

## The Dillwyn Collection

The Journals of Lewis Weston Dillwyn (b.1778 d.1855)

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<b>DECEMBER 1826</b>
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- Monday 4            Attended a Bank Meeting & afterwards a Sale under Haynes's Bankruptcy when for 266£ I purchased 'Longlands' immediately under Heathfield & had before agreed to exchange it with Calvert Jones for an equal quantity of his Field called the Swan Fields adjoining the Garden at the Willows
- Tuesday 5           Drove to another Meeting of the Assignees, & on other Business to Swansea. Returned about 4
- Wednesday 6        As my Cough continues & the Weather was very wet I did not leave the House all day. My Brother came to Dinner
- Thursday 7           Held a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach after which I went to Swansea to arrange for the payment for Tredegar & etc. Dined with a large party at Mr John Jenkins & slept at my Brothers
- Friday 8              Engaged all the morning about the Tredegar Estate for which I signed the contract & paid £4000. Returned home to Dinner. In the Evening engaged till late about a Charge against two Persons for passing bad Silver
- Saturday 9           Drove over to a reexamination of two Persons who call themselves John David and Mary Wilson & committed them on a charge for uttering bad money. The womans lived with as the wife of Howell Howells who was transported for burglary last spring at the Mumbles & who is the most depraved creature I ever saw. Mary & Fanny went with me to Swansea & the rain fell in torrents on our return home
- Sunday 10           Most of the Family went to Church my Boys at Swansea & the rest at Llangafelach & all got very wet in the thunderstorm. Mr Brother came to Dinner & I read as usual in the Evening
- Monday 11           Drove on Bank & other Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Tuesday 12           After an early Dinner went to Swansea, & in the Evening attended & took the Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Bible Society. Slept at my Brothers

Wednesday 13                      Closely engaged by Business at Swansea all the morning & returned home to Dinner

Thursday 14                      Drove on various Business to Swansea & my Brother came to Dinner

Friday 15                          Coursed in the morning on the Commons with my Brother & two Boys, & killed two Hares & John had his Gun for Snipe shooting. We dined together at 2 & George then returned to Swansea

Saturday 16                      Drove on very various Business to Swansea, & returned to Dinner. Found Dr Edwards here & he is still in attendance on our Footman who continues very ill & our Groom who has severely lamed himself

Sunday 17                         My Boys rode to St Johns, & I went with Mary, Miss Gowing & Mr Wayne to Llangafelach Church, & read the Service as usual to the Family in the Evening

Monday 18                        Wet to Swansea on various Business & spent the afternoon & Evening in attending to the Yearly Valuation of the Pottery Stock. Slept at my Brothers

Tuesday 19                      Engaged all day about the Pottery Stock & again slept at my Brothers

Wednesday 20                    Engaged principally as yesterday & returned to Dinner at Penllergare

Thursday 21                      Went to Swansea soon after Breakfast to attend a Meeting of the Creditors of the Neath Bank in which several of our Ynysygerwyn Tenants are much interested & got a hasty Dinner at the Mackworth Arms. Slept at my Brothers

Friday 22                         Engaged all day on Pottery Business & dined & slept at my Brothers. Mary & Fanny came over to Mrs Llewelyn & called on us

Saturday 23                      Engaged on various Business till about 4 & then returned to Dinner at Penllergare

Sunday 24                        My two Boys rode to St Johns & all the rest of us went to Llangafelach Church. George joined us at Dinner & I read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 25                        Being Christmasday Mary with our 3 elder Children - my Brother, Miss Gowing & Mr Wayne staid the Sacrament, the two latter for the first time. I read the Service to our two young ones at home, & afterwards Mrs Llewelyn joined us & we all took our Xmas Dinner together

- Tuesday 26            John went to shoot with Mr Sockett, & they killed nothing. About noon I drove on various Business to Swansea & dined at the Portreeves Feast. Gabl Powell being Portreeve. Slept at my Brothers
- Wednesday 27            Engaged allday about stock taking affairs at the Pottery. Mary had been to call at Marino came for me in the afternoon & I came with her to dine at Penllergare
- Thursday 28            Drove on Pottery Business to breakfast at my Brothers & returned home to Dinner
- Friday 29            A heavy & utterly unaccountable deficiency in the Pottery Stock engrosses most of my attention & I rove early to Swansea, & persevered in unavailing attempts to investigate the cause till midnight. Dined & slept at my brothers. John with the Greyhounds killed one Leveret & with his Gun a Teal & 2 Snipes
- Saturday 30            Rose early & continued without success the Pottery enquiry but was much interrupted by Griffiths who came over to settle the Ynysygerwn Accounts, & by Business respecting Pontcadwgan & etc. Returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 31            Mrs Llewelyn & etc went to Llangafelach, the Boys to St Johns & I read the Service at home to Mary & our two younger Girls. George came to Dinner, & I afterwards walked to see & examine the Children at a private School of my dear Fans. Read the Evening Service as usual

