on this side Saltburn; lay at M^r Smith's at Marsk

Saturday the Ninth; I dined at home, & walked into my Cow-howl- Wood after.

Sunday the Tenth; ^Capt W^m Brown & Jos Cornforth dined with me.

Monday the Eleventh^ walked into the above Wood before dinner; drank Tea & lay at Ayton; M^r & M^{rs} Marwood, Rev^d M^r Metcalf, Rev^d Clayter, & M^r Garth, (all composing a Concert of Musick) being there.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I dined at Sist^r Esther's (the above Company but yet at M^r Wilson's) drank Tea at home.

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Wednesday the Thirteenth; my Serv Jn^o & I met m^r Easterby, his Son Fra^s & M^r Tho^s Peacock (Apo^y) in K.Leatham, on our return with them, we ranged some of Wilton Grounds, found a Leash of Hairs all which the Greyhounds killed; M^r M^c Donald & Geo: Harmond joined us, we all dined at my House at two, M^r Farquharson came before dinner, they all lay here too, save Geo: Harmond.

Thursday the Fourteenth; my Company left me after breakfast; I spent the day at home.

Friday the Fifteenth; at[^]& about[^]home, a fine day.

Saturday the Sixteenth; I spent most of the day in my young Woods (at Page-howl, & Cow-Howl)

Sunday the Seventh[i.e. *Seventeenth*] my Tenants Neesum & Dixon dined with me, we then went to Church; W^m Sunley, Rob^t Jackson & myself afterwards walked to Tho^s Richardsons, they supt with me.

Monday the Eighteenth; I dined at Gisbro' drank Tea at M^{rs} Lincoln's there; & lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; came home in the evening.

Wednesday the Twentieth; at home all day.

Thursday the Twenty First; I rode to the Forest (in the morning) with Ja^s Appleton, about his Sist^r sowing some Tillage out of course; M^r Preston & M^r Geo: Dodds dined with me, The former went away in the evening, the latter stay'd all night.

Friday the Twenty Second; I rode to the Forest after breakfast; dined at Ayton & returned in the ev'ing.

Saturday the Twenty Third; I walked into S^r. Ja^s Pennyman's Grounds about his House, & into his Fold-yards &^c

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Tenants W^m Robinson & Jn^o Laverick dined with me, we then went to Church- viz. Eston Chapel.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; I went by Coatham, & Redcar to Marsk, where I dined, & returned.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; about home all day.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at Sedgfield, drank Tea & lay at Elemore; Geo: Dodds[^]of Boulby[^] being there, & M^r Pearson (of Durham) came in the Evening.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; after dining At Elemore, Geo: Dodds & I left that place at Four, called half an hour at Stockton, & got here before Eleven.

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Friday the Twenty Ninth; I set Geo:Dodds to K.Leatham, & I there stay'd two hours & compromised an Affray made by the Constable (Smith) & others, on Welbury a poor Schoolmaster there. I dined at the Club at Gisbro' (Gen^l Hale President) came home about eight o'Clock.

Satiuday the Thirtyeth; at home all day.

Sunday the Thirty- First, & last Day; my Tenants Rob^t Thomas & H^y Weetman dined with me; I rode to Marsk & returned in the afternoon.

APRIL 1776

Monday the First; dined & drank Tea at ^ Ayton^

Tuesday the Second; I called on M^r Sutton about ten, with whom spent the forenoon at his little Seat at Elton; I dined & lay at his House at Stockton; M^r Jn^o Raisbeck & M^r Geo: Brown spent the evening with us.

Wednesday the Third; Rev^d Johnson, M^r Sutton & myself, dined & drank Tea at M^r Browns; I came home.

Thursday the Fourth; Mess^{rs} Smith & Rudd, & M^r Duck (of London) dined & lay all night here.

Good Friday the Fifth; spent the day about home.

Saturday the Sixth; spent at home, fine weather.

Easter Sunday, the Seventh; dined & lay at Ayton.

Easter Monday the Eighth; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' came home in cold showery weather, mostly of Hail.

Easter Tuesday the Ninth; rode to Yarm to meet M^r Leighton of Newcastle to be taken measure of for Boots & Shoes, stayed till near one, but he did not come: Idined at home; a cold day.

Wednesday the Tenth; at home all day.

Thursday the Eleventh; M^r Leighton of Newcastle (shoemaker) called in the morning, & took measure of me for a pair of Shoes, a pair of Gayters, & a pair of Boots. I called at M^r Smith's at Marsk half an hour, dined & lay at Boulby; M^r Jos^a Daniel (Agent to Lord Mulgrave) & M^r W^m Forden (late Agent to? L^d Malgr^v also^ late ^ One of the late

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Proprietors of Slow Brow Ale Works, & now Agent for the Peers at Whitby) were at Boulby when I got there, taking an Inventory & making an Estimate of the Stocks &^c being called in by Geo; Dodds our Agent, for that purpose at the instance of M^r Baker & myself, as determined on by us at Elemore the 28th March last, see that day.

Friday the Twelfth; dined at Boulby called at Grainge; at Brotton & Marsk; then came home. Saturday the Thirteenth; I sat an hour at Rob^t Jackson's (at Eston) fine mild Rain most of the day.

Sunday the Fourteenth; I received the Sacrament at Eston Chapel (my Parochial Place of Worship) my Neighbours, Tho^s Richardson, W^m Webster, Rob^t Jackson, W^m Sunley, & W^m Snowdon dined with me.

Monday the Fifteenth; at & about home all day.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I dined at M^r Smith's, he went with me to Boulby, we lay there, with M^r Daniel & M^r Forden, see Thursday the 11th.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; spent the day at Boulby, the Coll. Comptro. & Survey. of Whitby Custom House measuring our Coal Bags;

Thursday the Eighteenth; I dined at M^r Easterby's, called half an hour at M^r Smith's, & home.

Friday the Nineteenth; I dined at Ayton

Saturday the Twentieth; at home all day.

Sunday the Twenty First; I dined & lay at Ayton; M^r M^{rs} & Miss Skottowe drank Tea, at my Sister's.

Monday the Twenty Second; Bro & Sis Wilson went to pay a visit to M^r Blackburn of Richmond; I dined at home; fine weather, I am sowing Barley & Hayseeds on my middle Garth.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; rode out before dinner, looked over M^r Turner's Gardens at K. Leatham.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; rode out before dinner; & in the evening John took the measuring wheel & walked with me the foot way to Ormsby (1 mile 2 Furl); exceeding fine weather

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I dined & lay at Ayton, drank Tea at M^r Skottowe's, wth my Nieces.

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Friday the Twenty Sixth; Rev^d Hastwell, & M^r Skottowe, dined with me (at home)

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; Bro Wilson breakfasted and dined with me; we rode to Kirk Leatham before dinner; fine warm weather.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to the Water-side before dinner; & walked into the Woods wth Jn^o in the Even^g

Monday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; & last Day; I dined at Gisbro' (Fair) –came home soon after.

MAY 1776

Wednesday the First; M^r Dundas & myself (at Gisbro') signed the Land Tax Warrants, Poor-Warrants, & allowed the Overseer's Acco^s; I dined with him at Upleatham, so did M^r & M^{rs} Hale.

Thursday the Second; spent the day at home.

Friday the Third; I dined at Gisbro' being Chairman of the Club lately begun; Ten were the Company

Saturday the Fourth; at home all day, being not very well, by staying too late out yesterday.

Sunday the Fifth; I drank a Dish of Tea at Aycliff near Darlington, dined & lay at M^r James's at W^t Auckland; his Mo & Aunt James & her Daughter Kent were there.

Monday the Sixth; I spent the day at M^r James's,

Tuesday the Seventh; I dined at Stockton and got home about seven o'Clock.

Wednesday the Eighth; at home- Rain.

Thursday the Ninth; I dined & lay at Ayton; Bro. Wilson & Sist^r Esther were at Normanby & return'd to Ayton to dinner, we went different Roads.

Friday the Tenth; I dined & drank Tea at Ayton.

Saturday the Eleventh; M^r Jos^p & M^{rs} Passman, their Son & eldest Daughter, dined & drank Tea with me; Rev^d M^r Nelson drank Tea: M^r G. Dodds lay here.

Sunday the Twelfth; spent at home with M^r Geo: Dodds.- fine showers.

Monday the Thirteenth; dined at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I dined & drank Tea, at Ayton; very fine Spring Weather:

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Wednesday the Fifteenth; I walked to Eston, Rob^t Jackson & W^m Sunley dined with me; I walked with them to their Highways - cold N. Est Wind.

Thursday the Sixteenth; Bro Wilson called, & with him I dined at Rev^d Nelson's at K. Leatham. Gen^l Hale, his Natural Son John Hale, M^r Smith, M^r Atkinson, & M^r Hird were also there; M^r Wilson lay at my House not leaving M^r Nelson's till after eight o'Clo.

Friday the Seventeenth; my Neighbours Jackson & Snowdon breakfasted with me, and with them (parting with Bro Wilson at Marton-Moor-House) I went to Craythorne, we dined at Jn^o Flounders's there, a Quaker, after looking over his Mills & Grounds &^c for dressing & bleaching linen-cloth; I came away before eight, Jackson & Snowdon stayed an hour later.
Saturday the Eighteenth; John Rowntree of Skiningrove brought his Daughter Elizabeth, about 18 y^{rs} of Age, to be my Servant, she is a third Maid-Servant, having only had two till now; I rode to W^m Snowdons & home by Dixon's after dinner.

Sunday the Nineteenth; at home all day.

Monday the Twentieth; I dined at Gisbro', and lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty First; M^r Dundas (of Upleatham) called on me at my Sisters; I proceeded with him to Stokesley where the Justices of the Peace of the West Division & D^{ty} Lieutenant were swearing and enrolling the Militia for this (Langbaugh) Wapentake, we dined; I lay at my Sisters not well.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; spent at my Sisters very much out of order

Thursday the Twenty Third; as yesterday.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; being somewhat better I came home, tho' much out of order.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I rode with Rob^t Jackson to Tho^s Wilson's near Acklam, who hath a very fine Bull, 8 y^{rs} old, which he lately bought near Darlington, Rob^t dined with me

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; am very much out of order today; my Tenant Rob^t Thomas drank Tea & sat two hours with me.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; I rode to the Water-side before dinner, very far from well;

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I rode upon Barnaby Moor, fine warm weather.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I rode to M^r Chaloner's Park where is a fall of small oak wood, but as it is not yet collected into heaps did not buy any; on coming home to dinner I

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found my Sis Esther & Nep^w William who lay here; I am poorly indeed. Jn^o Price came in the evening.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; rode to the Water Side, am rather better to day; Jn^o Price went away in the evening.

Friday the Thirtyeth & last Day; rode out before dinner & am much better; M^r Wilson dined with us, & after Tea I rode with him, Sis^t Estr & Nep William to Ormsby-hill Top on their road home.

JUNE 1776

Saturday the First; I rode to Wilton beck before dinner, W^m Sunley dined with me.

Sunday the Second; I'm much better; M^r Ja^s Culley called after dinner, I rode with him to see S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Cows, he went home.

Monday the Third; not very well; Doct^r Kirton & his Son dined & drank Tea, we rode to the River side after dinner.

Tuesday the Fourth; Jn^o Flounders called after I had got my Dinner; I rode with him to W^m Snowdon's.

