

OCTOBER 1787

Monday the First; Fawcitt went with my child William W^d. to Rev^d. Williamson's at Gisbro' before dinner, he came from thence the 22^d ult^o. on a visit; M^r. Edw^d Lewin walked to Ayton, and as M^r. Dodds & I were at Dinner at two o'Clock, came M^r. Baker, ~~we sat~~ soon after we began to examine M^r. Dodds' accounts of Rects & Disbursements for Boulby Allum Works, & so continued till supper. –

Tuesday the Second; we continued to examine the accounts as yesterday, & very soon after dinner went through & allowed the same; M^r Baker went home to Elesmore at 4.

Wednesday the Third; Gen^l. Hale spent an hour with me in the morning; and after *after* dinner I set Mr. Dodds to Gisbro' on his road home – I got home about six o'Clock.

Thursday the Fourth; at and about home. –

Friday the Fifth, I dined at Ayton –

Saturday the Sixth; I walked to Ormsby before dinner.

Sunday the Seventh; at home.-

Monday the Eighth; at & ab^t home.

Tuesday the Ninth; Rev^d. William & his Wife and their children Judith & Thom: Pym – also Miss Williamson, M^{rs} Delia Place, & my Child William Ward dined & drank Tea here.- a ^Town^ Highway meeting, I did not attend.

Wednesday the Tenth; much Rain fell all day,

Thursday the Eleventh; at home –

Friday the Twelfth: as yesterday –

Saturday the Thirteenth; I spent an hour with M^r. Preston in his office at Stokesley I also sat a little with my Bro^r Wilson & M^r Marwood while they were on Justice Business in that Town; I dined at Ayton, my cousin Matty Reed & old Mrs. Stonehouse being on ^a^ visit there, they went ^home, to Yarm^ after dinner. I did not reach my home before the close of the evening, & there found W^m. Yarker a Chaise Driver of W. Burnet's of the King's Head Inn- Darlington who brought me a Letter from my Br^o-in Law Edw^d. Lewin, (now upw^{ds} of 19 Yr's old) desiring some assistance in Money, he having fallen short thereof on his return from M^r. Askew's at Redheugh where he went to from Ayton last Saturday, & was expected to return there as last Wednesday-; he walked from Redheugh at 11 o'Clo' on Thursday evening, & so arrived at the above Inn on Friday afternoon about 4 o'Clock.

Sunday the Fourteenth; M^r. Edward Lewin arrived at my House at 4 o'Clo' P.M. in Post Chaise ^see yesterday^.

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Monday the Fifteenth; I sent M^r.Lewin to Gen^l. Hale's to stay a few days at Plantation; I walked to Eston after dinner, Ja^s Appleton & John Jackson sat with me till seven o'Clo'.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; In the evening M^r.Lewin came home (by way of Ayton) ^part of^ the Family at Plantation having left home this morning on Visits into the County of Durham.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; M^r.Lewin spent the day with me & on

Thursday the Eighteenth; he (M^r.Lewin) left Normanby, ~~he~~ and ^we^ dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's & supt at my Sister Esther's:-we lay at Ayton.

Friday the Nineteenth, my Sist^r ^& Servant^ William went to North Allerton (in a single horse Chaise of my hiring) with M^r. Edw^d Lewin, who set out from thence on his return to London, having ^arrived^ on a visit to his Friends in the North, the 18th ult^o I dined at Normanby.

Saturday the Twentyeth; at home.--

Sunday the Twenty First - ^ I rode before dinner on Barnaby Moor^.

Monday the Twenty Second; I rec'd of Eston & Normanby Inhabitants Rent of their small Tithes.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; I rode to Ayton after breakfast, I returned to a late Dinner. – M^r.Smith ^of London^ & M^r. Rudd called & stay a quarter of an hour.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I went to Stockton; dined at the Inn there, & much Rain falling soon after I came home in Post Chaise.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at M^r. Rudd's at Marsk, his Bro^r.-in Law M^r Smith being there; Rev^d.Langstaff dined there.—

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Capt. Brown's & from thence walked to the Warehouse at Cargo Fleet – home before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; - I dined at Rev^d M^r Williamson's at Gisbro' - my Child William Ward – now with him being nine years old this day; M^r Dodds & M^r Napper (S^{nr} Tho^s Dundas' Agent of his All^m works at Lofthouse) being at the Inn at Gisbro' & as I had never seen M^r. Napper I sat ^half^ an hour with them, & then M^r.Dodds came with me to Normanby & lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; M^r.Dodds left me after breakfast to return (by way of Gisbro) to Boulby; rain all this Day as yesterday.

Tuesday the Thirtieth M^r.Rudd & his Bro^r.-in Law M^r Smith of London dined with me – they returned to Marsk –

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Wednesday the Thirty first, & last Day:- I went to Ayton early, & from thence to Boulby, when I paid a morning visit to M^r. & M^{rs}. Marwood & her Mother M^{rs}. Goulton who set out next Monday for their Winter Residence at Beverley, I dined at the Inn at Stokesley & home.

NOVEMBER 1787

Thursday, November, the First ; at home.

Friday the Second; Rev^d. M^r. Harrison of K:Leatham dined & drank Tea with me.

Saturday the Third; at home a cold day.

Sunday the Fourth; a very stormy day.

Monday the Fifth; I rode to Stokesley did business there with M^r. Preston & dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, Miss Jane Welbank & her Sist^r. Mary there.

Tuesday the Sixth; a very cold day.

Wednesday the Seventh; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, their three Daughters, & Visitors Miss Jane & Miss Mary Welbank & my Sister Esther, breakfasted with me & stayed till past one; then returned.

Thursday the Eighth; at home, the day being very stormy, Wind at S. with much Rain; it has been observed that the present Year, more especially the Autumn had been very unpleasant, for tho' we have not had many high Winds, we have had dreadfull falls of Rain and just now, Oats which were cut ^in several fields^ in this Town-ship five weeks since, are not yet got homes-

Friday the Ninth; more Rain; at home

Saturday the Tenth; Apoth^r. Brown sat an hour ^with me after dinner^.

Sunday the Eleventh; my Bro^r. Jackson's Letter arrived informing me that his eldest Daughter ^(^Mary)^ died ^at ab^t. 12 o'Clo aftnoon of^ the 7th inst. at my Bro^r. in Law's Jeff^y Jackson's at Woodford Bridg; she first married Gen^t. Matthews with whom she went to East India; He being cruelly tortured to death by Tippoo Sahib, against whom he comãded the East India Company's Army, while she was at Goa, a Portugues Settlement; from whence she went to Bombay, & soon after was married to M^r. Church, one of the Council there; after a stay of ^ab^t^ two years they embarked on board one of the Company's Ships for ~~London~~ ^England^, but he dyed ^suddenly^ on the passage; she arrived in England some Months ^since^ with Child, of which she was delivered a few weeks before her death; I think she was about 38 Y^{rs}. old, leaving no Child. –

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Monday the Twelfth; being a fair day at Gisbro' I went there on Business after eating an early dinner at home, & sat an hour with my Child William Ward at Rev^d. Williamson's

Tuesday the Thirteenth; at five o'Clock this afternoon my Sister Est^r. Jackson was thrown from behind her Servant William both riding up M^r.Wilson's road from the Town – street to his House, she was immediately carried into ^Bro^r. Wilson's^ House, & M^r Deason, Surgeon of Stokesley soon procured who reduced her left shoulder joint, which had been dislocated by her fall.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; at home.

Thursday the Fifteenth, also at home, cold ^rainy weather^.

Friday the Sixteenth; I rode up the Flat's Lane a little way & afterwards to my Tenant Brown's at the Forest, home to dine.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I went to see my Sister Est^r. at Ayton, who is as well as I expected to find her, see Tuesday last (the 13th inst.) her Face was much bruised by the fall; she yet lives at my Brother Wilson's. I dined there; had showers of Sleet on my return.

Sunday the Eighteenth; at home.

Monday the Nineteenth; at home, cold weather.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; I went to Ayton, dined with my Bro^r. Wilson, his Daughter Esther, & my Sister Esther who is much better, see 13th & 17th inst:- my Sister Wilson & her two eldest Daughters were gone to dine at M^{rs}.Welbank's at Stockton. –

Wednesday the Twenty First; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Second; a cold day.

Friday the Twenty Third; I rode to Gisbro' and returned to a late Dinner; (ab^t. two o'Clo').

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I rode to Stokesley, did business & from thence to Ayton, found my Sist^r. Esther so well as to walk to her own House, ^ see 20th inst.^, tho' she yet continues at M^r. Wilson's – where I dined, & home, found M^r.Geo.Dodds from Boulby.—

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; M^r.Dodds with me.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; a very severe frost has now comenced; M^r.Dodds stayed all day.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; M^r.Dodds went home to Boulby after breakfast; a hard Frost.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; a very unusual hard Frost, with thick Atmosphere, & ^Trees covered wth hoar-frost.^

Thursday the Ninth; the Hoar-frost continues.

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Friday the Thirtyeth & last Day; the Frost continues very severe, no Wind, but the Air Tho' thick is excessive cold; My Servant Jn^o Fawcet set out for Ayton this evening on his Journey to Beverley, with Ann Wilson of Ayton to morrow morn'g to bring from M^{rs}. Myers' School my little Girl.

DECEMBER 1787

December, Saturday the First; at home.

Sunday the Second; Benjamin Reynolds (Master of the Sloop Fox now at Cargo-Fleet) & my Tenants Cap^t. Brown & Ja^s Appleton dined with me.

Monday the Third; I dined at Ayton.

Tuesday the Fourth; I rode to the side of the River & saw the Sloop Fox haul from the Granery at Cargo Fleet; loaded with Corn Etc. by Nick: Richardson & his Nep^w. Philip Hestleton for London; dined at home & walked to Step. Wrightson's afternoon.-

Wednesday the Fifth; I rode to Ayton & there found my dear Child Mary Lewin had arrived well from Beverley last night, see last Friday;- I found my Bro^r. Wilson very ill having been siezed by a trembling about 3 o'Clock this morning, which continuing several hours occasioned my Sister Wilson to send to Stockton for Doct^r. Jackson who was with M^r. Wilson when I arrived, so was M^r. Deason the Surgeon of Stokesley; M^r. Wilson having had a sore on his right leg of two or three weeks (attended by M^r. Deason) the above Gentlemen expressed their apprehensions of danger in a few days; - I dined & came home.

Thursday the Sixth; my Child Mary Lewin arrived well this day before dinner; see 4th ins^t.

Friday the Seventh; I dined at Ayton & returned, having found my Bro^r. Wilson much relieved by D^r. Jackson's Medicines.-

Saturday the Eighth; I rode to a little field near Eston, and with my Servant John Peirson & my Labourer W^m. Appleby set out the Hedg to inclose the three quarters of an Acre of Glebe-Land, (mentioned in the A. B^p of York's Lease to me of the small Tythes of Easton and Normanby) from the little Field (Eastw^d. of the Cott-Lands) belonging to Lady Hewlys Trustees with which it now lays undivided; I also road into my Field The Toft & c^r. before dinner.

Sunday the Ninth; at home, a rainy day.

Monday the Tenth; at home, more Rain.

Tuesday the Eleventh; at home with my little Girl.

Wednesday the Twelfth; walk'd out today.

Thursday the Thirteenth; walked again today.

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Friday the Fourteenth; I went in the Stokesley Chaise to meet Gen^l. Cary at the black ^Swan^ at Stokesley to take from the Constables in the West Division of Langbaugh Wapentake Lists of the several Inhabitants in their Constablieries liable to serve in the Militia; S^{ir} W^m Foulis, Bart^m. dined with us & declared his intention to act next Spring in the Comission of the Peace: I called on my Bro^r. Wilson in the morning, & found him ^tho'^ in Bed, much better than he was last Friday: a great deal of Rain fell in the Course of this day; home at Six.

Saturday the Fifteenth; confined at home by a severe cold: I sent my child Mary (with Ann Wilson) to stay a little ^while^ with her Friends at Ayton.

Sunday the Sixteenth; bad in a Cold; at noon M^r. Dodds came from Boulby, & lay here.

Monday the Seventeenth; M^r. Dodds left me at day-break, going by Gisbro' on his way home.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; at home, a rainy day.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; not well all day.

Thursday the Twentieth; confined at home partly by indisposition but perhaps more so by the excessive Rainy Weather; for the last three Months we have seldom had more than two days together without ^rain^ oftner but one day; and of the whole Month of December it has been observ'd that not one Twenty four hours in it has been free from Rain, or Hail; so that ~~much~~ ^almost all^ of the Wheat of last Harvest is unsound, and many of the last Summers Fallows are not yet sown with Wheat.

Friday the Twenty First; I sent Fawcet ^to Gisbro'^ for my Child William Ward, with whom he arrived before dinner; the weather very cold.-

Saturday the Twenty Second; at home wth. William.

Sunday the Twenty Third; an exceeding cold day, a high East Wind with ~~much~~ ^showers^ of Snow –

Monday the Twenty Fourth; worse than yesterday.

Christmas Day, Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; at home with William, the weather being very bad.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; we had a very unusual Gale of Wind last night from the N.E. with some Rain, & there being some Snow on the Ground, have together occasioned a great swell in the Rivulets in This Neighbourhood;- nevertheless, my little Girl, her Aunt Esther and my twin Niece's Wilson came down in M^r. Wilson's Coach before dinner, to stay two days.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; a fine day.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I rode out with my Child W^m. before dinner; my Nep^w. W^m. Wilson dined with us & returned, he is come from Manchester Academy for a fortnight.-

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Saturday the Twenty Ninth; my Mary, my Sister Est^f. & Nieces in the Coach returned to Ayton after dinner, & my Child W^m. rode there on his Poney (Pompey) before they set out M^f. Dodds came to spend a few days with me.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Monday the Thirty First & last day; M^f. Dodds & I rode to Ayton spent an hour at both Houses there, & dined at home after two.

JANUARY 1788

January, Tuesday the First; M^f. Dodds and I spent the day at home.

Wednesday the Second; M^f. Dodds left me after breakfast, & soon after a ^heavy^ rain commenced.

Thursday the Third; at home.-

Friday the Fourth; my Son W^m. & Nep^w Wilson dined here and returned to Ayton.

Saturday the Fifth; I spent half an hour with M^f. Preston at his office in Stokesley, dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton, and arrived at home with my Child William before dark-

Sunday the Sixth; at home, ^M^f. Dodds came before din^f.

Monday the Seventh; my Sister Esther and my Child Mary came from Ayton before dinner:- M^f. Dodds spent the day here.-

Tuesday ^the^ Eighth; M^f. Dodds left us aft^f. breakfast.

Wednesday the Ninth; at home, much Rain.

Thursday the Tenth; my Child W^m. & I rode out an hour before dinner –

Friday the Eleventh; at home –

Saturday the Twelfth;-a hard frost-

Sunday the Thirteenth; a very cold day.

Monday the Fourteenth; a severe Frost –

Tuesday the Fifteenth; as yesterday.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; Rev^d. M^f. Grenside dined here, a very fine day.-

Thursday the Seventeenth – fine weather.

Friday the Eighteenth; a very bad day.

Saturday the Nineteenth; very cold Wind, however, Fawcet went with William to see M^f. Williamson at Gisbro', who is ill of the Gout, Pyon returned with them before dinner.

Sunday the Twentieth; all at home.

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Monday the Twenty First; Pyon Williamson went away after breakfast William & I set him to the top of Ormsby-hill.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I had a Chaise from Stokesley; after breakfast I went in it to Ayton, & along with me went my Sister Esther & ^my Child^ Mary who came here the 7th inst. My Son William rode there on his Poney, I left them all there I came home to a late dinner, being disappointed at not meeting a M^r Grieve wth his agent M^r.Davison of Newcastle, accompanied by M^r.Massingale of York to look at my Brother Wilson's House & Estate at Ayton with a view to purchase the same, but are prevented by M^r.Grieve's indisposition, at York.-

Wednesday the Twenty Third. at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I sent Fawcet to Ayton for my Child William who ret^d. before dinner; see Tuesday last.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; William & I riding out on this side Ormsby met some Hounds which so disturbed his Poney (Pompey) that we returned.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; William & I rode to ask Revd. M^r. Harrison of K.Leatham how he did; having had the Gout lately – dined at home.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; William & I rode to Ayton, and returned before dinner –

Monday the Twenty Eighth; after breakfast I sent Fawcet with William to Gisbro' to remain at M^r.Williamson's; ^he came home 21st ins^t^ he has been at home a fortnight longer than his usual Vacation, M^r. W^mson having had a severe attack of the Gout.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I rode out two hours before dinner the day being fine.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; I spent an hour with Mr. Sutton & M^r. Ord at their Justice meeting at Stockton, I dined at the Inn; home before dark.

