

NOVEMBER 1784

Monday the First; I attended at Gisbro' where S^r Tho^s Dundas, M^r Chaloner & myself, as Justices of the Peace, and Rev .Williamson as a Comissioner of the Land Tax held a second meeting to put in execution the Tax on Windows in commutation for that on Tea; ^ see 11th Oct. last & 22nd inst.^ Rev Williamson, M^r Harrison and I dined at the Inn; M^r Dodds of Boulby being at Gisbro' came home with me in the evening.

Tuesday the Second; M^r Dodds went home after breakfast; and my little Boy and I rode to Ayton where we found my Niece Esther very weakly indeed, and her Mother (M^r Wilson being at Stokesley on a meeting of the Justices) very apprehensive of her dissolution before long Doct ^W^m Blackbourne of Durham having been to see her; we dined & returned.

Wednesday the Third; at home all day.

Thursday the Fourth; Rain most of the day.

Friday the Fifth; I walked out and a little before dinner with the Children.

Saturday the Fifth; Rain – a little before dinner M^r ^Geo:^ James of West Auckland came, & lay here.

Sunday the Seventh; M^r James stayed here all day

Monday the Eighth; M^r James went away at eight o'Clo' before I got up – not very well

Tuesday the Ninth; a very bad day.

Wednesday the Tenth; Boisterous weather.

Thursday the Eleventh; a High west-Wind til toward evening; at six o'Clo' I rode to Eston Chapel (the Parochial – Place of Worship for Eston & Normanby where a Vestry meeting was held for the Election of a Parish Clerk, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death ^some weeks ago^ of old Thos. Atkinson, late Clerk; Rev^d Tanch Curate of Eston & vicar of Ormsby claimed to Elect -& nominated sometime since John Willis a Schoolmaster lately come to Eston whose legal Settlement is at Brotton; He oFiciated several Sundays , but the Inhabitants of Eston, fearing that he might ^thereby^ gain a Settlement with them, determined to exert what they called their Right to wit, to Elect a Clerk; W^m Sunley & W^m Snowdon having spoken very freely to M^r Tanch, he discontinued Jn^o Willis; and ordered that Geo: Sugget a cobbler, living and legally settled in this Township,(of Normanby) to

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oficiate as Clerk, this being unsatisfactory to ~~the~~ the Eston People; this ^present^ Vestry was appointed by them, inviting Normanby Inhabitants also to attend it; W^m. Mewburn is Church-Warden of that part of the Chapelry, & ~~I~~ but he did not attend, (joining in opinion with Mr Tanch) W^m Sunley, W^m Snowdon, Geo. Hammond, (as well for himself as an Inhabitant of Eston, as one of the Trustees for old Rob Jackson's five Sons, all of them minors at present,) John Jackson, (the eldest Son of sa'^d Rob Jackson) & James Appleton, were the attendant Inhabitants of Eston; those of Normanby were, Stephen Wrightson (our Church-warden, who gave personal notice to his Neighbours yesterday, of this meeting) Tho^s. Appleton, John Laverick, John Neesum; Tho^s Snowdon, Clement Robinson, Joseph Cornforth, Capt W^m Brown, and myself; after some Conversation, wherein the Men ^of Eston^ declared, that the two last Clerks (nay more than two) were elected by that Township; they unanimously allowed, that it is now the Turn of Normanby to fill the vacancy; we of Normanby ^therefore^ proceeded to Elect; the Candidates were ^the above^ Geo. Sugget, and W^m Fewster, a Mason (living & legally settled in Eston) the first four, ~~named~~ ^voted for^ Sugget; and the five last, named W^m Fewster, as I voted the last, my vote of course turned the Scale; I got home before seven; see tomorrow.

Friday the Twelfth; two letters passed between Mr. Tanch and I on the subject of yesterday's Vestry; in both his Letters he gives up, very fully, his Right to Elect a Clerk of Eston Chapelry; but expressing a difficulty on his Mind as to the eligibility of the Person we had chosen, ~~we had a meeting~~ ^He and I^ met at M^r Conssets' about seven o'Clock in the Evening, we stayed there 'till ten o'Clo,' on the subject; his difficulty arises from Fewster's being an Exhorter at the Methodist Meetings at Eston, & lest any Inquiry ^to himself^ should arise from that circumstance he is disposed of being informed on it, by the Arch-Bishop ^of York' Dr Markham^ or the Arch-Deacon of Cleveland' (M^r Blackburn,) and wishes that the present oficiating Clerk may continue to act one, or at most two Sundays; if he receives no answer ^in that time^ then Fewster may enter on his ofice; and here I must observe that Rev'^d Tanch, in his Letter home of 9th inst. declares that " There is no Person yet appointed Clerk of your ^Eston)^ Parish" see

Saturday the Thirteenth; I rode to the House of Rev^d Tanch at Ormsby, after breakfast; & having sent my Horse back I walked home before dinner; during my stay with him he

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confessed he should not ^{^put^} so severe a Construction of the 23.^d article of Religion,¹ & that he would refer the matter to Rev^d Grensides of Marton, if ~~upon~~ ^{^after^} a few days consideration of the Matter he should not be of opinion that it will be better to make no farther to do about it; and if we would in respect to him – allow Sugget to ^{^oficiate^} to one, or perhaps ^{^the^} two succeeding Sundays; at same time acknowledging that he has no Right to interfere in any future. Election of a Clerk of the Chaplery of Eston—this he also repeatedly declared yesterday Evening in presence of Rev^d Conset and three of his Daughters, Elizth, Ann, Anna.

Sunday the Fourteenth; I sent for W^m Fewster (see Thursday) & Ja^s. Appleton & Tho^s Snowdon and informed them of what had passed between Rev^d W. Tanch & I yesterday & after service in the afternoon that Gentleman called on me & appeared much pleased that Geo. Sugget was allowed to perform as Clerk this afternoon.

Monday the Fifteenth; at home.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; M^r Sutton breakfasted with me by appointment & left me before dinner, our subject was on forming a House to carry on the Banking – Business at Stockton, say M^r Sutton, & M^r Geo Hutchinson of Stockton M^r Rob^t Wilson ^{^Corn Merch^t.^} Wilson of London & myself; M^r Tanch also called in the morning stay'd a quarter of an hour.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; Having had a very bad night & my Face much swelled this morning I sent for Doct^r Wayne who came to me after dinner and lay here: my Bro^r. Wilson dined with me; & before he went away Rev^d Conset came in & sat an hour.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I had some Physick this morning, Doct: Wayne left me after dinner; Rev^d Grenside (of Marton) sat an hour with me.

Friday the Nineteenth; my Face continues to be swelled very much; my sister Esther dined wth me & returned home; M^r Sutton of Stockton sat two hours ^{^after diner^} with me.

Saturday the Twentyeth; I am better today.

Sunday the Twenty First; I took gentle Physick.

Monday the Twenty Second; I dined at Gisbro' with S^r Tho^s Dundas & Rev^d Williamson where we all met to receive from the several Assessors their assessments of the Windows in

¹ the Article entitled 'Of Ministering to the Congregation'.

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their Townships, ^see 1 inst & 14th March for appeals- Mr Chalonor is on a visit at Mr Tempests –a fine day.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; John and I measured off some ash Timber in Clem^t Robinson's Farm &^c. sold to Tho^s Bulmer. My sis^r Est^r dined with me & returned home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I rode out before noon; spent the afternoon with my young Folk.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; at home, not well.

Saturday the Twenty seventh; my Bro^r Wilson dined with me.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; a Rainy day.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; my child Mary Lewin Jackson being five years old today my Bro^r ^& Sist^r^ Wilson, & daughters Rachel & Esther & my Sister Jackson dined with us and returned. my niece Esther is very thin, & looks very ill

Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last Day at home.

DECEMBER 1784

December, Wednesday the First; I rode to Stockton, and returned before dinner.

Thursday the Second; Doctor Wayne came before diner and lay here; Rev Conset & three of his daughters drank Tea and supt here; played at Cards; Rev^d Tanch I expected, but he sent a note to me informing that he is not well.

Friday the Third; Doct. Wayne left me after breakfast, & I then rode to Stockton, dined at M^r Sutton's by appointment with M^r Geo Hutchinson, I left them at three o'Clo', having further progress on the Banking business see Tuesday 16th ulto page 6

Saturday the Fourth; M^r Dodds came while my Children & me were at dinner & lay here.

Sunday the Fifth; M^r Dodds here all day.

Monday the Sixth; the weather, much sleet and dreadfully high Wind at East, prevented M^r Dodds leaving me as he intended.

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Tuesday the Seventh; the Wind shifting to NE in the night blew very hard, and continuing this morning with heavy showers of Snow detained M^r Dodds another day at Normanby.

0 Wednesday the Eighth; M^r Dodds left me after breakfast I sent Fawcit with him to Gisbro, & he (M^r D) went home from thence; very cold day & high Wind at N E.

Thursday the Ninth at; home, better weather.

Friday the Tenth; more Snow today, but no Wind.

Saturday the Eleventh; very cold

Sunday the Twelfth; a very high wind from the North-east.

Monday the Thirteenth, very cold, so that I durst not venture to Gisbro', where S^r Tho^s Dundas received the Constables return of the Search Warrants they ordered the other day; Mr W^m Wilson of Berwick dined with me.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I rode out, but the Wind being in the East & very cold I did not remain out half an hour.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; inclined to Thaw but very cold, east Wind; Geo Hammond sat an hour after diner.

Thursday the Sixteenth; Mr Sutton sat two hours with me before dinner ^see the 3^d inst^ - & returned to Stockton.

Friday the Seventeenth; cold weather. 1

Saturday the Eighteenth; as yesterday

Sunday the Nineteenth, another cold day.

Monday the Twentieth; I sent my Serv^t Jn^o Fawcit to Stockton early, who sent to me from thence a Post-Chaise in which I went to Mr. Sutton's & after dining with him returned; our meeting was on the Matter of the proposed Banking House, see the 16th inst - a fine day but cold. The Snow covers the Ground save within a Mile or two of the River, which is frozen over at Stockton.

Tuesday the Twenty First; a very coarse day, more Snow falls, Wind north.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; Snow Showers fell.

Thursday the Twenty Third; 'tho' the air was mild, several Showers of Snow fell in the day; Mr Sutton dined with me, see last Monday-

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Friday the Twenty Fourth; more Snow fell, I sent my serv^t Jn^o Fawcit to Ayton, on his return I am informed that my niece / Han^a. / Wilson arrived ^ yesterday^ from London where she went her Uncle and Aunt Jeff^y. Jackson the 4th Nov of 1781. see my Journal 2nd Nov 1781.

Christmas day Saturday the Twenty Fifth, a fine day but cold.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; mild weather, therefore a rode out a little way

Monday the Twenty Seventh; a warm air from the South which dissolves the Snow gently

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; a mild Thaw.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; no Thaw - cold.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; bad weather

Friday the Thirty First & last Day; high East Wind , very cold.

JANUARY 1785

Saturday the First; The Wind blows hard from the East, with heavy showers of sleet, and air remarkably cold.

Sunday the Second; a Thaw but cold.

Monday the Third; the air inclined to a thaw especially towards evening.

Tuesday the Fourth; much Snow being gone. I rode a little way: at noon my Sister Esther came with my Sister Wilson & her Daughter Wilson, lately arrived from London, see Friday the 24th ult, they left me after dinner.

Wednesday the Fifth; I rode a little way.

Thursday the Sixth; fine frosty weather; I rode out an hour; & my children walked out, the first time of upwards of five weeks

Friday the Seventh; I rode out before dinner.

Saturday the Eighth – as yesterday – a fine Thaw.

Sunday the Ninth; I rode tow^{ds} Barnaby Moor.

Monday the Tenth; the weather being very fine I rode to Gisbro' & returned before dinner;

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Rev^d Conset & his two eldest daughters (Eliz & Ann) dined with me and spent the evening. Tuesday the Eleventh; M^r Chaloner, & M^r Meynel of Yarm, his visitor at present sat an hour with me before dinner.

Wednesday the Twelfth; I spent two hours with M^r Sutton at Stockton ^before dinner^, see Thursday 23^d. ulto.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I rode out a little way before dinner & meeting M^r Danby of Gisbro', who was coming to my House returned with him, he dined & stay'd till past four o'Clo', his errand was to consult with me on an oFer which had been made to him by Chr^r. Smith of Stockton in the name of himself M^r Geo Brown & M^r Benj^a. Lumley of the same place, to become a Partner with them in the Banking Line at Stockton; on his leaving me he declared that he will decline their Offer, see yesterday.

Friday the Fourteenth; I mounted my Horse after breakfast intending to go to Ayton but on arriving at the other side of the Hills found the roads so slippery from the hard frost and my Horse not being fitted for it I returned home ^before^ dinner.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I rode ~~out~~ 5 towards Marton before dinner.

Sunday the Sixteenth; This Evening my Bro^r Wilson's ^Serv^t^ came with a Letter, inclosing another from Woodford Bridg' (Sist Dorothy's) informing me that my Bro. in Law Capt Jackson's ^Life^ is in iminant Danger from a Fever.

Monday the Seventeenth; I went to Ayton before dinner; and lay all night at my sister Esther's.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I dined at Ayton & then returned home; a Letter arrived at Ayton from my Sist. Dorothy, advising that her husband is better, but as her account of him bespeaks much danger my Bro^r & Sist^r intend to set out for Woodford Bridg' tomorrow morning ^ see 25th. inst ^: we now have a mild Thaw.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; I rode out before dinner; & in the afternoon I sat an hour with Ja^s. Appleton who is confined by a violent sprained Ankle.

Thursday the Twentieth; I rode out before dinner into St. Wrighton's Farm, John & Fawcett with me, also the Greyhounds coursed several Hares. Tho^s Bulmer & Tho^s Hart settling their Accts. with me sat two Ho^{rs} in the evening.

Friday the Twenty First; I rode out .

Saturday the Twenty Second; M^r Sutton called on me & after sitting here an hour I rode

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with him to S^r. Ja^s. Pennyman's Gardens, and from thence tow^{ds} Stockton, returned to dinner, see 12th. inst; towards evening came M^r Dodds from Boulby All^o. Works he lay here. Sunday the Twenty Third, M^r Dodds was here all day & night; and in the evening arrived very unexpectedly M^r Angus (from Elemore) M^r Baker's Agent, to inform M^r ~~Baker~~ Dodds & me that his master by ~~an~~ the accident of his Horses treading on his foot when hunting yesterday was unable to meet us at Stockton tomorrow according to appointment; Mr Angus lay here.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Angus went from this place on his return home before I got up; M^r Dodds spent the day with me.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; M^r Dodds ~~went~~ returned to Boulby after breakfast; & I then went to Ayton & found that my Bro^r & Sis^r Wilson did set out for London Last Wednesday morning, see ~~that day~~ ^ the 18th. inst^; no acco^t rece'd of their arrival at Woodford Bridge'; nor of Capt. Jackson's illness after dining with my three Niece Wilsons & my Sist Est ., who had all paid been paying, this morning, a visit to Lady Foulis; I returned home. Wednesday the Twenty Sixth ^anniv'y. of my Birthday I rode out before dinner; and drank Tea with my Children at Rev.^d Conset's; Miss Williamson, Miss Darling, & Miss Grainger were there.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; In the forenoon I met by appointment, old M^r Richardson of Ayton (aged 84) at the end of Burnaby Moor with our Greyhounds, we coursed 4 hares all escaping their pursuers; he dined with me & went away; He met my servants (& M^r Wilson's Serv. Jos^a. with him) before nine o'Clo', they ranged over the Moor before I went to them.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I spent two hours with M^r Sutton at Stockton & returned to a late dinner see Saturday the 22^d. inst- a very cold day indeed.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

Sunday the Thirtieth; high Wind from the N^o. wth Snow.

Monday The Thirty First and last day. Stormy, Wind at N^o East, with some Showers of Snow.

FEBRUARY 1785

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Tuesday the First; very cold, & the Ground covered with Snow

Wednesday the Second; Gen^l Hale called while myself and Children were at dinner, sat a little.

Thursday the Third, M^r Dodds of Boulby came before dinner & lay here; M^r Pet. Merry came after dinner and after spending an hour with me on the subject of M^r Askews Estates in this Country, (two of which, Tocket, tenanted by W^m. Wetheril, & Hutton Lowcross tenanted by Jos Agar ^he^ intends to set a price upon to M^r Chaloner) he left ^us^, I rec^d of my Tenants at Normanby &^c. their last half year's Rents.

Friday the Fourth; M^r Dodds left me after breakf^t.

~~Sunday~~ Saturday the Fifth; a dreadful hoar Frost; cold.

Sunday the Sixth; I dined with my Sist. Est^r. & my Nieces at Ayton, Miss Williamson is there on a visit of a few days; Miss Brown of Stockton dined there; my niece Est is better.

Monday the Seventh; at home not very ^ well^.

Tuesday the Eighth; rode wth Ja^s. Appleton to Dav^d Hobkirks he, James dined with me.

Wednesday the Ninth; I spent two Hours wth M^r Sutton & M^r Hutchinson at Stockton, see

Friday the 28th ulto.; I met M^r Sutton coming to me in his Chaise, in which I returned with him to his own House; I dined alone at the Inn, & returned.

Thursday The Tenth; I rode to Gisbro' & after spending two hours there on business with M^r Danby &^c. returned to a late dinner.

Friday the Eleventh; at home. ^ Jas. Appleton & Dav^d Hobkirk dined with me^.

Saturday the Twelfth; I spent two hours with M^r Matthews, M^r Paiston &^c. on business, & I dined at Ayton

(my Bro^r.& Sist^r Wilson are not returned from London) came home before dark.

Sunday the Thirteenth; at home.

Monday the Fourteenth; at home; not very well.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; at home; very cold.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; rode out a little; Doct^r Wayne dined with me; went ~~away~~ ^to M^r^ Chaloner's sooner after, and Miss Ann Consett, and her sister Anna drank Tea here.

Thursday the Seventeenth: remarkably cold with high North Wind & Snow Showers: Tho^s Snowdon's wife was buried today, she dyed of the smallPox which have been fatal lately in this neighb'hood .

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Friday the Eighteenth; my Sister Est^r Jackson, and my three niece Wilsons (their Father & Mother now in London) came before dinner intending to stay some days Niece Est^r. very weakly indeed; M^r Sutton & M^r Geo Hutchinson came about three o'Clo' & drank Tea before they went away, see Wedn. the 9th inst. a very stormy day afternoon Wind from the N^o. & much Snow.

Saturday the Nineteenth; much Snow now lays on the Ground, and a hard Frost.

Sunday the Twentieth; a very Severe Frost.

Monday the Twenty First; a fine day the Snow lays thick; my Sist^r & Nieces continue

Tuesday the Twenty ~~First~~ Second; a high Wind from the East, with heavy showers of Snow.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; very cold.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; the air being mild & inclining to Thaw, I rode out before dinner.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I rode out before dinner - the day being very fine.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at M^r Sutton's with M^r Geo Hutchinson's, the latter and myself spent an hour before dinner with Lawyer Bradley on the subject of our intended Bank, see Friday the 18th inst. I came home at six in Chaise, Snow falling all the way.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; a cold day.

Monday the Twenty Eighth & last Day; altho' the morning was very cold I rode to Gisbro' & returned to dine at home with my Sist^r & Nieces, see 18th inst. Rev^d. Conset, & two of his Daughters (Ann and Anna) drank Tea, played at Cards, & supt with us.

MARCH 1785

Tuesday the First; at home.

Wednesday the Second; about twelve o'Clock my Sist^r. Est^r & 3 Nieces Wilson left me in two Post Chaise which I ordered from Stokesley, see 18th ~~inst~~ ^ulto ^ after dinner I rode out towards the River, a mild day.

Thursday the ~~Second~~ ^ Third ^; I rode out before dinner.

Friday the Fourth; I dined wth my Nieces at Ayton their Father and Mother not being yet returned from ^the South ^.

Saturday the Fifth; I rode two hours before dinner; a very fine day, altho' much Snow

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remains on the Ground.

Sunday the Sixth my Servant John Pierson rode out (on horseback) with my two Children, beyond Ormsby before dinner. Doct^r Wayne dined with me.

Monday the Seventh; In the afternoon came M^r Geo James & his Brother Tho^s Ward James attended by M^r Fairless an Attorney of Bishop Auckland, they lay here.

Tuesday the Eighth. The Gentlemen stayed all day. M^r Fran^s. Fox dyed at Gisbro' this evening about 5 o'Clo'

Wednesday the Ninth; I dined at Stockton with the above Gentlemen and took administration there to the Wife of M^r Jn^o James late of W Auckland who dyed 21st May 1784 reserving a power for M^r W^m James (his Brother of Liverpool to do the like, we being named in the Will as Trustees and Executors; M^r. Preston of Stokesley meeting me at Stockton by appointment & advising me to the measure above; I spent half an hour with M^r Sutton before I left the Town, see Saturday 26 ult^o.

Thursday the Tenth; I find myself very much indisposed by the very cold ride home w^{ch} I had yesterday evening.

