

APRIL 1780

Saturday, Ayton April the First; my Wife & Sister Est: & the little Boy (W^m Ward) in the Chaise & myself on Horseback went to Normanby dined & returned to Ayton.

Sunday the Second; spent at Ayton.

Monday the Third; as yesterday.

Tuesday the Fourth; my Wife and I dined at Sir W^m Foulis's, my Sister Est. & Nieces Han^a & Rachel Wilson are there to stay a few days.

Wednesday the Fifth; I spent the forenoon in M^r Preston's office (at Stokesley) with W. Peirson settling our Acc^s. about Upsel Farms.

Thursday the Sixth; I dined at Normanby.

Friday the Seventh; at Ayton all day.

Saturday the Eighth; I dined at Normanby

Sunday the Ninth; at Ayton.

Monday the Tenth; I breakfasted at Mr Harrison's and 'till four o'Clock was employed with Mr Chaloner & Rev^d Leigh Williamson holden a Sessions on the Poor Laws, Land Tax, Window, House & Servants' Taxes the West Division of this Wapentake also attended us at Gisbro', there being no Justices in it at present. this is the first time of Mr Williamson's acting as a Comissioner of the Land Tax, he and I dined at Mr. Chaloner's, I did not get home (to Ayton) till past eight .

Tuesday the Eleventh; I dined at Norm'by drank Tea with my Niece Wilsons, so did my Wife, she dined there too, fine showery weather.

Wednesday the Twelfth; I walked to Stokesley returned before dinner

Thursday the Thirteenth; I met Gen^l Hale & M^r. Chaloner at Normanby, we all dined at Ayton. Rev^d Williamson & his Son came in a little before they went home.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Wife, Sist. Esther & Twin Nieces Wilsons & myself drank Tea at old W^m Richardson's.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I walked to Stokesley before dinner with the Deed of Association of the County of York, see 28th ult^o which was signed by many Freeholders, dined at home.

Sunday the Sixteenth; at Ayton all day.

Monday the Seventeenth; I dined at Normanby;-a very cold day with showers of Hale.

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Tuesday the Eighteenth; I walked to Mr Preston's at Stokesley after Tea.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; at Normanby till the Evening; my Wife took our little Girl, Mary Lewin, born 29th Nov. last from the Breast of her Nurse Eliz^a. Scott.

Thursday the Twentyeth; I went to Yarm with the Deed of Association (see 15th inst) which was signed there by only 4 Freeholders, home in the Evening.

Friday the Twenty First; at home, a very bad day.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I walked to Stokesley with the Association (see the 20th inst which was signed by many more Freeholders; I dined with Rev^d Fra^s Blackburne's at M^r Preston's; drank Tea with Niece Wilsons.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I went to Church on the forenoon, my Sist^r Esther & Nieces dined with us.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at Normanby; fine showery weather, tho' sometimes cold.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; after breakfast my Wife & Sister Est. in the Chaise, & myself on Horseback left Ayton, we dined at North Allerton and got to ArchDeacon Blackburn's at Richmond before Tea

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; my Wife & M^{rs} Blackburn) rode out in the Chaise before dinner, M^r Blackburn, his Son W^m & myself walked to Easby Churchyard, I was sorry to find the Tombstone over my Father much decayed by the weather.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; all day at M^r Blackburn's - much Rain fell.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; we left Richmond after breakfast; I called on Rev^d Lascelles at his Vicarage at Gilling; we dined at Piersebridge, and reached Mr James's at West Auckland for tea.

Saturday the Twenty Nineth; spent the day at Mr James's, he attended the Interment of M^{rs} Greenwell of Witton Castle after dinner.

Sunday the Thirtyeth, & last day; We went to Church in the forenoon, Rev^d Lypscum (L^d Barnard's Tutor) did Duty for Rev^d Bainbridg who is supposed to be dying.

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Monday the First, we left West Auckland after breakfast, spent an hour at M^r Wilkinson's at Darlington, dined at Stockton, & home (in Ayton) to a late dish of Tea-

Tuesday the Second; I dined at Normanby. Miss MacDonald dined with us & lay at M^{rs} Skottowe's House, she not at home.

Wednesday the Third; at Ayton, drank Tea at Bro Wilson's- Doctr Wayne there.

Thursday the Fourth; Rev^d Hastwell went with me to Normanby, Rev^d Conset dined with us, did not get home till nine.

Friday the Fifth; my Wife (tho' not very well) & I paid a morning visit to Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary at Leven Grove where they arrived from London, last Monday

Saturday the Sixth; I dined at Normanby [*2 lines crossed out*]

Sunday the Seventh; at Church before Noon

Monday the Eighth; I rode to Gisbro' after) breakfast and there seeing my Niece Wilsons & Sis^r Est^r returning from Genl Hale's (where they have been since Thursday) I returned to Ayton in the Coach before dinner my Wife and I drank with them, Miss McDonald with us.

Tuesday the Ninth; my Wife & Miss M^cDonald in the Chaise & myself on horseback went to Normanby & returned to Ayton to dinner.

Wednesday the Tenth; The forepart of the day was very stormy with Rain from the Southwest- I rode to Stokesley (to M^r Preston's) after tea.

Thursday the Eleventh; after breakfast I went to Stockton, called on M^r Sutton who returned to his own House last Friday being married the day before to Miss Grace Horsfall of, or near Promfret; I dined at Normanby being accompanied thither from Stockton by Rev^d M^r Shuttleworth of Kirkleatham, I got home before eight.

Friday the Twelfth; I walked to Stokesley, did business with M^r Preston, I dined at home; we drank Tea at Bro Wilson's

Saturday the Thirteenth; I paid a morning Visit to Gen^l Hale; his Wife, & Daughter Emelia rode with me to his Farm on Barnaby Moor, where I left them, dined at Normanby & drank Tea at home.

Sunday the Fourteenth; my Wife & I dined at Gen^l Hale's, a very fine day.

Monday the Fifteenth; I walked to Stokesley & returned before dinner, Sis^r Est & Nieces drank Tea & suppt with us

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Tuesday the Sixteenth; Mr Preston breakfasted with us, I went with him to Gisbro' Fair, & returned before dinner: my Wife & I drank Tea at Gen^l Cary's.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; I rode out with my Wife on Horseback; then to Normanby with Rev^d. Mr Hastwell, we dined there & returned.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I went to Normanby after dinner and returned before supper.

Friday the Nineteenth; I walked to Stokesley & returned with Doc^{tr} Wayne to his Brothers at Angrove where we found my Wife, Sist^r Estr & Twin Nieces Wilson's we dined and drank Tea.

Saturday the Twentieth; I walked to Stokesley & returned before Dinner, a great Annual Fair is held there on this day (for unbleached Linen Webs &^c) being the Eve of Trinity Sunday, vulgarly called Trinity Saturday.

Sunday the Twenty First; my Wife, Sis^r Est^r, my Twin Nieces Wilson & myself went to Church & received the Sacrament before Noon; Doctr Wayne dined with us; Revd Logan drank Tea.

Monday the Twenty Second; at Ayton all day.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; my Wife & Niece Wilson in the Chaise & myself on Horseback went to Normanby, the Chaise went forward to Stockton and returned with Miss Eliz. James who rode thither from West Auckland; Doctr Wayne called, and we all dined & drank Tea before we came to Ayton- several Heavy Showers of Rain fell this day.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I spent the day at Normanby,

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I walked to Stokesley & returned before dinner.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; dined at Norm'by.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I walked to Stokesley, dined there with Gen^l Cary, & Mr Matthews who with me heard many Appeals on the Land Tax Act. My Wife, Niece Wilson & Miss E. James went to Stockton, return'd before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; Mrs Jackson being not very well, I went to Stokesley Church with my Nieces Wilson & Miss E. James; the Clergyman (Mr Taylorson) being ill, & his Wife laying at this time dangerously ill of the Measles, was not able to go through the second Lesson; went to Ayton Church in the afternoon.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; I dined at the Inn at Gisbro' with Rev^d Williamson, Mr Mathews joined us soon after on some appeals of the Land Tax.

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Thursday the Thirtyeth; I went to Normanby after breakfast, return'd in the Evening in the Chaise, a bad day.

Wednesday the Thirty First, & last Day; my Wife, Miss E. James & myself dined at Mr Williamson's at Gisbro'.

JUNE 1780

Thursday the First; Mrs Jackson being much out of health. I sent for Doct. Wayne, he left us before dinner, & just then Miss James's Bro Tho^s Ward James arrived from Manchester, last from West Auckland:

Friday the Second; Mr T W^d James went away early; my Wife continues very poorly.

Saturday the Third, I spent the day at Norm'by.

Sunday the Fourth; Doct Wayne dined & supt with us; Mrs Jackson is much indisposed.

Monday the Fifth; my Wife is somewhat better, I din'd at Normanby.

Tuesday the Sixth; at home, save taking a walk in the Evening with my Nieces Wilson, & Miss James, Doct^r Wayne supt here.

Wednesday the Seventh; I sat half an hour with Mr. Easterby at Skinningrove, he having lately had a fall from his Horse, is now better; I dined and lay at Boulby; Mr Geo. Dodds & myself walked to the Works in the Evening.

Thursday the Eighth; W^m Wright our allum Maker being ill, Mr G. Dodds set the Coolers &^c. I attended him; & left Boulby before dinner, got to Ayton before Tea, & found my Wife somewhat better.

Friday the Ninth; I dined at Normanby and on my return to Tea found Revd ArchDeacon Blackburn, his Wife & Son William at my Bro Wilson's House, only my Twin Nieces & Sist. Esther there, the rest not returned from London.

Saturday the Tenth; at about five o'Clock this morning my Wife miscarried, having been about two Months with the Foetus which was very perfect; I sent for Doctor Wayne, & on his finding Mrs Jackson as well as he cou'd expect I returned with him to Stokesley where I heard the Arch Deacon give his charge to the Clergy of Cleveland. I dined with him at the Inn & we drank Tea at Mr Preston's, our Chaise brought us home; I supt with him at Bro. Wilson's House.

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Sunday the Eleventh; my Wife being pretty cheerful I went to Church before dinner. Mr Blackburn preached, I dined & supt with him, he & his Family &^c. drank Tea here.

Monday the Twelfth; the ArchDeacon Blackburn, his Wife & Son went away early; my Wife rode out in the Chaise, which proved too much exercise, had a bad night; I was to house at Norm'by, afternoon.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; my Wife is but very poorly all day

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Mrs. Jackson being somewhat better I dined at Normanby

Thursday the Fifteenth; I went to Norm'by after dinner; my Wife is better, tho' in her Room all day.

Friday the Sixteenth; I set out early dined at Boulby with several of the Neighbours this being our half year's Pay Day of the Men, and leaving Mrs Jackson better in the morning I lay all night at Boulby

Saturday the Seventeenth; I left Boulby after breakfast, called at Grainge & K. Leatham and dined late at Normanby, on my return to Ayton I found my Wife much better; and my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Daughter Esther comed from London, the two former left home (Ayton) on Tuesday the 14th March last, and my Niece Esther left Ayton on Thursday the 10th Sept. 1778

Sunday the Eighteenth; Mr Wilson & his Family drank Tea with us, so did Rev^d Logan.

Monday the Nineteenth; at Ayton

Tuesday the Twentieth; I dined at Normanby, on my return to Ayton I found Mr & Mrs Corsellis of Woodford Bridg' at Mr Wilson's, they are on their return from Edinburgh, where they have left their Daughter Harriet (about seven years old) with Mr Braidwood who undertakes to instruct children born deaf, the case of Miss Corsellis, to converse, read, & write, his Terms are 40£ p.ann. & board, 50£ if a Parlour Boarder, which latter Miss Corsellis is, and 60£ p. annum for Instruction, but as this Child appears to be very lively Mr Brainwood agrees to take 100£ p. annum for everything:

Wednesday the Twenty First; Bro. Wilson, Mr Corsellis & myself rode to Normanby, we intended to go further, but Mr Wilson's Horse threw him going down Ormsby-hill, he was much bruised, we got home to dinner I dined at Mr Wilson's- my Wife and Miss E. James too drank Tea there.

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Thursday the Twenty Second; I went to Normanby soon after breakfast, I got a short dinner & returned to Ayton about three o'clock; Mr & Mrs Corsellis & Mr Wilson's Family drank Tea with us.

Friday the Twenty Third; Mr & Mrs Corsellis left Mr Wilson's after breakfast; I spent the day at Normanby, removing many things out of my Library into one of the New Rooms.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I spent the day at Normanby, removing all my Books into the Nursery, preparatory to the laying together the Library & our lodging Room intending to make considerable alteration in them both, the boards on our Room floor being already taken up.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Ayton Church before dinner; we drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; at Normanby.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; at Normanby.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; my Wife is very weakly having had a Cough several Days; my Bro. Wilson & myself walked to Stokesley before dinner; Doct. Wayne drank Tea & sup't with us.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; after breakfast my Wife, Sist. Esther & Miss E. James in our Chaise & myself on horseback left home for a few days; we called an hour at Mr Chaloner's and meeting with Mr Turner on the road in K. Leatham we dined there with Gen^l & Mrs Hale, & Mrs Chaloner Sen. sup't & lay at private lodgings at Coatham.

Friday the Thirtieth & last day; my Sister, & Miss James bathed in the Sea, but my Wife's Cough &^c. being bad she only rode on the Sands in the Chaise.

JULY 1780

Saturday the First; I spent most of the day at Normanby, & returned to Coatham in Evening; Rev^d Shuttleworth sup't with us; this is the Annual Sports day at Redcar.

Sunday the Second; I went to Church at Kirk Leatham before & after dinner; after dining at Coatham my Wife, Sister, & Miss Eliz. James & self left that place, attended divine Service at Kirk Leatham Church eat some Straw-Berries at Rev^d. Shuttleworths, & got to Ayton to Tea, found Doct^r Wayne; my Wife's Cough &^c no better.

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Monday the Third; at Normanby all day

Tuesday the Fourth; at Ayton all day. Doct^r Wayne drank Tea with us; my Bro. Wilson & myself walked with him to Stokesley, returned before Ten.

Wednesday the Fifth; early this morning I laid a Blister on my Wife's left Arm, which is intended to be kept open sometime, she has a very bad Cough & weakness, but no Pain; I dined late at & returned from Normby.

Thursday the Sixth; my Wife is poorly indeed but having an appointment on some part of the work at Normanby I spent a few hours there.

Friday the Seventh; I spent the whole day at Ayton, tho' Mrs Jackson is easier & down Stairs.

Saturday the Eighth; at Normanby

Sunday the Ninth; at nine this morning I renewed my Wife's Blister see last Wednesday, she was in much pain before it was taken off, I went to Church before Noon

Monday the Tenth; my Wife is very poorly, Doct. Wayne dined with us; Mrs Cary sat an hour before dinner. I went to Normanby at 3, returned to Supper-

Tuesday the Eleventh; my Brother Wilson & I attended the Quarter Sessions at Stokesley the Justices were, Hon^l Gen^l. Carey, Mr Mauleverer, Mr Turner, Mr Chaloner, Mr Hays, Mr Watson, Mr Oats, Mr Wilson & myself, also Mr Jn^o Mathews Jun^r of Ruswarp near Whitby who Qualified to act as a Justice of the Peace, this day, there was so much Business came before the Court, that it was adjourned till tomorrow-

Wednesday the Twelfth; at Ayton all day, my Wife is but poorly, Coughs much, Doct. Wayne came in the Evening supt with us

Thursday the Thirteenth; at Normanby

Friday the Fourteenth; I renewed my Wife's Blister (see Sunday 9th) at Ayton all day.

Saturday the Fifteenth; at Normanby

Sunday the Sixteenth; my wife is somewhat better, Revd. Williamson, his Wife & Son dined at Mr Wilson's.

Monday the Seventeenth; I attended Mr. Chaloner on some Justice Business, dined at Mr Harrison's.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; at Normanby expecting Mr Baker, but his Servant came about five and I returned to Ayton in the Evening

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Friday the Twenty First; I dined at Boulby; and about two hours after Mr Baker arrived, we entered into the Allum-Works Accounts.

Saturday the Twenty Second; Mr Baker & I spent the day in examining and allowing Mr Geo. Dodd's Accounts about our Allum-Works.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I dined at Ayton

Monday the Twenty Fourth; at Normanby.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; at Normanby, my Wife Sister Est. & Niece Esther came about one, stayed an hour & soon after they were gone Mrs. Mauleverer, her Daughter Worsop, & Daughters Ann, Frances & Mary, Mr. Gowen (a Suitor of Miss Ann's) & Mr. & Mrs. Burton of Beverley called to see my New House, they had some refreshment & left me about three.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; at Normanby.