Thursday the Thirty First & last day.- I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton – we have had fine weather ten days.-

FEBRUARY 1788

February Friday the First. walked about my Gardens, Fields, &^c.-

Saturday the Second;- a very cold day.-

Sunday the Third; Apoth^y. Brown of K.Leath^m. dined here.

Monday the Fourth; I rec'd last Martinmas Rents of my Normanby & some other Tenants.

Tuesday the Fifth; at home.

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Wednesday the Sixth; I went to Stockton did business at the Tees Bank &^c; home to a late dinner.

Thursday the Seventh; I dined at Ayton; W^m. Wilson of Berwick, Geo: Hammond, Ja^s Appleton & John Jackson supt & spent the evening with me.

Friday the Eighth; Rev^d. M^r. Harrison of Kirk-Leatham, & Capt. Motley ^of the Marines^ dined & lay here.-

Saturday the Ninth; Apoth^y. Brown of K. Leatham & dined here with the above two Gentlemen; I lent M^r. Harrison a horse to ride on home with M^r. Brown in the evening the weather being bad; but Capt. Motley lay here all night.-

Sunday the Tenth; Capt. Motley walked home to his Bro^r. in Law M^r. Brown after breakfast.-

Monday the Eleventh; Snow fell most of the day.

Tuesday the Twelfth; much Rain before noon.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; at home.

Thursday the Fourteenth, warm Showers.

Friday the Fifteenth; I dined at Rev^d. M^r. Williamson's at Gisbro'

Saturday the Sixteenth; M^r. Dodds came from Boulby hither before dinner, & lay here.

Sunday the Seventeenth; M^r. Dodds stayed all day.

Monday the Eighteenth; M^r. Dodds returned to Boulby, I went with him to Gisbro' spent half an hour there with Rev^d. Williamson, and another half hour at Gen^l. Hale's, Plantation; home to a late Dinner.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; Snow fell mildly all day long.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; Having had a mild thaw all last night the snow has disappeared, I rode to the top of Ormsby hill in hope of meeting M^r. Preston, but on my return before One I found him at Normanby; by appointm^t. to stay all night.-

Thursday the Twenty First; M^r. Preston left me after breakfast; much Rain all day.

Friday the Twenty Second; Rain all day.

Saturday the Twenty Third; anoth^r. Rainy day wthout restrain:

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; Rain all day.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; some Snow fell last night, this day too afforded some Rain.-

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; the morning being fine I rode to Ayton, dined with my little Girl Mary, at my Sister Esther's, home in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I walked in the Gardens &^c. before dinner.-

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Thursday the Twenty Eighth; I rode to Gisbro' & there, very unexpectedly, found my dear Boy very much indisposed, I stayed with him till past One, did business with M^r. Danby & Mr. Rudd & home to a very late dinner – after three o'Clo'. -

Friday the Twenty Ninth & last Day; I sent John Peirson to enquire how my little Boy did at Gisbro' – he returned with a good Acc^t. of him. ^I rode out a little before dinner^

MARCH 1788

Saturday the First; walked out.

Sunday the Second; cold East Wind, with Rain.

Monday the Third; at home, a cold day.-

Tuesday the Fourth; I rode a little way but as the air was very cold I soon returned.

Wednesday the Fifth; about home, tho' a fine day.

Thursday the Sixth; this day was ushered in by a very violent Gale from the North with Snow; the even'g was mild.

Friday the Seventh; a very severe Frost

Saturday the Eighth; also at home, tho' the Air is clear & frosty but ^it is^ too cold for me to move in.

Sunday the Ninth; the air cold tho' clear, and the Ground is lightly covered with Snow.-

Monday the Tenth; Apothecary Brown of K.Leatham dined with me.- hard Frost.-

Tuesday the Eleventh; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, came home in the even'g.

Wednesday the Twelfth; the Frost continues.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I am not very well today, the cold is great but the Frost not intense.

Friday the Fourteenth; the Air is milder.

Saturday the Fifteenth;- cold Air abroad.-

Sunday the Sixteenth; a high Wind from the South East blows very cold, too cold by far for me.

Monday the Seventeenth; The air so cold and dry that I can scarce breath; M^r. Geo. James of W^t.Auckland, & M^r. Fairless of B^p.Auckland, Attorney came here towards evening.-

Tuesday the Eighteenth; M^r. James & M^r. Fairless spent the day here.—I am not well.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; M^r. James & M^r. Fairless went away after dinner.—

Thursday the Twentyeth; Much Rain fell this morning, but fair weather appearing about noon. I sent Fawcet to Gisbro' for my Son to spend a few days at home this Easter.

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Good Friday the Twenty First; William and I rode a few Miles Eastward & ret^d. before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Second; William & I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton.-

Easter Sunday the Twenty Third; at home.

Easter Monday the Twenty Fourth; William walked a Grey-hound coursing with the Servants; & I rode to Kirk-Leatham, both home at dinner.-

Easter Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; my little Man William & I dined at my Sister Est^{rs}. at Ayton with his Sister Mary & Miss Benson we spent an hour afterwards at my Bro^r. Wilson's Lady Foulis & her two Sons (S^r.W^m. & M^r. Jn^o. Foulis) dined there, Miss Robson also was there: home at 6.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I went with William to Rev^d. Williamson's at Gisbro' who we met on the road about two miles this side Gisbro' - I dined & left him there; ^&^ after spending two hours with M^r.Rudd, came home.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, had Rain all the way home.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; I spent the forenoon with Surv^r.of K.Leatham & several of his most respectable Neighbours viewing the Highways there, when I ordered the Surveyor, W^m.Robinson to ~~lay~~ relay the Causeway all the length of Bartons (viz. the straight Lane westward of the Hospital) which he pulled up last week – I came home to a late dinner.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; at home.

Monday the Twenty First & last Day; at home.

APRIL 1788

Tuesday, April, the First; my Sister Est^r., Sister Wilson, my Child Mary & Miss Benson in a Post Chaise (hired by me) & Miss Robson & my Nep^w.William on single horses came before dinner & ret^d. after Tea.

Wednesday the Second; at home.-

Thursday the Third; an extraordinary high South West Wind-

Friday the Fourth – almost all night a high Wind blew from the N.W. which Northward during the Day, was very high & Snow Showers fell – the Air exceeding cold.

Saturday the Fifth; M^r. Dodds came before dinner.

Sunday the Sixth; M^r. Dodds spent the day here.

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Monday the Seventh; M^r. Dodds rode out with me Westward of Ormsby before dinner, and after he drank Tea-about 5 o'Clo' he left me to go home.

Tuesday the Eighth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, & sat a little while with Lady Foulis who drinks Tea at my Sist^r. Esther's.

Wednesday the Ninth; I dined at the black Lyon, Stockton with Rev^d. W. Place of Green Hamsmerton on his road to Hartlepool, & M^r. Tho^s. Witham of Cliff who lives near Gainforth in City of Durham;-

Thursday the Tenth; I spent at home on Justice Business; Rev^d. Grenside dined with me.

Friday the Eleventh; I sat an hour with Gen^l. Hale & his Family at Plantation, saw the little Boy M^{rs}. Hale was delivered of a few weeks since, & was Christened last Monday by the Nam^e of Vicesimus¹ being their twentyeth Child; dined at M^r. Rudd's at Gisbro' – sat half an hour with my Son at Rev^d. M^r. Williamson's home after seven.-

Saturday the Twelfth; M^r. Sutton of Stockton dined with me.-

Sunday the Thirteenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, ^went to that Church afternoon^, home by seven.-

Monday the Fourteenth at home.-

Tuesday the Fifteenth; after I had dined Gen^l. Hale's Servant came to inform that his Master & two of his Sons (Rich^d. & Geo.) wou^d call soon, they did so on their road from M^r. Burdon's at Hardwick's they eat some Eggs & Bacon, A Mutton Chop Etc and left me to go home about six o'Clock.-

Wednesday the Sixteenth; walked about near home.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I went to Ayton before dinner & there met by appointment my Son William from Gisbro', we spent the day at my Bro^r. Wilson's; and lay at my Sister Esther's.-

Friday the Eighteenth; My Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson set out from their own House at ten o'Clock with their Son William – 16Y^{rs} old the 6th of last March (as of my Diary, 6th Mar. 1772.), they hope to reach London next Sunday; & within a few days after, William is to be bound apprentice to Mess^{rs}. Sunderland Russia – Merchants of London, but the youth is to be in their counting House at Petersburg in Russia, & to embark on board one of their ships in the Thames, which is to sail the 26th or 28th inst. my Child William & I came home before dinner, leaving my Child Mary & Miss Robson, with my three Nieces at Ayton; my Sist^r. Est^r is at home.

Saturday the Nineteenth; William & I rode to Rev^d. M^r. Grenside's of Marton after breakfast; and after dinner we rode to the River side; the day was very fine.

¹ Vicesimus = 'twentieth' in Latin.

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Sunday the Twentyeth; not being well myself I sent William (with Fawcet) to Ayton he returned in the evening.

Monday the Twenty First; William to M^r.Williamson's at Gisbro', I set him on the road a little way. –

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I met M^r.Sutton at Stokesley (no other West Division Justices' being at home now) to swear the Parochial officers to make a due return of the several Parliamentary Taxes on the 15th May next, also signed and allowed the Poor Bills &c. I came home late, in Chaise.-

Wednesday the Twenty Third; at home.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; I dined with my Nieces Wilson at Ayton -.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; my 3 Nieces Wilson, my Child Mary, Sister Esther, & Miss Robson dined & drank Tea here.-

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, I break-fasted at Ayton, dined at M^r. Preston's at Stokesley.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I to Kirk-Leatham and returned before dinner.-

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I spent the forenoon with my little Boy at Gisbro' - it being a fair day there; home to a late dinner.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I dined at M^r. Sutton's ^at Stockton^ by appointment, sat half an hour after at old M^{rs}.Welbank's—

MAY 1788

Thursday the First; I dined with my Nieces at Ayton, their Father & Mo^r yet in London

Friday the Second; my Sist^r. Est^r. my Child Mary, 3 Nieces Wilson & Miss Robson dined and drank Tea here.

Saturday the Third; at home – very poorly.

Sunday the Fourth – at home – not yet well.

Monday the Fifth; my Sist^r. Est^r. & my Daughter came here in a Chaise I hired at Stokesley. I went with them to M^{rs}. Welbank's at ~~Stokesley~~ Stockton & there dined with my 3 Nieces Wilson & Miss Robson, M^r. Geo:Brown was there also – after drinking Tea my Sist^r., Miss Robson, my Child & myself called at M^r. Sutton's, & with M^{rs}.Sutton I left my little Girl to spend a few days;- I got out of the Chaise at Ormsby,(walked home) leaving my Sister & Miss Robson to proceed in the Chaise to Ayton.

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Tuesday the Sixth; I attended Ja^s. Eston paving a new Causeway down the low Hall Pasture; & rode to the Forest after dinner.

Wednesday the Seventh; as yesterday individually.

Thursday the Eighth; I rode to Ayton and returned before dinner – also walked out after dinner.

Friday the Ninth; I made a slight dinner at twelve, intending to dine at Gen^l. Hale's; but on my reaching Gisbro' much Rain fell & appeared, therefore after sitting two hours at Rev^d. M^r. Williamson's I returned home & my little Man accompanied me for two or three days.

Saturday the Tenth; Fawcet went with my Child William to spend the day at Ayton. M^r. Dodds came here in the afternoon.

Whit-Sunday the Eleventh; M^r. Dodds, my Child Will^m & myself rode to the River before dinner.

Monday the Twelfth; M^r. Dodds went home; and William & I went to Stockton and there dined & drank Tea with his Sister at M^r. Sutton's – see last Monday.-

Tuesday the Thirteenth; after dinner William and I rode to Ayton, spent two hours, and home before eight.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Fawcet went to Gisbro' with my little Man (see last Friday) & I went to Stockton dined at M^r. Sutton's, & I bro^t. home (in Chaise) my little Girl, see 5th & 12th inst.

Thursday the Fifteenth; I attended Gen^l. Cary to receive returns of the Window Taxes &^c. from the Township Assessors:- at home between 8 & 9.-

Friday the Sixteenth; at home with my little Girl – who is in good health & spirits.

Saturday the Seventeenth; I paid Rev^d. M^r. Grenside a morning Visit – walked into the Fields with my little ^Girl^ after dinner.-

Sunday the Eighteenth – at home.

Monday the Nineteenth; I walked out after breakfast, on my return I found my Cousin Martha Reed from Yarm, who stayed all night, as did my Sister Est^r. who came from Ayton with my three Nieces Wilson & Miss Benson, the four last returned to Ayton.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; My Cousin Reed went away after Tea in the afternoon; my Sist^r. Esther & my Mary continue with me.

Wednesday the Twenty First; at home with my Sister & my Child.-

Thursday the Twenty Second; my Sist^r. Est^r. my Child & Ann Wilson went to Ayton (in the Chaise from Stokesley) ^I went on horse back^; they stay'd there all night, I dined & returned in the evening.

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Friday the Twenty Third; I walked through my Cow-howl Woods in the evening.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I rode out an hour or two before dinner: we have had a drought of near a month (save a few hours Rain on the 9th inst.) which visibly affects the Pastures, & Spring Seed Grain, high Winds, mostly W.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; M^r. Dodds. Jun^r. came in the morning, & going away soon after dinner; I went to Ayton, found my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson ^had^ returned from London yesterday even'g.(see 18th Ult^o) I came home at nine.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; I sent Fawcet to Gisbro' to conduct my Child W^m. from thence to Ayton, there to take leave of my Niece Wilson, who it is expected will be married to morrow – Fawcet & the Boy came home; for account of the Marr^a. see next Saturday.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; my little Boy at home with me.-

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; my Boy William rode to K.Leatham and returned alone on which I was much displeased with him; I met M^r. Mathews by appointment at Newham-bridg – we directed the several Surveyors of Newham Acklam & Hemlington, as to the repair thereof; ^after which^ M^r.Mathews dined with me & proceeded to Staithes. for my Niece Wilson's Marr^a on this day see 31st inst.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; at home the day being rainy; The severe drought we have long had gave way yesterday evening to fine showers which have been much wanted.

Friday the Thirtieth; fine showers fell on this day also; my young Man however rode out ^at times^ Mr. Peirson our Acc^o.Agent In London & Mr. Dodds came before dinner & lay here.

Saturday the Thirty First & last Day; Mr.Peirson went away (on his return to London) before I got up in the morning; M^r. Dodds did not go to Boulby till near Twelve, before which he & I eat some cold Beef; William and I went to Ayton, & dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, and there I was told that on Tuesday evening last Dr. W^m. Blackburne M.D. of Spring Gardens near Charing Cross London came to Ayton, accompanied by his Brother Tho^s. Blackburne; they lay at M.Wilson's and on the ~~next~~ morning said ^D^r^Blackburne was married (by his Brother) in Ayton Church (now without a Steeple) to my Niece Hannah Wilson the eldest & twin Daughter of my, said Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson. She was 30 Y^{rs}.old the 2nd of last May, see my Journal (N.B. See Journal letter J. on Jan'ry 24th 1787 & Jan'ry 25th WWJ.²); they spent that Day (Wednesday) and Night at Ayton, & set off for London on Thursday morning. my Child W^m.& I came home in the even'g.

² William Ward Jackson, Ralph Jackson's son.

JUNE 1788

Sunday June the First; William & I rode to the River before dinner & walked in the Eve'g.

