

JANUARY 1778

Thursday the First; Bro. & Sist. Wilson. Sist. Est^h., my wife & her Bro. Frederick, paid a morning visit to Gen^l Hale & his Lady at Plantation; so did Mr Rich^d Lewin & me to Mr. Dundas who we found a Shooting in Skelton Ellers.

Friday the Second; at Ayton; Miss Brown of Stockton, came on a visit to Sister Wilson.

Saturday the Third; my wife, our Child, her Bro. Frederick & the Nurse (Ann Cornforth) in Brother Wilson's Coach, & myself on Horseback came home before dinner, having been at Ayton since Tuesday the 16th ult^o. (18 days) very stormey.

Sunday the Fourth; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin came here while we were at dinner; a hard frost.

Monday the Fifth; Fred. Lewin & I rode to Gisbro^h, where I met Mr. Dundas by appointment at home to dinner.

Tuesday the Sixth; Mr. Rich^d Lewin dined at Ayton & returned.

Wednesday the Seventh; at home; hard frost.

Thursday the Eighth; Mr. Richd. & Fred. Lewin and myself walked to the Banks of the River, the frost being very severe; Jn^o. Flounders dined with us.

Friday the Ninth; Mr Rich^d. Lewin dined at Ayton, the Frost continues severely.

Saturday the Tenth; at home.

Sunday the Eleventh; a little Snow fell.

Monday the Twelfth; Mr. Baker came in the Evening unexpectedly.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; Mr. Baker went away after breakfast; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin dined at Ayton.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Mr. Rich^d. & Fred. Lewin went with me to Stockton where I met my Tenants, Scotson, Appleby, & Stubs; employing Mr. Raisbeck to reduce into writing an agreement whereby Scotson confirmed my letting the two Fields he now has, to Stubs & to pay me a Year's Rent which will be due next Lady day; we dined and came home to Tea; a high Wind from S.E. with Rain.

Thursday the Fifteenth; my little Boy is much out of order;

Friday the Sixteenth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson; and their Daughter Esther & Sister Esther, came before dinner the two former went away, the latter stay some days. ^Mr. Rich^d. & Fred. Lewin went to Ayton, returned

Saturday the Seventeenth; at home.

Sunday the Eighteenth; Mr Lewin went to Ayton before dinner and returned.

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Monday the Nineteenth; I took the dimensions of W^m. Robinson's new Buildings.

Tuesday the Twentieth; ^Mr Rich^d. Lewin breakfasted at Ayton. ^ Bro. & Sist. Wilson & Mrs. & Miss Skottow dined here, and returned.

Wednesday the Twenty First; Mr. Rich^d. & Frederick Lewin and myself went to Boulby before dinner; then to Staiths & ret^d. to Boulby.

Thursday the Twenty Second; after looking through the Allum House and the Works, & calling at Grainge, we dined at Mr Easterby's & got home about six o'Clock; having had fine weather.

Friday the Twenty Third; Mr. Lewin went to Ayton & returned. I was at home all day.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. Rich^d. & Fred. Lewin walked with me to Rev^d Tanch's before dinner; I walked out in the afternoon.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; Mr. Rich^d & Fred Lewin went with me to Church before noon. Rev^d. Tanch dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; at home, we have had a very severe frost three days.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin walked to Ayton; & returned before Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; Fred. Lewin walked with me much before dinner; a hard frost.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; Mr. Rich^d. & Fred. Lewin walked with me to the Forest before dinner.

Friday the Thirtieth; Mr. R^d. & Fred Lewin went to Ayton before dinner; returned in the Evening.

Saturday the Thirty First and last Day; ^at home.^

Febry, Sunday the First; Bro. & Sis. Wilson and their Son William dined with us; so did Doctor ^Wayne, and he lay here.^

Monday the Second; Revd. Tanch & Mr Hope called in the morning after Doct^f. Wayne left us. Mr. Longbottom, Engineer, called in the evening on his way to Wilton intending to begin forthwith to inclose the space from out Tod point to Cargo Fleet, (see Friday the 31st. Oct^o. last to Monday 3rd. Nov. last in last Journal)

Tuesday the Third; I need my Rents.

Wednesday the Fourth; after breakfast my Sister Est. & Niece Esther left us having been here since Friday the 16th Jan. last; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin went with them to stay a few days at Ayton, Mr. Mauleverer & Family being expected there today on a visit for a few days.

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Thursday the Fifth; while we were at Dinner, Mr. James and his two Sons came.

Friday the Sixth; Mr. James & his Sons here. Mr. Preston dined with us.

Saturday the Seventh; at home all day.

Sunday the Eighth; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin came from Ayton where he has been since last Wednesday. Doct. Wayne dined & lay here. The little Boy showing signs of a Rupture.

Monday the Ninth; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin rode to Gisbro^h and returned before dinner, ^ Doct. Wayne went after breakfast.^

Tuesday the Tenth; Mrs & Miss Skottow & Niece Esther came before dinner to stay a few days; my Sisters Esther & Wilson came too, but went away after dinner; very fine weather.

Wednesday the Eleventh; Bro. Wilson & Mr. Richardson came down after breakfast and with Mr. Rd. Lewin & Fred and myself went with our Greyhounds, into Mr Snowdon's Farm, after coursing 3 Hares (one we killed) we dined and the two first Gentlemen left us.

Thursday the Twelfth; at home.

Friday the Thirteenth; Revd. Tanch and Mr. Hope drank Tea and supt with us.

Saturday the Fourteenth; at home.

Sunday the Fifteenth; Mrs & Miss Skottow left us after dinner; having been with us since last Tuesday; Niece Esther stays.

Monday the Sixteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; This is a most stormy day, high Wind from N.E. with much Snow.

Wednesday the Eighteenth, Mr. Rich^d. Lewin dined at Ayton and returned; an unpleasant day.

Thursday the Nineteenth; we now have much Snow on the Ground – very cold - .

Friday the Twentyeth; Mr. Rich^d. Lewin & I rode to Ayton, I went forward to Stokesley to consult with Mr. Preston about the Terms I am to offer to Sir. Jas. Lowther about his intended Embankment on the side of the River Tees from Cargo Fleet to out-Tod-point; dined at Bro. Wilson's, drank Tea at Mrs. Skottow's, and ^ we ^ returned home.

Saturday the Twenty First, Mr. Rich^d. & Fred. Lewin & myself rode to Kirk-Leatham after dinner, calling at Wilton; home to Tea.

Sunday the Twenty Second; Mr John Longbottom, Engineer for Sir Ja^s. Lowther dined & drank Tea with me, on the subject of S^r. James's Embankment, now begun with near

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~~Wilton~~ West Coatham ^ see last Friday; ^ my Brothers in Law, Mr Rich^d. & Fred Lewin went to Ayton after dinner intending to set out from thence to go home (nr Greenwich) tomorrow morning, they have been us since Thursday, Christmas day last 25th December.

Monday the Twenty Third; Mr Michael Smith dined with me, and then we went to the Forest, where (at W^m. Brown's) we met Mr Longbottom by appointment, received & set some Marks relative to the intended Embankment of the ^Muddy^ Ground or Shore on the North of my present inclosed Ground, see ~~last~~ yesterday, Sunday, Mr Longbottom returned to his lodgings at West Coatham and Mr Smith lay at my house; cold, stormy weather.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; Mr Smith left me after breakfast; Mrs Wilson dined here.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; Mr Garth breakfasted with us & went away soon after.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; a Severe Frost.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; a severe frost with Snow.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth last day; at home.

MARCH 1778

Sunday the First; Doct. Wayne dined & lay here; ^ & did up my little boy in a Truss; ^ Mr Garth came in the Evening.

Monday the Second; Doct. Wayne went away after breakfast; Rev^d. Nelson lay here; Mr Hope came in the Evening & joined Mr Garth & my Wife in Music.

Tuesday the Third; Rev^d. Nelson went away after breakfast; & Mr Garth went away before dinner.

Wednesday the Fourth; my Wife went to Ayton in our own Chaise the first time this year, Niece Esther with her, having been here since Tuesday the 20th Ult^o, my Wife & me returned in the Chaise after dinner.

Thursday the Fifth; at home; cold with Snow.

Friday the Sixth; Mr Sutton & his Friend Mr Kennet dined with us; a very bad day.

Saturday the Seventh; at home.

Sunday the Eighth; at home. I sent W^m. to Ayton with my Colt, ^ now 5 Y^{rs} old ^ to set off tomorrow with W^m. Fasthook to Mr Rich^d Lewin Jun^o. at Greenwich as a present from me.

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Monday the Ninth; at home, cold Rain.

Tuesday the Tenth; at home not very well.

Wednesday the Eleventh; at home; much rain.

Thursday the Twelfth; at home; a fine day.

Friday the Thirteenth; at home, cold N.E.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I was much in the Garden, attending the making of the Hot Bed, planting Gooseberries &c.

Sunday the Fifteenth; my wife & I breakfasted at Ayton, went to that Church, and after dinner returned with my Sister Esther.

Monday the Sixteenth; at home, a fine day.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; my Wife & Sister (see last Sunday) in the Chaise and myself on horseback went to Ayton; (Sir W^m. & Lady Foulis paid a morning visit to Bro.

Wilson) my Wife & I returned after dinner.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; Mr Geo. Dodds came from Boulby, after dinner on his on his road to see his Father, he lay here; my Wife is not well, having a great cold.

Thursday the Nineteenth; Mr Dodds went away before breakfast; I spent the day at home.

Friday the Twentyeth; at home; a fine rain

Saturday the Twenty First; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Third; W^m. Snowdon rode with me after dinner to see the Embankment Mr Longbottom hath begun with for Sir Ja^s. Lowther, near out Tod Point, see Monday 23rd February last; I got home before it was dark.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; my Sister Esther & Cous. Forster (of Yarm) came in our Chaise before dinner to stay some days with us.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; at home. ^ Mr G Dodds came in the Evening; see 18th inst. ^

Friday the Twenty Seventh; Mr Dodds went home to Boulby after dinner;

~~Sunday~~ Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at home, a very light wind.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I walked to Marton Moor House where I met our Chaise with Mother & Niece Esther Wilson, the former returned home on foot, my Niece and I came forward (to Normanby) before dinner; Mr Garth came in the Evening; H.^y Becket came.

Monday the Thirtyeth; Miss Williamson came before dinner; Mr Garth here all the day.

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Tuesday the Thirty first & last Day; Henry Becket went away early; Mr Garth went before dinner; and soon after dinner I set met Niece Esther to the Top of Ormesby Hill on her way home in our Chaise, I walked home.

APRIL 1778

Wednesday the First; after breakfast I walked to Mr Consett's with Miss Williamson who is going to stay there a week; after dinner my Wife, & Child, with Nurse in the Chaise, & myself on Horseback, went to my Sister Esther's at Ayton, intending to stay ten days or a fortnight; ^ found Cous. Forster with her; ^ Sir W^m. & Lady Foulis having dined at Bro. Wilson's, she desired to see our Child; with reluctance I went there with it & the Nurse, and stayed half an hour.

Thursday the Second; I dined at home, having many workmen in the house ^ yesterday, ^ & ret.^d to Ayton.

Friday the Third; We dined at Brother Wilson's, Gen^l. & Mrs Cary, Gen^l. & Mrs Hale, their Twin Daughters, & Bro. Chaloner Sen^r also dined there.

Saturday the Fourth; I dined at my own House (at Normanby) & returned to Ayton.

Sunday the Fifth; we went to Ayton – Church, Afternoon.

Monday the Sixth; I dined at Mr Harrison's at Gisbro'; and drank Tea at W^m.

Richardson's at Langbaugh wth. Bro. Wilson, my Sisters, Mrs Forster & my Wife.

Tuesday the Seventh; I walked with Bro. Wilson to the Meeting of the Justices at Stokesley; we dined there with Gen^l. Cary, Mr Mauleverer, Mr Peirse, Rev^d. Moor, & Doct. Wayne.

Wednesday the Eighth; Our Child is not very well; however we dined at Sir W^m.

Foulis's, with Bro., Sister & Niece Est. Wilson, Mr & Mrs Mauleverer, & ^ 3 of ^ their Daughters, Sarah, Ann, & Frances.

Thursday the Ninth; our child is yet out of order – we dined at Gen^l. Cary's, with Bro. & Sis^t & Niece Esther Wilson.

Friday the Tenth; Bro. Wilson, & Rev^d. Hastwell walked with me upon the Nunthorpe Highways. On our return to dinner we found Doct. Wayne, my little Boy is not yet well, tho. I think him better.

Saturday the Seventh; I dined at home, and returned to Ayton in the evening.

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Sunday the Twelfth; I came home before dinner & found Geo. Dodds from Boulby by appointment; Mr. Baker did not come till even and had dined; they stayed with me allnight.

Monday the Thirteenth; Mr Baker went away before dinner; at three o'clock. Geo. Dodds & I mounted, he went home, & I reached Ayton before five; when finding my dear little Boy very ill, I soon sent to Sir W^m. Foulis's for Doct. Wayne, where I knew he was to dine with Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner; he was soon with us, & ordered a Glyster &c, but at half past eight he the Child was seized with a Convulsion – Fit, & expired; thus it pleased God to afflict two affectionate Parents; (my wife in the Third month of this pregnancy;) he was born Friday the 17th of October last, and Christened Ralph Ward Friday the 14th Nov.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; my afflicted, and dear Wife is, thanks to the Almighty, as well as I can hope for her;

Wednesday the Fifteenth; in affliction.

Thursday the Sixteenth; Rev^d. Hastwell, & Doct. Wayne dined at my Sister Esther's with Bro. & Sist. & Niece Esther Wilson, & Nep^w. W^m. Wilson, & Cousⁿ. Forster; my Wife & me above stairs; at four o'clock the Corps of my dear and only Child, Ralph Ward, in a Lead Coffin, was removed to Ayton Church-yard, and there interred on the North-side of the Church; and may be found by stretching a Line from a break, or return in the Wall, on the Northside of the Church-yard to the West-Cheek of the door-stand going into my Brother Wilson's Pew; and measuring five yards from the said Wall, will very nearly mark the Head of the Grave, which is upwards of 4 feet deep; there is also a stone sunk into the Grave above the Head of the Coffin, the stone is about eighteen inches deep, and about 12 inches broad at Top, and **R·W·J 1778** engraved thereon; the top of the stone is nearly upon a level with the surface of the adjoining Ground in the Church-yard.

^ This Child was taken up on Monday the 16th April 1781 (just 3 years since he was buried) & interred in Gisbro^h. Church-yard, not far from his Mother, the 17th April 1781. see journal that day. ^

Good Friday the Seventeenth; I thank god my dear Wife is composed, and resigns with great Patience to the affliction now upon us; I went to Ayton Church this afternoon, with my Sister Esther & my Cousin Forster.

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Saturday the Eighteenth; we dined at my Bro. Wilson's; soon after my Wife, Sist. Est. & Cous. Forster left in the Chaise, (Nurse Ann Cornforth behind Fawcett on horseback) & myself on Horseback, came home (to Normanby) see Wedⁿ. 1st inst^o.

(Easter) Sunday the Nineteenth; at home all the day. ^ Mr Longe Of Spix^w, & the Groom arrived with 3 Horses. ^

Easter Monday the Twentyeth; at home.

Easter Tuesday the Twenty First; our Chaise conveyed myself & Esther my Sister to Ayton after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; between five & six o'clock this Evening, Mr & Mrs Longe, her Sister (my Niece) Mary Jackson, & Miss Howes. However (a relation of Mr Longe's) in their Coach; their Butler & Mrs Longe's maid in their Master's Chaise & their Coach. Man on horseback, (all Hack Horses) arrived here from their home, ~~out~~ Spixworth near Norwich, which place they left last Sunday morning, intending to stay a month with us, & another with my Mother & Sister Wilson; exceeding cold weather.

Thursday the Twenty Third; much Snow falls this morning; towards Noon the weather very fair, tho' the cold was severe, & then I rode with Mr Longe upon Barnaby-hill near two, our dining hour; I sent the Chaise for my Niece Est. at four.

Friday the Twenty ~~Second~~ Fourth; Mr Longe walked to Wilton before dinner; a very cold day.

Saturday the Twenty ~~Third~~ Fifth; Mr Longe rode with me (by Coatham to see the Embankment carrying near there by Sir Ja^s. Lowther; returned before dinner, Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Son W^m. Sist. Esther & Mrs Forster came before dinner; the two former (Br^o. & Mrs Wilson) stayed all night.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; Bro. Wilson, Niece Jackson, Miss Howes & myself walked to the Banks of the River, & returned before Dinner.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; our Chaise went to Ayton before Dinner with Bro. & Sist. Wilson, one of Mt Longe's horses dyed here this morning.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; at home, all day.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; my Wife carried home in the Chaise). Niece Esther Wilson, ~~Miss~~ my Niece ^Jackson^ was also in the Chaise & returned, Mr Longe & I attended them on horse back – dined at home.

Thursday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I attended a Statute days Labour of the Township of Nunthorpe of which I am Assistant Surveyor, this Year; dined at home.

MAY 1778

Friday the First; being much out of order I did not come down stairs till noon.

Saturday the Second; my Wife & Mrs Longe went to Ayton and returned with Sist. Est before dinner.

Sunday the Third; my Niece Jackson, Miss Howes & myself went to Church before dinner; Rev^d. Tanch dined with us; Mr & Mrs Longe rode before dinner.

