

AUGUST 1782

Thursday the First, I dined at my Bro. Wilson's at Ayton with Mrs. Mauleverer, her Daughters' Lindsey, Gowan, & her Husband, & Miss Frances;

Friday the Second; I dined at Mr. Wilson's again, with Gen^l. & Mrs. Cary.

Saturday the Third; I rece'd (at home) my Rents from my Tenants.

Sunday the Fourth; I went to Church, (to wit) Eston Chapel after dinner, for we have no morning Service, that being done by Revd. Tanch at Ormsby, save four Sundays in the year.

Monday the Fifth; I breakfasted at my Sister Esthers (at Ayton); then did much Justice business with Mr. Chaloner at Gisbro,' & came home to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Sixth; at home all day expecting Mr. Baker from Elemore, but he did not arrive this evening.

Wednesday the Seventh; A very rainy morning and continued to Rain more or less all day, however Mr. Baker and I left Normanby about eleven o'clock, spent an hour in Sir Charles Turner's stables, (he not at home himself) dined late at Boulby, and made some progress in the Accounts.

Thursday the Eighth; Mr. Baker & I finished our examination into the Accounts of Mr. Dodds and allowed the same, at ten o'clock; soon after which Mr. Baker went away I lay at Boulby the weather being very stormy with Rain.

Friday the Ninth; Mr. Dodds accompanied me to Scaling Dam, parting there I surveyed the Road from thence to Gisbro', called there a few minutes (at Mr. Harrison's) dined at home.

Saturday the Tenth; at home: a cold day.

Sunday the Eleventh; I went to Eston Chapel.

Monday the Twelfth; at home.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I breakfasted at Ayton, returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Lawyer Ambler of Durham & Mr. Surtees of Mainsforth dined and lay here; intending to stay a day or two.

Thursday the Fifteenth; we rode to Kirk-Leatham in Mr. Surtees's Chaise, returned before dinner; Revd. Shuttleworth dined with us; & Revd. Conset sat two hours after dinner.

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Friday the Sixteenth; Mr. Surtees, in his Chaise with Mr. Ambler & me went to Kirk Leatham; dined there with Revd. Shuttleworth; we left him a little after six o'clock, but did not go far before we discovered that the Driver (Mr. Surtees's Servant) was much in liquor, and as the wind was uncommonly high and blew from the West it was with the utmost difficulty that he could sit upon his Horse; so we returned to Mr. Shuttleworth's on foot, drank tea with him & having procured a Post Chaise from Coatham; we returned in it before Nine for supper.

Saturday the Seventeenth; Mr. Ambler & Mr. Surtees left me before dinner; much Rain fell last night, which with the high West wind has done great damage among the corn.

Sunday the Eighteenth; I went to Eston Chappel, after dinner as usual.

Monday the Nineteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Twentieth; I attended a meeting of the Justices at Stokesley' returned after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty First; I walked very much being engaged on highway business.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I dined at Mr. Chaloner's, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbraham & Mr. & Mrs. Davison of Blakeston being there.

Friday the Twenty third; attended my Brother Wilson at Ayton on some justice business by appointment; home before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I walked after breakfast, but was driven home by Rain before Noon, much fell after dinner with a high wind from the South; no Harvest is yet begun in this Neighbourhood

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner as usual.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; at home; very showery weather.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; walked out before dinner; but the weather is very uncertain.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; walked into the Cow howl Lane, some workmen are repairing the Road there.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; I dined at my sister Esthers at Ayton; had a heavy shower of Rain as I went.

Friday the Thirtieth; I attended the workmen & Cartmen preparing for a Causway thro' Clemt Robinson's field (called West Fox Close) removed from Tho. Appleton's Cow howl field

Saturday the Thirty First & last Day: attended the workmen on the above work

SEPTEMBER 1782

Sunday the First; Bro. & Sister Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Est. dined & returned to Ayton; my Sister Est. & her visitor Mary James also dined, and they lay here also, for Mr. James came before Tea, to stay with me a few days.

Monday the Second; I rode out, my little Boy before me, & Miss James single before dinner.

Tuesday the Third; Mr John Telford, Nursery man of York came before Breakfast; I walked with him through my Cow howl Wood, also to the Ground (South of the cow howl Bridge) which I intended to Plant the ensuing Autumn & Winter; he left me after dinner.

Wednesday the Fourth; Mr. Preston, Mr. Danby, & Doct. Wayne dined here, for this day the Sale of late Rob. Jackson's Malt Brewing vessels, Household Furniture &^c.&^c. began; Mr. Preston also lay here.

Thursday the Fifth; Mr. Preston and Mr. Danby again dined here; the sale finished today. I took my little Boy before me, & Miss James mounting single we rode to the River & returned before dinner: soon after my Sist. Est. cousin James & her Daughters went to Ayton in my Bro. Wilson's coach which came for them.

Friday the Sixth; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's my Sist. Est. & Mrs. & Miss Mary James returned with me to Normanby, where we found Mr. James.

Saturday the Seventh; Mr. James and I walked before dinner: Mr & Mrs and two Miss Passmans and Miss Ann Conset drank tea with us.

Sunday the Eighth; Mr & Mrs and Miss James went away after breakfast; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Esther dined here expecting to meet Mr. James; after dinner my Sist Est. returned with them, Capt. Jackson of the Violet, & Capt. Brown of the Forest smoked a pipe here towards evening.

Monday the Ninth; I met my Broth. Wilson at Gisbro. Mr. Chaloner not being at home to hold the Brewster Sessions; granting Ale Licences.

Tuesday the Tenth; I dined at Sir Chas. Turner's (at Kirk Leatham) the first time since he became a Baronet; which was a few months since; I rode through some of his farms with him before dinner.

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Wednesday the Eleventh; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Esther, & my Sister Esther dined with me early on their way to Stockton Races; save Mr Wilson who lay at my House.

Thursday the Twelfth; my Bro. Wilson went away (home) after breakfast; bad harvest weather.

Friday the Thirteenth; I rode to Stockton and returned before dinner, when there I called on my Sisters & at Mr. Brown's, who were busy on the Races, nevertheless they assisted me to choose some cloth for a first Coat Breeches for my little Boy, very uncertain weather & a late Harvest.

Saturday the Fourteenth; after eating an early dinner I went a shooting with my Servant John, being the first day I have been out on account of the very late Harvest, there being but a little wheat cut yet, & that sayed to be soft, & the stalks very Green. – we were on the Upsil Estate.

Sunday the Fifteenth; at home all day, afternoon it began to Rain, & continued most of the night.

Monday the Sixteenth; tho' the morning appeared gloomy I left home, breakfasted at Mr. Rudd's (at Gisbro') met Mr. Matthews Jun^r. (Justice of Peace) at Ugthorp-Rails, Mr. Chaloner also came to me near that place, viewing the Roads, see 9th we dined on cold victuals at Scaling- Dam, Mr. Dodds was there also, & with him I went to Boulby in the afternoon in much Rain, found his Son very ill indeed, he has been in a fever several days, Mr. Dodds sent for Mr. Lloy late a clergyman now professing Physick, Surgery &^c who bled the young man, who soon after found relief.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; last night has been most stormy, much Rain fell, with a high wind from N. East, & the weather being hazy several small vessels are on shore, on the Yorksh. & Durham Coasts; the Rain continuing all evening I remained at Boulby, Geo. Dodds junior is a little better.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; young Geo. Dodds is visibly better: I left Boulby after breakfast got home before dinner, Capt. Peacock joined me at it, & sat an hour afterwards; much Rain towards Evening.

Thursday the Nineteenth; Mr. & Mrs. Smith of Newbuilding, & their 3 eldest Daughters (now at Coatham bathing) dined with me, so did two eldest Miss Consett; & unexpectedly my Brother & Sister Wilson & their Daughter Rachel came before

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dinner; they all left me after Tea: - my Niece Est. Wilson is not well.

Friday the Twentyeth; at home, very much Rain.

Saturday the Twenty First; Rain again all day.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I dined at my Brother Wilson's, found my Niece Est. much better; I had a great deal of Rain on my return: not one half of the wheat of this Country is cut, nor yet ripe; great quantities of Rain has fallen the last eight days.

Monday the Twenty Third; I walked out with my Gun, two hours after dinner; showery.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I spent an hour at Ayton, & then proceeded to Mr.

Mauleverer's at Arncliffe when I dined & lay all night; his Son & Daughter Lindsay (of Ireland), & their two eldest Daughters & Son are on a visit at Arncliffe.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I left Mr. Mauleverer after breakfast; called at Gen. Cary's at Leven-Grove half an hour, dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton, got home before tea.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; John and I walked with our Guns towards the River; a warm day.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I walked before dinner; and drank tea with my Child at Revd. Conset's after noon.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I took John with me a Shooting in Lackenby Banks &^c before noon.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; Mr. Chaloner called here about noon, I went to church after dinner

Monday the Thirtieth & last Day; I walked a shooting thro' Eston & Lackenby Townships near the River.

OCTOBER 1782

Tuesday the First; My Bro. & Sist. Wilson' & Sister Est. dined with me.

Wednesday the Second; I walked out with my Gun, up Page howl & down Cow howl in the forenoon. Towards Evening Mr. Fra. Reed of Hurworth came here and lay all night, unexpectedly; for his Letter of Notice is not yet arrived.

Thursday the Third; altho' a very stormy morning I set out to dine at Mr. Suttons at Stockton & returned in the evening; Mr. Reed went wth me to Stockton where we parted.

Friday the Fourth; I rode to beyond Lackenby & from there walked with my Gun, John also with me, saw much Game, home to a late Dinner.

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Saturday the Fifth; Rain all day.

Sunday the Sixth; I went to Eston Chapel before dinner, receiving the Sacrement, see August last.

Monday the Seventh; Mr. Chaloner & I did some Justice business, I came home before dinner

Tuesday the Eighth; I dined at Bro. Wilson's found Niece Est. better; had Rain on my return.

Wednesday the Ninth; I walked out with my Gun to the Hills, returned before dinner.

Thursday the Tenth; I paid a morning visit to Gen. Hale who is arrived after receiving the Soldiers at Hull, Scarbro' & etc. & will review the Westmorland Militia encamped near Saltburn, tomorrow.

Friday the Eleventh; the Morning was rainy with a high wind. – but clearing about noon I walked out with my Gun into my woods &°

Saturday the Twelfth; I dined at Mr. Preston's at Stokesley attending the letting of Mr. Preston's Farm, at Upsal, a very wet & rainy day.

Sunday the Thirteenth; at home; Nurse Cornforth attended her duty, as she terms it, at Stockton; she's a Roman Catholick

Monday the Fourteenth; I dined at Mr. Chaloner's we held a Special Sessions for appointing Surveyors of Highways: Mr Chaloner is busy soliciting votes for his Bro. Capt. Ja. Chaloner (now a Captain in L. Fauconberg's volunteer Regiment) to succeed Geo: Crow Esq. (who dyed suddenly last Wednesday) as Register of the North Riding of Yorkshire; there are many Candidates.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I dined with the Justices of the Peace at Stokesley, returned by Ayton.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I spent the afternoon in shooting with John, eastward of Eston.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I walked to my workmen building a hovel in the hold yard on Tho. Appleton's Farm; returned by Ormsby before dinner.

Friday the Eighteenth; at home.

Saturday the Nineteenth; at home, much Rain.

Sunday the Twentyeth; both my Children & my self are not well today; my Sister Esther came here after breakfast, & stayed till four o'clock.

Monday the Twenty First; at home.

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Tuesday the Twenty second; myself & Children being better I walked out with my Gun; Mr. Snowdon & John with me, on my return found my Brother Wilson who dined with me; I need my Rent for small Tythes of Normanby & Eston.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; at home: my Children are both pretty well recovered.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I took John with me a shooting near Dav. Thomas's near Hutton Locrass, had a fine day.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; at home; we have had very high winds & heavy Rains this Autumn

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I walked with my Gun towards the River, John with me; returned before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Est. & my Sister Esther, also Doctor Wayne dined with my little man today; He being four years old this day had his Dress changed from Petticoats to Coat & Breeches, and both he and his Sister had Stockings (of cotton) put on, the first they have had on. My Sist. and Doctor Wayne lay here.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; Doc. Wayne went away after breakfast; I went to Guisbro', & returning before dinner found my Sister, Est. who soon after left me.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; Rev. Conset and three of his Daughters dined & drank Tea with me.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; I mounted my Horse early & with my Serv Fawcett got to Ayton before breakfast; soon after my Bro. Wilson & myself got into a single horse chair (hired of Jacob Waller) drawn by Mr. Wilson's black-balled Horse, we dined at Borrowby, & lay at Easingwold.

Thursday the Thirty First, & last Day: We set off early in the morning, breakfasted at York and attended at a very numerous meeting (75) of the members of Association of this county for meliorating the Representation, & duration of Parliaments; Mr. Wilson and I dined early returned to Easingwold about seven; lay there.

NOVEMBER 1782

Friday the First; we breakfasted at Borrowby, dined at Ayton; and I came home.

Saturday the Second; about home.

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Sunday the Third; a violent storm came on this morning about two o'Clock, lasted only about four hrs

Monday the fourth; I rode to Gisbro' after breakfast & ret'd.

Tuesday the fifth; I walked a shooting with Chr: Armstrong, on my return (about two) I found Mr and Mrs Dodds from Boulby, comed to stay two days.

Wednesday the Sixth; the day is very boisterous with snow – wind at North.

Thursday the Seventh: as yesterday: Mr. & Mrs. Dodds drank Tea at Widow Knaggs's.

Friday the Eighth; Mr. & Mrs. Dodds left me after breakfast; I dined at Ayton, meeting there my Bro. in law Gregory Moffatt Lewin lately arrived from Jamaica, and is now stationed 5th mate on board the Barwell Capt. Carr, bound to Madrass & Bengal, his first Voyage to East India being near 16 yrs old; we came to Normanby to Tea. (I sent Fawcitt to N.Allerton for him yesterday.)

Saturday the Ninth; the weather is very cold with Snow on the Ground; I am not well

Sunday the Tenth; I am worse.

Monday the Eleventh; `Gory walked out with Fawcitt and the Greyhounds; I am better.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I am better but not able to go out much; `Gory went to Ayton after breakfast to stay the day and night.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; at home; `Gory Lewin returned from Ayton in the evening.

Thursday the Fourteenth; my Brother & Sister Wilson, their two Daughters, Rach. & Est. and my Sister Est. dined here; the latter lay here.

Friday the Fifteenth; Sister Est. left us after Breakfast; `Gory set her home but returned hither before dinner.

Saturday the Sixteenth; Gregory Lewin, myself & John went a shooting, by the hillside and in my Cow-howl- wood; home before dinner

Sunday the Seventeenth; after breakfast my Brother in law, Gregory Lewin, (near sixteen years old) left Normanby to proceed tomorrow morning for London, & from thence to East India; see Friday 8th inst; I went with him to Ayton & after dining at Bro^r Wilson's came home.

Monday the Eighteenth; I went to Stockton did business & returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Twentieth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty First; I rode to the top of Barnaby moor (opposite my House, & meeting my servant Jn^o. Peirson there, walked Eastward along the Banks, then crossed the Moor to the Head of Mordale [?] Beck, walked by the side of the Brook two Miles,

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then crossing Northward came thro' Scarth- Park, (above Wilton) home seeing very little Game, & but one Woodcock

Friday the Twenty Second at home.

Saturday the Twenty Third; I attended my workmen making Hedges to inclose about 3 acres of Ground above Cow howl Bridg on which to plant a wood of oak &^c

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, not very well; about noon Mr. Culley of Denton came.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; a hard frost Mr. Culley walked with me to Sir J^{as} Pennyman's Garden when I bought 20,000 three [*year?*] old Oak & Beech Plant the Oak to be more in number, I am to pay 2[£] 15^s p.1,000 - very poorly towards evening.