<p><b>1827</b> <b>JANUARY</b></p>
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- Monday 1            Went in my Brothers Gig to Swansea was occupied by various Business. Got a hasty Dinner at the Mackworth Arms, & then pursued the pottery enquiry till 8 when I went to sleep at Mrs Llewelyns. Attended a Ball (G Powell & Capt Penrice, Stewards) with Mary, Mrs Llewelyn, Fanny & John & at 3 retired to sleep at Mrs Llewelyns
- Tuesday 2            At 7 went to my Brothers when I breakfasted, dined & slept & pursued the Pottery Investigation where I have reason to believe that some Robberies to a large extent have been carried on. I was sorry to hear that John on his return to Penllergare became very unwell

Wednesday 3 Closely engaged allday by various Business & returned to Dinner at Penllergare

Thursday 4 Walked to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. George came to Dinner & also Dr Edwards who reported favorably on John but in the Evening he became more unwell

Friday 5 Went to Swansea & sent over Dr Edwards to see John & he brought me a favorable report in the Evening to my Brothers where I dined & slept

Saturday 6 Dr Edwards called early in the morning to inform me that in the night he had been again sent for to John & that a swelling of the Quincy sort had broken in his Throat & that every vestige of alarm had subsided. I returned in the afternoon to Penllergare where I found my dear Boy better but as a precaution Dr Edwards came & slept here

Sunday 7 The Dr before he left us made a favorable report of John. Weather very bad so that none of us stirred out & I read both Services to the Family at home.

Monday 8 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner

Tuesday 9 Coursed with Dr Gibbon & Mr Fowler, & had good sport but killed no Hares. While I was thus employed Mrs Vivian, Mrs A Jones, Capt Jeffreys & etc called, & Parry Wilkins, T E Thomas & Henry Jones dined here. My brother also came to Dinner

Wednesday 10 Drove early to Swansea & was engaged till 3 in paying Dividends from Eatons Estate. From thence I pursued the enquiry respecting the deficiency in the Pottery Stock till late & slept at my Brothers

Thursday 11 Variously engaged all the morning at Swansea & returned home to Dinner

Friday 12 My dear John has now compleated his 17th Year & thus far neither his disposition or conduct has ever given his Parents the least uneasiness. I ha promised to spend it with him shooting but he was not sufficiently recovered from his illness. I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea, & George returned with me. We all dined together at 4, & the Evening was spent in dancing & other holiday proceedings

- Saturday 13 Drove with my Brother early to Swansea & was chiefly engaged in paying Bank Dividends. Returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 14 Weather so bad that none of us went to Church & I read both Services at home. My Brother came to Dinner, & in the Evening My Wayne left us on his return homewards after having been the Tutor to my Boys for 1½ Years.
- Monday 15 Went out to shoot small Birds & etc with my two Boys & I killed a Pochard. Drove in the aft. to Swansea & dined & slept at T E Thomas's
- Tuesday 16 Went to Breakfast at my Brothers & continued the investigation of the cause of the heavy deficiency in the Value of the Pottery Stock which is plainly proved to arise chiefly if not wholly from the roguery of George Green [?] our head Gloss Fireman, & as soon as the Investigation of his department commenced the Scoundrel absconded. My Brother returned with me to dine at Penllergare
- Wednesday 17 Went with my Brother in his Gig on various Business & to attend a special Harbor Meeting at Swansea, & returned to Penllergare in the Coach with Mary & Fanny
- Thursday 18 Drive on various Business to Swansea & my Brother returned with me to Dinner
- Friday 19 Coursed with my Brother, Henry Jones, & Mr Fowler without much sport & killed nothing
- Saturday 20 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner. John very ill allday.
- Sunday 21 Fanny, Lewis & Miss Gowing went to Llangafelach Church, & I read the morning Service to Mrs Ll, Mary & etc. George came to Dinner, & we afterwards walked with Griffiths to look over Gelly Hill & came round by Ty-yn-yrheol. Being tired I fell asleep in the Evening
- Monday 22 Walked halfway to Swansea & Mary & Fanny took us up in the Coach. I dined & slept at my Brothers & in the Evening attended a Meeting of the British & Foreign School Society of which I am President
- Tuesday 23 Engaged the whole day in the Pottery Investigation, & my Brother came with me to Dinner at Penllergare & we followed it up the whole Evening