Wednesday the Fifth; Am not very well, my Tenant John Neesum fell ill today; my Sist^r Estr^r & Nep^w Will came to stay a few days.

Thursday the Sixth; I am better to-day

Friday the Seventh; Doct^r Kirton being sent for to my Tenant Jn^o Neesum, dined with me; so did Bro & Sist Wilson & their 3 Daughters, they all went away, I set Sist Estr to Hamilton Hills.

Saturday the Eighth; I got cold yesterday & am not well all day.

Sunday the Ninth; Kirton dined with me, & Doct^r Wayne lay here, being sent for to Jn^o Neesum.

Monday the Tenth; Doct^r Wayne & Kirton spent the day & lay here. John Neesum being exceed^g ill.

Tuesday the Eleventh; my Tenant Jn^o Neesum dyed this morning about six o'Clock, aged near 52. Kirton went away, Doct^r Wayne & I dined at my Sister's at Ayton; I lay there M^{rs} & Miss Blackburn coming there this evening, from Thirsk.

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Wednesday the Twelfth; I dined at Ayton and drank Tea at home; fine showery wether.

Thursday the Thirteenth; M^r Benj^a Neesum (coming to his Relation's Funeral) dined with me; I called on M^r Smith in the afternoon who went with me to Boulby, we lay there; We dined at Boulby being our six Months pay day; I drank Tea at M^r Smith's at Marsk, & came home.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I dined & lay at Ayton; Arch. Deacon Blackburne his Wife Son Fran^s & Daughter Sarah being there; Generals Cary & Hale dined there.

Sunday the Sixteenth; I spent the day at Ayton; went to Church twice. M^r Blackburne preached. Monday the Seventeenth; I came home at twelve, Bro & Sist Wilson their Son Geo: Bob Sanderson, M^r & M^{rs} Blackburne & their Son dined with me; we drank Tea at the Forest, then they left me.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I made a morning Visit at K. Leatham, but M^r & M^{rs} Turner were from home; Doct^r Kirton drank Tea with me.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; at home all day. M^r Smith came in the evening.

Thursday the Twentieth; M^r Smith rode with me thro' all my Estate at Normanby to make an Estimate thereof a new Rental he went away before eight in the evening.

Friday the Twenty First; Doct Kirton called in the morning; I dined & lay at Ayton.

Saturday the Twenty Second; spent the day at Ayton; at home in the evening M^r Fra^s Reed (of Hurworth) came.

Sunday the Twenty Third; M^r Reed & I paid M^r Turner a morning Visit; M^r Hoar dined & drank Tea here.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Reed and I dined & drank Tea at M^r Turners.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; M^r Reed left me before breakfast; I dined & drank Tea at Ayton, Doct Kirton & his Son being there.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; Bro & Sis Wilson & their two eldest Daughters dined & drank Tea with me; my Sister Esther, Niece Est Nephews Geo: & W^m, Bob Sanderson & Miss Blackburn lay here.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; Sis Esther, Miss Blackburne & myself rode to the Forest after dinner and returned to Tea.

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Friday the Twenty Eighth; Bro. & Sis Wilson & their 2 eldest Girls came before dinner, & they with all the rest went away after Tea; I went by K.Leatham, to Gisbro' Club, home in the evening.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; M^r James & his Son T. Ward James, & Capt Hilton (of Haughton) came before dinner, & lay here.

Sunday the Thirtyeth & last Day; we walked before dinner & in the evening.

JULY 1776

Monday the First; after dinner I set my Visitors ab^t 2 miles on their Road home, and loosing my Newfoundland Pup Bustler, I rode by the lower part of Marton Tonship & home by White House.

Tuesday the Second; I dined & drank Tea at Ayton; finding M^r Garth & M^r Hall there; the latter came home with me.

Wednesday the Third; after dinner M^r Hall & I went to Stockton, drank Tea, he went home to Darn'son and I proceeded to Hurworth where I lay at M^r Reeds.

Thursday the Fourth; I spent the day at Hurworth; M^r Ward Rev^d Addison & Nep^w &^c dined with us.

Friday the Fifth; M^r Reed & I dined & lay at M^r Hill's at Blackwell, Rev^d Addison Jun & Rev^d Theakston only dined & spent the evening.

Saturday the Sixth; We spent at Blackwell

Sunday the Seventh; I dined at Cousin Forsters at Yarm, on my road home.

Monday the Eighth; I dined at Gisbro' and lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Ninth; M^r Preston called on me at Ayton, and dined with me at Normanby on business; before he went away M^r Baker (of Elemore) came, & lay here.

Wednesday the Tenth; M^r Baker & I went to Boulby before dinner, looked into our Accots and lay there.

Thursday the Eleventh; M^r Baker & I examined & allowed Geo: Dodds's Accounts to 1st June last before dinner; we came here in the evening where we found Mr Rob. Culley, who also lay here.

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Friday the Twelfth; M^r Baker left me after breakfast; M^r Fran^s Reed & M^r Hill came before dinner & lay here.

Saturday the Thirteenth; Rainy weather M^r Reed, M^r Hill, M^r Culley & myself played at cards

Sunday the Fourteenth; M^r Hill left us before dinner, the weather continues rainy

Monday the Fifteenth; M^r Culley went away after breakfast; & after dinner M^r Reed & I rode to Coatham in quest of lodgings for himself & M^r Addison

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I attended the bench at Stokesley, holding the Quarter-Sessions, we were ten Justices on the Bench; I drank Tea at M^r Peirson's, with Bro. Wilson; I lay at Ayton; M^r Reed went from my House to Coatham

Wednesday the Seventeenth; got home before dinner, attended my hayfield afternoon.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I dined & spent the afternoon at Coatham.

Friday the Nineteenth; M^r Reed & Rev^d M^r W^m Addison, dined & lay here; Gen. Hale called in the evening, & stayed half an hour being very wett by the excessive Rain that falls.

Saturday the Twentieth; I rode to Coatham with M^r Reed & M^r Addison, dined & returned.

Sunday the Twenty First; I went to K.Leatham Church before & after- noon dined at Rev^d M^r Nelson's; Rev^d M^r Addison did all the Duty. I went to Ayton in the evening where I found Bro & Sis Jeffry Jackson, M^{rs} Ward, Miss Betty James, & Miss Lewin just arrived.

Monday the Twenty Second; at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; Capt. Jackson Geo: Wilson & myself came to Normanby & return'd to Ayton before dinner; I went to Bed soon after.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; Being much out of order. I came home in the evening M^r L of London called at Ayton having lay'd at Normanby last night.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; am better. W^m Sunley, W^m & Tho^s Snowdon dined with me. Rev^d M^r Addison Sen^r & Rev^d M^r Theakston drank Tea with me, I set them to K.Leatham on their way to Coatham.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to the side of the River before noon; Bro^{ss} Wilson & Jeff^{ry} Jackson dined & drank Tea with me; I rode a little way on their return.

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Saturday the Twenty Seventh; Revernd M^r Addison Sen^r & Jun^r & Theakston, & M^r Fra^s Reed dined & drank Tea with me; M^{rs} Pemberton, her Daughter, Sist Cock, & Miss Wright drank Tea.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; I dined & lay at Ayton; M^r James & his Wife arrived there yesterday; he went away to day about one.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; Capt. Jackson & M^r Hall went with me to Gisbro' where I met M^r Dundas by appointment on Smugling Complaints.

Tuesday the Thirtieth; I rode out with Miss Lewin (her and I on the same horse), Miss James & M^r Hale before dinner; Captains Wilson & Jackson walked to Stokesley, after dinner we all went to see the performance of a slight of hand Man (the English Hussar) I came home before Tea. For the Moons Eclipse see

Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day; I went to Bed at one this morning having sat up till that hour observing the Eclipse of the Moon,(by the Earth's Shadow) which began here about 15 Minutes after 10, in one hour she became opaque (viz ab^t 12 Mins after 11) and continued so till about 35 Min^s after twelve. The day spent at home--- exceeding hot weather.

AUGUST 1776

Thursday August, the First; M^r Fran^s Reed dined with me on his road to Coatham; I then went to Ayton & lay there.

Friday the Second; I spent the day at Ayton, Miss Bett James not well; came home at 9.

Saturday the Third; at home all day receiving my last Ladyday Rents- excessive hot weather.

Sunday the Fourth; I dined & lay at Ayton, we all drank Tea at M^r Skottow's

Monday the Fifth; I went to Stockton early to see a Puncheon of Rum divided between M^r James & myself; return'd to Ayton to dinner, where I found M^r M^{rs} Miss & M^r Geo: Brown, I lay there.

Tuesday the Sixth; at Ayton all day.

Wednesday the Seventh; Sister Esther, Bro & Sister Wilson, Bro Jeff^{ty} & Sis Dolly, M^{rs} Ward, Miss Lewin(rode behind me) M^{rs} & Miss Eliz^a James, & myself came to Normanby before dinner, found M^r Sob Hall, M^r & M^{rs} Wilson went away after Tea.

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Thursday the Eighth; walked out after breakfast into the Lane, where I declared ^ Proposal to Miss Lewin^ my Love for her, & asked permission to write to her Father (Rich^d Lewin Esq of Mays Hill in Greenwich) for his approbation, to which she consented: spent the day at home, M^{rs} Turner & her Sist^r called in the morning. M^r M^{rs} & M^r Geo; Brown dined here.
Friday the Ninth; John Flounders dined with us; I rode to Ayton with two Letters to my Brother Jackson & Capt Lewin as above; on my return I found that M^r Hall was gone; and that Captain Young of the Cormorant Man of War, now in the River Tees,

was come to spend a few days here

Saturday the Tenth; Capt. Jackson, Capt. Young, & myself rode to Dabholme near to the Cormorant, where we were joined by M^r Benj^a Fisher just come from London, & M^r Wilson, on our return to dinner found M^r James. Gen^l Hale called in the Evening.

Sunday the Eleventh; we all dined on cold victuals & drank Tea at my Farm House (the Forest) near the River, and went in Capt. Young's Boat to M^r Davison's Island, sheltering ourselves there from the Rain, above an hour.

Monday the Twelfth; M^r M^{rs} & Miss Eliz^a James went away after breakfast, so did Capt. Young to his Ship in the evening: I went to Gisbro' & returned before dinner.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I met Capt. Young below Kirk-Leatham & went with him to Gen^l Hale's at the Plantation where we were met by Capt Wilson, after dinner Capt^s Young & Wilson went to Ayton & I cam home; a disagreeable evening, sat up late.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Capt Jackson & Ben: Fisher dined at Ayton, Miss Lewin & I rode part of the way with them.

Thursday the Fifteenth: Capt Jackson & I breakfasted at Stockton, dined at M^r Hall's at Darlington, after I had attended the Commissioners under the Statute against Pease & Dent, in behalf of my Brother Jackson, M^{rs} Pease & M^{rs} Benson came home. Bro & Sis^r Wilson dined here, they bro^t Capt Young who stays.

Friday the Sixteenth: Sisters Esther & Dolly Capt^s Jackson & Young, M^{rs} Ward Miss Lewin B. Fisher & myself dined & drank Tea at Coatham, all returned.

Saturday the Seventeenth: Captains Young & Jackson & myself dined at M^r Turner's.