Tuesday the Twenty sixth; Mr. Culley left me after breakfast – I had a bad night –

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, at home.

Thursday the Twenty eighth; am much better, but kept the House all day, the weather being exceedingly cold.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; I rode a little way before dinner; my Sister Est. Bro. & Sister Wilson and their Daughters Rachel and Est. came before dinner and lay here this being the Birth day of my dear child Mary Lewin Jackson, now three yrs. old.

Saturday the Thirtyeth & last Day; my Company spent this day also with me.

DECEMBER 1782

Sunday the First; The weather continues cold, a hard frost wth.small snow, Mr Dodds came from the Allum Works before dinner & lay here, as did my other Friends, see Friday.

Monday the Second; Brother & Sist Wilson & Daughters, & Sist Est. left me after dinner; Mr Dodds & I marked out the Grounds whereon to plant a Hedg in the high cowhowl field, which will inclose the howl, or hollow, & some level Ground, in all about acres whereon I intend to Plant some Oaks this Winter.

Tuesday the Third; Mr Dodds stayed all day.

Wednesday the Fourth; Mr Dodds spent this day also with me, on the Allum Trade &^c

Thursday the Fifth; Mr Dodds left me after breakfast I rode with him two miles the frost continues very hard.

Friday the Sixth; The day being bad I did not go out.

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Saturday the Seventh; I rode to the high end, or south east part of Clem. Robinson's Farm adjoining Normanby & Eston Moor, where I have some men at work, stubbing Whins at the high end of David Bank, Pall Bank & Nook preparatory to my Planting the same with Oaks and Beeches this Winter, making a wood of about [blank] acres: I returned before dinner very cold.

Sunday the Eighth; not well.

Monday the Ninth; being somewhat better I rode to Gisbro' on Justice Business, ret^d. for dinner.

Tuesday the Tenth; at home, a very cold day tho' no wind, hazy with a hard frost.

Wednesday the Eleventh; I dined at Stockton with Mr & Mrs Reed by appointment.

Thursday the Twelfth; at home.

Friday the Thirteenth; I dined at Ayton had a very cold ride home in frost and snow.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I sent Fawcitt for Mr Dodds to come to me from the Allum works in consequence of a Letter I had by yesterday's post from Mr Baker who I hope to see at Darlington next Monday. Mr Dodds lay here.

Sunday Fifteenth; after breakfast Mr. Dodds returned to Boulby, & I went to Darlington dined at Mr. Wilkinson's & lay there.

Monday the Sixteenth; Mr. Thos. Bowes Attorney at Darlington, who married Mrs. Wilkinson's Niece D. Stephenson, being a Candidate for Clerk & Treasurer of the turnpike Road from Darlington to Etherley, or Railey-Fell Colliery I voted for him, in lieu of Geo. Allan the Clerk & Treasurer lately discharged, but he soliciting to be reinstated was elected by a majority of, I believe 25 – viz. for Allan 60 – and for Bowes 35 – I dined & lay at Mr. Wilkinson's. Tuesday the Seventeenth, I dined at Stockton on my return home.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; at home, Doct. Wayne came in before Supper & lay here.

Thursday the Nineteenth; after breakfast I rode out, with Doct. Wayne on his road to Gisbro, met Mr & Mrs. Harrison on the road; home to dine.

Friday the Twentieth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty First, at home, not well

Sunday the Twenty Second; I durst not venture to Church tho' a fine day.

Monday the Twenty Third; Mr. Geo. Dodds of Boulby all^m. Works, breakfasted here & lay all night.

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Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to my workmen preparing Ground in South East Corner of this Estate to plant upon, Mr. Dodds walked.

Christmas_Day, Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I continue but poorly, Mr. Dodds rode out with me before dinner, a very fine day.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; Mr. Dodds left me after breakfast, I rode to beyond Wilton with him; on my return I found my Sister Est. comed to stay a day or two with me.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; at home, am better.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; my Sister left me before dinner; I would have seen her home, but it rained.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Church before noon,

Monday the Thirtyeth; at home save one hour which I spent at Revd. Conset's after dinner.

Tuesday the Thirty First, & last Day. I dined at my Sister Esther's (at Ayton) returned home to Tea: a very hard frost.

JANUARY 1783

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

Thursday the Second; at home.

Friday the Third; at home, not very well myself, nor is my little Boy well; my Tennant Jn^o Neesum's eldest Boy, (about five years old) dyed to day; his little Sister dyed last Saturday, both of them of a closing in their Breast, with much Fever.

Saturday the Fourth; I walked a shooting before dinner with John, a little.

Sunday the Fifth; my little man is better. I rode him out before dinner.

Monday the Sixth; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro', having with me the Petition for the Freeholders in this Neighbourhood to sign. I lay at my Sister Est. at Ayton.

Tuesday the Seventh; I spent the day at Ayton eating at Mr. Wilson's; & sleeping at my Sister's.

Wednesday the Eighth – As yesterday, save that Bro. Wilson & I rode to Stokesley & Captain Wayne's at Angrove before dinner.

Thursday the Ninth; I left Ayton after breakfast dined at the ordinary at Yarm, having with me the petition of Yorkshire Freeholders, for a more adequate Representation of the People in Parliament, I drank Tea at home, my little Boy looks thin.

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Friday the Tenth; William appears to have much cold; Doct. Wayne called here before dinner & lay all night he was sent for to Jos. Carnforth, my Tenant, who is ill.

Saturday the Eleventh; Doct. Wayne went home after breakfast; my child William appears to have increased his cold.

Sunday the Twelfth; Wm. is better.

Monday the Thirteenth; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro'; my little Girl is begun to be affected as her brother was last week.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I walked to my workmen preparing for a wood of oak in high Cow howl; my Children as yesterday.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I dined at the Ordinary at Stockton, having the Yorkshire Freeholders Petition with me, which was signed by many near Stockton.

Thursday the Sixteenth; I dined at Yarm a second time on the subject of the Petition for a more Adequate Representation of the People in Parliament: Mr. Ward of Dinsdale and Mr. Bowes of Darlington dined with me: On my return home I found my little girl very much indisposed, much as her Brother has been, but worse.

Friday the Seventeenth; at home; I hope the complaint of my little Girl is at heighth.

Saturday the Eighteenth; at home.

Sunday the Nineteenth; my little Girl being very ill this morning, I sent for Doct. Wayne and to my friends at Ayton; the latter came before dinner, viz. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, my Sist. Est. being on a visit to Mrs. Cary. Lady Russel, (their daughter) being lately dead, they went away after dinner, Doct. Wayne came towards evening & lay here, the child is better Mr. Dodds came before dinner & lay here,

Monday the Twentieth; my Child is not so ill as yesterday; Doct. Wayne went to K.Leatham Mr. Dodds here all day.

Tuesday the Twenty First; My child Mary being very ill this morning I sent to K.Leatham for Doct. Wayne who came here before dinner & found her better; my Sister Est. came in Chaise after dinner the Doct. Went away, But my Sist. & Mr. Dodds lay here, Capt. Brown at the Forest dined here.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; my Child is better. I but very poorly myself, Mr. Dodds went to Stockton with Capt. Brown, & contracted with Pye & Haw to build a Sloop of about 65 Tons for Mr. Baker, myself & Geo. Dodds, he came here in the evening, and again lay here.

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Thursday the Twenty Third; my little Girl is better and so am I, Mr. Dodds spent this day on business relating opening an Allum work at Sallow-Tree- hole, Doct. Wayne came before dinner and lay here; much snow is on the Ground.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. Dodds went home after breakfast; Doct. Wayne left us soon after; my little Girl is much better.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; at home with my Sister Esther; my Child is got downstairs.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, and their Daughters Rach. & Est. (Han. is at Woodford Bridg') came here before dinner to stay a week with me, my Sist. Es.came last Tuesday

Monday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; my Bro. Wilson and myself dined at Stokesley with Gen. Cary at a meeting on Justice Business.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; my little Girl Mary is quite well - a stormy day.

Thursday the Thirtieth; my Bro. Wilson rode home and returned before dinner; Miss Consels (& Miss Passman with them) drank Tea here.

Friday the Thirty first & last Day. Brother Wilson and I rode out before dinner; and in the afternoon walked to my workmen, re planting with oak. Plants many places on the North side of the Rill below the Bridg' in Cow howl, these Plants I get of S^r. James Pennyman (at 2[£] 15^s p.1,000) see Tuesday 7th Mar. 1769 & Tuesday 6th March 1770, in Journal Letter N.

FEBRUARY 1783

Saturday the First, at home all day, the air being very cold.

Sunday the Second; my Bro. & Sis. Wilson their (2 younger) Daughters & Sist. Est. left me after dinner, see last Sunday the 26th ulto.

Monday the Third; I rece'd of my Normanby & some other Tenants, their last Mich'mas Rents.

Tuesday the Fourth; engaged at home among my Accounts

Wednesday the Fifth; at home.

Thursday the Sixth; I rode to Stokesley did business at M^r Preston's Office, and dined at my Sister Est. at Ayton; home to tea.

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Friday the Seventh; I walked with W^m. Appleby to Pale Bank, South east extremity of my estate, where I have enclosed about eight Acres intending to plant thereon this month & the next; Oak, Beaches, Larches & E we measured all the Hedges which he has planted for me this winter – viz. 149 Roods 2 Yds

Saturday the Eighth – at home.

Sunday the Ninth; at home.

Monday the Tenth; I went to Gisbro' intending to return home to dine; but Geo. Dodds Junr. Came to Normanby in my absence & from thence to Gisbro' just before the ordinary dinner so we sat down to it, he went home soon after so did I; his errand is with a letter from his Father of this date advising of his having wrote to me by his Blacksmith last Saturday, & he had lossed the Letter.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I went to Ayton after drinking teas at home; lay at my Sisters.

Wednesday the Twelfth; at seven o'clock. my Bro. Wilson got into his coach with old Quaker Wm. Richardson (aged 82) & myself when we arrived at Stokesley the hack-Post Chaise being ready we all three got into it & proceeded to North -Allerton where we arrived after ten o'clock. & joined the other Justices of the Peace just then going to open the business of the day which was for the Electing a Register for this North Riding of Yorkshire: the Candidates who stood the Poll, were Mr. Math. Butterwick, Mr, Richard William Peirse, & Mr. Henry Pulleine, (W. Chaloner of Gisbro' had proposed his brother Ja^s - Mr. Ascough, & Mr. Skelton had also stood candidates, but declined) after the Scrutators were appointed, viz. S^r. Rob. Hilyard, Pet^r. Conset, Rev. W^m. Coomber, Rev^d. Preston, & [blank] - Mr Wilson and I voted (by Ballot) for W.

Butterwick, so did W^m. Richardson & then we retired to the Inn, drank tea and left North-Allerton at one, drank tea at Ayton where I lay. Mr. Butterwick polled 209, Mr. Peirse 103, and Mr. Pulleine 62, so that Mr. Butterwick polled 44 more than they both.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I came home before dinner.

Friday the Fourteenth; at home.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I walked to the men planting my high Cow-howl, from three to four acres with oak Plants.

Sunday the Sixteenth; at home; Sarah Child went home (to her Father's) with her bro. Richard, who came for her; she has been out of health more than a month.

Monday the Seventeenth; I took a ride to Gisbro'; returned to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I dined at my Sister Est. at Ayton; home in the Evening.

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Wednesday the Nineteenth; my Bro. Wilson came here after breakfast, he and I rode to Stockton and dined at Mr. Browns, a cold day.

Thursday the Twentieth; after dinner I walked to my workmen planting with oaks, my high Cowhowl.

Friday the Twenty First; at home all day being not well – a cold season.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I spent two hours in S^r. Ja^s. Pennyman's Shrubery with his Gardinner (Jn^o M^cDowgal) & mine (Jn^{oo} Johnson, when I chose some shrubs for the Shrubery I am laying out in the Front and sides of my House. Mr. Dodds came before dinner and lay here. – my Children are quite well.

Sunday the Twenty Third; Mr. Dodds and I spent two hours at my Tenant Capt. Brown's on the subject of our intended new Sloop

Monday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. Dodds went away after breakfast, and I went to Gen. Cary's, dined & lay there; my Brother & Sister Wilson & their Daugh. Rach. & Est. dined there.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's on my return from Gen. Carys

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I walked much a^{bt} the Gardens & Ground near the House, the Labourers busy preparing the intended Shrubery.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; walked out with the Children; altho' the weather is cold.

Friday the Twenty Eighth, & last Day. – a very cold day – Rev. Conset & his four Daughters drank Tea here.

MARCH 1783

Saturday the First; at home.

Sunday the Second; The day being fine tho' cold I went to Church after dinner

Monday the Third; I met Mr. Chaloner at the Inn at Gisbro' by appointment, on Justice business. I dined with him at his own House, came home after: Mrs. Chaloner is just got down stairs of her 10th Child (a Girl) who are all alive; the oldest (William) being born in May 1772, therefore he is not yet eleven yrs. old.

Tuesday the Fourth, I took John with me to look after my bit of Glebe Land at Eston – on my return found my Brother Wilson who dined with me – a very cold day

Wednesday the Fifth, an exceeding cold day, with Wind at South, Barometer very low.

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Thursday the Sixth; a most tempestuous day, Wind at East, much Snow fell.

Friday the Seventh; a Thaw, very cold.

Saturday the Eighth; I dined at my Sister Esthers at Ayton.

Sunday the Ninth; the day being fine & Snow nearly dissolved on this level I went to Church (viz. Eston Chapel) after dinner.

Monday the Tenth; I rode to Gisbro before noon – returned to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Eleventh; at home.

Wednesday the Twelfth; my Bro. & Sis. Wilson their Daughters Rachel & Est., also my Sist. Esther & her visitor Mrs. Mc Donald came before; the two latter stay a few days, all the former only stayed Tea.

Thursday the Thirteenth; very churlish cold weather, my Children are not well, nor am I.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Gardener (Jn^{oo} Johnson) with much help planted a great many Shrubs of sorts, about the Front of my House; I have them from Sr. Ja. Pennyman's Shrubbery; so very cold that I durst not venture out, being poorly.

Saturday the Fifteenth; not well, an East Wind.

Sunday the Sixteenth; My Bro. & Sist. Wilson their Daughters Ra. And Est. dined and drank Tea with me, my Sister Est. & Mrs. McDonald returned to Ayton with them see 12th inst.

Monday the Seventeenth; I rode to Gisbro' before dinner & returned, a very fine day.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I walked to my workmen who have very nearly finished planting Pale Bank & the little Bank west of Pale Bank with oaks, Beaches & Larches; - Doct. Wayne dined and lay here – it has been a fine day.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; Doct. Wayne went to Stokesley, I accompanied him as far as Ayton, where I dined at my Bro. Wilson's.

Thursday the Twentieth, I paid a morning visit to Plantation, Gen Hale was rode out I walked half an hour with Mrs. Hale & the Children.

Friday the Twenty First; I took a long walk with John & the young Pointers

Saturday the Twenty Second; John Price breakfasted & dined with me; Mr Dodds came before dinner, (from Boulby) and lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Third a cold day nevertheless Mr. Dodd and I walked to Church (Eston Chapel) after dinner.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; after an early breakfast Mr. Dodds and I rode to view Mr. Chaloner's Allum works (which discontinued about 5 years since) at Spring Banks near

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water-fall; He now offers to let them; Mr. Dodd does not much approve of them; we dined at Guisbro', then he went home to Boulby, & I came here.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at Brother Wilson's a very cold day.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; Gen. Hale spent half an hour with me before dinner; I walked to the woods &^c with my man John Peirson having the young Pointers with us.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home; a very high wind from the North, with Snow.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I walked out a little before dinner with two Pointer whelps on my return I found Sarah Child returned behind her Bro. Richard, see Sunday 16th

Febr'y, she now stays but a few days having declined (about a fortnight since) making Service, altho' she appears to be much better in health than she was.