Monday the Fourth; Mr Longe attended Mr Chaloner & myself ^ & Mr Smith as Comiss^r. ^ holding a session for putting the Land-Tax, Window Tax, Servant's Tax (The first time) & Poor Laws Acts in execution, we dined at Mr Chaloner's, and got home before Nine.

Tuesday the fifth; ~~Mr & Mrs Longe rode to~~ ^ Mrs Longe conveyed Sist. Est. home, & returned with Niece Est. before Dinner, in our Chaise. ^ ~~Miss Est. Wilson came Ayton & returned before dinner.~~

Wednesday the Sixth; Mr Longe & I breakfasted early, dined at Boulby, drank Tea at M^r. Sanderson's at Staith's, her Son Jn^o. supt with us at Boulby.

Thursday the Seventh; after Mr Longe had seen all I cou'd show him at Boulby, we called at Grainge on our return home which we did before dinner; I found my Bro. & Sist. Wilson came to Normanby in our Chaise yesterday & returned so with. Niece Est. today.

Friday the Eighth; Mr & Mrs Longe rode to Ayton & returned before dinner; we have fine showery weather.

Saturday the Ninth; Mr & Mrs Longe rode to Coatham & home before dinner.

Sunday the Tenth; my Wife, Niece Jackson miss Howes & myself walked to Church before dinner; Mr & Mrs Longe rode out; my Wife & Mrs Longe in the Chaise, Mr Longe behind it; my Niece & Miss Howes & self ~~walked~~ on foot went to the Forest, drank Tea there.

Monday the Eleventh; I went to Gisbro^h early & returned to dinner, Gen^l. & Mrs Carey dined with us.

Tuesday the Twelfth; all at home this day.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; Mr Longe & In^s Price walked with me to Eston Chapel & took dimensions for building ~~my~~ the New Pew ~~therein~~ ^ which ^ I intend to build

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^ therein ^ by virtue of a Faculty I lately got. ^ see last Oct. 20 1777 & also Sept 24 1780.^

Thursday the Fourteenth; at home

Friday the Fifteenth; Mr & Mrs Longe, Niece Jackson & Miss Howes in their Coach, my Wife & I in our Chaise dined & drunk Tea at Gen^l. Cary's; we went & returned by Ayton, Gen^l. Cary sent his Horses to meet Mr Longe's Coach at Stokesley & they returned so far.

Saturday the Sixteenth; at home.

Sunday the Seventeenth; at home; a high Wind.

Monday the Eighteenth; my Wife & Niece Jackson in the Chaise, & myself on horseback went to Ayton ~~before dinner~~ ^ & returned bringing ^ my Niece Est. ^ home ^ with us before dinner.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; Mr Longe rode out before dinner; very Windy from South. West.

Wednesday the Twentieth; Mr Longe & I, in my Chaise went to Norton waiting an hour in & about Stockton; we dined at Mr Jonⁿ. Davison's (at Norton) Rev^d. M^r & Mrs Bramwell, his Niece Mrs Redbro' & her Husband, Mr Ord, & Mr Hill.

Thursday the Twenty First; my Wife Mrs Longe & Miss Howes in my Chaise & myself on horseback went to K. Leatham & returned before dinner; so did Mr Longe ~~so did m~~ ^ from ^Ayton where he rode after breakfast; very fine Showers.

Friday the Twenty Second; Mr & Mrs Chaloner, her Sister Hervey, Rev^d. Tanch & Mr Hope dined with us.

Saturday the Twenty Third; Bro. Wilson & Rev^d. Hastwell called on me after breakfast & with them I rode to see People on work at the intended Embankment of the River Tees, below Wilton by Sir Ja^s. Lowther; on our return to dinner we found my Sist. Wilson, her Son W^m. & my Sister Est^h. who all left us after Tea, Mr Hope also dined with us having met my Wife, Nieces Longe & Jackson & Miss Howes walking to the Top of Ormesby Hill.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife, Mr & Mrs Longe, Niece Jackson, Miss Howes & myself walked over part of Sir Ja^s. Pennyman's Ground before dinner, ^ on our return I found Charles Forbes comed to be my Gardener, by Mrs. Baker Interest with Mr Thos. Gunn of Newcastle.^

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Monday the Twenty Fifth; I marked out the Ground on which I am about to build a New Farm House in Rob^t. Thomas's Farm, after breakfast; Mr Jon^a. Davison, & Mr Hill dined with us, the latter lay here. Mr Longe ^ rode ^ ~~walk~~ before dinner. ~~On our return I found Chas. Forbes come to be my Gardener by Mrs. Baker Interest with Mr Gunn of Newcastle.~~

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; Mr Hill & I walked through my Woods before dinner; he left us after Tea; to go to an Assembly at Stockton; given by ^ Casst. Graham & Mr Wood Negotiating Officers to which we were intended. ^

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; at Eleven Mr Longe set off on foot, with his Coach-Man & Groom & their three Horses; and soon after My Niece Longe (& ^ her ^ maid Susan) Niece Miss Jackson & Miss Howes in the Coach; & ~~Man~~ . Burdet in the Chaise (having Hack Horses from Stokesley) they are going to Ayton, to stay as long as they have been with us, to wit, from Wednesday 22^d April last, to this Day, - five weeks, my Wife walked with me ^ (after dinner) ^ to the Workmen building a New House for ^ me at ^ My Tenant Rob^t. Thomas's.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to my Mason, Edw^d. Moor beginning to build a dry wall ^ 25½ rood in length & to be ^ (5½ feet high) adjoining the Moor in W^m.

Robinson's Farm, thereby inclosing about 3 Acre of very bad, banky Land; I then rode before my Wife on horseback an hour before Dinner, & in the afternoon spent an hour with the Eston Surveyors advising them about the repair of their roads.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; my Wife rode behind John (the first time) & I went with them to my Workmen at Rob^t. Thomas's New House.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; Mr Chaloner & I held a special Session at Gisbro^h for the Highway & ordered sundry repairs to be done by the Surveyors. I returned home to dinner; after Tea I took my Wife behind me on my Sister Esthers's old Poppet, and carried her to Ayton to spend a few days.

Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; my Wife, myself, Sister Est. Bro Wilson's Family including Mr & Mrs Longe, Miss Jackson, & Miss Howes went to Ayton Church before dinner, we walked after Tea ; Rev^d. Hastwell supt there.

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Monday the First; I came from Ayton before dinner & spent the afternoon among my Workmen; to Ayton at night.

Tuesday the Second; I spent the forenoon with Mr Preston at Stokesley giving him Instructions for my Will – dined & lay at Ayton.

Wednesday the Third; I dined at home being with my Workmen most of the day; lay at Ayton.

Thursday the Fourth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson, Their Daughter Esther; Mr & Mrs Longe, Niece Jackson & Miss Howes went to Staithes; I spent the day at Ayton with my Wife, we went with Sist. Est. to drink Tea ^ at ^ Mrs Skottow's.

Friday the Fifth; I dined at Gisbro^h. Club, there were eight members present; I lay at Ayton.

Saturday the Sixth; I dined at home, & on my return to Ayton Bro.& Sist. Wilson &c. (see last Thursday) arrived from Staithes.

Whit-Sunday the Seventh; we went to Ayton Church after dinner and then came home after staying at Ayton since Saturday ~~Sunday~~ the 30th ult^o. Miss Jackson with my Wife in the Chaise & myself walked home. ^ Mr Garth came in the Evening. ^

Whit Monday the Eighth; I spent the day among my Workmen – Mr Garth here all day.

Whit Tuesday the Ninth; Mt Garth left us before dinner; Sir W^m. & Lady Foulis dined with us.

Wednesday the Tenth; my Wife & Miss Jackson in our Chaise & myself on Horseback paid a morning visit to Mr ^ & Mrs ^ Turner just come from London; he was rode out; on our return found Mr Dunn of Lowther, who dined & drank Tea with us, after that I rode with him to Wilton to pay my Compliments to sir Ja^s. Lowther Bart., I found Mr Turner with him & Mr Garforth, Wheatly & Longbottom – I came home at Eleven o'Clo. Sir James went to K. Leatham.

Thursday the Eleventh; I went (in our Chaise), with my Niece Mary, she proceeded to Ayton and I walked home before dinner, by way of my intended new House on Rob^t. Thomas's Farms.

Friday the Twelfth; attended my Workmen building a Hay-Barn &c. at my own House.

Saturday the Thirteenth; my Wife rode behind me on horse-back, towards the River, before dinner, and in the evening we walked to Rob^t. Thomas's.

Sunday the Fourteenth; we breakfasted at my Sister Est^{ts}. At Ayton, received the Sacrament at that Church, and after dining & drinking Tea at Bro. Wilson's came home.

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Monday the Fifteenth; my Wife & myself dined at Mt Turner's, with Bro. & Sister Wilson, Niece Esther; Niece Jackson, Mr & Mrs Longe & Miss Howes from Ayton; Mr & Mrs L. stay at K. Leatham.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; John Floundry dined with us, very fine weather, rather too dry.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; I rode to my Workmen at Rob^t. Thomas's - & to Edw^d. Moore building a Wall adjoining Barnaby – Moor at the high-end of W^m. Robinson's Farm.

Thursday the Eighteenth; my Wife & I dined at Rev^d. Williamson's at Gisbro'; lay at Ayton, where we found Arch-Deacon Blackburn & his Wife.

Friday the Nineteenth; I breakfasted at Boulby, dined & lay there, I had seven of the Neighb^{rs}. to dinner, this being our six months Payment of the Workmen.

Saturday the Twenty'th; I returned from Boulby to Ayton, before dinner; Mr & Mrs Blackburn there yet, he held his visitation at Stokesley yesterday.

Sunday the Twenty first; we all went to Ayton Church before & after dinner; Mr Blackburn preached; my Wife & I came ^ home ^ in the Evening.

Monday the Twenty Second; Rev^d. Blackburn, Arch-Deacon of Cleveland, & my Wife, with my Mother & Sist. Wilson & Niece Jackson, from Ayton, & Mr & Mrs Turner, & Mr & Mrs Longe, from K. Leatham dined here.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I attended my Workmen covering my new Hay-Shed with Tarred Paper; Rev^d. Tanch drank Tea here, we observed through my Telescope the Eclipse of the sun; uncommon dry & hot weather.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; at home; my Workmen finished covering my Hay-Shed with Tar, Paper & Gravel – walked out in the Evening.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I this day cut down all the Meadow I have this year – viz. near 11 acres in the middle, & West Garth, the former is the first Crop of Hay-seeds, the latter is the second ~~crop~~ Yr's Crop of the Hayseeds, the Crop is very small owing in a great measure to the late drouthy weather. Gen^l. Hale called here in the morning an hour after Mrs Jackson & I had walked above Rob^t. Thomas's Farm, & near Barnaby Moor.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; much Rain fell last night, & continued till noon this day; Mrs Jackson & I dined at Ayton, went to that Church, drank Tea at Sist. Est^{rs}. & returned.

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Monday the Twenty Ninth; Mrs & Mrs Peirse, & her Sister Sutton dined with us.
Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; In my Hay field, & among my Workmen, my Principal Man, John Price being ill at home (at Gisbro') we had much Rain & Thunder towards Even'g.

JULY 1778

Wednesday the First; my Wife and I went to Ayton in the Evening to stay for a few days.

Thursday the Second; at Ayton, not very well. ^ Nieces Wilson came from London, they went there 30th. Dec^r. last. ^

Friday the Third; much Rain last night, I rode home after dinner, & returned to Ayton before Supper. ^ Bro. & Mrs Wilson, their Daughter, Mr & Mrs Longe &c. dined at Sir W^m. Foulis.^

Saturday the Fourth; my Sister Esther my Wife & myself dined at Mr Wayne's at Ann. Groves, ^ so did Doct. Wayne, Mr & Mrs Marwood drank Tea there; Bro. Wilson & his Family dined at Mrs Bowes's at Harlsey.

Sunday the Fifth; at Ayton Church before dinner, we drank Tea at Mrs Skottows, save Mr Longe.

Monday the Sixth; at Ayton; Mr Garth there.

Tuesday the Seventh; Bro. Wilson & myself attended a Meeting of the Justices & Comiss'rs of the Land- Tax at Stokesley, to put in execution the new act, laying a Tax on Inhabited Houses.

Wednesday the Eighth; stayed at Ayton till after Tea, then came home after taking leave of Mr & Mrs Longe, my Niece Mary & Miss Howes, who intend to leave Ayton on Friday next to go to Harrowgate &c. &c. they came to Normanby on Wednesday 22nd April last; and went from us to Ayton on Wednesday 27th May, having been 5 weeks at Normanby & 6 weeks , (2 days) at Ayton.

Thursday the Ninth; my Wife & I paid a morning visit to Mr Dundas & Lady Charlotte, but the day being very hot, ~~and~~ we complied with the solicitations of Mr Dundas & his Lady in staying their dinner; came home by Marsk, calling at Mr Smith's.

Friday the Ninth; I went to my Workmen covering in Rob^t. Thomas's Dwelling House, before dinner; we walked in the Evenⁿg.

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Saturday the Eleventh; at home.

Sunday the Twelfth; my Wife & I went to Ayton after Tea.

Monday the Thirteenth; I paid a morning visit to Gen^l. Hale; & from there went to Mr. Chaloner & Mr Dundas, at the Inn at Gisbro', there we held a Session to [^]instruct[^] receive the Assessors of the Window Lights, to put in Execution the new Act laying a Duty on Houses – viz 6^d p.£. from £5 to £50 and 1^d.p.£. on all Houses above the Annual; value of 50£; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro', & went to Ayton in the Evening. [^]found Mr & Mrs Askew there on their road to Whitby.[^]

Tuesday the Fourteenth; Bro. Wilson & myself attended the Quarter Sessions at Stokesley – we were ten Justices of the Peace on the Bench.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; my Wife Sister Est^r. & Niece Esther Wilson in my Chaise & myself on Horseback, set out, breakfasted at Gisbro', had hired Horses to the top of Birkbrow, from thence my own Horses in the Chaise over the Moor, to Boulby before dinner; Rev^d. Shuttleworth, Mrs Sanderson, her sons Jn^o & Isaac, her Daughter Eliz^h. & Miss Brown, drank Tea & supt with us.

Thursday the Sixteenth; we breakfasted at Mrs Sanderson's, dined [^] at Mr Benson's[^] at Ayslaby, looking anon into the village of Runswick on our road; we lay at Ayslaby.

Friday the Seventeenth; after dinner Mrs Benson, my Wife & Sist. in our Chaise; Misses Pease, & Robson & Niece Est. in Mr Benson's Chaise, & he & I on Horseback went to Whitby, drinking Tea at my Cousin Peases, returned to Ayslaby.

Saturday the Eighteenth; after breakfast we took leave of our Friends at Ayslaby called at Scaling. Dam, and dined at Gisbro' – we drank Tea at Ayton.

Sunday the Nineteenth; we went to Ayton Church in the morning, & then in the Evening.

Monday the Twentieth; Mr Garth came before breakfast; after that we had much Lightening, Thunder & Rain for hours which returned in the Evening & continued till one o'Clo. in the morning; we sent our Chaise for 2 oldest Niece Wilsons after dinner, they got to us before Supper, a dreadful Evening.

Tuesday the Twenty First; about twelve o'Clo. Mr Garth went away (to Upleatham) & my Wife & Nieces in the Chaise, & myself on horseback went to Mr Brown's at Stockton where we met my Bro. & Sister Wilson & Niece Esther from Ayton by appointment to dine; after drinking Tea there we all came to Normanby; a Rainy Evening.

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Wednesday the Twenty Second; My Bro. & sister Wilson & their three Daughters left us after Tea; I walked with Mr Wilson towards the Hill.

Thursday the Twenty-Third; at home.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; before dinner I walked to my Workmen who are nearly finishing my Farm House on Rob^t. Thomas's Farm; my Wife rode behind John, & I single to the River side in the Evening.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; Mr & Mrs Mauleverer & their Daughters Ann (now Miss Mauleverer her Sister Sarah being married last Tuesday to a Mr. Jn^o. Arthur, who takes the ^Sir ^ name of Worsop) and Frances came before dinner to stay till Tuesday; our Chaise brought my two eldest Nieces ^ Wilsons ^ before dinner.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; Bro. & Sist. Wilson & Niece Est. came here before Breakfast, we then all went to see the Sea Bank Sir Jas. Lowther is making near Coatham, calling on Sir Wm. & Lady Foulis who are at Coatham on our way; returned to dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; all our Friends left us except niece Wilsons.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; Mr Baker called here, an hour before Dinner on his way to Boulby; sister Wilson came in the Evening, so did Mr & Mrs Askew on their way from Whitby, see Monday the 13th.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; Mr & Mrs Askew proceeded to Newcastle after breakfast, so did Mrs Wilson & all her Daughters to Ayton after dinner; Mr Baker called before Dinner.

Friday the Thirty First & last Day; I received all my Rents that were due last Lady-day; a busy day. Doct. Wayne lay here.

AUGUST 1778

Saturday the First; ^ Doct. Wayne went away ^ busy at home writing in my Books.

Sunday the Second; my Wife went to Stockton early in our Chaise with hired horses, drunk Tea, & then with our Horses went to Durham (called at Sedgfield half an hour) dined & lay at Mr Hoppers. Mr & Mrs Surtees & Mr & Mrs Ambler were there.