- Wednesday 24                      Mrs Llewelyn closed her Xmas Visit to us & returned home. John by the Doctors consent was sufficiently well & went to shoot for an hour & a half with me when he killed a Hare. We dined at 3 & were afterwards alarmed by a sudden swelling in Johns throat & immediately sent for Dr Edwards who slept here. I sat up till near 3 & Mary had a rest all night. A heavy fall of Snow in the Evening
- Thursday 25                      Except that I went to amuse Lewis with a little Shooting Mary & I remained the whole day with John, & we each sat up half the night with him. Dr Edwards again slept here
- Friday 26                      The compleat counterpart of yesterday except that Dr Edwards did not think it necessary to stop the night here & he returned to Swansea about 11 in the Evening. John is decidedly better tho' still very ill & Mary & I each sat up half the night with him
- Saturday 27                      Again amused Lewis with shooting small Birds for a couple of hours, & did not otherwise leave home. Dr Edwards came in the middle of the day, & found John's Throat very much better
- Sunday 28                      Read the morning Service at home, & a heavy thaw & rain prevented us from going out. My Brother came to Dinner & Dr Edwards in the afternoon confirmed our opinion that John is decidedly better
- Monday 29                      Drove to Swansea & George Green was convicted & adjudged to 3 Months hard Labor in the House of Correction for having broken or employed others to break & conceal large quantities of our Ware which had become damaged through his neglect or carelessness, in order to save himself from being made to pay for the damage. he had contracted a year ago to fire all our Gloss Kilns & our Loss has been very heavy. C R Jones & Col Cameron acted as Magistrates, & to my Brother I am chiefly indebted for the detection of this Villany. John not better this Evening, & Dr E remained here till late
- Tuesday 30                      Mary last night sat up with John till 3 & I then relieved her. Drove on various Business to Swansea. John better & was able to sit up an hour in the Evening
- Wednesday 31                      Drove on various Business (chiefly on Trust affairs) to Swansea & returned to Dinner. John continues to mend

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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Thursday 1            Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. My Brother has this day completed his 40th Year & came to dine with us

Friday 2              Drove in the Socialet with Fan to Swansea & returned early

Saturday 3            My dear John who was yesterday considerably better has this morning suffered a relapse & is very ill. I went to Swansea to consult Dr Edwards & Lewis accompanied me. The Dr came over & dined with us

Sunday 4              Mary & I had each sat up half of the last night with John who yesterday was unable to sit up even to have his Bed made, & is not much better today. Fanny, Miss Gowing & Lewis went to Church. My Brother came to Dinner & Mr Leigh & Mr Miers called here. I went to Bed at 5 in the afternoon & at ½ past 12 got up to relieve Mary who is watching John for the remainder of the Night

Monday 5             Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea. John in the Evening better & was able to sit up for an hour

Tuesday 6            Rose at ½ past 2 to relieve Mary in watching John & he is decidedly better today. Drove early to investigate a charge of murder near Morryston, & after to attend a School Meeting at Swansea. Felt a good deal unwell in the Evening

Wednesday 7        Unwell & confined allday to the House. Dr Edwards came as usual in the afternoon & reports well of Johns progress

Thursday 8           Drove chiefly on Trust affairs & returned to Dinner about 5. John came down stairs & Dr E omitted his regular daily Visit

Friday 9              Went on Business with Griffiths to look at the Woods of Coedtrenning [?] & Tredegar, & took Lewis & my Gun with me. John rather less well & again confined to his room. My Brother came to Dinner & returned in the Evening

Saturday 10         Drove to attend a Meeting of Assignees & etc & Fanny & Miss Gowing accompanied me to Swansea & walked back

Sunday 11            Fanny, Miss Gowing & Lewis attended Llangafelach Church, & I read the Evening Service as usual. My Brother came to Dinner & returned home in the Evening

Monday 12           Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting & other Business at Swansea