Sunday the Thirtieth; I rode to Ayton after breakfast, returned before dinner.

Monday the Thirty First & last Day; I attended my workmen, Wm. Hunter & Jn^o. Price's man jobing in my House, preparatory to my painting in April,

APRIL 1783

Tuesday the First; at home.

Wednesday the Second; at home, & walking out.

Thursday the Third; I rode to Riverside before dinner, on my return I found my Sister Est. come from Ayton to assist me to look over my Linnen, Sarah Child being no longer able to continue my Housekeeper, my Sist. Looked over the same, & it was put into the possession of Hannah Toppin who became my Servant at May day 1774, is now in the Nursery under old Cornforth.

Friday the Fourth; my Sister assisted me to look over things in the Store Room, (with [word unreadable] I give the Key thereof to Eliz. Owram who has been my Cook since Candlemass 1777; I went to Ayton with my Sister, dined at Bro. Wilson's with Gen. & Mrs. Cary & Miss Williamson.

Saturday the Fifth; I wished Mr. & Mrs Chaloner (of Guisbro') a good journey to London, they take their two eldest Sons (Wm. & Tho.) the eldest near 11 years old & the younger near to 7 - to put to Eton or Harrow School, their two eldest Daughters (Emma & Mary) also go with them & so to return, the eldest about 8, & the younger about 7 y. old – dined at home.

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Sunday the Sixth; I went to Church after dinner; Revd. Conset did Duty, Revd. Tench being not well.

Monday the Seventh; I walked to the new planted wood, in David Bank &^c before dinner the weather is unusually fine; & has been so many days

Tuesday the Eighth; old Nurse (Ann Cornforth) walked to Ormsby where she reci^d the Sacrament from the (Papist) Priest: Revd. Conset & his four Daughters drank tea. – very fine weather.

Wednesday the Ninth; at home: Jn^{oo} Burtell, Painter of Gisbro' began to paint my House.

Thursday the Tenth; my Sisters Wilson & Est. came before dinner (in the formers Coach) and soon after my Children returned with them to Ayton to stay a fortnight or three weeks: (see 13 May) I went with them; old Nurse rode on Horseback.

Friday the Eleventh; Bro. Wilson & I walked to the Quarry from whence paving stones are got, I agreed with a man there for 60 loads.

Saturday the Twelfth; to Stokesley & ret. before dinner

Sunday the Thirteenth; went to Ayton Church after dinner with my Children, the first time they were ever at a Church (Wm. Ward being only 4 ½ y. old, & Mary Lewin 3½) we drank tea at Jun^r W^m. Richardson's.

Monday the Fourteenth; I dined at Normanby & returned to Ayton, the Painter (John Burtell of Guisbro') & his men are busy at painting.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; My Sist. Wilson in her Coach took my Sist. & my Children Bro. Wilson & myself on horseback, paid a morn'g visit to Gen. & Mrs Cary at Leven Grove.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I dined & lay at Normanby Mr. Dodds of Boulby & his Son meeting me there by appointment on their road to his Father & Mother at Birkenside west of Durham; Capt. Brown dined with us.

Thursday the Seventeenth; Mr. Dodds & his Son left me after breakfast, & Mr. Harrison Attorney (of Guisbro') came on the subject of some Sheep having been stolen from several farmers of this Neighbourhood, I granted several warrants to search for them on Farms in the Township of Preston on Skern (in Aycliff Parish) in the county of Durham, and also to apprehend James Pinkney who is suspected to have stolen the same, he is now of said Preston, slept at Ayton

Friday the Eighteenth; I walked to Wm. Richardson's Sen^r before dinner; Mr. Passman & their Family drank Tea with my Sister.

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Saturday the Nineteenth; I became so ill at my Sisters that Dr. Wayne attended me.

Sunday the Twentieth; Dr. Wayne attended me again my complaint is Rheumatick.

Monday the Twenty first; I am able to sit up 3 or 4 hours.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; So well as to be got down stairs; Ja^s Pinkney was brought before me with my Warrant dated 17th inst. & having sufficient Evidence to convict him before me, I committed him to York Castle, at same time binding W^m. Hart of Wilton & Rob: Young of Eston to prosecute &^c. Mr. Harrison of Guisbro' attended me on the occasion he lay at Bro. Wilson's who also assisted me in the Examinations &^c

Wednesday the Twenty Third; Mr. Harrison left us after breakfast, Sist. Est. myself & Children drank Tea at my Brother Wilson's.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; we all drank Tea at Mr. Passman's at Ayton.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; Bro. Wilson & Family, Wm. Richardson & his wife (of Langbaugh drank Tea at my Sister's. Mr. Dodds & Son lay at Normanby

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; Bro Wilson & myself dined at Dr. Wayne's, his Bro. The Capt. was there.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, went to Ayton Church with my Children before dinner afterwards to my Brother Wilson's until Even'g.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; my Bro. Wilson & I paid a morning visit to Gen. Hale, I did not reach his House, having been detained at Guisbro' by S^r Tho. Dundas on Justice Business & also by Mr. Dodds of Boulby, now at Guisbrough with Mr. Jorden (Agent at Sandsend All. Works) estimating sundry Stocks & utensils at Mr. Chaloner's All.

Works which are to be conducted by Jackson [?] & Danby, in future, on a Lease for 11 years dined at Ayton, drank Tea with Wm. Rich'son & Wife at Bro. Wilson's.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I dined at my own House at Normanby, the Painter will not finish before the end of this week.

Wednesday the Thirtieth & last Day. I rode with Mr. Wilson & viewed the Allum works near Ayton, before dinner – very cold weather & dry – wind North East.

MAY 1783

Thursday the First; at Ayton all day.

Friday the Second; I dined at Norm'by & in the evening returned to my Children at Ayton

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Saturday the Third; not well of a cold

Sunday the Fourth; not very well nevertheless I went to Ayton Church with my Children after dinner.

Monday the Fifth; Bro. Wilson went with me to Guisbro', where we joined Rev.

Williamson, and held a meeting on the Land Tax, Windows, & House Tax.

Tuesday the Sixth; I dined at Norm'by.

Wednesday the Seventh; an exceeding cold day; Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Est. went to Richmond.

Thursday the Eighth: I dined at Normanby

Friday the Ninth I spent the day with my Children.

Saturday the Tenth; I rode to Stokesley & returned to dine at my Sister's; soon after I walked to Capt. Wayne's returned to Drink Tea at my Sister's.

Sunday the Eleventh; went to Ayton Church before dinner; my Sist. Est. & my Children & I drank Tea at Wm. Richardson's at Langbaugh, he was at Darlington.

Monday the Twelfth, I rode to Guisbro' returned to my Sister's Dinner & after that I Drank Tea at Nich. Richardson's with my Sist Esther, and my Children; my Bro. Wilson & Est. returned from Richmond, see last Wednesday.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; my Sister Wilson in her coach with my Sister Est. & my Children came to Normanby before dinner, I came on horseback so did Nurse Cornforth, we, viz. my Child. Myself Nurse & Fawcitt have been at my Sister Esther's at Ayton since Thursday the 10th April in which time my House has been painted: my Sister Wilson returned to Ayton aft. Dinner

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I went to Stockton did Business, & returned by two o'clock to dine with my Sist. Est. & Children.

Thursday the Fifteenth; Rev. Conset & his four Daughters drank Tea with us.

Friday the Sixteenth; my Sister & I rode (single) to Kirk Leatham, spent an hour in the Gardens there with Rev. Shuttleworth, dined at home, after having had a pleasant ride.

Saturday the Seventeenth; Mr. & Mrs. Sutton & her Sis^r Horsfal, dined with me, as did Mr. Collison an assistant Teacher at Kirkleatham recommended to my notice by Rev. Archdeacon Blackburn, my Bro. & Sist Wilson & their Daughters Rach. & Est. also dined, my Sist. Est. returned with them; she came last Tuesday.

Sunday the Eighteenth; I went to Eston Chapel afternoon.

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Monday the Nineteenth; I spent among my Papers, the wind blowing high from the Northe-East, with showers of small Rain.

Tuesday the Twentieth; the cold weather continues, I have much Rheumatism.

Wednesday the Twenty first; the Weather being more moderate I rode to the River; Rev. Conset dined with me, so did Rev. Greenside the first time since he became Resident at Marton.

Thursday the Twenty Second; my Brother Wilson, Gen. Hale, & his Son Barnard dined with me.

Friday the Twenty Third; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Eston Chapel after dinner as usual.

Monday the Twenty Sixth, I met my Bro. Wilson at Guisbro' where, with Rev.

Williamson (Mr. Chaloner being in London) we held a meeting on the Land Tax, window &c. Acts; Mr. Dodds of Boulby being there he came home with me.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; Mr. Dodds spent the day with me; very cold wind high at N.E.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; altho' the weather continues very cold Mr. Dodds went away to Boulby after dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; we are visited by the most extraordinary cold hazy weather, with high N.E. winds, and for a longer continuance than has been remembered of many years, and it is near 3 months since any Rain fell in this neighbourhood, save a few Drops. I walked to Ja^s. Eston paving in this Township a Causway on the Horse road from hence to Guisbro'

Friday the Thirtieth; a fine Rain all day..

Saturday the Thirty First & last day. I attended Ja^s. Eston paving the Causeway, see 29th inst.

JUNE 1783

Sunday the First: I dined at Skiningrove, Mr Esterby was gone to Whitby but Mr. Jn^{oo} & Miss Nanny were at home; Fawcitt went forward to Boulby to inform Mr. Dodds, who with Geo Kirtley met me near Street houses a Person taking my horse there, we walked by the Spring, called London well, to the top of Sallow- Tree-Hole adjoining to which,

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(on the west side there of,) my Partners Mr. Geo. Baker of Elemore, near Durham, & myself have determined to begin a new alum work: the Allum Liquor is to be conveyed in troughs to the old works & from thence, by the usual way, to our present Allum House after spending an hour walking about we went to the House where I lay all night. Monday the Second, I spent the day at Boulby, riding with Mr. Dodds after dinner to see the work he began this morning with seven men, making a Sledg'way into Sallow Tree Hole, see yesterday

Tuesday the Third; the Sloop Violet delivered a load of coals, & received one of Allum: after dining at Boulby I set out, coming by the moor Road, & through Guisbro' home by six o'clock.

Wednesday the Fourth; at home, save that I walked to the Pavior Ja^s. Eston on a new Causeway the new Horse road to Guisbro.

Thursday the Fifth; as yesterday.

Friday the Sixth; my Children and I drank Tea at Rev. Conssets, walked afterwards

Saturday the Seventh; about home.

Wit-Sunday the Eighth; I did not go from the house having given Nurse (Cornforth) leave to attend to her Religious Duties, (Catholics) and my children have colds, which increased towards evening very much, and they both vomited much; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson Drank Tea with me; their Daughters Rach. & Est. being with my Sister – visiting Mrs. Benson at Ayslaby

Wit-Monday the Ninth; I went with Ja^s. Appleton, taking my Ser. Jn^o. Pierson with me to my Pale Hall Farm Lately tenanted by Rob. Appleby now by Tho^s. Stubbs, where much repairs of the House & Offices, must be made; after eating some cold Beef, I came home, my Children as yesterday.

Tuesday the Tenth; my little Girl is better but William is worse, wherefore I sent for my Sist. Wilson, & Doc. Wayne, they dined here, the latter lay all night, at w^{ch} time the Child was better.

Wednesday the Eleventh, my Children being better, Doc. Wayne went away after breakfast, I went with him a part of the way, & then paying a morning visit to S^r.

William Foulis who is just returned from abroad where he has been about two years (he is now about 24 y.old) I dined at Ayton found my Children better in the evening.

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Thursday the Twelfth; my Children are somewhat better tho' far from well, I am very much indisposed; Rev. Grise [?] of Hutton juxta Rudby dined with me. ^ (Mr.Tho^s Lewins Serv. Geo: arrived wth a [?] Horse, see 19th July)^

Friday the Thirteenth; at home all day.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I rode out before dinner; a very rainy afternoon

Sunday the Fifteenth; I went to Eston Chapel, & received the Sacrament before dinner, this being one of the four Sundays on which morning Service is performed, & the Sacrament administered every year by the Vicar of Ormsby, who is also Curate of Eston.

Monday the Sixteenth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson their daughters Rach. & Est. & my Sist Esther dined with me; I am not very well.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; confined at home, having much Rhuematism.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I rode out the day being mild – growing weather.

Thursday the Nineteenth; Gen. & Mrs. Cary dined with me, so [*did*] my Brother & Sister Wilson, their Daughters, Rachel & Est. & my Sister Esther Jackson,

Friday the Twentyeth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty First; about home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I went to Church after noon; the weather very fine,

Monday the Twenty Third; I went to Boulby calling at Gisbro' as I went, & viewed the Roads to Scaling-Dam; on my arrival at Boulby at 3 o'Clo' Mr. Dodds was at Staiths this being the fair-day there –I had no Servant with me; expecting Mr Tho. Lewin's arrival every day, I left Fawcit at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I spent the day at Boulby; walked down to Sallow-Plain, (near Sallow Tree hole,) & from thence a part of the way to the old works, upon the Track now making for a Liquor-way from the intended new works at Sallow Tree hole to the old works, along the out side of the Cliff about 1200 Yards - the men at work forming the said Track are near each other say ^distant from each other^ about 80 yards only - Note 11 men work from West to East, and 7 other men work from East to West – I then viewed the old work &^c see the 1st & 2nd days of this month.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I came home to a late dinner of cold victuals

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; I rode out with my Children on horseback, before dinner

Friday the Twenty Seventh; about home.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to Ayton & returned before dinner; my Sist. Wilson is not very well. – Mary Lythe is in a state of ill health, and her Mind is also affected.

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Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Church after dinner as usual.

Monday the Thirtyeth & last Day: I attended at Gisbro', this being the day appointed for appeals on the Land Tax Acts – I dined at Mr. Harrisons, and came home, to Tea.

JULY 1783

Tuesday the First; I dined at Mr. Wilson's at Ayton, meeting Mr. Mauleverer & his Family there – very hot weather.

Wednesday the Second; at home with workmen, raising my Hay Shed 3 feet.

Thursday the Third; I went to Stockton on Busines at the shops, home before dinner.

Friday the Fourth; about home.

Saturday the Fifth; I breakfasted at Ayton, my Sist. Est. Jackson having been Stung or venomed has a very sore Thumb & fore-Finger; Mr. & Mrs. Wilson have not been well, but are better now: about ten o'Clock Mr. Baker came here & lay all Night; he had been at Kirk Leatham to look at a Hunter of S^t. Cha. Turner.

Sunday the Sixth; Mr. Baker left me after breakfast, going to Hambleton; I went to Church afternoon – very hot weather.

Monday the Seventh; I rode to Gisbro' did business & returned to dine at home; I began to mow this morning (about 8 acres Mead^w)

Tuesday the Eighth; about home. Rev. Shuttleworth drank Tea with me.

Wednesday the Ninth; Mr. & Mrs Harrison breakfasted with me, I went with them to Stockton, & returned (in their hired Post Chaise) in the Ev'ing, Mr. Harrison, Lawson Kinston & I dined at the Inn having by appointment many of the Parties who had sheep stolen from them in this Neighbourhood, & the Persons who had them in possession, having bought them of Ja^s Pinkney who I committed to York Castle on the 22nd April last: I got out of the Chaise at Ormsby & walked home.