Friday the Eleventh; at home - worse than yesterday.

Saturday the Twelfth; a most stormy day with much Snow. - I am very poorly indeed.

Sunday the Thirteenth; I breath with great difficulty.

Monday the Fourteenth; having some relief in my breathing today I ventured down stairs which I durst not do the four days last past; M^r Dodds of Boulby came here before dinner, & lay all night.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; my sister Esther came before dinner and returned home after drinking Tea, M^r Dodds continued here all day and night.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; M^r Dodds left me after breakfast, (returning to Boulby) after I had supped M^r Danby of Gisbro' called on me on his road from Stockton, James Appleton was with him they had Supper & as I observed that M^r Danby was in liquor I prevailed with him to stay here all night.

Thursday the Seventeenth: M^r Danby went home early; I rode out a little way before dinner.

Friday the Eighteenth; Rev^{'d} Conset sat an hour before dinner- a fine day ^ M^r Sutton dined here, see 9th. inst.^

Saturday the Nineteenth; I dined at Ayton my Bro^r. and Sist^r. Wilson are not returned from

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London.

Sunday the Twentyeth; at home.

Monday the Twenty First; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' - had bad weather home.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I dined at M^r Brown's at Stockton, his Daughter (Eliz^a) & two Sisters Jane and Mary Wellbank present - cold day. ^I spent an hour with M^r Sutton see

Wednesday the 8th. the inst. ^

Wednesday the Twenty Third – at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; my neighb^{r s} Ja^s. Appleton, Geo Hammond, Jn^o. Jackson & Tho^s Snowdon

(after they had been a Greyhound coursing) dined with me—

Good - Friday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I met Gen^l. Cary on Justice Business at Stokesley; I dined alone at the Inn.

Easter Sunday, the Twenty Seventh; The day was very cold, nevertheless in consequence of a prior engagement the Children & I drank Tea at Rev^d Conssets '

Easter- Monday the Twenty Eighth; Rev^d Conset and his two eldest Daughters drank Tea here ^ Jn^o Hall, Stephenson of Skelton Esq.² dyed suddenly this morning about 7 o'Clo' at his own House aged ab^t. 67.

Easter- Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; 5 very cold, Wind at North- East though not high much Snow fell, 6 or 8 inches deep in the Evening.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; at home

Thursday the Thirty First & Last Day at very unexpectedly ^Rev^d ^ M^r Williamson & his Son Tho^s Pym Williamson came before Dinner and dined here so did Rev^d Conset ^M^r Dodds of Boulby dined and lay here^

APRIL 1785

Friday the First; after breakfast M^r Dodd left me to go to Elemore, & to see his own Relations in the County of Durham: Rev^d Grenside of Marton and Rev^d Conset (my

² John Hall Stevenson (1718-85), friend of Laurence Sterne and the original of Eugenius in *Tristram Shandy*.

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Neighbour) dined with me.

Saturday the Second; at home- very cold ^day^

Sunday the Third; the Ground was covered this morning (at eight of 'Clo) several inches thick of Snow; the Snow ~~thawed~~ ^melted^ much of it, altho' a cold day.

Monday the Fourth; I dined at M^r Sutton's at Stockton with M^r Geo: Hutchinson, see 22^d ulto.

Tuesday the Fifth; I dined with my Sist Est^r & Niece at Ayton, found M^{rs} Hall & her Daughter Emily on a morning visit.

Wednesday the Sixth; I dined at Gen^l Cary's at Leven Grove, his Grand-Nef^w L^d Falkland there, I ret^d by Ayton found my Sist Est^r & 3 Niece Wilson's at M^{rs} Passman's

Thursday the Seventh; I paid a morning visit to S^r. Tho^s Dundas at Upleatham, Rev^d Lascelles & M^r Chaloner came there I dined at the Inn at Gisbro'

Friday the Eighth; at home

Saturday the Ninth; walked &^c. wth my Children

Sunday the Tenth; M^r Dodds returned before dinner, see Friday the 1st, he lay here all night.

Monday the Eleventh, M^r Dodds left me after breakfast, returning to Boulby; my little Boy (W^m) walked with me to the Men begining to Plant with Ashes, Larches, & Beech Plants the Hill^{^side^} adjoining the road ~~above~~ ^near^ Tho^s Appleton's House the severity of the weather prevented an earlier attempt.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I dined at M^r Rudds at Gisbro' by appointment; Rev^d Williamson and M^r Harrison dined there also

Wednesday the Thirteenth; I dined with my Nieces at Ayton; Cap^t Brown supt wth me.

Thursday the Fourteenth; My Sister Est^r dined & drank Tea here: the (four) Miss Consels drank Tea also, so did M^r Geo. James & his Sister Sarah James who arrived before five o'Clo, they lay here

Friday the Fifteenth; M^r James & his Sister stayed all day & lay here, we drank Tea at Rev^d Conset's ~~very fine weather~~ M^r Sutton spent an hour with me before dinner we now determine to have no further thoughts of being concerned in the Banking Business, see Monday the 4th inst.

Saturday the Sixteenth; M^r James & his Sister left me after breakfast to go to Ayton; their errand hither was to determine on a Plan for ~~the~~ ^my^ executing their Father's will which I

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took administration to 9th ulto.

Sunday the Seventeenth; M^r Geo Dodds Junr. of Boulby came after Breakfast, I went with him to Cap^t Brown, my Tenant at the Forest; & after much conversation with him we sent him to Stockton to say to M^r Kingston there that we will give him 320£ for the Sloop Shepherdess, to prevent his writing by this Post to another Person about her after M^r Dodds dined he returned home

Monday the Eighteenth; M^r Chaloner myself & Rev^d Williamson met at Gisbro' to appoint Collect^{rs} of the L^d Tax Window Tax &^c.

Thursday the Nineteenth; I met Gen^l Carey (as a Justice of the Peace) his Nef^w Lord Falkland, now about 18 yrs of Age & Mr Sutton on Justiciary Business, we dined & ret^d.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; I dined at Stockton with my Tenant Capt W^m Brown, and afterward signed an article with Mr Tho^s Kingston for 320£ which I am to pay him & owners of the Sloop Shepherdess for the said Sloop ,now 4^{yrs} & a half old, see last Sunday.

Thursday the Twenty First: my Sister Est^r & three Niece Wilsons dined with me ^& children^ on their road from Stockton to Ayton

Friday the Twenty Second; I rode to the Riverside where I have some Men at Work repairing my Bank, lately injured by high Wind and Tides.

Saturday the Twenty Third; I spent the day in business at home; Geo Dodds Jun^r. came in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; Geo Dodds went to Capt. Brown's at the Forest, returned to Breakfast, then over to Stockton to see the Sloop I bought last Wednesday; he returned to dine with Capt. Brown; they went to their respective homes at 3o'Clo' I rode to Ayton about a housekeeper to be hired by this Post - drank Tea and returned between seven and eight.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; John (my Serv^t) and I rode to Rob Young's& with him rode thro' his Farm to form a Judgm^t of the value of the Small Tythe thereof this Summer; I also rode to Rich^d Jackson's at Wilton to settle wth Dinah Nedd his niece ab^t a Housekeeper she mentioned for me: after dinner John & I rode to the River side see 22^d inst.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; I met Gen^l Gary & his grand Nep^w L^d. Falkland. (see last Tuesday) at Mr Sutton's at Stockton, by appointment; we dined with about 30 Gentⁿ. at the Town House, this being a Feast of the Mayor's (M^r Sutton) I got home by seven.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; spent at and about home with my Children.

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Thursday the Twenty Eighth; my little Boy and I dined at Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro', home to Tea.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; I spend three Hours with my Servant John Peirson this morning, marking a superfluity of young oak Plants to be cut down this Spring in Cow Howl Wood; Gen^l Carey & his Nep^w Lord Falkland & M^r Sutton dined with me, see Tuesday last. I heard this Day that M^r ^ Mauleverer of Arncliffe dyed at Leeds 27th inst.^

Saturday the Thirtieth; & Last Day. at and about home; M^r Dodds of Boulby came in the Evening.

MAY 1785

Sunday the First; M^r Dodds spent the whole day with me; Capt. Brown a part of it.

Monday the Second; M^r Dodds left me after dinner.

Tuesday the Third; I rode to Capt Brown's (my Tenants) at the Forest & went on board the Sloop Rosebud (late Shepherdess) which sailed down from Stockton this Tide, & will go to Sea next Tide for Sunderland to carry coals for the allum Works, she is the Property of myself & Mr Geo Dodds Sen^r. in equal shares, see Wednesday the 20th & Sunday the 24th of last Month: returned to dinner: & then with my Serv. John Pierson to Page Howl Wood, marking Trees to cut, see last Friday.

Wednesday the ~~Sixth~~ Fourth I sat half an hour with my Sist^r Est^r & my three nieces Wilson at Ayton, and proceeded to Leven Grove where I dined meeting by appointment to M^r and M^{rs} Sutton & her youngst Sister.

Thursday the Fifth at home all day

Friday the Sixth ^ I went with Jn^o Pierson, to be shown by my Tenant old Jn^o Laverick the Boundaries of Normanby common on Barnby Moor^ My Sist Est^r came while I was at dinner, to stay a day or two; soon after she & I took the Linnen (as p. acc^t.) from my Servant Eliz^a. Rookes who now leaves me after having been my House Maid since Friday 25th June 1784

Saturday the ~~Ninth~~ Seventh; My Sist. and I employ^d as yesterday, and walking in the Garden's

Sunday the Eighth; Capt ^ W^m ^ Brown dined with us, & in the afternoon my Sister ^Es ^,

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my Children & myself drank Tea at Rev^d Conset's by way of taking leave of them; they removing soon to Ingleby Mannor

Monday the Ninth; I rode to Gisbro' & after doing Business there returned to dine at home with my Nieces Han^h. & Rach^l. Wilson, (Est^r. was not well enough to come), my Sist.Es^r ret^d with 'em.

Tuesday the Tenth; my Servants Eliz^a Oworm, the Cook, who has lived with me 8 years & a quarter in that Capacity, & Eliz^a Rookes the House Maid who came to me 25th last June, left my Service

Wednesday the Eleventh: at & ab^t home.

Thursday the Twelfth; my Sist^r Est^r came before dinner, & soon after that came Rebecca Bedford, from M^r Lockwood's of Whitby ^ her Relation^ to serve me as Housekeeper & Cook, she lately served M^r Searth of Upper Stakesby near Whitby as his Wife's Maid & Housekeeper

Friday the Thirteenth; Before Dinner came Rev & M^{rs} Williamson & their Son Thom^s. Pym in a Post Chaise hired by me at Gisbro', after dinner they left my Sist Est^r, my little Girl & myself taking my dear little Boy W^m Ward Jackson, (now 6 years & a half & 16 days old, viz born 27th Oct 1778) home with them to board & Learning. I have attended the Child through all the spelling Book, now in use, he has read M^{rs} Trimmer's 4 Vol^s of the Sacred History, a great many Vol^s of Juvenile Histories, and is now reading the Spectators, which he does with great ease to him ^self^ appearing as if he understands most of what he reads, and entertains those who hear him. He was sensibly affected at taking leave of me, although his conduct during the day & his departure was truly Heroic.

Saturday the Fourteenth; my Sister Est^r left me after breakfast, and M^r Dodds came in the evening.

Sunday The Fifteenth; M^r Dodds spent the day here, the four Miss Conssets dined and drank Tea here as a farewell dinner they^ & their Father ^ intending to remove from Normanby to his Curacy of Ingilby Manor next Tuesday, where he has done Duty all the Winter, they went away, & in two hours after he (Rev^d Conset) came and sat an hour.

Monday the Sixteenth; M^r Dodds & I mounted together after breakfast, he went home by Gisbro' & I went to Stokesley (calling at Ayton on my way) where M^r Sutton & Rev^d Williamson with me officiated for the Justices of the Peace ^ & Coms. of the L. Tax^ in the

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West Division of Langbaugh; Gen^l Carey & my Bro^r Wilson being in London, & ~~from~~ M^r Marwood at Beverley; and our late worthy Neighb^r M^r Mauleverer dyed at Leeds the 27th ult^o. where he went for the assistance of M^r Hayes an ^eminent^ surgeon there, under whose Knife cutting for the Stone it is said he departed; home in the evening.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; at home.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I rode to Gisbro' to see my dear little Man (see last Friday) at Rev^d Williamson's called at Mr Chaloner's where I found my two eldest Nieces Wilson; home to dine.

Thursday the Nineteenth; I rode to some Workmen repairing the Banks at the Forest, returned before dinner

Friday the Twentyeth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty First; at & ab^l home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I went to Eston Chapel before dinner & there rec^d the Sacrament

Monday the Twenty Third; M^r Chaloner, Rev^d Williamson & myself executed the Land & Windows ~~Taxes~~ ^Acts^ at Gisbro', I drank Tea at the latters, with my little Boy.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; Gen^l Carey, M^r Sutton & myself executed the Land & Wind^o ~~Taxes~~ ^Acts^ for the West Division of this Wapontake; I called at Ayton on my return but found ^none at home^

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; at home: very droughty weather.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I rode to the River side having some Men there repairing the Bank on my Marsh; dined at home with James Appleton.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton & sat an hour with my Niece Wilson's afterwards; drank Tea at home.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; a cold day.

Monday the Thirtyeth; at home; a fine Rain.

Tuesday the Thirty First & last Day; on the forenoon I attended some of the neighbours working on the Highways; (the Horse- road to Gisbro'); and after dinner my servant Jn^o & I rode to the Workmen repairing my Tide Bank at the Forest.

JUNE 1785

Wednesday the First; at home; fine showers fell during the day, of which there has been great need all last month.

Thursday the Second; at & about home.

Friday the ~~Fourth~~^{Third}; Capt Brown (my Tenant) breakfasted with me, soon after we proceeded to Stockton when I made the second [^]being the [^] (last) payment for M^r Tho^s Kingston for the Sloop Rose-Bud see Wedn the 20th April last; and at same time paid to sundry Tradesmen, as Carpenters &^c. &^c. about 40£ more; dined at Stockton, & at home by six.

Saturday the ~~Fifth~~^{Fourth}; at home.

Sunday the Fifth; some fine Showers fell.

Monday the Sixth; I dined at Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro; & after giving actual possession to Rich^d Pulman the Younger, (now Butler to M^r Chaloner) of ~~the~~ my Freehold Building, in West Gate Gisbro'. commonly called the Factory³ & the little piece of Ground behind the same, for which he paid me 50£. I returned to M^r Williamson's & from there came home with my dear little Boy to stay with his Sister & me for a few days (see 13th ult^o.)

Tuesday the Seventh; at home, my little Boy had a great deal of cold & cough on him.

Wednesday the Eighth; I spent the forenoon at M^r Chaloner, at Gisbro' on whose complaint I comitted to York Castle, Chr. Sherwood the Younger, Tayler of East Coatham, for having stolen from Mr Chaloner (about 2 mo^s since) sundry articles of Linnen as Table Cloths, Sheets &^c.; & also for stealing from another Person of Gisbro' some Child's Cloths. dined at home; & in the evening attended my Neighbours at a Vestry Meeting for the appointment of Church Wardens (see tomorr^o) Rev^d Tanch re-elected W^m. Mewburn of Eston, of course. viz, by ancient Custom it became the Turn of Normanby Inhabitants to elect one of themselves for the other Church Warden, which we did unanimously in the Person of my Tenant Jn^o Nusum. St. Wrighton the old Church Warden supt with me.

Thursday the Ninth; I dined wth the Rev^d Arch-Deacon, Blackburne, now 80 yrs old, with the Clergy of this Arch-Deaconry, at Stokesley 9 & went from thence with him in a Chaise to Ayton where we found his Wife, & his Daughter Mrs Hall; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson are

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yet in the South; I lay at my Sister Esther's and had a very bad night.

Friday the Tenth; By my direction of yesterday, my Children were brought to Ayton this morning & at six o'clock in the Evening I got into the Chaise with them & Nurse & came home; very much indisposed: D^r Blackburne⁴ of Durham arrived at Ayton before ^dinner^ Saturday the Eleventh; very poorly all day.

Sunday the Twelfth; my Fever increasing. I sent for D^r Wayne to Stokesley; apoth^{ry} Brown of K. Leathham was sent for after he came, & on his arrival I lost about 14 oz^s of Blood—

Monday the Thirteenth; D^r Wayne spent the day here; I had some Physick this morning. My Sister Est. came in the evening.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; D^r Wayne went away before dinner finding me much relieved; and in the evening came my three Nieces Wilson, they lay here.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I am able to come downstairs; and in the evening my Sist^r Est^r & my three Nieces went to Coatham where they have taken a lodging House for the benefit of the Sea air for my Niece Esther to which she is recommended by her Physician D^r Blackburne. Mr Baker's Steward Angus, lay here on his road to Boulby.

Thursday the Sixteenth; I am but poorly.

Friday the Seventeenth; I got downstairs very feebly; the weather very droughty, apothecary Brown dined with me

Saturday the Eighteenth; I rode to near Ormsby before dinner, I am considerably stronger.

Sunday the Nineteenth; at home.

Monday the Twentieth; rode out on horseback a little way before dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I am very weak yet, rode out an hour before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; M^r Peter Merry of Lealholm Hall dined with me; the weather is very droughty' & has been of the longest duration at this Season that has been remembered by any Person here; there having been but a very few Showers of Rain fallen in this Neighbourhood since last March; the Pastures & Meadows, & Spring sown Corn amazingly drought-struck, many Ponds of water are dry which have been seldom known to be so ^ in autumns^ and many Springs of water are dried up—

Thursday the Twenty Third; I rode to Coatham and there dined with my Sist^r Est^r & Nieces

³ probably the site of a former sail-cloth factory owned by the Wards, Ralph's mother's family.

⁴ son of the Archdeacon, and who was later to marry the eldest Wilson daughter.

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(at their ^private^ Lodgings) see 15th inst. we drank Tea at in the Publick Room, Rev^d Tanch, his Wife & some Relations being there, I lay at home.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; while my little Girl & I were at Dinner, came Gen^l Hale & his Son Will^m on their road to their Uncle Mr Burdon of Hardwick, they dined & left me at 4.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; at home Mr Dodds came at Supper time.

Sunday The Twenty Sixth; spent at home with Mr Dodds, the Droughth continues as great as ever

Monday the Twenty Seventh; Mr Dodds went with me to Gisbro' we dined there by ourselves, (at The Inn) & parted – I drank Tea with my little Man at Rev^d Williamson's; this day was appointed as an appeal day for the Land-Tax, but Mr Chaloner having gone from home, Rev^d W^mson & myself could not do ought. I came home at seven.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I met Gen^l Cary M^r Marwood & M^r Sutton at Stokesley on appeals for the Land Tax within the West Division; very little done in it; but much was done in the Excise-Laws against Smuglers.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; at home not well from the fatigue & heat of the last two days.

Thursday the Thirtyeth & last Day. at home, far from well, a very hot day.

JULY 1785

Friday the First; my Sister 3 Esther dined with me from Coatham & returned

Saturday the Second; I dined at Coatham with my Sist^r & 3 Niece Wilson's;

Sunday the Third; at home.

Monday the Fourth; I spent two hours at Gisbro' & returned before dinner; my two eldest Niece Wilson's came here before Tea in a Post Chaise from Coatham, intending to proceed to Ayton in hopes of meeting there their Father & Mother from London, but as the Men Servants are at the utmost variance with ~~each other~~^and lay^ heavy charges against each other I wou'd not suffer the young Ladies to proceed; therefore they returned to Coatham.

Tuesday the Fifth; I sent my Serv^t John Fawcet early to Ayton, he returned by ten o'Clock & about twelve my Bro^r. & Sis^t. Wilson arrived here with their Son William who they brought from Rev^d Benfields' School at Albrighton in Shropshire; they reached Ayton at about one

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o'Clock this morning, having been absent ever since Wednesday the 19th January last; see Tuesday the 25th January of this Book; they dined with me, & then M^{rs} Wilson proceeded in her Coach to her Daughters & my Sist^r. Est^r at Coatham her two eldest Daughters returned with her drank Tea, & then they, M^r & M^{rs} Wilson, their two Daughters & W^m went home to Ayton.

Wednesday the Sixth; I met Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary & L^d Falkland (their Nephew) at M^r Suttons at Stockton, dined and drank Tea there.

Thursday the Seventh; I spent the day at Bro^r. Wilsons examining ~~into~~ the cause of his Servants unhappiness with each other ^ see the 4th inst.^ ; the Footman Jos. Coulson has been imprudent in many instances most particularly in giving way to a very blameable curiosity to read such Letters as he could come at; and the Gardener W^m. Bayne being an artful & busy Body has magnified every instance; Jos. has been in a state of discharge of sometime and I think M^r. Wilson will discharge the Gardener, thus the matter was settled, M^r Preston drank Tea there, I came home.