Sunday the Eighteenth; Capt Young & Ben^a Fisher dined on board the Cormorant & returned; Bro & Sister Wilson & M^r & M^{rs} Thirkeld (who we found at Coatham in Friday) dined & drank Tea with us.

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Monday the Nineteenth; we all dined at Ayton & returned; Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary dined there.

Tuesday the Twentieth; M^r Sutton dined with us.

Wednesday the Twenty First; M^{rs} Ward, Miss Lewin, Ben^a Fisher & myself went to M^r James's at West-Auckland, changing Chaise at Stockton, & unexpectedly dining at M^r Wilkinson's at Darlington.

Thursday the Twenty Second; we all drank Tea at old M^{rs} James's, & afterwards walked to Hummerbeck, Miss Lewin was not so well on our return.

Friday the Twenty Third; some young folks rode, Miss Lewin & Misses Eliz^a & Peggy James & I walked before dinner, we all drank Tea at M^{rs} Kent's

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at M^r Hall's at Darlington with Bro Jeffy. & Sis^r Dolly, from thence I went to Ayton they proceeded to W. Auckland.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I dined & drank Tea at Ayton, came home before it was dark.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; spent the day at home settling my Books of Acc^{ts} &^c.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; Being Gisbro' Fair-day I dined there at Mr Rudd's.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I breakfasted at Brown's at Stockton where Bro & Sis^r Wilson joined me, & with whom I went to Durham; we were met there by Bro & Sis^r Jeffy. Jackson (from W. Auckland) & after dinner all proceeded to M^r Askew's at Redheugh, found my two eldest Niece Wilsons & M^r Garth there; lay all night.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; being a very Rainy day were confined in the House.

Friday the Thirtieth; Bro Jeffy. Went to Blyth to see a Relation of his name & returned; Bro. Wilson W, Askew & myself walked to Newcastle before dinner; & walked out after dinner while M^{rs} Askew my Sisters & Nieces drank Tea at M^{rs} Askews at Wickham about four Miles distance.

Saturday the Thirty First & last Day; I dined at Durham, and lay at West-Auckland.

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Sunday the First; much Rain falling last night the Town street was much flooded. I spent the day at West Auckland.

Monday the Second; I spent the day at West Auckland.

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Tuesday the Third; I dined at Darlington, drank Tea with Nep^w Geo: Wilson at M^r Brown's at Stockton; home in the evening.

Wednesday the Fourth; I dined & lay at Ayton; very Rainy weather, much Wheat cut.

Thursday the Fifth; I spent the morning settling a dispute between my Sister Esther & young John Richardson on her inclosing a small part of the Common in Ayton Town; came home after dinner.

Friday the Sixth; I went out with my Gun this morning, the first time this Season; dined & drank Tea at Ayton.

Saturday the Seventh; I walked near seven hours with my Gun today towards the River; W^m Sunley dined with me at four.

Sunday the Eighth; I dined & lay at Ayton a very rainy day; I found Ben. Fisher there; my Sister Estr^r; Dolly & Capt Jackson gone to Whitby.

Monday the Ninth; Ben. Fisher, Nep^w Geo: Wilson & M^r Sober Hall, came home with me before dinner, we coursed on Barnaby-Moor on our Road hither, killed one Hare; they went a-shooting in the afternoon.

Tuesday the Tenth; M^r Hall & Geo: Wilson went to Ayton. Ben. Fisher & myself to W. Auckland before dinner; I lay there.

Wednesday the Eleventh; Miss Lewin, two of the Miss James's Ben. Fisher, M^r James & myself rode to Witton-le-Wear before dinner; Capt. Lewin (Father of Miss Lewin) came before Tea, from Greenwich (his home) last from Ayton.

Thursday the Twelfth; Capt. & Miss Lewin, M^r James & myself rode through Lord Darlington's Park at Raby, had Rain on our return, and found M^{rs} Hopper of Durham, wth whom Capt. Lewin went home.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I dined at Darlington, drank Tea at M^r Sutton's at Elton with Rev^d M^r Joy, came home.

Sunday the Fifteenth; I dined & lay at Ayton, walked in the evening.

Monday the Sixteenth; I dined at Gisbro' after receiving from the several overseers of the Poor in the East-Division of Langbaugh Wapentake, answers to sundry Questions made to them (in a Schedule) by Parliament last year; M^r Chaloner & myself were the only Justices present. M^r Preston of Stokesley came before nine in the evening to converse with me about my Marr. Settlement wth Miss Lewin.

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Tuesday the Seventeenth; M^r Preston went home after breakfast; and I to Stockton, spent an hour at M^r Bradley's office, and before one found M^r Lewin & his Daughter at the Inn (see the 11th inst) we came to Normanby before dinner, found Bro. Jeff.y & Sis^r from K.

Leatham, also M^r Benson of Ayslaby; we spent an agreeable evening.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; M^r Benson went away, Bro. & Sis^r Jeff.y M^r Lewin & myself settled Terms on which I am to marry Miss Mary Lewin, his only Daughter; then the two Gentlemen & I walked into the Fields, Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their two eldest Daughters & Sister Esther came before dinner, Capt. Jackson & his Wife went to Yarm, M^r, M^{rs} & Miss Wilsons went to Ayton so did M^r Lewin taking leave of this place, intending to leave this Country tomorrow; Sister Esther & Miss Lewin stay with me.

Thursday the Nineteenth; Sister Esther assisted me to dispose of my old Cloths among my Servants &^c and after Tea Miss Lewin & her & myself went to Ayton; going near Greenhow-hill House my Galloway on which Miss Lewin rode single became a little Frisky & she fell backwards sprfaining her right Elbow on which her whole weight fell, I led the Galloway (Miss L. upon it) to Ayton.

Friday the Twentieth; I sent for Doct. Wayne to attend Miss Lewin whose Arm swells much, S^r W^m & Lady Foulis dined & drank Tea at M^r Wilson's

Saturday the Twenty First; Miss Lewin & myself dined & drank Tea at my Sister Esther's; the rest were at Gen^l Cary's.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I spent the day at Ayton, Miss Lewin's Arm much swelled

Monday the Twenty Third; I dined at home, and returned to Ayton in the evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; spent at Ayton; Miss Lewin's Arm is better; we dined at my Sister Esther's, Bro. & Sis. Wilson, & Bro & Sis. Jeffry dined at M^r Mauleverers.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; Bros. Wilson & Jeff.y & myself spent the forenoon in the Fields with our Guns, M^r Hall of Darn'ton dined at Ayton; we all drank Tea at M^r Skottow's.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; I came to Normanby to dinner, & returned to Ayton.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; at nine Sister Esther, Bro. & Sis. Jeff'y Jackson, Meice Esther Wilson, Miss Lewin & myself set out for York (see Sunday 21st July) we dined at Thirsk & were there met by M^{rs} Ward, her Nep^w Ben. Fisher (see Saturday 10th August) & her niece Eliz. James, we all proceeded to York, and lay there.

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Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at Ten in the forenoon, Sister Estr. Niece Esther, Bro. & Sis. Jweff'y & their maid, Miss Lewin, M^{rs} Ward, Miss E. James & M^r Ben. Fisher set out (from York) for London, (old) M^{rs} Pybus paid for our Breakfast, I set out at 12, dined at Thirsk and lay at Ayton; spent an hour wth M^r Preston at Stokesley.

Sunday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I met M^r Chaloner at Gisbro' on Justice business, dined at the Ordinary

OCTOBER 1776

Tuesday October the First; I went into the Bank a-shooting wth Rob. Jackson, W^m Snowdon & W^m Sunley, they dined with me at three.

Wednesday the Second; I dined at Stockton with Mess^{rs} James & Sob. Hall, who came home with me (by appoointgmt). M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson, M^r & M^{rs} Wetherel M^r Terry and his Niewce Walker also dined with us.

Thursday the Third; M^r Hall walked a-shooting; M^r James & myself rode through Appleton's, Cornforth's, & Dixon's Farms.

Friday the Fourth; M^r James & I rode through S^{weetman's}, Robinson's, & Rob. Thomas's Farms, M^r Hall rode out with the Greyhounds.

Saturday the Fifth; M^r James & I rode thro' Neesum's Farm, Bro. Wilson dined with us & we settled the Upsil acct. as p. article of this date.

Sunday the Sixth; M^r James took a Fit last night in bed; he & M^r Hall left me after breakfast; I dined at Ayton; came home at six.

Monday the Seventh; I called at M^r Smith's, dined at M^r Easterby's, called at Grainge & lay at Boulby.

Tuesday the Eighth; called at grainge, dined at M^r Smith's, & came home before six, then attended my Neighbours meeting on Highway acco^{ts}.

Wednesday the Ninth; I dined at Ayton, M^r Garth & M^r Sob. Hall were there; on my return I found M^r Wilkinson of Darlington, comed to draw me a Plan of the Out Offices

Thursday the Tenth; I spent the day with M^r Wilkinson in and about the House.

Friday the Eleventh; as yesterday, save that M^r Preston drank Tea with us.

Saturday the Twelfth; I walked out with my Gun 4 hours, W^m Snowdon & John with me.

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Sunday the Thirteenth; I went to Eston Chapel (as my Parish-Church) on the forenoon, and received the Sacramant.

Monday the Fourteenth; M^r Chaloner & myself held the Special Sessions for the Highways in the East Division of this (Langbaugh) Wapentake, at Gisbro'.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I dined at Ayton. Wednesday the Sixteenth; M^r Smith, W^m Child & Tho^s Preswick dined here; I let the latter my Farm at grainge, to enter on next Spring.

Thursday the Seventeenth; Bro. Wilson dined & drank Tea with me, & assisted in replacing the Books in my Library, they having been taken down lately to make some alterations. M^r Jn^o Nicholson & W^m Snowdon supt with me.

Friday the Eighteenth; I spent the day in my Library; and in the evening went to Ayton; laid in my Sister Esther's House.

Saturday the Nineteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Wilson & myself went in a Chaise (by Kildale & Scaling) to M^r Benson's at Ayslaby to make a Bride Visit to M^{rs} Benson, we dined & lay there.

Sunday the Twentyeth; we all went to Ayslaby Chapel, and after dinner went to Whitby where we drank Tea at old M^{rs} Peases, returned to Ayslaby before Supper.

Monday the Twenty First; Brother & Sist. Wilson & me left Ayslaby after breakfast, eat a Snack-dinner at Scaling, & home; I spent an hour at Gisbro' with M^r Preston.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; M^r Duck of London dined with me.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I spent the forenoon preparing for my Journey to London, first to Woodford-Bridge (Bro. Jeff'y's) where I am to meet Miss Lewin, & hope soon after to be married to that young Lady; I write this at two o'Clo: P.M: being ready to go to Ayton this Evening: supt at Bro. Wilson's & lay at Sister Esther's House.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; at Six I left Ayton wth my Serv. Jn^o Fawcitt, soon after was overtaken by M^r Jn^o Readhead in a Post-Chaise on his road to N^o Allerton from whence he intends to bring his intended Bride, I slipt into his Chaise to Ingleby Cross, where a Thirsk Chaise met me by appointment; I dined at Borrowbridg, drank Tea at Ferry-bridg, supt & lay at Barnby Moor – 89 miles.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; Breakfasted at Newark, dined at Stilton, supt & lay at Hookerhall [?].