Monday the Third; after dining at Mr Hopper's we went to Mr & Mrs Askew's at Redheugh in the evening.

Tuesday the Fourth; at Redheugh, Mrs. Wharton & her Son, of Durham, a Divine, dined there.

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Wednesday the Fifth; Mr & Mrs Askew my Wife & I spent the forenoon seeing Newcastle.

Thursday the Sixth; we visited the Manufactory for making Pottery ware near Newcastle, before dinner, and drank Tea at ^old ^ Mrs. Askew's at Whickham

Friday the Seventh; Mr Askew & I paid a morning visit to Sir Th^o. Clavering at Axwell Park.

Saturday the Eighth; after breakfast my Wife & I took leave of Mr & Mrs Askew, & dined & lay at Elemore.

Sunday the Ninth; after breakfast we left Elemore, dined at Mr. Ambler's at Durham, & went to Mr James's at West Auckland in the Evening.

Monday the Tenth; at West Auckland.

Tuesday the Eleventh; my Wife, Mrs & Miss James in our Chaise, & Mr James & myself in a hired Chaise went to Mr Hill's at Blackwell, where we dined with much Company; Mrs Jackson, Mr Reed & me went to Hurworth (to Mrs Reed's) in our Chaise in the Evening, to stay a day or two.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; at Hurworth;

Friday The fourteenth; my Wife & I dined at my Cousin Forster's at Yarm, where we found my Sist. Esther & Niece Est; we all came home in the Eveⁿg.

Saturday the Fifteenth; Mr Lewin (my Wife's Father) & his Son Gregory came here in the Evening, from Harrowgate this morning; unexpectedly.

Sunday the Sixteenth; Mother & Bro. Wilson & their Son Will^m. dined here, returned in the evening, taking my Sist. & Niece Esther with them.

Monday the Seventeenth; Bro. Wilson dined & lay here; he, Mr Lewin & 'Gory & I fished in the afternoon.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; we all dined & lay at Ayton.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; Mr Lewin & Gory went upon Kildale Moor a Shooting with Brother Wilson; the two former came here in the evening; my Wife & I came home before Dinner finding Geo. Dodds ^of Boulby^ on his road to Elemore, he dined.

Thursday the Twentieth; Mr & Mrs Surtees of Mainsforth came before dinner to stay a few days; we all walked in the Evening.

Friday the Twenty ~~eth~~ First; Mr Brown of Stockton dined with us.

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Saturday the Twenty Second; Mr & Mrs Surtees left us before Breakfast, going to Rev^d. Cheap's of Sutton, near York; Mr Lewin, 'Gory & I rode by K. Leatham to Coatham & returned by the Sea Bank, before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty Third; Bro. & Sister Wilson, Est. & Billy Wilson & my Sister Esther, dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; Mr Lewin, his Son 'Gory, & I rode, by Eston Nab to Upleatham, returned by Tockets, through Gisbro. & Mr Chaloner's Park, before dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; Mr Lewin rode to Ayton, 'Gory ^rode, & ^ Mrs Jackson & I in the Chaise went to Ayton before Dinner, and lay there.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; Mr Lewin & 'Gory walked, I rode, & Mrs Jackson, my Sist. Est. & Niece Est^r. in the Chaise came home before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; Mr Lewin, 'Gory & I walked a Coursing before dinner.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; my Wife, Sist. Esther & Niece Esther in our Chaise, myself & 'Gory Lewin on horseback went to Stockton & returned before dinner; Mr Reed dined with us.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; my Wife carryed Sist. Est. & Niece Est. home in the Chaise, Mr Lewin & 'Gory also dined at Ayton, they & my Wife returned in the Even'g; I was at home all day.

Monday the Thirty First, & last Day; at home among my Workmen, building the Hen-Houses.

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Tuesday the First; Mr Lewin & 'Gory went a Shooting wth. W^m. Snowdon; Mr L. return'd to Normanby, but 'Gory lay at Ayton; so did my Wife & I, we went there in the Chaise & from thence Brother Wilson & I proceeded to Stokesley where was a meeting of the Justices for the West Division of Langbaugh.

Wednesday the Second; I attended a meeting of the Justices in the East Division of Langbaugh, for Granting Licences to Ale House-Keepers, came home in the even'g, so did my Wife & her Father, the latter having walked to Ayton this morning, 'Gory riding down hither early in the morning.

Thursday the Third; among my Workmen.

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Friday the Fourth; my Wife, her Father, & Bro. 'Gory & myself, dined at Mr Turner's.

Saturday the fifth; Mr. ~~Gory~~ Lewin, 'Gory, & myself walked before dinner in the Fields with the Greyhounds; Rev^d. Addison Jun^r. dined with us.

Sunday the Sixth; Mr Lewin & 'Gory went to Kirk.Leatham Church & returned before dinner.

Monday the Seventh; Mr Lewin (my Wife's Father) & his Son Gregory left us, having been here since Saturday the 15th. Ult^o; my Wife & I went to Mr Chaloner's, dined there & lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Eighth; Our Chaise carryed Mr Lewin & 'Gory to Stokesley, they go to Harrowgate this Evening on their way home (to Greenwich). I rode home with W^m.

Richardson of Langbaugh, with whom & my Man (John) I went a Shooting, four hours, on our return found my Wife had brought his Wife in our Chaise, they dined & went home.

Wednesday the Ninth; my Wife & I called on my Sister Esther at Ayton who went with us in our Chaise to Sir W^m. Foulis's where we all dined, we lay at my Sister Est^r. at Ayton.

Thursday the Tenth; my Niece Est^r. went with her Father & Mother to Richmond to meet my Nep^w. Longe &^c. with whom she is going to spend the Winter at Spixworth; my Wife & my Sist. Esther paid a morning visit to Mrs Hale; & then met Mrs Skottow (who I drove in her Whiskey) & me at Mr Harrison's at Gisbro', where we dined with Rev^d.

Williamson & his Family; my Sister & Mrs Skottow returned to Ayton, but my Wife & I lay at Mr Chaloner's, Mr Garth, & Mr Nousse ^ Nosseri [?]^ being there on a Musical Party.

Friday the Eleventh; my Wife & I brought Miss Williamson home with us. Much Rain.

Saturday the Twelfth; I rode to Stokesley spent two hours there in consultation with Mr Preston, about M^{rs}. Pease's & M^{rs}. Benson's affairs, & returned home to dinner.

Sunday the Thirteenth; at home.

Monday the Fourteenth; my Wife, & Miss Williamson in our Chaise, and myself on Horseback went to Stockton a Shopping, return'd before dinner.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I spent the forenoon shooting at Upsil; saw Mr Pierson there, home to dinner.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; at home.

Thursday the Seventeenth; Gen^l. & Mrs Cary dined & drank Tea with us.

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Friday the Eighteenth; my Wife & Miss Williamson dined at Ayton, drank Tea at home, I rode to W^m. Snowdon's & returned before dinner.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I measured the Plastering Work at Rob^t. Thomas's ^new^ Farm House with W^m. Hunter before breakfast; & soon after went a Shooting in W^m.

Snowdon's Farm in Eston.

Sunday the Twentieth; Miss Williamson went to Church before dinner; we all walked before Tea.

Monday the Twenty First; I carried Miss Williamson home (to Gisbro. ^a Fair day there^) in our Chaise, she having been here since Friday the Eleventh; I also met in Gisbro, by appointment, Mr & Mrs Benson who came from Aslaby this morning, to talk with Mr Preston about her concerns & those of her Mother with Mr. Jn^o. Pease, a Bankrupt; we dined at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; Mr Benson & I walked before dinner, and after; my Sister came to Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty ~~Eighth~~ Third; soon after breakfast, Mr & Mrs Benson left us, see last Monday, I walked out with my Gun before Dinner.

Thursday the Twenty ~~Ninth~~ Fourth; I rode to my Tenants', Tho^s. Stub's before Dinner & set out a Cow House for 4 Cows; on my return home about three O'Clo' I found Mrs Skottow of Ayton, who lay here.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; my Wife carry'd in her Chaise, my Sister Esther, & Mrs Skottow home in the forenoon; I followed them after dinner & returned with my Wife in the Even'g in our Chaise.

Saturday Twenty Sixth; I walked out before Dinner with W^m. Snowdon, a shooting in Eston Estate.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; Last night was most Tempestuous, Wind at the North-East, with much Rain which continued most of this day; Mr Baker came before dinner & lay here.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; Mr Baker & I called at Mr Turner's, (he having sent for me) to assist Mr Dundas to Quell a Riot of S^{ir}. Jas. Lowther's men, who are assembled by order of S^{ir} Jas Engineer Mr Longbottom at Mr Turner's Whim House, alias Granery near Coatham, to prevent his conveying to be buried (at his expense) a dead corp which was thrown up by the Sea ^yesterday morn'g.) on Sir James's Manor of Wilton; it was first taken by Sir James's People. Who went into the Country for a Cart, but before the

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Cart cou'd be got, Mr Turner's Servants conveyed the Body in a Cart to the above Granery. Mr Dundas ordered Mr Longbottom, (who was also at Mr Turner's) to disperse his Men, otherwise he wo'd Indict him & them for a Riot, on Mr. L. complying with that order; the Coroner Mr Milburn, (who was also at Mr Turner's) summoned a Jury, & after they had given him their Verdict (accidental death) he ordered the Constable of Wilton to have the Body conveyed to the Parish Church of Wilton to be buried in that Church-Yard, at the expense of the Inhabitants of Wilton, which was done this day: Mr Baker & I proceeded to Boulby, & lay there, after examining our Agent, Mr Geo. Dodds's last year's Acco^s. ^my Wife lay at Ayton.^

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; Mr Baker & I dined at Mr Turner's, he lay there, on my coming home found my Wife & Sister Esther from Ayton.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I sent our Chaise to Yarm, which returned with Rev^d. Arch Deacon Blackburn, his Wife & Son W^m. before dinner; their ^Son^ Fra^s. dined & went home.

OCTOBER 1778

Thursday the First; Sist. Esther went home with Mr W^m. Blackburn, he returned before dinner with Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Twin Daughters; Mr Blackburn' & I walked to Eston Chapel, where I have Cha. Williamson & his Son W^m. (Masons) working at our New Pew there; fine seasonable weather.

Friday the Second; Bro. Wilson & Mr W^m. Blackburn rode to see the Sea Bank below Wilton, while the Arch-Deacon & I paid Mr Turner a morning Visit, all return'd to Dinner.

Saturday the Third; The Arch-Deacon, his Wife & Son W^m. left us after breakfast; a Rainy day.

Sunday the Fourth; my Bro. & Sister Wilson & their Twin-Daughters left us after dinner.

Monday the Fifth; at home all day.

Tuesday the Sixth; at home.

Wednesday the Seventh; ; a very stormy day, Wind at N.E. and much Rain, nevertheless my Sister Esther came in the afternoon, my Wife has not been well most of the Day, & I am not very well.

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Thursday the Eighth; my Wife & Sist. Esther rode out a little in the Chaise before dinner; I rode to Wilton after dinner to see S^{ir}. Jas. Lowther, but he went away this morning.

Friday the Ninth; at home, a Rainy day.

Saturday the Ninth; I walked ~~out~~ with W^m. Snowdon a Shooting about twelve o'Clo'; he dined with me after our return, found ~~but~~ a little Game.

Sunday the Eleventh; my Wife & Sister Est^r. in the Chaise & myself on Horseback rode to Sir Ja^s. Pennyman's Lady' & returned before dinner, on our return my Brother & Sister Wilson & their Twin Daughters came, my Sister Est. returned with the two Former, but the two latter stayed here.

Monday the Twelfth; Mr Chaloner & I held a Special Sessions to appoint new Surveyors of the Highways in the East Division of the Wapontake of Langbaurch, I dined at Mr Harrison's.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; Mr Longbottom breakfasted here my Wife & Nieces rode out in the Chaise before dinner; I walked to Rev^d. Tanch's, on my return to dinner I found my Sisters Wilson & Esther, Miss W William & Mrs Skottow; Sister Esther stayed here, & my Niece Wilsons returned.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I went with John a Shooting on the Upsal Estate before Dinner.

Thursday the Fifteenth; at home.

Friday the Sixteenth; Sister Wilson. Her two (Twin) Daughters, & Miss Blackburn came in the morning, & all went away with Sister Esther after Dinner; Mr Wilkinson ^of Darnton^ dined & lay here.

Saturday the ~~Sixteenth~~ Seventeenth; Mr Wilkinson went away after he had taken Dimensions for a Plan for my intended New Building; my Wife and I walked an hour before Dinner; I rode to Rob^t Young's with my Man John, about his small Tithes in the afternoon, a fine day but cold.

Sunday the Eighteenth; Doct. Wayne dined & lay here; my Sisters Est. Wilson & her Twin Daughters came after dinner, & lay here.

Monday the Nineteenth; I took John with me a Shooting below Lackenby, after Doct. Wayne went away; I got home before five.

Tuesday the Twentieth; Sister Wilson went home, ~~by~~ herself only in her Coach.

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Wednesday the Twenty First; Brother & Sister Wilson came after Dinner to stay some days; Doct. Wayne came before dinner to stay some days also.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I received of the Inhabitants of Eston & Normanby, Pay for the small-Tithes, for one year due last Mich^{al}mas, at my Tenant W^m. Appleby's (at Normanby) after Dinner.

Friday the Twenty Third; a very Rainy day, & high Wind at E^t.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; another very Rainy-day Wind at East, and boisterous.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; Doct. Wayne went home after dinner & did not return.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; my Brother Wilson walked home in the morning & returned to Tea. Doctor Wayne came before Dinner; my Wife became not well about ten o'Clock, & continued uneasy all day, we went to Bed at our usual time (about Ten o'Clock) as did everybody save old Nurse Cornforth; my Wife found labour Pains before Eleven, I got up & Nurse came into the Room, at about Twelve.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I called of up Sister Esther; at one my Sister Wilson was called, and at Three I called Doctor Wayne up & soon after my Twin Nieces (Wilson) came into the Room; I sat in Doctor Wayne's Room till five, at which time he delivered my Wife of her second Son (her first was born Friday the 17th October last 1777) ^ also see 29th Nov 1779 & 10th June 1780^ her Labour was not ^so^ severe as on the first; I lay down after breakfast, three hours; my Mother & Sist. Wilson went home after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; at home. Doctor Wayne left us before Dinner.

Thursday the Twenty ninth; I walked a Shooting two hours before dinner; wth W^m. Snowdon & John.

Friday the Thirtyeth; my Sister Wilson, her Son W^m. & Mary Lythe came before dinner, & returned soon after; my Wife was got up the first time.

Saturday the Thirty First & last Day; my Sist. Est. went home in our Chaise & returned before Dinner; a bad day.

NOVEMBER 1778

Sunday the First; my Bro^r. & Sis^r. Wilson & their Son Will^m. Mrs Skottow & Miss Mc.Donald dined with us, my Nieces Wilson returned with them.

Monday the Second; ^Doct. Wayne came in the Evening^ at home.

Tuesday the Third; ^Doct. Wayne went away^ Rev^d. Tanch drank Tea here.

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Wednesday the Fourth; at home; a rainy day.

Thursday the Fifth; I walked out two hours before dinner with my Gun – John came with me.

Friday the sixth; at home.

Saturday the Seventh; I rode with John, & W^m. Snowdon to Hutton Locross, left our Horses there (at old Rob^t. Thomas's,) and walked a Shooting five hours in Bowsdale &c. home before dark. ^Sir Tho^s. Clavering called in the morning.^

Sunday the Eighth; I rode to K. Leatham to see Sir Tho^s. Clavering who called here yesterday; Mr Turner is ill of the gout; I came home before Three but after dining was done, finding my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their Twin Daughters & son W^m. who all went home.

Monday the Ninth; Mr Longbottom, breakfasted here; I spent the day at home.

Tuesday the Tenth; I spent at home.

Wednesday the Eleventh; at home, very Rainy.

Thursday the Twelfth; I breakfasted at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton, from whence he, his Wife & Twin Daughters went with me to look ^at^ Mr Peirson's Furniture (at Stokesley) which is to be sold, Mr Preston showed it to us, some of it is in his own House, much at Rev^d. Doct. Wanley's &c. I came home before dinner & found Mr Geo Dodds & Mr Longbottom by appointment, on the subject of Sir Ja^s. Lowther intending to get some stone, for his Embankment, from Hartlepool Rock, which we have a right by Lease to ~~get~~ make Kelp upon; the latter went away in the Evening, Mr Dodds lay here, so did Doct. Wayne who came here in the Evening.

Friday the Thirteenth; Mr Dodds went home to Boulby, my Sister Wilson & her Daughter Wilson came before dinner; Doctor Wayne return'd with them in the Coach.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I took John with me to Wilton, where I met Mr Longbottom by appointment, we spent four Hours in the Woods there a Pheasant Shooting, only got one of them, return'd to Wilton, cut a piece of cold Beef I had ordered, & came home, a stormy evening.

Sunday the Fifteenth; Doct. Wayne dined.

Monday the Sixteenth; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' (Mr Smith & Mr Galley there) and did business in the Town – it is a Fair there.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; Bro. & Sister Wilson & their Daughter Rachel dined here.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; a very Rainy day.

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Thursday the Nineteenth; I sat two hours with Rev^d. Tanch at Ormesby before dinner, my Wife dined below stairs, the first time since Tuesday the 27th Ulti^o.