Thursday the Twentyeth; I went to a Quaker Meeting at Ayton and dined late at Normanby

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I bottled off a Hogshead of Rum at Normanby which I had in Augst 1776 from Mr. James of Liverpool.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at Stockton with Mr. Baker, & Mr. Pearson of Durham by appointment on Biddick Colliery Business, late home.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; my Wife & Sister Wilson in our Chaise & myself on Horseback went to Normanby, they returned to Ayton to dinner; I stayed till the Evening.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Normanby very early, returned to Ayton before Tea

Sunday the Thirtieth; Went to Church, afternoon; Mr. Wilson & Family drank Tea with us.

Monday the Thirty First, & last Day; I went to Normanby, from thence to Stockton, where I found my Wife & Miss Eliz. James, we dined & proceeded to Hartlepool, where Mrs.

Hopper had taken lodgings for us at Mrs. Johnson's, a widow.

AUGUST 1780

Tuesday , August the First; at Hartlepool,

Wednesday the Second; I dined at Stockton and lay at Normanby (leaving Mrs. J &^c at Hartlepool)

Thursday the Third; I rece'd my last Lady day Rents at Normanby & lay there.

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Friday the Fourth; I dined at Ayton, stayed two hours, left it at four, spent an hour at Stockton, and went to Hartlepool when I found the Tide so high that I stayed an hour at John Middleton's the Miller, who allowed his Servant to guide me into the Town at half past Ten.

Saturday the Fifth; my Wife appears to be much better, rides out every day, in her own Chaise.

Sunday the Sixth; Mrs. Jackson & I went to Hartlepool Church before noon.

Monday the Seventh; at Hartlepool.

Tuesday the Eighth; as yesterday. Misses Jane & Mary Welbank & their Niece [*word missing*] of Stockton came to lodg at Mrs. Johnsons

Wednesday the Ninth; Mr. Geo Dodds & his Son of Boulby Allum Works came to Hartlepool,

Thursday the Tenth; I attended Geo. Dodds & his Son weighing the Kelp we had made on Hartlepool Rocks this year, & found it to weigh 29 Tons & about 17 Cwt. at 21 Cwt. to the Ton.

Friday the Eleventh; Mr. Geo. Dodds went to the Northward about more Kelp.

Saturday the Twelfth; I walked with Miss E. James & Miss Mary Welbank upon the Rocks before dinner; the Sea was very rough.

Sunday the Thirteenth; Miss E. James & I went to Church before Noon, my Wife rode out; we all dined at the Ordinary (at Alderson's our Publick-House) Mr & Mrs Hopper & Mrs Surtees doing the same; Mr Dodds came to Hartlepool from Elemore.

Monday the Fourteenth; Mr. Geo: Dodds his Son and I left Hartlepool after breakfast, dined at Normanby, they proceeded home to Boulby. I lay in the New Building at Normanby (the first of any Body)

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I spent the day among my workman at Normanby, & lay there.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; after dining at Normanby I spent the afternoon at Ayton & lay there.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I went to Stockton, from there was accompanied to Hartlepool by Mr. Brown before dinner.

Friday the Eighteenth; at Hartlepool. I went to the Assembly, Hon^r ble Fred. Vane was there.

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Saturday the Nineteenth; My Wife, Miss James, Miss Welbank & myself dined at the Ordinary.

Sunday the Twentieth; went to Church before Noon, we all dined at the Ordinary; and in the Evening I walked an hour with the Hon'ble Mr Fred Vane.

Monday the Twenty First; I rode to Greatham after breakfast, waited three hours there the flowing of the Tide, then crossed the River in a Boat, and walked to Normanby, had some Rain.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I went to Ayton early, found 'Gory Lewin there, he arrived by Sea several days since; I return'd to dine at Normanby.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; at Normanby

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; 'Gory Lewin came to Normanby early, but having a Whitlow on one of his Fingers & being very sick sometimes, I returned him to Ayton; and after dinner I took John with me to Redcar, he returned with the Horses, I went in a Coble to Seaton, & walked from thence to Hartlepool.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I walked through Jn^o Middleton's Wind Mill with Misses E. James & Mary Welbank before dinner; and in the afternoon they went in our Chaise & I on Horseback to see Black Halls North of Hartlepool

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; at Hartlepool.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; went to Church before dinner, and drank Tea at Mr. Rob^t Wilson's, who with his Wife and two eldest Children are come from London to stay a Month or two.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; my Wife, Miss E. James & I dined at Stockton, they went directly to Ayton, but I went round by Norm^{an}by; Misses Jane & Mary Welbank also left Hartlepool.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; Bro. Wilson & I met Mr Chaloner aShooting on his Moors we dined on cold victuals at Thunder Bush

Wednesday the Thirtieth; I spent the day at Normanby & lay there; my Wife & Miss E. James dined at Normby & returned.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day. My Wife & Miss E. James were at Normanby settling the Store-Room, & returned to Ayton again; I spent most of the day in measuring Jn^o Price the Joiner's work; went to Ayton.

SEPTEMBER 1780

September; Friday the First; at Ayton.

Saturday the Second; at Normanby.

Sunday the Third; Miss E. James went home, she had been with us since Thursday 23^d May last; I went to Church before dinner; my Wife, M^r. Wilson's Family & myself drank Tea at M^{rs} Skottowe's; the droughty weather continues.

Monday the Fourth; M^{rs} Jackson, my Sister E. Jackson, & 'Gory Lewin in our Chaise & myself on horseback went to Stockton, (I took Normanby in my Road) we all dined there, & drank Tea at Hartlepool.

Tuesday the Fifth; we dined at the Ordinary.

Wednesday the Sixth; dined as yesterday; Mr & M^{rs} Wilson drank Tea with us; Mr Byolin of London came to see us, he supt & took leave, (laying at the Inn.)

Thursday the Seventh; I rode with Mr Hopper & Mr Wanley a-neting for Partridges; we all dined at the Ordinary; a very stormy Evening.

Friday the Eighth; a very high Wind at E.S.E. we drank Tea at Mr Rob^t Wilson's

Saturday the Ninth; drank Tea at M^{rs} Hoppers.

Sunday the Tenth; breakfasted at Hartlepool, dined late at Ayton, and lay at Normanby.

Monday the Eleventh; I dined at Mr Rudd's at Gisbro', Mr Thos DuckSmith being there; Mr Chaloner and I granted Licences to Victualers in our Division.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I spent at Normanby till eight o'Clock in the Evening then went to Ayton; about six o'Clock Frederick & Jn^o Brook Lewin arriv'd at Normanby from Greenwich by Sea without any other notice than a line from their Father by this days Post; Frederick is a most emaciated Creature owing to a putrid Fever he had last April; I left them at Normanby

Wednesday the Thirteenth; Mr Chaloner called on Mr Wilson & me by appointment to go to York, to attend the Meeting of this County to morrow to nominate Candidates to represent the County next Parliament, (the Election begins 27th inst.) the two former proceeded with Mr Harrison, I excusing myself on Acct of Mrs Jackson's present weak State, the Shock she

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wo'd have on seeing Frederick, & our own little Boys indisposition at present, Mr Chaloner much offended. I came to Normanby before dinner

Thursday the Fourteenth; having sent Mrs Jackson at Hartlepool notice of the arrival of her Brothers I expected her at Normanby, but she, wishing to continue her Bathing, only sent 'Gory here before dinner; I walked a Shooting a single hour in the Evening.

Friday the Fifteenth; Frederick, 'Gory, & Jn^o Lewin went to Ayton after dinner; & then I took my Servant John aShooting above the Town.

Saturday the Sixteenth; I went to Ayton early, had some Rain, the forenoon became very stormy, but the weather being moderate about three o'Clock I went to Hartlepool, where I arrived at near nine.

Sunday the Seventeenth; at Hartlepool, my Wife, Sist Est & myself drank Tea at Mrs Hopper's Lodgings, her Sister Smith being with her; I sat an hour with Rev^d Wyville at his Lodgings.

Monday the Eighteenth; my Wife, Sister Esther & 'Gory Lewin & I left Hartlepool, dined at Stockton, after spending an hour there with my Brother & Sister Wilson, & their Daughter Hannah, on their road to Mr Askews at Redheugh; Mrs Jackson & I drank Tea at Normanby, lay at Ayton

Tuesday the Nineteenth; at Normanby,

Wednesday the Twentyeth; my Wife & I dined at Ingleby Manor, our first Visit to the present Sir William Foulis and his Mother, he was of Age last April, his Father, (the late Sir William) dyed at Knaresbrough last July, aged about 55; we found Mrs Jubb (now a Widow) Mrs Preston (Sir William's Aunts) & Mr Preston, & Mr Jn^o Robinson Foulis, now about 19 y. old.

Thursday the Twenty First; 'Gory Lewin & I breakfasted at Normanby; went aShooting, & on our return found Mr Thos. DuckSmith of London who dined with us, he went to Marsk, & we to Ayton

Friday the Twenty Second; my Wife & I dined at Gen Cary's, Mr Meynil, his Wife, her Bro:Jn^o & my Niece Est Wilson in our Chaise, I on horseback and 'Gory rode behind the Chaise part of the way & walked the other part to Normanby before dinner; the Ladies returned to Ayton after Tea, the two Boys & I lay at Normanby, to be ready for their going on board a Ship on Monday, for Greenwich

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Sunday the Twenty Fourth; 'Gory, John and I went to Eston Church, & sat in the Gallery, which I have just now finished by virtue of a Faculty I got two years since for that purpose (first occupation of Faculty Pew): walked after dinner.

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Monday the Twenty Fifth; my Wife & Mrs Skottowe came to Normanby, dined & return'd.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; I spent the forenoon in marking the Ground for the Road from my House to the Lane, & in front of the Houses; I went to Ayton in the Evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I return'd to Normanby before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; Gory, John & I, with my Man John, went aShooting, return'd before dinner; found Mrs Jackson & my Niece Esther they return'd to Ayton in the afternoon

Friday the Twenty Ninth; after an early breakfast Gory & Jn^o Lewin, myself & Servant John went to the Forest trying for a Hare on our way, we got there before Eleven & soon after I went on board the Sloop Betty, Capt Jn^o Folkston, the two Boys with me, & there I left them to proceed on their voyage to London they weighed anchor about two, they went to Sea this Evening in Company with a Brig (the Royal Oak, Bambrough of Stockton), which was taken by a Privateer off Whitby. Gory arrived here before 22nd ult (see that day) & Jn^o the 12th inst Frederick stays sometime longer: at noon my two

Children, (W^m Ward & Mary Lewin) with their Nurses arrived (in our Chaise) at Normanby to inhabit.

Saturday the Thirtieth and last Day. My Wife came from Ayton before dinner & lay there.

OCTOBER 1780

Sunday the First; my Wife and I went to Ayton after an early breakfast, received the Sacrament at the Church, and drank Tea at Mr Henry Richardson's.

Monday the Second; I left Ayton came to Normanby to live, see to morrow.

Tuesday the Third; I went aShooting with my Servant John, home by twelve; soon after my Wife, Sister Esther, & Fred. Lewin arrived at Normanby to Inhabit this House, which is now finished, we have lived at Ayton since Sunday the 18th April 1779, see that day

Wednesday the Fourth; at home

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Thursday the Fifth; I went ashooting with John, towards the River, a very hot day

Friday the Sixth; at home. Some Rain

Saturday the Seventh; my Sist. Est, Fred Lewin & myself walked to see Sir Ja^s Pennyman's Gardens; on our return found Mrs Turner paying my Wife a morning visit

Sunday the Eighth; my Sister Est^r Fred. Lewin & myself went to Eston Church before dinner; Rev^d Janah preached, & gave us notice that in future we shall only have afternoon service(as usual) Rev^d Conset from this time ceasing to be Curate.

Monday the Ninth; a very stormy day with much Rain; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, brought their Daughter Estr. here, proceeded to Kirk Leatham, returned to our dinner and after Tea returned to Ayton with my Sister Esther & Fred Lewin

Tuesday the Tenth; after breakfast my Wife, Niece Esther & myself in our Chaise set out, relieved the Horses at Stockton one hour, dined at Sedgfield, and lay at the Red Lyon in Durham, spending the Evening at Mr Hoppers, (he was from home) Mrs Smith being there took up the only spare Bed at this time in the House.

Wednesday the Eleventh; we all breakfasted at Mrs Hoppers, and proceeded to Mr Askew's at Redhaugh where we dined and lay, found Niece Wilson there.

Thursday the Twelfth; Mr Askew and I walked to Newcastle and returned before noon, Mr & Mrs Bigg, Mr Ja^s Ord & his Sister dined & drank Tea At Mr Askew's

Friday the Thirteenth; my Wife & Mrs Askew in one Chaise, my Nieces Han^a & Est.

Wilson & Miss Askew in another, and Mr Askew & myself on Horseback went to Ryton (about 8 Miles above Newcastle) and there spending an hour at Mrs Stow's a widow, heard her eldest Daughter, not yet eight years old, play on the Harpischord & Piano Forte many of the most difficult pieces of Musik, she accompanied my Niece Wilson through several of Mr Bach's and Mr Garth's with the greatest ease & rectitude, she has been instructed by Mr Bach in London, and Mr Garth has attended her sometime, & does so now; she plays at sight with ease any Musik layd before her; her Ear is so just that on a Person's striking any Note she instantly names it, and be they ever so compounded (as in thorough Base) she gives them their proper Names, in short she appears to me a Miracle in Nature; we all dined at Redheugh.

Saturday the Fourteenth; Mr Askew went early to Newcastle, I walked there for dinner.

Sunday the Fifteenth; we all went to Gateshead (the Parish) Church before dinner.

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Monday the Sixteenth; my wife and I left Redheugh after breakfast, dined at Mr Amblers at Durham, he was not at home ; lay at Nainsforth.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; at Nainsforths.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; my Wife, Mrs Surtees & myself went to Middleham (about a Mile off) in the Chaise, & looked over the Furniture in late Ralph Hopper Esq^r's House, which is to be sold soon; on our return before dinner found Mr Surtees had walked out.

Thursday the Nineteenth; my Wife and I left Nainsforth after breakfast, dined at Stockton and found our Children well at home, about four o'Clock

Friday the Twentyeth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty First; after breakfast I went in the Chaise with Mrs Jackson to Ayton, we both returned before dinner, I on Horseback, & she brought her Bro. Frederick in the Chaise (see Monday the 9th) I rec'd of the Farmers of Eston & Normanby Rent for their Small Tithes.

Sunday the Twenty Second; the weather being cold & Showery, I did not go to Church.

Monday the Twenty Third; I walked out with my Gun, my Servant John & Thos Snowdon with me into Rob. Jackson's, Rev^d Consents & Mr Snowden's Grn^{ds}.

Tuesday the Twenty fourth; Mr Geo. Dodds came from Boulby & stay'd all night; Fred: Lewin rode to Ayton on my Galloway, return'd before dinner

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; Mr Dodds spent the day here; my Wife and I rode out before dinner on Horseback; Mr Dodds & I walked to Joseph Cornforth's & returned before Tea.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; Mr Dodds went away after breakfast; I walked out with my Gun before dinner, Fred: Lewin a little while

Friday the Twenty Seventh; my Wife, Frederick & I rode on horseback before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I walked to the Banks (John with me) did not find any Wood-Cocks nor Pheasant, nor did we kill a Partridg. I sent W^m to Stokesley to conduct Mrs Surtees from thence hither, she arrived in her Chaise before five, having carri'd from Rev^d Cheap's, at Sutton.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

Monday the Thirtyeth; Mrs Surtees left us after breakfast, to go home; I went to Gisbro', returned before dinner; my Labourers began digging the Ha-ha before my House.

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Tuesday the Thirty First & last Day. Wiliam Snowdon, John & I walked to the Banks, saw but one Woodcock & shot him; Mrs McDonald came before dinner to stay some time; Fred. dined at Ayton.

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Wednesday the First; Sir Wm Foulis, Mr Jno Robinson Foulis, their Mother Lady Foulis & a Mr Richardson paid us a morning Visit.

Thursday the Second; at home.

Friday the Third; my Wife, Mrs McDonald, & Frederick (part of the way) in our Chaise, & myself on Horseback, went to Ayton, dined at Bro Wilson's, and returned before Tea.