Thursday the Tenth; Rev. Conset, his four daughters, two Lady Visitors; & Mr. Mrs. & two Miss Passmans dined with me.

Friday the Eleventh; I took John with me to Tho^s Stobs's near Yarm, & there set out some work for Bricklayers & Joiners as repairs about his House -, at home about four.

Saturday the Twelfth; I dined at my Sist. Est. & drank Tea at Bro. Wilson's.

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

Monday the Fourteenth; at home.

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Tuesday the Fifteenth; I attended the Quarter sessions of the Peace for this (North) Riding of Yorkshire; the Bench was very thin - only Mr. Marwood, my Bro. Wilson, Mr. Watson, Mr Matthews Jn^r. & myself, who they appointed Chairman, Gen. Hale dined with us; adjourned the sessions to be held at N'Allerton next Thursday; I got home before twelve

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I finished my Hay Season, having got all put into the Shed. – my Bro & Sist. Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Est. & their visitors Mr. Sanderson, her Son Augustine, & Daughter Richardson with her Husband of Manchester, & my Sister Esther dined with me.

Thursday the Seventeenth; my Children and I drank Tea at Rev. Consets.

Friday the Eighteenth; I rode about two Miles this morning, leading by my side a little mare Poney 4y^{rs} old which I bought yesterday of W^m. Snowdon, on which my little boy rode.

Saturday the Nineteenth; Before two o'Clock afternoon, came Mr. Tho Lewin, (the eldest) & John Lewin (the youngest of) my late dear M^{rs} Jackson's Brothers – in the former's own Chaise with hired Horses. I have expected Mr. T. Lewin ever since the 15th Ult^o. See 12th June, & 22nd Octo.

Sunday the Twentyeth; Mr. T. Lewin rode out before dinner; very hot weather.

Monday the Twenty First; we spent the day about home, very hot, my Bro. Wilson drank Tea.

Tuesday the twenty Second; Mr Lewin & his Brother went to Durham, to stay the Races there, this week - fine showers of Rain.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; about home.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I rode out with my little Boy to Lazenby Trough after breakfast, then I paid a morning visit to Mr. Chaloner who with his Lady arrived from London on Monday see Saturday 5th April last; I also spent half an hour with Gen. Hale at his own house; home to a late dinner.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at Ayton, & then went to Stokesley, where I did business with Mr. Preston & home by Nine a fine Evening.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; S^r. Cha^s. Turner Rev^d Shuttleworth, & Vandyke, Papist Priest of Yarm drank Tea with me,

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I rode to Capt. Brown's at the Forest with my little Boy before dinner

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Monday the Twenty Eighth; I spent half an hour at Ayton proceeded to Busby where I dined & lay all night at Mrs. Marwood left home with her mother yesterday morning to attend the old Gentleman Mr Goulter [?] of Beverley who is now dangerously [*ill*] at a Small House of his in Lincolnshire; Mr Marwood was at home with Miss Barlow & Miss Rageman [?]

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; after breakfast I left Busby, & calling at Ayton I found Mrs. Cary, sat half an hour, & home to dine.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day: Doct. Wayne with me; William & I rode with him two miles tow^d Stokesley, returned by Ormsby.

AUGUST 1783

Friday the First; at home.

Saturday the Second; M^r. Lambert, clerk to M^r. Matthews Drank a dish of Tea with me, I dined at my Sisters at Ayton, spent an hour at Stokesley with M^r Preston & drank Tea at Ayton on my road home, I found at home M^r Lewin & his Bro. – see Tuesday the 22d also.

Sunday the Third; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, Their Daughters Rach. & Est. & my Sister Est. dined with me.

Monday the Fourth; Mr. Lewin, John & I dined at Bro. Wilson's at Ayton.

Tuesday the Fifth; Mr. Lewin, John & I dined at Bro. Wilson's at Ayton.

Wednesday the Sixth; Mr. Lewin & I dined at Gen. Hale's.

Thursday the Seventh; at home

Friday the Eighth; Mr. Lewin & I went to Ayton in his Chaise, I proceeded on horseback to Ingleby, and after dining at Sr. Wm. Foulis's returned to Ayton, & from there returned home with Mr. Lewin in his Chaise for he dined at Mr. Wilson's.

Saturday the Ninth; I went to Gisbro', returned before dinner; Mr. Brown of Stockton spent an hour with us this morning.

Sunday the Tenth; Bro. & Sis. Wilson their Daughters Ra. & Es. & my Sist. Est. dined.

Monday the Eleventh; Mr. Lewin & I dined at Gen. Cary's.

Tuesday the Twelfth; at home Mr. Lewin paid a morning visit to Gen. Hale's, dined at Ayton returned in the evening.

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Wednesday, the Thirteenth; Jn^o. Lewin walked to Ayton Mr. Lewin and I met Mr. Wilson & his Family from Ayton at Mr. Sutton's at Stockton; after dinner Mr. Lewin proceeded to Mainsforth, on his road to Durham; saw a Ship launched .

Thursday the Fourteenth; I was with Mr. Chaloner half an hour on justice Business, & there (at Gisbro') was met by Bro. Wilson who rode with me to Boulby, we dined, viewed the men at work making a Conveyance for the water from London well to the intended new works at Sallow-Tree-Hole, and after drinking Tea Mr. Wilson walked to Staiths where he lay at Mr. Sanderson's.

Friday the Fifteenth; Mr. Dodds & I pitched on a piece of Ground on Cober whereon to erect a new Kelp House; then called on Mr. Wilson who returned with us to Boulby we dined & soon after leaving Boulby , Mr Wilson & I parted at Brotton, proceeding thence to our respective homes.

Saturday, the Sixteenth; at home all day, very hot weather, the country People are very busy cutting wheat.

Sunday the Seventeenth; Mr. Dodds came before breakfast when I was at breakfast, he returned to Boulby in the evening, my little Boy & I rode with him to Lazenby

Monday the Eighteenth; I spent two hours before dinner, at Gisbro' expecting to have seen Mr. Chaloner on Justice Business but he was gone to Shoot on the Moors.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; I breakfasted at my Sist. Est. at Ayton, (home before dinner) Rev. Arch. Deacon Blackburn & his Wife being on a visit to Mr. Wilson; before Eleven o'Clock (at night) Mr. Lewin returned from Durham & see Wednesday 13th inst.

Wednesday the Twentieth; my Sister Est. & Nieces Rach. & Est. Wilson came before dinner & lay here; old Mrs Chaloner, Gen. & Mrs. Hale, their twin Daughters & son William dined here; much Thunder & Lightening after dinner.

Thursday the Twenty First; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson bro. down Rev. Arch.D.Blackburn & his wife before dinner they returned to Ayton in the Eveng, so did my Sis. Est. & Nieces see yesterday; Jn^o. Lewin came from Ayton, see 13th inst.

Friday the Twenty Second; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Third; at home

Sunday the Twenty fourth; Mr. Lewin paid a morning visit to Gen. Hale, & dined at Ayton. I went to Eston Chapel, our Parochial place of worship, after dinner, taking my two Children with me, the first time they were ever at Church save once or twice at Ayton last Spring; John Lewin was also at Church with us.

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Monday the Twenty Fifth; after an early breakfast Mr. Lewin his Bro. John & myself set out for Boulby, we met Mr. Dodds at Rocliff with the men making the new water way from London Well to the intended new work at Sallow Tree Hole; in two hours we arrived at Boulby, dined there, and with Mr. Dodds drank Tea at Mrs. Sanderson's at Staiths Mr. Lewin lay there, Jn^o, myself, & G. Dodds at Boulby.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; we all breakfasted at Boulby, and dined at Normanby finding there, Mr. Lewin (my Father in Law) who arrived from London at Nine this morning.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; Some Rain falling spent the day about home.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; my Bro. Wilson and Mr. Sutton of Stockton dined with us. The weather is become cold.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; Mr. Lewin walked to Ayton, his Son Tho. & I rode there, dined at Mr. Wilson's, & a heavy Rain coming on we all lay at Ayton; Jn^o Lewin went to Cargo Fleet to prepare for his going to London by Sea.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; I dined at home, John Lewin with me.

Sunday the Thirty First & last Day. Mr. J. Lewin breakfasted at Normanby, returned to Ayton to dinner, lay there and his Father came here before dinner & lay here.

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Monday the First, Mr. J. Lewin came before breakfast & continued here, my Bro. & Sister Wilson, their daughters Rach. & Est. & my Sister Esther dined & drank Tea here.

Tuesday the second; I rode to the River, & from thence my Servant Jn^o Pierson rode my horse home, I took his Gun & accompanied Mr. Lewin home before dinner. John Lewin sailed this evening in a Stockton Brig on his voyage to London he came here on

Saturday the 19th July; Mr. Tho. Lewin paid a morning visit to Gen. Hale and after dining with his Father and me, he went to a Consert at Stockton laying at Mr. Sutton's.

Wednesday the Third; Mr. Lewin & me walked out with our Guns, but were driven in eer long by the Rain, Mr. Tho. Lewin came home before dinner. – a very rainy afternoon.

Thursday the Fourth; My Bro. & Sister Wilson, their Daughter's Rachel & Est. & my Sister Esther breakfasted with us - & soon after my Children & Mr. Lewin & his Son (Tho.) & me joined them on a jaunt to Coatham, we walked on the Sands, but the high west wind rendered the walk unpleasant especially to the young ones who were

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surprised on their sight of the Sea; we all dined at Coatham, & drank Tea & all lay at Normanby

Friday the Fifth; The Ayton Family left me after breakfast, so did Mr. Lewin & his Son on their Journey to Durham; I got an early dinner, & soon after Mr. Baker called on me, he dined at Kirk-Leatham, & got to Boulby about eight, I drank Tea there.

Saturday the Sixth, Mr. Baker & I with Geo.Dodds examined our year's accs. ending 31st May last, & signed & allowed the same: much Rain fell in the day and a very wind from the West.

Sunday the Seventh; Mr. Baker and I Left Boulby after breakfast, got a snack dinner at Normanby, he left me after Tea.

Monday the Eighth; I walked out with my gun till after Tea, then went to Gisbro' where Mr. Chaloner & I held the Brewster-Sessions (for Granting Ale Licences to Tiplers) I drank Tea at home

Tuesday the Ninth; a very rainy day Mr. Telford of York dined here, just before we sat down came Mr. Lewin & his Son (Tho.) from Durham, see last Friday.

Wednesday the Tenth; at home all day.

Thursday the Eleventh; Mr. Lewin walked to Ayton before dinner, I rode there; Mr. Tho. Lewin dined at Gen. Hale's & came to Ayton, before Tea, we all lay at Ayton.

Friday the Twelfth; Mr. Lewin & his Son (Tho.) Lewin dined at Gen. Hale's & came to Ayton, before Tea, we all lay at Ayton.

Friday the Twelfth; Mr. Lewin & his Son (Tho.) set out for London, by way of Harrowgate the former arrived at my House 26th inst. & the latter on the 19th July with his Bro. John who left me on the 2nd inst, I dined at Gen. Carey's & came home

Saturday the Thirteenth; I walked out with John, and my Gun before dinner.

Sunday the Fourteenth; my Bro.Wilson dined here.

Monday the fifteenth; I walked out with my Gun, and was much fatigued having been on my legs near six hours.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I am very much out of order having fatigued myself too much yesterday: this day being fine I rode my little man out.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; Brother Wilson breakfasted with me, we then went to John Hymer's at Ormsby who had complained to us of the distress he was in by the Insanity of Ralph Bruce an apprentice to him as a Blacksmith; after examining the youth & other proofs, we made an order purporting to be a discharge of the apprentice; I spent two

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hours a shooting & then went to Ayton where I dined with Gen. Hale & his Family at Mr. Wilson's.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I rode out in the morning with my little man; my Brother & Sis. Wilson their Daughters Rach. & Est, my Sister Est. Gen. Hale, Rev^d. Wm. Comber (of Kirkby-moor-side) his wife & Fr^d Rev^d. Dixon dined with me; the Rev^d. & I went to Coatham; all the rest home.

Friday the Nineteenth; I went with my two children, & old Nurse Cornforth in a Post Chaise to Plantation we all dined there, (at Gen. Hale's) and got home at seven o'clock.

Saturday the Twentieth; Bro. Wilson dined with me; he and Gen. Carey's Servant (Mr. Brigham) attending here on our drawing off & dividing amongst us (three) a Pipe of Port Wines

Sunday the Twenty First; Capt. Brown of the Forest, dined with me; I went to Church afterwards with my Children.

Monday the Twenty Second; at home

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I walked out with my Gun in Eston & Lackenby Townships

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I had early notice this morning that the new Sloop Fox which was launched from the Yard of Mess. Pye & Haw of Stockton, the 12 inst. was moored opposite to my Ground, I therefore went on board her after breakfast, & returned home soon after twelve o'clock where I found my Sister Est. was arrived in a hired Post Chaise in which she & I went to Kirk- Leatham attended by my Bro, & Sist. Wilson & Neices Rachel & Est. in their Coach – we dined at Sir Char's Turner's 32 Neighbours & others; Gen. Hale, his Wife & 5 of their young Folk, wth. old Mrs. Chaloner, & Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner of Gisbro' came before Tea soon after that dancing commenced, which continued till one, we supped about 50 - soon after my Bro. Wilson &^c &^c. & myself came away & got to Bed at Normanby a quarter before 4, leaving about 18 couple of Dancers on the floor at Kirk-Leatham.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; Bro. Wilson & Family & Sis. Est. left me after breakfast; & as soon as dinner was over, my two children, myself & Nurse Cornforth rode on horseback to the Forest intending to have gone on board the Fox, see yesterday, but She was loaded with Corn & proceeding down the River when we reached the River – drank Tea at home.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I met Capt. Wm. Brown at Stockton by appointment when paid the Ship Carpenter's, Ropers's, Sail-maker's & Blacksmith's &^c. Bills to the amount of

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very near 539 £. w^{ch} with about 260£. yet to pay in sundry small articles not thought of & people who were not at home, all which I hope will be paid in a few days, will amount to about 599£. For the cost & outfitting of the Fox, of about 66 Tons burthen, & belonging to Mr. Baker Geo. Dodds & myself in equal shares – viz each 1/3rd.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I spent a few hours a shooting towards the River.

Sunday Twenty Eighth; I took my Children to church afternoon.

Monday Twenty Ninth; I took the diversion of Shooting towards the River, & home to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last day. After dinner I rode to Ayton, and lay at my Sister Esthers.

OCTOBER 1783

Wednesday, October, the First; my Bro. Wilson & I mounted before five after riding our hourses to Stokesley went in Post Chaise from thence to Borrowby where a chaise from Easingwold waited for us, in which we went to Easingwold, breakfasted there, & proceeded to York, which place we reached at twelve, and immediately attended a Meeting of Associating Freeholders of this County, we were sixty three in all, came to many resolutions & dined at the York- Tavern; we met Mr. Thos. Lewin at York with whom we supt at Bluits & lay there.

Thursday the Second; Mr. Lewin, Mr. Wilson & myself left York about ten, in the former's Chaise with hired Horses, which we changed at the several Stages & dined late at Ayton, I arrived at Normanby at seven, before my Children went to Bed.

Friday the Third; I went a shooting to Upsil before dinner, found Mr. Lewin here, he had rode to Gen. Hale's at Plantation.

Saturday the Fourth; Mr. Lewin & I dined at Mr. Brown's at Stockton with Mr. Wilson & his Family by appointment; Capt. & Mrs Jones were there.