Friday the Twentieth; I rode upon Barnaby Moor, & from thence walked with my Gun & John down Mordale-Gill, & above Wilton Wood a Pheasant Shooting did not get home till four o'Clock – a cold day.

Saturday the Twenty First; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, their Twin Daughters (Est. is at Spixworth) & Son William (Geo: is in Holland) came before dinner, my nieces stay here, but the rest left us before three o'Clock.

Monday the Twenty Third; I met Mr Chaloner at Gisbro' on Justice – business; return'd home to dinner in a most Tempestuous Gale of Wind at S.W. with Rain.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; my Brother & Sist. Wilson and their little boy (William) came here about twelve soon after Rev^d. Tanch came and Christened ^ (in this House) ^ my Second Son, born Tuesday the 27th. of last Month, by the name of William Ward; the Sponsors were my Brother William, (in Person,) Brother Jeffery Jackson (who I represented) and ~~my Sister in Law~~ Mrs Jackson, my Brother Jackson's Wife (who my Sister Wilson represented); my Wife was also Church'd; for the Christening of our ^first^ Child see Friday the 14th. of Oct^o. 1777; - Doctor Wayne also came before dinner, & stay'd all night, Rev^d. Consett too dined with us, the first time since I married; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Son William left us after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; Doctor Wayne went away (to Mr Turner's) before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife rode out (the first time since her laying-Inn) in the Chaise. Sister Est. & Niece Rachel with her, to Sir Ja^s. Pennyman's Lodge, I rode on Horseback ~~with~~ near them, this being first time my new Postilion (W^m. Old) drove our Horses.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; Sister Esther went home (in our Chaise) having very affectionately stayed with us since Sunday the 18th. of last Month, save that she went home, a few hours, & returned on Saturday the 31st of same Month.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; we sent my Nieces home before dinner; they ~~have~~ came here the 22nd. Inst.

Monday the Thirtieth & last Day: at home.

DECEMBER 1778

Tuesday the First; I walked a Shooting before Dinner with Jn^o (in my absence Rev^d. Nelson sat an hour with my Wife.

Wednesday the Second; at home expecting Mr & Mrs Williamson, but they did not come.

Tuesday the Third; my Wife rode on horseback behind me towards Ormesby about twelve o'Clo', soon after we returned, Mr & Mrs Williamson (of Gisbro) came on Horseback, to stay a day or two.

Friday the Fourth; Mr Williamson & I walked to the Church before dinner; we called on Mr Conset but he was engaged with Mr Harrison at his house, however he dined & spent the Evening with us, so did his Daughter Ann; this is first time any of the young Ladies have been at my House since I was married.

Saturday the Fifth; Mr & Mrs Williamson left us after breakfast, a cold Rainy afternoon.
Sunday the Sixth; at home.

Monday the Seventh; very stormy before dinner. Rev^d. Tanch drank Tea & supt with us.
Tuesday the Eighth; a very stormy day, with Rain.

Wednesday the Ninth; at home, a fine day.

Thursday the Tenth; at home.

Friday the Eleventh; Busy most of the day assisting ~~the~~ my Gardener (Cha^s. Forbes) to mark out the Serpentine walk between my intended Shrubbery in the old Garden, very high Wind, some light Showers.

Saturday the Twelfth; at home.

Sunday the Thirteenth; I sat an hour at Rob. Jackson's & a little while at Rev^d. Conset's before Tea.

Monday the Fourteenth; I went to Gisbro' on business, & return'd before dinner.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I met Thos. Snowdon at Fra^k. Knags a Shooting by appointment; on my return to dinner I found Sist. Est. Mrs. Skottowe & Miss McDonald.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I went with my Wife & my Sister Esther to W. Conset's, paying a morning visit; in our absence Mr & Mrs Marwood & a little Girl with them (Miss Dixon), came to us on the same errand.

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Thursday the Seventeenth; I met Mr Smith by appointment, at ten o'Clo' near Marsk, we coursed a Leash of Hares, repaired to his House, to dine, he went with me to Boulby where we lay all night.

Friday the Eighteenth; we spent the day at Boulby, a six months payment of the Workmen being made there, Mr Easterby & 11 others dined with us.

Saturday the Nineteenth; Mr Smith & I left Boulby, a rainy morning, I dined at home.

Sunday the Twentyeth; Our Chaise carryed home Sister Esther, Mrs Skottowe & Miss McDonald after breakfast, they have been here since last Tuesday morning.

Monday the Twenty First; I walked a shooting before dinner with John.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; Bro. Wilson dined with us.

Christmas Day, Friday the Twenty Fifth; All thirteen Servants went to Church, I did not, a cold day.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I walked a Shooting about Eston, with Tho^s. Snowdon & W^m. Hunter.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; Misses Ann & Anna Conset sat an hour after dinner, with us.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Gisbro' to attend (with other Justices) to any Appeals which might have been made against the Assessments made on Houses, but was alone, Mr Chaloner & Mr Dundas having forgot Monday were gone a Shooting, I dined at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I went early to Stockton, where my Bro. Wilson & myself met Mr Rich^d. Wright of Sedgefield, who paid to us one thousand Pounds, in full of Principal Money due from Woodifield Beckwith Esq (see my Cash Book) which £1,000 we sent by my Servant Jn^o. Fawcit to Mr. Ra^h. Hoar in a Chaise, to Backhouse & Co. Bankers, in Darlington, to exchange for a Bill; Fawcit also received of Mr Fra^k. Holmes ^ (one of the Assignees) ^ £43..12s..4d. (abating 1^s. for his Clerk) being the amount of a Dividend (the first) of 2s in the pound due to my Brother Jackson as a ^separate^ Creditor of Jn^o. Pease, for £436..3s..6d Bro. Wilson & I left Stockton about one, I dined at home; Fawcit got home before 8 o'Clo'.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; at home.

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Thursday the Thirty First, & last Day; I overtook Mr Jonⁿ. Davison beyond Ormesby by appointment, soon after a violent Shower of Rain drove us into Newham Mill for Shelter; when over, we proceeded to his House at Norton, where I dined, & returned home at seven; about Nine o'Clo'. A most heavy Gale of Wind from the North came on which continued till about four in the morning of

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Friday the First; which took several ^Tiles^ off different parts of my House, more especially on the South-side, drove off some Battlem^t. Stones above our Lodging Room, and overset the higher end of the West Wall in my Garden, built by late Matt^w. Conset, which I imagine was owing to the heighth of the North and East Walls (13 feet) which I built in Summer 1777; I ~~also~~ hear that the High Tide was so agitated as to make two Breaches in the Banks I made on the Forest Batts in 1765, on the 3th, 4th, & 5th. of Jan^y. 1767, in my Journal: all this day continues high Wind at North; I hear Sir James Lowther's Embankments have suffered very much, the Tides will not be at their highest till next Tuesday, tomorrow (the 2nd) the Moon being at full.

Saturday the Second; Mr Baker called before Dinner on his way from K. Leatham; so did John Flounders after dinner on his way there; a cold but moderate day.

Sunday the Third; at home.

Monday the Fourth; I sat an hour with Rev^d. Tanch in the morning – a moderate Frost.

Tuesday the Fifth; I rode to my Batts at the Forest, the late high Tide & Wind see 1st inst. Having made two Breaches in the Bank there; home to dinner.

Wednesday the Sixth; at home.

Thursday the Seventh; Miss Ann Conset & her visitor Miss Williamson, was here for half an hour this morning; Bro. & Sis^r. Wilson & their Twin Daughters dined with us; so did Gen^l. Hale & Mrs Chaloner, and Mr Hope, & Rev^d. Mr Tanch & all went away before Sup^r.

Friday the Eighth; at home.

Saturday the Ninth; after dinner I rode down to the Forest & having my Tenant W^m.

Appleby with me ordered him to get Workmen & work himself in the repair of the Bank, injured by the Storm, see 1st. inst.

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Sunday the Tenth; after breakfast I rode to Kirk-Leatham where I found my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Twin Daughters on a Visit, they returned with me to our Dinner, and proceeded home in the Evening. Miss Williamson came here after Tea from Mr. Conset's to stay a few days, Miss Conset attended her & sat an hour here.

Monday the Eleventh; after dinner I rode to some run I have set at work to repair the damage I rece'd in my Bank at the Forest, ^see^ the 1st. inst^o. – Rev^d. Conset & his three of his Daughters drunk Tea & supt here.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I rode to my Workmen at the Forest after dinner, fine weather.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; Miss Williamson left us before dinner my Wife set her on Horseback to the foot of Ormesby-hill; I rode down to the Bats afternoon.

Thursday the Fourteenth; my Wife & I rode to W^m. Brown's before dinner, she look'd at some China arrived there from Mr Rich^d. Lewin Jun^o. and I attended my Workmen at the Bats.

Friday the Fifteenth; I walked through my Page-howl & Cow-howl Woods with old Tho^s. Milner (of Rivalx) and my Gardener before dinner, my little Boy was not well last night, better today.

Saturday the Sixteenth; at home.

Sunday the Seventeenth; at home.

Monday the Eighteenth; at Ten I set off on Foot to Gisbro' (being a hard Frost) I walked the usual horse-Road over Barnaby-moor, and having my Perambulator I found the distance from my Home to the stones End in West-Gate Street, Gisbro', to be 5 miles and $\frac{1}{8}$ of a Mile; I did business in the Town (above an hour) and walked home to dinner $\frac{1}{4}$ after Three.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; at home.

Wednesday the Twentyeth: I walked to the high end of my Cow-howl Wood, where my Gardener & a Labourer are planting Oaks, Eastward of Slight's Close, Mr Rudd of Gisbro' drank Tea with us.

Thursday the Twenty First; I rode to my Workmen repairing the Bank at the Forest, & return'd before Dinner.

Friday the Twenty Second; I am not very well; my Bro. Wilson dined with us, he walked from ~~home~~ ^& to Ayton^.

Saturday the Twenty Third; at home.

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Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Sisters Est^r. & Wilson & Miss Wilson dined with us & returned.

Monday the Twenty fifth; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; at home; much Snow & Sleet.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; ^ my Wife & I sat an hour at Mr Conset's^ I sent our Chaise for my Sister Est^r. & Nieces (Han^h. & Rach^l.) Wilson who arrived before dinner to stay some days.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Sunday the Thirty first , & last Day. At home.

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Monday the first; I went to Gisbro' & returned before Dinner, on my return I found my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their little Boy (William) they went home soon after dinner taking their two Daughters with them. ^ my Wife began to wean our little Boy W^m. Ward – 14 weeks old tomorrow.

Tuesday the Second; at home; my Wife had a Neighbour's Child (7 weeks old) my Tenant Jn^o. Forster's Son to draw her Breasts yesterday & fore part of this day, and in the afternoon rubed them with Camphirated Brandy, Oyl & Berjuice to scale her milk, our little Boy promising from appearances to do well without the Breast.

Wednesday the Third; I rece'd of my Normanby, Upsil & Yarm Tenants their last Michaelmas Rents.

Thursday the Fourth; Rev^d. Conset sat an hour with us this afternoon, very fine weather.

Friday the Fifth; at home; my Twin nieces Wilson came here before dinner, I sent our Chaise with Sister Esther in it.

Saturday the Sixth; at home; very fine weather. Mr Dodds of Boulby came here in the Evening.

Sunday the Seventh; Rev^d. Conset & his three youngest Daughters drank Tea with us.

Monday the Eighth; our little Boy (W^m. Ward) seems quite weaned not having had his Mother's Breast, ^ who does, ^ well since this day week, & is well; Mr Geo. Dodds and

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I went to Gisbro' where we dined at Mr Rudd's with Mr Smith & Mr Easterby, I got home before nine.

Tuesday the Ninth; Mr Hill of Blackwell ~~of~~ came before dinner to stay a day or two.

Wednesday the Tenth; This day is appointed as a Feast on the Warr between England & France but I did not go to Church Mr Hill being here; we walked to S^r. James Pennyman's Cattle &c before dinner.

Thursday the Eleventh; Mr Hill went away, after breakfast; I went with him to Thornton to see two very fat oxen S^r. James Pennyman has there; I returned before dinner.

Friday the Twelfth; Sent my Niece Wilsons home in our Chaise; they came here on the 5th inst.

Saturday the Thirteenth; I walked to two or three men I have at work in planting the high-end of my Cow-howl Wood, with Oaks, Ashes &c.

Sunday the Fourteenth; Rev^d. Tanch called after morning Service, but did not dine with us.

Monday the Fifteenth; I spent a little time at Mr Chaloner's at Gisbro', and then at Tockets (Gen^l. Hale is at Portsm^o. carrying his Son Barnard there to go into the King's Service) my Bro' Wilson with me we found Gen^l. Cary & his Lady at Tockets, I returned by Kirk-Leatham and sat an hour with Rev^d Mr Nelson who is very ill; home to a late Dinner.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I walked to my Gardener & Workmen planting some more Oaks and Ashes &c at the high end of my Cow-howl Wood; my little Boy (W^m Ward) has afflux upon him today; this Post brings publick advice of the Court-Martial on Adm^l. Keppel being honourably acquitted of the charges made against him by Adm^l. Sir Hugh Palliser, which are declared to be Malicious & illfounded, very blowing weather.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; our little Boy is better today, my Sist^r. Est. sent to know how he did. Mr & Mrs Mauleverer are at Ayton.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I sent John to Marsk at eight o'Clock, with a Greyhound; and at twelve I followed him to meet Mr Easterby at Mr Smith's by appointment, they coursed some Hares and I dined with them, and returned soon after, my little Boy not being very well, tho' much better than yesterday.

Friday the Nineteenth; Capt. Hale & his Bro. Henry, the eldest Sons of Gen^l. Hale sat an hour with us before dinner, my little Boy is [^]quite[^] recovered.

Saturday the Twentyeth; at home.

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Sunday the Twenty First; my Wife & I dined at Brother Wilson's, & lay at my Sister Esther's as usual; tho' have not been there since Tuesday 29th Sept. a month before the lay-In-; we went to Ayton Church after dinner.

Monday the Twenty Second; I came home in the morning & returned to Ayton in the Evening; my Wife's Sister Esther & Miss James (who is on a visit to my Sist.) paid a morning visit to Mrs. Carey.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; we all went to Stokesley (save Mr. & Mrs. Wilson) to buy sundry Articles of Furniture belonging to Mr. Peirson, now on Sale by Mr Preston; we returned to Ayton before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. Wilson & I dined & stayed at Mr. Chaloner's (at Gisbro') till past Ten, attending many Experiments on his Air Pump, Solar Microscope, Seltzer Water, & Electricity; Gen^l. Hale dined at Mr. Chaloners.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; My Bro. Wilson & myself met Gen^l. Carey, Mr. Mauleverer, Mr. Marwood, & Mr. Peirse, at Stokesley, the first Meeting to put in motion an Act passed this Session of Parliament, for Impressing certain Men therein discribed into his Majesty's Army & Navy; we dined there.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife & Miss James in our Chaise, & myself on Foot came home before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; at home; uncommon fair weather.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; & last Day. I went to our Church (Eston) before noon; my Wife, Miss James and I drank Tea at Mr Conset's.

MARCH 1779

Monday the First of March; my Wife & Miss James went to Stockton returned before dinner; I spent the time of their absence in my Woods.

Tuesday the Second; I rode to consult with my Sister Est^r. at Ayton about our living in her House; I came home to a late dinner.

Wednesday the Third; I rode to ask Rev^d. Nelson how he does, poorly indeed; dined at home.

Thursday the Fourth; I spent the forenoon at the side of Barnaby-Moor where the Neighbours are working a Statute days labour on the Horseroad there; Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their Twin Daughters & Son W^m. dined with us, so did Rev^d. Lascelles, Mr

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Harrison, Smith, Easterby, Sanderson, & Rev^d. Shuttleworth; Mr Lascelles lay here.

Doct. Wayne & young Nelson drank Tea..

Friday the Fifth; Mr. Lascelles went away after breakfast; uncommon fine weather.

Saturday the Sixth; at home.

Sunday the Seventh; Miss James has a cold; my Wife & I went to Church before dinner.

Monday the Eighth; Doct. Wayne dined with us.

Tuesday the Ninth; at home. I hear that Rev^d. Nelson of Kirk-Leatham dyed this afternoon – he was a worthy Man.

Wednesday the Tenth; at home; attended laying Sods on my intended bleach-Ground.

Thursday the Eleventh; at home; ~~Rev. Conset~~ my Sister Est. & Mrs Skottowe came before dinner.

Friday the Twelfth; Rev^d. Conset and myself went to Kirk-Leatham, dined with many other Neighbours at the House of late Rev^d. Nelson who dyed the 9th inst., and was buried on the North-side of K.Leatham-Church (by Rev^d. Conset) he has been Vicar there 48 years, & was 77 years old.

Saturday the Thirteenth; at home.

Sunday the Fourteenth; at home; some ~~warm~~ Rain fell this morning the Air very mild, having had about 5 weeks dry weather with light Winds from South & South West; the leaves of many Hedges in this Neighbourhood are nearly full spread, and fruit Trees against the Walls in full blossom.

Monday the Fifteenth; a very cold day.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I attended a Meeting of the Justices of the Peace in this (Langbaurch) Wapentake see the 25th Ult^o. – on my return in the evening I found Mr Garth who dined here attending my Wife as Music Master; my Twin Niece Wilsons were here also.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; at home.