Saturday the Fourth; at home

Sunday the Fifth; Rev^d Conset, his eldest & 2 youngest Daughters drank Tea with us.

Monday the Sixth; at home, a very cold day Wind at North. Messrs Ja. & Robt Sanderson came here late, lay all night.

Tuesday the Seventh; The Wind blew hard from the North, about Midnight, and at two o'Clo this morning became dreadfully high, we had some Lightening & Thunder, with Snow, which last continued at Intervals all day; The West Wall of my Garden is blown down (the second time). Mr Jn^o Sanderson & his Bro. Rob went away before breakfast.

Wednesday the Eighth; The weather, tho' more moderate continues very cold; Rev^d Shuttleworth went away (to Mr Tempest's) before breakfast; at home all day. Doct. Wayne came before dinner & lay here. Miss Eliz. James came (when we were at Tea) to make some stay at Normanby.

Friday the Tenth; Doct. Wayne went away after dinner, fine moderate weather

Saturday the Eleventh; at home, a cold day.

Sunday the Twelfth; my Brother & Sister Wilson & their three Daughters, & Sister Esther dined with us,

Monday the Thirteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; Frederick dined at Ayton; I closely attended my Workmen, removing the large stone Trough which was on the South of this House, about ten yards

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Eastward of where I laid it down, about eight years ago- so that now one of its sides projects 12 inches from the Ha-ha Wall I am building near my House.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; a severe Frost.

Thursday the Sixteenth; a cold day, at home.

Friday the Seventeenth; very cold with some Rain

Saturday the Eighteenth; I walked a shooting with Frederick and my Man John, had very ill success, the day was very cold.

Sunday the Nineteenth; Frederick, Miss E. James & Mrs McDonald & myself went to Eston Chapel afternoon.

Monday the Twentieth; I went to Gisbro' and returned before dinner; a very stormy day.

Tuesday the Twenty First; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Third; a violent Gale blew from the North last night, and the weather continuing very bad this morning I did not go to Boulby as I intended.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; I dined & lay at Boulby; found myself very not well and on

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I left Boulby as soon as breakfast was over, reached home after one o'Clock & immediately went to Bed; very ill, & coughed much

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; lay in Bed all day;

Monday the Twenty Seventh; somewhat better, went down stairs

Tuesday & Wednesday the 28th & 29th; as on Monday

Thursday the Thirtieth & last Day; being worse, I sent for Doct. Wayne, but he being not well himself, he on

DECEMBER 1780

Friday, December the First; sent for Mr Robinson, apothecary of Stokesley to see me, who took 12 oz. of blood from me; my Wife sent Mrs McDonald to Mrs Skottow's at Ayton, in our Chaise,(she came here 31st Oct. last) my Sister Esther returned to assist during my illness

Saturday the Second; very ill.

Sunday the Third; Doct Wayne ventured down to see me (in a Chaise)

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Monday the Fourth; Mrs Jackson sent our Chaise for Doct, Wayne who stays here a few days

Tuesday the Fifth; I had a Blister applied to my Back; my Disorder a Peripneumony,
Wednesday the Sixth; Mr West (Mrs Jackson's Cousin) arrived here from London to stay sometime.

Thursday the Seventh; I had Blisters applied to the inside of my Thighs.

Friday the Eighth; Mr West went to Ayton to spend a week there, (Mr West did not go till Saturday) my Bro & Sist Wilson frequently came down to see me.

Saturday the Tenth; & Monday the 11th and I continued by slow degrees to recover all the succeeding week, Doct Wayne attending me, sometimes two or three days together.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; my Sister Est. left us, having been with us since the 1st inst
Wednesday the 20th. Thursday the 21st & Friday the 22nd, continuing better Doct Wayne went home;

Saturday the Twenty Third; Mr West came from Ayton, having been there a fortnight.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; I dined downstairs being the first time since I fell ill, see Friday the 24th Nov

Christmas day Monday the Twenty Fifth; & all the succeeding week downstairs every day.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; Mr Dodds came here & lay'd all night & went away next day, he was here thrice during my illness

Saturday the Thirtyeth; Mr West went a Fox-hunting (upon Nan) with Mr Chaloner did not return at night; Jn^o Flounders dined here.

Sunday the Thirty First and last day. Mr West came from Mr Chaloner's

JANUARY 1781

Normanby, Munday the First; at home Mr West & Frederick met Mr Chaloner on Barnaby Moor a Fox-hunting,

Tuesday the Second; at home.

Wednesday the Third; I rode out a little

Thursday the Fourth; Rev^d Tanch & Mr Hope drunk Tea with us.

Friday the Fifth; Bro & Sist Wilson, their three daughters, & Sister Est dined with us.

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Saturday the Sixth; I walked out. Bro Wilson walked here, dined & returned

Sunday the Seventh; I sent William to Darlington, with Frederick Lewin who rode there on my Galloway (Nan) intending to set off from there tomorrow in the Fly, for London, having been with us since 12th Sept last; he is now very well, & much increased in weight having gained 7½ pounds in the last seven weeks.

Monday the Eighth; W^m return'd from Darlington having seen Fred: in the Fly there this morning. Mr & Mrs Chaloner, their two oldest Boys, (W^m & Thos.) and Rev^d Lascelles paid us a morning visit;

Tuesday the Ninth; Rev^d Hymers dined & spent the Evening with us.

Wednesday the Tenth; my Wife & Miss E. James in our Chaise & Mr West on horseback went to Ayton after breakfast; the Ladies return'd home after Tea; Mr West went to Mr Chaloners

Thursdy the Eleventh; at home.

Friday the Twelfth; Mr West returned after dinner; Rev^d Conset drank Tea here.

Saturday the Thirteenth; at home.

Sunday the Fourteenth; Rev^d Conset & his Daughter Anna drank Tea here.

Monday the Fifteenth; at home

Tuesday the Sixteenth; Mr West met Mr Chaloner afox Hunting at Cliverick, home after dinner, a fine day.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; not very well.

Thursday the Eighteenth; my Brother & Sister Wilson, & their three Daughters came to stay a few days

Friday the Nineteenth; some snow fell.

Saturday the Twentieth; Mr Wilson & Mr West walked to see the late Embankment near Coatham a Frost when they set out, but Snow on their return.

Sunday the Twenty First; my Bro & Sister Wilson and their three Daughters left us after dinner.

Monday the Twenty Second; a very cold day; by a Letter rec'd from Mr. Geo. Dodds this day dated 20th inst. I have an Acco. that the Violet was driven onshore loaded with Allum at the loading place, on Thursday night last.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; at home.

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Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; the Wind at East blows very hard, and Snow all day.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; Mr Dodds of Boulby came before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; Mr West dined at Ayton; Mr Dodds here all day.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; Mr. Dodds went home after breakfast, Mr West went with him to see the Allum Works, and Staiths &^c. A high South West Wind has dissolved most of the Snow.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; Mr West return'd from Boulby before Tea; the Wind continues high.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; at home

Wednesday the Thirty First & last day; my Wife & Miss E. James rode, & Mr. West & I walked out before dinner.

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Thursday the First; Mr. West went a hunting with Mr. Chaloner; my Wife & Miss James went to Stockton all returned to a late dinner.

Friday the Second; at home.

Saturday the Third; my Wife, little Boy, & Miss E. James went to Ayton in Chaise, & Mr. West on Horseback, they returned in the Evening with my Sister Esther to stay with us a few days; I spent the day in receiving my Rents; Gen^l. Hale called.

Sunday the Fourth; my Wife is very much indisposed. Monday the Fifth; my Wife is somewhat worse, I sent for Doct. Wayne in the Evening; Mr. West went to Mr. Chaloners' before dinner.

Tuesday the Sixth; Doctor Wayne came before dinner; my Wife is a little better

Wednesday the Seventh; Mrs Jackson is better. My Sister Wilson & Niece Han^a drank Tea with us. Mr. & Mrs Chaloner came a morning Visit.

Thursday the Eighth; my Wife is worse;

Friday the Ninth; Mrs. Jackson is better; Doctor Wayne left us before dinner, declaring her Disorder to be a slow Fever, with a tendency to Intermit: my Sister Esther left us before dinner, having been here since last Saturday; I ride daily with Mrs. J. on horseback

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Saturday the Tenth; my Wife is worse to day

Sunday the Eleventh; Mr. Sanderson & Mr. Dodds dined with us, the latter stayed all night, so did Doctor Wayne who came in the Evening.

Monday the Twelfth; Mrs Jackson is somewhat better, Doct. Wayne went away, so did Mr Dodds.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; Mr West & I rode to Stockton, and returned before dinner

Wednesday the Fourteenth; at home. Mr West rode to Ayton, returned before dinner; Mrs Jackson is better.

Thursday the Fifteenth; my Wife being better, went in the Chaise to Ayton with Miss E James & Mr West; myself on Horseback, after dinner ^Hay [?] the Maid rode behind Fawcit^ [they?] lay at my Sist Esther's on our [their?] Journey to London

Friday the Sixteenth; my Wife appearing better I dined & lay at Normanby;

Saturday the Seventh; I went from Normanby after breakfast dined at Doct Waynes at Stokesley, & found my Wife much as yesterday, at my Sist Esther's at Ayton; Miss Blackburn at my Sisters.

Sunday the Eighteenth; Mr Brown of Stockton being at my Brother Wilson's for the day, I dined there.

Monday the Nineteenth; my Wife having had a good night I got an early breakfast, did some Business at Gisbro, & dined at Normanby, went to Ayton before Tea.

Tuesday the Twentieth; Mrs Jackson is no better, her Looseness & want of Appetite continuing

Wednesday the Twenty First; Miss E. James left us this morning, she has been our Visitor since 9th Nov. Mr West set her to Yarm, I dined at Normanby.

Thursday the Twenty Second; Mrs Jackson is very poorly, I walked to Mr Wayne's, (at Angrove) who is about finishing his dining & Drawing Rooms &^c. Mr West abides at Bro Wilson's, save that he plays at Cards an hour or two with us (at my Sist E^s) in the Evening

Friday the Twenty Third; Mrs Jackson is worse.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; my Wife's Cough increases, her original disorder, a Looseness abates

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; Mrs Jackson somewhat better.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; Mrs Jackson's Indisposition is greater today

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Ash Wednesday the Twenty Eighth & last Day; Mrs Carey & Mrs Chaloner sat an hour with my Wife who is very poorly; Miss Blackburne went away, see Sat^{dy} the 17th inst

MARCH 1781

Thursday the First; I dined at Normanby; Mrs. Jackson is somewhat better.

Friday the Second; my Bro & Sister Wilson rode to see the Children at Normanby;

Saturday the Third; Mr West and I dined at Mr Chaloners. Mrs Jackson not so well to day.

Sunday the Fourth; I went to Ayton Church before Noon; spent the Evening at Mr Wilsons

Monday the Fifth; Mrs Wilson carried Mr West in her Coach to Stokesley, where he took Post Chaise for North-Allerton & from thence in the Fly to London, he had been with us since 6th Dec. last, I went to Stokesley in our Chaise, on my return rode out before my Wife, who is very poorly; & I dined at Normanby.

Tuesday the Sixth; I walked with Bro. Wilson to Stokesley & returned before dinner; my Wife being very poorly I did not come to Norm'by as I intended, Doct, Wayne drank Tea at Ayton.

Wednesday the Seventh; Mrs Jackson being worse this morning I sent for Doctor Wayne, she rode out in the Chaise with Sister Wilson, returned very weak & shivering, I came to Normanby after dinner, to see the Children.

Thursday the Eighth; at Ayton, my Wife no better

Friday the Ninth; Mrs Jackson being rather weaker I rode to Doct. Wayne at Stokesley After dinner, drank Tea at Mr Preston's

Saturday the Tenth; my Bro. Wilson & I dined at Normanby; on our return to Ayton found my Wife very weakly

Sunday the Eleventh; my dear Woman, being much indisposed visibly weaker every day, tho' till within a day or two had not any Pain, & now only a transient griping in her Bowels, I am become very unhappy; before dinner I rode to Doctor Wayne, he came to Ayton soon after, & on consultation I desired him to write to Doctor Hunter of York, that he may come here soon.

Monday the Twelfth; my Wife having had a very good night as usual, I dined at Normanby

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Tuesday the Thirteenth; tho' Mrs Jackson had a good night, she has been ill & weak all day; Doctor Hunter (see last Sunday) came this Evening (Dr Wayne was with us) he supt & lay at my Bro. Wilson's.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Doctor Hunter left my Wife after breakfast, of opinion that her Dyarrhea & some other Symptoms she has, tho' not attended with any Pain, proceeds a Consumptive Habit, I came to Normanby after dinner and returned

Thursday the Fifteenth; my Wife very weak but was carried to the Chaise & rode therein with my Sister Wilson into my Sister Esther's Grounds

Friday the Sixteenth; Mrs Jackson much as yesterday, but dared not to venture out, I walked to Doctor Wayne at Stokesley after dinner.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I came to Normanby after breakfast, returned to Ayton after dinner

Sunday the Eighteenth; I went to Ayton Church before dinner; Doctor Wayne drank Tea with us afternoon; my Wife Coughs more today than usual

Monday the Nineteenth; Mrs Jackson is very low today, her Cough is very troublesome to her; I came to Normanby after dinner & returned.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; the Children (& their Nurses) came from Normanby to see their Mother at Ayton they returned in the Chaise in the Evening

Wednesday the Twenty First; Mrs Jackson is much as yesterday, I walked to Stokesley after dinner, returned before Tea

Thursday the Twenty Second; my Wife has had a pretty good night; Mr Preston called on me & I went with him to a Sale of sundry Goods of S^r Ja^s Pennyman's at Ormsby, Brother Wilson came to us there, and we all dined at my House at Normanby; my Brother Wilson went to Ayton with us in the Chaise, I found my Wife somewhat better

Friday the Twenty Third; I dined at Normanby, & soon after attended a Sale of several of S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Goods, see yesterday; I bought a Garden Seat, (pd Twenty two Shill^s) for myself and two Melon Frames for Brother Wilson went to Ayton in the Evening; M^{rs} J. very poorly

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I walked to Stokesley & returned to Ayton before dinner. My Wife appears weaker than she was yesterday.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; Doct. Wayne drank Tea with us, Mrs Jackson Cough is worse.

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Monday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Gisbro' and returned to Ayton before dinner; Mrs Jackson's Cough seems to increase, her looseness is checked (to about one stool a day), her strength wanes.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; my dear Wife Coughs more & more, & does not sleep well.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; after breakfast, my Bro. & Niece Est. Wilson went with me to Norm'by in the Chaise, returned to Ayton before dinner; Doct Wayne came in the afternoon. Mrs Jackson cough's worse.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; my Wife is much about the same as yesterday; I have hitherto lay in the same Bed with her, but as neither she nor I sleep so well as we have done; I removed into my Sisters Bed in the North- Room, this night, & the Maid (Hannah) lay by her Mistress in a small Bed put up this day

Friday the Thirtieth; Mrs Jackson seems weaker & Coughs much, & the day being cold I did not carry her down stairs as I have done daily all this Month; Doct. Wayne with us after dinner.

Saturday the Thirty first & last Day. I came to Normanby & returned to Ayton to dinner; Mrs Jackson seems a little better day.

APRIL 1781

Sunday the First; my dear Wife seems to be rather stronger today

Monday the Second; I went to Gisbro' with Mr Preston, he then went with me to the Burial-Ground of the Wards, my Mother &^c in Gisborough Church-yard, which I took the Dimensions of, to draw a Plan from; I eat a little dinner at Mr Harrison's and finished with my Sister at Ayton. Doct Wayne drank Tea; Mrs Jackson is not so well, as yesterday

Tuesday the Third; I came to Normanby early and returned to Ayton to dinner: my Wife is much as she was yesterday.

Wednesday the Fourth; Mrs Jackson as yesterday.

Thursday the Fifth; my Wife seems a little weaker. I came to Normanby & returned before dinner

Friday the Sixth; I sent W^m to Normanby in the morning for our Cook (Betty Oworm) who came before dinner; Mrs Jackson as yesterday; Doct. Wayne drank Tea.

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Saturday the Seventh; my Wife having had a good night I went to Normanby returned to dinner.

Sunday the Eighth; Mrs Jackson has had a disturbed night; at five o'Clock this morning and again about Noon, she nearly lost her Breath by Coughing to get up some loose Phelgm, and is very weak this evening: Doct. Wayne drank Tea.

Monday the Ninth; my dear Wife has had an uneasy Night' tho' does not complain of any Pain, at about seven o'Clock this evening she nearly expired from fatigue. Doct. Wayne was present; I am very poorly.