Friday the Eighth; my Sist^r. Wilson, her son W^m & eldest Daughter called here and proceeded to Coatham they dined there, & my Sist^r. Est. & Niece of same Name returned hither with them, after drinking Tea, they all went to Ayton, I rode to the River about noon; my Hay was got home today, being a very small Crop, owing to the late and present Drought.

Saturday the Ninth; at home.

Sunday the Tenth; my little Girl and I went to Church after Dinner.

Monday the Eleventh; I had a Post-Chaise from Gisbro in which myself my little Girl and her Nurse (Cornforth) went to Gisbro, & there dined at Rev Williamson's with my little Boy, Rev^d Conset also dined there; we came home in the Evening; fine Showers tow^{ds} night.

Tuesday the Twelfth; M^r Rain of Thirsk Surveyor of the Windows dined with me.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; I dined at Gen^l Hale's, found M^{rs} Moor there; M^r Dundas (son of Sir Thomas) called on Gen^l Hale about 5 o'Clo' & they both set out for York. I called at M^r Williamson's as I went thro' Gisbro' & took with me ^from thence to Plantation⁵ ^ my little Boy & left him at Gisbro' on my return.

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Thursday the Fourteenth; I went to Ayton after breakfast, my Bro^r. & Sist^r Wilson returned to their home before ~~after~~ dinner, having yesterday afternoon carryed their Daughter Rachel to N^o. Allerton from whence she set out early this ~~afternoon~~ ^ morning^ to Leeds where she was to be met by M^r Richardson of Manchester who would convey her to his House there, she being gone on a visit to M^{rs} Richardson - I dined at my Sister Esthers and returned home before night.

Friday the Fifteenth; Rev^d Grenside of Marton dined with me; & M^r Brown of Stockton drank Tea with me on his road from Ayton.

Saturday the Sixteenth; at home.

Sunday the Seventeenth; at home. fine showers of Rain fell towards Night which has been the Case of several days past.

Monday the Eighteenth; my Bro^r. Wilson and my Sist^r Est^r dined with me, the former went away after drinking Tea here; my Sister lay here as did my Niece Esther Wilson who with her Mother & Sist^r Wilson came before Nine o'Clo on their road from Stockton where they had been to hear an Oratorio performed in the Church there; after supper M^{rs} Wilson and her ^eldest^ Daughter went home; M^r John Routh of Thirsk came before Supper and lay here.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; M^r Routh went to Gisbro' before I got up; M^r Sutton came soon after, and as soon as breakfast was done, he and I rode to Gisbro' & there attended on the Bench as Justices of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorksh. the Quarter Sessions being held there this day; the Justices attending were Earl Fauconberg; (who is also Custos Rotolorum for this Riding⁶) Honble Gen^l Cary (attended by his Nep^w L^d Falkland), M^r Chaloner, M^r Pullein, M^r Ra. Belt, S^r Thos Herron on Myddleton Bart; (who took the Oaths ^to day^ to act as did Rev^d Williamson, M^r Marwood, M^r Sutton, M^r Matthews Jun^r., my Bro^r. Wilson & myself, there ^was^ but little Business came before us, one thing however occasioned a Division of the Bench, when the first five, declared themselves favourable to the appointment of Jn^o Rymer, (now keeper of the Ho^s of Correction at Thirsk) to make weekly returns to the Treasury of the prices at which Corn is sold in Thirsk Market, he was proposed by L^d Fauconberg & M^r Bell; I proposed M^r Jn^o Routh of Thirsk, & was favoured by the other six Gentlemen's votes, added to my own made seven, M^r Routh was therefore

⁵ the Hales family's house near Guisborough.

⁶ 'keeper of the rolls', i.e. leading justice of the peace for the county.

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declared to be duly elected (& was entered), in pursuance of an Act of Parliam^t of 10 Geo:3^d Chap^r 39. this business was agitated ~~after dinner~~ at the Inn, (aft^r dinner) to which place the Court had been previously adjourned; M^r Sutton and I drank a drink of Tea at Rev^d Williamson's place & came away soon after, I parted with him at Ormsby.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; at home, not well.

Thursday the Twenty First; I set out for M^r Marwood's at Busby; I had not rode above two Miles until a heavy shower of Rain fell w^{ch} wet thro' nearly all my Cloths before I got to Stokesley, I had Chaise from thence to Busby, dined & lay there.

Friday the Twenty Second; M^r Marwood rode with me to pay M^{rs} Mauleverer (at Arncliffe) a morning visit, (see 16th May last). her Daughter Frances is with her; her other unmarried Daughter (Mary) is with M^{rs} Lindsey in Ireland, where M^{rs} & Miss Mauleverer intend to go shortly on a visit during the Winter; M^r Marwood & I parted near Carlton, I dined at the Inn at Stokesley, sat a quarter of an hour with D^r Wayne who is recovering from a dangerous illness, drank Tea at Ayton, & home.

Saturday the Twenty Third; M^r Dodds came after dinner & lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, M^r Dodds spent the day here, & lay all night.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; M^r Pet^r Murry breakfasted here, M^r Dodds & I dined at Gisbro, I drank there (at Rev^d Williamson's) wth my Child W^m.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton & spent the afternoon at M^r Wilson's M^r & M^{rs} Marwood, her mother Goulton, & their visitor M^{rs} Sinclair being there, I came home late.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; at home; where had fine refreshing Shower ^of ^ Rain.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; showery weather.

Saturday the Thirtieth: Rev^d Williamson intending to go from home a fortnight I sent for my Child William – he arrived after dinner.

Sunday the Thirty first & last Day. I spent home with my Children; a fine Rain fell today.

AUGUST 1785

Monday the First; I had a bad night; M^r Dodds came from Boulby before Breakfast, dined

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also & returned home; M^r Garth of Durham breakfasted with me; M^r Jn^o. Telford of York dined and lay here.

Tuesday the Second; M^r Telford went away early, I spent the day at home with my Children.

Wednesday the Third; employed in receiving from my Tenants half a Y^r Rent due last Lady day.

Thursday the Fourth; my Bro^r & Sist^r Wilson their Son W^m & Daughters Han^a & Est^r & my Sist^r Esther dined and drank Tea here; the latter (Sist Est^r) lay here all night.

Friday the Fifth; Ja^s Appleton went with me to Yarm where I receiv'd 100£ of Tho^s Spence a Sadler there, for a little Field (not one acre) near the Church. I released to him by Deed of Feofm.⁷ and delivering actual possession, the Witnesses were – Newsham a ^young^

Grocer, & Phil Hodgson a Haymaker both of Yarm I treated them all with a Dinner at the Inn; & after sitting half an hour at the Bed-side of my Cousin Doro^y Reed, who is & hath long been very weak ^she dyed a few days after^ I came home before night; Ja^s Appleton supt here.

Saturday the Sixth; I went in a Stokesley Chaise to Ayton where I took in my Sist^r Est^r we sat a quarter of an hour at Rev^d Conset's at Ingleby-Manor, & then dined at S^r W^m Foulis's my Bro^r. & Sist^r Wilson their Daughters Ha^a & Est^r & their Son W^m dined there also; I left my Sister at Ayton; and got home (in the Chaise) before Nine.

Sunday the Seventh; M^r Dodds Jun^r. dined here having been sent to me for 200£ in Cash for his Father's Bill of ex ^no 87^ he left me soon after.

Monday the Eighth ; I rode to Gisbro' in the morning returned before dinner

Tuesday the Ninth; after breakfast I rode with my Servant, John Peirson through my own four Farms below the Town & those of Rev^d Conset's & Capt Gowland to adjust their several Proportions of the Sum I pay for the Great Tythes of those Farms; not well in the evening.

Wednesday the Tenth; at home all day.

Thursday the Eleventh; after breakfast Fawcit went with my Child W^m Ward to Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro' who returned yesterday, see Saturday the 30th ult^o I rode with them a part of the way; fresh of Wind from the W^t. showers tow^{ds} evening.

⁷ Feoffment: a deed to convey property

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Friday the Twelfth; at home; showery weather.

Saturday the Thirteenth; heavy Showers fell today

Sunday the Fourteenth; Rainy weather continues.

Monday the Fifteenth; I met M^r Pet^r Merry by appointment at Gisbro' and there offered to M^r Chaloner the Est^a at Tocket's belonging to M^r.. Askew for 2000£; he desired ~~time~~[^]a fortnight[^] to consider about it; (W^m. Weatheril is the present Tenant at 48£ p.p. Ann^m. w^{ch} he has paid many years, M^r.Merry thinks it is worth to be let ~~at~~ 60£ p.p. Ann^m;) M^r Dodds of Boulby being at Gisbro', he accompanied me to my own House before Dinner & lay there.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; the day being very rainy M^r Dodds did not leave me.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; M^r Dodds went to Boulby after breakfast; & I dined at my Bro^r Wilson's at Ayton; home in the Evening.

Thursday the Eighteenth; My Brother & Sist^r Wilson their Daughter Est^r & my Sister Esther came hither before dinner and soon after dining they returned home, taking with them my dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson (now aged 5 years, 8 months & 20 days; viz.born 29th Nov. 1779) my Brother & Sister having engaged to take her to board ~~with~~ⁱⁿ their House, where she will also receive by their Instructions & the example of my Sisters and Nieces such information as her eFem[^]in[^]acy and Age require; at our parting she appeared to be a little affected altho' she was much entertained by the hopes of a ride in the Coach. [^]see 13th May last page 33 in this Book & Oct. 5th[^]

Friday the Nineteenth; I dined at Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro' being there on Justice business.

Saturday the Twentyeth; a very rainy day

Sunday the Twenty First; very hazy weather.

Monday the Twenty Second; being at Gisbro' on Justice Business I dined at Rev^d Williamson's & drank Tea at M^r Harrison's; much small Rain.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I dined at my Bro^r Wilson's the first time since my little Girl ~~was~~[^]has[^] been there; she appeared to fret most of the time I stayed: home in the evening, a cold North East Wind.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I am very much indisposed and towards evening sent to K. Leatham for Apothecary Brown, who took 12 ounces of blood from me, being much stiched

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in my sides:- my able Doctor, Wayne, who was one of my first Cleveland acquaintances died this forenoon (about ten o 'Clock) he has not been well some time of a stomach complaint ~~which~~^and^ has of late been ^very^ uncommonly relaxed.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I am somewhat better than I was yesterday; my Sist^r Est^r dined with me ;- hazy weather.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I am better.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I am so much better as to ride out half an hour the air being mild, a fine harvest day

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; Apoth^y. Brown came here this morning I rode with him a few Miles on his return to K. Leatham before dinner.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; at eight o'Clock a Card loaded with ^Household Stuff of^ Nurse Ann Cornforth, widow, went from my House to Stokesley where she has taken a House to live ^in^; she now leaves me on Account of ~~my~~ both my Children being placed at Gisbro', see 13th May last, and ^at Ayton^ the 18th inst; my Servant John Peirson conveyed her on horseback to her home, after ~~being~~^her having^ been my Servant since the latter end of Sept 1777. see my Journal Letter P.(17th Oct) I met M^r Askew's Steward, Pet: Merry, at Gisbro' and return'd home before dinner; a fine harvest day.

Tuesday the Thirtieth; I dined at the Inn at ~~Gisbro~~-Stockton, & returned in the evening in a heavy Rain; I sat an hour at an Inn with my Cousin Wilkinson & her Niece Bowes & his Child ^all^ of Darlington, who I saw accidentally.

Wednesday the Thirty First & Last Day.- at home not very well; this proves to be a very fine harvest day; there will be much unsound Wheat this year.

SEPTEMBER 1785

Thursday the First. I expected M^r Baker before dinner & M^r Geo Dodds wth him, but was disappointed.

Friday the Second; I rode out after breakfast expected that M^r Baker & M^r Dodds would have been before dinner; they did not arrive.

Saturday the Third; The Rain Showers falling very frequent I did not get out at all today; went to Bed at Ten; and at Eleven o'Clock after all the Servants were gone to Bed M^r Baker

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arrived, with M^r Dodds, he left Scarborough only this morning, altho' he wrote to M^r Dodds on the 28th ult^o from York that he would be at Boulby last Wednesday ^ to lay ^ or Thursday to dine.

Sunday the Fourth; I told M^r Baker that I must attend ^at^ the Brewster Sessions at Gisbro' tomorrow, therefore we sat ^down^ to examine M^r Dodd's Acco^s. of Boulby Allum Works D^s & C^s. for one whole year ending 31st May last.

Monday the Fifth; we finished the Business soon after breakfast; M^r Baker went to Richmond Races, and M^r Dodds and I to Gisbro'. he went home from thence; Sir Tho^s Dunbar Rev^d Williamson & myself granted Licenses to Ale-House keepers, heard appeals for Window Taxes, and dined together; Sir Tho^s is yet very poorly from an accident he had 3 weeks since near Skiningrove by his Coach being overturned; M^r Chaloner was not with us, tho' riding out in the Neighbourhood, I drank ^Tea^ at M^r Williamson's.

Tuesday the Sixth; at home, a rainy day.

Wednesday the Seventh; I sent my Serv^t. John Fawcitt to Stockton very early he ordered a Chaise hither I got into it at half past eight sat half an hour at M^r Sutton's while the Horses were changed at Stockton, drank Tea at Sedgfield dined at Durham and reached M^r. Askews at Redheugh (near Newcastle) at half past five in the afternoon ^found^ & M^r & M^{rs} Sunderland of Ulverston in Lancashire on a visit.

Thursday the Eighth; M^{rs} & Miss Askew, M^r & M^{rs} Sunderland & myself in M^r Askew's Coach and he on horseback went to see Ravensworth Castle & Gardens belonging to S^r Henry Geo. Liddel returned before dinner.

Friday the Ninth; I went to Newcastle with M^r Askew in his Chaise before dinner; M^r & M^{rs} Sunderland went from Redheugh to Newcastle a little before us.

Saturday the Tenth; a little after nine I left M^r Askew's changed Chaise at Durham, had a Bason of Broth at Sedgfield, dined at Stockton, and got home before six o'Clock - in better health than I set out,

Sunday the Eleventh; I dined at my Brother Wilson's, & returned after Tea; I was concerned at finding him have a sore leg.

Monday the Twelfth; I dined at M^r Harrison's at Gisbro', & drank Tea at Rev^d Williamson's.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I dined with my Sister Esther & Niece Es^r Wilson at Coatham. A young Man of Worcester, M^r Harrison, was there

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Wednesday the Fourteenth; I went to Stockton after breakfast, and sat an hour with M^{rs} Baker, Gen^l. Lambton's two Daughters and his Younger son Ra:-at their lodgings at M^{rs} Beckwith's, this being the first Day of Stockton races this Year: I saw M^r Sutton a quarter of an hour, & came home 1 to dinner at two o'Clo

Thursday the Fifteenth; after dinner I went with my Servants Jn^o. Pierson & Fawcet a Greyhound coursing to the N^o. ward of my House.

Friday the Sixteenth; at home.

Saturday the Seventeenth; my Bro^r & Sist Wilson, their two eldest Daughters, & my Child Mary, met here (before 12 o'Clo') Rev^d Williamson his Wife, two daughters, two Sons and my Child Will^m from Gisbro'. M^r Byolin of London, also came before dinner, we all dined & drank Tea together, they all left me at the close of the evening; my Bro^r. Wilson is lame.

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

Monday the Nineteenth; Mr Chaloner, Rev^d Williamson and myself took the Oaths at Gisbro' to qualify us for acting Comissioners for puting in execution several Revenue Acts of last Spring. M^r Peter Merry, Steward to M^r Askew lay here till the morning of -

Tuesday the Twentyeth I dined at Ayton my Bro^r Wilson was not at Stokesley on the occasion I went to Gisbro' yesterday; he returned before I left Ayton.

Wednesday the Twenty First; a rainy day

Thursday the Twenty Second; I had my Serv^t. Fawcet with towards the River with my Greyhounds: killed a Hare in Capt. Brown's Farm.

Friday the Twenty Third; at home, a rainy day.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, I got a second Breakfast at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton who I found very lame, and I prevailed on him to allow me to send M^r Deason of Stokesley Surgeon to attend him and as I was at Stokesley on other Business I called on M^r Deason & ordered him accordingly, I dined alone at the Inn & came ^home ^ about five.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; at home, a very rainy day, wind high from the East.

Monday the Twenty Sixth, at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; after breakfast, I set out, called at W^m Child's at Brotton half an hour, dined at M^r Easterby's at ~~Brotton~~ Skinningrove being met there by M^r. Dodds by appointment at three o' Clo' he and I left M^r Easterby's, visited my Grainge Farm the Cottages houses now fited-up at low Grainge also the Water Pond lately made at Sheet

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Houses at the joint expence of Sir Tho^s. Dundas (one half) and M^r Baker & myself (the other half)^ see 28 August 1784 in Journal Letter S..^ from there rode - by way of London Well, the Work about which is now compleated, to the new Works at Sallow-Tree-hole, I walked into them, and from thence ^rode^ to ^the^ All^o. House - lay at the dwelling House there.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I walked with M^r Dodds through the Allum House, lately altered and enlarged to carry on 9 or 10 drawing Panns, the Store Room, Kelp Ponds &^c. and viewed the Ground on which M^r Baker & I intend to build next year a new dwelling House for the Chief Clerk; M^r & M^{rs} Dodds & I then rode to Staithes, my Sist^r. & Niece both Esthers being there, dined with them at M^{rs} Sanderson's whose Son & Daughter Richardson of Manchester ^& 3 children^ are now with her; we drank Tea at Boulby; & looking with some Acco^{ts} sat, up till past 12.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; M^r Dodds and I viewed near Jn^o. Dotchon's, all the operations he had ^made^ last Summer for discovering & conveying Springs of water in addition to those we already had there for the use of the Allum Works; by which means added to the use of London ^well^ in Roecliff, we were enabled to supply the Works, drawing nine Panns through the whole of the most drougthy Summer ~~that ever~~ remembered by the oldest People; while S^r Tho^s Dundas's agent (M^r Ja^s Farquharson) was reduced from 7 to 4 Panns from want of water; the works at Stow-brow also reduced from the same Cause, from 6 to 4 Pans: we passed thro' Easington, thence through Lofth^o. viewing by the way a small Purchase (say under 3 acres of Gro^d for 140£.) M^r Dodds made for me, of the Trustees of W^m Bowser; we arrived at W^m Child's at Brotton by twelve, we dined and ^before ^ three we parted, he went to Boulby, & I home before six.

Friday, Sept: the Thirtyeth & last Day; at home.

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Saturday the First; I dined at Brother Wilson's, he is much better see Sat 24th ult^o.

Sunday the Second; I sent the Gardener to Stokesley for Nurse Cornforth, she arrived afternoon, to be ready to receive my Children next Wednesday.

Monday the Third; I attended Stephen Wrightson before dinner, finishing some Jobs in the

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High Lanes; Rev^d Grensides spent a few hours with me in the afternoon.

Tuesday the Fourth; I rode out before Noon, M^r Edw^d Nelson of London dined & drank Tea wth me.

Wednesday the Fifth; I rode to Gisbro' ~~before dinner~~ and returned before dinner with my little Boy to stay a few days; on our return we found my little Girl & my Nep^w W^m Wilson come from Ayton to spend a few days here; ^see Thursday 18th August also Tuesday the 11th inst.^; my Bro^r & Sister Wilson & their two eldest Daughters being gone this morning to visit M^r Askew at Redheugh; and my Sister Esther, & our Niece Est^r Wilson being absent, see last ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday.

Thursday the Sixth; I attended a Meeting of the Neighbours in this Township, on the Highway Acco^{ts} · Stepⁿ Wrightson & myself being Surveyors ~~the~~ since last Mich^{ms}, & on other Matters of the Town.

Friday the Seventh; my Child (W^m Ward) rode with me to the high end of Clem^t Robinson's Farm my Servant Jn^o. Fawcet attended there with my Gun and returned home with the Child, I walked with my Gun, thro' the high ^or David^ Bank Wood, & home some Rain falling, Jn^o Peirson my Servant with me: my Tenant Rob. Jefferson of Yarm dined with me; - my Tenant Joseph Cornforth of Normanby drank Tea, with the Children and me.

Saturday the Eighth; I rode with John Peirson into the Farms below the House, and having the Grey-hounds killed a Hare.