Thursday the Eighteenth; Mr. Garth went away after breakfast; Rev^d. Tanch drank Tea with us.

Friday the Nineteenth; at home.

Saturday the Twentieth; I sat an hour with Rev^d. Mr.Tanch before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty First; sent my Nieces Wilson home in the Chaise before dinner see last Tuesday; John Price dined with us.

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Monday the Twenty Second; I walked with Rev^d. Mr. Conset to the Workmen beginning to build a new wall across the West-end of Eston-Chapel-Yard which is the part of the Fence of that Yard ~~hitherto~~ heretofore repaired by Normanby Inhabitants.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; Mr Edw^d. Nelson ^ of London^ Nephew of late Rev^d. Nelson dined with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; my Wife & I walked before dinner with Misses Conset; most unusually fine weather, viz. fair & warm.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; at home

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; at home, Mrs. Cornforth went to Mass at Stockton.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; I attended Mr. Chaloner, & Mr. Smith, meeting on the Impress Act, on my return to dinner I found Mr. James.

Tuesday the Thirtieth; Mr. James & I rode to Ayton & returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day; 1] Mr. James left us after breakfast; Mr. Geo. Dodds of Boulby-Allum-Works & his Son (Geo.) came before dinner, we took a long walk before Tea; they lay here.

APRIL 1779

Thursday the First; Mr. Dodds & his Son went away after breakfast to Elemore, intending from thence tomorrow to Bulbeck, where old Geo. Dodds lives.

Friday the Second; at home.

Saturday the Third; at home; dry, warm weather.

Easter Sunday the Fourth; my Wife & I breakfasted & dined at Ayton; we received the Sacrament at that Church; Miss James came ~~home~~ with my Wife home in the Chaise, and I walked.

Easter-Monday the Fifth; my Bro. & Sister Wilson and their Twin-Daughters & Miss James came before dinner to stay a few days.

Easter Tuesday the Sixth; we all went to my Tenant's (Brown) at the Forest to look over the Goods I bought at Mr. Peirson's Sale, before dinner.

Wednesday the Seventh; Bro. Wilson &^c left us after Tea in the afternoon.

Thursday the Eighth; Mr. Geo. Dodds & his Son came in the Evening from Elemore, see

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Friday the Ninth; Mr. Geo. Dodds & his Son went away after breakfast, I rode a few miles with them.

Saturday the Tenth; sent the Chaise for my Sister Es^t. & Cousin Martha Reed, who came before Tea.

Sunday the Eleventh; my Wife carried my Sister Es^t. home, also Cousⁿ. M^a. Reed to Ayton; and returned in the evening with my Twin Nieces Wilson; Mr. Garth also came in the Evening: Jn^o. Price my Joiner, & W^m. Hunter my Bricklayer & Plasterer dined with me.

Monday the Twelfth; I rode to Gisbro' & returned before dinner – unusual dry weather.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; Mr. Garth went to Ayton, & our Chaise carried my niece's Wilson home.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; busy all day in removing the Bottles from my Cellar Closet in my dining Room into my other Cellars ^ &c, preparatory to my pulling down this & my Drawing-Room next week.

Thursday the Fifteenth; Mr. W^m. Masterman called & stayed two hours with us before dinner (from KirkLeatham) Mr. Hoar met him about two & they went to K.Leatham; ~~Rev^d. Conset & his Daughter Miss Anna, drank Tea wi.~~

Friday the Sixteenth; Rev^d. Conset & his Daughter Miss Anna, drank Tea with us.

Saturday ~~Thursday~~ the Seventeenth; Mr Masterman and Mr. Hoar called before Dinner on their way from K.Leatham to Stockton; my Wife & I sat an hour at Rev^d Conset's.

Sunday the Eighteenth; at three of the Clock in the afternoon my Wife & Child (W^m Ward) & Nurse Ann Cornforth in the Chaise & myself on Horseback set off to my Sister Est^r's House, where we propose to live till the ^ intended ^ addition to my House be habitable – with 2 Men Serv. & Jn^o. Fawcett & W^m. Old and ^ 2 Women Serv^{ts}. Eliz^h. Oworm, Han^h. Toppin.

Monday the Nineteenth; (see yesterday) I came here before dinner & found John Price & his Men ripping up my old Dining & Drawing Rooms I lay here:- we had a very fine Shower of Rain last night, having had a very little indeed the last ten or twelve weeks.

Tuesday the Twentieth; I spent the day among my Workmen & went to Ayton in the Evening.

Wednesday the Twenty First; my Wife came with me in the Chaise, we returned to Ayton after Tea.

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Thursday the Twenty Second; Bro. Wilson and I walked to Mat^w. Masterman's & other quarries to procure Flint Stones for the Highways of Eston before dinner; my Wife & I drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's.

Friday the Twenty Third; I came here (to Normanby) before dinner and lay here.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I went (home) to Ayton in the Evening, having attended my Workmen pulling down S^o. end of my House all day.

Sunday the Twenty-Fifth; went to (Ayton) Church, afternoon service.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; Mr. Chaloner, Mr Smith & myself held the Annual Meeting on the Land, Windows, Houses, & Servants Taxes, & Poor Laws, I dined at Mr Chaloner's, & return'd to Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at Normanby and lay at Ayton; very cold, showery weather.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; at Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; I came to Normanby after breakfast; and return'd to Ayton after six o'Clock the Quakers drank ^ Tea ^ with my Wife .

Friday the Thirtyeth; Bro. Wilson & myself walked to Stokesley & returned before dinner; I came to Normanby in the afternoon & lay here.

MAY 1779

Saturday the First; Mr. Hoar called here about twelve o'Clo' & took my Execution of a Deed signed by Woodfield Beckwith Esq. to Anth^y. Salvin Esq; he went to Ayton to get my Bro. Wilson's Hand & Seal, this compleats the business between Mr Beckwith & us (Bro. Wilson & self) see 29th. Dec. Last, in this book – I went to Ayton in the Evening in a heavy Shower of Rain & Sleet.

Sunday the Second; we went to Church forenoon service – Mrs. Skottowe &^c drank Tea.

Monday the Third; at half past six my sister Esther set out on a Journey to ^my Sist.

Jeffy's at ^ Woodford Bridge near London, our Chaise carryed her to Stokesley & then she took Post-Chaise to North-Allerton where she is to be met by Mrs. Blackburn of Richmond (the Arch-Deacon's Lady) who accompany's her to London; my Bro. Wilson went into the Chaise with her intending to go with her to Ingleby Cross & from there to ride to the Bridge building near Borrowby; I came down to Normanby before dinner, and returned to Ayton in the Evening.

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Tuesday the Fourth; at Ayton all day much Rain fell from 11 o'Clock till towards six.

Wednesday the fifth; as yesterday – showery weather.

Thursday the Sixth; I came to Normanby early; Doct. Wayne dined with me, & went together home, I to Ayton & he to Stokesley.

Friday the Seventh; my Wife & niece Rachel in our Chaise & myself on horseback came to Normanby before dinner; soon ^ after ^ a violent Storm of Thunder & remarkably large Hail-Stones came on us, we went to Ayton before Tea, the Storm had not reached there.

Saturday the Eighth; Bro Wilson his Son W^m. and I rode here (to Normanby) after dinner, & return'd.

Sunday the Ninth; my Wife & Child are not very well; They rode out after dinner; Doct^r. Wayne, Mrs. Skottowe, & Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea wth us.

Monday the Tenth; I went to Gisbro' early and from thence to Normanby, dined & spent the afternoon among my Workmen, & then to Ayton.

Tuesday the Eleventh; Gen^l. & Mrs. Hale dined & drank Tea with us at Ayton, Bro. Wilson & Family drank Tea.

Wednesday the Twelfth; Bro. Wilson & myself got into our Chaise after breakfast; (we had a young Horse in (the first time,) which I bought of Pickering about two month's service) called at Normanby half an hour, dined at Mr Sutton's at Stockton, & to Ayton.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I came to Normanby after breakfast, and returned to Ayton in the Evening.

Friday the fourteenth; my Wife & I dined at Mr. Marwood's; my Bro. & Sis^r. Wilson & their Twin Daughters were there, so were Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary.

Saturday the Fifteenth; we had a fine Rain all last night; I came to Normanby after breakfast; went to Ayton late in the Evening.

Sunday the Sixteenth; I went to Church before Noon, my Wife and I drank Tea at Mrs. Skottow's in the afternoon, Mr Logan, Presbyterian Preacher was there.

Monday the Seventeenth; I came to Normanby after breakfast; and return'd to Ayton in the Evening.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; my Wife and I dined & lay at Mr. Mauleverer's – his Daughter Sarah, now Arthur Worsop ^& her Husband^ are there, they were married last July, - see 26th July 1778 in this Book.

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Wednesday the Nineteenth; Mr Mauleverer Mr. Worsop & myself rode to Borrowby Beck, over which Appleton Bennison ^ (Mason)^ is building a Carriage Bridge, we returned to Arncliffe before dinner & lay there again.

Thursday the Twentieth; my Wife and I dined at our House at Ayton.

Friday the Twenty First; I spent this day among my Workmen at Normanby.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I walked to Stokesley after dinner & returned before Tea.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I went to Church, afternoon Service; my Wife and I drank Tea at old W^m. Richardson's.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; My Wife & Niece Wilson in our Chaise & myself on horseback came to Normanby before dinner, returned in the Evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary, & S^r. W^m. & Lady Foulis dined with us at Ayton; Mr. & Mrs. Wilson and their young Folks drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I came down to my Workmen, W^m. Lumley dined with me; returned in Evening.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; Rev^d. Hastwell came down with me in our Chaise, (the young Horse in) we returned in the Evening.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I went with Mrs. Jackson to Gen^l. Cary's soon after breakfast; I left her with Mrs. Cary, and went with the General in his Chaise to Stokesley where we held a Meeting for receiving Lists (from the Constables) of the Men liable to Serve in the Militia; there were ten of us at dinner; soon after Gen^l. Cary & I return'd to Leven Grove, drank Tea & Mrs. Jackson came home with me.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I came to Normanby, before dinner; attended my Workmen.

Sunday the Thirtieth; my Wife and I went to Ayton Church – morning Service; we drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's with Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary.

Monday the Thirty First & last Day; I went to Gisbro after Breakfast, Mr. Chaloner & myself attending to hear appeals of the Land-Tax, but there was not one, I dined at Normanby, lay at Ayton.

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Tuesday the First; I walked to consult Doct. Wayne about my little Boy who is not well; the Town (of Stokesley) was very full there being Horse Races there this afternoon; I

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dined at home, & soon after my Wife and I walked over to Mr. Wilson's, where we drank Tea, Mr & Mrs. & two Miss Mauleverer's being there with Mr. & Mrs. Worsop. Wednesday the second; my Bro. Wilson & myself came to Normanby before dinner in my Chaise, and returned in the Evening.

Thursday the Third; Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner, her Sist. Eliz^h. & their visitor Rev^d. Robinson of York dined with us at Ayton; Doct. Wayne called in the evening to see my Little Boy, who has been of several days past not very well in his Bowels, is now much better.

Friday the Fourth; Cha^s. Johnson of Ayton came down with me in my Chaise before dinner, Rev^d. Conset sat an hour with us after dinner; home in the Evening.

Saturday the Fifth; Mr. Wilson & myself walked to Stokesley where we dined with Gen^l. Cary, Mr Mauleverer, Mr. Chaloner, Mr. Marwood, & Mr. Peirse, Dep^{ty}. Lieutenant of this Wapentate; we Balloted the Militia; Doct. Wayne dined with us; we walked home. Sunday the Sixth; my Wife & I in our Chaise & Mr. Wilson's Family in their Coatch went to Stokesley Church & return'd before dinner, I went to Ayton Church after; Mr Wilson & Family, Miss Mary Welbank & Miss Brown, with them, drank Tea with us; we walked in the Evening.

Monday the Seventh; I came here (to Normanby) in the morning, and returned before Tea, where I found my Wife's Bro^{rs}. Gory & Edw^d who came from Greenwich by Sea on board the Phoenix, Evans Rowe, Master.

Saturday the Eighth; I came to Normanby early with Gregory & Edw^d. Lewin in the Chaise, return'd to Ayton before One, Mr. & Mrs. Mauleverer, their Son in Law Mr. Arthur Worsop, & his Wife dined with us, & two Boys named above dined at Mrs Skottowe's.

Wednesday the Ninth; my Wife & I dined at Rev^d. Williamson's at Gisbro'.

Thursday the Tenth; I dined at Mr. Peirse's (at Worsal) his Wife is in London carrying thither her ^eldest^ Daughter (Con.) to School, she is about 14 Y^{rs}. Old; Mr. Sutton met me there, & Rev^d Fra^k. Blackburn went with me from Craythorne where I called on him at his own House in the morning; I came to Ayton before Nine; Rev^d. Mr Blackburn, his Son W^m. & Daught. Sarah came this afternoon to Bro. Wilson's at Ayton.

Friday Eleventh; My little Boy (W^m. Ward) cut two Teeth (the first he has) below; he was born the 27th Octo^r. last; Bro. Wilson & I dined with the ArchDeacon (Blackburn) at Stokesley, holding his Visitation for Cleveland, then Mr. & Mrs. Askew came to Bro. Wilson's in the Evening.

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Saturday the Twelfth; a very Rainy day & high Wind from N^o. East.

Sunday the Thirteenth; we went to Ayton Church (forenoon Service) Rev^d. ArchDeacon Blackburn preached; he, his Son W^m. & Daught^r. Sarah, Mr.& Mrs. Askew, & Bro.

Wilson's Family drank Tea with us, a very Rainy day.

Monday the Fourteenth; very much Rain till noon, Rev^d. Blackburn his Son & Daughter left Ayton this morning; my Wife & I drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's, Mr. Garth came here yesterday Evening.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I came here before dinner with 'Gory & Edw^d. Lewin in the Chaise; returned in the Evening; my Wife & myself supt at Bro. Wilson's, Mr & Mrs. Askew being there.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; my Wife, & Brothers 'Gory & Edw^d. in the Chaise, & myself & Geo. Sanderson on horse-back, came to Normanby before dinner; we returned to Ayton after Tea.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I came to Normanby after dinner & returned in the Evening.

Friday the Eighteenth; at Six o'Clo' Greg^y. Lewin & I mounted our Horses, breakfasted at Mr. Harrison's at Gisbro', who went with us to Boulby where the Allum Work Men were paid, several Gentlemen dined with us, viz. Mr. Smith Mr Easterby &c. we got home (to Ayton) between ten & Eleven o'Clo'.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I attended a Meeting of the Justices & Duty Lieutenants to swear in the Militia men of this Wapentate, at Stokesley, (we were six in all).

Sunday the Twentyeth; I went to Church with 'Gory & Edw^d. Lewin, afternoon Service.

Monday the Twenty First; 'Gory & Ned Lewin came to Normanby with me in the Chaise before Dinner, intending to go on board a Stockton Vessell for London, but as none are likely to Sail in less than Ten days, they returned with me to Ayton in the Evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I came down before dinner; whilst I was eating it Mr. Dunn of Lowther came, and spent the afternoon with me; he's with Sir Ja^s. Lowther now at Wilton, determining whether to proceed with the Embankment at ^West ^ Coatham or give up the Work. I went to Ayton in the Evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; my wife & I making a morning Visit at Leven Grove, Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary prevailed on us to dine & drink Tea with them.

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Thursday the ^Twenty^ Fourth; 'Gory & Edw^d. Lewin walked to Normanby & I rode there before dinner; I sent my Horse home by W^m (who came here after dinner) and walked home ith the two Boys.

Friday the ^Twenty^ Fifth; my Wife & I & her Brother Edw^d. drank Tea at Mr. Rudd's at Gisbro' with my Brother & Sist. Wilson & their Twin Daughters & Son W^m.

Saturday the ^Twenty^ Sixth; I came to Normanby after breakfast & returned to Ayton in the Evening.

Sunday the ^Twenty^ Seventh; my Wife & I went to Ayton Church (forenoon Service).

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I came to Normanby after breakfast, the two Boys 'Gory & Edw^d. walked 'Gory rode home all the ~~day~~ way, Ned & I rode to the top of the Hill & then walked home, for W^m came here after dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary dined with us – Mr & Mrs. Wilson drank Tea.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; Edw^d. Lewin & myself rode to Normanby before dinner, I paid Sir Jas. Lowther a visit soon after, & Ned & I rode home (to Ayton) in the Evening.

JULY 1779

Thursday the First; Gregory & Edw^d. Lewin & myself came to Normanby in the Chaise, dined & returned to Ayton in the Evening.

Friday the Second; my Wife & I dined at General Hales, a very hot day.

Saturday the Third; I came to Normanby after dinner tho' a Rainy day, return'd; began to mow today.

Sunday the Fourth; my Wife, her two Brothers (Gory & Ned) & myself went to ~~Ay~~ Church, & drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's.

Monday the Fifth; after an early breakfast I took 'Gory & Edw^d. Lewin to N^o. Allerton where I put them into the Fly (or Post-Coach) to go to London, they have been with us since 7th. Ult^o.- Mr Wilson took a part of my Chaise in the morning about two Miles beyond Ingleby Cross, and I took him up to Mt Mauleverer's on my return, he had been to view the Bridge now building over Eller-Beck; we got to Ayton at Seven, where I found at our House there, Mr. & Mrs. Askew from Whitby.