Tuesday the Tenth; Mrs Jackson has had a restless night, Sweats much all day, Slumbers and has wandering thoughts, Doct. Wayne with her in the Evening.

Wednesday the Eleventh; my dear Wife had wandering thoughts all night, takes little Nourishment, did not know me this morning at seven o'Clock, but about nine seemed to recollect me for a little while; Doct. Wayne came before four o'Clock in the afternoon, after he and I had sat a little time in the Room we retired down Stairs, and at half past four my Sister Esther closed the Eyes of my dearest Woman who dyed without giving a Sigh, my Sister Wilson & the Maid Hannah in the Room, Bro. Wilson came to me, she is Twenty five years and Twenty three days old being born the 19th day of March 1756, at her Father's Uncle Tho^s Brookes Esq. South Audley Street, Westminster; We were married in Greenwich Church Thursday the 14th Nov 1776, she bore her first Child at Normanby, the 17th Oct 1777, named afterwards (14th Nov) Ralph Ward, he dyed at Ayton the 13th April 1778; she bore her next Child also at Normanby, the 27th Oct 1778 named W^m Ward, he is now alive, so is his Sister, God be praised, who was born at my Sister's Esthers at Ayton on the 30th Nov 1779, named Mary Lewin; my dear Wife miscarried at Ayton the 10th June 1780, see that day in this Book I was born at Thirsk the 15th January 1736, old Stile, am now a justly sorrowful widower, having enjoyed much happiness this World can afford, (save my suffering on Account of my Wife's illnesses, and the death of my Child)- four years and near five Months; I lay at my Brother Wilson's, my Man Fawcit lay by me.

Thursday the Twelfth; I sent for my Man John Pierson, also Jn^o Price, and Mr Smith of Stockton all preparitory to the Interment of my Wife.

Good Friday the Thirteenth; a sorrowfull day, my Children at Normanby, the little Boy was affected at seeing us in the mourning & looking graver than usual.

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Saturday the Fourteenth; at Ayton

Easter Sunday, the Fifteenth; Mr Lewin (my dear Wife's Father) came as we were sitting down to dinner at my Brother Wilson's, who going to meet him at the door, distressed him by his appearance (in mourning) which was the first information to him of the death of his Daughter; he declared he would return to London immediately, but after giving great vent to his Grief, was prevailed on to sit down to dinner with Mr Wilson in a room by themselves, soon after, he desired to see his Daughter's Corps, which he did; with my Sisters Esther & Wilson moving his Affections, prevailed with him to accompany them & my Brother Wilson to Normanby; after spending an hour there, with his Grand Children, they returned to Ayton, and now He and I met, in sorrow (for he could not allow the Meeting before) we all spent the Evening together, & he lay at Mr Wilson's.

Easter Monday the Sixteenth; Mr Wilson was so kind as set Mr Lewin to North-Allerton (in my Chaise) on his way to London, after breakfast. I at my Sisters at noon I had my Child late Ra. Ward, taken up, and put into my Sister Esthers Garden House where the Coffin was all night, he was burried in Lead this day three years, to wit, on the 16th of April 1778, see that day in my Journal.

Easter Tuesday the Seventeenth; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, there three Daughters, Rev^d Hastwell (Doct Wayne being ill) & Mr Smith(of Stockton) dined, at twelve, at my Sister Esther's; eight Tenants &^c &^c at the Inn, Mrs Laurinces; and at about half past one, my late dearly beloved Wife & her late Child Ra. Ward, were put into a Hearse, and the funeral Procession began, my Prinicpal Tenants at Normanby -8- rode first, in silk Hat- bands & Gloves; then my Sister Estr's. Servant William, & my Brother Wilson's Servant David, as Mutes; then went the Hearse; which was followed by my Bro. Wilson and Revd. Hastwell in Scarphs Hatbands & Gloves, in a mourning Coach; each Carriage was drawn by four black Horses; followed by my Servant Jno Fawcit, & Jas Appleton my Butcher of Eston & my Tenant, representing John Peirson my good old Servant, who is now very ill, in Crepe Hat bands & Gloves & mourning Cloaths, then followed my own Chaise, having my Servants Sarah Child, Han^a Topping & Eliz Oworm in silk Hoods & Gloves & mourning Gowns of mine. Mrs Mary Lythe as a Servant in silk Hood & Gloves went in the Coach with Mr Wilson & Mr Hastwell; when at Gisbro' Churchyard Gate, my Tenants bore the Coffin in Hand, the pall being laid upon it, & Mr Wilson & Mr Hastwell were followed into

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the Church by the four Maids as above; my Child in the mean time was laid in a Grave South of my late Uncle Edw^d Ward's, viz. close by Mr Chaloner's Wall, and my Wife was burried in a Grave, bricked at the sides, & afterwards arched with Bricks, close on the North side of my late worthy Mother, leaving three feet space between my dear Wife & the North Rails, where I propose to be interred in a brick Grave, like those of my Mother and Wife; Mr Wilson & Mr Hastwell returned about five, Mr Smith with them. We all drank Tea at my Sisters. I give on this melancholy Occasion, Mourning Cloaths to all my Servants, (save the Gardener, Cha^s Forbes, who leaves me at Mayday) to wit, 3 men & 5 Women, & also to Mrs Smythe-Scarphs, Hat-bands, & Gloves to Bro. Wilson, Rev^d Hastwel, & to Rev^d Williamson Clergyman of Gisbro' - Scarphs, Hoods, & Gloves to Sisters Esther & Wilson, to my three Niece Wilsons, and to Mrs Cary, Lady Foulis, Mrs Turner, Mrs Marwood, these 4 Ladies are not now in the Country, to Mrs Mauleverer, Wayne, Skottowe, Challoner Sen & Jun, Hale, Rudd, Williamson & Harrison; and I write to London for Rings for M Lewin & West, Sisters Esther, Wilson, & Dorothy Jackson, these five to have Hair used about, and plain Rings for Mrs Nicholson, (Mrs Jackson's Aunt), Mrs Jackson (my Sister), to Mrs Matthews, Long, Barney, Misses Hannah, Rachel & Esther Wilson (my Nieces) Miss Ward, Dingley Askew, Pybuss, James Wilkinson, Benson, Hopper, Ambler, Surtees, Misses Eliz. James, Mayaffre, & Williamson, Misses Spencer, Fisher & Allen, Doct. Wayne & myself, I intend to give Rings to Mr Thos & Mr Rich^d Lewin, (her Brothers) as soon as I can get them conveyed to them in India, Mrs Foster & Mrs Pease will have something in Money; and I intend to have an oval Figure emblematical of my late dear Wife & Child, & of myself & two surviving Children.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; Mr Smith (of Stockton) breakfasted with my Sister; she & I went to Normanby to see the Children, dined and returned in the Evening, Mr Dodds & his Son dined there on their road to Elemore &^c. Thos. Wardell with them.

Thursday the Nineteenth; I went to Normanby alone in the Chaise, intending to bring the Children, to Ayton but finding my Man Jn^o Peirson better, & the Children well I returned alone

Friday the Twentyeth; at Ayton.

Saturday the Twenty First; at Ayton.

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Sunday the Twenty Second; Sending the Maids Han^a & Eliz (Owram) to Normanby yesterday Eveng in the Chaise (see 15th July & 6th inst) William returned this morning with the Children, & their Servants Ann Cornforth & Dinah Carrick; Mr Wilson & Family drank Tea at my Sisters.

Monday the Twenty Third; at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; at seven o'Clock my Brother Wilson & I got into my Chaise, & got to N^o Allerton at Ten, soon after the Court of Quarter Session for the North Riding of Yorkshire was opened, the first business done was to elect a Chief Constable for the Wapentake of Hang-West, in place of Mr Shilleys deceased, the Candidates were Mr Ingram Gill recommended by Rev^d. Mr Wyvil, at whose instance Mr Wilson & I went to the Sessions; Mr Wm Chayter canvassed by Letter for Mr Breare an Attorney at Middleham, but on the Bench he gave up Mr Breare (finding he cou'd not succeed) in favour of Mr Spence of [space left blank] who Rev^d Mr Fred. Dodsworth recommended; There were Twenty two Justices on the Bench, 14 of whom voted for Mr Gill, viz. Gen. Cary, W, Mauleverer, Chaloner, York, Morrit, Pullein, Ra Bell, Sutton, Cradock, Wilson, myself, & Revd. Wyville, Comber, & Zouch (of Wycliff) and 8 for Mr Spence, viz. Mr Chayter, Peter Conset, Watson, & Goulet, & Revd. Doct. Chayter, Peacock, Hugil, & Dodsworth; Mr Gill being declared duly elected, several of the Justices left the Bench; Bro Wilson, (Mr Sutton) & myself dined on cold Beef, & got to Ayton at five.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I walked to Stokesley with Mr Wilson before dinner he consulted Mr Preston about some arrears several of his Boulby Tenants are in; called to see Doct. Wayne who has been ill.

Thurday the Twenty Sixth; drank Tea at my Brother Wilson's.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I went to Normanby in the Chaise, Mr Dodds, his son & Thos Wardell came there before dinner; they have been to see his Father, & at Elemore; Thos Wardell (about 14 years old) was with them to see his Uncle Chr. Wardell at Durham, see Wednesday the 18th inst- they left me after dinner, & taking a Horse to the top of the hill, I walked to Ayton, leaving Wm. & the Chaise at Norm'by; Mrs Skottow & her Daugt^r drank Tea at Mr Wilsons.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at Ayton.

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Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I walked with my little Boy (the little Girl not being well) & my Sister to pay a morning Visit to Mrs Scottowe, her Niece Mrs Richardson & her Husband of Manchester being with her; they drank Tea at my Brother Wilsons; I went to church today being the first time since Mrs Jackson dyed, Revd Mr Conset did duty (afternoon) Revd Hastwell being ill.

Monday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I rode to Normanby before dinner; returned in the Evening.

MAY 1781

Tuesday the First; a cold Easterly Wind blows, I am far from well, nor are either of my Children quite well, they both throw up from their Stomachs.

Wednesday the Second; the children are better, I am not well, Mr Wilson & Family drank Tea here.

Thursday the Fourth; my Sister Esther, my two Children, their Maids & myself dined at Normanby intending them (save my Sister) to live here, they went to Ayton on Sunday the 22nd of last Month

Saturday the Fifth; at home

Sunday the Sixth; at home.

Monday the Seventh; I attended at Gisbro' with Mr Chaloner, & Revd Williamson, to execute the Land Tax, Windows,& Poor Acts, dined at Mr Harrisons & returned home to Tea; I had my Chaise.

Tuesday the Eighth; Mr Raine Surveyor of the Houses & Windows dined with me

Wednesday the Ninth; my Sister & I walked out with the Children, the day being very fine.

Thursday the Tenth; a cold easterly Wind.

Friday the Eleventh; after breakfast my Sister Esther & myself went in my Chaise to Ayton she remained there (at her own House) having been to stay with me since Friday the 4th inst. I returned to dinner

Saturday the Twelfth; my late Gardener Chas Forbes (who came to me 24th May 1777) went away this morning, and in the Evening Jn^o Mc Dougal came in his Place, (recommended to

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me by Mr Aitkin late Gardener, to Sir Ja^s Pennyman now to Mr Tempest) he lived the last three years with Mr Cradock of Hartforth.

Sunday the Thirteenth; my Servant John Peirson had a return of his Ague-fit last night; the other Servants went to Church.

Monday the Fourteenth; I went to Guisbro' after breakfast, did much business & returned home to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I sat an hour at Rev^d Conset's before dinner.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; much Rain with East Wind; my little Girl cut her first Eye Tooth this mornng, the left side of the upper Jaw

Thursday the Seventeenth; at home, a cold day, Wind at North-East with Rain.

Friday the Eighteenth; a cold Easterly Wind with Rain all day; my Bro. Wilson dined & drank Tea with me; Mr Baker dined here after us, & then returned to Elemore, he came to speak about our Suit about Biddick Colliery, he goes to London in a week's time.

Saturday the Nineteenth; cold Wind at N, my Servant Jn^o Pierson has a Relapse of his Ague.

Sunday the Twentieth; I went to Ayton in my Chaise, at that Church before Noon, dined at my Brother Wilson's, & home to Tea.

Monday the Twenty First; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; Revd. Janet sat an hour with me this morning; Mr Rob. Culley of Denton came before dinner & lay here.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; Mr Culley left me after breakfast, is not very well; Gen^l Hale sat half an hour with me before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I walked out a little, but the East Wind blows so cold & has done so several days, that I am exceedingly chilled.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; a fine day.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; my Servant Jn^o Pierson is very ill indeed of the Ague, he does not tremble as he used to do but the Fever seems to be full as high, he rode with me to the Forest &^c before dinner

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I went to Ayton before dinner, dined (with Niece Estr) at my Sistr Esther's my Bro. & Sistr's Twin Nieces being at Mr Blackburne's at Richmond; I went to Ayton Church in the afternoon; and after drinking tea, my Sist. came for & by with me.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Gisbro', returned before dinner.

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Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; at home with my Children & my Sister

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; after breakfast I took my little Boy before me, & my Sister mounted behind a Servant, we rode to the Forest, returned before Eleven, soon after my Bro. & Sistr & 3 Nieces Wilson came, they dined, & drank Tea before they returned.

Thursday the Thirty First, & last Day. After breakfast my sister & I went to Stockton in my Chaise, we did much Business in the Shops there, & I got home to a late Dinner.

JUNE 1781

Friday the First, Doctr. Wayne dined with us on his road to Redcar

Saturday the Second; my Man John Pierson continues very much indisposed; Mrs Wilson of Barwick breakfasted with us.

Whit-Sunday the Third; after breakfast my Sister Est: & I went to Ayton, we received the Sacrament at that Church, dined at my Brother Wilson's; I left my Sister at her own home, she having spent the whole of last week with me in sorting and laying by, my late dear Wife's Apparel, &^c a melancholy week to me; I came home before Tea, found my little Boy coughing, which he has done two days,

Monday the Fourth; I spent at home, my Boy Coughs more to-day; my Man, Jn^o is worse.

Tuesday the Fifth; spent at home.

Wednesday the Sixth; my Boy's Cough is as bad as yesterday; my Man John is better.

Thursday the Seventh; my Bro Wilson dined with me on his Road from KirkLeatham, Where he rode to this morning

Friday the Eighth; much Rain fell last night with a high Wind from the North, & North-East

Saturday the Ninth; a rainy day, my Little Boy Coughs more to-day than he did.

Sunday the Tenth; my Child (Wm) coughs more today & throws up after it, often; from whence I am of Opinion it may be the Chin-Cough, tho' the little Girl (his Sister) has nothing of it, he began on the 1st or 2nd of this Month; many Children of Ayton are, & have two months[^] past [^] been so affected; by some People there it is called the Chin- Cough (Wm Richardson Tanner of Langbaugh lost his Son Wm in it very lately) but it appears that many People are ill of it who have had the Hooping, or Chin-Cough when they were young

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Monday the Eleventh; I attended a meeting of the Justices & Commiss^r of L^d Tax but there being no appeal, I returned to dinner. Very thick, hazy weather, which prevents the Children being carried out, the little Man is very poorly.

Tuesday the Twelfth; as yesterday.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; my Little Boy is better today; my Brother & Sister Wilson came before dinner to see us, stayed two hours; I think my little Girl is begun in the disorder her Brother has; having coughed a little yesterday, more to day, & has had a difficulty in breathing several days, my faithfull Servant Jn^o Pierson continues very much indisposed, I rode out with him this afternoon,

Thursday the Fourteenth; at home.

Friday the Fifteenth; my little Boy is as he was the other day, little Girl Coughs more, my Servant Jn^o Pierson is better; my Sister Est^r & my Niece (Han^a) Wilson came before dinner, to finish the assorting & laying away in Trunks &^c my late dear Wife's apparel &^c – see Sunday 3rd inst.

Saturday the Sixteenth; A French Privateer being close off Redcar yesterday I rode there this morning with my Servant Jn^o Peirson (who is better) my Children as yesterday.

Sunday the Seventeenth; my Bro. & Sis^{tr} Wilson, & Nieces Rachel & Est^r drank Tea here, & took home with them my Niece Wilson, see last Friday.