Sunday the Ninth; Rained very much

Monday the Tenth; I attended at Gisbro' the Special Sessions for ^receiving the Highway Acco^{ts} & ^ the Appointment of new Surveyors; also for receiving the Returns made by the Assessors (of the Land & Window Taxes for the subsisting year ,) of the new Taxes on Female Servants and ^Shops^ and Transferring the Taxes on Male Servants, Carts and Horses from the Management of the Commissioners of Excise & Stamps to the Management of Parish Officers under the direction of the Justices of the Peace, called in this Case Comissioners; M^r Chaloner attended, but he went away before dinner. Sir Tho^s Dundas and Rev^d Williamson (^who took the Oaths last Midsum^r. Sessions) & myself dined, and soon after, I signified to those two Gentlemen, in presence of M^r Harrison ^ Attorney^ my determination to attend at Gisbro' on the day fixt for the Appeal, say 6th February next, and after that day I would not attend any Meetings in any subsequent Years; for that since I

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began to act in the Comission of the Peace (viz ^at^ Michaelmas 1769. taking the Oaths at Thirsk, with several other Gentlemen of this Neighbourhood on 3rd Oct^r. that Year, see Journal Letter N.) I have never taken a shilling for a Warrant nor suffered my Servant to do so, save ~~save~~ for a few casual Warrants granted at my own House, which I find by Jn^o, Fawcett, who has served me upward of ten Years, has amounted commi.annis⁸ to about 18/6 & some that M^r Harrison has paid ^to^ me my share of the Poundage of the Land Tax 4Y^{rs} say under £2.00 and as I have been at a considerable annual expence attending Meetings &^c. which is likely to be greatly increased by the addition of ^the^ new Taxes; I proposed to M^r Harrison ^on the 19th ult^o.^ that he should in future account to me for my proportional share of the Fees ^rec^d at the Meetings after charging liberally for his attendance as ^ General ^ Clerk, & receiving the share of a Justice of the Peace also; which he rejected, by declaring that he would resign, which I have prevented by my with-drawing myself, which I do to prevent him from doing so, in hopes that I have benefited my Country by my election of this Measure; for altho' my Brother Justices have long & often acknowledged that my attendance has been the most constant & my endeavour to assist my Country has been unremitted at home as well as elsewhere, & by several other grave Men; of course I hope I am not, in writing what I have, ~~I am~~ been guilty of Flattery to myself - God - forbid – nevertheless if I had suffered M^r Harrison (who has been under obligation to me ever since he began Business at Gisbro') to resign, much more disservice would have been done to my Neighbourhood, for I believe he is an honest (tho'a tenacious) Man; and attentive, as also capable of ^doing^ Business; while S^r Tho^s Dundas, by his attendance in Parliament is often from Upleatham at the time of ~~publick~~ Meetings on publick Business; M^r Chaloner seeming to dislike Business; Rev^d Williamson a late beginner to Act, & S^r Tho^s Heron also, & declaring his intention to Act only in his own Vicinity; ~~and~~ taken altogether require a steady and intelligent Clerk of course, he will be much attended to, for much will be required of him.

Tuesday the Eleventh: my little man (with Fawcett) returned to Gisbro', & my Nep^w ^W^m ^ Wilson to Ayton, his Father & Mother arriving there last night, see last ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday; my Child may remain here, see Wed 11th inst & Thursday 3rd May 1786.

⁸ 'commissis annis', i.e. the years taken together

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Wednesday the Twelfth; at home.-

Thursday the Thirteenth; I dined and drank Tea at Ayton.

Friday the Fourteenth; I dined & drank Tea (again) at Ayton, because there dined at my Brother Wilson's the Rev^d Williamson, his Wife, their Daughter Judith, & Son Thom^s Miss Delia Place and my Child W^m Ward Jackson, after dinner I read to M^r Williamson what I had wrote on Monday evening last, (the 10th inst) who dictated in my Brother Wilson's presence that what I had written passed from my Mouth at the Meeting.

Saturday the Fifteenth, I rode upon Barnaby Moor with my Serv, Jn^o Fawcett, & the Greyhounds being with us we sought for a Hare but did not find one, home by Noon: M^r Dodds came from Boulby in the evening.

Sunday the Sixteenth; M^r Dodds remained here all day and night; my Sister Esther came before dinner & returned to Ayton after Tea; she & my Niece Esther Wilson arrived at Ayton yesterday, last from Ayslabby, to which place they went at a week since from Staiths, where I saw them on the 28th ult^o; they arrived there on the 19th ult^o. from Coatham to which place they went, I believe about the 31st Aug, I dined with them there on the 13th Sept.

Monday the Seventeenth; M^r Dodds spent this day with me at Normanby.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I had a bad night, M^r Dodds went away early; my Sisters Esther, & Wilson & Niece Est^r came here in a Post-Chaise I hired for them, their Coach Horses being not well, M^r Wilson & his Son William did not come: also came here M^r & Miss Brown & his Son Edw^d (the Sailor) about 19Y^{rs} old – they all dined drank Tea and left me about six o'Clo'

Wednesday the Nineteenth; being somewhat better, I went to Stockton ^to^ meet M^r Preston's Clerk on business relating my Trust in M^r Geo James's concerns; dined at M^r Brown's & came home.

Thursday the Twentyeth; at and ab^t home.

Friday the Twenty First; at home receiving my Rents for small Tythes of Eston & Normanby.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I dined at M^r Preston's at Stokesley, & sat an hour at Ayton on my return.

Sunday the Twenty Third ; at home.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I went to Gisbro' in the morning & returned to dine at home,

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when I found M^r Easterby ^of Skiningrove^ & his eldest Daughter on their way to Stockton, they went away soon after dinner: my Sister Esther came before Tea, to stay two days.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; spent the day at home with my Sister.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth at home wth my Sister.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; my Servant John Peirson carried my Sister Est^r home, and I went to Gisbro' where I dined at Rev^d Williamson's with my Son W^m Ward Jackson who is this day seven Y^{rs} old.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; at home M^r Geo Dodds came in the evening & lay here.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; Geo Dodds returned home after breakfast; I walked out a little.

Monday the Thirty first & last Day; at home.

NOVEMBER 1785

Tuesday the First; I rode out towards Marton, but meeting Rev^d Grenside the Vicar thereof, on the road, ~~he~~ I returned with ^him^ and ^he^ dined at my House, as a kind of farewell before he ^& his wife^ leave his House at Marton to spend the Winter at his Son's at Craythorne.

Wednesday the Second; I rode to Tho^s Appleton's, where my Man & Anth^o. Brown met me with whom I walked through the high Page-Howl Plantation, examining the state thereof.

Thursday the Third; I rode towards the River with my Servant Jn^o Fawcet & the Greyhounds had two fine courses, home to dinner; I attended a meeting of the Neighbours half an hour in evening, about employing the Poor Labourers belonging to the Town, the ensuing Winter.

Friday the Fourth; at home-Nurse went to Stokesley & returned.

Saturday the Fifth; at home, a fine mild day.

Sunday the Sixth; a cold day; about five in the evening came Mr Tho^s Ward James & his Sist M^{rs} Ogden on business of their Family.

Monday the Seventh; M^r T. W^d James rode with me to Gisbro' where I did business & ret^d to dine.

Tuesday the Eighth; the above stayed all day.

Wednesday the Ninth; M^r T. W^d James & Sis^r M^{rs} Ogden went away after breakfast.

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Thursday the Tenth; I dined at my Sister Esther's (at Ayton) & afterwards sat half an hour at my Bro^r. Wilson's, most of that time he & Family at their dinner M^{rs} Marg^t. M^cDonald was there.

Friday the Eleventh, at home.

Saturday the Twelfth; I rode to Kirk-Leatham and returned before dinner; in the afternoon I walked to a Labourer (An^o. Brown) replanting the Bank ^on^ west side of the Road above Tho^s Appleton's with Beaches, Larches & Ashes which were killed in great abundance by the drought of last Summer.

Sunday the Thirteenth; I walked before dinner & the afternoon being dry & warm my little Girl & I went to Church (Eston Chapel)

Monday the Fourteenth; I dined early & immediately after, rode to Gisbro' on business, staying there only a quarter of an hour I rode to Ayton with M^r Preston, lay at my Sist Est^{rs}, M^r. Wilson his Wife & Daughters spent the evening; my two elder Nieces Wilson are ^at^ M^r Askew's.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I paid a morning visit to Gen^l Cary at Leven Grove; dined at my Bro^r Wilson's.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I paid a morning visit to Capt Wayne at Angrove; took a Chaise at Stokesley & spent an hour at M^r Marwood's, dined at Bro^r. Wilson's with Gen^l & M^{rs} Hale & three of their Daughters.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I sat an hour with old M^r Richardson at the Green at Ayton (aged 85 Y^{rs}) came home to dinner, found Capt. Rich^d Lewin my ^Bro^r^ in Law.

Friday the Eighteenth; Capt Lewin went a shooting with John (M^r Lewin shot a brace of Pheasants) and my pointer dog, Trop, a promising young Dog M^r Lewin went to dine & lay at Gen^l Hales.

Saturday the Nineteenth; Capt Rich^d Lewin came before dinner & brought with him from Gisbro' my little Boy; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson their Daughter Esther & my Sister Esther came before dinner & lay here.

Sunday the Twentieth; Gen^l. & M^{rs} Hale & their Daughters Ann, & Harriot dined & sup^t wth us, and at about ten o'Clock they went away taking with them Capt. Rich^d Lewin.

Monday the Twenty First; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, Est^r. & my Sister Esther went away after breakfast; the day very bad.

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Tuesday the Twenty Second; I sent my Child William to Gisbro' and I dined at M^r Wilson's Ayton with Capt. Rich^d Lewin who sets off on his return to London tomorrow; I came home at five.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; I dined at the Inn at Stockton, having spent the morning in that Town on business; at home between five & six.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; M^r Dodds came before dinner and lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; M^r Dodds stayed here all day and night.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; M^r Dodds returned to Boulby (by way of Gisbro') after breakfast; the day was stormy that I durst not venture out.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson ^their^ Daughter Est^r. & Son William & my Sister Esther dined here; my Mary being 6Y^{rs} old this day.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I went in Chaise to Stockton, dined there with M^r Preston, Ra: Ord Esq^e. & W^m Bowbank & his Attorney Thompson settling the Business of Pease's Estate at Hummerbeck; M^r Preston came home with me in Chaise and lay here.

DECEMBER 1785

Thursday the First; M^r Preston left me after breakfast; young Geo. Dodds dined here.

Friday the Second; At home.

Saturday the Third; walked in Cow howl Wood marking Sallows to be cut, my Servant Jn^o & Tho^s Bulmer with me; on my return to dinner I found M^r Geo. Dodds of the All^o Works, who lay here.

Sunday the Fourth; M^r Dodds John & I walked walked into Cowhowl Wood before dinner.

Monday the Fifth; M^r Dodds went home after breakfast; I rode to Gisbro', dined at home.

Tuesday the Sixth; a bad day.

Wednesday the Seventh; at home.

Thursday the Eighth; I walked through my young Wood above Tho^s Appleton's & home before dinner; rode to Ormsby Shop afternoon.

Friday the Ninth; high Wind from the East with Rain.

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Saturday the Tenth; dry but very cold East Wind.

Sunday the Eleventh; a very stormy day.

Monday the Twelfth; at home not very well.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I rode ~~out~~ half an hour before dinner; Geo: Dodds Jun^r. came soon after I had dined; and after four o'Clock came M^r Angus, M^r Baker's Steward with 300£ - they both lay here.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I gave George Dodds Jun^r. an order on M^r Danby of Gisbro' for 100£ and he went that way home, & M^r. Angus also went away after breakfast; I remained at home all day, the air moist.

Thursday the Fifteenth; the morning being very fine, I rode to Ayton & dined there with my Niece Est^r & Nep^w William, their Father and Mother being gone to M^r Askew's at Redheugh to bring home their Daughters Har^a & Rachel, who have ~~staying~~ ^visiting^ there two Months; my Sist^r. Est^r sat an hour with us; I reached home in the dusk of the evening which was very fine.

Friday the Sixteenth; a cold day, M^r Mathews Serv^t. called here after dinner & stayed an hour.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I rode a few Miles before dinner.

Sunday the Eighteenth; at home.

Monday the Nineteenth; I rode to Gisbro' early, dined at Rev^d Williamson's.

Tuesday the Twentieth; I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton; sat an hour after with my Bro^r. Wilson's Family who came from M^r Askew's at Redbeugh last Saturday; - a very fine day

Wednesday the Twenty First; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Second; my Son W^m W^d Jackson came home from Rev^d Williamson's for the Holidays, he went there 13th May last:- M^r Brown Apoth^y & Jn^o. Pearson ^both^ of Kirkleatham dined with us.

Friday the Twenty Third: at home.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; a very cold day Wind high from the East; with hail showers.

Christmas-Day, Sunday the Twenty Fifth; very stormy weather with heavy Showers of small Snow.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; much Snow fell.

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Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; Snow Showers

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; a hard frost.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; showers of Snow.

Friday the Thirtyeth: as yesterday.

Saturday the Thirty first & last Day; much Snow lays upon the Ground now, M^r Geo. Dodds dined with me & my Children, intending to stay 2 days

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Sunday the First; very cold with big Wind from North East, by which the Snow is much drifted.

Monday the Second; a very hard frost but no Wind

Tuesday the Third; M^r Dodds left us after breakfast, the morning being fine; see last Saturday.

Wednesday the Fourth; the air very cold with high Wind from S.E. & showers of small Snow.

Thursday the Fifth; a very high Wind from the South East, which increased to an unusual height in the evening, with showers of small Snow.

Friday the Sixth, the Wind continued to blow tremendously from South East all night, with much Snow so that a spectacle was exhibited this morning never before remembered by the oldest Inhabitants of the Village, viz. the ^whole of the^ Lanes were filled with Snow~~all the way~~ from Eston, through Normanby, to Ormsby, five feet thick, in many places 6 to 7 feet, but scarcely in any less than four, before noon the Wind shifted to S.W.& became moderate; and in the evening a thaw commenced.

Saturday the Seventh; as Surveyor of the Highways within Normanby I mustered all the Men that could be collected, about twelve, who began at Cross Beck. bridg' to cut a cart way thro' the Snow in the Lane, and it is expected that the same Number of Labourers will not be able to go through to Spencer- Beck bridg' in less than eight days: the air is mild & the Snow dissolves, tho' slowly:- the very few People that pass are on foot, say their business is urgent, and report that they find all the Lanes they came in, or rather over, are as full as ours.

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Sunday the Eighth; a very few People on foot passed by my House between it & the Lane.

Monday the Ninth; I had 14 Men employed in the Lane cutting a Horse-Track thro' the Snow

Tuesday the Tenth; 12 Men were employed all this day, in making the Cut (see yesterday) wide enough to admit Carriages to pass along the low Lane in this Township; which the Labour of 30 men hath effected; the Air is mild & thawing.

Wednesday the Eleventh; two or three Brewers Carts have passed along the Lane before my House to day; tho' with some difficulty in some other Townships where the cuts thro' the Snow have been incomplete.

Thursday the Twelfth; a fine thaw continues.

Friday the Thirteenth; as yesterday.

Saturday the Fourteenth; The day is ^very^ cold.

Sunday the Fifteenth; some Snow fell to day & an appearance of much more, Wind at East.

Monday the Sixteenth; Snow continued to fall all day, with high Wind from North East,

Tuesday the Seventeenth, much Snow fell today also, so that now a great deal lays on the Gro^d

Wednesday the Eighteenth; exceeding cold

Thursday the Nineteenth; a high soft wind from S.W.

Friday the Twentyeth; a very rapid thaw ^with^ Rain.

Saturday the Twenty first; all the Snow that fell lately is dissolved; M^r Tho^s Ward James came in evening.

Sunday the Twenty Second; M^r James continued here all day; fine soft air.

Monday the Twenty Third; M^r James went to Gisbro' (to meet M^r Preston) and with him went my Child W^m Ward Jackson' to his school there, Rev^d M^r. Williamson, he was to have ~~to~~ gone on 9th but was prevented by the Lanes being filled with Snow; and ever since by the same cause & bad Weather, James ret.^d to dine.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; M^r James left me after breakfast; and in evening M^r Preston came to lay here.

Wednesday the ^Twenty^ Fifth; M^r Preston spent the forenoon with me on business; and left me after dinner- a fine, mild air with high Wind.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

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Friday the Twenty Seventh: I marked the Ground on which to plant a new Hedg' below Tho^s Appleton's House; and then rode to Ayton, dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's & returned home by five, in a sweet evening.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Church after dinner the weather being fine; & leaving forgot to carry the Key of my Gallery Pew, I went into M^r Conset's Pew; Ja^s. Appleton sat an hour with me after.

Monday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Tuesday the Thirty first and last Day; about home.

February; Wednesday the First; I went to Stockton, dined at the Ordinary at the Black-Lyon; assigned to M^r W^m Elstol of East Harbourne near Stockton all my half share of the Sloop-Rose-Budd and M^r Dodds having having the same Interest in her was made a Party thereto; we have sold her for 305£; I arrived at home at six o'Clock.

Thursday the Second; a very cold day, N.E Wind.

Friday the Third; I rec'd of my Tenants at Normanby, Low Worsal &^c. their last Mich'mas Rents.

Saturday the Fourth; busy with my Books.

Sunday the Fifth; at home.

Monday the Sixth; I attended with M^r Chaloner at Gisbro' to hear ~~the~~ Appeals, and many there were against the rate on ~~them for their~~ Horses & Carts, few were ~~of~~ relieved; Rev^d Williamson is confined in the Gout; this meeting finishing the last Year's business as to assessments &^c. I intend to withdraw myself from the future Meetings of the Justices at Gisbro' - for reasons see this Book, 10th Octo^r.; drank Tea at Rev^d Williamson's

Tuesday the Seventh; about home.

Wednesday the Eighth; my Brother & Sister Wilson their three Daughters & my Sister Est^r came before dinner intending to spend a week with me.

Thursday the Ninth; all at home.

Friday the Tenth; as yesterday.

Saturday the Eleventh; very cold.

Sunday the Twelfth; we had an usual high Wind from West & a little to the Northward.

Monday the Thirteenth; M^r Wilson & I rode out.

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Tuesday the Fourteenth; Having a bad night I sent for M^r Brown of K.Leatham.
Wednesday the Fifteenth; I am much better, and all my Friends here are in Health
Thursday the Sixteenth; M^r Wilson & I rode out towards Kirk-Leatham before dinner.
Friday the Seventeenth; rode out before dinner
Saturday the Eighteenth; after breakfast my Bro^r Wilson &^c. see ~~last~~ Wednesday the 8th inst.
left me; I rode with them to top of Ormsby-Hill.
Sunday the Nineteenth; I went to Easton-Chapel (the place of my parochial worship) after
dinner, & read to Rev^d Tanch (our Curate) a Letter I lately rec'd from Arch-Deacon
Blackburne on the subject of W^m Newburne's complaint to him that several of the
Inhabitants of the Chapelry have refused to pay to him as Church Warden their Church rates
for the by past year; Ja^s Appleton sat an hour ^with me^ in the Evening.
Monday the Twentieth ; I rode to Gisbro' after breakfast, dined at Rev^d Williamson's (with
my little Boy) & I came home in the evening
Tuesday the Twenty First; at home, very cold.
Wednesday the Twenty Second; very cold.
Thursday the Twenty Third; very hard Frost with S^o. E^t. Wind, the air excessive cold.
Friday the Twenty Fourth; as cold as yesterday.
Saturday the Twenty Fifth; Having much pain in my Bowels I rode out half an hour; altho'
the Air is uncommonly cold, with a very hard Frost, with sharp Winds from the East.
Sunday the Twenty Sixth; as cold as ever with driving showers of small Snow from the
East, a colder week than the last has been, I do not remember; Ja^s. Appleton sat an hour
^with me ^ in the Evening.
Monday the Twenty Seventh; excessive cold.
Tuesday the Twenty Eighth & last Day: as yesterday.

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Ash Wednesday the First; at home.
Thursday the Second; exceeding cold East Winds a Vestry meeting was held at Easton
Chapel at ½ after four having been called for last Sunday at Church adjourned to the 9th inst.
Friday the Third; altho' the air continues very sharp, the Wind being low, I rode out an hour.

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Saturday the Fourth, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their Daughter Esther, & my Sister Esther came unexpectedly to dinner & drank Tea; before we sat down to dine M^r Dodds came; He lay all night.

Sunday the Fifth; M^r Dodds here all day.

~~Sunday~~ Monday the Sixth; M^r Dodds went home by way of Gibro', I durst not venture ^to go^ with him so far, the day being as cold as the last fortnight.

Tuesday the Seventh; I rode eastward two or three Miles & returned before dinner.

Wednesday the Eighth; at home not well.

Thursday the Ninth; M^r Preston came before dinner & left me two hours after.

Friday the Tenth; We have been visited ~~with~~ ^by^ the severest Frost twenty days past that was ever remembered at this Season; the River Tees two Miles below Stockton being frozen 14 days, very little Snow fell, we have had showers of Hail; this day the Air is become more mild, & we have an appearance of Thaw.

Saturday the Eleventh; the air is so fine that I ventured to dine at my Sister Est^r's at Ayton & sat half an hour with old W^m Richardson now in his 86th year, his Bro^r. John dyed last week two years older than W^m.

Sunday the Twelfth; I rode out a little, my Brother Wilson dined with Mary and I.

Monday the Thirteenth; I did business with M^r Preston and others, dined at Rev^d Williamson's.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; John & I measured some small Hedg'row Ashes in Tho^s Bulmer's & Tho^s Hart's ShopYard, they are to pay me 1£. 14s 6d for the same.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; Nurse Cornforth went to Stokesley to see if her House there had been damaged by the severe Winter, she found well ret'd in the evening: I spent the day wth my Mary.