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Tuesday the Sixth; my Bro. Wilson, Mr. Askew & myself rode to Normanby & returned ^ before ^ dinner to Ayton.

Wednesday the Seventh; Mr. & Mrs. Askew left us after breakfast, going to their own house at Red-heugh, I dined at Normanby & return'd to Ayton.

Thursday the Eighth; Rev^d. Hastwell dined with us, & then he and I rode to Normanby, he supt with us after our return; my Wife & Niece Wilson's drank Tea at S^r. W^m Foulis's – got West Garth's Hay home, mowed last Saturday, very good.

~~Thurs~~ Friday the Ninth; I spent the day (very hot) at Normanby; having been stung by a bee yesterday my right Hand is so swelled as occasions me to write, thus; I went to Ayton in the evening.

Saturday the Tenth; my Wife & Mary Lythe in the Chaise & myself on Horseback came to, and dined at Normanby, return'd after Tea; very hot.

Sunday the Eleventh; my Wife & I went to (Ayton) Church forenoon Service; mowed my East Garth's Meadow.

Monday the twelfth; I came to Normanby before dinner, returned in the Evening; droughty weather.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; my Bro. Wilson and myself attended the Quarter Sessions held this day at Gisbro'; Earl Falconberg, Mr. Turner, Mr. Dundas, Mr. Chaloner, Mr. Marwood, and us, composed the Bench; (in all 8;) S^r. Bel. Graham Mr. Hall & others dined with us.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Mrs. Skottowe & her Visitor, Miss Longstaff, dined with my Wife & me, Mr. Wilson & Family drank Tea with us.

Thursday the Fifteenth; The Weather being exceeding hot, I came to Normanby to an early breakfast; found all my Hay was got into my Shed yesterday, (save 3 Loads put into a small Pike in the Field), 33 Loads into my Shed and it seems quite full, they are say'd to be good Loads, I dined at Ayton; walked in the Evening.

Friday the Sixteenth; Bro. Wilson & myself walked two hours before dinner (in Mr Rudd's Wood at Cliverick) 1 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne (of Angrove) & doct. Wayne dined with us.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I spent the day among my Workmen at Normanby, on my return to Ayton in the evening I found Miss Eliza^t James comed to stay a little with us. She has lately left her Aunt Ward.

Sunday the Eighteenth; I went to Church so did Miss James (afternoon Service.

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Monday the Nineteenth; I spent the day at Ayton, began to lead my Hay there, we drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's; Mr. Dundas there. Tuesday the Twentieth; after a very long drought, we have fine showers today, I dined at Normanby; on my way home I had much Thunder.

Wednesday the Twenty-First; spent at Ayton among the Hay-makers, a slow drying day. Thursday the Twenty Second; much Rain fell last night & most of this day.

Friday the Twenty Third; I came down to Normanby with Chaise before dinner; W^m Hunter went home with me.

Saturday the Twenty fourth; I spent an hour with Mr Preston at Stokesley before dinner; the rest of the day in the Hay-field.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; my Wife, Miss Eliz^h. James & I went to Church before dinner, drank Tea at Mr Wilson; we had some Thunder Showers.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; I came to Normanby early went to Mr. Turner's at K. Leatham saw him setting out to Coatham with his Lawyer Wallace ^ (the Solicitor General) I return to a cold dinner at Normanby, & then to Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I walked to Stokesley, so did Mr. Wilson and there attended a Meeting of the D^{ty}. Lieutenants & Justices of the Peace, on the Militia Laws.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I came to Normanby, found young Geo. Dodds who dined with me; I drank Tea with my Wife & Miss Eliz^h James at Mrs. Skottowes at Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty ninth; much Rain fell all day, I went to Acklam before dinner, & then met (by appointment of Mr. Peirse) Mr. Sutton, Doct. Wayne & Mr. Thos.

Hutchinson of Smeaton; to consider whether to take upon us the Trust, to receive Mr. Peirse's Effects & pay the same to his Creditors; but the affair appearing very large, & somewhat complicated, Mr. Sutton & I decided not to act unless Mrs. Hustler would Indemnify us and that we could have Mr. Mauleverer, or Mr. Bradley to join, Mrs. Hustler refusing to Indemnify we all declined; the Effects are estimated at about 33,000£. viz about £20,000 the fourth part of Acklam Estate, about £13,000, the Worsal & other Estates; The debit is about £56,000, ^ (including his late Father's, to which the Son admitted) ^ viz about £8,000 on the real Securities, - upwards of £40,000, on Bonds, and upwards of £7,000, on notes and other simple Contracts; Note also, there was an Article made on Mr. Peirse's Marriage with his now Wife (late Miss Sutton) by which she ~~was~~ is to be paid £300 annually if she survives her Husband ~~was~~ which is

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valued at £1,800. (viz. 6 Y^{rs}. Purchase) and £2,000. is to be paid to her Children by ~~this~~ her Marriage with Mr. Peirse; a Rainy day, I got home at ten o'Clo'. Mr. Lawson, Attorney at Stokesley also attended. A Stat. of Bankrupt is laid out & will be opened next Saturday at N.Allerton.

Friday the Thirtyeth; I drank Tea with my Wife & Miss E. James at Hen^y. Richardson's. Saturday the Thirty-first & last Day of July; I attended my Workmen at Normanby till ^evening^.

AUGUST 1779

Sunday the First; Miss James & I went to Ayton Church, afternoon service; W^m Richardson Jun^o. & his Wife drank Tea with us.

Monday the Second; I dined at Normanby, and returned to Ayton in the Evening.

Tuesday the Third; I came to Normanby early and rece'd of my Tenants their last Lady-day Rents, Return'd in the Evening with the money.

Wednesday the Fourth; the day being very Rainy I stay'd at Ayton all day. ^ not very well ^

Thursday the Fifth; I got up early & rode to Boulby, got there before Ten, Mr Baker did not arrive till about four, tho' he appointed to be at Boulby as last night; we examined Our Agent Geo. Dodds's last Year's Accounts ending 31st. May last.

Friday the Sixth; we allowed Geo. Dodds's Accounts, Mr. Baker went to Mr Turner's; but I dined at Mr. Easterby's at Skiningrove, & got home (to Ayton) about six; I found Miss Eliz^h. James had been sent for home, her Uncle & Aunt James of Liverpool being come to West-Auckland; she came to us Saturday the 7th July last.

Saturday the Seventh; my dear Wife being but poorly I did not come to Normanby.

Sunday the Eighth; my Wife & I went to Church (fornoon Service) S^t. W^m. & Lady Foulis & Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea with us.

Monday the Ninth; my Wife continuing much indisposed I sent for Doct. Wayne; after he went away I came to Normanby, & dined; drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's ^ with ^ Mr Geo Sutton who dined there.

Tuesday the Tenth; my Wife ~~being~~ is poorly I ~~stayed with her till Tea, which~~ we drank at Mr Wilson's.

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Wednesday the Eleventh; we have uncommon Hazy weather, I dined at Normanby, my Wife & I supped at Mr. Wilson's, Mr. Garth being there.

Thursday the Twelfth; Mr. Wilson came down to Normanby with me after dinner.

Friday the Thirteenth; at Ayton all day, Mr. Wilson's Family, Mrs. Skottowe & Miss Longstaff drank Tea.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I spent the day among my Workmen at Normanby; Mrs. Wardell & her Son dined here on her ride from Durham.

Sunday the Fifteenth; my Wife & I rode out in the Chaise before dinner; we went to Church after.

Monday the Sixteenth; ~~I went to Stockton early and came to Normanby, where I found my~~ ^ my Wife & I dined at Gen^l. Cary's. Gen^l. & Mrs. Hale & Mrs. Chaloner there.^

Tuesday the Seventeenth; I went to I went to Stockton, came to Normanby & there I found my Wife & Nieces Wilson at dinner, we also drank Tea here.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I dined at Normanby; returned late to Ayton.

Thursday the Nineteenth; Mr. Smith, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Easterby, his Son John, Mr. Dodds & his Son (Geo:) dined with me at Normanby.

Friday the Twentieth; my Wife & Twin Nieces Wilson in our Chaise, & myself on Horseback went shopping to Stockton, dined at the Inn and returned to Ayton before Tea.

Saturday the Twenty First; I spent the day among my Workmen at Normanby.

Sunday the Twenty Second; my Wife & I went to Church before dinner; Mr. & Mrs. Harrison of Gisbro' and his two Nieces Hutton dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Third; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro', being on Justice Business.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife & I dined at the Inn in Stockton, called a quarter of an hour at Sedgfield – lay at Mr. Surtees's at Mainsforth, found Mr. Ambler (of Durham) there.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; spent the day at Mainsforth; Mrs. Hopper (of Durham) came before dinner & stay'd, Capt. Surtees dined, Mr. Martin Darnton spent the evening too.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; spent at Mainsforth; Mr. Darnton left us after dinner.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; my Wife & I dined at Mr. Brown's (at Stockton) Misses Welbank & Mr Jon^a. Davison there; on our Ride home called at Normanby.

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Saturday the Twenty Eighth; attended my 2 Workmen at Normanby, my House was covered ~~in~~ with Slates last Thursday.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Ayton Church (Afternoon Service) Mrs. Skottow drank Tea.

Monday the Thirtyeth; My Brother & Sist. Wilson & their Twin Daughters went to ^ Rev^d. Blackburn's at ^ Richmond on a visit for a few days, they left their Son W^m. in the Chicken Pox; my Wife, Mrs. Skottowe & myself went to Gisbro' return'd before dinner; I spent an hour at Gen^l. Hale's, while the Ladies were aShopping.

Tuesday the Thirty First & last Day; I spent the day at Normanby.

SEPTEMBER 1779

Wednesday the First; I spent two hours at Mr. Preston's in Stokesley before dinner.

Thursday the Second; I came to Normanby, after Breakfast; went aShooting (the first time) with John, 4 hours; to Ayton in the Evening; Mr. & Mrs. Wilson see last Monday, came home this Evening.

Friday the Third; My Wife & I drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's – fine Harvest weather.

Saturday the Fourth; I came to Normanby early, returned to Ayton before two, dressed, and, with my Wife dined at Mr. Chaloner's, of Gisbro', half after Three.

Sunday the ~~Fourth~~ Fifth; my Wife & I went to Church (fornoon Service) – Mr. Jon^a. Davison of Norton, Collect^r. of Stockton, & my Nieces Wilson dined with us, after they were gone, my Wife & I rode out in the Chaise.

Monday the Sixth; I went in the Chaise with Mr. Smith, Harrison, Rudd, Dodds of Boulby &^c Mr. Chaloner & I held the Brewster Sessions &c. today.

Tuesday the Seventh; I spent the day at Normanby, among my Workmen &c.

Wednesday the Eighth; Mr. Wilson & I walked into Mrs. Skottow's Grounds with the Partridge Net but did not take any; Mr. Jn^o. Telford (of York) dined with my Wife & me, he left us soon, & then she & I went to Gen^l. Cary's, but he & his Lady being at Mr. Mauleverer's we returned, drinking Tea at Capt. Wayne's, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, their Twin Daughters, Mrs. Skottow, Mrs. Harrison, & Doct. Wayne were also there.

Thursday the Ninth; I spent the day at Normanby; my Workmen are pulling down the Scaffold.

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Friday the Tenth; Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary, & Mr. Wilson dined with us; Mrs. Wilson & Two young Ladies drank Tea.

Saturday the Eleventh; I came to Normanby before breakfast; went aShooting but soon return'd, rain coming on.

Sunday the Twelfth; Mr. & Mrs. Wilson drank Tea with us.

Monday the Thirteenth; Mr. Geo: Brown of Stockton, his Son Geo (of London), & Capt. Jones (of near London in the East India Service) dined with us, so did Mr. Wilson, his Family also drank Tea.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I attended the West Division Justices at a Meeting at Stokesley.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; soon after my Wife got up she became very ill, I sent for Doct. Wayne who stayed with us the whole day & night, having a miscarr^a. she is near 27 weeks gone ^ with Child ^.

Thursday the Sixteenth; my Wife is somewhat better, I dined at Normanby; & return'd; ^the Doct. Lay again at Ayton.^

Friday the Seventeenth; my Wife continues to recover of what Doct. Wayne calls a Rheumatic Fever, Mr. Wilson & I walked out with our Guns.

Saturday the Eighteenth; my Wife is 2 better, I went to Stokesley after dinner, and in presence of Tho^s. Proddam of Castleton, Charles Sayer of Nunthorp & Ja^s. Auden of Stokesley, executed my Will dated this day - - Doct. Wayne drank Tea at Ayton.

Sunday the Nineteenth; I went to Church for noon Service, Mr. Wilson & Family & Doct. Wayne drank Tea; my Wife continues better.

Monday the Twentieth; my Wife rode out a little in the Chaise before dinner with Mary Lythe & the Child; I came to Normanby in the Chaise after dinner - & returned.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I went aShooting at Ayton with Mr. Wilson, returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; The day being rainy I spent it in the House.

Thursday the Twenty Third; my Wife & her Maid Hannah in the Chaise & myself on Horseback went to Stockton, where we were met by Mr. Jon^a. Davison of Norton (Collector of Stockton) with whom I some years since laid a Wager, & ^I ^having lost, Treated our neighbours with a dinner at the Black Lion at Stockton, we sat down in all 46, viz 18 Ladies & 28 Gentlemen; there was an Assembly in the Evening; Bro. & Sister Wilson lay at Mr. Browns, & their Twin Daughters lay at Mrs. Welbank's, my Wife and I lay at Mr. Davison's.

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Friday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife & I got home (to Ayton before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I came to Normanby in the Chaise being a Rainy day.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife & I went to Church, afternoon service; Rev^d.

Hastwell drank Tea & supt with us.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; my Wife & Niece Wilson, in the Chaise & myself on Horseback came to Normanby before dinner; returned in the Evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; my Brother Wilson & myself met my Man John, at Nunthorpe by appointment with our Guns went from thence towards Nunthorp, had good diversion met Doct. Wayne coming thro' that vill^a. who dined with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; at Ayton.

Thursday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I came to Normanby spent the day here & returned.

OCTOBER 1779

Friday the First; my Wife & I dined at Gen^l. Cary's, a very fine day.

Saturday the Second; I dined at Normanby having been two hours aPheasant Shooting in my Woods; afternoon met the Neighbours on Highways ^Acco^{ts}.^

Sunday the Third; my Wife & I rece'd the Sacrament at Ayton Mr. Wilson ^ Family drank Tea.

Monday the Fourth; I went to Gisbro', came to Normanby got a late Dinner; to Ayton in the Eve'ng.

Tuesday the Fifth; Bro. Wilson & I walked to Stokesley ~~after~~ before dinner, they drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Sixth; I took William with me, called at Stockton a little, dined at Sedgefield, and drank Tea & lay at Elemore; Mr Chas' Lorrain Smith was there.

Thursday the Seventh; Mr. Pearson came from Durham, Mr. Baker & I rode to Biddick by appointment with Mrs. Mary Lambton, to who we offered that on her Paying the Law Charges accrued in the Suit between the Partners (in a Lease of that Biddick Colliery), and her Father, deceased we would not renew the Suit to which she very peremptorily dissented, we returned to Elemore before dinner; Mr. Pearson returned to Durham in the Evening.

Friday the Eighth; I left Elemore after breakfast, dined at Stockton, got home (to Ayton) to Tea.

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Saturday the Ninth; I went to Church afternoon – my Wife, myself & Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea at Mrs. Skottow's, her Daughter being lately come from London, where she has been about a Year.

Monday the Eleventh; Mr. Turner, Mr. Chaloner & myself held a Special Sessions for appointing New Surveyors &c. of the Highways; Mr. Benson, who came to our house at Ayton last night was with me to Gisbro' in the Chaise.

Tuesday the Twelfth; Bro. Wilson & I went aShooting – Miss Framely drank Tea with us.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I dined at Normanby.

Thursday the Fourteenth; I breakfasted & dined at Normanby; drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's where my Wife dined with Mrs. Chaloner Sen^r. Gen^l. & Mrs. Hale, & Coll^o. Scheriss.

Friday the Fifteenth; I walked to Stokesley & returned before dinner; Hen^y. Richardson, his Wife & Sist. & Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea with us.

Saturday the Sixteenth; Mr. Wilson & I attended a Meeting of the Justices at Stokesley.

Sunday the Seventeenth; I went to Church forenoon Service (at Ayton) my Wife & I slept at Mr. Wilson's.

Monday the Eighteenth; I breakfasted and dined at Normanby, went home in the Evening.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; a Rainy day; before ten o'Clock at night my Nep^w. Geo. Wilson arrived from Noordwyke in Holland where he has been at School since Autumn 1777, he came from Hull this morning with Mrs. Skottow's two Sons, Tho^s. & John (who have been at same School) where they ~~have been~~ landed last Sunday; I walked to Mrs Skottow's with her Sons.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; Bro & Nep^w Wilson the two Skottow's & Geo. Sanderson & I went aShooting, we all drank Tea at Mr. Wilson's.

Thursday the Twenty First; I breakfasted & dined at Normanby; and in the afternoon received my Small Tythe Rents at W^m. Appleby's, to Ayton in the Evening.