Monday the Eighteenth; I went to Boulby leaving my Sister Est^r to overlook the Nurses, my two Children Coughing much now.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; I spent at Boulby

Wednesday the Twentieth; I came home to dinner; found my Niece Wilson, who came to my House last Monday Evening, having been at Coatham on a Party of pleasure with her Sisters, M^{rs} & Miss Skottowe & M^r French; I also found Doct^r Wayne who dined here on his road to Redcar where he intends to bathe in the Sea; he pronounces my Children to have the Hooping or Chin-Cough (see the 3rd & the 13th days of this Month)

Thursday the Twenty first; my Sister Est^r Niece Wilson & myself walked into S^r Ja^s Pennyman's Shrubbery before dinner.

Friday the Twenty Second; I went in my Chaise with my Sister Est^r & Niece Wilson to Ayton, returned before dinner, leaving the Ladies at their respective homes; my Children Cough, and they both throw up much, W^m does it easier.

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Saturday the Twenty Third; at home; I think my little Boy is not so severely affected by his Cough this day and that my little Girl is worse

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Bro^r & Sist^r Wilson & their eldest Daughter rode here before breakfast, stayed two hours and returned; I think my Boy does not Cough so severely as he has done; but my little Girl's Cough increases, & she does not discharge her Stomach of Phelgm so easy as her Brother has done in this illness; I went to Church ^ (Eston Chapel)^ after dinner, the first time here, since my dear Wife dyed.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Gisbro' in the Chaise (being rainy weather) & returned before dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; at home. I think my Boy continues better, & my Girl worse.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I went to Stockton and returned before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; Beginning to mow my Meadow yesterday, I attended the Hay-makers to-day; M^r Sutton & a M^r Mills call'd here in the morning, stayed an hour; Henry Pecket, of Easingwold once a Servant of my Father's (about 11 years) came to stay a few days.

Friday the Twenty ninth; my Children are much as usual, Coughing &^c

Saturday the Thirtyeth & last Day; my Bro^r & Sist^r Wilson, their Daughters Han^a & Esther, my Sist^r Esther dined & drank Tea with me, before dinner M^r Brown^(of Stockton)^his eldest Daughter, & Son Edward came unexpectedly they also drank Tea; Scurfield the upholsterer attended by appointment.

JULY 1781

Sunday the First; Harry Pecket (see last Thursday) went away this evening to Ayton

Monday the Second; I paid a morning Visit to Gen^l Hale, & to M^r Chaloner, dined at home; brought home the Middle Garth's Hay 10 Loads.

Tuesday the Third; my little Boy being considerably relieved from his Hooping or Chin-Cough, I took him in the Chaise to Ayton, his Maid Dinah with him, returned to dinner; my little Girl Coughs as much as ever, she began 3 weeks since (see Wednesday 13th ult^o) my Man John Peirson is quite free from the Ague, and is so recovered of his Jaundice &^c that he looks well.

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Wednesday the Fourth; at home.

Thursday the Fifth; I think my little Boy caught some cold on Tuesday, my little Girl is feeble, Coughs much, & I believe is about more Teeth; I dined at M^r Brown's at Stockton my Brother & Sister Wilson & Twin Nieces were there

Friday the Sixth; my little Boy has had a good night after 2or 3 loose Stools yesterday, his Sister looks pale, and spiritless - at home.

Saturday the Seventh; as yesterday

Sunday the Eighth; I sent my Chaise to Ayton, and after dinner my Sist^r Est. & Niece Rachel returned in it, they lay here.

Monday the Ninth; my Sister & Niece in my Chaise went to Coatham, I went on horseback, & returned before dinner, leaving them to bath with two oldest Miss Welbanks & their Niece Miss Brown who went there last Saturday both my Children appear to be better.

Tuesday the Tenth; The morning being Rainy I went in my Chaise, to Gisbro' where the Quarter Sessions for this North Riding of Yorkshire was held, the Justices on the Bench were M^r Turner, M^r Mauleverer, Chaloner, my Brother Wilson, M^r Sutton, Mathews Jun^r, Watson, & myself, little Business came before us, I got home about Nine.

Wednesday the Eleventh; I dined at the Inn at Coatham with my Sister, Niece, Misses Welbank, Brown & ^c returned home after Tea

Thursday the Twelfth; at home, my little Boy appears to have a recent Cold as well as the Hooping-Cough, the little Girl is visibly better; I have Hay down in the Tofts

Friday the Thirteenth, I rode to the Forest about some Gravel which M^r Lewin has sent me down, to lay in front of my House and on the road to it returned about eleven; soon after came my Sist^r Est. & Niece Rachel, Miss Welbank her Sister Jane & their Niece Eliz^a Brown all from Coatham, Rev^d Grise also; & with him Rev^d Shuttleworth of K. Leatham, not long after them, my Sist^r Wilson her Daughters Han^a & Est^r & Jack Skottow arrived from Ayton, they dined, & after[^]drinking[^] Tea returned to the places from whence they came, save M^r Grise who went home to his Curacy of Hutton Rudby.

Saturday the Fourteenth; at home, my Children are better

Sunday the Fifteenth; I sent my chaise to Coatham for my Sister Esther, & Niece Rachel who dined with me, (see last Sunday) & then proceeded to Ayton in a single Horse Chaise which my Sist^r Servant came here with, this morning; it is let out for Hire & kept at Ayton

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Monday the Sixteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; after dinner I rode to Coatham drank Tea with Miss Welbank and Miss Brown, returned (in Rain) about Nine.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; at home.

Thursday the Nineteenth; Rev^d Conset, Shuttleworth, & Williamson, & Mess^{rs} Harrison & Rudd, dined with me.

Friday the Twentieth; my two little Folks continuing to recover of the Hooping-Cough, I dined at Ayton.

Saturday the Twenty First; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; my Nephew & Niece Berney & their ^only^ Child Eliza now about 24 & a half Old arriving at Ayton this morning; I went there after dinner, returned after Tea.

Monday the Twenty Third; Miss Welbank her Sister Jane, & their Niece Brown drank Tea with me on their road from Coatham, to their home (Stockton) my Sister Esther came soon after (I sent my chaise for her) she lay here.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; at home ^finished getting my Hay^

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; Much Rain fell this day, so that I account myself fortunate in having got up all my Hay yesterday, not a Shower o' Rain fell upon either of the Fields (the middle Garth & Tofts) since mowed.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; my Brother & Sister Wilson their three Daughters, my Nep^w & Niece Berney, M^r. M^{rs}. & Miss Askew dined with me, my Sister Esther returned with them to Ayton in the Evening; & just then M^r Baker arrived, he lay here;

Friday the Twenty Seventh; M^r Baker & I dined & lay at Boulby, ex^d our accounts there.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; after M^r Baker & myself went through the whole of our last Year's Acccounts (ending 31st May last) we allowed them with our^Chief^ Agent M^r Geo: Dodds; M^r Baker dined & lay at KirkLeatham; I dined at Boulby & got home about seven, finding my Children recovering much from the hoping Cough.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; M^r Baker breakfasted with me on his road home; M^r. M^{rs} & Miss Askew with my Sister Est^r & Nieces Han^a & Est^r Wilson (for whom I sent my Chaise this morning) dined with me & intend to stay two days.

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Monday the Thirtyeth; I rode with M^r Askew to Sir Ja^s Lowther's Sea Bank at Coatham before dinner; Bro. & Sist^r Wilson, their Daugh & Rach & M^r. & M^{rs} Berney drank Tea with us, they returned to Ayton; we(M^r & M^{rs} Askew &^c &^c) went through a part of Sir Ja^s Pennyman's Grounds & Gardens in the evening; going in Chaise to the Lodg' & returning in them from the high end of Ormsby, a most agreeable evening.

Tuesday the Thirty First & last Day; after breakfast M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Askew left me to go home to Redheugh (near Newcastle) having been two days with me; I sent my Sister Esther, & Nieces Han^a & Est^r Wilson in my Chaise to Ayton before dinner. My little Boy W^m Ward, & Girl, Mary Lewin, may be sayed to be recovered from the Hooping Cough, seldom showing any signs of it now; he began on the 1st June, & she on the 12th of same Month, see Sunday the 3^d & Wednesday the 13th of June in this Book. See also the 20th of same Month.

AUGUST 1781

Wednesday the First; I dined & drank Tea at Brother Wilson's at Ayton, (M^r & M^{rs} Berney being there) on my road there in my Chaise I was overtaken by Geo: Dodds Jun^r with a letter from his Father, containing an Account of a Privateer attempting to cut off our Sloop Violet, yesterday evening, she was loaded with Coals; the Master, Rob^t Jackson ran her on shore 200 y^{ds} Westw^d of the outmost mooring Port at our Allum Works, at about low Water mark, there scuttled & sank her; as soon as he & his two men left her she was boarded by the Privateer's People in two Boats, who ransacked her, but on being fired upon from the Cliff by neighbouring Farmers & Fishermen from Staiths, with small Arms, & one of their Men killed or wounded they left her, & proceeded to Skiningrove where a Sloop, (the Lapel, belonging to L^d Mulgrave) & some fishing Boats had taken Shelter, she fired many Shot large & small but none of them did damage to the Inhabitants, several large Shot were also fired at Boulby, some of which went over the Allum House, & one weighing 5 p^{nds} & was taken out of the rubage heap between the House & the Works.

Thursday the Second; I spent at home with my Children.

Friday the Third; at home all day receiving of my Tenants, their last Lady day Rent.

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Saturday the Fourth; I rode to Stockton after breakfast, & returned with W^m Snowdon, who dined with me;- very hot weather.

Sunday the Fifth; I dined at Ayton finding there my Brother & Sister Jeffrey Jackson of Woodford Bridg' (near London) who arrived at my Sister Esther's yesterday evening, they brought my Nephew W^m Wilson in their Chariot from M^r Benfield's School, near Hampstead.

Monday the Sixth; I dined at Rev^d M^r Williamson's at Gisbro'

Tuesday the Seventh; I breakfasted at my Sister Esther's at Ayton, I sat an hour with Doct^r Wayne at Stokesley, & after spending sometime with Mr Preston, I came home before dinner.

Wednesday the Eighth; Captⁿ Jackson & Niece Rachel Wilson rode here before dinner they returned to Ayton after Tea

Thursday the Ninth; my Brother & Sister Wilson, their three Daughters, Bro & Sister Jeff^y Jackson, Sister Esther & M^r & M^{rs} Berney came before dinner, the two latter & my Twin Niece Wilson stay here ten days or more - they leave their Child at Ayton ^ my little Boy & Girl having the Hooping Cough^

Friday the Tenth; M^r Berney & I rode upon Barnaby Moor before dinner; in the evening the Ladies rode with us to the Banks of the River.

Saturday the Eleventh; M^r Berney the Ladies (in his Chariot) & I spent an hour in K:Leatham Chapel, the Library &^c. then proceeded to Coatham, and after viewing the Embankment made by Sir James Lowther ^ which was broke through the 20th inst.^, we returned to a late dinner.

Sunday the Twelfth; we all dined at Brother Wilson's at Ayton, returned after Tea.

Monday the Thirteenth; we (M^r & M^{rs} Berney, Twin Nieces & myself) breakfasted early & set out for Boulby, the three Ladies in M^r Berney's Chariot, at Saltburn M^{rs} Berney & Miss Wilson mounted their Horses & rode to the Allum-Works, Miss Rachel alone in the Chariot; We dined there at three o'Clock; drank Tea at M^r Sanderson's at Staiths (riding thither on horseback), my Niece Wilson's lay there.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; Miss Wilsons came to us at Boulby after breakfast, we then proceeded to Normanby in the same manner as we travelled yesterday, arriving before dinner. ^ Geo. Dodds & his Son returned with us^

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Wednesday the Fifteenth; M^r ^B. on horseback^ & M^{rs} Berney & Miss Wilsons went to Ayton in my Chaise returning before dinner, my Niece Wilson stayed there, and my Niece Esther came here in her stead.

Thursday the Sixteenth; Gen^l Cary & M^r Strickland with him pay'd me a morning Visit; on their going away, my Niece Berney in her Chariot & niece Rachel Wilson with her, & M^r Berney my Niece Esther & myself in my Chaise, went to Gen^l Hale's at the Plantation we dined & drank Tea; M^{rs} Moor there.

Friday the Seventeenth; M^R & M^{rs} Berney & myself rode a little in the morning (to Sir Ja^s Pennymen's House in the forenoon).

Saturday the Eighteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Berney & I rode to Acklam returned by Marton before dinner.

Sunday the Nineteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Berney & my Nieces Rachel & Est. Wilson & myself dined at Ayton, and ^all^ returned after Tea^ M^r Dodds & his Son dined here, see 14th inst.^

Monday the Twentieth; M^r Berney & I rode to W^m Snowdon's, spent some time in looking at a young Horse he has to sell - ^ S^r Ja^s Lowthers Embankment^ many times mentioned in my Journal was broke thro' this night; we have rough & high Spring Tides but very little wind from N.E.^

Tuesday the Twenty First; Gen^l & M^{rs} Hale, their Daughter Harriet, old M^{rs} Chaloner & M^{rs} Moor, all from Plantation dined with us.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; after breakfast my Nieces Berney & Rach^l Wilson^in the Chariot^, M^r Berney & myself on horseback (leaving Niece Est^r at home) went to Skelton Castle, walked into M^r Halls Gardens & pleasure Ground in his Wood employing two hours there; then rode to M^r Dundass' hall, and home (to Normanby) before five to dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Third; M^r Harrison Teacher of Mathematicks at Newcastle, & M^r Geo: Allen of Darlington dined with us. I rode with M^r Berney in the morning.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; I rode with M^r Berney before dinner, on Barnaby Moor &^c after tea (say about 6 o'Clock in the Evening M^r and M^{rs} Berney, & my Nieces Rachel & Esther Wilson left me, See the 9th & 15th instant

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at M^r Chaloners, meeting my Bro & Sist^r Wilson, their Son William, my Bro. & Sis^{tr} Jeffry Jackson, & M^r & M^{rs} Berney .

Monday the Twenty Seventh; at home all day with my Children who Cough a little yet -showery weather, middle of wheat Harvest

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's - found Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary there.

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Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; at home

Thursday the Thirtieth; much Rain fell last night, and all this day; my Bro & Sis^{tr} Jeffry & Sister Esther came after dinner to stay some days.

Friday the Thirty first & last Day. M^r & M^{rs} Chaloner, Miss Harvey, & M^r Jn^o ^Chaloner^ Son of late Rob^t Chaloner dined here, so did my Brother & Sister Wilson & their Daughters Rachel and Esther.

SEPTEMBER 1781

Saturday the First; Capt. Jackson & I (with John) went aShooting in Clem^t Robinson & Rob^t Thomas's Farm, he strained his ankle in Clement's Bank & returned ^soon^; this is the first day of shooting Partridges.

Sunday the Second; my Sisters Esther & Dorothy went to Eston Chapel with me after dinner.

Monday the Third; M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Mary James came in the evening to stay a few days.

Tuesday the Fourth; M^r Telford of York breakfasted with us, Capt. Jackson rode to Ayton & returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Fifth; my sisters Esther & Dolly, M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Mary James dined at Ayton so much Rain fell during the day that Capt. Jackson & I did not leave home all day.

Thursday the Sixth; So much Rain fell yesterday & last night that an unusual flood appeared in all the Brooks of this Country, so great were the waters in Stokesley that Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary who had appointed to dine here today sent a Servant to tell me they durst not venture; much Corn is cut & uncut in the Fields.

Friday the Seventh; M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Mary James went away, see last Monday. Capt Jackson & I rode to see the breach in Coatham Bank.

Saturday the Eighth; Capt. Jackson being much indisposed stayed at home all day, after breakfast I rode to Upsil, from thence I walked to M^r Chaloner's Park House shooting, I there met M^r & M^{rs} Harrison, dined on cold victuals; at home before dark.

Sunday the Ninth; Capt. Jackson & my Sister Dorothy, & Sister Est^r who came to Normanby on the 30th of last Month, went to Ayton before dinner, I went with them & returned after Tea, taking leave of M^{rs} Berney & my Niece of that Name ^ & their Child^ who leave Ayton to-morrow morning, they arrived at Ayton on Sunday the 22nd July last, see that day in this Journal, & the 9th & 24th of last Month

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Monday the Tenth; I attended the Brewster- Sessions at Gisbro', M^r Chaloner & M^r Turner there, we granted 136 Licences to sell Ale in the East Division of this Wapentake, I dined at M^r Chaloner's home in the evening, hazy weather.