Thursday the Sixteenth; a most dreadfull high, cold East Wind with Sleet all day.

Friday the Seventeenth; a mild Air, I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton & sat two hours after at my Sister Esther's with old W^m. Richardson; ret.^d before dark.

Saturday the ~~Nineteenth~~ Eighteenth; a cold Air I rode out.

Sunday the ~~Twenty~~ Nineteenth; I rode to Wilton and returned before dinner, Air mild.

Monday the Twentyeth; I dined at the Ordinary at Gisbro' - home by four o'Clo'.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I rode out a few miles before dinner:

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Wednesday the Twenty Second; I met M^r Preston (Att^y.of Stokesley) ~~at~~ ^{by} eleven o'clock, at the sign of the blue-Bell in the Township of Acklam we proceeded from thence to Stockton, where he & I dined (at the black Lyon) with Mr Harrison (Att^y of Gisbro') by appointment; & proceeded to the Auction Room at the ^{black} Lyon where M^r Harrison sold by auction ~~an~~ ^a Freehold Estate belonging to S^r Ja^s. Pennyman laying at Sadberg in the C^o. of Durham, to a M^r Wrightson for 2,110,£, supposed to be worth 80£ P. Ann. after that, two thirds of the Esta. at Upsil tenanted by W^m Garbut, the remaining one third is my property, the whole now let at 70£ P. Ann. supposed to be worth (at such Rent) 87£ after laying ^{out} in ^{new} buildings, 200£ - Hen^y. Richardson of Stockton bid for me 1,290 £ M^r Dixon a Person lately returned from East India, bid 1,300£ M^r Preston bid 1,310£ for me & s^d. Dixon bidding 1,320£ the Sale closed to him for that Sum;⁹ M^r Preston came away soon after with me, he went to his home, I at my home about seven o'clock

Thursday the Twenty Third; at home all day.-

Friday the Twenty Fourth; I rode out (to W^m Garbut's Farm) two hours before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton - fine weather.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; the air was so cold that I durst not venture out.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson, their Daughter Han^a & my Sister Est^r dined & drank Tea here; M^{rs} Wilson's Throat was Sore.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I dined upon a Chop at the black Lyon in Stockton, soon after M^r Henry Dixon, & Jn^o. Neasham (of White-House in Ormsby) came to me, I agreed to take from M^r. Dixon the Situation he put himself into last Wednesday; Mr Rob Clarke wrote an Article for the purpose; and I came home before six

Thursday the Thirtyeth; very cold.

Friday the Thirty first; & last Day; I rode out an hour before dinner, altho' the Air was very cold.

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⁹ auctions by the hour glass.

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Saturday the First; the Air very cold & moist, Wind at N^o. Es^t. - at home.

Sunday the Second, the Air being mild after dinner, I walked out with my little Girl.

Monday the Third; altho' we have hazy Weather I ventured to Gisbro', where I dined (at Rev^d Williamson's with my little Boy) not well at night.

Tuesday the Fourth; at home.

Wednesday the Fifth; very cold hazy Weather.

Thursday the Sixth; at home all day.

Friday the Seventh; as yesterday; M^r Geo. Dodds came from Boulby in the evening.

Saturday the Eighth; M^r Dodds here all day.

Sunday the Ninth; although the Air is clearer than it has been of 9 days past, the cold is so great as to prevent my going out.

Monday the Tenth; Tho' cold the Air yet so much softer it is by the South Wind that I ventured to Gisbro' with M^r Dodds on his road home, & dined with him there.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I dined at my Sist^r Est^{rs} at Ayton who shewed to me a Letter she rec'd ^ by this Post ^ from my Brother (Geo.) Jackson who took his Seat in Parliament a few Days since for Weymouth, which Burrough my Uncle John Ward represented many years ago: came home in the evening.

Wednesday the Twelfth; walked ab^t home.

Thursday the Thirteenth; my little Boy (William Ward) came from his Master, Rev^d Williamson for ten days as the Easter Vacation & with him came M^r Williamson's Son Thos. Pym ^aged 12 years^

Good Friday the Fourteenth; my Children & T. P. Williamson & myself went to Church after noon; the time of Service in this (Easter) Chapelry.

Saturday the Fifteenth; my little Boy, T. P. Williamson & myself dined at Bro^r. Wilson's, Ayton.

Easter Sunday the Sixteenth; my Children T. P. Williamson & myself went to Church after dinner.

Easter- Monday the Seventeenth; Tho^s Pym Williamson went home after breakfast with his Father's Servant who came for him; my Children went to Ayton with my Sist^r Est^r & my Sister Wilson their Daughters Rachel & Est^r to stay a few days at Ayton.

Easter Tuesday The Eighteenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton; on my return^home^

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in the evening I found Mr. Geo. Dodds from Boulby.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; M^r Baker came here before Dinner from Catharick Races, and with Mr Dodds stayed here all night.

Thursday the Twentyeth; M^r Baker went home, (to Elemore) after breakfast; M^r Dodds did not leave me till after dinner, he went to Boulby.

Friday the Twenty First; I breakfasted early, & rode to Ayton; my Children returned from thence before dinner, in my Sist^r Wilson's Coach she was in it, so was my Sist^r Est^r, & my Nieces Hannah & Est^r; they drank Tea before they went away.

Saturday the Twenty Second; at home all day.

Sunday the Twenty Third; my little Man (W^m) & I rode an hour before dinner, fine warm weather.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; a Rainy ^morning^ but as the weather became fine before noon, I went with my Child Will^m Ward to Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro' after dinner, see Thursday the 13th & subsequent days.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; at home, the weather being hazy & cold.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; as yesterday.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; Rev^d M^r. Grenside dined & drank Tea with me.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

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

Saturday the Thirtyeth & last Day. at home.

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Monday the First; as yesterday.

Tuesday the Second; I dined with my little Boy at Rev^d Williamson's Gisbro'

Wednesday the ~~Second~~ Third; at home, a cold day.

Thursday the ~~Third~~ Fourth; before dinner came my Sister Wilson, & two of her Daughters, Hannah & Esther; after Tea, they returned to Ayton taking with them my dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson, with whom my Sister Esther & Niece Ha^a. Wilson will set out for Beverley tomorrow morning (taking a bed at York that evening) she is going to the School of a M^{rs}

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Myres (at Beverley) who M^{rs} Marwood recommends me to send her to, promising me to ~~look~~ take her under her protection when she is at Beverley, & that M^{rs} Constable will do the same in her absence: the Child has been at home with me all Winter, see Wednesday the 5th Oct^r 1785 of this Book; she is now 6 years, 5 months, & 4 days old.

Friday the Fifth; Rain fell all day.

Saturday the Sixth; another cold rainy day.

Sunday the Seventh; at five o'Clo', this morning my little ^chestnut^ Roan Mare (Nan) had her first Foal (colour & marks of the Mother), a Filly got by a Son of Denmark belonging to Ja^s Appleton a Substantial Farmer near Hutton Rudby; I bo^t the mare of Jn^o. Flounders of Craythorn on Saturday the 14th Oct^r 1775, see my Journal Letter P.

Monday the Eighteenth, I rode to Gisbro' & there finding M^r Dodds of Boulby we dined at the Inn, and he came home with me soon after.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; a little before dinner, came ~~John~~ Shaw Esq^r Coll^r of Excise to request my attendance at Ayton to assist M^r Wilson (Rev^d Williamson being ill) to execute the Law agst. certain Persons complained of, now Summond to appear there on the Revenue Laws; after we dined I set out with him did the needful at Ayton & returned (a rainy evening) Mr Dodds went to Boulby after we dined.

Wednesday the Tenth; rode out before noon the day being fine.- ab^t. home after dinner.

Thursday the Eleventh; I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton, my Sister Est^r & my Niece Wilson having returned yesterday evening from placing my dear Child Mary at a School at Beverley, see Thursday 4th inst., they found seven young Ladies there; my Sist^r. & Niece were at M^r Marwoods'- two days at Beverley: I came home in the Evening.

Friday the Twelfth; about home.

Saturday the Thirteenth; not well at home.

Sunday the Fourteenth; I am somewhat better, rode out with Fawcett before dinner: I sent Nurse Ann Cornforth to her House at Stokesley she having lived with me, since 2nd Octo^r. last, see that day.

Monday the Fifteenth; I rode out before dinner, & in the afternoon I walked to my Men at Work thining my young Oak Woods, this is the first days work at it this year - see 17th inst.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; I rode to Ayton stayed there a very short time, & thence went to Stokesley, where (at the Black-Lyon) my Brother Wilson, M^r Sutton & myself held a

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Meeting to receive the Overseers of the Poors Acco^{ts} in the West Division of Langbaugh; & to put in executing this Year the Land Tax, Windows, House &^c. Taxes; Gen^l. Cary has been in London several Months, & M^r Marwood at Beverley all the Winter, home ab^t. 9.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; after dinner I walked to my Workmen at the Oak Wood who finished for this Season, see last Monday.

Thursday the Eighteenth; I rode thro' John Jackson's & Rob Young's Farms with my Servant Jn^o Peirson taking an Acc^t. of their Stock &^c. to calculate there from the payment of the small Tythe - ret^d to diner.

Friday the Nineteenth; I rode out a little way after dinner.

Saturday the Twentieth; I dined with my Sist^r. Esther at Ayton & then rode to Stokesley where I stayed half an hour (at M^r Preston's)

Sunday the Twenty First; I rode to Ayton & returned before dinner.

Monday the Twenty Second; I went to Gisbro' & soon after payed a morning Visit to Gen^l. Hale, when I engaged to dine also, but having some Business with M^r Preston I ret^d to Gisbro' for an hour, and then went a second time to Plantation, after dinner I called a quarter of an hour ^to see^ my Boy at M^r Williamson's.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I walked out a good deal after dinner, the day being very fine.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to Stockton & returned before dinner.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Ayton & ret^d before dinner, Bro^r. Jackson, his Daughter Longe, & my Nep^w Berney are now all dang'rously ill.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; walked near home, Rev^d Grenside with me before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; I rode a few Miles before dinner; and in the evening attended to his Grave in Eston ChurchYard the remains of my Tenant Joseph Cornforth who dyed of a Pulmanery consumption at the Age of 55 years, much company attended the Interment.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; I rode to Gisbro' & returned before dinner; droughty weather.

Tuesday the Thirtieth; I rode to Ayton & returned before dinner, M^r Dodds came in the afternoon & with him came M^r Tho^s Peirson of London, of the House of Hayter, Peirsson and Sammon (Agents for Sale of Allum of W. Baker & myself) we spent the evening in conversation upon the Allum Trade.-

Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day, M^r Pierson went away before dinner; and in the

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afternoon M^r Dodds & I rode to the River side (near Capt. Brown's Farm) where I intend to erect a new Tide Bank within side of the present old one east end of my Marsh.

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Thursday the First; M^r Dodds went with ^me^ again to my Salt-Marsh took some Levels, and dined at my House, he left me soon after to go home.

Friday the Second; I spent the day with my Workmen (about 14) forming the new Bank; dined on cold victuals at Cap. Brown's.

Saturday the Third; I spent the forenoon as yesterday, on my return to dinner I found my dear Boy William Ward from Gisbro', having sent Fawcet to M^r. Williamson's for that purpose.

Whit Sunday the Fourth; my Child and I rode to Kirkleatham after breakfast, & attended the morning Service at that Church ^ Rev Harrison did the Duty^ dined at home: a very uncommon hot day.

Monday the Fifth; I rode to the top of intending to proceed to ~~Stokesley~~ ^meet my^ Bro^r. Wilson, Gen^l Cary at Stokesley on Justice business, but finding myself very much out of Order, I returned, my Child went forward to Ayton where he spent the day & ret^d in the evening; I ordered Fawcett to acquaint the Gentⁿ above of my inability to be with them.

Tuesday the Sixth; having had a bad night I sent to Kirkleatham for Apoth^a. Brown.

Wednesday the Seventh; I am somewhat better today, M^r Brown dined with me: after my dear Boy breakfasted I sent him to School with Fawcet see last Saturday.-

Thursday the Eighth; better, at home .

Friday the Ninth; the afternoon being fine I rode to my Workmen, see 31st ulto. ret^d immediately.

Saturday the Tenth; I rode to my Workmen (see yesterday) after dinner; we had droughty weather.

Sunday the Eleventh; about home all day.

Monday the Twelfth; I rode to my Workmen on the side of the River (see 9th inst.) both forenoon and afternoon; droughty weather.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I rode to my Workmen (see yesterday) before dinner; while there

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M^r Dodds of the Allum Works came to me, we stay'd together ~~after~~^{after} [^]half[^] an hour: in the afternoon came M^r [^]Henry[^] Angus, M^r. Baker's Steward with 300£ for payment [^]of ³/₄ [^]of the Men at Boulby next Friday- they lay here, and in the morning of-

Wednesday the Fourteenth; M^r Angus went away; so did M^r Dodds about ten o'Clo'; and at Eleven M^r Preston of Stokesley came to me on Business viz. relinquishing my Name as Trustee in M^r Longe's Marr^a Settlement (with my Niece Cath^a Jackson) to Coll^o. Charles Leigh) he dined, drank Tea and returned to Stokesley.

Thursday the Fifteenth; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson their 3 Daughters, & their two visitors Miss Jane Welbank & her Sist^r. Mary also M^r Brown of Stockton dined & drank Tea wth me we had two hours of haily Rain before noon.

Friday the Sixteenth; about home.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I dined by appointment, at my Bro^r. Wilson's, with Gen^l & M^{rs} Carey & their visitor Miss Williamson; Misses Jane & Mary Welbank are yet at Ayton.

Sunday the Eighteenth, I walked out a little before dinner; in the evening came M^r Geo. James & M^r Fairless, so did M^r Preston from Stokesley on business relating my Trust under late M^r Jn^o James's Will: they all lay here.

Monday the Nineteenth; M^r James & M^r Fairless returned to their homes at West & B"p Auckland, I rode to Gisbro' with M^r Preston and came home before dinner.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; I rode to the River side & returned before dinner

Wednesday the Twenty first; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I got a second breakfast at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton who went with me to Gen^l Cary's (at Leven Grove) where we dined, home at night.

Friday the Twenty Third; I attended the Hay Field, having begun to mow my Meadow yesterday; the Weather has been nearly as drougthy this Year as it was all last year.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; as yesterday.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; at & about home.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; my first leaving Hay this Year from the Pasture (East Garth's) ~~before~~ West front of the House: [^] I rode to the River after breakfast[^] Gen^l & M^{rs} Carey & their visitor Miss Williamson dined & drank Tea here, so did my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & their 3 Daughters.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I called on my Bro^r. Wilson who went with me to a meeting

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of the Justices at Stokesley, Gen^l Carey & M^r Marwood there; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's M^{rs} Hall, Daughter of Arch- Deacon Blackburn was at Ayton when I went there in the morning, & I saw her again at Stokesley wth her Husband.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; in my Hay Field having finished mowing in the Field (East Garth) west Front of my House 8 acres all mowed at two times see 23^d inst. after dinner I went to my Tenants Capt. W^m Brown's near the River, & there received my Nephew W^m Wilson who arrived (soon after I got there) from London in the Brig Neptune, Capt. Terry, after a Passage of 5 days during which he was not sick; W^m lay at my House

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; Lady Foulis & her Sons Sir William & M^r Jn^o Robinson Foulis dined with me; so did my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their 3 Daughters & my Sist^r. Est^r they took my Nep^w home with them

Friday the Thirtyeth^ & last Day^ finished loading home my Hay this Year; very well won see 23^d & 28th inst: a midling Crop: Gen^l Hale & his Son W^m dined at my House two hours after I had dined on their road from M^r Burdon's at Hardwick without any previous notice

JULY 1786

Saturday July the First I spent an hour with my Friends at Ayton & then rode to Busby, where I dined & paid some money (to M^{rs} Harwood) which ~~she~~ had been expended at Beverley to my little Girl there the family arrived at Busby yesterday.

Sunday the Second; at home.

Monday the Third, I dined at Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro', home by six.

Tuesday the Fourth; I walked with Ja^s Appleton into his Farm (a small one) at Eston Jn^o Jackson came with us; we afterwards sat half an hour at Ja^{s's} House, then He & John Jackson dined with me & left me about four.

Wednesday the Fifth; I did Business at Tees Bank at Stockton, & dined at home.

Thursday the Sixth; I met my Sist^r. Est^r by appointment at our Cousin (Martha) Reeds at Yarm whose Sist^r. Foster was buried ^at Yarm on^ ~~last~~ Friday, ^the^ 30th, ~~I am, she dyed~~ on Tuesday morning ^ the 27th June ^ , aged 74 years last December; see 5th Augst 1785 of this Book; I left Yarm at four o'Clo' (leaving my Sist^r. Esther to stay a few days) I called at Tho^s Burden's at Stainton-Vale on my return home I saw his Famous Stalion Orpheus.

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Friday the Seventh; at home, many fine Showers of Rain fell today - we have had uncommon dry weather since the middle of May.

Saturday the Eighth; at home; I sent for my little Man to Gisbro' who arrived before dinner to stay a few days this being a sort of half Y^r vacation. M^r Dodds also arrived before dinner.

Sunday the Ninth- at home. Nep^w W^m. Wilson drank Tea here.

Monday the Tenth; after breakfast my Boy W^m Ward met his cousin W^m Wilson on the road between here & Ayton by appointment where he is to stay till tomorr^o evening; I set M^r Dodd to Upsil on his road home by way of Gisbro'; I am not very well.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I rode to Stokesley (calling at Ayton on my road ~~there~~) where the Quarter Sessions for this North- Riding of Yorkshire were held' & from thence adjourned to Thirsk; the Justices on the Bench were Hon^{ble} Gen Cary, M^r Chaloner, M^r Marwood, M^r. Wilson, M^r. Sutton & myself - & Rev^d. M^r. Williamson, Johnson & Dealtry; adjourned the Session to Thirsk next Thursday; I had a Chaise from Stokesley home, my Bro^r. Wilson with me in it to Ayton where I stayed an hour, & from thence I bro^t home my Child.

Wednesday the Twelfth; my little Boy rode with me to the Riverside before dinner.

Thursday the Thirteenth; at home all day with my little Boy- very happy

Friday the Fourteenth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their three daughters & Son W^m dined here with Rev^d M^r. Williamson his wife, two sons & 2 Daughters & her Sist^r Delia Place; my Child W^m went home with them having been here since Sat^d 8th inst.

Saturday the Fifteenth; at home a very remarkable hott day.

Sunday the Sixteenth; at home, some Wind.

Monday the Seventeenth; I breakfasted (between Nine & Ten o'Clo') at Gen^l Hale's, spent two hours afterwards at Gisbro'. & dined at home at 2.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; after dinner I rode to Ayton, drank Tea, and returned.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; Mr Rudd & his Sons (Bart^w & Tho^s) and Master Pulleine of Carlton near Richmond (now at School with M^r Mornay at Marsk) came at about ten o'Clock, I rode with them to my Marsh ~~on~~-near the River, we returned before noon, they dined and drank Tea with me, and about seven o'Clock returned to Marsk.

Thursday the Twentyeth; a very cold drougthy day.

Friday the Twenty First; I dined at M^r Sutton's (at Stockton) by appointment with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, & Nieces Han^a & Est^r Wilson; Captain Sutton was there, he is lately com'd

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from London to stay a few weeks with his Brother.

Saturday the Twenty Second; at home, a mild day.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I went ^to Ayton ^ after dinner, and returned.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; at home. ~~I dined~~

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, meeting there my Bro^r. & Sister Jeff^{ty}. Jackson & ^late^ Gen^l Mathew's Daughter, (Cotsford Mathews) about 12 years old her Father married (as his second Wife) my Niece Mary Jackson, now the wife of M^r Church ^all of them arriving today from Woodfordbridg'; ^ of Bombay; I came ~~after~~ ^home^ in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; as yesterday.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; We had a very high Wind from the S:W. yesterday evening & this morning early; John and I rode over the 6 Farms below this ~~Farm~~ Town to adjust their ^ great^ Tythes (see 9th Augst 1785, of this Book) on my return found my Brothers in Law Wilson & Jackson, who dined and drank Tea with me.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I breakfasted at home; went to Ayton, from thence to Stokesley where I spent two hours, returned to Ayton, dined there, & came home with my Sist^r. Est^r & my Bro^r. in Law Jeff^{ty} Jackson & his Wife, they intend to stay a few days with me.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; ^ Capt. Jackson & his Wife & Sist^r Est^r took lodg^{gs} at Coatham before dinner^ my Cous. James her Daughter M^{rs} Ogdon (Widow) & her little Girl about 4 Y^{rs} old came in this evening to stay a few days. my little Boy came from Gisbro. before dinner.

Monday the Thirty First & last Day; Capt. Jackson, my Child W^m & myself rode to the side of the River, on our return before dinner we found my Bro^r Wilson & his Son W^m; & soon after came my Sist^r. Wilson & her three Daughters, they ^all^ dined drank Tea & returned home.