Friday the Twenty Second; Cha^s. Johnson walked with me aShooting towards Cleverick, Rev^d. Williamson & his Wife dined.

Saturday the Twenty Third; my Wife & Mrs. Wilson in the Chaise, myself on Horsback came to Normanby, they returned to dinner, I stayed till Evening.

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Sunday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to Leven Grove before dinner Gen^l. Cary being very much indisposed, by a Swelling of his Knee, which is now broke. I went to Church with my Wife in the afternoon; Mr. Wilson's Family & us drank Tea at H^y. Richardson's, Mr. Wilson's Family supt with us.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; I came to Normanby ~~lunch~~ breakfast; and returned in the Evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife & Mrs. Skottow paid a morning visit to Mrs. Marwood; I went aShooting.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; my Wife & Miss R. Wilson went to Gisbro'; I walked aShooting, all home before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; I came to Normanby early, a Spade days work on the Highways – returned to Tea.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; my Nep^w. Wilson and I spent the forenoon Shooting near Newton.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; I walked to Stokesley afer dinner; we supt at Mr. Wilson's.

Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; my Wife and I went to Church, forenoon Service.

NOVEMBER 1779

Monday the First; I dined at Normanby; my Wife & I supt at Mr. Wilson's, Mr. Garth being there.

Tuesday the Second; Mr. Wilson & I met my Servant Jn^o. Peirson at Bowsdale, we spent 4 hours Shooting among the Pheasants, dined at Ayton & drank Tea at W^m.

Richardson's at Langbaurch ^ with our Wives^; I supt at Mrs. Skottow's, Mr. Easterby being there.

Wednesday the Third; Mr. Easterby breakfasted with us – Rev^d. Hastwell dined with us.

Thursday the Fourth; I dined at Normanby.

Friday the Fifth; Mr. Marwood & Rev^d. Mr. Hastwell dined with us; my Wife not very well. She took 3 Gra^s. of Doct. James's Powder & went & had a good night.

Saturday the Sixth; I dined at Normanby, on my return found my Bro. Wilson & Family drinking Tea; my Wife in great pain in her left side & Shoulder. ^took James's Powder again, and had a bad night.

Sunday the Seventh; I sent for Doct. Wayne to my Wife, he continued James's Powder.

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Monday the Eighth; Mrs. Jackson continued ill, James's Powder continued, Doct.

Wayne opened a vein, took about 8 Ounces of very sily Blood.

Tuesday the Ninth; Mrs. Jackson's worse, the Doctor attempted to open a vein but did not succeed.

Friday the Twelfth; my Wife is worse in the Pains in her left side & left Shoulder; was removed from the West Room (in my Sister Ester's House) into the East-Room; Doct. Wayne after attempting in vain to get blood from her Arm, got it with difficulty from the Hand.

Saturday the Thirteenth; Mrs. Jackson continuing very ill. The Doct. Applied a Blister between the Shoulders.

Sunday the Fourteenth; my Wife was a little better the beginning of the day but worse towards Evening.

Monday the Fifteenth; Mrs. Jackson being worse towards Evening, attended with great difficulty of breathing the Doct^r. took some blood from her Hand, bad.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; Mrs. Jackson a little easier.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; my dear Wife having great pain in her side, attended with difficulty of breathing & severe Cough, Doctor Wayne applyed a blister on her side, & pronounced that her Lungs are so much affected as to Cause fears of a Decline.

Thursday the Eighteenth; Mrs. Jackson having had a good night, I went to Normanby with my Nephew Geo. Wilson, we returned before dinner.

Friday the Nineteenth; my Wife's Cough & Pains are very bad today.

Saturday the Twentieth; my Wife much as yesterday, I went to Stokesley with Doct. Wayne returned before dinner, a very stormy day.

Sunday the Twenty First; Mrs. Jackson is somewhat better today, sat up 4 hours.

Monday the Twenty Second; my Wife is no worse than yesterday (tho' she had not a good night) I dined at Normanby, returned after four.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; Mrs. Jackson is somewhat better today, I walked with Mr. Wilson to Stokesley dined at the Inn there with Mr. Mauleverer & Doct Wayne, walked home after five a hard Frost, a very visible Eclipse of the Moon from ^about ^ six till after Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife being considerably better yesterday Evening she determined not to have any body sit up with her, so I went to bed to her about eleven o'Clo'; before two she complained of ^Inward^ Pains ~~inwardly~~ which becoming very

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regular I got up at half past two; her Pains increasing I called on Mary Lythe before four; at four I walked to Mr Wilson's, had my Sister called up, returned & soon after I went there again, my Sister came over the Field with me; at five I sent W^m. for Doctor Wayne who came here before seven; Mrs. Jackson's Pains continuing to resemble Labour-pains all day the Doctor lay here at night.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; my Wife had a good night, ^& her Pains being nearly ceased^ Doctor Wayne left us after breakfast; she has had but a bad day, being often sick.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; Mrs. Jackson is little or no better than she was yesterday.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; my Wife has had a restless Night occasioned by the Cough she therefore mentioned the small Blister now in the House & agreed to my laying it on, which I did upon her left side, at eight o'Clo', & soon after breakfast I went to Normanby & returning to Ayton to dinner I found her in great pain, soon after I rode to Stokesley, Doct^r. Wayne came here, & I returned before Tea, having ^let on^ the Farms (Mr. Peirson's) at Upsil to the old Tenants, save Rob^t. Jackson's Intack, which must now go with W^m. Harrison Farm together £90 per Annum & W^m. Robinson's at £121.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; Mrs. Jackson has had a bad day, frequently having inward Pains. ^ Mr. Wilson's Family & Mr. Garth drank Tea here.

Monday the Twenty ninth; Mrs. Mary Lythe who sat up with Mrs. Jackson, called ^on^ me up at two o'Clo', & Mrs. Jn having Labour Pains, increasing much I sent for Doctor Wayne at three o'Clock, he got hither a little after four, at about five I called ^ (Hannah)^ one of the Maids; my Wife's Pains increasing much, I called Mrs. Wilson a little after six, returned, & soon after went again for her, she returned with me at 40 minutes after six, & just then the Doctor delivered my Wife of a Girl, (our 3rd Child & 1st. Daughter, ^see^ Friday 17th Octo^r. 1777, & Tuesday 27th. Octo. 1778. ^also 10th June 1780^ Mrs. Jackson reckons herself to be 19 days before her full Time, the Child appears full at it. Mr. Mauleverer his Wife & two ^of their Daughters; & Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner dined ^ & supt^ at Mr. Wilson's – the former Family lay there at night; I sat half an hour with them at Tea time; my Wife as well as expected this Evening.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth ^& last Day;^ the Cough my Wife has prevented her having a good night; the Child is quite well & sucks at the Breast of Eliz^a Scott a poor Woman ^&

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Wife of Jn^o. Scott a Shoe maker[^] of this place (Ayton) whose Child is this' day 7 weeks old.

DECEMBER 1779

Wednesday the First; my Wife is as much stronger today as cou'd be expected.

Thursday the Second; Mrs. Jackson continues to recover; I sent my Chaise to North-Allerton for my Sist. Est^f.

Friday the Third; Mrs. Jackson has had a better Night than common; before dinner my Sister Esther arrived from London, in my Chaise from N^o. Allerton where she quited the Fly – see Monday, May 3^d in this Book-

Saturday the Fourth; my Wife continuing better I rode to Normanby, home for Tea.

Sunday the Fifth; my Wife has had a very good night; I sat an hour with Gen^l. Cary at Leven-Grove in the afternoon.

Monday the Sixth; Mrs Jackson much as yesterday; I spent the day at home.

Tuesday the Seventh; my Wife has had a good Night but is very weak; tho' she is got up every day.

Wednesday the Eighth; Mrs. Jackson being somewhat better I went to Normanby, dined there.

Thursday the Ninth; my Wife has very good Nights, but continues to be very weak.

Friday the Tenth; Mrs. Jackson as usual; my Brother Wilsons's Family ill of the Influenza.

Saturday the Eleventh; my Wife I think gathers a little strength; I have got the Influenza.

Sunday the Twelfth; Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner sat with us an hour before Dinner; I am not well.

Monday the Thirteenth; my Head and Breast very much closed; my Wife as usual.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; Mrs. Jackson continues to have good rest at Nights; I am better.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; my Sist^f. Esther and I went to Normanby in the Chaise, dined there; my Wife is yet very weak – the weather cold.

Thursday the Sixteenth; some Snow; I paid Gen^l. Cary a morning visit; my Wife as usual.

Friday the Seventeenth; Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea here; my Wife not so well as yesterday.

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Saturday the Eighteenth; Mrs. Jackson is better this morning: - I dined at Normanby.

Sunday the Nineteenth; my Wife is weak but relieved from other complaint, save a tightness across her Breast which occasions a difficulty of breathing &^c ^short cough sometimes^.

Monday the Twentieth; I met Mr. Chaloner at Gisbro' on Justice Business; I dined at the Inn Mr. Smith of Marsk being there; my Wife as usual.

Tuesday the Twenty First; The day being bad Mr. Wilson went with me in my Chaise to Stokesley where we met Mr. Mauleverer, & Mr. Marwood on Appeals upon the House-Tax-Act; Mrs. Jackson as usual.

Wednesday the Twenty Second: I got a snack dinner at Normanby; my Wife as yesterday.

Thursday the Twenty Third; Mrs. Jackson walked out of her own Room into that adjoining and then (before dinner) Rev^d. Anth^o. Hastwell Christened my little Daughter (born the 29th. of last Month) by the Name of Mary Lewin; the sponsors were, my Bro. & Sister Wilson in persons, and Mrs Ward of buckingham, who was represented by my Sister Esther; my Wife was also Church'd in the same Room: Rev^d. Hastwell, Doct^r. Wayne and my Bro. Wilson's Family dined & spent the Evening here.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Christmas Day, Saturday the Twenty Fifth; at home, Mrs. Jackson better, very hard Frost.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; Mr. Wilson & I paid Gen^l. Cary a morning visit; he intends to set out for London in 8 days to ~~take~~ ask advice about his sore Knee; Mrs. Richardson of Langbaugh, Mrs. Dorothy Richardson of the Green (both Quakers) drunk Tea with my Wife. ^drunk Tea at Mr. Wilson's^

Moonday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at Normanby, a severe Frost, & Snow on the Ground; on my return home I found Doct^r. Wayne who drank Tea with us; my Sist. Est. at Bro. Wilson's.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; In consequence of an advertizement which has appeared in the York Newspapers, wherein my Name & upwards of 200 other Freeholders are; Mr. Chaloner. & Gen^l.Hale called on my Bro. Wilson & myself (in Mr. C^{'s}. Coatch) we called on Doct^r. Wayne at Stokesley, ~~we~~ and all dined at York (at about five o'Clo'); soon after, Rev^d. Mr. Wyvill (of Burton Hall) came to us, and after spending two or three hours together on the intended ^Petition^ to Parliament, retired to our Lodgings.

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Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; at about Eleven o'Clo' a previous Meeting ^ was held (at the York Tavern) of the Gentlemen of this County, ^among^ whom were several Members of Parliament, æ to Frame a Petition to Parliament: Rev^d. Mr. Wyvill was voted Chairman, who read a Petition he had drawn up, for our approbation; 4 several other ^Petitions^ were also read, & much Conversation passed, on the several Topics many Gentlemen thought wou'd be proper to mention in the Petition; after two or three Hours were thus spent, a Comittee of Seven Gentlemen were nominated to draw up a Petition, and make their report to the Gentlemen at Seven o'Clo'; soon after that Hour the Comittee were received by a great number of (I think upwards of 200) Gentlemen of the County, when a Petition was read and much approved on by those present.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; between Ten & Eleven o'Clo' the greatest number of Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy & Freeholders of the County of York I ever saw, (it was sayd about 800) met æ in the large Assembly Room at York; Mr. Chaloner being voted ~~into the~~ Chairman, Rev^d. Mr. Wyvill opened the Business of the Day, and read the Petition agreed upon yesterday at the previous Meeting; Mr. Cholmley (of Whitby & Housham) opposed the Measure; he was followed by Mr. Drummond (the late Arch Bishop of York's Son) on the same side; they were answered by a Mr. Pritchard (an Irish Gentleman, now of Howdon in the East Riding;) ^Mr Ingleby objected to the Petition as improper at this time;^ Mr. Smelt, (late Sub-Governor æ to the Prince of Wales, & now an Attendant on the younger Princes) spoke long & well as a Place-Man; ^against the Petition^ he was answer'd by Mr. Turner ^(Member for York);^ ~~Mr. Ingleby sayd a few words against the Petition (as improper) at this time;~~ Mr. Hill (of Tadcaster) supported the Petition, and called up Sir Geo. Saville (one of the County Members) who seemed to convince the Meeting of the Uncomstitutional Influence of the Crown in Parliament; he was followed æ by Mr. Stanhope (Member for Carlisle) on the same side; Sir Ja^s. Norcliffe ^also^ supported;

Mr. H. Goodrick (Member for Lymington) read a Petition ^which^ he had drawn up this morning, ^&^ which, tho' it differed somewhat from that read by Mr. Wyville at first, drew the same Conclusions, at as it was then about Three o'Clo' he withdrew ^it, Rev^d. Mr. Wyvill closed the Speaking;^ Gen^l. Hale was upon the Table to speak, but the Question being loudly called for, the Chairman ~~then~~ put the Question, affirmatively & negatively, when only one negative being heard, ~~& that by a Person unapposed~~ ^viz. Matthew Dodsworth Esq. a Justice of the North-Riding^ the Petition was agreed to,

which is in these Words – “To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled. – The Petition of the Gentlemen, Clergy, & Freeholders of the County of York. – Sheweth – That this Nation hath been engaged for several years in a most expensive & unfortunate War; that many of our valuable Colonies, having actually declared themselves Independent, have formed a strict Confederacy with France & Spain, the dangerous and Inveterate Enemies of Great Britain; that the Consequence of these combined Misfortunes hath been a large addition to the National Debt; a heavy accumulation of Taxes; a rapid decline of the Trade, Manufactures, and Land Rents of the Kingdom. – Alarmed at the diminished Resources and growing Burdens of this Country, and convinced that rigid Frugality is ^{now} indispensably necessary in every department of the State, your Petitioners observe with Grief, that, notwithstanding the Calamities & impoverished condition of their Nation, much publick Money has been improvidently squandered, and that many Individuals enjoy sinecure Places, efficient Places with exorbitant Emoluments, and Pensions unmerited by publick Services, to a large & still increasing amount; whence the Crown has acquired a great and unconstitutional Influence, which, if not checked, may soon prove fatal to the Liberties of this Country. – Your Petitioners conceiving that the true end of every Legitimate Government is not the Emolument of any Individual, but the welfare of the community; and considering that, by the Constitution of this Realm, the National Purse is intrusted in a peculiar manner to the Custody of this Honourable House, beg leave further, to represent, that until effectual Measures be taken to redress the ^{oppressive} Grievances herein Stated, the Grant of any additional Sum of Publick Money, beyond the produce of the present Taxes, will be injurious to the Rights & Property of the People, & derogatory from the honour & Dignity of Parliament.

- Your Petitioners therefore appealing to the Justice of this Honourable House, do most earnestly request that, before any new Burthens are laid upon this Country, effectual Measures may be taken by this House, to impress into and correct the gross Abuses in the expeditiure of Publick Money; to reduce all exorbitant Emoluments; to recind and abolish all sinecure Places and unmerited Pensions; and to appropriate the produce to the necessities of the State, in such manner as to the Wisdom of Parliament shall seem meet. – and your Petitioners shall ever pray &c.”

– after which followed eight Resolutions, to associate, appoint a Comittee of 61 – Gentlemen (my Brother Wilson & myself named) &^c to support the above Petition, we

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dined at the York Tavern before five, spent an hour at Blewit's, with other noblemen

^&^ Gentlemen, these signed the Petition & retired to our Lodgings.

Friday the Thirty First & last Day; at Ten most of the above Sixty One Gentlemen (the

Comittee) met at the York Tavern, Rev^d. Mr. Wyvill voted Chairman, many notions

were made & agreed to, ^adjourned to the 14th. Jan^{ry}. next.^ we signed our names to

them in a Book for that purpose, and after one ^o'Clo', ^ Mr. Chaloner, Gen^l. Hale, Doct.

Wayne, ^Bro. Wilson,^ & myself in the Coach left York, dined at Thirsk, & reached

Ayton about eight. I found my Wife somewhat better.

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Saturday the First; 5 at home all day having got a very bad cold on my late journey to York.

Sunday the Second; at home.

Monday the Third; as yesterday.

Tuesday the Fourth; Mrs. Jackson continues to recover, being got down stairs I sat half an hour with Doct. Wayne before dinner.

Wednesday the Fifth; my Brother Wilson & myself sat an hour with Gen^l. Hale before dinner.

Thursday the Sixth; at home, a bad day; my Wife is better, and is got into the Parlour every Day.

Friday the Seventh; my Wife being purely Sister Est. & myself went to Normanby in the Chaise, ret^d. after dinner.

Saturday the Eighth; I went with my Bro. Wilson to Stokesley, Mr. Chaloner came to us, where a great Number of freeholders signed the Petition, see 30th. of Dec^r. last; we dined at home.

Sunday the Ninth; we have now & for several days past had ^a^ severe Frost; Doct. Wayne & Miss Wilson drank Tea with us.