Tuesday the Eleventh; M^{rs} Cary dined with me, her Husband, the General, being engaged to meet my Bro. Wilson on Justice Business- my Sisters Esther, & Wilson & Doctr Wayne also dined here; my three Nieces Wilson drank Tea & then with their Mother went to Stockton to attend the Races which begin there to morrow, my Sister Esther Jackson went to Ayton in Capt. Jackson's Carriage which came for her (I sent in the morning for Sist. Wilson, Sist. Est^r came with her in it) the Captain being very much indisposed, see last Saturday

Wednesday the Twelfth; my Servant Jn^o Peirson brewing to day, I took Chr^s the Blacksmith with me aShooting had no diversion the Rain driving us in soon; M^r Dodds of Boulby Allum Works came before dinner.

Thursday the Thirteenth; M^r Dodds rode with me after breakfast towards the River after dinner he left me, went home to Boulby.

Friday the Fourteenth; after dinner I rode to Ayton Capt. Jackson continues very much indisposed; Rev^d ArchDeacon Blackburn his wife & Son W^m (the Physician now settled at Richmond) came there ^to Ayton^, my Brother & Sister Wilson & their Daughters being at Stockton Races; the Ar^cDeacon comes to attend the Arch Bishop of York who holds a Visitation & confirms at Stokesley tomorrow. I came home late - about eight o'Clo Saturday the Fifteenth; I took John with me aShooting towards Nunthorp had my Horses at Chars Wrightson's and came home to a late Dinner, a hot day.

Sinday the Sixteenth; I went in my Chaise to Ayton before dinner dined at my Brother Wilsons with the Arch Deacon &^c. my Bro Jeff^y continues ill, I drank Tea at home.

Monday the Seventeenth; Bro. & Sister Wilson & Rev^d ArchDeacon Blackburn his Wife & Son W^m (now a Physician settled at Richmond)came before dinner & lay here, Rev^d Conset supt with us.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; Miss Consett her Sisters Mary & Anna, & Miss Bower breakfasted with us; soon after M^r & M^{rs} Blackburn in my Chaise ^to Yarm^ & the Doct^r on horseback went away; so did my Bro. & Sist^r Wilson home; I am not very well.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; I took Nurse Cornforth, and my two Children in the Chaise with me to Ayton, they have not been there since they began in ^the^ Hooping Cough (see 3rd June last) dined at my Sister Esther's, my Brother & Sist^r Jeff^y being there, the former very much indisposed, the latter dined at my Bro Wilson's with M^r & M^{rs} Mauleverer, Capt. Jackson & I went after dinner and there my

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Children took me up in the Chaise, I drank Tea at home, I rode on horseback from Ayton to M^r Preston's of Stokesley before dinner, a very fine day

Thursday the Twentyeth; I took John with me to Skittlebecks, (between Lackenby & Lazenby) a Shooting returned before dinner.

Friday the Twenty First; I rode to Ayton dined, & returned to Tea.

Saturday the Twenty Second; John rode with me to Lackenby left our Horses at Jn^o Appleton's, went a shooting four hours ^had^ bad diversion, at home before dinner

Sunday the Twenty Third; I went to Eston Chapel afternoon

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I rode my Horses, Jn^o with me to W^m Garbut's, shot two hours, & finished in my own Grounds before dinner

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; at half past six I got into my Chaise, stayed a little while in Stockton, breakfasted at Sedgfield dined at Durham, and drank Tea a & lay at M^{rs} Askews at Redheugh, where I found Capt. Jackson, his Wife, & my Sister Esther, they arrived there last Sunday.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; M^r & M^{rs} & Miss Askew, my Sisters & Capt. Jackson & I went to Swalwell where we saw the Iron Works of Crowley before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; we all looked over the Infirmary, Baths and other places in Newcastle worth seeing. I did some business in the Shops there.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I dined at Durham & lay at M^r Surtees's at Nainsforth.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I dined at Stockton, and drank Tea with my dear Children at Normanby; found them well.

Sunday the Thirtieth & last Day; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's at Ayton, Miss Mary Welbank & Miss Brown of Stockton are there

OCTOBER 1781

Monday the First; I walked aShooting a few hours; M^r & M^{rs} Marwood, their Visitors Miss Gilderd & Miss Dixon dined with me, so did my Bro & Sist Wilson their three Daughters, & two Visitors see yesterday: Niece Wilson Misses Welbank & Brown lay here.

Tuesday the Second; my Niece Wilson, Miss Mary Welbank & Miss Brown went to Ayton after breakfast in my Chaise; I rode a Greyhound-coursing with my Servants John & Fawcit after dinner.

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Wednesday the Third; I dined at Brother Wilson's, old Mrs Chaloner, Gen^l & M^{rs} Hale & their Twin Daughters were there

Thursday the Fourth; I went aShooting (with John) into Upsil Estate & part of M^r Chaloner's- a fine day

Friday the Fifth; spent the day at home in the evening came my Bro. & Sist^r Jeffrey Jackson & my Sister Est^r, last from West-Auckland; I left them at Redheugh last Saturday morning

Saturday the Sixth; my Bro.& Sisters went to Ayton after breakfast; I walked aShooting with John towards the River

Sunday the Seventh; I went to Eston Church before dinner & there received the Sacrament. Doct^r Wayne dined & drank Tea with me; he came to see my little Folks previous to their preparation for the small Pox by Inoculation, that disorder being now at Ormsby; the Doct^r was sent for to attend M^r Henry Clark Jun^r. of Whitby & left me at the close of the Evening.

Monday the Eighth; M^r Chaloner & I held the Annual Sessions for the Highways at Gisbro'; I dined at M^r Rudd's – home to Tea.

Tuesday the Ninth; I walked to the extremity of Normanby Highways adjoining to Ormsby at the Top of my Estate where I marked out the Ground on which to lay a Causeway, returned by twelve, dressed, and dined at Gen^l Hale's.

Wednesday the Tenth ; I walked a shooting with Jn^o & with W^m Snowdon.

Thursday the Eleventh; I spent two hours with the Pavior in the high Lane see last Tuesday: I expected my Bro. & Sist Jeffery Jackson & my Sist^r Est^r before dinner but they did not come here 'till the evening.

Friday the Twelfth; Capt. Jackson, myself & John rode on Barnaby-Moor aCoursing had bad success, seeing only one Hare.

Saturday the Thirteenth; I rode to the Pavior at Top of the Hill; M^r Turner, his Visitors Miss Delia Place, M^r ^Ra:^ & Miss Fanny Hoar, & M^r Wilkinson of London dined with me.

Sunday the Fourteenth; my Sisters went to Church after dinner. Capt. Jackson & I at home.

Monday the Fifteenth; my Bro. & Sist. Jeff^{ty} & Sist^r Est^r Jackson dined at Cous Forsters at Yarm, returned to Tea - viz. about five o'Clo - an hour before they arrived Doctor Wayne Inoculated for the small Pox, my two dear Children W^m Ward Jackson, & Mary Lewin Jackson, the former will be three years' old the 27th day of this Month, and the latter will be two years old the 29th of next Month (Nov^r) if it please God they live so long, the Matter -or Pus - was taken from a child at Gisbro' yesterday,

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^Thom^s. the^ son of ^Tho^s & Hannah^ Harding a Labourer, 9 years old; Doctor Wayne arrived a little before dinner, & layed here, I spent the morning ashooting with my servant John Peirson.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; Capt. Jackson, my sisters & myself drank Tea at M^r Consett's; ^ & took the Plasters from my ^ Children's arms

Wednesday the Seventeenth; Capt. Jackson & my Sisters (Dorothy & Esther) left me after breakfast; I went ashooting before dinner with John: my Children are to appearance, well.

Thursday the Eighteenth; my Children appear well; I spent two hours with the Pavior in the high Lane, see Tuesday 9th inst.

Friday the Nineteenth; I spent the day with my Children who took some Manna in the morning, William's does not work off

Saturday the Twentyeth; My Children being apparently in a good State, I walked a shooting with my Man John, shot the first Woodcock which has been seen this Autumn,

Sunday the Twenty First; my Bro & Sist Wilson their three Daughters; my Bro & Sist Jeff^{ty} Jackson & Sist Esther, & Doct^r Wayne dined and drank Tea here.

Monday the Twenty Second; Doctor Wayne is not well, my little Boy runs about, his Arms are inflamed, so are the little Girls & she is very fretful, has some Fever

Tuesday the Twenty Third; my little Girl is more Feverish to-day; Will^m W^d as yesterday. I am very poorly so is Doct^r Wayne; Capt. Jackson his Wife, & Sister Esther came before dinner to stay.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; Captain Jackson, Doct^r Wayne & I rode out before dinner with the Greyhounds, on our return ^found^ my Bro & Sist Wilson who had comed in my Chaise (w^{ch} I sent for them) their Daughters Rachel & Esther came in the afternoon in the Coach in which they returned with their Father & Mother to Ayton after Tea; my little woman has some Spots upon her resembling the small Pox , & is much chearfuller than yesterday, my dear Boy's Fever is very high, he has a great Rash all over his Body

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; my Boy shews some Symptons of the small Pox to-day, is very uneasy, but the Rash he had receded; my Girl is easier, & many (say 11) small Pox appear on her Face; Capt. Jackson, Doct^r Wayne & myself rode out this morning, with the Greyhounds

Friday the Twenty Sixth; my little Man has not near so much Fever as yesterday, several small Pox appear faintly on his Face & Body -his Sister is free from Fever, & now 14 Pustules appear on her Face, and many on her Arms, Legs, & Body from Fifty to Sixty on all, and have a promising appearance - my Brother & Sister Wilson came ^before dinner^ to stay a few days. I walked above

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Lackenby with my Gun, John with me, Doct Wayne & Capt. Jackson rode on Barnaby Moor a Greyhound coursing. Miss Conset & her Sist^r Ann drank Tea here.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; my dear Boy [^](is three years old this day)[^] is much relieved of the Fever, and shews about the same Number of small Pox as his Sister has (see yesterday) tho' he has only 5 on his Face, (one on the outer end of his Nose) Doctor Wayne went home this morning, my Bro. & Sist^r Jeff^{ty} paid a morning Visit to K.Leatham: Bro Wilson walked out with our Guns

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; I thank God [^] both [^] my Children (W^m W^d Jackson & Mary Lewin Jackson) are doing well of the small Pox my three Nieces Wilson dined with me, their Father & Mother returned home with them in the evening, see Friday

Monday the Twenty Ninth; my Children continuing to do well, my Sisters Esther, & Dorothy & Capt. Jackson left me before dinner, the small Pox on my little Girl are now drying, and she is very cheerfull.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; the small Pox on my Boy begin to fill well, looking better than ever; those on my Girl are quite dry. I walked to some Labourers in the high Lanes, Doct^r Wayne came before dinner & lay here.

Wednesday the Thirty First, & last Day; Doct^r Wayne went away(to Kirkleatham) before dinner: my little Man's small Pox seems to be at the heighth, (he is a little fretfull) I think he has about 60, on his surfaces, my Girl is quite well; I went to the Workmen in the high Lane above Rob^t. Thomas's House after dinner

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Thursday the First; I went to the Workmen see yesterday- Doctor Wayne came here after dinner & lay all night

Friday the Second; I took Doct^r Wayne in my Chaise to Ayton, we dined at my Brother Wilson's, so did my Bro (in Law) & Sist^r Jeffery Jackson, of whom, & of my Niece Wilson I took leave they intending to set forward to Woodford Bridge next Sunday morning, my Bro & Sist Jeff^{ty}, having been in Yorkshire since Saturday the 4th Augst last - I came home.

Saturday the Third; I walked out with my Gun through my own Ground North of the House, and in W^m Snowdon's Farm, on my return to dinner I found my Brother Wilson & Jeff^{ty} Jackson, they left me after dinner see yesterday, I rode with them to the top of the Hill; I gave my Children their first Physick after small Pox, this morning

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Sunday the Fourth; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner, no Service being done before Noon

Monday the Fifth; my Sister Wilson attended Lady Foulis to make me a morning Visit, they stayed near three o'Clock

Tuesday the Sixth; I attended my Neighbours working Statute Labour (a spade day) in the high Lanes & that leading to them

Wednesday the Seventh; I am not very well- my Children took Physick, second time since they have had the small Pox, it did not operate but on ^see 4th inst.^ Thursday the Eighth, it worked by the help of a few Grains of Rhubarb given to each of them; my Bro, Wilson & old W^m Richardson of Ayton came after breakfast, we arranged for Hares in Rob. Thomas's & Step. Wrightson's Farms had bad success in finding, however killed one Hare with our Greyhounds; looked into my Page Howl, & Cow Howl-Woods to judg whether it may be proper to thin the young Oaks next Spring. They dined with me, and away soon after; a cold day

Friday the Ninth; I made a morning Visit to M^r Turner; M^{rs} Turner goes to Bath next Wednesday.

Saturday the Tenth; I walked out with my Gun before dinner; M^r Turner & a M^r Scroop called about one o'Clo'

Sunday the Eleventh; I dined at my Brother Wilson's, went & returned in my Chaise.

Monday the Twelfth; my Children had a third Doze of Physick, see 8th inst., w^{ch} operated briskly: I walked out a few hours with my ^Gun^

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I rode on horse-back to Gen^l Cary's (at LevenGrove) dined & lay there all night; their Daughter Lady Russell & her Husband, Sir John, and eldest Son, John, ^4½ yr. old^ came there ten days since to spend the Winter.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I dined at Doct^r Wayne's at Stokesley; home to Tea.

Thursday the Fifteenth; I walked out with my Gun a few hours before dinner.

Friday the Sixteenth; I stayed in the House all day, a cold day, my Children are well.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I walked out with my Gun towards the River came home in much Rain before dinner.

Sunday the Eighteenth; I went to Church after dinner; my Children had their 4th doze of Physick see 12th inst; the Boys worked well, but His Sisters did not until Monday the Nineteenth, she was very briskly worked; I walked with my Man John into the Page-howl-Wood where I marked many Ashes & Willow Trees to be cut down, in my return to dinner found M^r Dodds of Boulby Allum Works who lay here all night.

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Tuesday the Twentyeth; I walked out with M^r Dodds.

Wednesday the Twenty First; M^r Dodds went away after breakfast; M^r Nicholson of Wass, and W^m Snowdon called on me, we all went a shooting but did not kill any thing ^being Rainy^; they dined with me, and left me at six o'Clock.

Thursday the Twenty Second; a very stormy day, with much Rain

Friday the Twenty Third; I walked out.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I walked out with my Gun before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I kept the House all day, having got some cold yesterday.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Gisbro' and returned before dinner

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; being a very Rainy day I kept the House

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I gave a fifth doze of Physick to my Children, Mary's worked well, W^m's did not. (see to morrow) I sat an hour with Rev^d Tanch after dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; my little Boy's Physick passed off to-day; I do not propose to Physick my young Folks any more on acco^t of their having had the small Pox (by Inoculation). Rev^d Tanch drank Tea & supt with me.

Friday the Thirtieth & last Day; I breakfasted at Bro. Wilson's, dined at M^r Preston's at Stokesley, and drank Tea at home, calling at Ayton as I came this Post brings an Account of L^d Cornwallis' & his Army (ab^t 7,000 Men) being taken by the Americans & French.

DECEMBER 1781

Saturday the First; M^r Harrison of Gisbro' spent the day with me, very gloomy weather

Sunday the Second; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner

Monday the Third; M^r Turner called, sat an hour, at twelve I set out in my Chaise to go to M^r Marwoods at Busby, I dined & laid there.

Tuesday the Fourth; I left Busby after breakfast, dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton. She came to Normanby with me before Tea.

Wednesday the Fifth; I walked a shooting before dinner - settled with my ^women^ Servants in the Evening, my sister Esther present.

Thursday the Sixth; I pay'd M^r Turner a morning Visit, he sets out for London to morrow morning; see

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Friday the Seventh; I sat an hour with Rev^d Conset before dinner, he is not well.

Saturday the Eighth; I walked ashooting

Sunday the Ninth; I carried my Sister Esther home in my Chaise before dinner, see last Tuesday, dined at M^r Wilson's & I returned

Monday the Tenth; I dined at M^r Harrisons at Gisbro', returned to Tea. ^a little redness appeared on the White of my Boy's left Eye.^

Tuesday the Eleventh; I marked out the Ground on which I mean to plant a new Hedg' in the Eastmost field in Jos. Cornforth's Farm; & having my Servants John, and Fawcit with me, also the Ground, coured 2 brace of Hares before dinner: the Neighbours met in my Servants Hall about sundry poor Persons, the Highways &^c in the evening

Wednesday the Twelfth; I spent the day at home.