Tuesday 13          Mary & our two younger Girls went to Swansea & I was engaged in the House with Mr Walker & etc all day



Wednesday 14                      Mr Walker again came here respecting a letting of the China Works, & in the afternoon I drove him to Swansea & returned to Dinner

Thursday 15                      Mr Davis of Court y gollen & Rd Jeffreys came to breakfast & shoot, & P Wilkins & T E Thomas joined us at Dinner and they all returned home at night. I spent the day at home & at a Meeting of Appeal at Llangafelach

Friday 16                          Went on multifarious Business to Swansea. Got a hearty Dinner at the Mackworth Arms. Took a warm Bath in the Evening & slept at my Brothers

Saturday 17                      Variously engaged all the morning at Swansea & returned home to Dinner at 5. Hard frost

Sunday 18                         A severe Frost & high Wind & I never felt it colder. None of us went to Church & I read both the Services at home

Rough Estimate of Mr Francis Estate,

Annual Value of Abergelli	28.1
Bryn Lluych [?]	5.19
Bishopstone	<u>2</u>
	36
Years franchise[?]	25
	900
Timber about	<u>100</u>
Actual value of Lease            )	
on Abergwelli - old woman    ) -	80
aged 80, but likely to live long	<u>920</u>

Monday 19                      Engaged at home in the morning & in the afternoon drove to Swansea to endeavour to compleat the purchase of Knap Llwyd about which some Disputes have long existed

Tuesday 20                      Did not leave home or our Grounds allday & John was well enough to accompany me in shooting tho' not to carry a gun

Wednesday 21                      Went early on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 2 after which I walked to shoot with my Boys

Thursday 22                      After Breakfast took a short walk with my 2 Boys & John killed a Woodcock. went afterwards with Mary & Fanny to Swansea & they called at Veranda, St Helens, Heathfield & etc. George came to dine & sleep here

Friday 23 Engaged at home in the morning, but went in the afternoon to Swansea & returned to Dinner

Saturday 24 Drove early to Swansea & till I returned to a late Dinner was closely engaged by various Business

Sunday 25 Mary, Fanny & Lewis went to Church, & I read the morning Service to the rest of the Family & also the Evening Service as usual. My Brother dined & slept here

Monday 26 Drove rather early to Swansea, respecting Knapp Llwyd & etc & returned to Dinner at 5

Tuesday 27 Went to Swansea & took the Chair of a large Meeting of Harbor Trustees where Telfords Plan for making a floating Harbor was rejected. Dined with a crowded party at Col S Lewins[?] & slept at Mrs Ll's. In the morning I committed the most determined Pickpockets who were also provided to act as Housebreakers to Cardiff Gaol

Wednesday 28 After breakfasting at Mrs Ll's I went at 10 to a Meeting of the Bank assignees & returned home early in the afternoon. Capt Morgan, Rd Jeffreys, Revd S Davis, Jo Jenkin & my Brother dined with us & the latter only slept here

<b>MARCH</b>
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Thursday 1 Drove about noon for two hours to Swansea - through heavy Rain

Friday 2 Engaged in the morning at home. Dined with the Children at 2 & afterwards went with Mary & our two youngest to Llangafelach Fair. John & Fanny rode to Swansea

Saturday 3 Drove early on very various Business to Swansea & ret'd to Dinner at 5

Sunday 4 Weather very bad with heavy rain & sleet & none of us went to Church. I read the morning Service & in the Evening some prayers of Wilsons & a Sermon to the Family. George dined & slept here

Monday 5 Drove early on various Business to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting & etc

Tuesday 6 Engaged at home in the morning & went for an hour with my two Boys for a Walk to the Farm when John shot a Water hen. Dined

with the Children & then went in the close Carriage with Mary & little namesake for an hour to Swansea