Monday the Second: William & I left Normanby after 12 o'Clo' went thro' K.Leatham and dined at Gen^l. Hale's, on my way home. I left William at Rev'd. Williamson's- See 26th Ult^o.

Tuesday the Third; John rode with me through Rob^t.Young's Farm at Eston & also W^m. Sunlay's to let those Farmer's their small Tithes.

Wednesday the Fourth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, Niece Est^r. (her Sist^r.Rachel left at home) my Sist^r. Est^r. & my Child Mary dined & drank Tea here.

Thursday the Fifth; ^I spent an hour wth William before dinner on the subject of my Son's going to Rugby School soon.

Friday the Sixth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's with M^r. & Miss Brown & Miss Johnson. —

Saturday the Seventh; at home.-

Sunday the Eighth; at home, drougty weather.

Monday the Ninth; I rode out before dinner; Rev^d. Grenside dined with me; Mr. Pullein of Carlton sat half an hour with me going to Marsk.

Tuesday the Tenth; M^r. Rudd of Marsk dined & drank Tea with me.-

Wednesday the Eleventh; I dined at Capt. Sutton's at Stockton who was married a few months since to Bunting of that place. M^r. & M^{rs} (Geo:) Sutton dined there also.-

Thursday the Twelfth; I dined at my Bro^r.Wilson's at Ayton.—

Friday the Thirteenth; I called on M^r. & M^{rs}. Chaloner at Gisbro' they having returned lately from near a twelve Month's absence to Weymoth. Et^c. their eldest Daughter having been thought to be in danger of a Consumption last year. Gen^l.Hale coming into the Room soon after I got there invited me to go with him to hear Rev^d. Jn^o.Westley preach which he did in a yard near M^r. Harrison's House, he preached extempory half an hour, an excellent and affecting Discourse from the latter part of the 3rd.Verse of the 5th Chapt^r. of S^t.John's first Epistle."His Commandments are not grievous"; M^r. Rudd was with us & with him & Mr.Preston of Stokesley (this being Gisbro' Market day) I dined ^on beef Stakes^ at the Sign of the Cock, the first time since that House was kept by Rich^d. Pulman Jun^r. late Ser^t. to Mr.Chaloner. ^after seeing my Son William^ I came home about six.

Saturday the Fourteenth; at home.

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Sunday the Fifteenth; after dinner I walked with my Servant ^Jn^o.Peirson^ into the Young wood called David ^Bank^; we have now a sever drought, no Rain having fallen since Friday the 30th Ult^o. & have since then had continual East Winds sometimes ^blowing^ briskly – and a clear Sky – no ^Rain^ fell before the 28th Ult^o. of a long time.

Monday the Sixteenth; I dined at M^r. Brown's at Stockton with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, my two Niece Wilsons, & my Daughter (Mary); Capt. Johnson of Norton & his Sister ^& Misses Jane & Mary Welbank^ were also there.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; I rode to Marton & there by appointment met M^r. Preston of Stokesley & Mr.Rudd of Marsk We all dined at my House & they left at six – a hot day.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; at home.

Thursday the Nineteenth; about midnight we had some Lightning & Thunder, ^with^ Rain which continued to fall all the forenoon, & most of the afternoon at intervals; M^r. Brown of Stockton and his Daughter dined & drank Tea here, so did my Brother & Sister Wilson their Daughter Est^r – my Sister Esther & my little Girl.-

Friday the Twentyeth; a cold gloomy day but very little Rain fell.-

Saturday the Twenty First; I walked to Ormsby after dinner; the east Wind made the Air cold.

Sunday the Twenty Second; my two Nieces Wilson & my own little Girl dined here on their way to Redcar (to M^r. Tapler's) Niece Est^r. to bathe.

Monday the Twenty Third; fine Showers of Rain.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I spent two hours at Ayton, eat a little dinner at my Sister Esther's –

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at the Inn at Stockton & spent two hours at Mr. Lumley's with his Sons (Benj^m. ab^t.14 & Tho^s. ab^t 13Y^{rs} old) returned from Rugby School in Warwickshire, for the Vacation, & with them & Mark Ord,(ab^t.15Y^{rs} old) third Son of M^r. Ord of Sands. I propose sending my own Son W^m.(9Y^{rs} & 8 Mo^s old) at the recommencement of the School in last week of July.-

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; Apoth^r. Brown of Kirk Leatham dined with me; we have much Rain.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at the Lodgings (M^r. Templar's) of my Niece Wilson's & Daughter at Redcar, see last Sunday, a Miss Knowsley ^of Thirsk^ is also at the same House; I had a great deal of Rain on my return home about 7 o'Clo'

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; much Rain fell today also.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

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Monday the Thirtyeth & last day.- I dined at my Bro. Wilson's at Ayton, & drank Tea at my Sister Esther's, house last night.

JULY 1788

Tuesday the First; Capt. Motley (Bro.in'Law of Apoth.^y Brown of K.Leatham) dined with me.

Wednesday the Second, M^r.Danby of Gisbro' dined with me, a fine day.-

Thursday the Third; after dinner Fawcet went with me to Gisbro', I brought home my Son William, intending that he shall in about a fortnight go to Rugby School in Warwickshire, he has been with Rev^d. M^r. Williamson ever since the 13th May 1785; he is now in 5th Book of Caesar's Commentaries

Friday the Fourth: Gen^l. & M^{rs}. Cary & Miss Williamson dined here with Mary Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & Sist^r. Esther.

Saturday the Fifth; William & I spent an hour with my Child Mary & her Cousins Wilson & Miss Knowsley at Redcar, & their joined by M^r.Dodds came home before dinner.

Sunday the Sixth; M^r. Dodds William & I rode to the Forest & returned before dinner:

Monday the Seventh; M^r. Dodds left us before dinner; & William & I rode to Ayton dined & drank Tea at Ayton; Rich^d. Hessleton & Wife, & Isaac Martin & his Wife drank Tea there.

Tuesday the Eighth; at & about home.

Wednesday the Ninth; I went to Stockton William with me, we dined at the Inn with my Cousin M^r. Fr^a.Reed of Hureworth, & M^r. Baker who we unexpectedly met there. D^r.Milne late of Stokesley now of Newcastle lay here.

Thursday the Tenth; William & I rode to Redcar with D^r. Milne of Newcastle intending to dine at home but a heavy rain falling soon after we got there, we all dined & spent the afternoon with my Nieces my Mary, & Mifs Knowsley. D^r. Milne went to Gisbro', W^m. & I came home.

Friday the Eleventh; William & I drank Tea at Rev^d. M^r. Williamson at Gisbro'.-

Saturday the Twelfth; after dinner William & I went to Ayton, found M^r. & M^{rs}. Marwood at my Bro^r. Wilson's, home before Nine.

Sunday the Thirteenth; my Child Mary Nieces Wilson & Mifs Knowsley (see the 22^d. & 27th.inst) dined here on their way from Redcar to Ayton.

Monday the Fourteenth.- William & I rode to Rev^d. Grenside at Marton, his Son of London was there; dined & spent the afternoon at home.

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Tuesday the Fifteenth; William went with me to Ayton I left him there & proceeded to Stokesley where I dined – the Quarter Sessions for this North Riding of Yorkshire being held there, the Justices on the Bench were M^r. Chaloner M^r. Marwood, my Bro^r. Wilson, M^r. Sutton, Rev^d. M^r. Williamson & myself,- M^r. Sutton came to Normanby with me in the Chaise by way of Ayton where we took in my Son William.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I was not well last night & this morning, nevertheless I rode with William in this afternoon to Rob^t. Young's Etc.—

Thursday the Seventeenth; a Showery day, however William & I drank Tea at Ayton, got home before nine o'Clo'.

Friday the Eighteenth; Rev^d. M^r. Williamson, & Son Pym, Rev^d. M^r. Grenside & Son John (of London, Corn-Merch^t.) & Rev^d. M^r. Grice dined here.

Saturday the Nineteenth; much Rain fell about noon attended with Thunder & Lightning, at about 5o'Cl^k, in the afternoon came Mark & Benjⁿ Ord (16,&15.Y^{rs} of Age) Sons of Ra'.Ord Esq^r. of Sands near Sedgfield,& Benj^a (aged 14) Son M^r.Lumley of Stockton to stay with William a day or two.

Sunday the Twentieth; Masters Ord & Lumley rode out with William before dinner and we all walked out after Tea.-

Monday the Twenty First; Masters Ord & Lumley left us after breakfast; & ^soon^ after Will^m. & I went to Ayton dined there with Mary at my Sister Esther's, where ^we^ also drank Tea with Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & their Daughters Rachel & Est^r.- William & I then rode home.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; William & I rode to Lackenby before dinner; M^r. Mathews of Stokesley drank Tea with us, & we rode with him two miles on his return home.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; I attended my Hay-Field; William went to Ayton after dinner & returned; while he was absent Master Harry Pullein & Master Tho^s.Rudd drank Tea here.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; Will^m & I drank Tea at M^r. Rudd's at Marsk – Mast^r. Pullein there.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; William & I dined & drank Tea at M^r.Lumley's at Stockton.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; William & I dined & drank Tea at Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton.-

Monday the Twenty Eighth; William & I dined at the black Lyon, Stockton, with M^r. Ord (of Sands) & his Sons Mark & Benj^a. and M^r. Lumley (of Stockton) & his Sons Benj^a. & Thomas; Mark Ord hath now left Rugby School his Brother Benj^a. & the two Lumleys return there next Sunday; & my Child ^William^ will set out for that School next Tuesday; M^r.Pearson

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Cl^k of the Peace for Durham sat an hour with us;- on my return home I found M^r. John Telford of York, who lay here.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; M^r. Telford went away early; and ^in the evening^ came my Sister Est^r. & my Nieces Rachel & Est^r. Wilson ^& my Child Mary^ to stay a few days, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson having gone yesterday to pay a visit to M^r. Smith of Sunderland-wick near Driffield-to return on Thursday –

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; M^r. Brown of Stockton and his two Daughters dined & drank Tea with us.

Thursday the Thirty-First & last Day; all of us at home all the day.-

AUGUST 1788

Friday the First; In the evening my Stst^r.Est^r. Nieces Wilson & my Child Mary returned to Ayton having been here since last Tuesday.

Saturday the Second I went with William to take leave of the Gen^l. Hale's Family at Plantation, (with whom Gen^l. Barnard Hale's Lady is a Visitor) M^r. Chaloner's Family at Gisbro', and dined at Rev^d. M^r.Williamson's (at Gisbro') home before seven.

Sunday the Third; I dined at my Bro^r.Wilson's at Ayton with my Son W^m.Ward; before our return home from thence in the evening I took leave of my dear Child Mary Lewin, ^(unknown to her)^ now 8Yrs & 8Mths old who will set out from Ayton next Tuesday morning for Woodford Bridg, from whence my Sister Dorothy will in a day or two after her arrival, carry her to Queen Square London, and there enter her at the School of M^{rs}. Carlisle & M^{rs}.Este, she was taken from Beverley School Friday the 30th Nov. last & has been in Cleveland, mostly at Ayton, ever since: on W^m & me arriving at home found M^r. Dodds of Boulby.

Monday the Fourth; at four this afternoon I took leave of my dear Child William Ward (both sorrowful) now 9 Y^{rs} and 9M^{ths} old); He goes to Ayton tonight, and from thence tomorrow morning (with his Sist^r. see yesterday) accompanied by my Servant John Fawcet & Ann (Wife of ^W^m.^ Wilson of Ayton) to D^r.James' School at Rugby in Warwickshire, (where are now 210 Scholars) distant from hence 170. Miles, the Servants ^& Ann Wilson^ proceed with Mary to Woodford bridg, see yesterday, he came from ^Rev^d.^ M^r.Williamson's 3^d ult^o:- I rec^d of my Tenants their last Lady day Rents; M^r. Dodds stayed here all day, & in the evening came M^r. Baker from Hambleton, to look into & settle Boulby Acc^{ts}.

Tuesday the Fifth; M^r. Baker (my Partner) & I examined M^r. Dodds', our Chief Agent of Boulby Allum Works, Year's Accounts ending 31st May last.

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Wednesday the Sixth; after M^r. Baker & I ~~had~~ allowed the Accounts, see yesterday, he left me with M^r. Dodds who spent the day with me.

Thursday the Seventh; M^r. Dodds went to Boulby after breakfast; - & after dinner I went to Ayton, spent two hours with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. & returned.

Friday the Eighth; Rev^d. Grenside dined with me.

Saturday the Ninth; I dined at the Inn at Stockton after paying sundry Tradesmen's Bills at that place, ^according to my^ half year's custom.

Sunday the Tenth; at home all day.-

Monday the Eleventh; I sat half an hour at Ja^s Appleton's in the afternoon;- about home the rest of the day.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton, my Brother Wilson & his Family dined at M^r. Chalonsers.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; before dinner I took John with me thro' the Farms in the Township north of my House, to value the Corn-Tithe thereof.-

Thursday the Fourteenth; at home;

Friday the Fifteenth; after an early dinner I rode to Gisbro', spent an hour with M^r. Preston (Att^y. of Stokesley) at his Chamber in Gisbro', being Market day. after I ^came home, soon arrived^ my Servant Fawcet from Rugby & London, see Monday the 4th inst., he left W^m. my dear Son, at the former place Thursday the 7th. & Mary my dear Daughter in Queen Square Monday the 11th inst. – my Sist^r. Dor^y. Jackson having then delivered her into the Charge of M^{rs}. Carlisle & M^{rs}. Este at their School-; he & Ann Wilson left London Wednesday the 13th.-

Saturday the Sixteenth; at home.

Sunday the Seventeenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton – home in the evening.

Monday the Eighteenth; M^r. Dodds dined with me on his road from Boulby to see his Mother at Birkenside west of Durham, and also to buy Kelp upon the Durham [?].

Tuesday the Nineteenth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their two Daughters, & my Sist^r. Esther dined & drank Tea here -.

Wednesday the Twentieth; I walked most of the forenoon near my House, a fine Air.

Thursday the Twenty First; at home. –

Friday the Twenty Second; a little after two o'Clo' my Brother in Law Cap^t. Rich^d. Lewin arrived with his Lady (now with child) in a single horse Chaise ^without a Servant^ . They (live at Eltham, but) left London on Wednes^d. 13th. inst. and on the evening of the 15th arrived at Rugby, where my little Man was lately entered at School,(see 4th inst.) They slept there.

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Saturday the Twenty Third; my Sist^r. Est^r. & Niece of that name dined with us, my Niece left us soon after.-

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; my Sister Est^r. went with Mr.Lewin & his Lady in her Chaise dined & returned; not being well I did not go.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; my Bro^r.& Sist^r.Wilson & their Daughters with them (Rachel & Est^r.) dined and drank Tea here, & returned in The Even'g.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; Cap^t.Lewin John & I rode to the Forest, had Greyh^{ds}. but did ^not^ see a Hare.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; I went with Cap^t. Lewin in his single horse Chaise to Gisbro' drank a bason of Tea there at M^r.Chaloner's (M^r. & M^{rs}.Welbraham there) we came home before dinner, Gen^l. & M^{rs}. Hale being at Scarbro'; Cap^t.L. had a Letter by this Post of his Bro^r. T. Lewin & Lady with their two Children being arrived off Dover in the Queen Indian as from Madrass without any previous ^notice^ thereof to any body –

Friday the Twenty Ninth; Cap^t.Lewin & I went in his Chaise to Stockton, returned before dinner.

Saturday the Thirtyeth; Cap^t.& M^{rs}. Lewin & my Sist^r. Est^r. in his Chaise and myself on horse back went to Ayton; after dinner I returned home, leave the above at Ayton.-

Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; M^r.Chaloner came here before dinner to return M^r. Lewin's visit of last Thursday;- Cap^t. Lewin came here in The Even^g.

SEPTEMBER 1788

Monday the First; Cap^t. Lewin & John went a Partridg' shooting to Upsil, shot 4 brace in all, a Hare & Couple of Rabits, home before dinner.