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Tuesday the First; my Bro^r & Sist^r. Jeffrey Jackson & Sist^r Est^r went to Ayton after breakfast; my Nep^w W^m Wilson came as they went from the Door, he intending to go by Sea

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to London by a Vessel expected to sail soon from this Port - he lay ~~here~~ at my House.

Wednesday the Second; my Bro^r & Sist^r Jeff^{ty}. ^ & Miss Mathews ^ came here towards the evening.

Thursday the Third; my Sist^t Est^r. came before breakfast; my Nep^w W^m went home being now certain that no vessel will sail from this Port to London of many days; I rec'd of my Tenants their last Ladyday Rents - my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} & their charge Miss Cotsford Mathews about 12Y^{rs} old went to their lodgings at the Coatham in the evening for the benefit of the Sea Bathing.

Friday the Fourth; my Sist^r. Wilson & her 3 Daughters came here about eleven o'Clo' the eldest (Han^a) & Est^r went forward to Coatham for the Sea Air taking Capt. Jackson with them in the Coach, who rode here a few Minutes before they set out; in the evening my Sist^{rs} Est^r. & Wilson & Niece Rachel went to their homes at Ayton, my little Boy returned to his School at Gisbro' before dinner. see Sunday 30th ult^o.

Saturday the Fifth; at home.

Sunday the Sixth; as yesterday; windy weather.

Monday the Seventh; I rode to Gisbro' did business & returned to dine at home with my Cousin James, & Ogdon & her Daughter.

Tuesday the Eighth; M^{rs} James, M^{rs} Ogdon & her Child & myself dined at M^r Wilson's of Ayton.

Wednesday the Ninth: We, see yesterday, dined with Capt. Jackson &^c. at the Ordinary at Coatham; a fine Rain fell on our return.

Thursday the Tenth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r Jeff^{ty} Jackson, & my Nieces Hann^a & Est^r Wilson came from Coatham, & my Bro^r. & Sist^r Wilson, their Daughter Rachel & Sist^r. Est^r soon after came; they dined, drank Tea, & returned to the places above, save Sist^r. Est^r who stay'd here.

Friday the Eleventh; my Cousin James lent to me her Wisky¹⁰ in which I went to Yarm, (my Servant with me in it) did business with my Cousin Martha Reed, (with whom Mrs Jane Culley is on a Visit) dined at Stockton & did business, on my return home

Saturday the Twelfth; my Niece Rachel Wilson dined with us on her way to Coatham. much Rain.

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Sunday the Thirteenth; after breakfast my Sister and I in the Ayton Wisky drawn by her Horse, and M^{rs} James & M^{rs} Ogdon & Daughter in their own , went to Coatham; dined at the Ordinary there with my Bro^r. & Sist^r Jeff^{ty} &^c. and got home to Tea; hazy weather & cold.

Monday the Fourteenth; my Sister went home in the morning; the weather as yesterday.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; M^{rs} James & M^{rs} Ogdon & her Child went to Ayton before dinner to stay 2 Nights the Air was so cold, with much Rain that I durst not venture.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; Air &^c. as yesterday.

Thursday the Seventeenth; M^{rs} James, M^{rs} Ogdon & her little Girl returned before dinner, Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson also dined & drank Tea, they returned home, but my Sister Est^r. who came with them stayed all night. M^r Geo: James & M^r Fairless came before Supper & lay here.

Friday the Eighteenth; after dinner my Sist^r Esther, M^{rs} Ogdon & Child, & M^r James & M^r Fairless went to Coatham (to see Capt Jackson &^c.) & returned in the evening; M^r James & I stayed here.

Saturday the Nineteenth; M^{rs} James her Daughter & her Child, who came Sunday 30th left & M^r James & M^r Fairless who came on Thursday left me to go to their respective homes after Breakfast my Sist^r. Est^r stayed till the evening: Thunder after dinner.

Sunday the Twentieth; at home; Rain.

Monday the Twenty first: I rode to Gisbro' early & returned in Rain before dinner my Sist^r Wilson who went to Coatham (from her home) this morning & returned to my House to dinner with Her 3 Daughters & my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} Jackson & Miss Mathews, they all went to Ayton after drink Tea here.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; M^r & M^{rs} Sutton, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their two eldest Daughters, Sist Est^r & Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} met them here & ret^d. to Ayton; M^r Wilson's Coach ^fore^ Wheel on nearside very bad.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; after dinner I rode to Ayton & lay all night at my Sister Esthers; (Capt Jackson & my Sister lay there during their stay at Ayton) Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & their 3 Daughters supt with us.

Thursday the ^Twenty^ Fourth; Capt. Jackson & I rode to Leven Grove, Gen^l Cary was gone to Stockton, we sat an hour with M^{rs} Cary, & returned to my Brother Wilson's dinner

¹⁰ 'whisky' – a light, two-wheeled, one-horse carriage

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at Ayton; I became very poorly and as the evening was fine I came home.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; ~~I dined~~ ^ Capt. Jackson dined with me & I returned^ spending the evening at my Bro^r. Wilson's, lay at my Sisters.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I came home before dinner, & found M^r Dodds come from Boulby, he lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; Mr Dodds all day here.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to Gisbro' with M^r Dodds after we dined he went home and I returned to Normanby, after sitting an hour with my little Boy and Rev^d. Williamson's Family

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} & M^r & M^{rs} Moxon of Woodford (now on a visit to Ayton) dined here & as they came by Gisbro' & K.Leatham they bro^t my little Boy in their Carriages; my Sist^r Est^r & Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their 3 Daughters & Miss Mathews also dined with me & all went away, save my William.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; William rode with me to Coatham, where we dined by appointment with all the Company who dined here yesterday, M^r Wilson's Coach & M^r Moxon's Phaeton with Comp^a went to Ayton by Gisbro' & with them took my Child to Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro' ^ see yesterday ^; I came to Normanby with my Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} & Niece Est^r in her (Sister's) Chariot, Capt Jackson & my Sist^r. Est^r were in a Wisky, they drank Tea here & went to Ayton.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day. at and about home fine Harvest weather.

SEPTEMBER 1786

Friday the First; M^r Baker came here in the evening from Boulby where he dined; (he lay at M^r Chaloner's last night on his road from Scarbro' Races.

Saturday the Second; M^r Dodds came from Boulby this morning with his Books of Acct. which M^r Baker & I examined for the Year ending 31st May last & allowed the same.

Sunday the Third: M^r Baker went to Bedale on his way to Richmond Races before dinner; Mr Dodds, after dinner went to Elemore on his way to see his Mother in the West.

Monday the Fourth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton with M^r & M^{rs} Sutton home by six; then attended a vestry - meeting of the Inhabitants of Eston Chapelry Ja^s. Appleton sat

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an hour with me afterw^{ds}.

Tuesday the Fifth; my Sist^r. Wilson her three Daughters, my Sister Est^r.. & my Bro^r.& Sist^r. Jeffry Jackson & Miss Mathews dined & drank Tea with me; as did M^{rs} Skottow, & M^r & M^{rs} Trench and M^r Spencer (the last four from Coatham a fine day.

Wednesday the Sixth; I spent 21 two hours at Rev^d Grenside's before dinner.

Thursday the Seventh; at home.

Friday the Eighth; at and about home.

Saturday the Ninth; I sat an hour with M^r Preston at Stokesley; went to Ayton from thence dined at Bro^r. Wilson's & lay at my Sister's Esther's.

Sunday the Tenth; I spent the day at Ayton with my Friends (Capt.& Sist^r. D Jackson) went to Church after dinner; lay at my Sisters.

Monday the Eleventh; I spent two hours at Gisbro' and came to my own House before dinner

Tuesday the Twelfth; ^ Master Henry Pulloine dined here, he is 15Y^r old.^ M^r Dodds came in the evening from Elemore &^c. see Sunday the 3rd inst.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; my Bro^r. Wilson & Miss Mathews, & Rev^d M^r Grenside dined here, & returned to their respective homes in the evening altho' we had much Rain, on Acct of which M^r Dodds stayed all night.

Thursday the Fourteenth; M^r Dodds went home after ~~dinner~~ breakfast ; and I rode to Stockton where I spent two hours with M^{rs} Baker, & Capt. Jackson his Wife' my Sister & 3 Niece Wilsons, home to diner.

Friday the Fifteenth; at home.

Saturday the Sixteenth; my Sist^r. Wilson her three Daughters, & my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} Jackson dined here on their way from Stockton Races, the two latter drank Tea also before they went ^to^ Ayton.

Sunday the Seventeenth; after dining at my own House, I set out on a Journey to see my little Girl at Beverley; I lay at Ayton.

Monday the Eighteenth; at seven ^ half past^ o'Clo' I got into a Post Chaise (which I engaged at Gisbro') with my Brother in Law Wilson & Jackson my Sisters (their Wives) of that Name being in M^r Jackson's Chariot; made a short stay at Ingilby Cross, dined at Thirsk, drank Tea at Easingwold and lay at Ringroses, (Blue Bell Inn) at York.

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Tuesday the Nineteenth, breakfasted at York, & dined at Pocklington new Inn, 15 miles eastward of York; (left one of Robson's of Gisbro's Chaise- Horses at an Inn 2 Miles before we got their, sick) ^ he dyed 3 hours after^ and arrived at the Tyger Inn at Beverley at five o'Clock; I immediately sent to M^{rs} Myres School for my child (Mary Lewin) they came to the Inn, drank Tea & returned; my Brothers Sisters & myself lay at the Inn.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; my little Girl spent the day with us, I was not well, but my Brothers in Law walked to see the Town.

Thursday the Twenty First; my Brothers Sisters, my Child & myself went to Hull, dined there & returned to Beverley in the evening.

Friday the Twenty Second; my Brother ^Wilson^ has a severe cold; I rode to the School my little Girl is at (in all 9 young Ladies from 6 to 14 y^{rs} old) M^{rs} Myers (the Mistress) my little woman & Miss Maynard near 8 Y^{rs} old, dined & ^drank Tea^ with us at the Inn. I took leave of Mary; but on Saturday the Twenty Third; M^{rs} Myres came with the Child to the Inn just as ^we^ were getting into our Carriages we again took leave & parted- we (the Travellers) dined at ~~Pocklington~~ ^ Barnby Moor House Inn, 16 Miles from Beverley & 13 from York; we drank Tea at York, and slept there; my Bro^r Wilson not well.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; we breakfasted at Easingwold, dined at the White horse in Borrowby and drank Tea at My Sist^r Esther's (at Ayton) before seven; M^r Wilson somewhat better see 17th inst.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at home had a little Rain, the whole of last week very fine ^weather^.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; at home

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at M^r Sutton's Country House at Elton meeting there by appointment my Sist^r Est^r who came with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} to our Cousin Martha Reed's at Yarm, & returned their in M^r Jackson's Carriage, I came home.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; my Bro^r. Wilson accompanied by Miss Mathews dined and drank Tea with me, on bottling a Pipe of Port Wine bought last Spring of Knowsley & Co 25 of Hull (price 47£) which produced 53.4 ^Doz. bottles^

Friday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Busby (by way of ~~Busby~~ ^Ayton^,) my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their two youngest Daughters, D^r Milnes, & M^r Spencer (late of East India) dined there.

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Saturday the Thirtyeth & last Day: I dined at M^r Brown's at Stockton, fine weather.

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Sunday the First; I went to Ayton in the evening, lay at my Sist^r. Esther's.

Monday the Second; I left my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ry} at my Sister's & went to Gisbro' with M^r Preston; paid a morning visit at Gen^l Hales & dined with M^r Dodds at the Inn at Gisbro, sat an hour afterwards with my Boy at Revd. W^mson's & home.

Tuesday the Third; at home all day.

Wednesday the Fourth; I dined at Ayton & returned, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ry} intending to set out tomorrow on their visit to ^ M^r Askew's at ^ Redheugh to morrow.

Thursday the Fifth, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their 2 youngest Daughters, Miss Mathews, Miss Brown & my Sister Esther came here to meet M^{rs} Chaloner Sen^r. Gen^l. & M^{rs} Hale their Daughters Ann & Harriot, & Son Henry (from Plantation) & Doct^r Milnes a Physician lately come to Settle at Stokesley^ & M^r Brown of Stockton,^ we sat down 16 to dinner & had some excellent Fruit from my Walls afterwards^it^, they all left me after Tea , save the Doct^r. who lay here.

Friday the Sixth, Doct^r. Milnes went to Coatham after breakfast; I rode to old Sarah Cornforth's with my Man John & let to her & her Son William jointly my Farm they are now upon late Jo^s. Cornforth's her Husband; dined at home & in the evening attended a Meeting of the Township to settle the Surveyors of the Highways, Church Wardens & Constable Accounts.

Saturday the Seventh; I dined at M^r Preston's at Stokesley, came home after 4 o' Clo'

Sunday the Eighth; a prodigious high Wind blew from S.W. & then W. from 4 in the morning to that hour in the afternoon.

Monday the Ninth; I spent two hours at Gisbro' and returned before dinner.

Tuesday the Tenth; I spent about home.

Wednesday the Eleventh; I dined at Ayton.

Thursday the Twelfth; about home.

Friday the Thirteenth; at home; & walked to Eston & Ormsby; a very fine day.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I spent in Business at home.

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Sunday the Fifteenth; I rode ^to^ my Tenants Capt. Brown's before dinner.

Monday the Sixteenth; The morning being fine I rode to Gisbro', & ret^d before dinner.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; at home.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, a very fine day.

Thursday the Nineteenth; M^r Preston dined with me on his road from Marsk to ^ Stokesley ^ his home.

Friday the Twentieth; I rode to Gisbro' and returned before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty First; after breakfast I rode Eastwards and at Wilton met M^r Dodds who dined & lay here. I rec^d small Tythe Rents of Eston & Freeholders of Normanby.

Sunday the Twenty Second; M^r Dodds spent the day here, close sullen weather.

Monday the Twenty third; M^r Dodds left me after breakfast; I walk'd out afternoon.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to Rev^d Grenside's before dinner & walked out after dinner; an unusual fine day.

Wednesday the Twenty fifth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's M^r Skottow & ^c. & ^c. being there.

(see next ~~Friday~~ Saturday) my Brother & Sister Jeff^{ty} arrived from Redheugh, (see Wedn: the 4th) the latter has appearance of ^a^ great cold; home in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty sixth; after dinner I rode to Capt. Brown's at the Forest House, & saw the Sloop Fox cast anchor at my Batt-end.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at Rev^d M^r. Williamson's (at Gisbro) with my dear Boy (W^m W^d.) this day eight years old who I brought home in the evening, as Rev'd M^r.

Williamson intends to be a few days from home next week; very fine weather.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; M^r Nicholas Skottow, & his Neph'w M^r. Tho^s Skottow, & Nep^w in Law M^r French & his Wife (Daught^r of late M^r Aug^s Skottow) all visitors at M^r Wilsons, allso my s^d. Bro^r. Wilson, my Sist^r. Wilson, their three Daughters, my Sister Est^r, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} Jackson & Miss Matthews dined & drank Tea with my ~~Child~~ ^Son ^ W^m & myself.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; my Son and I dined at my Brother Wilson's & returned.

Monday the Thirtieth; I kept the House having got cold yesterday.

Tuesday the Thirty first & last Day. a very cold day; my little ^ Boy ^ however rode out.

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Wednesday the First; my Bro^r in Law (Capt Jackson & Sister Dolly with their Ward, Miss Cotsford Matthews (ab^t. 12 Y^{rs} old) and my Sister came before dinner to stay a few days.

Thursday the Second ; a cold day M^r Ra Spencer a Gentleman lately returned from Bengal came while we were at dinner & lay all night; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson drank Tea & returned home.

Friday the Third; a very cold East Wind, M^r Spencer went away after dinner.

Saturday the Fourth: my Bro^r. & Sist^r. ^ Jeff^{ty} ^ Jackson ^ Miss Matthews^ left me after breakfast, & propose to set out from Ayton for their own home at Woodford bridg' in Essex next ~~next~~ ^week ^; see Tuesday 25th July, my Sister Est^r. also went with them.

Sunday the Fifth; another day of cold East Wind; my little Boy went to Church with Fawcett.

Monday the Sixth; Fawcett went to Gisbro' before dinner with my Child W^m W^d, he came home with me, Friday 27th ult^o.

Tuesday the Seventh; I sent Fawcett to Stokesley very early who dispatched a Post Chaise to Normanby, I went in it to my Sister Esther's at Ayton from thence she went away with me ^to^ Arncliffe, we called at the black Swan (Stokesley) on our road till Fawcett dressed my Hair over my Wig, M^r Ra. Spencer (see last Thursday) was there; my Sister & I dined & drank Tea at M^{rs} Mauleverers the first time since her Husband dyed last Year , her Sister Wharton , a widow was with her, & her two unmarried Daughters Frances & Mary were at home; & my Brothers in Law Wilson & Jackson with their wives ^ & my 2 eldest Nieces Wilson^ were there to stay two nights; I lay at my Sisters at Ayton.

Wednesday the Eighth; came home before dinner.

Thursday the Ninth; at home.

Friday the Tenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's with his Family, my Sist^r. Est^r & Bro & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty}

Miss Matthews & M^r Spencer, see Thursday 2^d inst ~~and we all~~ ^ he went away ^ after Tea; I lay at my Sister Esther's.

Saturday the Eleventh; I spent the forenoon at Stokesley & dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's; we all drank Tea & supt at my Sister Esther's.

Sunday the Twelfth; at half past eight my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^{ty} & Miss Matthews took leave of us, they came to us 25th July last; they propose to sleep at Borrowbridg' this evening where

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M^r Spencer meets them on horseback & tomorrow morning they ^all ^ proceed for Woodfordbridg'; where they hope to be in 9 days with their own Carriage & Horses, M^r Spencer rides ^ on horseback^ all the way: I went to Ayton Church & came before dinner. Monday the Thirteenth; I dined at Rev^d Williamson's at Gisbro' – a fair day at that Town very cold S^o. Wind.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; Rev^d M^r. Grenside of Marton dined with me , a very cold S^o Wind.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I dined at M^r Sutton's, and returned soon the air being very cold.

Thursday the Sixteenth; M^r Mathews of Stokesley came before breakfast, he dined and as the weather became very bad - he stayed all night.

Friday the Seventeenth; M^r Mathews left me after breakfast; although much Rain fell, and a cold East-Wind blew very high.

Saturday the Eighteenth; I confined myself to the House being much out of order.

Sunday the Nineteenth; as yesterday.

Monday the Twentieth: as yesterday; cold East W.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I am better today but dare not venture abroad in this cold East Wind.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Third; as yesterday.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Collin Attorney of Yarm called here before dinner to get my Hand & Seal to the proposed new Article of Partnership between M^r Baker & me for carrying on Boulby All^o. Works, which Articles were previously executed by M^r Baker but on examining the two Parts I found them so different (by omissions &^c.) that I determined to reject [?] them & write my Sentiments thereon to Elemore & also to Mr Pearson of Durham at whose Office they were prepared: at home.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; a cold day M^r Dodds of Boulby came before dinner & lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; M^r Dodds remained here all day & night; a rainy day;

Monday the Twenty Seventh; M^r Dodds left me after breakfast to go home (to Boulby) by way of Gisbro' I rode with him to the top of the Hill; the air not being so cold as of a fortnight past.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth ; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I rode to Ayton, met my Sist^r. Est^r. beyond Hamilton Hills

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coming to see me; we both went to my Bro^r. Wilson's & dined there; altho' the morning was very fine I had a ~~very~~^ much ^ rain y on my return home in the evening.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day at home all day ^not well^ Wind at N.W. very cold.

DECEMBER 1786

Friday the First; I am better today; & put on mourning for my Nep^w in Law Tho^s Berney Esq ^of Beales in Norfolk^ who dyed at Hackney ^ a few days since^ near London (of a lingering Disorder on which the most eminent Physicians differed in ^their^ opinions) he married my Niece Eliz^a Jackson (third Daught. of my Brother Geo. Jackson) some year's since, by whom he has left a Girl upw^{ds} of 7 Y^{rs} old, & a Boy upwards of a year old; M^r & M^{rs} Berney & their little Girl as above came into the Neighbourhood in July 1781 see Sunday 22^d July 1781, Lett^r. R of Journal

Saturday the Second, the morning being fine I paid Rev^d Grenside of Marton a morning Visit.

Sunday the Third; at home; a stormy day.

Monday the Fourth; I rode to Gisbro' & returned before dinner; my little Boy is not well of a cold.

Tuesday the Fifth; the morning being fine I rode out Fawcett & the Greyh^{ds} before dinner.

Wednesday the Sixth; at home.

Thursday the Seventh; M^r Sutton dined with me.

Friday the Eighth, I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton; Capt. Wayne came in as I left there.

Saturday the Ninth; at home; much Rain.

Sunday the Tenth; a very cold wind, J^{as}. Appleton & Stepⁿ. Wrighton supt & sat two hours with me in the evening.