Thursday the Thirteenth; M^r Geo: Allan (and two other Men with him) came to look at my three Chaise Horses which I have advertized to be sold, he drank a bason of Tea with me at my breakfast, and shewed to me an Order of Sequestration (from the Chancellor) of all Sir Ja^s Pennyman's Estates for the payment of upwards of £2,900 to Rev^d M^r Warcup, most of the Estates are in possession of Mortgages &^c - very gloomy weather

Friday the Fourteenth; I rode Greyhound Coursing with Ja^s Appleton & Fawcet on Barnaby Moor &^c. James dined with me.

Saturday the Fifteenth; Rev^d Conset & his Brother in law, W^m Mewburn, drank Tea with me, he and I having agreed & this day signed an Article ascertaining the Boundaries between us, from the Lane to Sixty Yards below my Garden Wall, all which I am to keep in repair; I walked ^after dinner^ to the Men preparing for my new Wood at top of my Estate, on the West side thereof.

Sunday the Sixteenth; M^r Geo: Allan, Attorney of Darlington, see last Thursday, sent Geo: Taylor a publican of the same place, & his own Servant to look at my ^Chaise^ Horses; approving them they returned with them, leaving me £41.17s for the three Horses, (Poppet, Peacock & Prince) I gave my servant W^m Old one Guinea out of the above Sum. I went to Eston Chapel after dinner.

Monday the Seventeenth; I walked out with my Children, the redness which appeared on the white of my little Boy's Eye is quite dispersed.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; at home a rainy day

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Wednesday the Nineteenth; Rich^d Child came to look at my Galloway's Foot, having sent to him for that purpose, a Thorn- prick was run into the Frog last Friday; He drew the Soul of the near hind foot, & found the disorder above it.

Thursday the Twentyeth; Rich^d Child dressed my Galloway's Foot; & set out with me on my road to Boulby - where I arrived about four.

Friday the Twenty First; M^r Dodds our Agent made a six months' payment of the workmen at the Allum Works, about a dozen of the Neighbours dined as usual.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I left Boulby after breakfast, Tho^s Prissick met me in the Lane, we proceeded to Skiningrove to look at M^r MacDonald's little Horse, (after calling to ask M^r Easterby how he did) we proceeded to Brotton, stayed a quarter of an hour at W^m Child's, & then came home, his Son Rich^d with me; found my little Mare better; I rode here on M^c Donald's Horse

Sunday the Twenty Third; Rich^d Child dressed my Mare's foot, see 19th inst, & went away taking his Sister Sarah behind him, to stay a week with her Friends

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to Gisbro', did business & returned before dinner

Christmas Day, Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; Wind very high - at S.W. much Rain in the afternoon

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at my sister Esther's (at Ayton) sat an hour at my Brother Wilson's, & a few minutes at M^{rs} Skottowe – inviting her Brother in Law Capt. Skottowe (of London) to dine with me at Normanby: I drank Tea at Home.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home the whole day being a Gale of Wind from S^o West.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I walked to the workmen repairing the Horse road to Gisbro'

Sunday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Monday the Thirty First & last Day. I rode to Gisbro' before dinner did some Justice business with M^r Chaloner & returned.

JANUARY 1782

Tuesday the First; at home.

Wednesday the Second; as yesterday.

Thursday the Third; as yesterday.

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Friday the Fourth; I rode to Jos. Cornforth's before dinner, W^m Appleby is planting a Hedg in his East-most-Field - very blowing weather,

Saturday the Fifth; my Bro. Wilson, Capt. Skottow, his Nep^w Jn^o Skottow, & his Nep^w in Law M^r French (who was married to his Niece Eliz^a Skottow last Tuesday) dined with me; giving me no previous Notice, I had given Fawcitt leave to go to Stokesley.

Sunday the Sixth; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner.

Monday the Seventh; I marked out the Ground on the West side of Rob^t Thomas's West Bank and South ends of said Bank, and his East Bank to plant a Hedge inclosing about [blank] acres of on which I intend to sow As next Spring; on my return before dinner, my Brother & Sister Wilson their Daughters Rachel Esther, (Hannah is at Woodford Bridg') & Sister Esther came to stay a few days.

Tuesday the Eighth; my Brother Wilson & I walked to the same Ground I was upon yesterday; & to John Ableson who began this morning to drain Clement Robinson's White-Bank, returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Ninth: a very stormy morning, I went to the Drainers after dinner, ^see^ yesterday.

Thursday the Tenth; Mr Smith of Stockton dined here; Bro. Wilson & I walked to the drainers, see 8th inst.

Friday the Eleventh; my Brother Wilson & I walked to the drainers after dinner; see 8th inst.

Saturday the Twelfth; my Bro. Wilson & I walked to the Men draining in Clem^t Robinson's Farm, see last Tuesday; also to some Men I have at work fencing off the Ground I intend to sow Acorns upon next Spring, (above Rob^t Thomas's House); this before dinner.

Sunday the Thirteenth; a cold day.

Monday the Fourteenth; my Brother Wilson's Servant come^g from Ayton this morning with the Coach-Horses; he (my Bro.) & ^my^ Sister Wilson their Daughters Rach^l & Est^r & Sister Esther left me before dinner, see last Monday the 7th inst.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I walked to my workmen draining in Clem^t Robinson's White-Bank; and fencing in Robt. Thomas's Bank.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I did as yesterday before dinner; had a most heavy shower of Rain about one o'Clock; after that I went to Mr. Chaloner's at Gisbro' to stay two nights, I found Sir Thomass Dundas there; his Father (Sir Laurence) dyed at Ask a few Months since. ^Gen^l & M^{rs} Hale & M^{rs} Chaloner Sen^r dined there.^

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Thursday the Seventeenth; M^r. Chaloner Sir Tho^s Dundas, & myself spent the morning at Upleatham, and all dined at Gen^l Hale's so did M^{rs} Chaloner & Miss Harvey.

Friday the Eighteenth; Sir Tho^s Dundas set out to London this morning, I breakfasted at M^r Rudds; dined late at my own House.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I called on my Sister Esther at Ayton who, with my Niece Est. Wilson, proceeded with me (on horse-back) to pay Lady Foulis a morning visit, she was not well, from a pain in one Eye; I dined my Bro. Wilson's Capt. Skottowe & Mr. French there; home before Supper.

Sunday the Twentieth; M^r Geo. Dodds of Boulby came in a heavy shower of rain before dinner.

Monday the Twenty First; M^r Dodds walked with me to my workmen preparing for sowing my (Acorn) Wood - S^o W^t corner of my Estate.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I kept House all day being indisposed; M^r Dodds with me.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; being somewhat better I rode out before dinner; M^r Dodds with me; very blowing weather with showers.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Dodds went away, and I went to Stokesley attending a Meeting of Justices of the Peace & Deputy Lieutenants to receive the Lists of Persons liable to serve in the Militia, for a General Ballot, Gen^l Cary, Mr Chaloner, Bro. Wilson & myself composed the Meeting. I lay all night at Ayton.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; spent all day at Ayton; Capt. Skottowe, his Nep^w. Jn^o. & Nephw. & Niece French drank Tea at M^r Wilson's.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I spent an hour at M^r Preston's office at Stokesley; before dinner all the rest of the day at my Sister Esther's, my Bro. & Family & Rev^d Loggan drunk Tea & supt with her

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at home, found my Children very well.

.Monday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Gisbro' before dinner, waited on M^r Chaloner whose Lady was delivered of her 9th Child (a Girl) last Wednesday the 23^d inst. Came home before three o'Clock.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; my Sister Esther dined with me & returned she came to cut work for Dinah the little Boy's Maid;

Wednesday the Thirtieth; at home.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day; at home

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Friday the First; as yesterday.

Saturday the Second; at home, not well.

Sunday the Third; I have a severe cold.

Monday the Fourth; I rec'd of ^many of^ my Tenants their last Michelmas Rents; I am far from well.

Tuesday the Fifth; my Brother Wilson & M^r Miles Smith (of Sunderland-wick) sat an hour with me before dinner; Rob Jackson, Master of the Sloop the Violet dined with me, his Wife dined in the Kitching. I sent Fawcitt to M^r Preston's of Stokesley, after dinner.

Wednesday the Sixth; I am much better to day, some Snow fell last night.

Thursday the Seventh; at home we have much Snow on the Ground now

Friday the Eighth; many heavy Showers of Snow fell to-day; Capt. Brown ^of the Joseph^ dined wth me.

Saturday the Ninth; at home, much Snow fell last night & many Showers to-day.

Sunday the Tenth; Many Showers of Snow fell last night & this day, so that we now have much Snow on the Ground, which lays, even, ab^t 10 inch^{es}.

Monday the Eleventh; I went to Gisbro' tho' much Snow is on the Ground, having made an appointment to pay some Money, on my return, at about two o'Clo', I found my Sister Est from Ayton, & M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson, & his youngest Niece 'Bell^a Stephenson from Darlington to stay a few days.

Tuesday the Twelfth; at home all day with my Friends as above, more Snow fell last night, and this day

Wednesday the Thirteenth; my Broth Wilson dined with us, the Snow dissolves a little.

Thursday the Fourteenth; a very cold Thaw all day; kept the House.

Friday the Fifteenth; the day being fine for the Season, tho' cold, M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson &^c walked about the house, & in the Garden &^c.

Saturday the Sixteenth; M^r Wilkinson & I walked into Sir Ja^s Pennyman's Stoves¹, which are not in very good condition. My Bro. & Sist^r Wilson, & their Daughters Rachel & Est. came before dinner & stayed all night.

Sunday the Seventeenth; my Brother Wilson, M^r Wilkinson & myself walked to the River before dinner, most of the Snow is gone

Monday the Eighteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Wilkinson & Miss Bela Stephenson left me after breakfast; and soon after, my Bro. & Sister & Nieces Wilson & Sist^r Esther went away; see 11th inst & 16th

¹ i.e. hothouses for plants

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Tuesday the Nineteenth; I bought some Groceries &^c and paid some Bills in Stockton and returned to a late Dinner; Fawcit with me.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; at home

Thursday the Twenty First; about home, having many Labourers leveling the Paddock

Friday the Twenty Second; My dear Boy is very much disordered by a severe Cold

Saturday the Twenty Third; my Boy is somewhat better this Evening

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my little Boy is very much indisposed indeed, better tow^{ds} Eve

Monday the Twenty Fifth; my dear Boy is so much better, I ventured to Gisbro', & returned to dinner.

Tuesday, the Twenty Sixth; Rev^d M^r Longstaff of Marsk, M^r Rich^d Watson & Robert Jackson dined with me, went away ab^t eight

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; My Bro. Wilson & M^r Logan, Presbyterian Minister, dined with me, my little Boy is purely.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth & last Day. I spent at home, very boyst^s West Winds.

MARCH 1782

Friday the First; at home.

Saturday the Second; I went to Stokesley spent an hour with M^r Preston; dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton, & home by six.

Sunday the Third; I went to Church, afternoon; no Service being done at Eston in the mornings.

Monday the Fourth; at home, a very high wind blew all day from the West.

Tuesday the Fifth; at home, high wind

Wednesday the Sixth; Gen^l Hale called on me after breakfast, and walked with me to my Workmen preparing to sow my Ground with Acorns - he dined with me

Thursday the Seventh; John walked with me to my Workmen, see yesterday

Friday the Eighth; at home, my Tenant Tho^s Prissick of Grainge dined with me.

Saturday the Ninth; I walked to my Workmen in Rob^t Thomas's Bank - before dinner

Sunday the Tenth; I went to Church after-noon, fine showers towards Evening.

Monday the Eleventh; I rode to Gisbro' and ret^d before dinner - a very cold day

Tuesday the Twelfth; at home all the day which was very cold, and towards evening became very stormy, Wind at North, with Snow, at which time M^r Preston came & lay all night.

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Wednesday the Thirteenth; after breakfast M^r Preston mounted to go home to Stokesley. I rode with him till I parted to go to Ayton where I dined at my Sist^r Esthers; on my return home had a stormy ride, high Wind at East wth Snow. Sir Jas Pennyman's Gardener (Tho^s Clarkson) was drowned last night in a Still near the River- about shooting wild Ducks.

Thursday the Fourteenth; at home

Friday the Fifteenth; very cold weather

Saturday the Sixteenth; at home

Sunday the Seventeenth; I went to Church after noon - as usual

Monday the Eighteenth; M^r James & his Son Tho^s Ward James came before dinner

Tuesday the Nineteenth; the Gentlemen (see yest^d) and I walked before dinner

Wednesday the Twentyeth; M^r James & his Son went away after breakfast; I walked to my Workmen, preparing for my Acorn Wood, before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty First; my Brother & Sist^r Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Est^r & my Sister Esther dined & drank Tea with me to day.

Friday the Twenty Second; was very cold : last night about ten o'Clo' Rob Jackson of Cross-Beck in Eston was killed by a fall from his Horse on the road from Coatham to KirkLeatham, viz. very near the ^east^ end of that Lane which leads to West Coatham, he was very much in Liquor; ^between 24 & 25^ years old.

Saturday the Twenty Third; at home all day much Snow falls.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; I went to Eston Chappel after dinner.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; I rode to Gisbro' and returning to dinner, soon after I attended the Interment of my Neighbour Rob. Jackson of Cross- Beck, see last Friday

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; at home

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; M^r Dodds of Boulby came before dinner, and lay here.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; after M^r Dodds drank Tea with me this afternoon, he returned to Boulby; I sat an hour with Rev^d Tanch of Ormsby in the evening.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; I dined at Doct. Wayne's at Stokesley; drank Tea at my Bro Wilson's at Ayton

Easter Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; I went to Eston Chapel after noon

APRIL 1782

Easter Monday April the First; I paid a morning visit to Gen^L Hale, my Bro Wilson met me there by appointment; I dined at home.

Easter Tuesday, the Second; a Rainy morning, I rode to my Bro Wilson's, then he, my Sisters & myself went in his Coach to Stokesley where he and I took Chaise to M^r Smith's at New Building where we dined and layed all night

Wednesday the Third; after breakfasting at New Building my Bro Wilson & myself rode our own Horses to Easingwold, where we joined M^r Chaloner in his Coach, his Bro. Gen^L Hale with him, my Bro. Wilson & myself accepted his Offer of places in his Carriage, ^& all^ dined at Bluit's in York; M^r Wilson & I supped at M^r Rob Surtees Lodgings, and stayed till Eleven

Thursday the Fourth; I did almost all my commission, or Shop Business in York before eleven o'Clo', and at twelve met the Association of this County, in the small Assembly Room, the Meeting was numerous, Rev^d Wyvil in the Chair, my Bro Wilson and I got a private dinner, and rode our own Horses to Easingwold; lay there.

Friday the Fifth; We breakfasted at Borrowby, and dined at Ayton, came home afterwards, riding 39 Miles this day, & 13 yesterday.

Saturday the Sixth; at home.

Sunday the Seventh; I went to Eston Chapel and rece'd the Sacrement before dinner

.Monday the Eighth; M^r Geo. Dodds, & his Son, called here on their road from Boulby to Elemore, after taking a little refreshment they proceeded about ten o'Clo' & then I went to Gisbro' din'd at M^r Harrisons

Tuesday the Ninth; at home.

Wednesday the Tenth; Rob Harrison of Felbridg' dined with me, a cold North- east Wind

Thursday the Eleventh; I did not go from my House this day, it being the Anniversary of my late dear Wife's decease.

Friday the Twelfth; I spent this day also at home.

Saturday the Thirteenth; I went to Ayton, from thence to Stokesley sat an hour with M^r Preston, dined at Ayton (Bro Wilson's) & home.

Sunday the Fourth, Lent; I allowed Nurse Ann Cornforth to attend her (Roman Chatholick) Religion at Stockton, I was constantly with my Children; M^r Geo: Dodds & his Son came in the evening

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Monday the Fifteenth; M^r Dodds & his Son left me after breakfast to return home see the 8th inst. I walked two hours before dinner, & sat an hour at M^r Conset's after dinner.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; my Bro Wilson was engaged at home, but my Sister Wilson her Daughters Rachel & Esther, & my Sist^r Esther dined and drank Tea with me.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; I rode to Stockton ^& ret^d before dinner; a very cold East Wind.

Thursday the Eighteenth; at home.