Tuesday the Second; I went to Ayton with Cap^t.Lewin in his Chaise ^before dinner^ He & his Wife & my Sist^r. Est^r. returned hither in it towards evening.-

Wednesday the Third; M^r. Lewin went a shooting with John before dinner. ^Gen^l. Hale breakfasted with us^. Mr & Mrs & Mifs Wilsons dined with us.-

Thursday the Fourth; at home.-

Friday the Fifth; M^{rs}. Hale & her Daugh^{tr}. Frances spent two hours here before dinner; M^r. Lewin went a shooting – unusual fine weather.

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Saturday the Sixth; Cap^t. Lewin went a shooting below the House (the first time there). I walked to Ormsby before dinner; and again in the evening with Mr. Lewin returning by Sir Jn^o Pennyman's House & the foot-way, late.

Sunday the Seventh; M^r. Chaloner here an hour before dinner[^]. My Sist. & M^{rs}. Lewin in M^{rs}. Hale's Chaise (which she sent on purpose) and M^r. Lewin & I in his single horse Chaise went to Plantation,³ dined & returned in the evening. [^]in a hired Post Chaise[^].

Monday the Eighth; M^r. Lewin went a shooting, and about one o'Clo' he & I in his Chaise and my Sist. Est^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin in the Gisbro' Chaise went to Gisbro' – dined there, at M^r. Chaloner's on venison, by invitation, home by eight o'Clo'.

Tuesday the Ninth; M^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin & my Sist^r. Est^r. in his single horse Chaise went to Ayton before dinner to stay two or three days.

Wednesday the Tenth; I dined at M^r. Wilson's at Ayton with M^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin.

Thursday the Eleventh; I called on M^r. Preston at Stokesley, stayed half an hour & then proceeded to Gen^l. Cary's (Leven Grove)⁴ with whom I dined by appointment: his Lady has been ill, is now better. M^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin came from Ayton this evening.-[^]

Friday the Twelfth: M^r. Lewin went a shooting in the morning; and after dinner he & M^{rs}. Lewin went in his Chaise to Plantation (for 3 days).

Saturday the Thirteenth. I walked to Ormsby before dinner

Sunday the Fourteenth: My two Nieces Wilson dined here on their way to bathe at Redcar.-

Monday the Fifteenth; I rode to Stockton & there rec'd a Lett^e from Rev^d. W.W.Sleath of Rugby informing of little Boys good health, he had not been well- see S^d Letter dat^d. inst. I came home to Dinner. M^r. Preston drank Tea & lay all night here.-[^]

Tuesday the Sixteenth; M^r. Preston went away after breakfast; M^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin came from Plantation (see 12th inst.) and my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson & Sister Est^r. came from Ayton before dinner; M^r. & M^{rs}. Wilson returned in the even'g.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; M^r. Lewin went a shooting after breakfast, came home before two o'Clo'. only [^]a few minutes before[^] M^r. & M^{rs}. Yeoman [^]of Whitby went away[^], they came here to see him & his Lady about eleven o'Clo'; Gen^l. & M^{rs}. Hale, their Daughter Emily, & Sons Rich^d. & Geo. and my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson dined & drank Tea here.

Thursday the Eighteenth; after dinner My Bro^r. in Law [^]Cap^t. [^]Rich^d. Lewin & his Wife (Late Miss Hendrina Van-Der-Pol at the Cape of Good Hope) left my House where they arrived

³ The house at Tocketts, near Guisborough, where the Hale family lived.

⁴ Now Skutterskelfe Hall, near Stokesley.

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on Friday the 22^d. of last Month,- they slept at Ayton this night, & proceed Southward to morrow morning in their single horse Chaise his Bro^r. Tho^s. Lewin & Lady (late Miss Hale) having ^arrived^ at old M^r. Lewin's (half way-Street Kent) about a fortnight since from his Government of Cuddalore in the vicinity of Madrass in East India where the sailed argo in March 1784; for they dined with me on the 12th Febr^y. that year,& a few days after went to London, see my Journal in Diary Lett^r. S, intending to leave England soon after. they have 2 Childⁿ. alive, she miscarry'^d once & is now near laying in, my Sist^r. Est^r. went with M^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin to Ayton—

Friday the Nineteenth; at & about home.

Saturday the Twentyeth; much Rain, M^r. Dodds came before dinner, stay'd all night.-

Sunday the Twenty First. M^r. Dodds stay'd all day & night: Several Showers.

Monday the Twenty Second; so much rain fell all day that M^r. Dodds did not leave me.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; M^r. Dodds went away after breakfast; my Nieces Wilson dined with me on their way from Redcar to Ayton, see Sunday 4th. inst.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, called on my Sist^r. Est^r.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I rode to the Forest (Cap^t. Brown's) & thence walked to Cargo Fleet⁵ where I saw moored at the Quay. The Sloop Fox, W^m. Wilson, ^ (his Wife on board).^ which came from Staithes last Tide; got home to a late dinner.-

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I rode to Gisbro' and returned about two o'Clock-

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I spent half an hour with my Friends at Ayton & proceeded to Stokesley where I dined at M^r. Preston's, home at five.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; at home.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; not very well at home

Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; at home.

OCTOBER 1788

Wednesday the First; I rode to Stockton, & there went into a Post Chaise with my Servant (Jn^o. Fawcet;) dined at Durham,& half past five arrived at M^r. Askew's at Redheugh near Newcastle; & there found my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & their Daughter Rachel who had arrived there yesterday evening.—

⁵ A port near the mouth of the Tees.

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Thursday the Second; M^r. Askew took me in his Chaise after breakfast & showed me All-Saints-Church now rebuilding; also St. Nicholas Church which has undergone very material alterations within a few years past, & on our return to Dinner spent a little time in the In-firmary, D^r. Miln dined at Mr. Askews by invitation.

Friday the Third; immediately after breakfast I stepped into a Post Chaise intending to pay a morning visit to old M^{rs}. Baker at Tinmouth, but I had not gone more than half way before I met her in her own Chaise which I stopt, & getting into it returned with her to Newcastle; she proceeded to Gen^l. Lambton's at Hanaton in the County of Durham; I went to the Town's House & rec^d. of M^r. Lanc^t. Marshall there, my Fine Money for from 1781.to 1787 both inclusive –viz - £5 13s.2¼d; returned to dine at Redheugh, M^r. Carr Jun^r. & his Sister of Dunston Bank with their Friends M^r. Chaloner of Bp-Auckland, & Miss Greg of London all dined at M^r. Askew's; my Sist^r. Wilson not well.

Saturday the Fourth; after breakfast I left Redheugh, changed Chaise at Durham and reached Elemore about 12 o'Clo' found M^r. & M^{rs}. Baker, & their first child a Daughter very well, she is about half a year old; I eat a cold dinner left them at three; changed Chaise at Stockton, & got home a little after eight.-

Sunday the Fifth; I went to Eston Chapel my parochial place of Worship and rec'd the Sacrament before dinner:-

Monday the Sixth; rain fell all the day.

Tuesday the Seventh; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton sat a little while at my Sist^r. Esther's & home before six o'Clo'.-

Wednesday the Eighth; I rode to Marton before dinner, & there spent half an hour with Rev^d. Grenside.

Thursday the Ninth; I spent half an hour with M^r. Preston at Stokesley, & continued my ride to Gen^l. Cary's (at Leven Grove) with whom, & his Lady (who is just recovered from a very dangerous illness) I dined; found Mr. Jere^h. Strickland of York & his Daughter there; my Sist^r. Esther, & my Brother & Sister Wilson & their two Daughter's ^dined^ there; I sent Fawcet home with my Horses & had the Stokesley Chaise home when I arrived at seven.

Friday the Tenth; Rev^d. Grenside dined with me. ^I, as one of the Surveyors of the Highways attended a Town's Meeting.-^

Saturday the Eleventh; M^r. Bart^w. Rudd of Marsk & his Son of that name dined with me; soon after came M^r. Geo: James late of West Auckland now of Lumley Park near Chester-le-Street, & M^r. Fairless of Bp.Auckland on business, they lay here.-

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Sunday the Twelfth; M^r. Preston came here before dinner, & after Tea he went home, having settled with M^r. Fairless the mode by which my Executorship in late M^r. Jn^o. James's Will is to be soon finished.

Monday the Thirteenth; M^r. James & M^r. Fairless left me after breakfast; I spent the day at home.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I dined at Ayton my Bro^r. Wilson was at a Meeting of Justices at Stokesley.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I rode to the Forest & from thence walked to Cargo Fleet went on board Fox Sloop, her Master was gone to Stockton, I dined at home.

Thursday the Sixteenth; as Surveyor of the Highways within this Township I attended the Annual Meeting of Justices of the Peace at Gisbro' Jⁿ. Tho^s. Dundas & M^r. Chaloner were the acting Justices. I dined at home; S^t. Wrighton the other Survey^r. with me.

Friday the Seventeenth; I dined at M^r. Brown's at Stockton, his Son Geo: ^from London^ & M^r. Row^d. Webster ^were^ there.

Saturday the Eighteenth; at home all day.

Sunday the Nineteenth; I rode to Wilton & returned before dinner; tho' the Air was cold.

Monday the Twentyeth; at home.-

Tuesday the Twenty First; I dined at my Sister Esther's at Ayton; had a high Wind on my return.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; I rec^d. of the Inhabitants of Eston & Normanby their small Tithes.

Thursday the Twenty Third: M^r. Geo: Brown Jun^r. (of London) & M^r. Webster breakfasted with me at Nine, & immediately after went a shooting (my Servant Jn^o. Peirson with them) They returned before three & were met here by M^r. Geo: Brown Sen^r. of Stockton; the latter & M^r. Webster went away before six, but the younger Brown lay here.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; M^r. Brown went a shooting after breakfast, walking homeward to his Father's at Stockton, I road to Gisbro', home by dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I met M^r. Dodds a mile on this side Marsk, spending a quarter of an hour on the road with M^r. Rudd;- M^r. D.- & I dined here.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I rode with M^r. Dodds to Jn^o. Wier's at Marton before dinner; & after we rode to my Farm at the Forest, & from thence with Cap^t. Brown walked to Cargo Fleet, home before five.

Monday the Twenty seventh; M^r. Dodds went home (to Boulby) I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's.-

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Tuesday the Twenty eighth; I paid a morning visit to Jⁿ. Tho^s. Dundas at Upleatham spent an hour with him ^among his Workmen^ in a Wood near the House; I then paid a visit to Gen^l. Hale, whose eldest Son John from Gibraltar, & next Son. Henry from East India arrived at Plantation within a few days past; I dined at home at two o'Clo'. - ^Mrs. Noble of Marsk died^

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; I attended a Meeting at Stockton of the Comiss^{rs} of the Bridg^e there, and the Comiss^{rs} of the Turnpike Road to Durham &^c. dined at ^the^ Inn.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; I spent an hour in settling a dispute between Tho^s. Lamb, & Geo: Jackson ^ab^t. a Pond^ at Lackenby came home before dinner; & in the afternoon walked out much in fine weather.

Friday the Thirty First & last Day: after breakfast M^r. Sutton called on me with whom I rode to Coatham Town end & there left him, M^{rs}. Sutton her Mother & three Sisters Horsefall being there bathing; I dined at home & soon after rode to Captⁿ. Brown's my Tenant at the Forest, who walked with me to Cargo Fleet & to that Wharf assisted to Moor the Sloop Violet –

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Saturday the First; at home.

Sunday the Second; Captⁿ. Brown (see above) & old Rob^t. Jackson Master of the Violet dined with me.

Monday the Third; at home; a high Wind from S.W.

Tuesday the Fourth; before dinner I rode to Rev^d. Grensides' of Marton; the Air cold.-

Wednesday the Fifth; - I rode to the Forest before dinner: In the evening a Whin-Fire was made on the top of Eston Beacon, the Township People of Eston & Lackenby joining there at, in commemoration of the Centenary of King William the 3rd. Landing at Torbay – to wit in 1688.- a very fine evening.

Thursday the Sixth; I rode to Ayton & there got into a Post Chaise with my Sister Esther, we dined at M^r. Marwood's with Captⁿ. Wayne ^&^ Miss Metcalfe and Miss Walker both of N^o. Allerton:- I left my Sister at Ayton & came home in the Chaise at seven o'Clo' –

Friday the Seventh; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, Miss Williamson their Visitor, & my Sist^r. Est^r. dined with me.

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

Sunday the Ninth; M^r. Dodds & I rode to the Forest and while there the Fox-Sloop arrived at ^my^ Batt^{end} [?] from London, she sailed out of the Tees with Oats & Lead 3 weeks ago, viz: 20th Ult^o. she now has 25 Tons of Nor^{ff}leet [?] Gravel on board for me: dined at home.

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Monday the Tenth; I rode to near Wilton with M^r. Dodds on his road home: I dined early & then rode to the Forest, spent two hours on board the Fox while ~~the~~ some Men were delivering her of the Gravel, see yesterday 25 Cart loads were bro^t. to my House today.—

Tuesday the Eleventh; Geo: Dodds Junr. came here on business from Boulby dined and returned: Rev.^d Grenside also dined here, & soon after I rode to the Forest & walked to the Fox sloop at Cargo Fleet, home ^a little^ after five o'Clo'.

Wednesday the Twelfth; at home all day.

Thursday the Thirteenth; at home not very well.

Friday the Fourteenth; I attended M^r. Peirson at the black Swan at Stokesley (with M^r. Preston & his assistant M^r. Spedding) to settle the Acco^t. between us respecting Upsal Estate, made some progress therein, dined at the Inn, & came home in Chaise, calling at Ayton on my return.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I went to Stokesley again on the same errand as yesterday. M^r. Peirson & I settled our Acco^t. to this time, dined together at the Inn, spent two hours at M^r. Prestons, & I came home in the Chaise—

Sunday the Sixteenth; at home.

Monday the Seventeenth; at home—

Tuesday the Eighteenth; I went to the Sale of Clem^t. Robinson's Stock of Cattle Corn &^c. des-trained upon his Bro^r. Jn^o. for Rent paid to me in consequence of a Bond given ^by said Clement^ to said John; stayed half an hour; a very fine day.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton – another fine day.

Thursday the Twentyeth; at & about home.

Friday the Twenty first; as yesterday.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I walked in the Fields &^c. near the House, the day being very fine.

Sunday the Twenty Third; at home.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I paid a morn-ing visit to my Bro^r. in Law – Tho^s. Lewin & his Lady who arrived at Gen^l. Hale's (Plantation) three days since from old M^r. Lewin's at half-way Street near Eltham, Kent, where they arrived about two Months since from his Government of Cudalore: within the Settlement of Fort St.George – alias Madrass in East India, where she had two children , a Girl & a Boy, & about six weeks since she had her third Child – a Boy – in old M^r. Lewin's House as above; they were marryed at Gis'bro 2nd. Febry 1784 see my Journal Lett^r. S, & left England in March following.—

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; at home.

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Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I dined at M^r. Brown's at Stockton who, on my return home, accompanied me 4 miles, & there proceeded to Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; this may be deemed the first day of Winter ^for^ till this day we have had only a few hours Rain at intervals for 5 months.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; cold & rainy.

Saturday the ^Twenty^ Ninth; ^I dined at Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton^.

Sunday the Thirtyeth & last Day; ^at home, a rainy day^.

DECEMBER 1788

Monday the First; at home many heavy Showers of Rain & Sleet fell

Tuesday the Second; as yesterday – at home.

Wednesday the Third; much Snow fell.

Thursday the Fourth; showers of moist Snow.

Friday the Fifth; Cap^t. Motley, (Bro^r. in Law of Apoth^y. T.Brown of Kirkleatham) dined here after shooting a few hours with John – a fine day.

Saturday the Sixth; I walked out a little to day.

Sunday the Seventh; at home; rain Showers fell.

Monday the Eighth; my Bro^r. in Law Tho^s. Lewin, & his Bro^r. in Law Cap^t. Jn^o. Hale spent an hour with me before dinner – a fine day, but an East Wind blows.

Tuesday the Ninth; at home, a cold East Wind.

Wednesday the Tenth; at home, as yesterday.