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Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I breakfasted at Bro. Jeff'y Jackson's at Woodford-Bridg', where I found my dear Miss Lewin, Sist.Est & Niece Estr. Were there.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; Capt. Jackson & myself went to London a-shopping, dined on a Beef Stake at the Bull in WhiteChapel, home to Tea.

Tuesday the Twdenty Ninth; at Wood-ford-Bridg' att day.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; Miss Lewin went to her Father's at Greenwich; I dined & lay at Brother Jackson's in old Palace Yard; so did Sister Esther, Capt. Jackson Sis. Dolly & Esther Wilson.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day; I joined Miss Lewin & Miss E. James in London, spent the morning with them, wse dined & lay at Capt. Lewin's, Maize-hill, Greenwich.

NOVEMBER 1776

Friday the First; spent the day at Greenwich, & lay there again.

Saturday the Second; I left Greenwich before dinner; & went to Woodford-Bridg in the evening.

Sunday the Third; my Sisters Esther & Doro'y & myself paid a morning visit to our cousin Richard Spencer at Hornchurch in Essex.

Monday the Fourth; my Sisters & Capt. Jackson assisted me in business (in London) preparatory to my Marriage, we dined at Dolly's Chop-House, they then went to Woodford-Bridg', & I went to M^{rs} Ward's at beckingham, where I found Miss Lewin.

Tuesday the Fifth; Miss Lewin & me went to see her two youngest Brothers (Edward & John) at an Academy on Shuter's-hill before dinner; Benj. Fisher not well at Beckingham.

Wednesday the Sixth; I went to London with Miss Lewin (set her down at M^r Smart's a Limner in Berner's street, Oxford-Street, who is taking her Picture in Miniature, to be sent to her Bro. Thomas at F^r. S^t George in East-India; I met her Father & Capt. Jackson at M^r Lushington's Office in Doctors Commons, where we took out a Licence perparitory to my Marriage with Miss Lewin, who joined my Sisters 7 me at M^r Williamson's Jeweller in Fleet-Street, dined at S^t Clement's Chop-House, after which Miss Lewin & myself went to Beckingham.

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Thursday the Seventh; Ben. Fisher remains ill of a Rheumatic Fever; Capt Jackson and my two Sisters came to Beckingham before dinner & lay there, M^{rs} Ward is not recovered from a violent attack of the Gout.

Friday the Eighth; Capt Jackson & I set Miss Lewin down at Greenwich, went to London & both returned to Greenw^{ch} in the evening where we found my two Sisters, lay there.

Saturday the Ninth; we all went to London, & (save Miss Lewin & her Father who return'd home) to Woodford Bridge.

Sunday the tenth; at Woodford-Bridg'.

Monday the Eleventh; Capt. Jackson & myself went to M^r Downe's in Mount-street Grosvenor Square to look at some Chaise Horses, from thence I went in pursuit of Miss Lewin to M^r Smart's, Miss Huntridge's, & found her at M^r Pearson's in Tavistock-street; we went to my Brother Jackson's in old Palace-yard, & were met to dinner there by Capt Lewin & W^m Allen. Miss Lewin return'd to Greenwich with her Father.

Tuesday the Twelfth; Sister esther, Sist. Dolly & self paid M^{rs} Wood, M^r Pybus, & Capt Skottow each a morning visit; I dined & lay at Greenwich.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; Miss Lewin & I paid a morning visit to M^{rs} Ward, taking leave of her, Miss Eliz. James & Ben. Fisher; I dined & lay at Greenwich: Sister Estr. & Capt Jackson came to us before Tea.

Thursday the Fourteenth; after breakfast, say at a quarter past eight M^r Burnaby (Vicar of Greenwich) married my dear Mary Lewin and me in Greenwich Church, my Bro. Jeff^y Jackson gave her, my Sister Esther too was with us, - we dined and lay at Woodford-Bridg' – Mary was 20 Years old last March, being born 19th 1756: and I was 40 years old last Jan^{ry} being born 15th Jan^a 1735/6; - but by the alteration of the Stile which took place in September 1752, - I was born, say 26th Jan^{ry} 1736.

Friday the Fifteenth; at Woodford-Bridg', M^r W^m Allen came down before Tea.

Saturday the Sixteenth; my wife my Sisters & self went to London on business; dined at the Bull, home to Tea.

Sunday the Seventeenth; M^r & M^{rs} Pybus called an hour – before dinner; Bro & Sist Jackson dined

Monday the Eighteenth; Sister Estr. & self breakfasted in London, finished our Commissions & dined at Woodford-Bridge, Miss E. James & Mr Ra: Reed came down before Tea.

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Tuesday the Nineteenth; after breakfast my Wife, Sist. Estr. & self took leave of our Friends at Woodford-Bridg', and with Fawcitt (my Servant) dined at Chesterford, supt & lay at Cambridg'.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; we breakfasted at Huntingdon, dined at Coltsworth, lay at Newark.

Thursday the Twenty First; breakfasted at Barnby-Moor, dined Ferrybridg' drank Tea at Wetherby, and lay at Borrowbridg'

Friday the Twenty Second; we breakfasted at North-Allerton, dined (at two) at my Sister Esther's at Ayton; Bro. Wilson & Family were with us.

Saturday the Twenty Third; we dined at Bro. Wilson's, M^r & M^{rs} Chaloner, his Bro. the Capt. & his Lady & Miss Place were there.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth: at my Sister's all day, which was very stormy.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; M^r Preston breakfasted; I dined at home (Normanby) M^r & M^{rs} Skottow & M^r & M^{rs} Wilson drank Tea with us at my Sisters.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; Gen^l Cary & his Lady called on us before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; John Richardson & his Sister, their Bro. W^m & his Wife drank Tea at my Sister's.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; W^m Richardson his Wife, & Grand-Daugh^t & Miss Wetherill drank Tea.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; after breakfast my Wife & Sister Esther & self came home to Normanby before dinner, they had the Stokesley Chaise.

Saturday the Thirtieth & last day; at home all day.

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Sunday the First; at home.

Monday the Second; Doct. Wayne dined & lay here.

Tuesday the Third; Rev^d Nelson dined with us.

Wednesday the Fourth; very foggy weather.

Thursday the Fifth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their eldest Daughters, & two Sons came before dinner to stay a few days.

Friday the Sixth; M^r Garth came from Upleatham, and after breakfasting with us, went homewards (to Durham), I agreed with him to attend M^{rs} Jackson at her Harpsichord'

Saturday the Seventh; at home.

Sunday the Eighth; M^r Wilson & I walked out the day being fine.

Monday the Ninth; M^r Wilson, Nep^w Geo: & myself went a Coursing before dinner.

Tuesday the Tenth; my Sister Esther (see Friday the 29th Ult^o) Bro. & Sister Wilson & their Family (see Thursday the fifth inst) left us before dinner.

Wednesday the Eleventh; at home.

Thursday the Twelfth; M^r Garth (Musician of Durham) came before breakfast to instruct my Wife on the Harpsichord, which she can play on a little; M^r Geo: Sutton came with him & went away soon after; Rev^d Williamson & his Wife, & M^r & M^{rs} Harrison also of Gisbro' paid us a morning visit.

Friday the Thirteenth; M^r Garth went to M^r Chaloner (at Gisbro') before dinner.

Saturday the Fourteenth; after breakfast I went to Stockton, executed several Shop-Commissions, returned before dinner.

Sunday the Fifteenth; at home.

Monday the Sixteenth; rode with John a Greyhound-Coursing before dinner.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; at home.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I carried my Wife on horse-back to my Sisters at Ayton.

Thursday the Nineteenth; I breakfasted at M^r Harrison's (at Gisbro') who went with me to M^r Easterby's (at Skiningrove) where met us to dinner, M^r Smith, M^cDonald, Peacock, & Geo: Dodds; with the latter I went home (to Boulby) & lay there.

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Friday the Twentyeth; this being our six Months Pay day at Boulby, M^r Easterby, Peacock, M^cDonald, Farquharson, Spinx, & John Wharton dined there, Rev^d Loy & Jackson & M^r Sanderson came soon after; I left them at three, and went to Ayton, a cold night.

Saturday the Twenty First; Bro. & Sist. Wilson and Family dined at S^r W^m Foulis's, so did I, not having returned their visit to me in 1774; my Wife at my Sister's.

Sunday the Twenty Second; we went to Ayton Church before dinner; and drank Tea at M^r Skottowes.

Monday the Twenty Third; we drank Tea at M^r Wetherill's.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I met M^r Dundas at Gisbro' on Justice business, return'd to dinner, & drank Tea at Jn^o Richardson's.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; being Christmas-day, my Wife & I rece#d the Sacrament at Ayton Church with our Friends.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; Bro. Wilson & I rode to Stokesley before dinner; we dined at his House, Lady Foulis & her Sons being there.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; my Wife Sister & self returned Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary's morning visit, and drank Tea at W^m Richardson's Sen^r.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; my Wife Sister & self returned S^r W^m & Lady Foulis's morning visit, a snowy day, one of the (Hack) Horses tiring we waited above an hour in the Lane on our return, till my Sister's Man brought her old Horse (Poppet) to assist us home.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Church in the afternoon.

Monday the Thirtyeth; I brought my Wife home on horse-back (a cold day) after spending 12 days with Sister Estr. & Bro. & Sist. Wilson at Ayton.

Tuesday the Thirty First & last day; M^r Garth came before dinner (see Thursday the 12th inst), & lay here.

JANUARY 1777

Wednesday the First; Gen^l Hale & M^r Dundas paid us a morning visit; M^r Garth with us all day.

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Thursday the Second; M^r Garth went away before breakfast; M^r James came about one o'Clo. We did not dine till a quarter before five, expecting M^r & M^{rs} Turner but they did not come (see tomorrow).

Friday the Third; Sister Esther came before dinner (which is usually at two o'Clo.) at three M^r & M^{rs} Turner, a young Lady & an Officer came to dine with us, having mistaken the day (see yesterday), they returned home immediately.

Saturday the Fourth; at home.

Sunday the Fifth; at home.

Monday the Sixth; much Snow fell last night with a high North-wind; notwithstanding which M^r James went away before dinner.

Tuesday the Seventh; at home.

Wednesday the Eighth; Bro. Wilson & his son Geo: came before dinner, the latter to stay a few days – much Snow on the Ground & hard frost.

Thursday the Ninth; Rev^d Johnson & M^r Geo: Brown paid us a morning visit: soon after M^r Hoar & his Sister came, they dined with us, & went to K. Leatham with M^r & M^{rs} Turner & Capt. Hewit, who dined here by appointment; they all rode on horseback.

Friday the Tenth; at home, severe frost.

Saturday the Eleventh; I am much out of order by a pain in my Head & Throat;

Sunday the Twelfth; a fine Thaw all night & part of yesterday has nearly carried the Snow away; I am far from well; Geo: Wilson went away.

Monday the Thirteenth; all the Snow is gone; I am better, tho' an Invalid.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; at home.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; at home; M^r Rudd called on his rode to Stockton return'd & dined with us.

Thursday the Sixteenth; I called at several places at Gisbro'; paid a morning visit to Gen^l Hale, & another to M^r Dundas (the latter not at home) dined at M^r Smith's at Marsk; home to Tea.

Friday the Seventeenth; I went to Wilton-Wood a Pheasant Shooting with my Servant John & W^m Snowdon, stayed half an hour at Rich^d Jackson's; on my return home (about five o'Clo') my Sister Esther was gone home, she came to us, Friday the 3^d.