- Wednesday 7 Drove on very various Business to Swansea. Sir Jo Morris leaving his Family at Bath has come to spend a few days here. T E Thomas & C Smith dined & the former slept here
- Thursday 8 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. This is little Mary's birth Day, & she has spent it right happily. Mr Leyshon came to meet Sir Jo Morris at Dinner
- Friday 6 Sir Jo Morris drove Fanny, John & myself to Swansea & the two Juniors walked home. In the afternoon I called on Col & Mrs Jones at Veranda & then to look at some Iron railings at Sketty when I took up & brought home Sir J Morris
- Saturday 10 Drove Sir J Morris to Swansea on his way homewards, & returned to Dinner
- Sunday 11 Went with Mary, Miss Gowing & Fan in the Socialet & my two Boys on Horseback to Church. My Brother came to dine & sleep as usual
- Monday 12 Drove to Swansea \* again took the lead in opposing a floating Harbor at a Harbor Meeting, & also in opposing a Bridge across the River lower than Foxhole
- Tuesday 13 Drove with Mary to Swansea in order that she & Mrs Llewelyn might sign the necessary papers for being admitted as customary Tenants of 2/3 of Knap Llwyd, the long dispute about which has at length been settled. I bought this Estate at a time when only 3 per Cent could be obtained for money & its comparative cheapness then led to the purchase. Mrs Llewelyn came to Dinner & to spend a few days with us

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- Wednesday 14 Drove in vary various Business to Swansea & Sir John Morris again came to dine & spend a couple of days with us
- Thursday 15 Went with Sir Jo Morris to Swansea to endeavour to expedite the completion of our purchase of Tredegar & etc. C Smith, Jo Grove & my Brother joined our Party at Dinner & the two former returned home in the Evening
- Friday 16 Drove Sir Jo Morris & after attending another adjourned Harbor Meeting he set off to rejoin his Family at Bath. A treaty which has been going on with Mr Prance[?] for the purchase of Abergele fach &

Brynllwyd in this Parish I have closed as the Price demanded, £1300, is far too high

- Saturday 17 Drove on very various Business to Swansea & came back to dine at 5
- Sunday 18 Mrs llewelyn, Fanny & Miss Gowing went to Llangafelach & the two Boys to St Johns Church. I staid at home with Mary & read the morning Service with our youngest Girls. My Brother came to Dinner, & Dr Edwards in the Evening to furnish John with written directions both for himself & for a medical man in case of illness. Read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 19 Attended by David, Mary, John & I set out in a hack Carriage soon after 8, & at 6 inn the Evening took up our Quarters for the night at Newport. After our departure Mrs Llewelyn closed her Visit & took Fanny to visit her
- Tuesday 20 Started about 9 in the Lady Rodney Steam Vessel & after a pleasant passage of  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour, reached the Hot Wells from whence we immediately proceeded & took up our Quarters at Reeve's Hotel near Cmth[?] Green. Went to see various sights & amused ourselves the whole afternoon in Bristol. Dined at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 & went afterwards to see Miss Foot at the Theatre where she performed in 'the Point of Honour! a Rowland for an Oliver' & the Highland Reel
- Wednesday 21 John & I before breakfast took a walk round by Clifton & the Hotwells, & at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 had ordered a Carriage at Bitten, where after spending an hour very pleasantly & satisfactorily with Mr Ellicombe we left our dearly beloved Boy. In order that we might the better ascertain his likings after some trial of the situation we drive on to Bath with the intention of spending a few days there, & appointed for him to meet us on Saturday. Engaged very comfortable quarters at the York House
- Thursday 22 As our Carriage is too heavy for crossing the Passage without great trouble, I this day bought a light travelling Chariot of Messrs T[?] Fuller
- Friday 23 Amused ourselves as well as we could with shopping & walking about Bath allday except that Mary took two Lessons in miniature painting from Mr Delamotte
- Saturday 24 Our dear John joined is from Bitton about one o'clock & we engaged Mr Delamotte to take a sketch of him. In the Evening we went to the Play which was utterly stupid

- Sunday 25                   The Play last night gave me a severe headach & Mary went without me to Church & staid the Sacrament. John & I accompanied her to the Evening Service at the Cathedral
- Monday 26                   Quitted Bath in our new Carriage about noon & after spending an hour or two with Mr Ellicomb at Bitton we there again left our dear John. Went on to the Gloster Hotel at the Hotwells, & Mary & I took a walk to Millers Nursery
- Tuesday 27                   Embarked at 7 in the St Davids Steam Vessel & in 3½ hours reached Newport. Got a Dinner like Luncheon at Jo Trahernes & reached home about ½ past 9
- Wednesday 28                   Drove to see Fan who during our absence has been at Mrs Llewelyns & Lewis accompanied me in the Socialet. We returned home through a heavy Storm of Wind & Rain
- Thursday 29                   Drove on very various Business to Swansea
- Friday 30                   Went in the Chariot with Miss Gowing & the two Juniors to have their Hair cut & remained about 1½ hours at Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn again came to stay a few days with us & brought back Fan who during our absence had been with her
- Saturday 31                   Drove to Swansea chiefly on Assignee Business & to attend adjourned Meetings both of the Road & Harbor Trusts to oppose certain clauses in the new Glamorgan road Bill