Thursday the Eleventh; ^I rode to Ormsby in the morning, &^ my sister Esther came before dinner to stay a few days; and in the evening M^r. Geo: James came from West Auckland.-

Friday the Twelfth: M^r. James went away (I believe to his Bro^r. in Law Cole's at Lumley Castle near Chester le Street) after breakfast; we now have a very severe Frost, & very little Snow.—

Saturday the Thirteenth; a very high Wind with much small Snow, sometimes Hail.

Sunday the Fourteenth; as yesterday.

Monday the Fifteenth; a very Stormy day indeed a high N.E.Wind, severe Frost, & showers of small Snow which prevented my Bro^r. Wilson's Family coming here.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; a mild Air but much Snow fell, nevertheless my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, & their Daughters Rach^l. & Est^r. came before dinner to stay a few days.

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Wednesday the Seventeenth; a severe Frost but ^as^ no Wind blow'd the Snow lays quiet on the Ground.

Thursday the Eighteenth; a hard Frost, some more Snow fell, but we had no Wind.—

Friday the Nineteenth; a gentle West Wind, but some Snow fell, tho' Air felt damp.

Saturday the Twentieth; the Snow on the Ground was much saddened in the morning, but about noon the Air became cold & frosty; and after dinner my Brother & Sister Wilson & Nieces, see last Tuesday, went home in their Coach, and so did my Sister Est^r., see Thursday the 11th, in a single horse Chaise hired at Ayton.

Sunday the Twenty First; the Wind blowed very high (from the North) all day with some Snow.

Monday the Twenty Second; M^r. Preston Attorney of Stokesley came before dinner, & in the evening came M^r. Geo. James, we spent the evening in forming a Plan for fully, & in a short time executing the Will of his Father Jn^o. James who dyed 21st May 1784. a stormy day wth. Snow.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; Mr. James ^ (as Heir at Law to his Father) ^ executed an Instrument empowering me to sell the Copyhold Estates of his late Father, alth^o not surrendered to the uses of his (Father's) ^Will^ to pay Debts Legacies &^c. charged by the said Will, in presence of M^r. Preston who wrote the said Instrument, & M^r. Jn^o. Smailes, Attorney, of Durham, the Friend of M^r. Ge^o: James; before dinner M^r. Ornsby of Darlington, attorney, came here for my execution of a Deed as a Trustee for a Term in a Mortgage for 500£. from ^M^r. Hall of Darlington to^ M^{rs}. Odgen, now Mrs. Cole near Chester le Street, (M^r. G. James' Sister) which I refused until Lawyer Bradley of Stockton should inform me that I ~~might~~ ^may^ do so with safety to myself; said M^r. Ornsby, & also M^r. Preston went away soon after dinner; & M^r. G. James lay here at night.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; M^r. Ge^o. James went from hence after breakfast to W^t. Auckland.

Christmas Day, Thursday the Twenty Fifth; a heavy Gale from the North West blew all the ensuing night.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; Snow & another Gale ^from the East^ this night.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; at home.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; cold with Snow.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; a very cold East Wind with Snow which is much drifted.—

Tuesday the Thirtieth; a cold Wind from the South.

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Wednesday the Thirty First & last Day; a South-Wind blowed cold all day, with Showers of Snow.

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Thursday the First; M^r. Dodds came before dinner to stay a few days.

Friday the Second; about noon M^r. Ornsby of Darlington (see Tuesday 23rd. Ult^o.) came here with M^r. Geo. James, and I executed the Deeds, M^r. Bradley having on the 22nd. ult^o. approved thereof ~~for~~ as proper for me to sign, & M^r. James rec'd the 500£. Principal Money & ^£^ 12 is for Interest thereof ^named therein^ from said M^r. Ornsby, they dined and went away; the above names Ralph Bradley Esq^r. dyed at his house in Stockton on Sunday the 28th of last month, of great Age, & reputation.

Saturday the Third; M^r. Dodds and I spent among our Accounts entered in my Book, the 31st. ulto.

Sunday the Fourth; very cold wth. Snow.

Monday the Fifth; much Snow on the Ground.

Tuesday the Sixth; M^r. Dodds left me after breakfast.

Wednesday the Seventh; a hard clear Frost.

Thursday the Eighth; Ja^s. Appleton sat a couple of hours this evening with me, settling a Plan for conducting the Farm he has taken of me, which Clement Robinson quits the ensuing Spring.

Friday the Ninth; some more Showers of Snow.

Saturday the Tenth; a very severe Frost commenced with a South Wind, which continued on

Sunday the Eleventh; with some hail Showers & on

Monday the Twelfth; the Air was very cold

Tuesday Thirteenth; at four this morning came on a Gale of Wind from S.E. & severe Frost; the Gale increased till about ten o'Clock & from that time to now (9 in the evening) it has blown tremendously from nearly East with a heavy fall of Snow, now in very ^large^ drifts, the Air dreadfully cold.—

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Stormy & cold.—

Thursday the Fifteenth; the Air is so mild & in-clining to thaw that I rode to Ja^s. Appleton's Shop & House

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Friday the Sixteenth; the thaw continues; I rode to Ja^s. Appleton's Shop (after he had dined with me) & bo^t a fore Quarter of a very fine 4 y^r old Steer (for the Sloop Fox now at Cargo Fleet) weighing near 2cw^t. 2 q^{rs} at 28/- p. hundred weight, he cut it in 7 ^{li}.[?] pieces & carr^d. it to the Ship.

Saturday the Seventeenth; a very rapid Thaw now, so that the late severe Frost has continued about 42 days, viz. from 4th Dec^r. to 15th Jan^y. from every Kingd^m. in Europe accounts have arrived describing the cold to be greater than before known, the Thermometer being 18 dg^{rs}. below 0 in many places, with prodigious falls of Snow; the Thames was frozen so hard ten days ago, that ^as^ my Bro^r. in Law M^r. Rich^d. Lewin writes me, he & his Brother John walked on the Ice from Wapping to Rotherhith; - many booths, puppet shows &^c. exhibited to many, 1000^s daily. –

Sunday the Eighteenth; high S.W.Wind, not cold.

Monday the Nineteenth; the Air inclining to Frost.

Tuesday the Twentieth; a little Snow fell in last night, a very hard Frost this morn^g. & a little Snow. W^m. Wilson Master of the Fox-Sloop drank Tea here.

Wednesday the Twenty First; some more Snow fell during last night, the Air mild this morn^g,

Thursday the Twenty Second; a fine thaw most of yesterday & all this day; Rev^d. Grenside dined with me.

Friday the Twenty Third; a very high S.W.Wind.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's, ^my Niece Est^r. having been very ill^ not having been two Miles from home since the 29th Nov^r. when I dined at Ayton.—

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; my Bro^r. in Law M^r. Tho^s. Lewin sat an hour with me before dinner.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; at home.--

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; not very well..

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; M^r. Dodds of Boulby came here in the evening: we now have fine settled weather.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; M^r. Dodds stayed here all day & night in expectation of M^r. Baker's coming

Friday the Thirtieth; M^r. Dodds set out early to Sedgfield in hopes of meeting M^r. Baker there, which he did do; and returned here in the evening; I ex-pected Mr. T. Lewin to dinner & to stay two or three days but he did not come nor send any message.

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Saturday the Thirty First & last Day; I sent Fawcet early to enquire after M^r. Lewin, who informs me that he was thrown from his Horse yesterday, & lost his recollection for some time afterwards, but is better. M^r. Dodds went to Boulby after Breakfast; M^r. G. James came here before dinner, dined & went away.—

FEBRUARY 1789

Sunday the First; at home; M^r. Tho^s. Lewin came from Plantation before dinner & lay here all night.—

Monday the Second; M^r. Lewin went away aft^r. dinner.

Tuesday the Third; I rec'd of my Tenants at Normanby &^c the half year Rents due last Mich^{le}mas.

Wednesday the Fourth; I went to Stokesley spent an hour with M^r. Preston there; called for half an hour at my Sister Esther's at Ayton, dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, and had a very rainy & cold evening ^coming^ home.

Thursday the Fifth; wrote in my Books. —

Friday the Sixth; not very well, however M^r. Rudd of Marsk & his Son Bart^{us}. (who was 21 year's old yesterday) dined with me. —

Saturday the Seventh; at home.

Sunday the Eighth; W^m. Wilson of Berwick upon Tees (otherwise Ingleby Barwick) and his Nephew Geo: Hammond of Eston supt & spent the even^g.

Monday the Ninth; I walked to G. Hammond's after dinner & sat half an Hour there with W^m. Wilson his Uncle, who spent the forenoon with my Servants Coursing Hares with Greyhounds below my House.

Tuesday the Tenth; Ja^s. Appleton dined with me, & with him I road thro' Clem^t. Robinson's Farm to look after the Scouring of Ditches to be performed by him, James having taken that Farm of me. Clement has behaved untowardly & like a bad Man, his Wife more so by falsely accusing me of improper conduct.—

Wednesday the Eleventh; at home, a very cold day.

Thursday the Twelfth; I spent an hour with Rev^d. Grenside at his House in Marton, dined at home.

Friday the Thirteenth; I paid a morning visit to M^r. & M^{rs}. Lewin & the Plantation Family; and eat a mutton chop at the Inn at Gisbro', home at four.—

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Saturday the Fourteenth; Apothecary Brown, his Bro^r. in Law Cap^t. Motley, & Neighbour Jn^o. Peirson all of Kirk-Leatham dined with me.

Sunday the Fifteenth; at home, M^r. Jn^o. Sanderson of Staiths came after dinner, got a Snack & went away.

Monday the Sixteenth; at home, a very cold day.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; wrote many Letters –

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I rode to the top of Red-Hill above Tho^s. Appleton's House, my Servant John took my Horse there & from thence I walked with my Servant John Peirson thro' the whole of my Wood in Page-howl, before dinner.—

Thursday the Nineteenth; not very well.

Friday the Twentyeth; I dined at my Sister Esther's, after sitting an hour at M^r. Wilson's with S^{ir}. W^m. Fowles & his Brother Jn^o. Robinson Fowles the former is shortly to be married to a Miss Turner Daughter of a Gentleman in Lincolnshire, home at 5.

Saturday the Twenty First; at & about home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; young M^r. Dodds of Boulby dined here.

Monday the Twenty Third; I paid a morning visit at Plantation to invite M^r & M^{rs}. Lewin to dine with me before they leave Cleveland, also Gen^l. Hale's Family, & Mr. & Mrs. Chaloner; I called at Rev^d. Williamson's, & dined at home before two on Eggs, Bacon, & hang Beef, this being called Collop Monday.⁶

Pancake Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; dined on Pancakes at home, - blowing weather.

Ash Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; M^r. Geo: James, & M^r. Smales Attorney of Durham met here M^r. Preston of Stokesley on M^r. James's business, they came here before ten, dined & went away at four.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; walked about home.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth ^& last day^; M^r. Brown (Apothecary) of Kirk Leatham sat half an hour with me in the forenoon ~~for~~ on his way from attending Tho^s. Appleton's Wife who is dangerously ill; my Bro^r. in Law M^r. Tho^s. Lewin dined, and lay all night here.—

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⁶ Collop Monday, in the north of England, was the Monday before Shrove Tuesday, so called in allusion to the dish of fried eggs and bacon, and slices of salted, dried meat, called collops, taken on that day preparatory to the Lenten fast.

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Sunday the First; M^r. Lewin left me after breakfast, to go on a Visit to M^{rs}. Ambler & M^{rs}. Hopper of Durham & M^{rs}. Surtees of Mainsforth near Sedgfield. ^my Tenant Tho^s. Prissick of Grainge dined with me.^

Monday the Second; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's; my Sister Esther being gone to Yarm, our Cousin Martha Reed having been burnt by her Cloath's taking fire about eight o'Clo' last Saturday even^g. languished in great pain till eight o'Clo' yesterday morning & then expired, my Sist^r. got to her at 3 o'Clo' on Sunday morn^g & then found her sensible and able to speak.—

Tuesday the Third; W^m. Wilson Master of the Fox dined with me.

Wednesday the Fourth; I dined at the black Lyon, Stockton with my Bro^r. in Law Lewin where we met by appointment see last Sunday; he came home with me & lay here.

Thursday the Fifth; M^r. Lewin left me after breakfast & went to ^the^ Plantation where his Wife is; M^r. Brown of K. Leatham, Apoth^y, drank Tea in the afternoon

Friday the Sixth; at half after three o'Clock the following sat down to dinner in my dining Room, viz. M^{rs}. Chaloner, (M^r. Chaloner being disappointed by a fit of the Gout) her two eldest Daughters, Mary, & Emma, ^Rev^d. John Chaloner, ^Gen^l. & M^{rs}. Hale Miss Harriot (now Miss Hale) & Miss Emily Hale, & Rich^d. & Geo Hale, Mr. Tho^s. Lewin (my Bro^r. in Law) & his Lady my Brother & Sister & Nieces Rachel & Est^r. Wilson & myself in all 17. (Geo: Hale dined at the side Board); they drank Tea and went away about eight o'Clo'.—

Saturday the Seventh; at home, cold east Wind.

Sunday the Eighth; as yesterday. ^Ja^s. Appleton & his^ Friend M^r Mewburn spent the evening here for the first time.—

Monday the Ninth; at home, a cold day.

Tuesday the Tenth; the former part of this day was tempestuous, Wind at East & much Snow. —

Wednesday the Eleventh; I spent this day at home also, the Air being cold, yet the Snow waists.

Thursday the Twelfth; another cold with some Snow.

Friday the Thirteenth; at home. —

Saturday the Fourteenth; I spent half an hour with Rev^d. M^r. Grenside at Marton before dinner. —

Sunday the Fifteenth; the morning being fine (& not having been at Ayton since the 22nd. inst. I rode to Ayton & there dined at my Brother Wilson's with my Sister Esther who came home yesterday from attending the Funeral of our deceased worthy relation Martha for an

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account of her Melancholy Exit ^see^ the 2nd inst – the wind blew high from the East & much Sleet fell on my return home.

Monday the Sixteenth; at home. –

Tuesday the Seventeenth; at home. –

Wednesday the Eighteenth; - a cold East Wind

Thursday the Nineteenth – as yesterday.

Friday the Twentieth; my Bro^r in Law M^r. Tho^s. Lewin came after I had dined; he dined on a Chop Etc. spent the afternoon and slept here.

Saturday the Twenty First; after breakfast I rode with M^r. Lewin to K. Leatham on his return to Gen^l. Hale's at the Plantation, & meeting M^r. Dodds at K. Leatham. I returned home with him. he dined and lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Second; M^r. Dodds remained here all day and night; stormy with Snow.

Monday the Twenty Third; M^r. Dodds continued

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; M^r. Dodds returned to Boulby after dinner. –

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; I attended the City of Durham Justices Sutton, Ord & Lumley at Stockton on their examination of Jane the Wife of Alex^r. Watson now on a voyage from Whitby to Davis's Straits, who I sent to Stockton last Monday charged by Eliz^h. Tyzzack of Greatham with stealing from her last Saturday, a linnen Gown, a blue linnen apron, a red & white cotton Handkerchief, and a black velvet Hood, the Justices comitted Watson to Durham Goal: - I dined at the Inn, & came home with Jn^o. Jackson the Constable of Eston with whom I went to Stockton in the morn^g.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; at home.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; frosty & very cold.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I dined at M^r. Preston's at Stokesley, spent two hours of the afternoon at my Friends' Houses at Ayton; home in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; not very well, at home.

Monday the Thirtieth; Rev^d. Grenside of Marton dined with me; ^Sist^r: Dolly's acco^t. of my dear Mary's having a bad Cough arrived;^ the Air frosty & very cold. Wind, Etc.