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Saturday the Eighteenth; M^r Raisbeck & M^r Lumley both of Stockton, paid us a morning visit; I then rode to my workmen casting a new Hedg' near Rob^t Thomas's, before dinner.

Sunday the Nineteenth; at home.

Monday the Twentieth; I went to Gisbro' to meet M^r Dundas on Justice business; home to dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I paid a morning visit to M^r Turner; came home to dine & found M^r Bean, Gardener to M^r Hill of Thornton, to assist me to set out a new Garden.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; M^r Turner called on his road from Fox-hunting, took a late breakfast, and went with my Wife & me to Kirk-Leatham in his Chaise w^{ch} was sent on purpose for us, we dined & lay there.

Thursday the Twenty Third; M^r Turner sent us home in their Chaise before dinner; I went to the Forest soon after.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Chaloner paid us a morning visit; the first since we were marr^d.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I rode to Stockton, left my Serv. (W^m) there, & went in a Chaise to Darlington where I attended the Commissioners on Pease's Bankrupt, claiming 400£ for my Bro. G. Jackson; & being met by Miss James by appointment, we dined & returned in Chaise to Stockton, where she mounted behind my Servant, got home before Tea.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; Nep^w Geo: Wilson dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; at home all day.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; M^r Garth came to us from Ayton before dinner, being his third attendance to instruct M^{rs} Jackson in Musick.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; M^r Garth continued with us all day.

Thursday the Thirtieth; M^r Garth went away early: M^r Reed, M^r Hill, & Rev^d Addison & Theakston came before dinner, & lay here.

Friday the Thirty First & last day; The above Gentlemen spent this day with us.

FEBRUARY 1777

Saturday the First; The above Gentlemen left us after breakfast.

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Sunday the Second; I went to Eston-Chapel (our place of worship in this Parish) after dinner; young M^r Consett read Prayers & Preached, his Bride was at Church, (late one of the Miss Peacopps of Leeds); Miss James walked with my Wife and me after I came from Church.

Monday the Third; I rece'd my Rents of my Tenants who dined hers.

Tuesday the Fourth; I dined at M^r Geo: Brown's at Stockton; paid sundry Shop Bills; & home.

Wednesday the Fifth; my Wife & Miss James went in the Chaise, (the first time it has been used) to Ayton before dinner; I rode on horseback. We intend to stay a few days, lodging as usual at Sist. Esther's.

Thursday the Sixth; dined & supt at Bro. Wilson's.

Friday the Seventh; Sister Esther wth my wife and myself paid morning visits to M^r Williamson and M^r Harrison, dined & supt at Bro. Wilson's.

Saturday the Eighth; I spent the forenoon at Stokesley on business; dined & supt as yesterday.

Sunday the Ninth; I was two hours at home (Normanby) on my return found the two M^{rs}'s Chaloner & M^{rs} Hale had visited my Wife at Ayton, dined & supt as on Friday.

Monday the Tenth; my Wife, Sisters Esther & Wilson & self paid a morning visit to M^{rs} Chaloner Jun^r. they also did the same to M^{rs} Hale, while I did business at Gisbro', I was at M^{rs} Hale's the 16th Ult. We dined at Sist. Esther's; M^r Wilson's Family drank Tea.

Monday the Eleventh; dined & supt at M^r Wilson's, a bad day.

Wednesday thye Twelfth; as yesterday; stormy.

Thursday the Thirteenth; M^r Wilson & Family drank Tea with us at my Sis. Esther's.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Wife & Miss James, in the Chaise, & I on horseback came home before dinner, see Wednesday the 5th inst.

Saturday the Fifteenth; a stormy day.

Sunday the Sixteenth; I went to Eston Chapel (or Church) after dinner.

Monday the Seventeenth; my Wife rode behind me on Horseback to River-side, on our return M^r & M^{rs} Turner & Capt. Hewit made us a morning visit.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I rode to Ayton and returning before dinner, found M^r Rob^t Culley.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; I went to Stockton after breakfast, M^r Culley with me; I returned to dinner.

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Thursday the Twentyeth; M^r Geo: James came before dinner, and –

Friday the Twenty First; he and his Sister left us after breakfast; she has been with us since

Saturday the 25th of last Month.

Saturday the Twenty Second; my Wife rode behind me to S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Lodge after dinner and returned within the Hour; a fine day indeed.

Sunday the Twenty Third; at home all day.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Gisbro' to meet M^r Chaloner on Justice business; and bought of him for M^{rs} Lincoln the House she now lives in wth little yard behind for 105£ to be paid next May-day; returned to dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I went out with my Greyh^{ds} two hours, then rode before my Wife an hour, we met M^r Dodds on the road from Boulby, he dined & lay here.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; M^r Dodds went (to Elemore) before breakfast; we at home all day.

Friday the Twenty Eighth, & last day; my Wife rode behind me to Kirk-Leatham, paid a morning visit to Rev^d Nelson there – a very fine day.

MARCH 1777

Saturday the First; I walked to my workmen in Cow-howl-Wood before breakfast; and after dinner my Wife walked around by Eston-Chapel, the weather being uncommonly fine.

Sunday the Second; Sent the Chaise to Ayton, Sister Esther & Twin Nieces returned in it before dinner; to stay some time.

Monday the Third; Sent the Chaise to Ayton, Bro. & Sist. Wilson & Nep^w William returned in it before dinner; with them came M^r Byolin, Linen-Draper of London; He, M^r Wilson & self walked to the Banks of the River before Tea. Mary rode out behind me in the forenoon.

Tuesday the Fourth; M^r Byolin went away before breakfast; Mary rode out behind me, before dinner.

Wednesday the Fifth; Bro. Wilson & I walked all the morning, measuring new Hedges &^c.

Thursday the Sixth; we spent at home.

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Friday the Seventh; my Wife rode behind me an hour before dinner; Miss Skottowe & M. Ann Sanderson came (before Tea), to stay a few days.

Saturday the Eighth; my Wife & myself on one Horse, and M^r Wilson on another paid M^r Turner a morning visit; he & M^{rs} T. were gone to K^ldale.

Sunday the Ninth; at home.

Monday the Tenth; M^r Wilson went home & returned before dinner; Miss Skottowe & Miss Sanderson left us.

Tuesday the Eleventh; my Wife & I rode out before dinner with Sister Esther to M^{rs} Overington's at Martin, of whom she bought a Cow 6 y^{rs} old for 12£.

Wednesday the Twelfth; M^r Wilson & myself paid M^r Brown of Stockton a visit, intending to dine with him, but he being gone to London this morning we dined at home late.

Thursday the Thirteenth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson went home in our Chaise before dinner (see Sunday 2^d inst.) my Wife & I rode out on horseback.

Saturday the Fifteenth; at home all day.

Sunday the Sixteenth; my Wife rode behind me before dinner; we were caught with a shower of Rain, walking after dinner.

Monday the Seventeenth; the Wind blew very hard most of the day, but lowering towards evening, my Wife & I rode out on Horse-back.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; my Wife is very far from well, tho' walks about.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; my Wife and I rode out before dinner, had rain coming home.

Thursday the Twentieth; at home all day.

Friday the Twenty First; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Second; my Wife and I rode out.

Sunday the Twenty Third; at home.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; Bro. Wilson dined and drank Tea with us; M^r Garth came with him to instruct my Wife in Musick: Rev^d Peacock of Marton & his Wife drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; M^r Garth went away early; I rode to Jos. Cornforth before dinner; my Wife & I went to Ayton in the Chaise in the evening.

Good-Friday the Twenty Eighth; at Ayton all day. M^{rs} Jackson paid a morning visit at M^r Peirson's – we went to Church.

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Saturday the Twenty Ninth; all day at Ayton.

Easter-Sunday the Thirtyeth; my Wife & I rece'd the Sacrament with our Friends.

Easter-Monday Thirty First & last Day; I met M^r Chaloner at Gisbro', on Justice business; and dined at Ayton with M^r & M^{rs} Mauleverer & Family.

APRIL 1777

Tuesday the First; at Ayton.

Wednesday the Second; Bro. Wilson & myself came to Normanby & returned before dinner.

Thursday the Third; at Ayton; we drank Tea at W^m Richardson's at Langbrough.

Friday the Fourth; Doct. Wayne dined and drank Tea at M^r Wilson's.

Saturday the Fifth; M^r Wilson & myself walked to Stokesley before dinner.

Sunday the Sixth; at Ayton Church after dinner.

Monday the Seventh; I went to Gisbro' with Dock. Wayne who was sent for to attend M^{rs} Lincoln who is very ill indeed; I returned to Tea, while we were at it a Messenger came from M^{rs} Lincoln for my Sister Esther who immediately set out in my Chaise; she returned at about eleven o'Clock in a hired Chaise saying that she saw M^{rs} Lincoln die at about half an hour after eight.

Tuesday the Eighth; my Sister Esther, M^r Preston of Stokesley & myself went to Gisbro' in my Chaise we ordered preparations to be made for M^{rs} Lincoln's Interment on Thursday next she having appointed me her Executor; returned to Tea.

Wednesday the Ninth; I cam home & returned to Ayton before dinner.

Thursday the Tenth; M^r & M^{rs} Wilson, Sist. Esther, my Wife and myself after an early dinner attended the Funeral of M^{rs} Lincoln at Gisbro'.

Friday the Eleventh; my Wife & myself dined at home, having been at Ayton since Thursday the 27th of last month; found M^r Geo: Dodds of Boulby and while we were at dinner M^r Baker came, they lay here; have come on business.

Saturday the Twelfth; M^r Baker & M^r Dodds left us after breakfast, going to their respective homes.

Sunday the Thirteenth; at home.

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Monday the Fourteenth; I met my Sister Esther at Gisbro, proceeding to execute M^{rs} Lincoln's Will which I proved before Rev^d Williamson of Gisbro'; a cold day.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; at home.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; In the evening M^r & M^{rs} Surtees of Rainsforth came to pay my Wife a Bride Visit, they came last from Rev^d Peacock's at Sutton on the Forest near York.

Thursday the Seventeenth; M^r & M^{rs} Surtees my Wife & self spent an hour at M^r Turner's before dinner: after dinner M^r Surtees & I viewed S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Pictures

Friday the Eighteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Surtees left us before dinner.

Saturday the Nineteenth; my Wife & I rode (on double horse) four miles towards Stockton: dry, cold, easterly wind.

Sunday the Twentieth; after dinner I went to Ayton, where with Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their two eldest Daughters, & my Sist. Esther, I attended the Funeral of M^r Aug. Skottowe, he was ab^t 42 y^{rs} old; remarkably Fat; I sup^d at home.

Monday the Twenty First; I attended at Gisbro', where M^r Chaloner & myself held a Meeting to allow the Overseers Accoots. &^c.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson (of Darlington) came to breakfast, and spent the day with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson left us after dinner: fine showery weather.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I breakfasted at M^r Smith's (at Marsk), we went with me to Grainge, where we were met by M^r Easterby & M^r Harrison, W^m Child & his Son in Law, Tho^s Preswick, we all rode over the Farm; & I then talked with Jane White (the present Tenant) we all dined at Boulby; M^r Smith & myself lay there.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; M^r Smith, Dodds & I breakfasted at M^r Easterby's (at Skinninggrave) I dined at M^r Smith's, and drank Tea at home.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; at home among my Workmen who came last Monday, to pull down & rebuild some of my out-offices.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I took John with me to Gisbro' preparatory to the sale of late M^{rs} Lincoln's Household Furniture tomorrow (the Fair-day) I came home to dinner.