<b>APRIL</b>
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- Sunday 1                   Mary, Fanny, Miss Gowing in the Carriage & Lewis on his Poney went to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home. My Brother came to Dinner as usual
- Monday 2                   Drove again to Swansea on Bankruptcy affairs & to attend another meeting of our Harbor & Road Trustees. Retd home to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Tuesday 3                   To attend a Meeting respecting the House of Correction I accompanied Mary for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Wednesday 4                   Mrs llewelyn returned home. In the afternoon I walked to Swansea where Mary & Fanny in the Chariot took me up & we dined at Marino. Reached home about 12

Thursday 5            Attended a petty Sessions at Llangafelach which lasted from 11 in the morning till 7 in the Evening & we only halted to get a hasty Dinner. Sir J Morris & Mr Leyshon met me

Friday 6             Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn, Mrs Morse, Mr Sockett, Capt Hickey & Rd jeffreys dined & all but the last slept here

Saturday 7           Drove on very various Business to Swansea & was again dodged insulted & jostled by a fellow named Price who lives at or near Foxhole & who claims the Penllergare Estate as Heir at Law ex parte Paterna of Griffith price's ancestor. Mrs Llewelyn & Mrs Morse returned to Swansea

Sunday 8             We all except Fanny attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual. George came to dine with us

Monday 9             Drove to attend a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting & on various other Business to Swansea

Tuesday 10           It rained hard in the morning & I was prevented almost for the twentieth time from going to Ynysygerwn. Dined at 2 & as the weather cleared I went in the afternoon with Fanny in the Socialet & Lewis on his Poney for an hour to Swansea

Wednesday 11                 Drove with Mary & Fanny on various Business for 2 hours to Swansea

Thursday 12           Drove to another adjourned Turnpike & Harbor Meeting & returned to Dinner

Friday 13             All the Family except little Mary & I went to Llangafelach Church, it being Good Friday. My Brother dined here

Saturday 14           Drove with Mary & Miss Gowing to Swansea & they walked back. I dined at my Brothers & reached home about 8

Sunday 15             Mrs D, Fanny & Miss Gowing went to the Sacrament at Llangafelach & I read the Service at home to our Youngsters. I also read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 16             Drove on very various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 5

Tuesday 17             Engaged all the morning with L Griffiths at Ynysygerwn Accounts, & in the afternoon drove to Swansea to dispute of the various notes

which he had been obliged to receive & which the Branch Bank will not take. Mary accompanied me to bid good by to Mrs Ll who intends to start for London on Thursday

- Wednesday 18                      Drove to Swansea & was chiefly engaged with my Brother in looking over the Pottery Accounts. he came to dine & sleep here
- Thursday 19                      Drove to Swansea & was engaged as yesterday
- Friday 20                          Chiefly engaged at home but drove with Fanny & Lewis for a couple of hours to Swansea & came back to dine with the Children at 3
- Saturday 21                      Drove to see T E Thomas & on other Business to Swansea
- Sunday 22                        Walked to & from Church & Fanny accompanied me but came back in the Socialet with Miss Gowing. Mary remained with the 3 younger two at home & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 23                        Drove to attend another Road & Harbor Meeting & in various Business to Swansea
- Tuesday 24                      Drove early to Swansea & breakfasted with my Brother & then walked over Tyrrlandor which is offered for Sale in Lots. Reached Neath by appointment at ¼ past 12 & attended a Meeting of Persons interested in preserving Neath Harbor. At 2 went to Ynysygerwn & reached home at 8. Weather bitter bad with heavy Storms of Snow & Hail
- Wednesday 25                    Drove to breakfast with my Brother & as closely engaged by various Business till 2 when I retd home. George came to dine & sleep here. At Dinner my Dear Mary was taken very ill & Dr Edwards who happened to call remained with her till 10 oclock
- Thursday 26                      Drove again on Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 3. Dr Edwards dined with us & found Mary much better
- Friday 27                         Set out about 10 with Mary, Fanny & Lewis attended by Dd Cox in our Chariot & slept at Newport
- Saturday 28                      Embarked at 6 on board the Cambria Steam vessel & at 10 reached Bristol. Took up our Quarters at Reeve's Hotel & at ½ past 11 our dear John joined us from Bitten. Amelia Marys friend for whom we had insufficient room in our Carriage also came to us in the Evening. My old Friend the Dean of Bristol took us to see some Pictures & we passed the day pleasantly