Tuesday the Thirty First, & last Day; my Bro^r. & Sister Wilson, their Daughter Rachel, & my Sist^r. Esther dined with me, having rec'd Letters yesterday of a severe cold attended by a Cough with which my dear Child Mary Lewin is now afflicted ~~with~~ ^at Woodford^ Bridge. my Sist^r: D. Jackson having taken her from the School of M^{rs}. Carlisle & M^{rs}. Este in Queensquare, with a blister on her Stomach; my Friends left me after drinking Tea. –

APRIL 1789

Wednesday the First; M^r. Dodds Jun^r. dined with me, and returned to Boulby. M^r. Matthew Culley and his Bro^r. Geo: came here in the afternoon, and lay all night (they and their Brother Ja^s. are joint Executors and Trustees named in the last Will of our deceased Cousin Martha Reed for whose death see Acc^t. 2nd Mar^h: last)

acc^t. of my dear Thursday the Second; Messr^s Culley went to Yarm ^Fair^ before I got up this morning; this Post brought me another Letter from my Sist^r. Doro^y giving a more alarming Mary, see Monday.

Friday the Third; Messr^s. Cully came here before breakfast & soon after went away; immediately after I got into a Post Chaise (from Stokesley) went to Ayton, dined there & returned in it home. –

Saturday the Fourth; having kept the Chaise here all night I went in it to Ayton after breakfast, where I found my Sister Wilson in possession of a Letter from our Sist^r. Dolly (rec'd by this Post) giving the most alarming Account of the indisposition of my dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson, now at at Woodford Bridg. I lay all night at Bro^r. Wilson's.

Sunday the Fifth; spent at Ayton & lay there.

Monday the Sixth; by this Post I have Lett^{rs}. from my Bro^r. in Law Jeff^{ty} Jackson & M^r. Askew (now in London) discribing my dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson's Case as ^a^ violent Asthmatic Fever, & that the consequences may be dreaded if not soon relieved.

Tuesday the Seventh; after breakfast I left my Friends at Ayton in a Stokesley Post Chaise; dined & lay at home.

Wednesday the Eighth; at eight o'Clo' this morning my dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson dyed at my Brother in Law M^r. Jeff^{ty} Jackson's at Woodford bridg in Essex, see next Saturday, the 11th inst.; after dining at home my Servant John Fawcet returned with me to Ayton on my own Horses, lay at Bro^r. Wilson's.

Thursday the Ninth; Letters arrived at Ayton from my Sist^r. Dorothy Jackson informing us that D^r. Sir Geo: Baker, the King's Physician had by my directions seen my dear Child Mary, last Monday at Woodford Bridg, but gave no hopes of her recovery ^I rode to M^r. Prestons at Stokesley afternoon, but he was not at home^ I lay at my Bro^r. Wilson's.

Good Friday the Tenth; I rec'd the Sacrament in Ayton Church with my Brother & Sister Wilson their ^unmarried^ Daughters (Rachel & Esther) & my Sister Esther. I remained all day & night at Ayton. ^M^{rs}. Preston of Stokesley sat an hour in ^the^ even^g^.

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Saturday the Eleventh; ~~It is memorable that~~ This day I received at Ayton, information of the death of my dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson at eight oClock on the morning of (last) Wednesday the 8th. instant, at the House of my Bro^r. in Law Mr. Jeffery Jackson at Woodford Bridg in Essex. (9 miles east of London), where she has been since Friday the 27th. of last Month, violently afflicted with an Asthmatick Fever, my Sister having that day taken her from the School of M^{rs}. Carlisle & ^M^{rs}.^ Este in Queen Square London, where she was entered a Scholar in August last, she was born at Ayton on Monday the 29th Nov^r. 1779, see that day in Journal Letter Q. ^ aged, on the day of her Death – 9 years, 4 months & 10 days^ & is intended to be laid in a vault built for my Niece M^{rs}. Church Nov. 1737, at Woodford; ^see Saturday the 18th. of this month^ it is memorable, that this day gone 8 years – viz. on Wednesday the 11th April 1781, my dear Wife dyed at Ayton, see that day in Journal Letter R: see ^also^ every day in this Book since Sunday the 29th, last month;

Easter Sunday, & Monday the Twelfth & Thirteenth; spent in great affliction with my Friends at Ayton; and on

Easter Tuesday the Fourteenth; I rode to Normanby, dined & returned to Ayton.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; spent at Ayton.

Thursday the Sixteenth; after dining at my Brother Wilson's I came home (to Normanby) with my Sister Esther in a Post Chaise of Stokesley. –

Friday the Seventeenth; at home with my Sister.

Saturday the Eighteenth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & their two (unmarried) Daughters dined with my Sister and I, and returned to Ayton in the evening; from them I understand that my late dear Child Mary Lewin Jackson was intended to be placed in my Bro^r. in Law Cap^t. Jeff^y. Jackson's Vault in Woodford Church yard at two o'Clock this day; see Saturday the 11th inst. –

Sunday the Nineteenth; Gen^l. Hale sat an hour with my Sister Esther & I before dinner.

Monday the Twentyeth; at home with my Sister.

Tuesday the Twenty First; my Sister & I went to Ayton after dinner in the Stokesley Post Chaise.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; spent at Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Third; I having a very disturbed night & sending my Man Fawcet to Stockton on business he desired D^r. Rob^t. Jackson of that place to attend me, which he did at Ayton & went away before dinner; my Sister Est^r. came home with me in Post Chaise, in the even^g.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; a very cold Wind blows from the North; Rev^d. Grenside dined with my Sister & myself.

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Saturday the Twenty Fifth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, their Daughter Est^r. ^dined & drank Tea here^ they returned to Ayton in the evening taking my Sister Esther in their Coach, see last Thursday; M^r. Dodds of Boulby also dined here – and he lay here.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; M^r. Dodds remained here all day and night, M^r. Danby of Gisbro' dined here.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; M^r. Dodds continued here.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; M^r. Dodds went away after breakfast; D^r. Jackson called before diner & ret^d. to Stockton.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; ~~at home~~ ^M^r. Rudd of Marsk^ called in the morning; I dined & lay at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton; we all drank Tea at my Sister Esther's.

Thursday the Thirtyeth & last Day; after dining at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton I came home.

MAY 1789

Friday the First; at home, cold Air.

Saturday the Second: my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson their Daughter Rachel & my Sister Est^r. dined & drank Tea here; the weather is now very fine, but draughty.

Sunday the Third; at home.

Monday the Fourth; M^r. Preston of Stokesley called here in the morning, & I rode with him to Wilton where he held a Court for L^d. Lonsdale; He drank Tea here on his return, & after that I rode with him to the top of Ormsby-hill. –

Tuesday the Fifth; I spent a little while with Rev^d. M^r. Williamson at Gisbro', who informed me that his Neighb^r. M^r. W^m. Jackson dyed last Sunday evening aged 60 -; while I lived at Gisbro' he was comonly called young M^r. Jackson: I also spent an hour with M^r. & M^{rs}. Chaloner; and riding towards ^the^ Plantation. I met Gen^l. Hale & his Daughter Emily riding out, on which I came home (by way of Kirk-Leatham) to a late Dinner.

Wednesday the Sixth; before dinner I rode to my Banks of the River Tees with my Serv^t. Jn^o. Peirson.

Thursday the Seventh; I took a short ride before dinner; pleasant weather, but Draughty.

Friday the Eighth; M^r. Sutton spent an hour with me in the morning, & as he was on his way to Stokesley I rode with him to Marton-Moor-house, returned before dinner.

Saturday the Ninth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton returned in the even^g.

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Sunday the Tenth; I rode to Wilton before dinner & on my return I mounted my Chestnut Filley (now three years old) from my favourite old Roan Mare Nan, and rode home upon her the horse breaker Nich^{ls}. Lackenby being with me (riding upon her Mother) she's very gentle & walks well. –

Monday the Eleventh; I dined at Gen^l. Cary's, Leven-Grove; called at Stokesley & Ayton on my return.

Tuesday the Twelfth; at home.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; M^r. Preston of Stokesley came here at twelve, and about one o'Clo'. arrived M^r. Geo: James, & his Fr^d. M^r. Fra^s. Smales of Durham (Attorney); after dinner we set about the Business they came here 'on, viz: the final Settlement of M^r. Jn^o. James's ^dec'd^ affairs, the execution of whose Will I took upon me the 9th Mar: 1785 (see that day in my Diary Letter T.) in which I have had much trouble & some expence, and a very unnecessary delay owing to the dilatoriness of M^r. Fairless Att^y. at B^p. Auckl^d. all the Gent^l. left me about seven o'Clo'.

Thursday the Fourteenth; at home. –

Friday the Fifteenth; I rode out a little before dinner; & spent the afternoon in writing Letters. –

Saturday the Sixteenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton.

Sunday the Seventeenth; at home.

Monday the Eighteenth; Rev^d. Grenside spent an hour with me this morning; moderate Show of Rain.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, their Daughter Est^r. & my Sister Est^r. dined & drank Tea. ^I attended a Meeting of the Township an hour. –^

Wednesday the Twentieth; I rode out a little before dinner; Ra: Jackson Farmer of this Township sat two hours with me & took his small Tithes.

Thursday the Twenty First; about home.

Friday the Twenty Second; walked much in ab^t. the House.

Saturday the Twenty Third; fine showers fell.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; at home. –

Monday the Twenty Fifth; soon after break-fast I mounted my Horse, rode by Seamour & from thence a bridle Road to Leven Grove, where I spent half an hour with M^{rs}. Cary, M^r. & Miss Strickland, & Miss Williamson, Gen^l. Cary being gone to place his Grandson Geo. Russel ^about 7 y^{rs}. old (who went with the Gen^l.)^ under D^r. Glass; I spent with M^{rs}. Preston of Stokesley half

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an hour; and dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton by appointment with M^r. Sutton & his Lady; I lay at Ayton.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; my Bro^r. Wilson & myself went to Stokesley where we were met by M^r. Sutton; we three did the usually business of the Country (of West Division of Wapentake of Langbaugh) for Windows &^c. I came home ab^t. 8.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; I went to Stockton, dined at the Inn, & returned.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; M^r. Chaloner Rev^d. (Pantly [?]) Lascelles, & Williamson & M^r D. Jackson of Stockton dined with me.—

Friday the Twenty Ninth; at home.

Saturday the Thirtieth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton.

Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; at home.

JUNE 1789

Monday the First; In the forenoon my Servant Jn^o. Peirson rode with me thro' Jn^o. Jackson's Farms to make an estimate of the small Tithes thereof.

Tuesday the Second; John rode with me thro' Rob Young's Farm to form an estimate of the small Tythe; from his low Ground we entered into Will^m. Snowdon's, passed thro' it to Jos. Tate's called Unthank Farm, led our Horses down the Cliff & rode below the Cliff to Capt. Brown's (my Forest Farm) & home by dinner.

Wednesday the Third; we had very drougthy weather about two Months till about a week since when fine showers fell almost every evening, and heavy Rains fell this day with Thunder.

Thursday the Fourth; Rain all day & likely for much more, Meadows are likely to be good.

Friday the Fifth; at and near home;

Saturday the Sixth; I dined at my Bro. Wilson's and drank Tea at my Sist^r. Est^{rs}. at Ayton: had some Showers.

Sunday the Seventh; Rain most of the day.

Monday the Eighth; a very fine warm day.

Tuesday the Ninth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, their Daughter Rachel, & my Sist^r. Est^r. dined & drank Tea here.

Wednesday the Tenth; at home, a fine day.

Thursday the Eleventh; I rode to Marton by way of the high Lane, called on ^Rev^d. ^ M^r. Grenside, home before dinner.

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Friday the Twelfth; spent at & about home, Apothecary Brown of Kirk Leatham dined with me. ^Fawcet set out to bring my W^m. from Rugby, the School breaks up 16th inst.^

Saturday the Thirteenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, very fine weather. –

Sunday the Fourteenth; at home, an East Wind.

Monday the Fifteenth; at home. –

Tuesday the Sixteenth I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, & returned.

Wednesday the Seventeenth; at home. –

Thursday the Eighteenth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton, and about six o'Clo' in the even^g my dear Child William ^Ward^ arrived there with my Servant John Fawcett from Rugby (see Friday 12th inst.) to which School he went in Aug^t. 1788, leaving me on the 4th of that Month; after spending an hour at Ayton my Child & I arrived at home in Chaise before 9. Note- William & Fawcet left Rugby on Tuesday the 16th. about 4 o'Clo' in the afternoon, lay at Leicester 21 Miles, and next night at FerryBridg – 82 Miles, & (by way of York & Ayton) to Normanby 74 – in all 177 Miles – by York.

Friday the Nineteenth; William & I rode to Marton & returned by Hambleton Hills, my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson, their Daughter Esther & my Sister Esther dined with us.

Saturday the Twentyeth; William & I in Chaise met my Sist^r. Wilson & her two Daughters at M^r. Brown's at Stockton, when we dined with D^r. Jackson & Master Benj^m. Lumley. – heavy showers of Rain.

Sunday the Twenty First; after dinner William & I rode to Redcar to enquire for lodgings for ourselves & my two Niece Wilson's. –

Monday the Twenty Second; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; William & I set out to go to Ayton before dinner, but arriving on the top of Ormsby Hill saw a heavy shower before us on which we rode home; a very rainy afternoon.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth; a bad day.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; altho' the morning was unfavourable W^m. & I rode to Ayton, dined there at my Bro^r. Wilson's, with Rev^d. Williamson of Gisbro', his Wife, eldest Daughter, Judith, & his two Sons: we had Rain on our return.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; at & about home.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; my Sister Wilson and her two Daughters & my Sist^r. Est^r. dined here and proceeded to Redcar where my two Nieces were left to stay sometime for Sea-bathing, my Sister drank Tea here on their return home; M^r. Dodds came before dinner & lay here.

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Sunday the Twenty Eighth; William & M^r. Dodds rode before dinner.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; William & M^r. Dodds rode to the River before dinner; M^r. Dodds remains here.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth & last Day; M^r. Dodds went away (to Boulby) after breakfast, William rode out wth him. and on his return he rode towards Stockton 4 Miles to meet Benj^a. Lumley, but returned without him before dinner.

JULY 1789

Wednesday the First; my Relation M^r. Reed of Hurworth & his only Child Thomas (who was 9 y^{rs} old last January) came before dinner & lay here; so did Benj^a. Lumley, W^m's School-Fellow at Rugby. –

Thursday the Second; M^r. Reed & his Son went away after dinner; & my Will^m. & B^a. Lumley rode to the Forest House.

Friday the Third; I went to Redcar with William & Benj^a. Lumley, dined ^& drank Tea^ there with my Nieces Wilson, & returned home by Marsk, where Benj^a. Lumley's Bro^r. Geo^r. is at School ~~with~~ Mr. Mornay's ^School^.

Saturday the Fourth; I sent Fawcett with W^m. who spent the day with his Friends at Ayton.

Sunday the Fifth; M^r. Danby of Gisbro', breakfasted & spent the day here; much Rain falling all the day.

Monday the Sixth; my Son (W^m.) and I dined at M^r. Tapley's at Redcar at whose House my two Nieces Wilson have been sometime at lodgings for the benefit of Sea Bathing; I have also taken lodgings ^for the^ Week.

Tuesday the Seventh; William & I set out for Boulby after breakfast, spent half an hour at M^r. Easterby's (at Skiningrove); went into the new Works ^ (at Sallow Tree hole)^ with M^r. Dodds who we met at Street-houses, looked into the old Works, went thro' Allum House & Ware houses &^c before dinner; after dining & drinking Tea with M^r. & M^{rs}. Dodds & their Son in the New House built two years ago (the first time I have been in it) we came away thro^h. Easington, called on Rev^d. M^r. Harrison at Lofthouse, viewed the preparations for a new Bridg across the Brook near Kilton Mill (to which I am a subscriber of 10 G^{ns} and on our arrival on the top of Skiningrove West-side M^r. Dodds left us; we called for ten Minutes at W^m. Child's at Brotton, & arrived to our Relations at Redcar past eight.

Wednesday the Eighth; spent the day at Redcar.

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Thursday the Ninth; W^m. & I rode home, dined drank Tea, and returned to Redcar.

Friday the Tenth; afternoon W^m. & I drank Tea with M^r. & M^{rs}. Reed at Marsk, their two Sons were rode from home; we returned to Redcar.

Saturday the Eleventh; after breakfasting with my Nieces Wilson at Mr. Tapley's William & I left Redcar, see last Monday (6th inst) dined at home.

Sunday the Twelfth; So much Rain fell all the day that William & I were confined to the House.