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Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; at home. Jn^o attended the Salke of late M^{rs} Lincoln's Furniture at Gisbro.

Wednesday the Thirtieth & last day; at home all day among my workmen; very disagreeable weather; Wind at East & hazy.

MAY 1777

Thursday the First; M^r Preston dined & drank Tea with us.

Friday the Second; at home; fine showers.

Saturday the Third; at home.

Sunday the Fourth; Bro. Wilson & Sist. Esther dined and drank Tea with us.

Monday the Fifth; my Wife rode behind me on horseback before dinner.

Tuesday the Sixth; I sent the Chaise for my Niece Wilsons who came to us before dinner to stay a few days their Father & Mother & Aunt Estr. Being gone to make a visit to M^r

Blackburn of Richmond. M^r Garth came as dinner was taking off the Table.

Wednesday the Seventh; a Musical Day.

Thursday the Eighth; M^r Garth went away before breakfast; Doct. Wayne came before dinner & lay here; he opened a vein in M^{rs} Jackson afternoon.

Friday the Ninth; after breakfast my Wife & Nieces in the Chaise, & Doct. Wayne & myself on Horseback went to Coatham, and after walking on the Sands returned to dinner; save the Doctor who was sent for to M^r Sanders of Gisbro'; M^r Kirton of Stockton drank Tea with us.

Saturday the Tenth; at home, among my workmen, who laid the Foundation for my Cellar on the North-side of the House. M^r Baker's Servant W^m Rievely came in the evening with 500£.

Sunday the Eleventh; at home.

Monday the Twelfth; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' – having much business to do in the Town.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Son W^m dined & drank Tea with us; their two Daughters returned home, see Tuesday the 6th inst.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; at home.

Thursday the Fifteenth; M^r Sutton dined and drank Tea with us.

Friday the Sixteenth; at home – very cold.

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Saturday the Seventeenth; after Tea my Wife & I went to Ayton, to stay a few days.

Sunday the Eighteenth; we went to Ayton Church (after dinner) Doct. & Capt. Wayne & his Wife drank Tea at M^r Wilson's – M^r Garth came.

Monday the Nineteenth; at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twentieth; M^{rs} Jackson, Sist. Esther & self payed a morning visit to M^r & M^{rs} Marwood at Busby; the Ladies left me at Stokesley, on our return; I dined there with Gen^l Cary, M^r Marwood, M^r Peirse, Rev^d Blackburn, Doct. Wayne, & Bro. Wilson the latter & I walked to M^{rs} Skottowes to drink nTea with the Ladies, after which M^{rs} Jackson & I came home.

Wednesday the Twenty First; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Second; at home.

Friday the Twenty Third; I rode with John to the Forest; M^r Chaloner made us a morning visit; M^r & M^{rs} James came to us before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; M^r James and I walked to some Pavors in the high Lane.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; M^r & M^{rs} James M^{rs} Jackson & myself went to Eston-Chapel (our parochial place of Worship) before dinner, being the first time since we were married; the four Miss Conssets were there.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; M^r & M^{rs} James & M^{rs} Jackson dined & drfank tea at Ayton; I stayed at home among my Workmen.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; M^r James left us after breakfast; M^r & M^{rs} Chaloner, (& a M^r Barstow with them) Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Twin Daughters dined & drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; M^{rs} James my Wife & I went to Stockton (a shopping) & returned to dinner.

Friday the Thirtieth; M^{rs} James & my Wife went to Ayton & returned with Sister Esther before dinner.

Saturday the Thirty First & last Day; I attended Tho^s Brown who has been three days in setting my first Kiln of Bricks this year in the Hall-Pasture, containing 119,900 Bricks.

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Sunday the First; Sist. Esther, M^{rs} James, my Wife & self went to Ayton before dinner. I returned in the Chaise wth the two latter, in the evening.

Monday the Second; I went to Gisbro' before dinner.

Tuesday the Third; Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their Twin Daughters, M^r & M^{rs} Marwood dined & drank Tea wth us.

Wednesday the Fourth; M^{rs} James & my Wife went to Ayton to stay two days.

Thursday the Fifth; I attended my Workmen laying ther foundation for my Wash- & Brew-Houses; I paid a morning visit to Rev^d Tench at Ormsby, on his coming to live there. M^{rs} Chaloner & M^{rs} Hale, made a morning visit here; Hen^y Peckit here; I lay at Ayton.

Friday the Sixth; M^{rs} James my Wife & I came home, before dinner, they met wth an Accident coming down Ormsby-Hill, but were no worse.

Saturday the Seventh; M^{rs} James my Wife & me paid a morning visit to M^r Turner.

Sunday the Eighth; M^{rs} James, my Wife & me spent the day at Ayton, went to that Church before dinner.

Monday the Ninth; I went to Stockton with M^{rs} James & my Wife, the former proceeded home, being met by her Serv^t. we return'd before dinner, see Friday the 23^d Ult^o.

Tuesday the Tenth; M^r Smith & M^r Easterby dined & drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Eleventh; at home.

Thursday the Twelfth; at home.

Friday the Thirteenth; at home.

Saturday the Fourteenth; at home; fine Showers.

Sunday the Fifteenth; my Wife & I breakfasted at Ayton, returned home to dinner; M^r Geo: Dodds (of Boulby) was here two hours in the afternoon: M^r & M^{rs} Askew of Redheugh came here before Tea, and M^r Garth soon after.

Monday the Sixteenth; Bro. & Sistg. Wilson and their two eldest Daughters spent the day with us, the two latter lay here: M^r & M^{rs} Turner drank Tea with us.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; M^r & M^{rs} Askew, M^r Garth, my two Nieces, my Wife & self drank Tea at M^r Turner's, who sent us his Landeau.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; M^{rs} Turner dined & drank Tea with us; soon after M^r & M^{rs} Askew M^r Garth, & two Niece Wilson's left us to go to Ayton.

Thursday the Nineteenth; my Wife & I went to Ayton before dinner to stay a few days.

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Friday the Twentyeth; my Wife & Miss Robson paid M^{rs} Hale a morning visit, I went with them (in the Chaise) to Gisbro' where I dined at the Club as President, (Ten Members present) this day was appointed to hear Land Tax appeals, but there were none came before the Commissioners &^c, I came home to Normanby at ten o'Clock.

Saturday the Twenty First; after breakfast I went to Ayton, and with her to Gen^l Cary's with Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their two eldest Daughters and M^r & M^{rs} Askew to dinner; to Ayton in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty First; went to Ayton Church before dinner. lay at Ayton again.

Monday the Twenty Second; M^r Turner called at Ayton & took M^r & M^{rs} Askew in his Coach to Kildale, on their way to Whitby; I dined at home, and returned to Ayton before supper.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife and I dined at M^r Marwood's, returned to Ayton.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I breakfasted at home, to meet W^m Bean (Gardener of Thornton) who set out my intended Garden Walls; M^r Wilson & his son George dined with me, the latter lay here; my Wife, Sister Esther & Miss Robson came in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; my Nephew Geo: Wilson walked with me to see W^m Robinson's high-House (edge of Barnaby-Moor) pulled down before dinner; and about four o'Clock we set out to Boulby (calling at Brotton in a Shower) and lay there.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; attended to 6 Month's Payment of the Men at Boulby, and after dining with many Neighbours there, my Nephew and I came late home.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; my Wife, Sister Estr. Nephew & Miss Robson went with me to Church before dinner; Nephew Geo: was sent for home in the afternoon.

Monday the Thirtyeth & last Day; at home among my workmen.

JULY 1777

Tuesday the First; my Wife, Sister, & Miss Robson dined at Ayton; I rode out in the afternoon being much out of order.

Wednesday the Second; I spent the day at home, among my Hay-makers.

Thursday the Third; at home all day.

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Friday the Fourth; Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary dined with us, so did M^{rs} Wilson her two eldest Daughters and Son Geo: - very showery weather.

Saturday the Fifth; being a fine day led the first Crop of Hay grown in my Middle Garths making a stack of it in the Tofts, it is very good.

Sunday the Sixth; my Sister Esther & myself went to Eston Church (or Chapel) before dinner.

Monday the Seventh; my Cousins Forster, Do.y. & Martha Reed of Yarm, dined & drank Tea wth us.

Tuesday the Eighth; Sister Wilson her two Sons, & two eldest Daughters came about twelve, my Wife, Sister Esther, Miss Robson & myself joining them we went to K.Leatham intending to see M^r Turner's Gardens & take some Cutting of the Green-House Plants for M^{rs} Wilson & return; but Mr Turner prevailed for our dining with him, Mrs Turner being in Derbyshire on a Visit to her Mother (M^{rs} Shuttleworth), Doct. Wayne was there & took a Bed at Normanby, so did M^r & M^{rs} Askew on their return home from Whitby, (see Sunday the 15th Ult^o. Sister Wilson left her Daughters all night: & took her sons Sist. Esther & Miss Robson home with her, see the 25th Ult.

Wednesday the Ninth; Rev^d M^r Whitehead of Long-Cowton (from M^r Turner's) breakfasted here, soon after, M^r & M^{rs} Askew, & Doct. Wayne left us; at home.

Thursdai the Tenth; sent Miss Wilson's home after breakfast: M^r & M^{rs} & two eldest Miss Mauleverers dined with us, they lay at Ayton; a very sultry hot day.

Friday the Eleventh; M^{rs} Dodds (of Boulby) & her Son called on their road out of Bish'prick home.

Saturday the Twelfth; at home.

Sunday the Thirteenth; my Wife & me dined at Ayton & after being at that Church with Miss Robson we came home to Tea, when found M^{rs} Baker, her Son came soon after.

Monday the Fourteenth; I mounted my Horse before five, breakfasted at Boulby; looking over the Year's Acco^{ts} there M^r Baker came before Twelve; we finished our examination of, signed & allowed Geo: Dodd's Acco^{ts} & came home after Tea.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Baker left us after breakfast; my Wife, Miss Robson & myself dined at Ayton, meeting there (by appointment) M^r Mauleverer & Family, (including M^r & M^{rs} Lindsey) & M^r & M^{rs} Chaloner, my Wife & I came home in the evening.

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Wednesday the Sixteenth; M^r Garth came (from Ayton) before breakfast; & Miss Wilsons after Tea.

Thursday the Seventeenth; M^r Garth left us after dinner, & Miss Wilson's after Tea.

Friday the Eighteenth; tho' I was not well, my Wife & I dined & drank tea at M^r Chaloner's.

Saturday the Nineteenth; at home among my Workmen; began to Mow the Tofts Meadow.

Sunday the Twentieth; I went to Eston Church before dinner; we walked in the evening.