Sunday the Fifth; Mr. Lewin went to Gen. Hale's after breakfast.

Monday the Sixth; I spent two hours at Gisbro' on business, on my return found Mr.

Lewin, Mr. Chaloner dined with us, & Mr. Lewin went to Gisbro' with Mr. Chaloner.

Tuesday the Seventh; I walked a shooting four hours; my Bro. Wilson dined with me, so did his Son William lately come from Mr. Benfields School near Hampstead.

Wednesday the Eighth; I dined & lay at Boulby.

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Thursday the Ninth; I attended to business three hours in the Counting House, and with Mr. Dodds walked upon the road he has lately made on the Slide of the Cliff at New fall; and as soon as I had dined I mounted my Horse to come home.

Friday the Tenth; I went ashooting with John below Lackenby, had little diversion, my Sister Esther came in the Evening

Saturday the Eleventh; my Bro. & Sis. Wilson and their Daughter Rach. & Est. dined with me so did Mr. Brown of Stockton & his Daughter, & their visitors Capt. & Mrs. Jones of Bromley near London, Mr Lewin (see last Monday) came in the Ev^{ing}.

Sunday the Twelfth; my Sister Esther left me after dinner.

Monday the Thirteenth; I dined with Mr Harrison at the Inn at Gisbro', Sir Cha. Turner Mr. Chaloner and myself held the Special Sessions for appointing Survey'rs of Highways for the Y^r succeed'g.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I walked a shooting towards Upsil with John – much fatigued.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; my little Boy & I rode to Ayton, this is the longest ride he has ever had upon his own Poney; the Child will not be five years old until the 27th day of this month; we had some milk at my Sister Est.; & after two o'Clo', we eat pudding at Mr. Wilson's, leaving that family at dinner, (Mr. Miles Smith of the East Riding is with them:) we got home before five.

Thursday the Sixteenth; John, Wm. Snowdon & myself met Mr. Harrison at Dav^d Thomas's at ten o'Clo' by appointment we amused ourselves with our Guns , and at two Mr. Harrison & I repaired to his House at Gisbro', dined, & I got home before six – Snowdon and John dined at Dav^d Thomas's on cold vict's.

Friday the Seventeenth; I met Wm. Richardson at Wm. Webster at 10 o'Clo' by appointment we amused ourselves a shooting till near two on our arrival here, found his Wife, his Brother & Children John & Mary, & my Sister Est. they all left me after Tea.

Saturday the Eighteenth; I spent the forenoon assisting the Surveyors of the Highways of Ormsby to set a Trough which I give them to receive water from a Spring near S^r James Lodg' (on the Stockton – road) to water Horses &^c passing along the Lane. – on my coming home found Mr. Lewin who lay here all night.

Sunday the Nineteenth; Mr. Lewin went to Gen. Hale's before breakfast; I went to Eston Chapel, Miss Consett and her Sist. Anne drank Tea with me.

Monday the Twentieth; I spent 4 hours with John shooting to the North of the Houses; my Sister Esther Nep^w W^m Wilson came before Tea, lay here

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Tuesday the Twenty first, I rode out with my Son W^m & Nep^w before dinner Mr. Lewin came here in the evening from Gen. Hale's in concern.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; the Farmers & others of Normanby and Eston paid to me the Rent for their small Tythes and after dinner Mr. Lewin left me, intending to lay at Ayton to night, & proceed to London tomorrow morning; he is hurried by his Father to attend the Directors of the India Company, to offer to go out again to Madrass; he came to my House Saturday 19th July last.

Thursday the Twenty Third; I walked out with my Gun (John with me) on my return before dinner I found my Brother & Sist. Wilson , with whom their Son Wm. & my Sist. Est. returned, see Monday.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; I sat an hour of the forenoon at Mr. Rud's at Gisbro', (he was gone to L^d Mulgrove's at Lythe for whom he is Steward,) Mr. Rudd is very low indeed having lost their only Daughter a fortnight since, (aged about 13 Y's) of a lingering disease and I spent half an hour at Gen. Hale's at the Plantation, returning home to a late dinner; and in the Evening I sat an hour with Rev. Conset whose only Son (John) dyed a few days since at his Living of Saxby in Lincolnshire in the Gift of S^r. Ja^s. Pennyman.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I did business at Mr. Preston's and Mr. Matthews's Offices at Stokesley; paid a morning visit to Mr. Marwood, dined at Ayton, home to Tea.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; My little Boy and I rode to the banks of the River before dinner; and soon after I perceived the Sloop Fox (see 26th inst) coming up the River from a Voyage to London; I rode to Capt. Brown's but he was gone to dine at a Friends, so the vessel was moored to Caudgate Fleet Shey [?].

Monday the Twenty Seventh; I walked out two or three hours with my Gun; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their son William, and my Sist. Esther dined with me, my little man (Wm. Ward Jackson) being 5 year's old this day; so did Doct. Wayne on his return from Kirk-Leatham, where he went yesterday, being sent for to attend Sir Chas. Turner, who was seized with a stroke of the Palsey about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, an appoplectick-Fit insued about 5, and he dyed at Eleven o'clock last night aged about 56 years; He first married Miss Elizabeth Woombwell by whom he had no Issue, Miss Shuttleworth was his second wife, who survives him with three Children, viz. Char^s a Boy aged about 11 years, & two Daughters, one of them about sixteen months old, and the younger about three months old, being Christened yesterday before her Father dyed.

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Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to the men delivering the Sloop Fox of about 50 Tons of Gravel which was put on board her at Norfleet (in London River) for my Shrubery walks &^c and at about twelve o'clock I set out for Stockton where I dined by visitation of Capt. Sutton at his Mayoralty Feast, about 60 People dined in the assembly Room; I got home at seven o'clock.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I walked a shooting, returned before Three, when I found Mr & .Mrs. Dodds of Boulby come to visit me a few days.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; Mr.& Mrs Dodds, my two Children & their nurse (Cornforth) & myself drank tea (at about eleven o'clock) on board the Sloop Fox, loading Oats ^near Caudgate Fleet^ for London; dined at home.

Friday the Thirty first & last Day; the whole day being rainy was spent in the House.

NOVEMBER 1783

Saturday the First; Mr. Dodds John & myself went a shooting along side the Hills to Wilton wood, saw 2 wood-cocks & many Pheasants, but shot only one of the latter, got home to a late dinner.

Sunday the Second; Mr. & Mrs. Dodds went away after breakfast, my little man & I rode with them to Mains-dykes near Kirk Leatham, I went to Church after dinner.

Monday the Third; I rode to Gisbro' before dinner; we have unusual fine weather.

Tuesday the Fourth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's with Mr. & Mrs. Marwood &^c; lay at my Sister Esther's.

Wednesday the Fifth I dined at^ home^.

Thursday the Sixth; Mr & Mrs Marwood & their visitors Miss. Barlow & Miss.

Ragueneau; also my Brother & Sister Wilson, their Son William & my Sister Esther dined & drank Tea here.

Friday the Seventh; I rode to Will'm Snowdon's & with him & my Servant Jn^{oo} Pierson walked a shooting four hours.

Saturday the Eighth; at home, a cold day.

Sunday the Ninth; I went to Church afternoon; & the Children & I drank tea at Rev'd Consetts.

Monday the Tenth; at home all day, a fine mild Rain falling, wch' we have not had of eight weeks

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Tuesday the Eleventh; I rode a shooting over Barnaby moor, across Coat-Green, & home by Lackenby Banks, with W^m Snowdon & my Servant John.

Wednesday the Twelfth; Sir Tho. Dundas Mr Chaloner & myself reci'd at Gisbro' returns from all the Constables of this east Division of Langbaugh Wapentake, who, by order made a general privy Search for Vagrants &^c, but no one was brought before us although the County is say'd to abound with them, this is owing I believe the fears of expense which would be brought on the Townships by our comiting such as we found proper objects to the House of Correction; I eat a bit of cold Ham at Mr Rudd's, my Sister Est. is there.

Thursday the Thirteenth; my Rev'd neighbour Conset of this place & Grenside of Marton dined with me.

Friday the Fourteenth, the weather was very stormy all last night during which it is sayd that the wind blew high from every point of the Compass: I spent the day with my Children.

Saturday the Fifteenth; at home all day.

Sunday the Sixteenth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton; my Sist. Est. is yet at Mr Rudd's , see Wednesday.

Monday the Seventeenth; much Rain fell today.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I took John me into fields a shooting, had no diversion.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; Captains Easterby & Peacock, & Mr Jn^{oo}. Allison dined & lay here.

Thursday the Twentyeth; after Breakfast the two Captains went to their homes in Post Chaise; my little Boy & I rode a few miles on the road to Stockton wth. Mr Allison.

Friday the Twenty-First; I walked out with my Gun before dinner; my Bro. Wilson & his Son William dined with me.

Saturday the Twenty Second; at home- a fine day.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I went to Church after dinner.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I spent two hours before dinner at Gisbro' on Justiciary business.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; after waiting four hours for Mr Wm. Hoar's (the lawyer) arrival from Kirk Leatham, I began my examination into the Merits of a Complaint made by Step. Lefebun (a Frenchman) late Valet to Sr Chas. Turner deceased, against his Fellow Servant William Clough late Cook, to the above, who he suspects to have stolen

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from his Beaureau a Bank of England 10£ Note, also an old note (signed by Sir Jas Lowther) for a Guinea, and from 20 to 30£ in Cash after two hours very strict examination of Clough, on many suspicious circumstances, finding them incomplete in the aggregate I discharged him; I sat down to a late dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's at Ayton; home by Tea time.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I spent four hours in the fields a shooting, on my return found Jn^o. Flounders had called, he dined here so did his acquaintances Loughhead & Dodd, & Wm. Snowdon.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I spent two hours a shooting, in that time Mr Brown of Stockton came, & soon sent his man to look for me, coming home before two, he dined with me.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; my Bro. & Sister Wilson, & their Son William, with my Sist. Esther came before dinner, and lay here, my little Girl (Mary) being four years old this day.

Sunday the Thirtieth & last Day of November; my Relations see yesterday, spent this day also here, & lay all night.

DECEMBER 1783

Monday the First; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson went home after breakfast, intending to go to Mr Askew's at Redheugh, near Newcastle tomorrow morning where their Daughters Rach. & Est. have been 6 weeks. My Sist. & Nephew continuing here.

Tuesday the Second; I rode out with my little Boy & Wm. Wilson (my Nepw.) before dinner.

Wednesday the Third; at home all day.

Thursday the Fourth, I rode out before dinner with my Boy, & Nepw. Wm. Wilson to Upsil Mills etc & walked out with my Gun an hour after dinner.

Friday the Fifth; I walked a shooting with John before dinner a very fine day.

Saturday the Sixth; at home; all day.

Sunday the Seventh: at home, very cold.

Monday the Eighth; I took a ride to Gisbro', returned before dinner.

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Tuesday the Ninth; my Bro. & Sist Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Est. (all from Redheugh, near Newcastle last Saturday) dined and drank Tea at Normanby, & returned with my Sist. Est. & my Nepw. Wm. Wilson – see Saturday 29th, 30th & the 1st inst.

Wednesday the Tenth; I went a shooting wth. Wm. Snowdon (& John) near his House.

Thursday the Eleventh; at home.

Friday the Twelfth; at home all day, being somewhat out of order.

Saturday the Thirteenth; I rode below Lackenby, and (with John) took the diversion of shooting in these hours in that neighbourhood.

Sunday the Fourteenth; I went to Eston Chappel, afternoon Service.

Monday the Fifteenth; I dined at home early, rode to Gisbro' & from thence (with Mr. Preston) to Ayton ^lay at Sis. Est's

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I went a shooting with Wm. Richardson Jun^r. & dined at his House at Langbaugh. – lay at my Sisters.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; my Sister Esther & myself in a Post Chaise & my Bro. & Sister, Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Est. went to Busby, dined and lay there.

Thursday the Eighteenth; after breakfast at Mr. Marwood's we all returned to Ayton, I dined at my Sister's who drank Tea with me at Mr. Passman's.

Friday the Nineteenth; I spent the day at my Brother Wilson's

Saturday the Twentieth; I dined at home, found my Children well, after being at Ayton and other places near there, since last Monday.

Sunday the Twenty First; I went to Church after-noon – service as usual.

Monday the Twenty Third; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; a sharp Frost, I sat an hour after dinner with my neighbour Rev'd Conset, who is far from well.

Christmas-day, Thursday the Twenty-Fifth; So much Snow fell, with a high wind from the East that I durst not venture to Church.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; a stormy day.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; as yesterday.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; very stormy in the snow

Monday the Twenty Ninth; Tuesday the Thirtieth; & Wednesday the Thirty First Day at home the frost being very severe.

JANUARY 1784

Thursday the First; my Neighb. Geo. Hammond dined with me

Friday the Second; at home all day.

Saturday the Third; altho' we have had much Snow and often high winds since the 24th, the weather has been moderate compared with that of this day, it being tempestuous, the wind at E.S.E. with much Snow from 9 o'clock in the morning;

Sunday the Fourth; the Gale continued all night, and the Roads are found nearly impassible this morning.

Monday the Fifth; the day is very fine tho' the frost is severe; I sat an hour at Mr. Consels before din.

Tuesday the Sixth; Mr. Tho. Lewin dined with me, & returned to Gen. Hale's at Plantation where he has been a week paying his addresses to Miss Hale. (he went from here, to London 22d Octo last)

Wednesday the Seventh; at home.

Thursday the Eighth; my Neighbour Rev'd Conset, & his four Daughters dined & spent the evening with me, (playing at cards)

Friday the Ninth; at home.

Saturday the Tenth; while I was at dinner with my Children Mr. Dodds of Boulby came here,

Sunday the Eleventh; the day being as usual very cold, & much Snow on the ground, we kept House.

Monday the Twelfth; a very fine thaw without Rain commenced about noon on this day Mrs Everal [?] Hustler of Acklam, dyed (a Maiden Lady) aged 85.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; the Thaw continueing Mr. Dodds left me after breakfast.

Wednesday the Fourteenth: I paid a morning visit to Plantation Mr. Lewin being there, & I also found there Gen. & Mrs. Cary – we have a fine Thaw.

Thursday the Fifteenth; at home.

Friday the Sixteenth; I marked the Ground to be drained at the high end of Clem^t Robinson's Long field by W^m. Appleby, who was with me, so was my Servant Jn^o Peirson, & having our Guns came home by Page-Howl Wood, & thro' the low end of Cow-howl Wood before dinner.

Saturday the Seventeenth; at home.

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Sunday the Eighteenth; while I was at dinner my Sister Esther came to stay a few days,
& on

Monday the Nineteenth; my Brother & Sist. Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Esther
& Son William came before dinner to make the same stay.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; much Snow fell.

Wednesday the Twenty First; there is now much Snow on the Ground, and lays level;
hard frost.

Thursday the Twenty Second; at home

Friday the Twenty Third; a very hard frost.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner & their Relation Miss Dolly
Chaloner came here & stayed an hour before dinner; the Ladies came in a Traineaux or
Sledg' drawn by two horses one before another, the snow lays level about eighteen
inches deep; Gen. Hale & Mr. Tho. Lewin dined with us, old Mrs. Chaloner sent her
Coach for them in the Eveng'.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; the Frost continues

Monday the Twenty Sixth; my Niece Rach. & Est. went to Ayton to prepare for a
Consort & Ball at Mr. Chaloner's tomorrow & Wednesday; their Father & Mother &
Bro. Wm. & Aunt Esther continue with me.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; the cold continues very severe, & more Snow falls.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; much more Snow fell today & wind from the East.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; there now lays much snow on the Ground; my Nieces
Rachel & Est. returned from Gisbro' dinner, see last Tuesday.