Monday the Thirteenth; being far from well myself I sent Fawcett with William, ret^d. in the evening; M^r. Smales Att^y. of Durham spent half an hour wth. me.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I took William with me to the Quarter Sessions held this day at Gisbro', the Justices on the Bench were S^{ir}. W^m. Foulis Bart. (married Wed: the 1st. inst. to Miss – Turner: second Daughter of – Turner Esq^r; of Panton in Lincolnshire) M^r. Chaloner, Rev^d. M^r. Williamson & myself – a thinner Bench I never saw; W^m. dined at Rev^d. Williamson's, home at 9.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; at home all day expecting Rev^d. Harrison of Lofth^o. but he did not come.

Thursday the Sixteenth; my Sisters Wilson & Est^r. came here, & the Coach proceeded to Redcar in which my two Nieces Wilson returned before dinner, having been there since Saturday the 27th Ult^o., they all ret^d. to Ayton after Tea.

Friday the Seventeenth; my Son (William) & I went in Chaise (much Rain falling) to Gisbro'. & dined at M^r. Chaloner's; home before Tea.

Saturday the Eighteenth; William & I rode to the Plantation, ^by way of K.Leatham,^ dined (at Gen^l. Hale's) and returned ^by way of Wilton^ before nine, the Air very pleasant.

Sunday the Nineteenth; I rode with William to the Forest House after dinner, heard much Thunder from the South West at great distance.

Monday the Twentyeth; I sent Fawcett with William to return the visit of his School-fellow Benj^a. Lumley of Stockton. –

Tuesday the Twenty First; at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; a very great deal of Rain fell, my little Man William came from Stockton in the evening much wet, see Monday.

Thursday the Twenty Third; Rain all the day.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; W^m. and I dined at my Brother Wilson's, and lay there.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; William & I dined at Gen^l. Cary's, much Rain falling all the afternoon I had a Chaise from Stokesley, in which we returned to Ayton & lay there.

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Sunday the Twenty Sixth; William & I spent the day at Ayton, went to Church before noon.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; William & I made a morning visit at M^r. Marwood's at Busby and dined at the black Swan at Stokesley on our ~~return~~ ^coming^ to Normanby ^found M^r. Jn^o. Telford of York who Slept here;^ Bro^r. Wilson's Fam'ly went to Mrs. Mauleverers

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; at home all day, attended the Hay field.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; while at dinner M^r. Dodds came to spend a few days with William; William however rode to Ayton & returned after dinner.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; William & M^r. Dodds rode two hours before dinner, a fine hay day.

Friday the Thirty first & last Day; M^r. Dodds & William rode upon Barnaby moor before dinner, and in the evening Master Benj^a. Lumley came here, very much wet by a very heavy Rain.

AUGUST 1789

Saturday the First; at eight o'Clo' my dear Child William Ward got into a ^Stokesley^ Chaise with Master Lumley and Fawcett & set forward for Rugby, from whence he arrived here on Thursday the 18th. June; so much Rain ^fell^ all night that we now have the appearance of a Flood in the Brooks near; M^r. Dodds stayed all day & Night.

Sunday the Second; M^r. Dodds did not leave me.

Monday the Third; M^r. Dodds returned to Boulby after breakfast, having been here since last Wednesday noon; - I rec'd Lady day Rent from most of my Tenants.^ Mrs. Surtees of Mainsforth called on her road to Coatham.-^

Tuesday the Fourth; at home, writing.

Wednesday the Fifth; at home – a fine day.

Thursday the Sixth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's & there met my Servant John Fawcett returned from Rugby where he left my Child well on Monday. on my return home I found Rev^d. Harrison ^Curate^ of Lofthouse, late of Kirk-Leatham.—

Friday the Seventh; Rev^d. Harrison left this ^place^ after dinner, I rode with him to Kirk Leatham and proceeded to Coatham where I sat half an Hour with M^{rs}. Surtees, see last Monday.

Saturday the Eighth; I rode to Gisbro' on business with M^r. Danby, dined at home at two o'Clock; a very sultry day, I became not well towards evening.

Sunday the Ninth; not well all day of a pain in my left Breast –

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Monday the Tenth; M^r. Preston came to me in the afternoon to take Instructions for my new Will.

Tuesday the Eleventh; being very much indisposed I sent for Apo^{ry}. Brown of Kirkleatham who took 12 oz's of blood from my Arm, M^r. Lumley called here half an hour before Noon; M^r. Preston left me after dinner.—

Wednesday the Twelfth; I am better today.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; far from well all the afternoon; - and towards evening I was attacked by a violent Cough; and late a severe Fitt of the Asthma – a bad night.

Friday the Fourteenth; my Cough continues very violent ^at^ five o'Clock came M^r. Matth^w. Culley, did business with me & lay here.

Saturday the Fifteenth; M^r. Culley went away early, I am exceeding sore internally occasioned by long and violent coughing; M^r. Brown, Apoth^y. of Kirk-Leatham dined with me.

Sunday the Sixteenth; very feeble & sore within, but my Lungs expectorate freely.—

Monday the Seventeenth; the afternoon being most inviting I rode on horseback a Mile.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; at home, the Air hot.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; a very hot day, the Corn, tho late, ripened quickly, therefore I had John to attend me thro' the Farms in this Township North of the Lane, to value the ^Corn^ Tithe thereof, before dinner.

Thursday the Twentyeth; at home, sultry weather. rode out a little way in the cool of the Evening.

Friday the Twenty First; I rode to Rev^d. Grenside's at Marton, Etc. before dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I spent at home expecting my Bro^r. Wilson's family to dine, they did not come.

Sunday the Twenty Third; at home. —

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I rode out before dinner

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I rode out before dinner, & am much better

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; On my first coming down Stairs (about eight o'Clo') I was informed that my Housekeeper ^Rebecca^ Bedford had been ill all night and continued so, I therefore sent Fawcett to Kirkleatham for Apoth^y Brown who arrived here about 12 o'clock, & after seeing Bedford told me she appeared to be very ill, but from the report she gave of herself, & appearing very reserved he cou'd not pronounce upon her Case, after dining with me he saw her again, & & expressed distantly some doubts, which he hoped wou'd be cleared away by Jane, the Wife of Ja^s. Appleton, who he left with her, Bedford however obstinately refused to give them satisfaction until four o'Clo', at which time she had a Child, a Boy very likely to live, which, nor herself rec'd the least help in the delivery altho' Jane Appleton was in the

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Room at the time ^but deprived of thought by the surprize^ ~~from~~ and altho' the Mother of Nine Children was so completely duped by the favourable opinion she has entertained of Bedford's virtue the 4 Yrs (gone last May) she has lived with me, & her solemn declaration of her not being with Child, even to a few minutes before the Birth of the Child, that she wou'd not allow Mr. Brown to entertain a doubt; in the course of the evening my Servant John Fawcet, who has lived 14 Y^{rs}. with me the 22^d. inst., confessed that he believed himself to be the Father of the Child; Note, Bedford's Person is tall & large, & tho' she has complained sometimes to the Servants of indispositions evaded suspicion of her real Case, by declaring it to be dropsical, by that she had deceived every Person who knew her, even Fawcet declared he knew not her real condition, for tho' he has frequently enquired, she declared ^to him^ so late as this morn-ing, that she was not with Child; how wretched!

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; having sent for my Sisters they - Sisters Esther & Wilson - came here before breakfast, and did not leave me till evening, in a Post Chaise at my charge; Bedford and the Child are likely to do well.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; M^r. Brown declares that Bedford & her Child have the ^best^ symptoms I rode three Miles with him on his return home; Rev^d. Grenside dined with me.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; Bedford's Sister Lockwood of Whitby, came before dinner.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; at home; Rev^d John Tanch Vicar of Ormsby & Curate of Eston Christened in my Nursery, the Child of which Bedford was delivered last Wednesday.—

Monday the Thirty First & last Day. Apoth^y. Brown came here before noon & I took a ride with him; - in the evening came M^r. Rich^d. Lewin, & Jn^o. Lewin my Bro^s. in Law, in the single horse Chaise belonging to the former; (see 22^d Aug^t and 18th. Sept. 1788, this Book; they slept one night at Rugby, and drank the Waters at Harrowgate a week on their way down ^dined at Ayton this day^ -

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Tuesday the First; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin went with my Serv^t. John shooting Partridges

Wednesday the Second; at & about home

Thursday the Third; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin went a shooting 4 hours before dinner, a part of which time M^r. Jn^o. Lewin & I rode in the Fields below this House; the Wheat Harvest advances much.

Friday the Fourth; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin dined at Gen^l. Hales', (the Plantation) & returned.—

Saturday the Fifth; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin went a shooting with my Serv. John; John Lewin walked to Ayton ^ & lay there^ ; and about one o'Clo', Gen^l. Hale & his Sons Rich^d. & Geo. came here unexpectedly & dined here. ^Bedford my late unworthy Hos'keeper & her Sistr. went away in a Chaise this morning - see last Saturday.^

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Sunday the Sixth; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin & I rode to Ayton in his Chaise dined & returned. - ^ went to that Church before Noon.

Monday the Seventh; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin went a shooting (wth. Jn^o. my Serv^t.) before dinner;

Tuesday the Eighth; Mess^{rs}. Rich^d. & Jn^o. Lewin after breakfasting with me went to Gen^l. Hale's at the Plantation to stay a few days.—

Wednesday the Ninth; I rode to Marton & returned by Hambleton Hills before dinner. -

Thursday the Tenth; I rode to the Plantation and dined there with Mess^{rs}. Rich^d. & Jn^o. Lewin, the former & I came home in his single horse Chaise & John Lewin rode my Horse; on passing through Gisbro' as I went Gen^l. Hale & his 4 eldest un-married Daughters were in M^r. Danby's Shop where we were all driven by a heavy Rain.

Friday the Eleventh; M^r. Rich^d. Lewin went a shooting before dinner; Mr. Jn^o. Lewin rode to Ayton before dinner returned in the evening.—

Saturday the Twelfth; M^r. R^d. Lewin went a shooting in the morning, his Bro^r. Jn^o. & I walked out with the Greyhounds; they both had some refreshment & about one o'Clo'. set out to Gen^l. Hale's, & there to dine at M^r. Chaloner's.—

Sunday the Thirteenth; I dined at my Sister Esther's, and before two o'Clock my Bro^r. in law Mr. Jeff^y. Jackson, my Sister & Miss Mathews arrived at her House in their Chariot drawn by their own Horses, leaving Woodford-Bridg last Monday afternoon, they dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's & I went to Church and after sitting an hour with them I came home, soon after my arrival M^r. R^d. & M^r. Jn^o. Lewin arrived, see yesterday.

Monday the Fourteenth; Rain falling all the morning prevented M^r. R^d. Lewin shooting; but after dinner he & his Bro^r. Jn^o. went to Ayton.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I spent the day in settling the Linnen of my House which had been in the care of my late Housekeeper Bedford, Jno. Fawcett & Est^t. Wilson my Hos'maid with me, we found it all right in Number, & in good condition.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; at home.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's, and returned home in the even'g with M^r. R^d. Lewin in his Chaise, & M^r. J. Lewin riding ^my Horse^.

Friday the Eighteenth; M^r. R^d. Lewin went a shooting before dinner, had bad sport, there being few partridges, owing to the heavy Rain in June & July last.

Saturday the Nineteenth; after M^r. R^d. Lewin & M^r. J. Lewin dined with me, they took their leave intending to sleep at Ayton & from thence set out for ~~hom~~ Eltham in Kent tomorr^o. morning, they came to my House on Monday 31st. August.

Sunday the Twentieth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's at Ayton with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. Jackson.

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Monday the Twenty First; My Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. with ~~Sist^r. Est^r.~~ Miss Mathews & my Sisters Est^r & Wilson and her two Daughters dined & slept here save Sist^r. Wilson who returned home her Husband not being able to go abroad.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; M^r. Rudd called & stay'd half an hour, after that my Bro^r. Jeff^y. Miss Mathews & myself rode out a few Miles before dinner.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; Capt. Jackson & Miss Mathews rode out before dinner, I stayed at home with my female Relations.

Thursday the Twenty fourth; M^r. Jackson rode out before dinner, M^r. Ra' Spencer a Gentleman late of Bengal & an acquaintance of my Bro^r. Jeff^y's (see Thursday 2^d. Nov. 1786, Journal Lett^r. T) arrived here before dinner & slept here.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; my two Nieces Wilson, & Miss Mathews went to Ayton after dinner and M^r. Spencer went to Coatham.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. Jackson & Sister Est^r. spent the day with me; Gen^l. Hale & three of his little Girls spent an hour here in the morning to beg some Fruit of me, he expecting S^r. W^m. Howe & some Comp^a. at his House.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. & Sister Esther left me after dinner- they came to me last Monday.—

Monday the Twenty Eighth at home

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I dined at my Brother Wilson's with my Bro^r. & Sister Jeff^y. Jackson .

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last day; rode out a little way before dinner- the Wind became very high.

OCTOBER 1789

Thursday the First; The S^o. West Wind blew very high all day, calming towards night.

Friday the Second; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's with M^r. & M^{rs}. Askew & ^two of^ his Nieces (Miss Askew & Miss Elizath.) who arrived at Ayton yesterday, also M^r. & M^{rs} Chaloner, Rev^d. John Chaloner, Rev^d. Lascelles & his Nep^h. Fenwick; & my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. & Miss Mathews dined there; I left ^them^ about six o'Clock.

Saturday the Third; M^r. & M^{rs}. Askew his two Nieces -see yesterday- my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. Sist^r Est^r & Sister Wilson and her two Daughters dined & lay here, save my Sister Wilson who returned home after Tea.

Sunday the Fourth; M^{rs}. & two Miss Askews read the morning Service and a Sermon before dinner.

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Monday the Fifth; M^r. & M^{rs}. and two Miss Askews left me after breakfast to return home ^at Redheugh^ (laying this night at Durham) and soon after my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeffr'y, Sist^r. Esther, Nieces Wilson and Miss Mathews went away.

Tuesday the Sixth; my Bro^r. Jeff^y. Jackson dined with me, - showery weather.—

Wednesday the Seventh; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, with Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. & Miss Mathews who intend to set ^out^ for M^r. Askew's at Redheugh tomorr^o.

Thursday the Eighth; I rode a little way before dinner, and in the evening I ^as one of the Surveyors^ attended a Meeting of the Inhabitants of this Township when the Highway accounts were settled.

Friday the Ninth; I rode a little way before dinner.

Saturday the Tenth; at home; Rain most of the day.

Sunday the Eleventh; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, and afterwards went to Ayton Church.

Monday the Twelfth; at home.--

Tuesday the Thirteenth; rode out two hours before dinner - high S.E. Wind & Rain in the even'g.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; I spent a few hours at Stockton, dined at the Inn and returned.

Thursday the Fifteenth; a prodigious Rain took place sometime in last Night, & continued all this day.

Friday the Sixteenth; M^r. W^m. Wilson of Berwick on Tees breakfasted with me; the Air being mild and clear I rode to Cargo ffeet-Wharf, where the Sloop is now loading Oats for London, the lane is exceedingly broaken up, & much Water in it; dined at home.

Saturday the Seventeenth; about home.

Sunday the Eighteenth; much Rain fell –

Monday the Nineteenth; showers during the forenoon

Tuesday the Twentyeth; M^r. Dodds met me riding out about eleven o'Clo', to inform me that M^r. Baker had by letter to him appointed to meet ^him^ at my House before dinner; M^r. Rudd & his Son Bart^w. came unexpectedly before one o'Clo', & as they intended to dine & lay here, they eat some cold Beef, so did M^r. Dodds & I, & at three o'Clo' we all sat down to ^a hot^ dinner no M^r. Baker coming; M^r. Rudd & Son left me before five just as M^r. Baker arrived; after drinking Tea M^r. Baker, M^r. Dodds & I sat down to our Alum Acco^{ts}.