Monday the Twenty First; M^r Chaloner called on me before dinner we viewed the Roads to Stockton Bridge' returned to a Family dinner at Normanby, after he went away M^r Reed & Rev^d Addison Jun^r came, & lay here.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I attended the Quarter Sessions at Gisbro' we were six on the Bench, very late home; M^r Masterman of London & M^r Geo: Hartley of Richmond (on their Road from Scarbro') dined with us at Gisbro'.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; after tea my Wife & I went to Ayton; lay there.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; we intended to have dined at M^r Mauleverer's, but the day being very stormy, & the waters swelled in the Brooks, added to my Wife's not being very well, we sent the above excuse. M^r Masterman drank Tea at M^r Wilson's.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I came home in the Chaise before dinner, and returned to Ayton before supper.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife and I dined at M^r Mauleverer's; M^r & M^{rs} Marwood were there, so were M^{rs} and the 3 Miss Bowes's.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; we went to Ayton Church with our Friends there.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; my Wife & myself dined at Gen^l Cary's, his Bro. Lord Faulkland & his Daughter were there; 2 Miss Closes of Richmond were comed to Ayton on our return thither.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I set out from Ayton at six o'Clock, & walked home before breakfast. After I drank Tea in the afternoon, I set out to meet my Wife, which I did beyond Hambleton-Hills, her & Miss Robson being in her Chaise; see last Wednesday.

Wednesday the Thirtieth; M^r Pennit of Ayton dined with us, on his coming to examine my Stable [*two obscure words*].

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day; I set out early, did some business at Stockton, called on M^r Burton at Egsclyff half an hour I spent with him on the subject of my small Tythes, sat

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a little at M^{rs} Forsters at Yarm, & dined at home, with M^r & M^{rs} Marwood, Sist. Wilson, her two eldest Daughters, her Son Geo: & two Miss's Close, Rev^d M^r Nelson, Addison Sen^r & Jun^r and M^r Reed; M^{rs} Wilson & her Party lay here.

AUGUST 1777

Friday the First; M^r Wilson dined here, he & his Family mleft us in the Evening.

Saturday the Second; I marked out the Ground on which to build a new Barn for W^m Robinson's Farm; my Wife is not well.

Sunday the Third; Miss Robson & Mary in the Chaise, myself on horseback went to Stockton breakfasted there, & dined at M^r Wilkinson's at Darnton where we were met by Sister Esther who with my Wife & self went to W^t. Auckland for a few days.

Monday the Fourth; at West-Auckland.

Tuesday the Fifth; at West-Auckland.

Wednesday the Sixth; M^r James & self went in my Chaise to Darn'ton sat an hour at Doct. Trotter's, dined & lay at M^r Reed's at Hurworth; supt at M^r Addison's – M^r James had one of his Fits in the night.

Thursday the Seventh; M^r James & myself dined at M^r Hill's at Blackwell, (who with his Brother & Rev^d Theakston were with us yesterday), so did M^r Reed, Rev^d Theakston & Addison, we got to West-Auckland between seven & eight.

Friday the Eighth; M^r James his Daughters Sarah & Mary, & myself walked to Bp-Auckland, my Wife, Sist. Estr: & M^{rs} James in the Chaise, drank Tea at Miss Adamson's.

Saturday the Ninth; at West-Auckland.

Sunday the Tenth; my Sister Esther left W^t-Auckland mounted behind her Servant, early, I went to Church; after dinner my Wife & myself left M^r James's, and drank Tea & lay at M^r Surtees's at Mainsforth.

Monday the Eleventh; at Mainsforth, M^r Pearson of Durham dined with us.

Tuesday the Twelfth; my Wife & self dined at M^r Sutton's at Stockton, & home in the Evening, having been absent since Sunday the 3^d.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; at home & wth my Workmen building a Barn on W^m Robinson's Farm.

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Thursday the Fourteenth; at home all day receiving my last Lady-day Rents.

Friday the Fifteenth; at home.

Saturday the Sixteenth; as yesterday attending my Workmen building the North-Wall of my intended Garden, being a flued wall.

Sunday the Seventeenth; my Wife & I went to Church before dinner, spent the rest of the day at Brother Wilson's – home in the evening.

Monday the Eighteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Hopper of Durham came before dinner & lay here; Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their 2 eldest Daughters came before dinner Miss Wilsons to stay a few days'

Wednesday the Twentieth; M^r & M^{rs} Hopper went away after dinner; M^r Garth came while we were at dinner.

Thursday the Twenty First; M^r Garth was here all day attended M^{rs} Jackson at her Harpsichord.

Friday the Twenty Second; M^r Garth went away before breakfast (to Miss Pennyman) I was among my workmen most of the day.

Saturday the Twenty Third; I spent two hours in Kirkleatham Garden before dinner, the Gardener, M^r Brown, came home in the afternoon.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife & Nieces in the Chaise, & myself on horseback went to Ayton before dinner, & to that Church after; we drank Tea at my Sister esther's where Lady Foulis & M^r Jn^o Foulis also drank Tea; my Wife & I came home.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; I went to the Forest early & there met M^r Jn^o Elgie (S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Steward) to set out the Scouring of the low end of Spencer-Beck, which is always done at the joint expense of us the owners, adjoining thereto; - I returned to breakfast; & among my Workmen.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; I walked to the Workmen clearing the Stell or bottom of Spencer Beck before dinner; attended my Masons &^c at home after.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

Saturday the Thirtieth; at home among my Workmen.

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Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; at home.

SEPTEMBER 1777

Monday the First; at home.

Tuesday the Second; M^{rs} Chaloner & M^{rs} Hale paid us a morning Visit; my Sister Esther, our
Nep^w W^m (not very well) & Miss Robson, came to us before dinner to stay a few days; M^r
Byolin of Lond^o drank Tea with us; I sat half an hour with S^r Jn^o Stapelton Bart. At his new
Tenant Rob. Young's

Wednesday the Third; among my workmen.

Thursday the Fourth; at home.

Friday the Fifth; I took John with me upon the Upper Estate a shooting, on my return (at two
o'Clock) I found S^r Jn^o Stapelton (see last Tuesday) who dined & drank Tea with us; my
Wife had a bad night in the Tooth-Ach.

Saturday the Sixth; I spent the day among my Workmen; having nearly finished my Garden-
Walls, & covered my Laundry & Brew-House.

Sunday the Seventh; Miss Robson & I went to Eston Chapel before dinn er; Sister Wilson &
her two eldest Daughters dined with us, they were at Richmond Races last week; Bro.
Wilson & his Son Geo: went with them (on Monday last) to N^o Allerton & then proceeded to
London, the youth (gone 13 y^{rs}. old) being intended to go to Holland for Education. M^r
Kirton also dined with us; Sister Estr. Nep^w W^m & Miss Robson, my Wife & self drank Tea
at the Forest.

Monday the Eighth; M^r Chaloner & I held the Brewster Sessions at Gisbro'.

Tuesday the Ninth; I went a shooting 3 hours; on my return found Capt. & M^{rs} Wayne to
dine & drink Tea with us; the Doct. & M^r Kirton called an hour late in the afternoon.

Wednesday the Tenth; Sister Wilson & her two eldest Daughters dined with us; soon after I
went a shooting below the House with John.

Thursday the Eleventh; I met Mess^{rs} Burton & Matthews by appointment at Yarm, & bought
of them the small Tythes of Easton & Normanby, which they held under Lease from the
Archb^p of York: I dined at home [with] S^r W^m & Lady Foulis & the two M^r Foulis; Sist.

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Wilson & her two eldest Daughters; they left us after Tea and S^r John Stapelton called for an hour.

Friday the Twelfth; I dined at the Club at Gisbro' (15 of us) I was late at home.

Saturday the Thirteenth; at home.

Sunday the Fourteenth; Miss Robson & I went to Eston Chapel on the forenoon; my Sister Wilson & her two eldest Daughters came before dinner & went away after Tea; my Sister Esther & Miss Robson went with them, having been with us since Tuesday the 2^d inst; M^r & Miss James came to stay sometime, we sent the Chaise for them to W^t.Auckland yesterday.

Monday the Fifteenth; I rode to Gisbro' & returned before dinner.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; very busy among my Workmen; after dinner I went to the River side where a float of Timber is landed for me from M^r Webster of Stockton, say about 15£. 0s. worth at 14^d p. Foot.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; Rev^d Tench called before dinner: M^r & M^{rs} Benson (from Ayslabby) dined & lay here, so did Sist. Esther & Miss Robson; Sister Wilson & her Daughter Rachel, Rev^d & M^{rs} Williamson & M^r & M^{rs} Harrison dined with us.

Thursday the Eighteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Benson Sister Esther & Miss Robson left us after breakfast; I rode to the Forest after dinner.

Friday the Nineteenth; at home.

Saturday the Twentieth; at home among my Workmen, who are finishing my Wash-house, Laundry, & Brewhouses, & finished getting up from M^r Webster of Stockton, about 3000 feet of Riga Timber which he delivered at my Batts at the Forest; remarkable fine weather.

Sunday the Twenty First; I went to Eston Chapel before dinner; Rev^d Tench, Sisters Esther & Wilson, two niece Wilsons, & Nep^w William dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Second; I marked out the Ground on which I intend to build W^m Robinson's Farm-House (see Saturday 2^d Aug. Last); M^r Davison of Norton & M^r Brown of Stockton, dined & drank Tea with us.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I paid a morning Visit to M^r Turner, & hired a young Fellow in his Gardens to be my Gardener – having had M^r Turner & his (first) Gardener M^r Brown together on the Occasion; dined at home, I walked out with my Gun two hours in the Evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Smith & his Nep^w Duck dined with us.

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Thursday the Twenty Fifth; at W^m Robinson's much with my workmen, Doct. Wayne came in the Evening.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; Doct. Wayne spent the day, & lay here, he & I went a shooting before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; M^r James came before dinner, & lay here; to consult his Wife about an offer M^r Tho^s Bainbridg^e of London has made to marry Miss Eliz. James.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; we had much Thunder last night; M^r James spent the day with us.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; M^r James & I breakfasted early, he went away, I rode to Ayton to pay my respects to Arch-Deacon Blackburn & his Wife, who with their Daughter Sarah & Son W^m are at Ayton, and were to dine with us today, but my Wife being near her time they do not come. I brought my Sister Estr. Home before dinner to stay till my Wife may be delivered.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I walked a shooting with John before dinner. fine weather.

OCTOBER 1777

Wednesday the First; at home.

Thursday the Second; my Sister Wilson, her son W^m & two eldest Daughters came before evening to stay till my Wife get her Bed.

Friday the Third; at home, not very well.

Saturday the Fourth; at home' I sent for Doctor Wayne who came in the evening.

Sunday the Fifth; I am not very well, walked out after dinner with Doct. Wayne.

Monday the Sixth; Doct. Wayne went a shooting, my cold wou'd not allow me, he return'd before dinner & lay here; M^r Brown of Stockton dined.

Tuesday the Seventh; Doct. Wayne went away after breakfast - returned in the evening;

Geo: Dodds of Boulby dined with us. I attended a Meeting of the Inhabitants on the High-road business.

Wednesday the Eighth; my Wife had a very bad night of the Tooth-ache; Doct. Wayne & Jn^o went a shooting before dinner, soon after the Doctor was sent for, to visit M^r Jn^o Readhead of Up-Leatham, he returned to supper; I am not very well.

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Thursday the Ninth; Doct. Wayne went upon the Upsil Estate a Shooting before dinner; Rev^d M^r Nelson sat an hour after Dinner; M^r James not well.

Friday the Tenth; Doct. Wayne went home before Dinner & returned in the evening; M^r James better.

Saturday the Eleventh; Sister Est' two Nieces, Nep^w W^m, Miss James & myself walked in S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Shrubery before Dinner; Doct. Wayne went home & returned before supper.