Friday the Thirtyeth; the cold is severe.

Saturday the Thirty First, & last Day. A hard Frost.

FEBRUARY 1784

Sunday the First; the air is very cold, (wind at S. W.) inclining to thaw.

Monday the Second; In the forenoon my Bro. Wilson & his Son Will^m. left me intending
to go home by way of Gisbro': soon after them went my Sister Wilson, & her Daughters
Rach & Est. in the Coach, they have been my Visitors since Monday the 19th also my
Sister Est. stays till to morrow. I read a Note from Mr. Danby this evening, saying that
Mr. Tho. Lewin, (my Bro. in Law) see Tuesday 6th also was married this morning to

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Miss (Mary Ann) Hale eldest Daughter of Gen. Hale of Tockets (alias Plantation) she was 15 years old the 10 March last, as of my Journal Letter M.10th Mar. 1768.

Tuesday the Third; I rece'd my Rents from my Tenants; my Sist. Est. went home, see 18th also.

Wednesday the Fourth; Geo: Hammond breakfasted with me & with him I rode to Stockton; meeting Mr. Preston (of Stokesley) there on business with Mr Ord relating Hummerbeck Estate late the Property of old Mrs Pease, dece'd; returned in the Eveng. Thursday the Fifth; I paid a morning visit to Mr & Mrs Lewin, see last Monday.

Friday the Sixth: at home.

Saturday the Seventh, at home all day, the weather being uncommonly severe today, with high north wind & heavy showers of snow & Hail.

Sunday the Eighth, weather more moderate.

Monday the Ninth; I dined & lay at Gen Hale's as my visit to the Bridgroom & Bride, see Thursday.

Tuesday the Tenth; I walked to Gisbro' with Gen. Hale whose family dined at Mr. Chaloner's and supt there, as a return to the Bride Visit, I returned to Plantation at night wth the Gen & his Family.

Wednesday the Eleventh; I dined at home.

Thursday the Twelfth; my Sist. Est. rode from Ayton hither this morning & lay all night; Bro & Sist Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Est dined & returned home; I expected many of Gen Hale's Family to dine, but Mr Lewin & his Bride only, coming before three o' Clo' informed us that Mrs Hale was this morning delivered of two Daughters, being the 18th & 19th Children which she has been delivered of at seventeen Layings-Inn; her 4th Laying-Inn being a double-Birth, or Twins, the eldest of whom is now Mrs Lewin as above, born 10th Mar 1768. 18 of the Children are now alive towit, 7 Boys and 11 Girls, one Boy dyed soon after he was born: (in 1773 I think.) I believe that Gen and Mrs Hale were marryed in London in June 1763, and I see by the 24th Page of my Journal Letter K that she was delivered of her first child, a Son, the 27th Mar 1764: who is now a Leiutenant: (at Gibraltar, of the 2nd or Queens Regiment of Foot lately sent there.

Friday the Thirteenth; my Sister Esther left me after dinner; the weather is yet severe.

Saturday the Fourteenth; very stormy.

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Sunday the Fifteenth; the wind from the East has blown all day a storm with much Snow, so that now I do not hear of any Person remembering more on the Ground at any time, than there is at present.

Monday the Sixteenth; I am very poorly.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; my Asthmatic-Cough is very Troublesome to me: Mr. Dodds came in the evening (very unexpectedly) from Boulby.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; Mr. Dodds went home (by way of Gisbro') after breakfast; this has been a very pleasant day – altho' no thaw.

Friday the Twentyeth; I spent an hour in the afternoon with Rev'd W. Conset, & the Farmers of this Township on the subject of forwarding Henry Arnet ^a Tayler ^& his family removing to the town of Staiths.

Saturday the Twenty First; a Gale of wind from S.E. commenced yesterday eveng' about 8 o'Clo', & blowing hard all night produced amazing Drifts of the light Snow which fell several days since, so that no Person cou'd go to Stokesley Market &c from hence

Sunday the Twenty Second; about nine o'Clock this morning the air became very mild and with a gentle breeze from the South, Produced a Thaw which increased every hour of the day, keeping pace with the heighth of the wind so that about ten o'Clock at night, there appeared much water about this House. Monday the Twenty Third; the thaw continues to make progress on the Snow; the Ha-Ha before my House is full; the large drifts of Snow in the Lane preventing the Ditches conveying the water as usual, much of it comes through the South Hedg of my East- Garths & proceeds down the furrows even into the Hall Pasture; & a great deal coming in at my front Gate runs towards the House, then into the Ha, Ha, & the overflowing thereof (which are great) run in a north-west direction tow^d the Hall-Pasture, the late Snow & very severe Frost commenced the 24th Dec. last; since then a little, very little thaw has sometimes taken place the Butchers going to Gisbro' Market were stoped at Sandworth Beck.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; The thaw continues all this day, altho' no Rain falls yet.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; my little man Wm. & myself rode to Marton (& ret'd) before dinner.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; at home much Rain today falling with a high wind from N.E.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at home, not very well; a bad day.

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Sunday the Twenty Ninth; & last Day: I dined and lay at Ayton.

MARCH 1784

Monday the First; I rode from Ayton to Gisbro' with Mr Preston, & home to a late Dinner.

Tuesday the Second; after breakfast I rode to Stokesley spent an hour with Mr Mathews & seeing Mrs Cary going homeward in her Chaise stoped the Chaise, & got into it with the old Lady, dined & lay at Leven-Grove, the Gen is pure well.

Wednesday the Third; after breakfast I left Gen Cary's, spent half an hour with Mr Mathews, dined at Bro Wilson's at Ayton; home to Tea.

Thursday the Fourth; at home all day.

Friday the Fifth; I rode to Knagg's Farm & marked the Ground where on to plant a new Hedg' stretching from East to West, thereby dividing the Swang before the House, from the South part (about 9 Acres) of said Field, (called Middle Ings) my Bro & Sist Wilson their Daughters Rachel & Est (Hannah being now with my Niece Berney in Norfolk) & their Son William, who is this day twelve years old, - also my Sister Est dined & drank Tea here.

Saturday the Sixth; at home.

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

Monday the Eighth; I walked to my workmen planting the Hedg see last Friday & came home before dinner – a very fine day.

Tuesday the Ninth; at home, very cold.

Wednesday the Tenth; I met my Bro Wilson by appointment at Mr Brown's at Stockton to dinner, Rev Johnson of Norton was there also; a cold day wth heavy Snow Showers.

Thursday the Eleventh; at home.

Friday the Twelfth; at home; - the air is exceeding cold indeed, Wind N.W. rain towards night.

Saturday the Thirteenth; I dined at my Bro Wilson's at Ayton & returned.

Sunday the Fourteenth; at home.

Monday the Fifteenth; I went to Gisbro' after breakfast & came home to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; at home, not very well.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; walked out.

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Thursday the Eighteenth; Wm Child Sen^r dined with me, being here to order what may be necessary for the recovery of my little Boy's Gall^o [?] now ill.

Friday the Nineteenth; I paid a morn^g visit at Mr Chaloner's, where I found Gen & Mrs Cary.

Saturday the Twentieth; I dined at my Bro Wilson's with Mr Brown of Stockton by appointment.

Sunday the Twenty First; at home; my Tenants Capt. Brown & Ja^s Appleton drank Tea with me.

Monday the Twenty Second; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; after breakfasting at home I called at my Sist. Est. Jackson's at Ayton, staying an hour there with Lady Foulis who I found on a morning visit: I dined at Gen. Cary's with my Brother Wilson & lay ther' Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; breakfasted at six, and immediately after Gen. Cary stepped into his Carriage with my Bro. Wilson & myself, & Rev. Grice of Hutton Rudby joined us; the Gen.'s Horses were left at Easingwold, & he hiring four Horses there we reached York a little after twelve Bro. Wilson went shopping in the afternoon and lay at our engaged private Lodgings at Mrs. Priestley's in Stonegate.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; my Asthma being exceeding troublesome it was with the utmost difficulty that I got near the Castle yard where was held a Meeting of the Gentlemen &^c of the County as advertised by the high Sheriff W^m. Danby Esq. Of Swinton to consider of an address to the King on the discharge of his late (Coalition) Ministry & accepting Mr. Pitt &^c, & on the present disturbed State of the Nation; the Aristocratic Party opposed us, but we carried our address, as about 5 to 2 – my Bro.

Wilson & I sat an hour wth. Mr. Mauleverer & his Family who have Lodgings in York

Friday the Twenty Sixth; Gen Cary being indisposed^ he remained at York^ (at Mr Jer^y Strickland's) & my Bro. Wilson Rev. Grice & myself getting into his Coach left York before ten, before we reached Easingwold we overtook Mr. Mathews on horseback, his Horse being led by one of the Drivers he came into the Coach, we had Gen^l Cary's Horses put to at Easingwold; we dined at Thirsk being joined there by our Neighbours Chaloner, Gen. Hale & Mr. Harrison; and Sr. W^m Foulis & Doct. Wayne; I lay at Leven Grove, but my Bro. Wilson & Mr. Mathews rode their Horses home after drinking Tea with Mr. Cary.

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Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's, & got home soon being very poorly.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; just able to get down stairs

Monday the Twenty Ninth; confined to the House but am informed that Agents are canvassing the Freeholders of this Neighbourhood for Mr Foljambes & Mr. Weddell, candidates of the Aristocracy of this County against Mr. Henry Duncombe, & Mr Wm. Wilberforce, who will be nominated by the Freeholders on the 2nd April at York, the County Meeting for that purpose, the King having dissolved the Parliament the 24th inst. Tuesday the Thirtieth; my Sist. Esther & Bro Wilson dined here I am much out of order that my Sister stays all night.

Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day; my Sister continues with me, altho' I am better, but the weather Stormy

APRIL 1784

Thursday the First; my Sist. Left me after Breakfast; Mr. Dodds of Boulby came before dinner & lay here.

Friday the Second; Mr. Dodds went early to Elemore (Mr. Baker's) I am so poorly again that my Sister Est. came to me again at noon.

Saturday the Third; somewhat better.

Sunday the Fourth; I was so much better that I sent my Sister home after breakfast; about one o'Clock came, very unexpectedly my Brother Wilson, Mr. Chaloner, Sir Wm.

Foulis, and Mr. Mathews, they dined with me & left this place in the Dusk their Errand was to hold a Meeting to promote the Election of Mr. H. Duncombe, & Mr. W.

Wilberforce (see Monday the 29th) who were nominated & approved by a great Majority of the Freeholders at the County Meeting last Friday at York. Mr. Dodds came in the Ev'g. Monday the Fifth; I sent my Servants Jn^o. Peirson & Jn^o. Fawcitt to canvass my Neighbourhood in my Name, being unable myself. Mr. Dodds proceeded home after dinner, see yest. & Thursday.

Tuesday the Sixth; I rode out a little; Mr. Burdon jun^r. Of Castle Eden, who sometime ago married one of Mr. Brandling's Daughters of Gosforth near Newcastle called me, to solicit my vote for Mr. Bransby who is a Candidate for Newcastle whereof I am a Free man & voted there 12th October 1774, for Mr. Const. Phipps (now Lord Mulgrave) & Mr. Tho^s. Dalaval; the other Candidates were S^r. Walker Blacket, & S^r. M. White Ridley

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(the latter were successful) see my Journal Letter P – Sir Matthew W. Ridley & Mr A.R. S. Bowes are also Candidates.

Wednesday the Seventh; we have information that Mr. Foljambe & Mr. Weddell decline the poll which was to have begun this day at York and that Mr. Duncombe & Mr. W. Wilberforce were of course elected without opposition, it is supposed that our majority for them wou'd have been about 7 to 1; the whole Gentlemen resident in the Wapontake of Langbaugh were for them, save S^r Tho. Dundas, Sir Chas. Turner (12 yr. Old) & his mother, they were warm, Mr. Hall was moderate against us, & Genl. Hale but he has little Freehold Interest.

Thursday the Eighth; at home.

Friday the Ninth; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's with Mr. & Mrs Chaloner; lay at my sister's.

Saturday the Tenth; I dined at Doct. Wayne's at Stokesley, drank Tea at home.

Easter Sunday the Eleventh; So very cold a day that I durst not venture to Church.

Easter-Monday the Thirteenth; my Children and I drank Tea at Rev. Conset's.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; at home very cold.

Thursday the Fifteenth; so much fell last night and until noon this day that all the fields in this Neighbourhood were quite covered.

Friday the Sixteenth; I walked to Mr. Appleby & other Labourers draining the high end of my Field called Bog Field in Tho. Appleton's Farm.

Sunday the Eighteenth; I rece'd the Sacrament in Eston Chapel, my Parochial Place of worship

Monday the Nineteenth; I met Mr. Dodds at Gisbro' by appointment; we dined at the Ordinary he came home with me in the evening.

Tuesday the Twentieth; Mr Dodds walked with me to my men draining a Bog, see 17th inst. He went away after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty First; John & I walked to the Drainers & with the young Pointers three hours, before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Second; a very high wind from the South-South-West, notwithstanding which I went to Ayton & returned to Tea, after dining at my Sister Esther's: my Neighbours Geo. Hammond, Ja^s. Appleton & Jn^o. Jackson supt & smoaked their pipes with me; they had promised to vote with me at York in case the Contest for Members for this County had taken place; see the 17 inst.

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Friday the Twenty Third; Rev. Conset & three of his Daughters drank Tea here.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; after breakfast Mr. Geo. Dodds came to me from Boulby to inform me that he had, by yesterday's Post rece'd a Letter from Mr. Broughton our Agent in London, advising him that his House, viz. Broughton, Hanbury & Co. have stoped Payment indebted to Mr. Baker & myself about £2500. Dodds dined on cold victuals after spending near two hours with me, and proceeded to Elemore.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; my Partner Mr. Baker dined with me and immediately left me; my Sisters Wilson & Esther also dined, & taking my Children in the Coach, I mounted my Horse & with Nurse Cornforth we all went to Ayton before Tea, to stay a fortnight at my Sister's. Mr. Dodds, see yesterday came to my Sisters from Elemore, stay all night.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; Mr. Dodds & I dined at the Inn at Guisbro' with Mr. Danby with whom had much talk about Mr. Broughton's stoping payment; I returned to Ayton having spent an hour at Plantation on old Mrs. Chaloner's arrival from Lond^o.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; at my Sister's all day.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth, My Sister Wilson took my Sister Est. & my two Children in her Coach, we all made a morning visit to Gen. & Mrs Cary at Leven Grove: Bro. Wilson & myself walked to Mr. Wayne's at Ann Grove after drinking Tea.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; I dined at Normanby, & returned to Ayton before Tea.

Friday the Thirtieth & last Day; my Sister Est. my Children & Nurse in a Post Chaise, & myself on horse went to Mr. Chaloner's dined & drank Tea there.

MAY 1784

Saturday, May the First; I went to Stokesley after breakfast did business there & return'd to a late Dinner at Ayton, not well; a very cold day.

Sunday the Second; my Bro. & Sis. Wilson their two younger Daughters, Sist. Est. & myself dined at Capt. Waynes (at Ann-grove) with Doct. Wayne; my Children came to us before Tea.

Monday the Third; at my Sister's, not well.

Tuesday the Fourth; in the House all day, not well; Mr. Dodds of Boulby came between Nine and Ten o'Clo' P.M.; Miss Sanderson with him.

Wednesday the Fifth; Mr. Dodds spent the day at Ayton in conversation & planning future operations about our late London Agents failure see sat. 24th ulto.