- Sunday 29 A sudden change to very hot weather brought on a bilious attack & I did not leave the Hotel all day. Mary, Fanny & the Boys went twice to Church & walked to Clifton in the Evening
- Monday 30 Walked early with my 2 Boys to see the Steam Boats start, & in our way to Bath after spending an hour with Mr Ellicombe were grieved to leave dear John behind us at Bitten. We were in hopes of having him with us doe at least a Week in Town but Dr Copleston has refused to let his Matriculation be put off, & no time must be lost in preparing for it. About ½ past 8 we reached Marlbro to sleep. Weather remarkably sultry

<b>MAY</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Reached Mr Jansons at Hornsey about 7 in the Evening & Amelia who had got by Coach from Bristol was waiting for our arrival
- Wednesday 2 Went in the morning by the Stage to London & returned to Hornsey to Dinner
- Thursday 3 We all spent the whole day at Hornsey
- Friday 4 Went after breakfast with my Sister Sarah, Mary, Fanny & Lewis to London. Saw the Diorama of Rouen & Roslin Chapel. Called on Mrs Llewelyn. Went to the exhibition of Paintings in Water Colors, & at 4 set off from Dr Sims on our return to Hornsey where Mr Jansons Father & Mother & etc met us at Dinner
- Saturday 5 In the afternoon we all left Hornsey & moved to my Sister Judiths at Tottenham. In the Evening I paid a Visit to my honored Fathers Grave & Lewis accompanied me
- Sunday 6 Went with Mary, Fanny & Lewis to Tottenham Church & the Jansons spent the afternoon & Evening with us at my Sisters
- Monday 7 Went by Stage from Tottenham on various Business to Town & Lewis accompanied me. Attended a Meeting on the Glamorgan Road Bill at Mr Edwards in Regent St & we returned to Dinner at 5 to my Sister Judiths where Dr & Mrs Sims met us
- Tuesday 8 Started at 10 from Tottenham & before 8 in the Evening after a pleasant Journey we reached Mr R D Alexanders at Ipswich with whom we had engaged to spend a few days



- Wednesday 9 After an early Dinner we all went accompanied by Mr & Mrs Alexander to spend a couple of days at their Cottage at Walton. In the Evening I commenced an examination of the Craig Pits
- Thursday 10 Spent the whole day in rambling on the Sea Shore in examining Craig Pits & etc & etc
- Friday 11 In the morning enjoyed a Sail to Harwich & back & after an early Dinner we all returned to Ipswich
- Saturday 12 In the morning Mary & Fan accompanied by Mr & Mrs Alexander in their two Carriages to drive by the banks of the Orwell & to see the neighbourhood of Ipswich. Lewis & I in the mean time were engaged in purchasing stuffed birds for John & in looking over Mr H Alexanders fine Collection. We all spent the Evening at Mr Dykes Alexanders
- Sunday 13 Attended St Nicholas Church in the morning after an early Dinner we left Ipswich & drove to sleep at Inगतstone. Our Visit to Ipswich in every point of view had been highly gratifying
- Monday 14 Drive early from Inगतstone & before 12 we reached Cavendish Square & dined at Dr Sims'. London is fuller than was almost ever known & no appointments were to be had either at the Royal, Fentons or any other of the Hotels to which I had applied. Mrs Llewelyn had however succeeded in procuring a sufficiency of Rooms at Hatchetts in Dover St & there we all moved in the Evening. I attended the Soiree at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 15 It was with great difficulty that I yesterday succeeded in getting a pair of Job Horses & Mary & Fanny drove out in the morning. I walked to the City on Bermondsey Banking & other Business & Lewis accompanied me. Mrs Llewelyn dined with us & we afterwards all went to Drury Lane to see 'the Slave' & 'comfortable Lodgings'
- Wednesday 16 I walked about all morning chiefly on Business & Lewis accompanied me. Mrs Llewelyn joined us in the Evening & we all went to Astleys
- Thursday 17 At noon attended the Committee in the Glamorgan Road Bill at the House of Commons & Lewis was shewn all the Parliament buildings & Westminster Hall. In the Evening we all went to see 'Matthews at home'
- Friday 18 Mary & Fanny drove out as usual & took Charlotte Talbot to see some Exhibitions of Pictures. I went with Lewis to see the Beasts at