Monday the Eleventh; M^r Williamson writing ~~with~~ me this morning that my Child ~~was~~^is^ not well. I sent Fawcett to see him, who brought me Word that he is better this afternoon.

Tuesday the Twelfth; M^r Geo: Dodds Jun^r. came from Boulby before dinner, & lay here; at about six o'Clo' arrived Mr Angus, Steward of M^r Baker, with 500£; which he paid over to M^r Dodds towards making the 6 months payment, to the Men of our All^o. Works next Friday:- He also lay here.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; after breakfast M^r Dodds went to Boulby by way of Gisbro' & M^r

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Angus set about for Elemore; I rode to Ayton sat half an hour with my Sist^r. Esther, & another at my Bro^r Wilson, supt a Bason of Broth, and dined at home about three o'Clo' a fine day.

Thursday the Fourteenth; I rode up to the Workmen in David Bank filling with fresh Plants the places where many have failed from the two last severe Winters & Summers; my Serv^t Fawcett bro^t. home my Horse & I walked home with John thro' Cow-howl Woods &^c.

Friday the Fifteenth; I rode to my Tenant Capt. Brown's at the Forest, returned before dinner.

Saturday the Sixteenth; I spent two hours at Stokesley, in M^r Preston's & in Mathews's oFices dined at my Sister Esther's sat half an hour my Bro^r. Wilson's; my Neighbour Geo: Hammond supt here.

Sunday the Seventeenth; Geo: Hammond, Ja^s & Tho^s Appleton supt here.

Monday the Eighteenth, I paid a morning visit at Plantation, Miss Ann Hale ^ 2nd Daught of the Gen^l. & Twin Sist to M^{rs} Lewin see Journal 2nd July 1784^ being to be married next

Thursday to Henry Walker Yeoman Esq. of Whitby a Widower; his late Wife who was Daughter of Peter Conset Esq. of Brawith, dyed about six months since at W^m Newburn's of Eston, at whose she ~~has~~ was lodged, being insane, several Years, having an only Child, a Son now about 15 yrs old; I had a Bason of Broth at the Inn at Gisbro' sat an hour with my Boy, who has not been well lately, at Rev^d M^r. Williamson's, a small Snow fell most of the day the air mild.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; many showers of Snow fell today: I spent the day at home.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; at home; Snow Showers

Thursday the Twenty First; much Snow fell in last night & this forenoon; at home of course.

Friday the Twenty Second; I sent Fawcett to Gisbro' for my little Man (William Ward), who arrived before dinner, very cold.

Saturday the Twenty Third; at home very cold.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Christmas Day, Monday the Twenty Fifth; a very severe Frost.- at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; much Snow fell during the day; no Wind, Air mild.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; Rev^d Grenside dined here; my Sister Est^r. came while we were at Dinner, to stay a few days; a fine Thaw.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; my Sister & my Child (W^m W^d) and I walked out after dinner.

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Friday the Twenty Ninth, a Rainy day.

Saturday the Thirtieth, my Child and I rode to Wilton & returned before dinner soon after dinner my Sister Esther left us, having been here since last Wednesday noon: In the evening M^r Dodds arrived from Boulby.

Sunday The Thirty First & last Day: The day being very cold we did not go from home.

JANUARY 1787

Monday the First; my Child W^m W^d Jackson, M^r Dodds, myself & two Servants John & Fawcett, ranged Knag's & Cornforth's Farms, found two Hares, one of which the Greyhound killed, returned to dinner, immediately after it I became engaged in Justice Business till 9 in the evening taking in writing the Information & complaint of Rob. Duck of Lyth (near Whitby) of his having a dark Bay Mare (9 Y^{rs} old) stolen from his Stable at Lyth in the night between the 28th & 29th of last month which was pursued from Norton near Stockton & found in Thorp-Wood near Blakeston by Rob Weatheril & others in the forenoon of the 29th, the Person who rode ^ on her^ through Norton &^ having escaped in the Wood (was ~~afterw^{ds}~~ found & taken Prisoner ^the same Evening^ in a Barn near Grundale Church , & next day carried before M^r Sutton of Stockton who ordered the ~~Man to be brought~~^ constable to bring him^ before me this day), I also took in writing the several examinations of Rob Weatheril of Norton & W^m Dawson of Stockton as Witnesses, the Prisoner being brought before me declared his Name to be Timothy O'Brian, of Robin Hoods Bay near Whitby, late a soldier in the 5th Regiment of Foot, he declined entering on any examination. I convicted him on suspicion of stealing the Mare, & after writing his Mittimus¹¹ to York Castle, directed to the Constable of Normanby ^ Tho^s Appleton^ & the Goaler of York Castle, I took the Recogn. of Duck to prefer a Bill or Bills against him & give Evidence in 60£ & ^the^ several Recognizances of Weatheril & Dawson in 30£ each to give Evidence; note as Weatheril is not quite 21 Y^{rs} old M^r Tho^s Whitfield Constable of Stockton became bound with him.

Tuesday the Second; M^r Dodds went to Gisbro' on his way to Boulby before dinner; William & Fawcett set him to Upsil, & returned by Ormsby.

¹¹ a warrant to the keeper of a prison to take a certain person into custody

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Wednesday the Third; Fawcet went with William to Ayton to stay a few days; I am so much indisposed I did not go as intended.

Thursday the Fourth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's found my little Child William well, and left him there.

Friday the Fifth; John walked with me through Cow howl Wood, marking sundry young Ash & Sallow Trees to be cutt down soon.

Saturday the Sixth; a Rainy day.

Sunday the Seventh, my little Boy with Fawcet returned from Ayton before noon, see Wedn.

Monday the Eighth; at home with William.

Tuesday the Ninth; at home.

Wednesday the Tenth; my little Man & I met Rev^d Williamson & his Son Tho^s Pym, at Upsil they dined with us and ^ lay ^ all night at Normanby.

Thursday the Eleventh; M^r Williamson left us after breakfast, his Son stay'd another day, my Child not being very well.

Friday the Twelfth; T. P. Williamson left us before dinner: William is much better; in the evening M^r Brown of Stockton with his Son Geo: of London, sat half an hour.

Saturday the Thirteenth; I am not very well.

Sunday the Fourteenth; my little Man and myself are much out of Health;

Monday the Fifteenth; Williams right Ear now discharges much Matter, & he is easier; my Sister Esther came to stay some days.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; my Child (William) recovers; before dinner came my Brother & Sister Wilson and their three Daughters to make some stay with me; fine weather.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; all at home

Thursday the Eighteenth; my young Man is so well that I sent him to School, viz. to Rev^d W Williamson's at Gisbro' from whence he came home (for the Hollidays) Friday the 21st last Month.

Friday the Nineteenth; I was very poorly all day; my Ayton Friends continue well.

Saturday the Twentyeth; I had so bad a night that I sent for M^r Brown, Apoth^y, of K.Leatham, continued not well all day.

Sunday the Twenty First; continued ill.

Monday the Twenty Second; I am somewhat better today; my Friends all well.

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Tuesday the Twenty Third; my Bro^r Wilson & Sister Esther rode on seperate Horses to Ayton, and returned to us after three o'Clo', my Sister Wilson, & her three Daughters & myself dined as usual at two.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; a heavy day; my brother Wilson shewed to me a Letter he rec'd yesterday (at Ayton) from W^m Blackburne ^MD^ now of Spring Gardens Westminster but written twelve months past, of Durham City where he practised about three years without satisfaction to himself & Friends, He is the youngest Son of Rev^d Fran^s. Blackburne of Richmond Yorkshire, & ArchDeacon of Cleveland, now upwards of 80Y^{rs} old: the above Letter contains a repeated request that M^r Wilson will allow him to correspond with his Daughter ~~Han~~ Wilson (Hannah) offers of marriage; ^ by ^ ~~at~~ same Post he insolently writes to said Hannah, and this afternoon she declared to her Mother her determination to marry him in a few Months from this time' & that she has been determined upw^{ds}. of six years, in his favour; altho' she has known all that time that the connection wou'd be disagreeable to every Relation she has; much Sorrow terminated the day.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; after diner Mr Wilson set out for his own home on foot, I then took leave, intending it to be lasting, of my niece Hannah Wilson who with her two Sisters, Mother & Aunt Esther all went to their homes (at Ayton) in their Coach, having been with me since the 15th & 16th instant.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Ormsby before dinner, very fine weather.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; a very high S.W. wind.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; I rode out a little way before dinner; Rev^d M^r. Harrison, & apothecary Brown both of K.Leatham, dined & drank Tea with me.

Wednesday the Thirty First, and last Day; I rode to Ayton, spent two hours there, had some broth and dined at home at two o'Clock.

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Thursday the First; at and about home all day.

Friday the Second; I rode out to Ormsby before dinner – a very fine day.

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Saturday the Third I rec'd of my Normanby & some other Tenants their Rent for half a year, due last Mich'mas.

Sunday the ~~Third~~ ^ Fourth^, a fine day.

Monday the ~~Fourth~~ ^ Fifth^ ; I dined at Rev^d M^r. Williamson's, Gisbro' ; M^r Preston came home with me from that Town.

Tuesday the Sixth; M^r Preston went home (to Stokesley) I accompanied him to Ayton, dined there at my Sist^r. Est^{rs} ; home by five.

Wednesday the Seventh; spent all day at home on business in my Books.

Thursday the Eighth; I rode to the side of the River with Fawcit, the Greyh^{ds} follow'd, home to dinner.

Friday the Ninth; at home; showery weather.

Saturday the Tenth; M^r Geo. Dodds came before dinner from Boulby.

Sunday the Eleventh; M^r Dodds & I at home

Monday the Twelfth; M^r Dodds left me after breakfast.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I rode to ask Rev^d Grenside of Marton how he did before dinner.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I went in Chaise to Stockton with Fawcet - attended a Meeting of Comissioners of the Turnpike road from Catherick Bridg' -Yorkshire to the City of Durham; dined alone at the Inn, spent half an hour after with Lawyer Bradley, & home before dark.

Thursday the Fifteenth; I walked ~~in~~ through the Cow-howl wood before dinner.

Friday the Sixteenth; at home all day.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I spent an hour in M^r Preston's Office at Stokesley, & dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton, Miss Marg^t James is now on a Visit to her – home in the evening.

Sunday the Eighteenth; at home.

Monday the Nineteenth; I rode to Gisbro' and returned to a late dinner.

Tuesday the Twentieth; I spent two hours with my Friends at Ayton; M^r Miles Smith of Sunderland-Wick ~~and~~ near Driffeld, & his Lady (Sist^r. of Digby Lizard) who is married ^in the ^ Year 1785, & by whom he ~~now~~ has a Daughter, being now on a Visit at M^r Wilson's; I came home ^to a late^ dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty First; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I rode thro' Kirk-Leatham to the little village of Yerby (about that place, home before diner: a fine day.

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Friday the Twenty Third; at home, a cold day,

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton; a very fine day.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; at & ab^t home.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; the morning being very fine I paid a morning visit to Gen^l Hale & Family at Plantation; on my return ^ thro Gisbro' ^ called at Rev^d Williamson's to see my Child W^m Ward who is very well: home to dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth & last Day; I rode a very little way & met M^r Preston, Attorney, of Stokesley, who dined with me by appointment; I expected an assignment (which he had prepared) of my Trust under my late Nep^w Tho^s Berney Esq last Will & Codicils, to my Bro^r. in Law Jeff^{ty} Jackson Esq, at the request of my Niece, now widow Berneys - am not very well.

MARCH 1787

Thursday the First; at home.

Friday the Second; an uncommon high West Wind.

Saturday the Third; much Rain fell last night and this forenoon-a mild air.

Sunday the Fourth; a very cold East Wind.

Monday the Fifth; a cold Wind from S.E. wth much sleet and Rain; my Serv^t. Jn^o Pierson not well.

Tuesday the Sixth; Rain most of the day.

Wednesday the Seventh; My Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson bro^t here in their coach; my Sist^r. Esther & Miss Marg^t James to stay a few days, the former returned to Ayton after dinner.

Thursday the Eighth; young Geo. Dodds of Boulby came here before dinner & returned home soon after; he came on Business.

Friday the Ninth; at home with my Sist^r. & Miss James.

Saturday the Tenth; I took a ride after breakfast, & on my return found my Child William who I sent for to Gisbro' to spend two days with my Sister Est^r. & Miss Marg^t James.

Sunday the Eleventh; William & I rode To K.Leatham & returned before dinner.

Monday the Twelfth; I attended my Child William to School (at Gisbro') returned before

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dinner.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; M^r Geo James & M^r. Fairless, came before dinner & lay here. I walked with them in the evening to see a Fat Cow in Ja^s Appleton's Shop ^ My Sist^r. Est^r went home in Bro^r. Wilson's Coach, sent for her

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Miss Margaret James (see last Wednesday & yesterday) her Brother James & Mr Fairless left me I went with them to Stockton:- after attending the Justices there a few hours, I dined at the Inn & came home.

Thursday the Fifteenth; at home.

Friday the Sixteenth; I rode to Rev^d Grensides at Marton (he was not at home) before dinner.

Saturday the Seventeenth, I spent an hour with Mr Preston in his office at Stokesley ; dined with my Sist^r Esther, & sat an hour at M^r Wilson's afterwards; on my return home in the evening found M^r Dodds who lay here.

Sunday the Eighteenth; M^r Dodds & John walked with me into Cow-howl Wood before dinner.

Monday the Nineteenth; M^r Dodds went home after dinner I set him to K.Leatham.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty First; I rode to Ayton (taking Rev^d Grenside of Marton in my way) dined at my Brother Wilson's.

Thursday the Twenty Second; Rev^d W. Grenside, & M^r Brown Apoth^{ry} of K.Leatham, (who attends here old Nurse Cornforth at present not well) dined with me.

Friday the Twenty Third; ab^l. home.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; M^r Brown dined with me; I then rode to Kirk-Leatham with him & returned the afternoon being very fine.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; we had some Thunder and heavy showers of Rain this morning; I got an early dinner & rode to Gisbro', home by five o'Clo'

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I sat half an hour at my Sist^r Esther's and another at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, returned to dine at two.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I spent an hour with M^r Sutton at Stockton; home before dinner Jn^o Errington of Marsk sat two hours wth me in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

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Friday the Thirtyeth; I sat two Hours with my Friends at Ayton; home at two o'Clo'
Saturday the Thirty First & last Day; I spent two hours this morning with Rev^d M^r
Williamson at Gisbro', who read the funeral service at six o'Clo' this morning on ^being^
deposited in the Chaloner Family Vault in Gisbro' Church, the Body of William Chaloner
(eldest Son of the present W^m Chaloner & his present Wife Emma, late Harvey of Chigford
^well^ in Essex) who dyed last Wednesday morning (between 9 & 10 o'Clo') of a
Consumption aged 14.Y^{rs} 10 ½ M^{ths}; he had been at Harrow School above two years:- ^ see
the 10th April next^ I dined at home at two.

APRIL 1787

Sunday the First; at home.

Monday the Second; as yesterday, a cold East Wind.

Tuesday the Third; I rode out a little way; bit the Wind being East & cold I return'd soon.

Wednesday the Fourth; I dined at my Sister Esther's (at Ayton) with my niece Es^f Wilson her
Father Mother & two Sisters being gone to dine at M^{rs} Mauleverer's ,a moderate Air tho'
Wind at East.

Thursday the Fifth; Fawcet (my Serv't) went to Gisbro' after dinner & returned with W^m at
five o'Clo'.

Good Friday the Sixth; Wind at E. very cold.

Saturday the Seventh; at home - very cold; M^r Dodds came before dinner.

Easter Sunday the Eighth; my little Man [and] M^r Dodds rode to Ayton; the Child stayed
there, M^r Dodds & I returned before Dinner.

Easter Monday the Ninth; I set M^r Dodds as far as K.Leatham, on his way home; I dined at
home, my child William returned from Ayton in the evening; he rode from there to Leven-
Grove & ret'^d to Ayton before dinner, so that he has rode eighteen Miles today.

Easter-Tuesday the Tenth; William & I rode two or three Miles eastw^d & returned before
dinner.

Wednesday the Eleventh; my little Boy and I rode to ask Rev^d Grenside of Marton to dine
with us tomorrow, and on our return found Rev'^d Mr. Harrison of Kirk-Leatham come to dine
and stay two or three days with us.

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Thursday the Twelfth; Rev Grenside of Marton, & Apoth^y. of K. Leatham come to dine and stay two or three days ^with^ us.

Friday the Thirteenth; at home, a cold day.

Saturday the Fourteenth; Rev^d Harrison walked ~~at~~ home after breakfast (see Wednesday); & then I stepped into a Chaise (which I had ordered from Stokesley) taking in my Child William, who I left at Ayton; and old Nurse Cornforth who has been here since Saturday 16th Dec^r., she has not been well about three weeks; I carried her to Stokesley where she lives in a House I hire for her; I called on M^r Preston & M^r Mathews & returned to Ayton to dinner, & my little Boy & I came home in the Chaise before dark; much Rain, ^more than^ has fallen ^in^ this whole day, than we have had since last November; a cold N.E. Wind.

Sunday the Fifteenth; Rain fell most of this day, but not near so much as yesterday.

Monday the Sixteenth; the morning being very fine I rode to Gisbro with my little Man who has been with me since the 5th inst. came home to a late dinner: Rev^d Williamson was so good as examine the Register of Gisbro' & there found that, on the 14th Sept^r. 1753 Philip Fynney - a Major, Uncle to the present Dowager Chaloner; also on the 18th February 1754 W^m Chaloner Esq^r her Husband, and on the 18th Oct^r. 1755 Honor, ^(^ formerly Foulis)^ Widow of W^m Chaloner Esq^r Grand Father of the above W^m Chaloner Esq^r were severally Intombed (in Gisbro' Church) which has not been opened until Saturday the 31st of last month - see that day.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; at home; a cold east Wind.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; at home.

Thursday the Nineteenth; a very cold day.

Friday the Twentieth; fine Showers of Rain.

Saturday the Twenty First; the Air being mild I rode to my Tenant Capt Brown's ^Farm^ after dinner ; & then found my old Tide Bank broken by late high Tides & high N.E. Winds my new one (see 2^d June last) stands firm.

Sunday the Twenty Second; rode out before dinner & walked out in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Third; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I called on M^r. Wilson on my way to Stokesley spent an hour with my Sisters, and dined with him (my Bro^r. Wilson) at Stokesley after balloting Men, to serve in the Militia for the West - Division of Langbaugh, I came home direct from ^the^

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meeting

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I rode before dinner to ask Rev^d Grenside how he did: ^my old^ mare Nan foaled at 11 o'Clo' last night, a bay colt to S^r. Ja^s. Pennyman's Cleveland, her second Foal see 7th May 1786 this Book.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I rode out to Eston & up the Flatt's-Lane about an hour.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; at home much Rain fell , with high Wind from the North.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; very stormy.

Monday Thirtieth and last Day; a violent storm of Wind from the North, & Snow showers all day long.

MAY 1787

Tuesday the First; The storm of yesterday much abated, but the Air remained ^cold^.

Wednesday the Second; at home, tho' a fine day.

Thursday the Third; a very high Wind from S.W.

Friday the Fourth: I rode two hours before dinner, Fawcet with me, a cold Air from N.W.

Saturday the Fifth; I rode out before dinner.

Sunday the Sixth; a fine rainy day.

Monday the Seventh; I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton, called at Mich^l Pattison's on my ^return^.

Tuesday the Eighth; ^ measured some Ash Wood in Clem^t. Robinson's Bank^ a cold N.E. Wind.

Wednesday the Ninth; I rode to the River side, at Capt. Brown's before dinner; & towards evening sat an hour with Ja^s Appleton who hath been ill.

Thursday the Tenth; I rode to Stokesley on horse-back and at the Golden Lyon there, with my Bro^r. Wilson transacted the Land Tax & other Business for the West-Division of Langbaugh; Gen^l Carey & M^r. Marwood being now in London; so much Rain fell in the evening that I had a Chaise home.

Friday the Eleventh; keeping here all night the Chaise I had from Stokesley yesterday I returned in it to the black Swan there, where my Brother Wilson & I enrolled & swore in the

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Militia Men for the West Division of Langbaugh to serve five years, as by an act of last Sessions; M^r Wilson went in the Chaise with me to Ayton & my Sist^r W. not well. I came home.

Saturday the Twelfth; very fine showers of Rain do now greatly forw^d. the Vegetation.

Sunday the Thirteenth, at home fine weather.

Monday the Fourteenth; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson & Sist^r. Esther came before dinner unexpectedly, & left about four o'Clock.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; about home.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I dined at the Inn of Stockton, returned soon after.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I dined at my Sister Esthers at Ayton; sat two hours ^at Bro^r. ^ Wilson's.