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Thursday the Sixth; after breakfast I rode through Guisbro' & to Skelton Ellers with Mr Dodds & Miss Sanderson; returned to Ayton before dinner

Friday the Seventh; Mr. Matthews dined with me at my Sister's ^he^ having seen Mr. Dodds at Skaling- Dam this morning: - after Dinner I went with him to Mrs. Laurence's (Inn) at Ayton & there executed a will he has engrossed for me in presence of Mr. Logan, a Presbyterian Minister, W^m Laurence of Ayton & said M^r Mathews; I drank Tea at my Bro. Wilson's with Mr. ^Jn^o^ Passman Junr. & Miss Passman, he is now at Ayton on a visit to his Father who is, most probably, in his last illness.

Saturday the Eighth; I dined at my own House at Normanby, returned to Tea.

Sunday the Ninth; my Children & myself (with Bro. W's. Family & Sist Est.) went to Ayton Church before noon; dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' – meeting Mr. Dodds of Boulby there, unexpectedly, drank Tea at Mr. Harrison's.

Tuesday the Eleventh; Mr. Jn^o. Passman of London, (see the top of this Page) & his Sister drank Tea at my Sister Esther's with my Brother Wilson & Family.

Wednesday the Twelfth; my Sister Wilson in her Coach, Sister Est. & my two Children returned to Normanby before dinner having been on a visit there since Sunday the 25th inst.

Thursday the Thirteenth; at home.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Bro. Wilson dined with me; he and Gen. Cary's Servant (Mr. Brigham) attending here the drawing off a Pipe of Port Wine which the Gen. Wrote to Portugal for last Summer, and which we have this day divided among us three, viz. 18 Doz. 3 bottls each; see 20th Sept.

Saturday the Fifteenth; my Sister Esther came before dinner; and before Tea, Mr. Geo. Dodds & Mr. Fra^s. Easterby came, & lay here.

Sunday the Sixteenth; The above Gentleman left me after breakfast, after much conversation on the subject of Mr Fra^s Easterby's becoming our Agent for Sale of Allum in London, in lieu of Mess. Broughton Hanbury & Co. – see 24th ulto.

Monday the Seventeenth; I spent the day on Justice Business at Gisbro with Mr. Chaloner, & Rev. Williamson, I dined at the former's – my Servant Hannah Toppin who has been my Servant ten years left me this day; & Ann Atkinson replaced her,

Tuesday the Eighteenth; Mr. Chaloner & Mr. Thompson called on me after breakfast we viewed the Road toward Wilton; my Sister Esther left me in the evening, see Saturday,

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Wednesday the Nineteenth; after breakfast I set out for Boulby where I dined at three o'clock sitting an hour at Wm. Childs' and another at Mr. Esterby's as I went; I also met Mr. Dodds at the new (Sally – Tree-Hole) works, which detained me another hour.

Thursday the Twentieth; spent in Business, at Boulby.

Friday the Twenty First; I dined at Mr. Easterby's at Skiningrove on my way home.

Saturday the Twenty Second; spent at home with my Children, and in writing Letters.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I took my Children to Church (Eston – Chapel) with me after dinner.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; we have had about ten days of very hot weather; this is as droughty as any; after dinner I rode to the top of Bog- Field in Tho. Appleton where some men will finish draining about an acre & a half of Bog.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I went to Stockton after breakfast, and returned before dinner, the weather very droughty, high west winds.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I spent the day at Gisbro' on Land Tax & Business with my Bro. Wilson & Rev. Williamson.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Stokesley, after spending two hours there on Business with Mr. Preston, Mr Mathews & I went to Ayton & there dined at my Bro.

Wilson's, who with his Family set out tomorrow to pay their annual visit to Archdeacon Blackburn at Richmond.

Sunday the Thirtieth; I went to Church after dinner; Rev M^r Conset & Three of his Daughters now at home Drank Tea with me; a fine shower of Rain fell.

Monday the Thirty First & last Day: at home

JUNE 1784

June, Tuesday the First; I attended the Farmers at work preparing a Road up the Hill above Tho. Appleton's House which I intend to Lane off next Autumn & plant on each side.

Wednesday the Second; I spent the day as yesterday; my Sister Est. came before Tea, & lay here.

Thursday the Third; my Sister went away after drinking Tea this evening.

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Friday the Fourth; I spent at home

Saturday the Fifth; as yesterday, warm weather

Sunday the Sixth; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's at Ayton; Miss. Robson, Daughter of M^r Benson of Ayslaby, arrived at my Sister's this mornng.

Monday the Seventh; Rev Conset & Rev Grenside dined with me; I walked with the former in the Evening towards Eston.

Tuesday the Eighth; I walked to the workmen preparing for a Causway up the Hill near Tho. Appleton's before dinner: and in the Evening I attended a vestry meeting in Eston Chapel for the choice of Church, or Chapel-Wardens for the ensuing year, Rev Tanch[^](the Curate)[^] chose W^m Mewburn of Eston, and the Inhabitants of Normanby chose Stephen Wrightson of Normanby, according to ancient Custom; of Mr. Tanch had made choice of a Normanby man then Eston Inhabitants wou'd have chosen one for themselves; the late Church Warden James Appleton, produced his Book which contains accounts of Disbursements – since the year 1750 inclusive; by which it appears that the Inhabitants of Eston always raise two thirds of the money expended, and that Normanby Inhabitants collect among themselves the other or remaining third part of the out-lays for the Church &^c - each Township repairing a certain Portion of the church yard walks, the boundaries of which are well known; there were Eleven Inhabitants at the meeting exclusive of the Curate, Tanch, & the Parish Clerk, old Tho. Atkinson, weaver, - viz. Rev. Wm. Pennyman Conset, St. Wrightson, Tho. Appleton Clem^t Robinson & myself all of Normanby; & Wm. Newburn, Ja^s Appleton, William Sunlay, Geo. Hart, Ra: Benton & Tho. Bulmer of Eston, we were about an hour in the Chapel.

Wednesday the Ninth; I attended at the Ale House in the Village a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Township on the subject of providing Masters for several of Henry Arnet's Children in extenuation of the Relief now paid to him, say 6^s 6^d p. week, House Rent &^c

Thursday the Tenth; much Rain fell.

Friday the Eleventh; I dined & drank Tea at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton; Arch-Deacon Blackburn & his Lady, & Rev. Gryce & Skelden, & Mr. Preston dined there also.

Saturday the Twelfth; at home, much rain. Mr. Dodds came from Boulby in the Evening.

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Sunday the Thirteenth; Mr. Dodds returned To Boulby after dinner; and I went to Ayton, the Arch Deacon, see Friday, being there yet, I lay at my Sister's.

Monday the Fourteenth; Mr. Blackburn & his Lady left my Bro. Wilson's after breakfast; I rode with Mr. Preston to Gisbro' did business and dined at my Bro. Wilson's wth Gen. Cary & his Lady; Mr. Mrs. & Miss Tisan [?] & Mary Mauleverer the two former went home after Tea; all the rest stay at Ayton two days; I lay at my Sist. Est^{rs}
Tuesday the Fifteenth; I came home after breakfast, and my Sister Est. came to me after dinner preparatory to my Bro. Wilson & Family & Mr. Mauleverer & Family dining & here tomorrow.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; Gen. & Mrs. Carey dined with me; so did Mr. & Mrs. Mauleverer & their Daughters Frances & Mary & lay all night, as did my Bro. & Sister Wilson & their Daughters Rach. & Esther, & Miss Robson of Ayslabay, (at this time a visitor of my Sister Esther's)

Thursday the Seventeenth; Mr. & Mrs. Mauleverer & their Daughters left me after breakfast, my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Daughters did not go away until after dinner; my Sister Esther & Miss Robson remained all night.

Friday the Eighteenth, I rode out with my little Boy it being the first of his riding on horseback this spring: my Sist & Miss Robson continued here.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I rode to Rev. Grenside's before dinner with my Child Wm. My Sist, Miss Robson & the Children walked in the evening; Miss Conset & her Sist. Ann drank Tea.

Sunday the Twentieth; after dinner my Bro. & Sist. Wilson & their Daughters Ra. & Est. came, and after Tea returned to Ayton with my Sist. Est. & Miss Robson, see last Wednesday & Thursday

Monday the Twenty First; I rode to Gisbro' after breakfast, & returning before dinner I met my little man on his Galloway Fawcit with him near Upsil Mills.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I rode with my little Boy to the side of the River before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; I walked into my South West Bank Wood before dinner; and drank Tea with my Children at Rev. Conset's afternoon, walked with them in the Eve'g.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; after breakfast, my Children, myself & their Nurse, Cornforth went in Gisbro' Post Chaise to Stockton, we dined at Captain Browns with my

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Bro. & Sist. Wilson their Daughters Rach. & Est. & my Sist. Est. & her visitor Miss Robson: the Children & I returned to Normanby at Seven o'Clo' their Bedtime and I afterwards attended a vestry meeting of the Parishioners of Eston Chapelry viz. – the Inhabitants of Eston & Normanby Townships, to audit the late Churchwarden's Acco^{ts} See 8th inst.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I spent the forenoon with James Eston, Pavior, and labourers who will this evening finish the Causeway up the Hill near Tho. Appleton's House on the road to Stokesley; then may I say that since I became Surveyor of the Highways in this Township, towit-in the year 1770, I have caused Causways to be paved (with fflint Stones from Langbaugh Rig in the Township of Nunthorp) in all the Lanes in it, save about 200 yds. In the High- Lane near Wm. Webster's Howl which is now very seldom travelled on, there the Flags continue – and that Lane is considered as a Horse road only. Saturday the Twenty Sixth; Mr. Hayter, partner with Mr. Tho. Pierson & Mr. Sammon Irish Factors, Kingstreet, Cheapside, London, called and stayed about half an hour with me on the Subject of their becoming agents for Sale of the Allum to be made at Boulby All. works, instead of Mess. Broughton, Hanbury & Co. who have lately failed 2,312£ & upw^d indebted to my Partner Mr. Baker & myself – he proceeded to Elemore: - also called (about ten oClock) Mr. Rudd & his Son Bart^w, & his Acquaintance Mr. Robinson of Lythe & his Friend Mr. Bremner who are visitors of Mr. Rudd; - they left me soon, went to Stockton & returned to my dinner, they left me after drinking Tea. – a rainy Evening.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I went to Eston Chapel afternoon.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Gisbro' to attend a meeting of the Justices of the Peace and Com'ssrs of the land Tax to hear appeals, but there was one only, made by the officer of Excise at Lythe, & no other Justices &^c attending but myself nothing could be done in it; I dined at Mr. Rudds.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I spent the forenoon measuring off some draining work, & paving, see the 25th inst. much fatigued; I, and my Children drank Tea at Rev^d Mr. Conssets, he having had a fall from his horse this morning; is a little hurt.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day.

My little man, William Ward, rode with me to Ayton before dinner, we returned soon after dining at my Sister Esthers; he rode there last Autumn on his own Poney also; he

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was five years old last Octo: (27th): old Geo. Dodds (of Berkenside 7 miles west of Durham) came here this eve'ng come last from Elemore, & on

JULY 1784

Thursday the First; I rode with him to his Son Mr. George Dodd's (Chief Agent) of Boulby Allum works; we dined on Eggs &^c on Brotton.

Friday the Second; Mr. Dodds and I rode to the new works at Sallow-Tree-hole, his Father (see yesterday) & Fawcet, my Servant walked there, we all walked from the new to the old works on the plat-form cut on the outside of the Cliff for a Liquor- way.

Saturday the Third; Having had a bad night, I got my Servant to me at four o'clock'. Sent to Gisbro' for a Post Chaise to meet me on the road; at six I mounted my Horse, Mr. Dodds with me, called half an hour at Mr. Easterby's parted from Mr. Dodds there; and sat an hour at my Friend Willy Child's, at Brotton; soon after I left that place on the Gisbro' road I met the Chaise, got into it, spent a short time at the Inn, & got up much easier in my Asthma,

Sunday the Fourth; I am so much relieved in my breathing as to ride out an hour with my Boy before noon; Rev. Conset, his Daughters Eliz. & Ann, & their visitors Miss Williamson & Her Sist. Judith drank tea here.

Monday the Fifth; I walked before dinner with my Children & the above Ladies towards the Hill – fine hay weather.

Tuesday the Sixth; my little man & I rode to top of Ormsby to meet my Sister Est. who came here before Tea; & lay here.

Wednesday the Seventh; Gen. Hale's Daughters Fran^s, Charlotte, Catherine, & Octavia dined with my Children today. began mowing this day (the middle Garth)

Thursday the Eighth; my Sister & Myself looked over & gave into possession of my Servant Eliz^a Rookes (very lately come to live with me) all my Linnen; with Soap, &^c for washing, Doct.: Wayne dined with me.

Friday the Ninth; my Sister left us after Tea, William & I rode with her to top of Ormsby hill.

Saturday the Tenth; not well at home.

Sunday the Eleventh; I went to Church afternoon service, as usual at Eston.

Monday the Twelfth; I attended the Hay field after dinner; on begining to carry part of

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the Hay into the shed (about 8 loads)

Tuesday the Thirteenth; after breakfast I set out for Stokesley; calling at Ayton from where my Bro. Wilson went with me to the Quarter Sessions, the Justices on the Bench were , Mr. Marwood, Mr. Sutton,, Mr. Mathews Jun^r. Mr. Wilson and myself , I lay at my Sisters at Ayton.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I dined at the Red-Lyon (Thrush) Stockton with Mr Reed of Hurworth by appointment, Tea at home.

Thursday the Fifteenth; I am much indisposed, altho' I walk about a little, am feeble over fatigued with Tuesday's & yesterday's exercise

Friday the Sixteenth; Doct. Wayne (who I sent for yesterday) came before noon he dined & returned, leaving a Rec'pe for me, I continue to be very weak & low in spirits.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I rode out in the morning with my little Boy, and tho' we only rode about two miles I was so fatigued that I was obliged to lay down.

Sunday the Eighteenth; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their Daughters Rachel & Est. & my Sister Esther all drank Tea with me; I am no better than yesterday , altho' I rode before dinner.

Monday the Nineteenth I find much pain in my left side; Rev. Conset sat an Hour.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; my Sister Est. Drank Tea with me, so did Rev. Const & his Daughters Ann & Mary: I am somewhat better today – a very high wind. (at W.)

Wednesday the Twenty First; I am somewhat better rode out before dinner with my Child William.

Thursday the Twenty Second; at home.

Friday the Twenty Third; I rode to Wilton & returned before dinner with William

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; my Bro. & Sister Wilson and their Daughter Rach. & Est; & my Sister Est. dined and returned after Tea; Mr. Dodds & his Father came from Boulby to a late dinner & lay here all night, see 30th ulto.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; old Geo. Dodds went away towards his own home (Birkenside) after breakfast; Mr. Jn^o. Foulis sat half an hour with me; and before twelve o'Clock Mr. Dodds and I went to Gisbro' We dined there & he returned to Boulby. I came home before Tea.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; James Appleton dined with me; we immediately after

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with John rode over Wm. Garbut's Farm at Upsil, whereof I have one third, which I have agreed to sell with Sir Ja^s Pennyman's two thirds it is likely tho' that I shall purchase the whole.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; my Bro. & Sist' Wilson, their two daughters at home (R. & Est) & my Sister Est. dined with me & returned home altho' the day was exceedingly rainy & high wind at East; my niece Est. poorly indeed; Mr. Brown, of Stockton and his Daughter were to have dined but prevented by weather.

Friday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Saturday the Thirty First & last Day – about home, far from well.

AUGUST 1784

Sunday the First; Mr. Jn^o. Telford of York dined and lay here.

Monday the Second; Mr. Telford went away early; I rode to Gisbro' and returned before dinner.