Monday the Tenth; my Wife is so much recovered that she rode out in the Chaise with my Sist. Est. a quarter of an hour; having never been out of the House since Friday 5th. Nov. last.

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Tuesday the ~~Tenth~~ Eleventh; I dined at Normanby several freeholders in that Neighbourhood signed the Petition, see last Saturday; we now have a severe Frost, which continued the 31st. Ult^o.

Wednesday the Twelfth; my Bro. Wilson is very much indisposed.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I attended with the Petition (see last Tuesday) at Yarm, several Freeholders signed it there; and I left it with Mr Jn^o. Wray, who is to transmit it to me at Stokesley next Saturday.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Bro. Wilson is much better, the Frost continues severe.

Saturday the Fifteenth; my Brother Wilson is being far from well yet, I walked to Stokesley with the Petition of this County (see last Thursday) many Freeholders signed, & I walked home in the Evening, the Frost being severe: Mr. Mauleverer & 3 Officers of Lord Fauconberg's Regiment & I dined together, this being an appointed Meeting to put the Impress Act into execution: Mr. Mauleverer shewed much displeasure to several Freeholders on their coming into the Room to sign the Petition, particularly to Chris^r. Appleton of Stokesley, to ~~who~~ ^{^him^} he said, "you are going to sign your Death-Warrant" (~~He declared~~ to myself, ~~that~~ he as a Lawyer, declared the Petition ~~it~~ ^{^to be^} a Libel) this and other such like behaviour often repeated, occasioned my telling ^{^him^} that his behaviour was ^{^very^} improper, & many other expressions I used, very uncommon for me to utter.

Sunday the Sixteenth; my Bro. Wilson is much better; we have a fine Thaw all Day.

Monday the Seventeenth; I breakfasted at Mr. Chaloner's – and, with him & his Family I dined at Gen^l. Hale's, a great many Freeholders signed the Petition at Gisbro' – see last Saturday.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; my Bro. Wilson is nearly well; I went to Normanby after dinner & returned.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; I went to Stockton with the Petition, see last Monday, dined & returned the day was very Rainy.

Thursday the Twentieth; not being well myself and the day very stormy, with Snow, I sent my Man Fawcitt to Yarm with the Petition see ~~last~~ yesterday.

Friday the Twenty First; Tho' the ~~day~~ Air is very cold Mrs. Jackson rode out in the Chaise.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I attended ^{^with the Petition^} at Stokesley ^{^being^} Market Day & my Bro. Wilson not yet well dined at home, much Snow fell last night.

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Sunday the Twenty Third; Doct: Wayne dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at Normanby, much Snow on the Ground now.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; Mr. Logan the Presbyterian Minister ~~her~~ at Ayton, drank Tea & supt with us; Mr. Wilson & Family drank Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at Normanby – my Wife recovers strength slowly.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I attended at Normanby with the Petition see last

Saturday, dined there, & came to Tea – Sist, Nep. Geo: & Niece Wilson at our House.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at Ayton all day, my Wife rides out in the Chaise every day.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I attended at Stokesley with the Petition, see last Thursday; and dined with Doct. Wayne, his Bro. Thom was there.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; Doct. Wayne & drank Tea & supt here, Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea.

Monday the Thirty First, & last Day; I breakfasted at Mr. Chaloner's, & with him attended at Mr. Jackson's Shop where many Freeholders signed the Petition which is now, signed, (on two Skins of Parchment) by 480 Freeholders in the Wapontake; it will be returned to the Comittee at York next Thursday; - I dined at Mr. Harrison's; home before Tea.

FEBRUARY 1780

Tuesday the First; at home.

Wednesday the Second; I dined at Normanby receiving ^{^from^} a few ~~Rent~~ Tenants their last Michaelmas Rents; increase of tomorrow.

Thursday the Third; I dined at Normanby (receiving my Rent; at home before five) in the evening.

Friday the Fourth; at home.

Saturday the Fifth; I went to Stokesley in the morning; dined late, at home, the Snow lays close.

Sunday the Sixth; at home; Mr Logan drank Tea.

Monday the Seventh; I dined at Rev^d. Williamson's at Gisbro': The Air is cold, but the Frost abates.

Tuesday the Eighth; I dined at Stokesley with my Brother Wilson & Mr. Mauleverer, being a Meeting of Justices.

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Wednesday the Ninth; dined at Normanby.

Thursday the Tenth; At Ayton all day.

Friday the Eleventh; as yesterday; my Wife recovers strength (tho' slowly) rides our every day in the Chaise.

Saturday the Twelfth; Mr. Chaloner sat an hour with us in the morning; Doct^r. Wayne came while we ^{were} at dinner, and went with my Wife, my Sister Est. & myself to my Bro Wils.on's to Tea, Mrs. & Miss Skottowe were there, the Doct^r. supt at our House; Note, this is the first time my Wife has been able to get into my Brother's House since Tuesday the 2nd. Nov. last, when she sat the two hours there, which I spent at Mrs. Skottow's.

Monday the Fourteenth; I dined at Normanby.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; at Ayton all day.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I met Mr. Geo. Dodds by appointment at Mr Esterby's Skinningrove, & with him to Boulby before dinner, we spent the afternoon in business, lay there.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I sat an hour at Mrs. Sanderson's at Staithes before dinner, spent the rest of the day at Boulby with Mr. Dodds on business.

Friday the Eighteenth; called at Brotton & at Marsk and dined at Normanby, where I found Jn^o. & Sarah ~~had~~ have had the Linen stolen out of the bleaching Ground. Mr. Chaloner granted a Warrant to Search, but nothing found either in Normanby or Eston, I lay at Ayton; my Wife has got a cold & our little Boy very ill.

Saturday the Nineteenth; at Ayton all day.

Sunday the Twentieth; my Wife & Boy not well.

Monday the Twenty First; my Wife not any better, the little boy does not cough so much, I dined at Normanby, a very Stormy ride home.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; a very Stormy day, Wind & Snow, Rev^d. Blackburne of Craythorne dined with us – my Wife as yesterday, the Boy better.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at Normanby, Mr. Wilson's Family drank Tea with my Wife, Miss Blackburn also.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; at Ayton all day.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I was an hour at Mr. Preston's (in the morning) with old W^m. Richardson, having Jn^o. & Clement Robinson, putting the two latter into a way to settle

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their ^late^ Father's affairs, Jn^o. took Administration; I dined at home: the day very cold a very severe Night the last was.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I went to Ayton Church after dinner; & my Wife & me drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I spent the day at Normanby, ~~setting~~ marking out the Ground near the House for a Lawn, the road to the House & Paddock near the Garden.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth, & last Day; as yesterday.

MARCH 1780

Wednesday the First; I walked to Gisbro', my Wife & Sist Est. in our Chaise overtook me, we dined & lay at Mr. Chaloner's, I sent the Chaise Horses home.

Thursday the Second; at ~~Gui~~ Mr. Chaloner's all day, & night; Mr. Chaloner & Doct. Wayne (who came yesterday Evening hunted.

Friday the Third; Mr. Chaloner & I spent two hours at ~~Gisbro'~~ Normanby before dinner; ~~Do~~ Mr. Jona. Davison came before dinner.

Saturday the fourth; my Wife, Sister & self dined at Ayton, very fine weather.

Sunday the Fifth; I went to Church before Noon; Mr. Wilson & Family ^& Miss Blackburne with them^ drank Tea with us.

Monday the Sixth; I spent the day at Normanby.

Tuesday the Seventh; at Ayton all day Bro. Wilson & Family drank Tea with us, (Miss Blackburn is with them) we divided a Box of Bohen Tea, 12 lb [?]; and another of 6 lb [?] of Green Tea, both from Mr. West, my Wife's Cousin.

Wednesday the Eighth; Brother Wilson & his Sons George & William dined with me at Normanby.

Thursday the Ninth; I marked out the Ground on which to plant a new Hedge in a field in Jos. Cornforth's Farm in the middle Field joining the Cliff; also determined the mode of repairing the damage I have received this Year on my Bats in W^m. Brown's Farm; dined late at Normanby; to Ayton about seven.

Friday the Tenth; after dinner I rode to Mr. Chaloner's who I found with his Wife in their Chaise seting forward to dine with Lady Charlotte Dundas at Upleatham; I returned to Tea, where I found my Bro. Wilson & Family who supt also so did ^Mr^ Rob. Sanderson, being on a visit to Geo. Wilson.

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Saturday the Eleventh; I dined at Normanby.

Sunday the Twelfth; my Wife & I dined & drank Tea at my Bro. Wilson's; Mr. Rev. Reed came there & Lay all night, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne drank Tea; after we came away Doct. Wayne came there from Mr. Chaloner's, his ^Mr. C's^ 3 youngest Sons (Rob^e. Jn^o. & Cha^s.) being under Inoculation, our horses were put too, & my Wife return'd to Mr. Wilson's to consult D^r. Wayne ab^o. the Pain in her Side.

Monday the Thirteenth; at Ayton all day.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; at eight o'Clo' this morning my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, & their two Sons (Geo, & W^m.) set out for London; George, now near 16 years old (being born 24th May 1764;) is going a Writer to Madrass (or Fort S^t. George) in East India. (being appointed ^thereto^ by S^r. W^m. James late a Ship Mate of Mr. Wilson's) and W^m. now about 8 years old (being born 4th Mar^h. 1774) is going to School at Mr. Benfields at West-end near London a near Relation of Captⁿ. my Bro. in Law Mr. Jeff^y. Jackson's, my Twin Niece Wilsons spent the day with us; their Sist. Esther is now with my Bro. & Sist. Jeff^y. Jackson, having lately arrived there from Mr. Long's where she has visited 17 [?] Nov.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I spent the day at Normanby, my Niece Wilsons & Sist. were with my Wife.

Thursday the Sixteenth; at Ayton; my Twin Nieces went to Mr. Chaloner's for a few days (Rev^d. Hastwell supt with us.)

Friday the Seventeenth; at Ayton all day took a walk after dinner.

Saturday the Eighteenth; at Normanby all day

Sunday the Nineteenth; my Sister Est. & I went to Church forenoon, received the Sacrament.

Monday the Twentyeth; I breakfast & dined at Normanby, rode to the Sea Bank where I have some Men at Work repairing the damage done last Winter.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I paid Gen^l. Hale a morning visit; my Wife & Sist. Est. did the same to Lady Foulis.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; at Ayton all day.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I dined at Normanby Mr. Geo. Dodds & his Son from Boulby met me there; at 4 they proceeded to Elemore &c. the weather is now very fine.

Good Friday the Twenty Fourth; after Breakfast, I took my Servant Jn^o. Fawcit into my own Chaise to Ingleby Cross where I was met by a Post. Chaise from Thirsk, my own

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returned, and I dined at Thirsk; from thence ^ I proceeded (with my Servant)^ in the Diligence to York, where I had private Lodgings at Mr. Tasker's (St Helen's Square) Mr. Chaloner & myself, with several other Gentlemen supt at Blewit's; He & Gen^l. Hale rode their own Horses.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; the Committee (consisting of about 48 Gentlemen) met at the York Tavern see last Saturday, and agreed to 3 Propositions; on which to associate; 1. a reduction of national expense, 2^d. an addition of at least 100 to be added to the Members from Countries, (Mr. Hill only gave a Negative to this) and 3^d. Triennial Parliam'ts, the first and last unanimously passed.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; at about Eleven o'Clock the County met according to their adjournment on the 30th of December last, and Mr. Chaloner being called to the Chair, Rev^d. Mr. Wyvil read the Association, which consisted of the Propositions agreed to by the Committee, yesterday; the Chairman also (by desire) read them, Sir Geo. Saville, Member for the County, spoke about an hour, explaining the enormous Debt of this Country, & the Consequences likely to ensue thereon, & on other Matter proper for the Occasion, did not quite approve the 2^d. & 3^d. Propositions, but wou'd be governed by his Constituents & declined signing the Association, so did L^d Jn^o Cavendish, Member for York City, & Mr. Stanhope, Member for Carlisle; Mr. Hen^y. Duncombe, S^r. Ja^s.

Norcliffe, Lawyer Tooker, Lawyer Hill, & again Mr. Wyville all approving, in long Speeches. The whole of the Deed of Association, the Question was put & the Association carryed unanimously: Gen^l. Hale moved for the Opinion of the Meeting on the Principles & Conduct of the American War, Rev^d. Mr. Touch seconded him, and ~~the~~ ^that^ was unanimously declared to be ^a^ ruinous Measure; Mr. Tooker ^moved^ that this Meeting resolve to prosecute at Law, all Persons giving or receiving Bribes at the ensuing Gen^l. Election; ^agreed to unanimously^; several other Resolves, viz. for the continuance of the Committee with Power to encrease the Number thereof, to call the County together again, thanks to S^r. Geo: Saville &^c being carryed unanimously, the Meeting broke up about four o'Clock; this Meeting ^tho' large^ was not quite so numerous as that on the 30th. Dec^r. was, dined at Blewits and went to the Play in Evening (the School for Scandal).

Form of Association agreed to by the 7 Committee of Sixty one to be recommended to the General Meeting of the County of York, held the 28th March 1780.

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Whereas during the present expensive & unfortunate War, the Trade, Manufacture, & Land Rents of this Kingdom have been greatly diminished; the Public Burdens grievously augmented by the annual Imposition of new and additional Taxes; the national Debt enormously increased; and the undue influence of the Crown extended to an alarming Degree by these very Circumstances which threaten the utter Impoverishment of this Country: And whereas, in these Times of national Difficulty and Distress, a just redress of Grievances can only be expected from a free & uncorrupted Parliament, and cannot effectually be supported but by a general Union of Independent Men ^{^throughout^} the Kingdom.

We whose names are underwritten considering an Economical reformation in the expenditure of publick Money to be a most essential and necessary Measure for restoring the Freedom of Parliament. And considering also that the Representation of the People in Parliament is become extremely unequal, in so much that a great Majority of Members is returned by decayed & indigent Boroughs, which are either at the command of the Crown, and a few great Families, or else open to general Venality; whence support in Parliament may be obtained for ^{^the^} Measures of any Administration, however ruinous they may be to the great Landed and Commercial Interests of this Kingdom, contrary to the true Intent & Use [?] of the Institution of Parliament; which unequal distribution of the Rights ~~of~~ ^{^to^} elect Representatives in Parliament is now a Principal Cause of our numerous Publick Evils, to which no radical Cure is likely to be applied, till a more adequate Representation of the People hath been established by Law. And considering further that when the fund of Corruption hath been in some Competent degree reduced, & a more equal Representation of the People obtained, more frequent Elections might be restored, not only to the great Content of the People but with certain advantage to the Honor & Integrity of Parliament itself, without the mischievous Consequence of exposing Independent Gentlemen to vexatious Contest, with the dependents of any Administration: We declare our Assent to – 1st. The economical Reform requested by the ^{^Petitions of the^} People, that Plan of strict & rigid Frugality now indispensably necessary in every Department of the State; that most important Regulation for reducing the unconstitutional Influence of the Crown. 2^d. The Proposition for ~~Members of the House of Commons to be elected~~ ^{^obtaining a more equal Representation in Parliament^} by the Addition of at least One hundred Knights to be chosen in a due Proportion by the several Counties of the Kingdom of Great Britain.

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– 3^d. The Proposition for Members of the House of Commons to be elected to serve in Parliament for a Term not exceeding three Years. And in order more effectually to promote this laudable Plan of publick Reformation by our joint assistance in a pacific Way, we do associate for that express Purpose, and we do testify the same by our Signatures respectively. And we do resolve, jointly & separately to support these necessary Regulations to the utmost of our Power by every Measure that may be perfectly agreeable to Law and the Constitution. More particularly we ^{do} resolve, and do mutually and most solemnly engage, that until a reasonable Reform in the expenditure of publick Money hath been obtained, and until Regulations for returning at least One Hundred Additional County Members to Parliament, and for shortening the Duration of Parliament to a Term not exceeding three Years have been established by Law, we will support with our votes and Interest, no Candidate whatsoever at the next General Election, to represent this County, or any other County or Place in Parliament, from whose known Integrity and Attachment to our free Constitution, and his assent to these constitutional Improvements declared by signing this Association, or in such other Mode as to each Candidate may seem most eligible, we shall not first be fully satisfied that he will gain his utmost support in Parliament to the following Propositions, or to such part of the Reform proposed thereby, as shall not then be accomplished, viz. 1st for one or more Bills to correct ~~the~~ profusion in the Expenditure of Publick Money; to regulate the Manner of making all Publick Contracts, & the Mode of keeping & passing public Accounts; to reduce exorbitant Emoluments of Office, and to reform the Abuses of sinecure Places, and Pensions unmerited by Public Service. 2^d for a Bill to establish greater equality in the representation of the People in Parliament, by allowing the several Counties of the Kingdom of Great Britain to elect, in a due proportion One Hundred Knights at least in Addition to the present Number. 3^d for a Bill to shorten the Duration of Parliament to a Term not exceeding three Years.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I left York before five, with my Servant in the Diligence, breakfasted at Thirsk, from thence I had Post Chaise to Ingleby Cross, where I found my own Chaise, dined at Ayton; Miss Williamson who had been with my Wife since I left her, went home to Gisbro' in the afternoon.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; I dined at Normanby, I have a severe Cold

Friday the Thirty first & last Day of March; I spent the day at Ayton.