Friday the Nineteenth; I paid a morning Visit to Gen^l Cary at Leven-Grove, his Daughter Lady Russel, Sir John, and their little Boy (5 y^r old) being yet with the Gen^l. M^r & M^{rs} Meynel of Yarm were there a morning Visit, I dined at my Bro Wilson's on my return home

Saturday the Twentyeth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty First; I went to Church (Eston Chapel) afternoon

Monday the Twenty Second; I attended M^r Chaloner & Rev^d Williamson at Gisbro' on the Land Tax, & Window Acts &^c. I dined at M^r Chaloners.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I attended a Meeting of Deputy Lieutenants & Justices of the Peace at Stokesley on the Militia, Land Tax &^c. Acts, dined there. I called at Ayton as I went.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to the Highways of Lazenby at the request of the Surveyors, spent an hour there; cold weather.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I mounted my Horse before Eleven, & seting off for Richmond I called at my Tenant Tho^s Stubs's in Yarm Township half an hour; afterwards at Enter-common where I dined, and soon after proceeded to Richmond where I arrived at my old Friend's the Arch.Deacon Blackburn's at six o'Clock, having had a very cold and wet ride till I arrived at Brumpton where I found myself in Snow, & the Ground all thereabout covered. ^high Wind at East^

Friday the Twenty Sixth; Rev^d Hall a young Clergyman at M^r Blackburn's ^& M^r W^m Blackburn M.D.^ walked to Easby Church-Yard with me, returned before dinner. I sat half an hour with Rev^d M^r Temple.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; after breakfasting at M^r Blackburn's I spent half an hour with Rev^d Lascelles at his Gilling Living, and dined at M^r Rob^t Culley's at Denton, (M^r Hardcastle of Haughton was wth him) drank Tea and lay at M^r James's , W^t Auckland.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; I found myself much disordered by the severe cold N.E. Winds I have lately rode in;

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Monday the Twenty Ninth; I intended to have left West Auckland this day, but am so indisposed that I spent the day & another night at M^r James's.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I left West Auckland in hired Chaise, dined at M^r Wilkinson's at Darlington & so home.

MAY 1782

Wednesday the First; I kept the house all day, myself not well, & I think my little Boy is not quite well
Thursday the second; my Bro Wilson dined with me; I am much indisposed & my little Boy is far from well.

Friday the Third; my Boy is so ill of a sore throat &^c that I sent for Doct^r Wayne, who came before dinner & stayed all night. My Sisters Wilson & Esther also came, the former ret^d before dinner.

Saturday the Fourth; my Bro Wilson came and returned before dinner with Doctor Wayne after the latter took some blood from my Arm, my Cough being very severe my little Boy is somewhat better; I think my little Girl is begining of the same disorder a sore Throat & stuffing in the Breast my Sister Esther continued to stay with me.

Sunday the Fifth; my Boy is better, & my little Girl's illness advances.

Monday the sixth; William runs about again, but Mary is poorly, my Sister Wilson breakfasted here, my Sister Esther returned to Ayton with her in the Coach; I am better;
Rev^d Conset drank Tea with me.

Tuesday the Seventh; M^r Corney the Gisbro Apothecary saw my Children by Appointment this morning as soon as he went away, M^r Chaloner called, and sat an hour in my Library, I thank God my little Boy is purely, and tho' my little Girl is no better I think she is no worse.

Wednesday the Eighth; I rode on horse-back half an hour in the flats- Lane before dinner;
My Bro. Wilson dined & drank Tea with me; my Children I thank God are geting better.

Thursday the Ninth; Doct. Wayne dined with me; my Children & myself are better

Friday the Tenth; The weather being mild I rode out before dinner, & walked in the Garden &^c, my Children also are much better.

Saturday the Eleventh; at home.

Sunday the Twelfth; M^r Dodds of Boulby came before dinner, & lay here.

Monday the Thirteenth; I went to Gisbro', & by appointment met M^r Chaloner & Rev^d

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Williamson on Land & Window Taxes; M^r Dodds went with me & proceeded to Boulby

On my return home (with out dining) I found my Sister Es^{tr} had been to see the Children & gone home, leaving a Letter she had yesterday from my Sist. Jeffery informing that Lord Kepple, now first Lord of the Admiralty had informed my Bro^r Jackson, by a messenger that his Services were no longer required at the Admiralty. My Children continue well.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; at home, great Rain

Wednesday the Fifteenth; M^r & M^{rs} Harrison, M^{rs} Skottow, M^{rs} Jefferson & Miss Longstaff dined with me; so did my Sist Est & she stayed all night.

Thursday the Sixteenth; I set my Sist^r Est^r home, we dined at my Bro Wilsons, I came home before Tea.

Friday the Seventeenth; my Bro. Wilson came before dinner, bringing with him a Letter for me from my Bro^r. Jackson, who had received intimation from L^d Keppell, first L^d of The Admiralty, that it was intended to remove him (my Brother) from the Office he has Held Sixteen years, as D^{pty} Secretary; he was twenty three years at the Navy Office as Clerk & Secretary: As a reason for doing this it is alleged that the Business of the Office is in great disorder, which my Brother allows is the Case, but rejects the laying it at his Door he being only Deputy; and my Bro, Jackson desiring my Bro, Wilson & Myself to write to the Marq^s of Rockingham, we joined in a Letter to him & another to Gen^l Hale now in London my Brother Wilson left me before five.

Saturday the Eighteenth; I spent half an hour in M^r Preston's Office at Stokesley, dined at my Sist^r Est^{rs} at Ayton & home to Tea.

Whit Sunday the Nineteenth; not very well.

Wit Monday the Twentyeth; I walked about a little but not well; cold N.E. Wind.

Wit Tuesday the Twenty First; at home

Wednesday the Twenty Second; my Bro. Wilson, Sister Esther, Capt. & M^{rs} Wayne, and M^r Masterman ^from K. Leatham^ (of Trinity in Cornwall, & Member for Bodmyn), dined with me; he (^M^r Mast^m^ proceeded to Stockton)

Thursday the Twenty Third; at home, a cold East Wind.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; much Rain fell this day, & the Wind changed to West

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I paid a morning Visit to M^r Chaloner; & to M^{rs} Hale the Gen^l is in London, she appears very big with her sixteenth Child: I also sat a little with M^r Harrison, who, by a fall from his horse last Thursday broke a Rib & is otherwise bruised; I returned by Kirk Leatham, home to dine.

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Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I attended divine Service at Eston Chapel this morning, & drank Tea at my Sister Esthers in the afternoon. W^m Richardson (of Langbaurch) & his Wife & her Sister drank Tea there

Monday the Twenty Seventh; I walked to my Wood comonly called Page Howl Wood, which I planted with Oaks March 1768, see my Journal Letter M. (viz Dec 1767, & Mar 1768) and with three Men - viz. my Serv. Jn^o Pierson; Anth Brown & Mich^l Alpha(labourers) begin to thin the same, cutting down many Young Trees, all of which afforded good Bark, fit for Tanners' use.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I spent three hours at my Sister Esther's, at Ayton, before dinner, she requesting me to meet her Workmen Jn^o Price & W^m Hunter to determine on the Plan to build her a Green House upon, dined at home ^young Geo. Dodds with me^; & then walked to my Men who finished this Y^{rs} thinning my Page Howl Wood

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I attended my Workmen thinning (as yesterday) my ^young^ Oaks; but they are now in Cow-howl Wood which were planted in March 1769, and March 1770, see my Journal Letter N. Rev^d Conset, his Son & four Daughters dined with me.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; my Men finished their thinings at which I attended as much as I could tho' we had heavy show^{rs} of cold Rain

Friday the Thirty First & last Day; I attended a Meeting of the Justices of the Peace & Deputy Lieutenants at Stokesley where we enrolled the Men of this Wapentake for 34th [?]

JUNE 1782

Saturday the First; at home all day; very cold N^o E^t Wind with Rain.

Sunday the Second; I rode to Ayton & returned before dinner; and on the afternoon attended divine Service at Eston Chapel.

Monday the Third; I rode to Gisbro' in the morning and returned to dinner; I drank Tea at Rev^d Conssets.

Tuesday the Fourth; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, their two Daughters Rach^l & Est^r, and my Sister Esther dined with me.

Wednesday the Fifth; I rode to Stockton was in several Shops there & return'd before dinner.

Thursday the Sixth; ^walking ab^t^ & at home all day.

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Friday the Seventh; my Sister Est & W^m Richardson of Langbaurch, his Wife, & her Sister Musket dined with, & left me about Seven.

Saturday the Eighth; I rode to Ayton & returned before dinner: my Bro Wilson rece'd yesterday the first Letters he has had from his son George now at Madras in East India, with whom he parted at Portsmouth 4th June 1780; he, Geo. left Ayton 14th Mar 1780, see my Journal Letter Q. - the above Letters are dated 25th & 26th Jan^{ry} last, & were brought home by Captain Sober Hall of the Swallow Packet.

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

Monday the Tenth; at home; Rain.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I attended a Highway days work, with Spades only; fine showery weather.

Wednesday the Twelfth; I met my Brother & Sister Wilson, their two youngest Daughters, & my Sister Esther at M^r Brown's at Stockton by appointment, dined & drank Tea: home at eight.

Thursday the Thirteenth; at home, a high Wind.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Servant John and I rode over Rob Young's Farm at Eston taking a view of the present State of his small Tithe, which he is this year determined not to take of me, so that I must draw or take them in kind as they grow due; dined at home, Peter Merry of Lealam Hall & W^m Snowdon sat an hour with me after dinner.

Saturday the Fifteenth; at home.

Sunday the Sixteenth; I went to Ayton early, & went to that Church before dinner. Rev^d Arch-Deacon Blackburne doing all the Duty there, (he is now in his 75 year) he being on a Visit to M^r Wilson his Wife nor any of his Family are with him not even a Servant; in the evening came there Capt. Sober Hall of the Swallow-Packet lately arrived in Ireland from Madras in East India where he parted with my Nephew Geo. Wilson on the 28th January last, he lay at M^r Wilsons, and I slept at my Sister Esthers

Monday the Seventeenth; Capt. Hall left M^r Wilsons after breakfast, I went to Gisbro' this being the day appointed for appeal for the Land Tax, but there were no appellants; on my arrival at Normanby about one, I found (by appointment) my Bro & Sist Wilson, Sister Est and Rev^d Arch-Deacon Blackburne, they dined & drank Tea with me, went to Ayton.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; after breakfast I rode to Stokesley, dined there with the Deputy Lieut^{ts} & Justices of the Peace finishing the enrolling the Militia of this Wapentake; drank Tea at M^r Wilson's at Ayton, taking leave of Rev^d Arch-Deacon Blackburne - came home.

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Wednesday the Nineteenth; at home.

Thursday the Twentieth; M^r Preston of Stokesley dined with me, he went to Eston and I went to Boulby, drinking Tea at M^r Easterby's at Skiningrove, on my road

Friday the Twenty First; made a six Months Payment of our Men at the Allum Works; the Clergyman & many Neighb^{rs} dined as usual; M^r Dodds & his Son not well of the Influenza

Saturday the Twenty Second; after dining at Boulby I went to M^r Benson's at Ayslaby near Whitby.

Sunday the Twenty Third; spent at Ayslaby, going to that Church after dinner

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at the Inn at Scaling- Dam, stayed an hour at Gisbro' as I passed, & home to Tea.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at my Sister Esthers, with M^r. Miss & Edw^d Brown & my Brother Wilson's Family.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; M^r & M^{rs} Marwood, Miss Barlow, & Rev^d Sam^l Gale dined & lay here so did my Sister Esther & Nieces Rachel & Es^{tr} Wilson my Brother & Sister Wilson dined only;

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; M^r & M^{rs} Marwood, Miss Barlow & my Niece Rachel in his (M^r M^{d's}) Coach went to see Kirk Leatham, Skelton, &^c & then to their respective homes; Rev^d Gale also left me after breakfast; my Sist^r Wilson came before dinner, & after Tea she took her Daughter Est^r & my Sister Est^r un the Coach to their homes.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; about home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I made a morning Visit to Gen^l Hale, whose Lady now lays in of their 17th Child, 16 of whom are alive.

Sunday the Thirtieth & last Day; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner

JULY 1782

Monday the First; at home

Tuesday the Second; at home

Wednesday the Third; dined at M^{rs} Welbanks at Stockton, with Bro Wilson & Family, M^r Brown & Daughter

Thursday the Fourth; I breakfasted at M^r Harrison's & with him & M^r Rudd went to Scaling, M^r Chaloner followed us, as ^we^ went viewed the Highways in the several Townships, & the Survey^{rs} of

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Egton & all the Townships between there & Scaling met us to ^whom we^ gave a special charge about the Highways, from Gisbro' to Whitby; we dined and came home.

Friday the Fifth; M^{rs} Mauleverer, her Daugh^{tr} Mary & M^{rs} Gowen & her Husband, my Sist^{rs} Est & Wilson, two youngest Nieces Wilson & Miss Brown, all dined & lay here save Sist^r Wilson who went home; M^r Mauleverer does not go from home.

Saturday the Sixth; M^{rs} Mauleverer & her Family went Away before dinner; and after Tea all the above Ladies, myself, two Children & Nurse Cornforth went to Sist^r Esther's at Ayton. I spent the evening at M^r Wilson's, M^r Smith of new building being there.

Sunday the Seventh; I went to Ayton Church before dinner; Lady Foulis drank Tea at my Sister Esthers.

Monday the Eighth; I went to Gisbro' eat a little dinner at M^r Harrison's; drank Tea with my Children, Bro & Sister &^c at W^m Richardson's at Langbaugh

Tuesday the Ninth; dined & lay at Normanby

Wednesday the Tenth; I drank Tea & lay at Ayton.

Thursday the Eleventh; I dined at Normanby. lay at Ayton.

Friday the Twelfth; I called at M^r Preston's, from thence to Busby wth my Bro Wilson, were met there by Gen^l Cary ab^t altering a Road, deferred till M^r Marwood answer; Bro Wilson his Family, M^r & M^{rs} Brown & myself dined at M^{rs} Marwoods He being now encamped wth the Regim^t, (L^d Fauconberg's) near Portsm^o

Saturday the Thirteenth; rode to Stokesley after dinner

Sunday the Fourteenth; at Ayton, Rain all day

Monday the Fifteenth; rode to Gisbro', dined & lay at ^Normanby^.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I dined at my Sister Est^r and drank Tea at old W^m Richardson's at Ayton.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; my Sist^r & Childⁿ drank ^Tea at^ M^r Passman's

Thursday the Eighteenth; my Sist^r Est^r & my Children & myself drank Tea at M^r Preston's at Stokesley

Friday the Nineteenth; I came to Normby early, M^r Chaloner & his Bro in law Wilbraham dined so did my Bro Wilson, they all went away. I lay at Normanby before dinner I rode with M^r Chaloner in his Phaeton bey^d Acklam, viewing the State of the Roads, M^r Wilbraham stayed at Normanby until we returned. M^r Dodds of Boulby lay here on his way into Northumberland today to buy Kelp & lime.

Saturday the Twentyeth; went to Ayton late.

Sunday the Twenty First; my Child^m Sister, & myself dined at Bro. Wilson's.

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Monday the Twenty Second; dined ^only^ at Normanby.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I attended the Quarter Sessions held at Stokesley, we were 6 Justices on the Bench, viz. Hon^{ble} Gen^l Cary, M^r Mauleverer – Chaloner –Wilson -Matthews Jun^r & myself, I lay at Ayton

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I dined & lay at home (Normanby) my Children yet at Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I dined & lay at Ayton, (my Child^m there) W^m Richardson of Langbaugh, his Wife & Son drank Tea at my Sisters; he walked wth me to the West Gate of Matt^w Masterman's Moor, I having my Perambulator, found the distance from my Sister's Gate to the abovementioned Gate, exactly 2 Miles and the Home Road by Greenhow hill is 1 mile 5 fur^{lg} & 60 y^{ds}.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; after dining at Ayton came to Normanby and lay all night.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at my Sist^r Est^r & with her, my Children, Bro Wilson & Family drank Tea at Doct^r Waynes, I came home.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; very heavy Rain all day; M^r Dodds came from Elemore, & lay here, see 19th inst.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; I met my Children who my Sister Wilson brought home in her Coach with my Sister Est^r. They have been at Ayton since Saturday 6th inst: Sist^{rs} return'd before dinner

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; I walked into my Page howl Wood before dinner, & walked much after dinner.

Wednesday the Thirty First, & last Day; I walked (after breakfast) to the edg of Barnaby Moor; my Bro & Sist^r Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Est^r, my Sister Est^r & Miss Mary James, all from Ayton met M^r Brown ^of Stockton^ & his Daughter Miss Eliz^a to dine with me.