Tuesday the Third; I spent the day at home, my Tenants paying to me their last Lady day Rents: - my Bro. in Law Greg^y Lewin lately arrived from his first voy^{ge} to India in the Dutton, Capt. West, came here before Tea, to stay a little while with me.

Wednesday the Fourth; Mr Greg^y Lewin dined at Ayton & returned; my little Boy & I rode with him beyond Ormsby hill.

Thursday the Fifth, Bro. & Sis. Wilson & their Daughters Rach. & Est. & my Sister Esther, also Lady Foulis & her Sons (Sir William & Mr. Foulis) and Mr. Brown his Daughters Eliz. & Jemima & Miss Mary Welbank, & Rev. Conset all dined with me: - much Rain afternoon.

Friday the Sixth Mr Greg^y Lewin & myself sat an hour at Plantation before dinner – a very rainy afternoon.

Saturday the Seventh; Mr.G. Lewin went to Ayton before dinner & did not return.

Sunday the Eighth; I went to Ayton in the Evening, & lay at my Sister Esther's Mr. G. Lewin lay at Ayton.

Monday the Ninth; after breakfasting at my Sisters' I rode to Gisbro' with Mr. Preston, came home (to Normanby) to a very late Dinner.

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Mr Greg^y Lewin dined at Plantation, lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Tenth; I sat down to a Family dinner at Brown's at Stockton; home to Tea.

Mr. G. Lewin dined and lay at Normanby.

Wednesday the Eleventh; Mr. Greg. Lewin, my little Boy & myself rode out before dinner.

Thursday the Twelfth; Mr Greg^y Lewin dined and lay at Ayton, I was about home all day not well - nor is my Child William; Mr. Baker's servant (Matt.) came in the Eveng.

Friday the Thirteenth; Mr. Baker came (from Wyn'yard) before Breakfast and proceeded to Boulby where he spent the rest of the Day examining the works, and returned hither in the Evening.

Saturday the Fourteenth; Mr. Dodds came here very early from Boulby accompanied by a Man, conveying, in a Box on horseback the Account Books of the alum works; which we examined all day & till late at night.

Sunday the Fifteenth; Mr. Baker, myself and Geo; Dodds reviewed yesterdays operations & after signing our allowance to the Accounts Mr. Baker went away, about one o'Clock; Dodds lay here.

Monday the Sixteenth; my little Boy & myself rode near Lackenby with Mr. Dodds on his road to Boulby after dinner. Mr Greg^y Lewin came to a late Supper; & went to Ayton in the morn. of Tuesday the Seventeenth; I took my Servant Jn^o. Peirson with me to my Tenants informing them of my intention to advance their farms from next Lady day, to which they consented; a very cold afternoon. see 17 July

Wednesday the Eighteenth Gen^l Hale called before dinner after breakfast I met Mr. Preston & Mr. Harrison, by appointment, on Wm. Garbut's Farm at Upsil an undivided third part of which is my property; the whole is now proposed to be sold and the other 2/3 belong to S^r. Ja^s. Pennyman and are possessed by Coll. Slaughter as Mortgagee the above Gentlemen dined with me (at Normanby)

Thursday the Nineteenth; Mr Greg^y Lewin came before breakfast, having been at Ayton since Tuesday morning; at home all day.

Friday the Twentieth; the Day being very Rainy with high wind from North East we did not go out of the House.

Saturday the Twenty First; my little Boy & I rode to the top of the Hill after Tea (in the afternoon) with Mr Greg^y Lewin on his road to Ayton.

Sunday the Twenty Second; at home.

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Monday the Twenty Third; I took my servant John with me to Gisbro' dined at the Inn there; & then attended at Mr. Preston's Chambers where Wm. Garbut's Farm at Upsil was intended to be sold today, (S^r. Ja^s. Pennyman has 2/3 & I have 1/3 of said Farm) but Sir James Pennyman not having signified his consent by writing or otherwise; & I finding a colloque taken place between, Tho. Dale of Gisbro', & others, (Wm. Webster is most suspected) I withdrew the consent I had given some weeks ago until this day; home to Tea.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; about ten this morning I called at Gen. Hales, & from there rode to Upleatham, where I sat an hour with Sir Tho. Dundas who with his Family, will spend a few months there this autumn; they came on Saturday; Mrs. Hale having rode there we returned together to Plantation where my Friend Greg. Lewin, who lay there last night joined me & we arrived to a late dinner at Normanby.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; at home not well; Gregory Lewin went to Ayton after dinner

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; at home not well.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I am better; my Sister Esther came to see me before dinner, and lay all night.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; a little after calling at Gisbro' & Brotton I arrived at the old Hall at Lofthouse a little after Tea; meeting there by appointment S^r. Tho. Dundas, his agent Mr. Farquharson, & Mr. Geo. Dodds the Agent of Boulby alum works, we all rode by Foulisike [?] to Street- Houses where Sr. Tho. & myself appointed that a draw well shall be sunk and a large Pond made 60 y^{ds} by 10 yards and one yard deep at our joint expence as Reservoir of water to be collected from London- well-spring &^c. in and upon Ro'cliff the said water being now turned into Sallow- Tree hole , the new works of W. Baker & myself; the said Reservoir to serve S^r. Tho. Dundas's Tenants, & mine of Upton & Grainge, with water for their Cattle; we are respectively to make such small Ponds at our separate experience, as may be necessary in our several Fields; we all then visited London well, & from thence to Sallow-Tree-hole works, then to Sir Thomas's work, (just by) & also Gally- how- Spring, from whence he is supplied with water by a loose kind of Conduit lay'd about 15 year's since by said Farquharson, who was then agent to late Sir. Laurence Dundas; after talking some time in the Lane near Upton- Houses, about the supply of Urine for our several works, Sir Tho. returned home to Upleatham; Dodds, Farquharsson & myself to the old House at Lofth'. where we dined

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on cold provisions which I carried from home; Geo. Dodds accompanied me in the Chaise to west side of Skinningrove hollow; he returned & I came home by six o'Clock. Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I sent my Sister home on horseback in the ev'ing.

Monday the Thirtyeth; I spent at home not very well; my Bro. In Law Gregory Lewin came from Ayton before breakfast, and returned before dinner taking leave of my Children & myself, for he intends to set out for London tomorrow morning, he arrived here the 3rd inst., see that day,

Tuesday the Thirty first & last Day; Rev. Conset sat an hour with me after dinner.

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Wednesday the First; my Children and I drank Tea at Rev. Conset's with Rev.

Williamson (of Gisbro') his wife & Son Thom.

Thursday the Second; I had a Chaise from Gisbro', & after breakfast myself Children, and their Nurse went in it to Ayton where we spent the day, returning about seven o'Clo' in the Eve.

Friday the Third; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson their daughters Rachel & Est. & my Sister Esther, also Mr. Henry Richardson his Wife, her two Niece Thornhills, Peggy Richardson & Miss Jackson, and Mary Richardson at Ayton Bridg', dined & drank Tea at my House – my Tenant Neesam & Ja^s. Appleton supt here

Saturday the Fourth; Mr. Dodds came from Boulby while I was at Tea (after dinner)

Sunday the Fifth; Mr. Dodds stay'd here all day & night; Mr Smith of Newbuildings (near Thirsk) now a Bather at Coatham, came after we had dined, with his Friend Mr. Adam; they eat a dinner, drank Tea & returned to Coatham; just before they left me, Mr. Byolen of London called half an hour, & went to Stockton.

Monday the Sixth; Mr. Dodds went with me to Gisbro' & then home; Mr. Chaloner & Rev. Williamson & self attended the appeals on the Window Acts; & the former & I as Justices, granted Ale- House Licenses; dined at Mr. Chaloner's

Tuesday the Seventh; my little Boy rode 3 miles with me on the road to Ayton & returned with the Servant (Fawcit) I went to Ayton and returned home before dinner.

Wednesday the Eighth; at home.

Thursday the Ninth; Rev. Williamson his wife & Son Thom. Of Gisbro' dined with me so did Rev. Conset & his four Daughters.

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Friday the Tenth; I rode out before noon with my little Boy towards Upsil.

Saturday the Eleventh; I rode with my Boy by Marton (east Street) Hambleton Hills, and Ormsby, (going and coming) before dinner.

Sunday the Twelfth; In the forenoon my little Boy & I rode to Kirk- Leatham, heard the Organ & Singers (in the Church) as we sat on Horse-back near the Church, then stayed a quarter of an hour in and about the Stables, & home by dinner I went to Church (viz. Eston chapel) in the afternoon, the 4 Miss Consets drank Tea with me, so did young Mr. Passman of London (now at Ayton) and his Sister Mary.

Monday the Thirteenth: Mr. Mathews of Stokesley breakfasted with me and spent two hours on business; Mr. Passman, see yesterday, dined with me.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I dined at myBro. Wilson's, found Niece Est. very poorly indeed; and my Sister Est. in trouble her Maid-Servant, Betty [*blank*] being dangerously ill in the small Pox; I drank Tea at home; Rev. Conset supt & sat an hour with me after it,

Wednesday the Fifteenth; at home.

Thursday the Sixteenth; I rode with my little Boy, & Serv^t (Fawcit) to Cargo fleet before dinner, and after walked with my Children & old nurse Cornforth up the Flats Lane; had a bad night.

Friday the Seventeenth; very fine Harvest weather, I kept in the House most of the day.

Saturday the Eighteenth; I sat an hour at Rev. Conset's before dinner not very well; I hear to day that my Sister's Maid (see last Tuesday dyed) last Thursday night, & is to be buried to day.

Sunday the Nineteenth; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their two Daughters (Rach. & Est.) & my Sister Esther came before Tea, the two first went away soon after; and not long after that came Mr. & Mrs. Askew & his Niece Askew, to stay a few days.

Monday the Twentyeth; Bro. & Sist. Wilson dined with us and returned.

Tuesday the Twenty First; same as yesterday.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; my Bro. & Sister Wilson as yesterday; Mr. Askew & I rode in his Chaise to Gisbro', from thence on Horseback to his Estate at Tockets; then sat half an hour with Mr. Fr. Fox ^who is Insane^ & from thence we went to his (Jos Agar's) Farm at Hutton Locross which we Viewed & home to dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Third; Mr. & Mrs. & Miss Askew, my Sist. Est. & Nieces Rach. & Est. left me after breakfast, went to Ayton.

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Friday the Twenty Fourth; my little Boy (William) & I rode to Marton before dinner & we & his Sist. drank Tea at Rev. Conset's after,

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's at Ayton (Rev. Grice there) Mr. Akew &^c set out for London to morr^w Morning,

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I went to Church with my Children, afternoon.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; my Children's Nurse Cornforth & myself went in Chaise to Stokesley where (at Mr. Mathews's) I paid a Fine on renewing the Lease of the Ar.

Bp. of York for the small Tythe of Normanby & Eston; the Clerk of M^r Mortimer's the Ar Bp's Attorney did the Business with me; my Children &^c went forward to Gen.

Cary's at Leven Grove, where we saw Mr. Geo. Russel his Grandchild, 3 ½ years old;

Mr. & Mrs. Maynel dined there: my – my children got home by Seven.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth – Rain

Thursday the Thirtyeth & last Day; my little Boy and I dined at Rev. Williamson's at Gisbro' – light showers of Rain.

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Friday the First; William and I rode down the Fields towards the River, returned soon: Capt. & Mrs. Wayne dined with me, so did Mr. & Mrs. & Miss Ra. Wilson the latter drank Tea also: Sist. & Niece Est. at Busby.

Saturday the Second; about home. Geo. Dodds Jun^r. Came from Boulby, went to Stockton & ret. hither.

Sunday the Third; Geo. Dodds went away (home) after breakfast, I went to Church after dinner; cold weather but dry.

Monday the Fourth; my Boy Wm. & I rode to Ayton dined at Bro. Wilson's & returned Miss Brown of Stockton & Miss Barlow there.

Tuesday the Fifth; at home.

Wednesday the Sixth; as yesterday.

Thursday the Seventh; Mr. Brown of Stockton dined & went away in the Evening so did my Bro. & Sist: - my nieces Rach & Est. lay all night as did my sister Esther, & Miss Brown now on a visit to Ayton; and Mr. & Mrs Marwood; her mother Mrs. Goulton & Miss Barlow, all dined and lay here.

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Friday the Eighth; my Sist. Wilson came before breakfast, and after dining here carried home with her her Daughters & Miss Barlow, see yesterday, Mr. Mrs. Marwood, Miss Barlow & Mrs. Goulton went away after breakfast.

Saturday the Ninth; my Sist. Est. left me after breakfast; I then walked with Tho. Bulmer over some of my Grounds & marked 25 Ash trees to be cut down shortly; Steph.

Wrightson spent the Ev'ing with me settling the last year's Acco. For Highway Exp^s.

Sunday the Tenth; I went to Eston Church before noon, and rece'd the Sacrament; 4 Miss Conssets drank Tea.

Monday the Eleventh; Mr. Chaloner & I held a special Sessions at Gisbro' for the Highways; & also with Rev. Williamson a Commissioner of Land Tax the first a Meeting appointed by a late act of Parliam. For commuting a Duty on windows in lieu of the Duty on Tea see 1st Nov.; I dined at Mr. Chaloners; Mr. Dodds being at Gisbro' he came home with me before Tea.

Tuesday the Twelfth; Mr. Dodds spent the day with me, so he did on

Wednesday the Thirteenth; rainy.

Thursday the Fourteenth; my little Boy & I set Mr. Dodds (after breakfast) to K. Leatham on his road home (to Boulby) – very fine weather.

Friday the Fifteenth; I rode to the top of Tho. Appleton's Hill, & there meeting my Serv. Jn^o. Peirson by appointment with our Guns I walked homewards arriving after a three hours walk the first a shooting this season, saw many Pheasants but did not kill any.

Saturday the Sixteenth; my little Boy & I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton & home early, we there found that my Bro. Wilson had been dangerously ill yesterday of the dry Gripes or inflammation of the Bowels; & is pure well to day.

Sunday the Seventeenth; I went to Church after dinner .

Monday the Eighteenth; I spent at and about home with my Children for the weather being very fine my two young Folk walked with me after dinner into Page Howl- Wood which I planted in 1768.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; Hearing late yesterday evening that my Brother Wilson was visited by the same complaint he had on Saturday, I rode there before dinner & ret^d after; Miss Williamson is there.

Wednesday the Twentieth; I spent the forenoon with my servant John Pierson, a shooting.

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Thursday the Twenty First; at home, a fine day.

Friday the Twenty Second; Mr. Tho. Smith (late Duck) of Grays Inn London, & his Bro. In Law Mr. Bart. Rudd of Gisbro', & his (Mr. Rudd's) Son John dined here. Saturday the Twenty Third; a cold day.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; a very cold day.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; a very stormy day high wind from the North & much snow & sleet.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; my Sist. Esther came before dinner & lay all night.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; my Bro. & Sist. Wilson, their Daughters Rachel and Est. & their visitor Miss Williamson of Gisbro', also Doctor Wayne dined in commemoration of my Child Wm. Ward's Birthday who is now six years old; they all went away; Sist.Est.again lay here.

Thursday the Twenty eighth; my Sister Esther left after dinner; my neighbours Rev. Conset & Grenside dined with us.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; I rode with my Gun to Wilton Park where my Serv. Jn^o.

Pierson met me; saw only one Woodcock; home by dinner Rev. Conset and his two Daughters Ann & Anna drank Tea here.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; Rain all day.

Sunday the Thirty First, & last Day. The day was very rainy; but as an appointment had been made I went with the Children on Horseback to Rev. Conset's & drank Tea there.