Friday the Eighteenth; I rode to Gisbro' this day being the second Market day there since the ~~day~~ Markets was changed from Mondays to Fridays went towards Plantation, but on my road met Gen^l Hale & some of his Children, with whom I returned on Foot to Gisbro'; & rode home to dine.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I dined at M^r Preston's at Stokesley, & then bought of Tho^s Flintoff near Leaven Bridge a Grey Poney 5Y^{rs} old, got by W^m Snowdon's Horse; called at Ayton on my return, & stayed there an hour.

Sunday the Twentyeth; at home.

Monday the Twenty First; as yesterday.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; John rode with me to the Forest before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; I rode to K:Leatham & returned before dinner; we had fine Showers of Rain, & warm Air afternoon.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; at and about home.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at Rev'd M^r. Williamson; at Gisbro'; brought home my little Boy to spend a few days.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; Rev^d M^r. Williamson; his son Tho^s Pym & Rev^d Stoney of Jamaica, an old School Fellow of his, dined and spent the afternoon here, a fine Rain.

Whit-Sunday the Twenty Seventh; my Child William Ward and I rode to Kirk-Leatham Church, heard Divine Service & ret^d. to dinner.

Whit-Monday the Twenty Eighth; I am not very well; my little Boy (& Fawcet) went to

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Ayton he dined at M^r Wilson's, home at six.

Whit-Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; the day was rainy with a cold East Wind.

~~Thursday~~ Wednesday the Thirtyeth; William went to School (to Gisbro') after breakfast, see Friday last Fawcet returned before dinner with his Gallow^y.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day; being some what [*ill*] in the morning I rode to the River side & returned; but in the evening I was so sick that I went to bed about seven o'Clock.

JUNE 1787

Friday the First; I was so much better as to walk about; but my Asthma & Cough are troublesome night & day

Saturday the Second; about home.

Sunday the Third; I rode out about eleven o'Clo', and before I arrived at K.Leatham I met M^r Geo: Dodds coming from Boulby, to stay a day or two:- I am much better than I was.

Monday the Fourth; there being Races now at Stokesley; In expectation that M^r Baker might be there I send my Serv^t. there in the morning; who met M^r Dodds & I at Ayton by appointment; as M^r Baker is not at Stokesley M^r Dodds & I returned to Normanby (from Ayton) to a late dinner,

Tuesday the Fifth ; after dinner M^r Dodds and I rode to Capt. Brown's, after dinner; Ja^s. Appleton drank Tea & supt here.

Wednesday the Sixth; M^r Dodds returned to Boulby, by way of Gisbro', I accompanied him there and after sitting an hour, with my Boy at Rev^d M^r Williamson's came home to dinner, a thunder and hail storm towards evening.

Thursday the Seventh; about home.

Friday the Eighth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's.

Saturday the Ninth; a fine day, I walked into Cow howl in the afternoon

Sunday the Tenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, & came home about six o'Clock.

Monday the Eleventh; many large heat ^ Spots^ broke out on ~~my~~ ^ many^ parts of my Legs; at home ^all^ day.

Tuesday the Twelfth; As yesterday.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; I am better than yesterday, but a cold East ^wind^ prevented me

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from going out.

Thursday the Fourteenth; at & about home.

Friday the Fifteenth; an Eclipse of part of the Sun ~~came on~~ ^took place^ this afternoon after 4 o'Clo' and ended about half an hour after five.

Saturday the Sixteenth; my Sist^r. Est^r & Bro^r. Wilson breakfasted here on their way to see my Sist^r. & 3 Nieces Wilson at C^o Redcar; - they drank Tea on their return in the evening, I dined at Rev^d M^r. Williamson's at Gisbro', and bro^t home with me my Son, about 4 o'Clo'.

Sunday the Seventeenth; William and I mounted about seven o'Clo' rode to Ayton, after breakfasting there with my Sister Esther we three got into a Chaise I hired, dined at Borrowby, drank Tea & lay at Easingwold.

Monday the Eighteenth, my Son (William) my Sister & myself proceeded to York, at about one o'Clock, we were met there by my Daughter Mary Lewin, who was sent ^ by M^{rs} Myers^ with a Maid Serv^t. ~~by M^{rs} Myers~~, from Beverley this morning. M^{rs} Delia Place dined with us at the Inn, and soon after we all went to the Minster, to the Castle, & bought somewhat at sundry Shops: drank Tea, and supt & lay at Easingwold.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; my Children my Sister Esther & myself dined at Borrowby & arrived in the evening at her House at Ayton where I became so ill as to have M^r Deacon Apothecary of Stokesley to attend me in the night; by Vomiting & Bleeding I was relieved.

Wednesday the Twentieth; spent at Ayton with my Children, I am better; my Brother only is at home, his Wife & 3 Daughters being at Redcar ^since^ 13 inst.

Thursday the Twenty First; at my Sister's.

Friday the Twenty Second; in a Chaise I hired, my Children, my Sister Est^r & myself went to see old Ann Cornforth at her House at Stokesley, she was Nurse to my Children but has of late been in a state of very ill health, see Sat 14th last of this Book, & now shows signs of Insanity; we sat a little while with M^{rs} Preston; paid Lady Foulis a morning visit dined at Ayton & all of us came to Normanby in the evening.

Saturday the Twenty Third; at Normanby.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Brother Wilson came here on horseback, tho' not well my Sis^t. Est^r. my Children & he went to Redcar afterwards, my Sist^r. Wilson returned with them to M^r Wilson & her went home (to Ayton) in their own Coach.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; In a hired Chaise I had from Gisbro', my Sister Es^r & both my

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Children & myself went to her House at Ayton, stay'd there till past one, & then my Children & myself went to S^r W^m Foulis's where we dined (M^{rs} Jubb of York is there) on our return to my Sisters we found M^{rs} Benson (near Whitby) & Daughter Robson & Daughter Benson the latter being intended to be fixed at a boarding School at Stokesley; they lay at my Sister's, Ann Wilson of Ayton came to Normanby in the Chaise with me & my Children, having engaged her to sleep ^with^ & attend my little Girl this vacation.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; much Thunder, & a great deal of Rain fell before noon, my Children & I in a ^Gisbro^ Chaise called at M^r W^m Low's & went forward to Plantation where we dined at Gen^l Hale's home in the evening – see to morrow

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; at home, this evening about 9 o'Clo' dyed of an apoplexy M^{rs} Chaloners Serv^t. who ^has^ lived many Years with her Daughter Hale at Plantation & with whom I dined yesterday, she then told me she is 68 Y^{rs} old, & appeared to be in good Health and Spirits.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; my Child William, & I dined at my Sister Est^{rs}' at Ayton, M^r Preston of Stokesley drank Tea with us; home afterw^{ds}.

Saturday the Thirtyeth & last Day; William & I rode eastward of Wilton, on our return M^r Dodds overtook us, he dined & lay here.

JULY 1787

Sunday the First; my Child W^m. on his Galloway (Pompey) & Mary before Fawcet rode to Redcar, & with Ann Wilson stayed all night with M^r Wilson & his Family now there.

Monday the Second; William went to his School (Rev^d M^r. Williamson's Gisbro') after breakfast, see Sat 16th ult^o.; Mr Dodds rode there with him on his way home.

Tuesday the Third; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their Son William lately come from Bromley School ^in Kent^ near London by Sea, came before dinner & brought with them my Child Mary (see last Sunday) they all proceeded to Ayton after dinner.

Wednesday the Fourth; at home having my Hay down, mowed last Saturday - until the evening when I rode to Ayton, lay at my Sist^r. Esther's.

Thursday the Fifth; my Sister Wilson went with my little Girl & to pay a morning visit to M^{rs}

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Marwood at Busby, dined at my Sister ^Es'^

Friday the Sixth; my Sister Wilson went with my Child (Mary) & I to pay a morning visit to M^{rs} Cary at Leven Grove, dined at Sist^r. Es', Tea at M^r ^Wilson's^

Saturday the Seventh: I spent an hour at M^r Preston's office at Stokesley & dined at home.

Sunday the Eighth; a fine day at home.

Monday the Ninth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & their son William dined here on their road ^home^ from Redcar; M^r Geo. Brown of Stockton also dined here.

Tuesday the Tenth; I attended the Quarter Sessions held this day at Gisbro', sixteen Justices of the Peace composed the Bench; viz? L^d Fauconberg, Hon'ble Gen^l Carey, S^r Tho^s Dundas, M^r Chaloner, M^r. Marwood, M^r. Pullein, M^r Bell, my Bro^r. Wilson, M^r. Yeoman, M^r.

Mathews Junr., M^r Hays, M^r Hy Clark (who took the Oaths to qualify) Rev^d M^r Zouch, M^r Dealtry, Rev^d M^r. Williamson & myself; I came home before nine.

Wednesday the ~~Twelfth~~ Eleventh; I am far from well, my Sister Wilson & her three Daughters on their way home from Redcar (where they have been a Month) dined with me.

Thursday the Twelfth; at home bad ^Hay^ weather.

Friday the Thirteenth; as yesterday.

Saturday the Fourteenth; My Sister Est^r. & my Child Mary Lewin came before dinner.

Sunday the Fifteenth; my Sister Esther road from hence behind her Servant Will^m. to Yarm after dinner, my Cousin Martha Reed being very much indisposed.

Monday the Sixteenth; my Brother & Sist^r Wilson, their Daughter Rachel, and Son W^m dined here with M^r & M^{rs} Marwood & her Mother (M^{rs} Goulton) so did Rev^d M^r Dealtry of Wiggington near York, a Justice of the Peace of this Riding, now bathing with his Wife at Coatham; they all left me about six o'Clo', and about nine o'Clock my Sist^r Est^r returned from Yarm see yesterday, our Cousⁿ Reed being better.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; I sent for my child William Ward to Gisbro' before dinner - my Child M. Lewin, & Sist^r. Est^r with me.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; my Sister Est^r, my two Children & myself went in Post Chaise to Stockton, there dined & drank Tea at M^r Brown's being met by my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, their Daughter Hannah & Son William, Miss June Welbank & her Sister Mary were also there; we, who left Normanby in the morning ret^d in the evening.

Thursday the Nineteenth; my Son and I rode to Rev^d Greside's of Marton before dinner.

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Friday the Twentyeth; William and I rode to Capt. Brown's (at my Forest House) before dinner; Rev^d M^r Grenside dined & spend the afternoon here.

Saturday the Twenty First; my Sist^r. Esther and my Children went to Ayton; Mary is to spend a few days with her Friends there & then proceed to her (M^{rs} Myers') School at Beverley, see the 18th June last; I am not very well.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I dined at Bro^r. Wilson's & lay at my Sist^r. Est^{rs} wth my Children.

Monday the Twenty Third; I spent the day with my Children & Friends at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; between Nine and Ten O'Clo' this morning my dear Child Mary, with Sister Esther & Niece Rachel left Ayton in a Post-Chaise (my Serv. Jn^o. Fawcet on horseback) to go to Easingwold tonight, & meet M^{rs} Myers at York tomorrow, & from there my Sister & Niece will return to Easingwold on their way home: my Child William & I came home after dining at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; my Servant John Pierson (Jn^o Fawcet being at York wth my Child Mary &^c.) went to Rev^d Williamson's with my child William; ^see 17th inst.^ much Rain fell after dinner.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; much Rain all last night & today, a great deal of Hay is on the Ground, some has been mown upw^{ds}. of a Month; a great Crop, but a worse Season is not remembered.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I sent for my Child William to Rev^d M^r Williamson's (see last Thursday) who is going to York ^next^ Monday, M^r Dodds dined & lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; M^r Dodds went from hence after breakfast to Elemore.

Monday the Thirtyeth; William and I rode out before dinner, M^r John Telford of York came here on the evening & lay here.

Tuesday the Thirty First & last Day M^r Telford went away early.

AUGUST 1787

Wednesday the First: about home.

Thursday the Second; my Son William & I dined at Ayton, & there I left him to stay a couple

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of Days, I ret^d in evening.

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

Saturday the Fourth; I dined at Ayton; and returned home on the Evening wth W^m see 1st inst.

Sunday the Fifth; at home.

Monday the Sixth; my Son W^m & I made a morning Visit at Plantation (Gen^l Hale's) I dined at the Inn at Gisbro', W^m at Rev^d M^r. Williamson's with whom I left the Child; on my return home I found M^r G Dodds from Elemore, see 29th ult^o.

Tuesday the Seventh; after breakfast M^r Dodds & I rode to my Forest House near which viz. in the Fleet lay the Sloop Lively having on board some Gravel for my Gardens, we went on board her & stayed above an hour, the Vessel is now kept on Ground there; after M^r Dodds had dined at my House he went home, to Boulby.

Wednesday the Eighth; I went to Stockton did business dined at the Inn, home by five.

Thursday the Ninth; about home, my Nef^w. W^m Wilson drank Tea with me.

Friday the Tenth; my Sist^r Wilson her Son W^m. and Daughters Han^a & Est^r dined with me & went to Coatham; my Sist. & W^m drank Tea with me on their return, the 2 latter stay there.

Saturday the Eleventh; I rode to the Sloop which is yet neap'd¹² in the Brook near Cargo - Fleet; M^r Rudd, & his two Sons (Bart^w and Thom^s) dined & drank Tea with me.

Sunday the Twelfth; at home all day.

Monday the Thirteenth; after diner I rode to Ayton, drank Tea at my Sist^r. Est^{rs} with my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson, their Daughter Ra^l & Son W^m.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; kept at home all day by rain; which fell in great quantities.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; at home.

Thursday the Sixteenth; about home.

Friday the Seventeenth; a most dreadful day of Rain & Wind from South-West; much Hay is now on the Ground, & much Meadow yet to ^be^ mowed.

Saturday the Eighteenth; In the afternoon my Bro^r. & Sist^r Wilson their Daughter & Son W^m drank Tea with me ~~on their~~ ^as did ^ M^r & M^{rs} Hardy & Miss Cock their visitor on their way from Coatham where they dined.

Sunday the Nineteenth; about home.

¹² i.e. left aground after a high tide

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Monday the Twentyeth; I walked to Ormsby after breakfast; M^r & M^{rs} Hardy ^ & Miss Cock of London^ friends of Bro^r. Wilson, who with Sister Wilson, & Niece Rachel, all dined with me, and returned in Rain to Ayton - see last Saturday.

Tuesday the Twenty First; my Serv^t. John Pierson & I valued the ^great^ Tithes below this House see July 28th 1786 in this Book -walked out after dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; I dined at Mr Brown's at Stockton, a very high Wind from S^o.W^t.

Thursday the Twenty Third; at home.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at my Sist^r Est^{rs} ^at Ayton^ my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & I drank Tea wth. her.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; at home; much Rain fell all day with high Wind from the East.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; æ my Nep^w W^m Wilson called here about Nine o'Clo' on his road to Coatham where he dined with his Sisters Hannah & Est^r. now there; he drank Tea with me on his return, and I took leave of him, he intending to set out for Manchester Academy next Wednesday.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to see my nieces (see Sunday) at Coatham dined with them at the Inn there, & home in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I rode to Ayton after breakfast from thence went in a Stokesley with my Sist^r. Esther to dine at M^r Marwood's at Busby, the Company were Bro^r. Wilson his Wife, Daughter Rachel & Son W^m M^{rs} Mauleverer & her two unmarried Daughters staying at Busby, ^old^ M^{rs} Goulton, M^{rs} Constable & two of her Daughters; also an old Lady M^{rs} ^ Grimsby^ I lay at my Sister Esther's at Ayton.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; I rode to M^r Preston's at Stokesley with whom I spent an hour, in which time came into his House M^r Peirson Jun^r. who was 19 Y^{rs} old the 3rd of last Month; his Father's now ^in^ France. I dined at home.

Friday the Thirty First, & last Day; ab^t. home.

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Saturday the First; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson their Daughter Rachel & my Sister Esther met

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M^r & M^{rs} Sutton here before dinner, they all returned after Tea to their respective ^ homes^.
Sunday the Second; my Sister Esther dined with me on her road to my Nieces ^Hann^a & Est^a Wilson at Coatham.

Monday the Third; after dinner I spent three hours at Gisbro', my Child W^m & I drank Tea at Danby.

Tuesday the Fourth; M^r Preston of Stokesley dined & drank Tea here with M^r Peirson Jun^r.
(Son of Ja^s. Brads. Peirson Esq. of Stokesley but who has been upw^{ds} of seven years in Flanders, France & .^ with his Wife & Family^ on an economical Plan) and a M^r Roch Attorney of Grays-Inn London.

Wednesday the ~~Sixth~~ Fifth; I rode to Rev^d Grenside's ^ of Marton^ - a morning Visit.- we have for many days (~~upw^{ds} of a Week~~) had ^a^ thick Atmosphere, so that the Sun has seldom shone, no Rain falls- some hazy, but calm.

Thursday the Sixth; I attended at the Black Lion in Stockton, a meeting of the Comissioners of the Turnpike - road from Catharick Bridge to Durham by the way of Yarm ~~and~~ Stockton & Sedgfield; a new Act being intended to be applyed for; I dined at M^r Sutton's, and came home soon after.

Friday the Seventh; at home.

Saturday the Eighth; M^r Dodds came before dinner and stayed all night.

Sunday the Ninth; M^r Dodds continued here.

Monday the Tenth; Rev^d M^r Grenside dined here, ^ he went away & ^ soon after M^r Dodd also returned to Boulby, I rode with him to K. Leatham.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I paid a morning Visit to M^{rs} Constable & her two Daughters of Beverley now Bathing at Redcar, and I dined with my Sister Esther, & Nieces Hannah and Esther Wilson who are bathing at Coatham; Capt. Sutton being there also, and returning in a Post Chaise to Stockton this evening I stept into it with him and he spent half an hour with me.

Wednesday the Twelfth; Stockton Races begin today; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's.

Thursday the Thirteenth; at home.

Friday the Fourteenth; Gen^l. Hale^l breakfasted with me on his way home from Stockton Races.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I walked to Ormsby with Letters for the Postman and Newsman.

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Sunday the Sixteenth; about home all day.

Monday the Seventeenth; Rev^d M^r Theakston Rector of Hurworth dined with me, & proceeded to Coatham, where his Wife & Sister &^c. are.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I dined at Ayton & in the evening came M^r. Edw^d. Lewin, to stay for a few weeks.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; M^r Geo: Brown & his Son Edw^d. came before dinner; so did M^r Reed of Hurworth, the two former returned to Stockton in the evening; the latter lay here.

Thursday the Twentieth; M^r Reed rode to Coatham & returned to dinner; M^r Lewin & I called on my little Boy at Rev^d M^r Williamson's at Gisbro' & on proceeding to Plantation we met Gen^l Hale & M^{rs} Hale & several of their young Folk going to Gisbro'-Fair, we returned there with them, & came home before dinner; M^r Reed lay here again.

Friday the Twenty First; M^r ~~Lewin~~ and Reed went home to Hurworth - a very high Wind.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I had a Chaise from ~~Stockton~~ Stokesley, M^r Lewin & I went to Ayton in it, I left him there & proceeded to Stokesley after doing business here with M^r.

Matthews & M^r. Preston I returned to Ayton, & was there met by my little Boy from Gisbro' we all dined & spent the evening at my Bro^r. Wilson's, & lay in my Sister Est^{rs}' House at Ayton, she herself being at Coatham with my Niece Est^r Wilson: M^r & M^{rs} Askew & two ^ of his ^ Nieces ^ also M^{rs} Mauleverer & her two unmarried Daughters are also on a visit for a few days at M^r Wilson's; Lady Foulis & her Sons S^r William & M^r. Jn^o Foulis dined there.

Sunday the Twenty Third; Edw^d Lewin walk'd to Normanby, my Child W^m & myself rode down after being at Ayton Church - dined at two.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; Mr Pet^r. Merry (L^d. Mulgrave's Agent) spent two hours waiting the arrival here of M^r Askew (for whom he does business in this Neighbourhood) who arrived here about seven o'Clo' with M^{rs} Askew & ~~his~~ two ^ of his ^ Nieces (Miss Askew & Miss Eliz^a) also my Bro^r. & Sist^r Wilson & their twin Daughters.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; M^{rs} Askew, her two Nieces & ^my^ Sist^r. Wilson went (in M^{rs} A's Coach) to see my Sist^r. & Niece Est^r at Coatham, called to ^see^ S^r Cha^s. Turner's House and the Hospital at K. Leatham, and came to Normanby to a 4 o'Clock dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; spent at ^&^ about home.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; M^r & M^{rs} Askew & their Nieces left me at Ten on their return home to Redheugh; my Bro^r. & Sist^r Wilson & twin Daughters soon after went home also.

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Friday the Twenty Eighth; I went with my Son & his Uncle M^r Edw^d Lewin to pay a morning visit to Gen^l & M^{rs} Cary whose Grandson S^r. John Russell, about 11 Years old, is now a visitor there with his Guardian Rev^d Greenhill; we dined at Stokesley Inn, & drank Tea at Ayton on our return home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth, after dinner my Son & his Uncle Edw^d Lewin rode to see my Sist^r Est^r & Niece Est^r. at Coatham.

Sunday the Thirtyeth & last Day; we ^all^ went rode towards K.Leatham before we got there we met M^r Dodds, home before dinner.