Wednesday the Twenty First; we continued our examination of M^r. Dodd's last Year's Acco^{ts}. ending 31st. May (last) & finally settled them in the evening, tho' frequently interrupted by the Farmers of Eston paying to me their small Tithes.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I had so bad a night that I did not get out of Bed to see M^r. Baker before he set out for near Malton where he intends to ^Fox^ Hunt some time; & M^r. Dodds went to Birken-side 20 Miles West of Durham, to see his aged Mother; & his only Brother (William).

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Friday the Twenty Third; at home not well.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; the morning being fine & my Cough troublesome I rode out an hour .

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; at home. –

Monday the Twenty Sixth; rode out a little way.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I rode out two hours before dinner; we have had the most unusual heavy Rains this Autumn; M^r. Preston of Stokesley came here before Tea, and lay here.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; after breakfast M^r. Preston went to Marsk to hold S^r. Tho^s. Dundas' Court there; I rode out in the forenoon and on my return I found Sist^r. Est^r. & my two Nieces Wilson who dined with me, and in the evening came my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. Jackson & Miss Mathews arrived from Redheugh (see Wednesday the 7th inst) and soon after Mr. Dodds arrived from the West see Thursday 22d. inst. my two Nieces Wilson & Miss Mathews went to Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. & Sister Est^r. went to Ayton after breakfast; M^r. Dodds spent the day and slept here.

Friday the Thirtieth; M^r. Dodds went home after breakfast, I rode with him to Wilton & returned.

Saturday the Thirty First, & last day; - My Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y. Jackson & Sister Est^r. & two Nieces Wilson & Miss Mathews came before dinner to stay two days; M^{rs}. Mauleverer & her two unmarried Daughters (Francis & Mary) who have spent the last two days at Ayton were to have been here also, but were prevented by the rec^t of intelligence this morning that M^{rs}. Preston of York Sister of M^{rs}. Mauleverer dyed yesterday, so they returned to their home at Arncliffe; very cold N. Wind with ^Snow.^

NOVEMBER 1789

Sunday the First; my Friends spent all this day with me; the Air is milder.

Monday the Second; after breakfast my Sister Jeff^y. Jackson took my Niece Rachel into her Chariot and went to the Plantation to pay a morning Visit to M^{rs}. Hale, I rode with my Bro^r. Jeff^y. as far as Kirk-leatham on his way to pay Gen^l. Hale a morning Visit; my Sister Esther, Niece of that Name and Miss Mathews returned to Ayton also before dinner.

Tuesday the Third; another rainy day.

Wednesday the Fourth; several heavy showers fell this day, nevertheless I rode out before dinner.

Thursday the Fifth; I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Jeff^y Jackson & C^c. and had a very rainy ride home in the evening

Friday the Sixth; I rode out a little before dinner, but Rain drove me home.

Saturday the Seventh; The Weather being almost continually rainy I had a Chaise from Stokesley, to which place I went in it (with my Serv^t. John Fawcet) spent half an hour with M^r. Preston, & then to Ayton .

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I dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's with my Bro^r. Cap^t. Jackson, his Wife dined at my Sister Esther's where we all retired to about three o'Clock, I left them about five, taking leave of my Bro^r. & Sist^r. ^Jeff^y.^ Jackson ^& Miss Mathews^ who intend to set ^out^ tomorrow morning in their own Chariot & ^pair of ^ Horses, for Woodford Bridg'; they arrived at Ayton Sunday 13th Sept. last, - The night was very stormy as I returned home in the Chaise.

Sunday the Eighth; at home, another rainy day.

Monday the Ninth; I rode out before dinner.

Tuesday the Tenth; confined to the House by a pain in my Gums & other parts of my Head.

Wednesday the Eleventh; I had the Tooth-Ach very severely, sent for M^r. Brown of K. Leatham but he being doubtful that he cannot extract the affected Tooth he did not attempt to draw it - had a bad night.

Thursday the Twelfth; I was somewhat easier in the pains in my Gums & Head; M^r. Brown dined with ^me.^

Friday the Thirteenth; I am better today - much Rain.

Saturday the Fourteenth; Cap^t. Jn^o. Hale & his ^Bro^r.^ Barnard (in the royal Navy) spent half an hour with me, and M^r. Dodds came before dinner & lay here.

Sunday the Fifteenth; M^r. Dodds remained here.

Monday the Sixteenth; M^r. Dodds left me after breakfast; I am free from pain in my Teeth &^c. but the Air is so cold I dare not venture to ride.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; more Rain; Ra^h. Jackson & Ja^s. Appleton sat an hour with me in the evening on Town's business, they are Overs^{rs}. of the Poor.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I got a short ride, the first since Monday the 9th. - the Air is warm, tho' a Cloudy day.

Thursday the Nineteenth; before nine o'Clo' I stept into a Port Chaise I had from Gisbro', paid a morning Visit to Cap^t. Hale & his Bro^r. Barnard (see last Saturday) at the Plantation, spent a short time at M^r. Danby's on business, dined at Rev^d. Williamson's, and home before five.

Friday the Twentyeth; much Rain had fallen last night, & continued to fall most of the day.

Saturday the Twenty First; Fawcet went to Stokesley on business of his own & John's, a very bad day.

Sunday the Twenty Second; a bright cold Air.

Monday the Twenty Third; another rainy day.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. Jn^o. Brown, Apoth^y. of K. Leatham, & his Bro^r. in Law Cap^t. Motley dined with me.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; much Rain fell last ^night,^ and all the day ^is^ showery & cold - Wind N.E. -

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Thursday the Twenty Sixth; fair weather all the latter parts of the day. –

Friday the Twenty Seventh; after a very hard Frost ^at night^ we have had a fairer and finer day than has been experienced in this Neighbourhood of near two Months, the Rains in that time have been so great, & almost constant, that most of ~~the~~ ^our^ Fallow Grounds are not sown with wheat, & they are so very wet that it is doubtful whether they can be got into a proper condition for sowing wheat thereon this year. I rode out an hour before dinner. –

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; rode out before dinner.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; as yesterday - a very fine day.

Monday the Thirtieth, & last Day; very cold in the forenoon; I rode out into my fields half an hour after dinner.

DECEMBER 1789

Tuesday the First; I called at my Sist^r. Esther's, and went to my Bro^r. Wilson's where I dined, he is much incommoded by a Rash all over him generally, tho' his Back & Arms are more affected by it than elsewhere; before dinner Gen^l. & M^{rs}. Cary sat an hour, after my return home I attended a Meeting of the Inhabitants of this Township, about the Maintainance of the bastard Child of which my late Hous'keeper Bedford was delivered the 26th. Aug^t. last- ^my Servant^ Fawcett present, & acknowledging himself the Father; the Mother being now quite out of her right mind, nothing conclusive was agreed on.

Wednesday the Second; at home. –

Thursday the Third; at home; cold-hazy weather.

Friday the Fourth; at home.

Saturday the Fifth; the morning being fine I rode out two hours, before dinner; Ann Hill late Cook to M^{rs}. Wilson in the Minster Yard, York was brought here by my Sist^r. Est^r William [?] from Stokesley to be my Housekeeper and Cook.

Sunday the Sixth; I rode out before dinner my Servant (Jn^o.) Fawcett set out in the forenoon to go to Rugby for my Son William Ward.

Monday the Seventh; I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton; we now have very fine weather, insomuch that the Farmers are making great progress in sowing wheat.

Tuesday the Eighth; I rode thro' most of the high part of Ja^s. Appleton's Farm, with him on foot, pointing out places necessary to be underdrained; home by dinner.

Wednesday the Ninth; I sat half an hour with Rev^d. Grenside of Marton before dinner. -

Thursday the Tenth; at home.

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Friday the Eleventh; I paid a morning Visit to M^r. Chaloner, dined at home at two, a little before which M^r. Rudd & his Son Tho^s. came in ^unexpectedly^, they dined & spent the afternoon with me till past six o'Clock.

Saturday the Twelfth; M^r. Simpson of Norton was with me a short time on Justice Busyness, & while he was here viz between one & two o'Clock Fawcett arrived ^see last Sunday^ with my little Son & Benj^a: Lumley from Rugby, soon after dinner the latter was sent for by his Father & he went home (to Stockton).

Sunday the Thirteenth; William & I at home.

Monday the Fourteenth; Will^m. & I went to Ayton took a short dinner & returned my Sisters and Nieces being on a morning visit to M^{rs}. Cary.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; W^m. & I at home, Rain.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; my Sister Wilson and her two Daughters, & Sist^r. Est^r. dined here. –

Thursday the Seventeenth; at Rev^d. Mr. Grenside dined here, in Complement to William.

Friday the Eighteenth; I met Gen^l. Cary at Stokesley on Militia Business. S^r. W^m. & M^r. Jn^o. R. Foulis dined with us; as I went & returned in Chaise, I took William with me to Ayton & called for him there on my return.

Saturday the Nineteenth; at home. –

Sunday the Twentieth; W^m. & I as yesterday, we read the Service of the day, at home. –

Monday the Twenty First; at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; Rev^d. Williamson and his Son Tho^s. Pym - dined with us. –

Wednesday the Twenty Third; W^m. and I rode an hour before dinner, tho' the Air was cold. –

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; at home.

Christmas-day, Friday the Twenty fifth; William & I read the Service of the Day at home.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; William rode a Grey-hound coursing with John, Fawcett, & several Neighbours, it being S^t. Stephen's day.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; we read the Services.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; W^m. & I, on our Road to Stokton met M^r. Lumley & his Son Benjamin going to Marsk; we called on M^r. Sutton, M^r. Brown, M^r. ^Geo:^ Hutchinson, Miss^{es}. Welbanks, M^r. Raisbecks, & M^{rs}. Lumley and dined at the Inn, my Nieces Wilson passed it (but we cou'd not speak to them) in the Coach to Mr. Brown's to spend a week there. - we got home by five o'Clo'.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; before dinner William & I rode to a Workman Geo: Richardson of Westerdale - who is begun to drain the ^swamps^ on the high end of my long Field in Ja^s. Appleton's Farm.

Wednesday the Thirtieth; M^r. Dodds came before din'r.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day; a very bad day.

JANUARY 1790

Friday the First; M^r. Dodds rode with William & I to the Drainer before dinner, see Tuesday ^last.^

Saturday the Second; I was not well.

Sunday the Third; William, M^r. Dodds & I rode our before dinner; the day was very fine.

Monday the Fourth; William & I rode with M^r. Dodds beyond Wilton on his return home; - we expected M^r. Fran^k. Reed of Hurworth, & his Son (Tho^s.) to dinner but he did not arrive.

Tuesday the Fifth; William & I rode to my Drainer, see 29th. Ult^o. M^r. Reed & his Son (Tho^s.) arrived about half an hour after two, dined & lay here.

Wednesday the Sixth; M^r. Reed & his Son left Normanby after breakfast; W^m. set them to Acklam; after he & I had dined Rev^d. Harrison, Curate of Lofth^o. came, he had some dinner, and lay here.

Thursday the Seventh; M^r. Harrison went away after breakfast - then William & I rode to Ayton, my Sist^r. Wilson & her two Daughters were gone to pay a morning visit at the Plantation, I had something to eat & was on horseback when they returned; I left William and came home to a very Late dinner.

Friday the Eighth; I spent two hours with the Drainer see 29th. Ult^o. – a very fine day.

Saturday the Ninth; I rode to Stokesley spent an hour there with Mr. Preston, dined at my Bro^r. Wilson's, & home, leaving William there - a hard frost.

Sunday the Tenth; at home. –

Monday the Eleventh; I rode to Kirk Leatham to consult Mr. Brown, Apoth^y., whether it may be necessary to prepare my dear Boy, the Measles having broke out at Geo: Hamond's at Cross-Beck the Child being now at Ayton; he (Mr. B.) was not at home, after I had dined Mr. Lumley & his Son Benj^a. came and a Mutton Chop &^c. being prepared for them they also dined & soon after Mr. Preston of Stokesley came, he stayed all night, but the above two went away soon - a very fine day.

Tuesday the Twelfth; Mr. Preston went a shooting with John, dined & went home. –

Wednesday the Thirteenth; I went to Ayton before dinner & had much conversation with my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson on the subject of the Measles having broke out (at Hamond's at Cross-Beck) their Daughters nor my Son having ever had them, my Nieces are much alarmed; for that reason, and that my Child may not be so, and ^also^ that if he ^should^ receive the infection now he will have the benefit of good Nursing at home with the best medical assistance in this Neighborhood he accompanied me home after dinner.

Thursday the Fourteenth; W^m. rode with me to the Drainer see the 29th Ult^o.; after dinner he walked out a Greyhound coursing with John & Fawcet; Cap^t. Motley sat half an hour with me. –

Friday the Fifteenth; William went (with Fawcet) a Greyhound coursing to K. Leatham came home to a late dinner. –

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Saturday the Sixteenth; In a Chaise I had from Gisbro', William and I went to the Plantation (Gen^l.Hale's) where we breakfasted we dined Rev^d. Williamson's, home about five.

Sunday the Seventeenth; we read the Service for the day.

Monday the Eighteenth; William went a Greyhound Coursing with John after dinner. –

Tuesday the Nineteenth; Benj^a. Lumley who had previously been a hunting in Eston Township with the Stockton Hounds, dined here, so did his Father & Cap^t. Motley, they left us before seven.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; William went to Ayton to spend a couple of days; I was some hours in my Garden this afternoon planning a Drain from the S^o.W^t. corner of it to the middle of the broad Gravel Walk where a drain is now to be found.

Thursday the Twenty First; I spent too much time in seeing ^to^ the execution of the Plan, see yesterday and when I was going to Bed (before Tea) came Rev^d. M^r. Harrison Curate of Lofthouse, he lay here.

Friday the Twenty Second; I dined at my Brother Wilson's at Ayton and brought home with me my Son William, who went there last Wednesday.

Saturday the ^Twenty^ Third; we spent all day together and in the evening Benj^a. Lumley ^J^r.^ of Stockton came here. – I had a bad night, & was not well all this day.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; at seven o'Clo' my dear Child came to my Bedside and took a tender farewell and immediately after stept into a Post Chaise wth. Benj^a. Lumley and my Servant Fawcet to go to Rugby, from whence they arrived here on Saturday the 12th. Ulto. viz: 6 weeks holiday. I had but a bad night, & all this day am very Asthmatical.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; am no better.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; much as yesterday.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; a little better. Mr. Brown the Apothecary dined with me.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; my Cough is very troublesome, otherwise as yesterday. –

Friday the Twenty Ninth; my Cough is bad.

Saturday the Thirtieth; Mr. Brown dined here I am very feeble, my Cough troublesome day & night.

Sunday the Thirty First & last Day; my Bro^r. & Sist^r. Wilson & Sist^r. Est^r. dined here, I am no better.

FEBRUARY 1790

February the First; as yesterday.

[The following notes were added on this page of this Diary by Ralph Jackson's son William Ward Jackson.]

On the sixteenth of February, ^1790^ my dear and respected Father died - aged 55years - born Jan^y. 26th.1737. [Signed] W Ward Jackson born (as by his Journal April 11th. 1781) the 15th of Jan^y. 1736 old stile.

My Mother, Mary, Lewin, aft^{ds}. Jackson was born March 19th. 1756 - married Thursday Nov^r. 14th. 1776 at Greenwich (being then 20 yrs. old, and my Father 40) died at Ayton April 11th 1781 Aged 25 years & 23 Days interred at Gisbro' Ap^l. 17th 1781.

First Child, Ralph Ward, born Oct^r. 17th. 1777 at Normanby Christened there Nov. 14th. same year - died at Ayton April 13th. 1778 - & was interred there - aftds. reinterred at Gisbro' 17th April 1781.

Second Child Wm. Ward born Oct. 27th 1778 & Christened Nov. 24th at Normanby. - (NB Died at Normanby New Hall 2 Feb. 1842 - aged 63 years 9 ^months^ Interred in Eston & Normanby Church Yard W.W.J.⁷)

Third Child Mary Lewin, born at Ayton Nov. 29th. & Christened there Dec. 23^d. 1779 died at Woodford bridge in Essex, April 8th. 1789 aged 9 years and 4 months interred at Woodford.

⁷ Note in brackets signed W.W.J. is by William Ward Jackson, son of William Ward Jackson and grandson of Ralph Jackson .