Sunday the Twelfth; at home all day with the Ladies & Doct. Wayne; very fine, warm, weather;

Monday the Thirteenth; I met at Gisbro' Cha^s Turner & W^m Chaloner Esq. we held a Sessions for the appointment of Surveyors of the several Highways in the East Division of Langbargh-Wapentake; returned to Dinner (at two) coming as far as Upsil Gate with M^r Turner (going to dine at S^r Ja^s Penn'ms) in his Chaise.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; Doct. Wayne went away after breakfast, & returned in the Evening.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; at home.

Thursday the Sixteenth; at home; a rainy day.

Friday the Seventeenth; a little after one o'Clock this morning I was a waked by my Wife in pain; her Pains encreasing I called on my Sister Estr. At two; soon after, I a lighted the Fire; at five my Sister called in the Nurse (Widow Ann Cornforth of Stokesley) who has been here in waiting near three weeks, at sic o'Clo my Sister Wilson was called on; at seven my two eldest Niece Wilsons, M^{rs} & Miss James were called, and at eight I went into Doct. Wayne's Room (who is not very well) my dear Woman's Pains encreased, till a Quarter before seven o'Clock in the Evening, at which time Doctor Wayne delivered her of a Boy, our first born, (we being married 14th Nov. last) she had a severe Labour ^see 13th Apr also 27th Octo. 1778, 29th Nov 1779, & 10th June 1780 -^

Saturday the Eighteenth; Doct. Wayne went away after breakfast, having been here every night since Saturday the 4th inst. – my Sister Wilson, her two Daughters, (Han^a & Rach^l) & Son W^m went away after dinner, having been with us since Thursday 2^d inst. My Wife & Child are doing very well.

Sunday the Nineteenth; after an early breakfast I sent M^{rs} & Miss James home in our Chaise having been with us since Sunday the 14th Sept. so that my Sister Estr. Only is now with us, she has been with us Since Monday the 29th Sept. – my Wife purely.

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Monday the Twentieth; Doct. Wayne dined with us, so did my Brother Wilson, (who with his Daughter Esther came from London yesterday, see Sunday the 7th of Sept. last; and for Niece Esther's going (see Friday the 27th Sept. 1776) Sister Wilson and their three Daughters, they went away before Tea; my Wife being as well as can be expected was got out of Bed, for the first time; the Child also is well.

Tuesday the Twenty First; M^r Harrison of Gisbro' breakfasted with us, Rev^d Tanch sat an hour with me before dinner; my Wife & Child being purely I rode to the top of the Hill before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; my Bro. & Sister Wilson & their three Daughters dined with us.

Thursday the Twenty Third; I walked to my Workmen covering in W^m Robinson's Dwelling House; S^r Jn^o Stapylton sat half an hour wth me after dinner.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; my Sister went home early, & returned at three, Doct. Wayne dined with us.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I rode a Greyhound-Coursing with John to the Forest and homewards; and after dinner I walked to my workmen at W^m Robinson's.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife & Son go on purely; Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their three Daughters & Son W^m dined with us: very high Winds.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' – very fine weather.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I took Joihn Price (Joiner) & my servant John Peirson to Eston Chapel, the Parochial place of Worship of Eston & Normanby, and having the Clerk, Tho^s Atkinson (Weaver) we measured a piece of waste ground at the west end of the Chapel, on the South side of the Isle, 8 ft. 8 in. from East to West, & 7 feet from the South Wall, to the Isle; which Dimensions I sent to M^r Preston of Stokesley & orders to apply to the Spiritual Court for a Faculty, to empower me to build a Pew thereon, the Door of Whiuch to open through the South wall; a very stormy afternoon wth Rain my Wife & Child continue to recover.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; a very stormy day – at home.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; at home.

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Friday the Thirty-first & last Day; Bro. & Sist. Wilson their Daughter Esther, & Mary Lythe dined with us; M^r Dunn (of Lowther) & M^r Jn^o Longbotthom an Engineer came in the Evening & lay here.

NOVEMBER 1777

Saturday the First; M^r Longbotthom went to Wilton before breakfast & did not return M^r Dunn spent the day with me; Rev^d Tanch called before dinner.

Sunday the Second; M^r Longbotthom came to breakfast, he & M^r Dunn, dined at M^r Turner's & return'd hither in the evening; Doct. Wayne dined with us; & M^r Baker came in the Evening.

Monday the Third; M^r Baker went away to S^r Ja^s Pennyman's after breakfast; then M^r Dunn & M^r Longbotthom rode with me to the Forest, we walked upon the Cliff-Top from thence viewed the Intended Bank which S^r Ja^s Lowther proposes to make from Caudgate Flat, to near Out-tod-Point; they dined with me, and then left me, intending to go to S^r Jn^o Stapylton about it.

Tuesday the Fourth; Sister Wilson & her three Daughters dined with us.

Wednesday the Fifth; at home.

Thursday the Sixth; I went a shooting as far as Lazenby Pasture with W^m Snowdon & Chr. Armstrong.

Friday the Seventh; Sister Esther went home & return'd.

Saturday the Eighth; at home'

Sunday the Ninth; I dined at M^r Turner's.

Monday the Tenth; I dined at Gisbro'; from thence I went (wth Capt. Peacock) to M^r Easterby's at Skin'grove, & lay there.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I took the Diversion of Pheasant-Shooting wth M^r Fra^s Easterby Jun^r, my Man John & W^m Snowdon; dined at M^r Easterby's wth M^r Smith, (M^{rs} & Miss Skottowe, M^r Dodds, &^c) & with him went to his home at Marsk, & lay there.

Wednesday the Twelfth; I came home before dinner, soon after Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their three Daughters & Son W^m came to stay a few days; he & I walked to Rev^d M^r Tanch's of Ormsby before Tea.

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Thursday the Thirteenth; Bro. Wilson & I dined at M^r Brown's at Stockton; M^r Sutton was at M^r Brown's.

Friday the Fourteenth; Rev^d M^r Tanch (vicar of Ormsby & Curate of Eston) Christened our first-born Son Ra: Ward – he is a month old this day, (14th Nov 1777) my dear Wife & I were married Thursday 14th Nov. 1776. I represented M^r Lewin (my Wife's Father) & Brother Wilson represented my Brother Jackson, my Sister Esther being the God-mother; Mr Tanch & Doct. Wayne dined, & latter lay here.

Saturday the Fifteenth; Doct. Wayne went away; Bro. Wilson shot in Wilton-wood, had a late Dinner.

Sunday the Sixteenth; Bro. Wilson & I went to Church (viz. Eston Chapel) before dinner; M^r Tanch dined with us; he read a Citation today, Cite the Parishioners to shew Cause, if they have any, why I may not build a new Pew in the S^o West Corner of Eston Chapel.

Monday the Seventeenth; I went to Gisbro' before dinner; M^r Wilson coursed with the Greyhounds.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; at home'

Wednesday the Nineteenth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Son W^m left us after dinner (see 12th inst.) so did my Sister Esther who has been to stay with us since Monday 29th Sept last; (above 7 weeks), the young Ladies stay.

Thursday the Twentyeth; at home – a fine day.

Friday the Twenty First; I had a late Dinner having had a long walk on Barnaby Moor, shooting, wth Jn^o & W^m Snowdon.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I dined at M^r Preston's at Stokesley, settling my Purchase of Small Tythes wth M^r Matthews.

Sunday the Twenty Third; my three Niece Wilsons left us after dinner (see 12th & 19th inst) M^r Chaloner & Capt. Hope called.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I went to Gisbro' early and returned before dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; my Wife being much weakened by the discharge of her Milk, &^c & having no appetite for Meats, refrained this day from Suckling our little man, born the 17th Ult^o & christened the 14th inst.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife being much out of order, see yesterday, Sister Estr. Came to stay a few days.

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Thursday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I rode to the Forest, having workmen scouring Hedges there.

Sunday the Thirtieth & last Day; at home the air is very cold, with high winds from N.W.

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Monday the First; I walked to my Workmen finishing W^m Robinson's new House.

Tuesday the Second; my Sister Esther left us after dinner, see the 26th Ult^o. my Wife & Child being very well:

Wednesday the Third; at home, a cold day.

Thursday the Fourth; at home, a storm from Nth.

Friday the Fifth; I rode to the Forest after breakfast, and after dinner to the New House I have built on W^m Robinson's Farm, he sleeps in it this night: Frost, Snow, & high N>E> Wind.

Saturday the Sixth; at home; a dreadful day; high N.E. Wind, Thunder, Lightning, Hail &^c. Doct. Wayne breakfasted with us.

Sunday the Seventh; at home, a very cold day.

Monday the Eighth; at home – M^r Wilkinson came in the Evening, so did W^m Bean.

Tuesday the Ninth; M^r Wilkinson stayed all day; W^m Bean (Gardener to M^r Hill of Thornton) & M^r Brown (Gardener to M^r Turner) assisted my Gardener (John Driver) to plant out all my new Garden Walls with fruit Trees.

Wednesday the Tenth; M^r Wilkinson spent the day with me, settling the Plan for my 4 intended New Rooms, Southside of this old House.

Thursday the Eleventh; M^r Wilkinson left us; & I rode to the Forest, to my workmen making a new Hedge' adjoining the marsh; & another on the South of the House, which the inclosures on that Farm [?].

Friday the Twelfth; at home, a fine day.

Saturday the Thirteenth; rode to the Forest after dinner.

Sunday the Fourteenth; my Brother Wilson dined with us, having walked from Ayton; he rode home; a fine day.

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Monday the Fifteenth; I measured off a part of Fra^s Richardson's (Mason) Work, at W^m Robinson's; & Ticked all my fruit Trees, & vines, with Lead, in the New Garden: 58 in all.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; Bro. Wilson sent the Coach for my Wife & Child who with the Nurse (Ann Cornforth) went to Ayton before dinner, I rode. we intend to stay there Ten days; we all lodged at my Sister Esther's.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; at Ayton.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I went to Boulby.

Friday the Nineteenth; I attended our six Month's payment, many Gentlemen of that Neighbourhood dining with me as usual.

Saturday the Twentieth; I got to Ayton to dine.

Sunday the Twenty First; at Ayton; M^r Garth came there.

Monday the Twenty Second; M^r Chaloner & M^r Hope on a Party of Musick dined at Bro. Wilson's wth us.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; at Ayton.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; at Ayton.

Christmas-Day – Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I breakfasted at my own House (at Normanby) & on my return to Dinner at Ayton, I found my Wife's Brothers Richard & Frederick arrived on a visit to us; they lay at Bro. Wilson's.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; at Ayton

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; at Ayton

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; my Wife & I rec'd the Sacrament with our Friends at Ayton Church.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; M^r Rich^d & Fred. Lewin & myself walked through little Ayton & return'd before dinner.

Tuesday the Thirtieth; Bro. Wilson and his two eldest (Twin) Daughters, Hannah & Rachael, went away early this morning, they met M^r Geo: Brown of Stockton, at North-Allerton by appointment, & with him the young Ladies proceeded on a visit to their Friends in London; M^r Wilson return'd before Tea to my Sister Estr^{r's}; M^{rs} Wilson, W^m Richardson & his Wife & Grand-Daughter were there.

Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day; M^r Rich^d & Fred: Lewin & myself dined at Normanby returned to Ayton before Tea.

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