Exeter Change & the Panorama in the Strand of Geneva. In the Evening we took a short walk in the Green Park & I afterwards went with John Traherne to a meeting of the Geological Society

- Saturday 19 This is my Boy's Birth day & to our great disappointment he was in the night seized with a severe bilious attack so as to be unable to sit up or be left by his anxious Mamma all day. In the morning I spent an hour with the Duke of Beaufort. In the afternoon took Fanny & Charlotte Talbot to see the Panoramas of Mexico & Madrid & the Pacilorama[?]. Mrs Llewelyn & C Talbot dined with us, & they went with Fanny & me to see Matthews in his 'Trip to Paris' in the Evening
- Sunday 20 Lewis better, but still unable to sit up for more than a short time. Fanny & I attended Mass in the morning at the Catholic Church in Warwick St & in the afternoon John Traherne escorted her & Mamma for a walk in Kensington Gardens & a drive in the Park. In the Evening went to a scientific party at Dr Fittins in Upper Harley St & met D Gilbert, Dr Wollaston, Capt Kater, Col Colby & etc & etc
- Monday 21 In the morning went with Mary, Fanny, Mrs Ll & Miss Talbot to see Mr Hopes magnificent Gallery & I afterwards walked on Business to the City. In the Evening we took Lewis for a little fresh air to Kensington Garden & I attended the Soiree at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 22 In the morning went with Mary & Fanny to the Exhibition at Somerset House & I there shewed them our Curisciling[?] at the Royal Society. In the Evening I dined with a large party at the Duke of Beauforts
- Wednesday 23 Chiefly engaged by Business in the morning & in the Evening accompanied by Mrs Llewelyn we all went to Covent Garden & saw 'Love & Reason' - 'a Rowland for an Oliver' & 'Peter Wilkins'
- Thursday 24 We all dined early at Dr Sims' to meet my Sisters. In the Evening I went to the Royal Society & Dr Wollaston returned with me & remained gossiping with Mary till midnight
- Friday 25 Mary & Fanny went over Lansdown House & I escorted them & Mrs Llewelyn in the Evening to a French Play at the Theatre in Tottenham Street
- Saturday 26 Weather very showery. In the Evening took Mary & Fanny to the Opera & as we could not get a place in the Boxes we went into the Pit. The House was inordinately crowded & I was mightily pleased when it was over. Madame Pasta & Madame Casadori sang

- Sunday 27                    Being disappointed in procuring Seats at St James' we attended the morning Service at the Church which is close to Westminster Abbey. In the Evening Lewis & I walked in the Park & Mary & Fanny went to the Foundling
- Monday 28                    In the morning I took Lewis over Westminster Abbey. In the afternoon we went to the Appolonicon [?] & in the Evening to Sadlers Wells
- Tuesday 29                    Weather wet. Took Lewis to the British Museum & to see Mr Farrels collection of Birds. Mrs Llewelyn & Jo Traherne dined with us, & she accompanied us to the Coburg Theatre
- Wednesday 30                    Took Lewis in a Boat to see the Tower, & afterwards attended to various Business in the City. At one oclock Mary, Mrs llewelyn & Fanny attended by Mr Leslie had gone to the Marquess of Staffords Gallery & I joined them there about ½ past 3. Fan & I in the Evening walked to & drank Tea at Mrs Gorings
- Thursday 31                    Attended a Committee on the Milford Road Bill at the House of Commons. Mrs Llewelyn dined with us & in the Evening we all went a shopping

<b>JUNE</b>
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- Friday 1                    Variously engaged by Business in the morning. At ½ past 5 set out again on our return home & slept at Salt Hill
- Saturday 2                    Pursued our Journey & as the Weather was bad Lewis joined Mr Wingfield in a hack Chaise. Reached Bath & our dear John joined us at the York House where we engaged quarters till Monday
- Sunday 3                    Went to St Margarets Chapel & heard a very impressive Sermon from Mr Marriott. In the afternoon went to Sydney Gardens & amused ourselves with the Labyrinth
- Monday 4                    Went about noon to Bitten where we remained an hour & left our dear John. Came on to dine at the Gloster Hotel, Clifton. At ½ past 4 embarked in the Lady Rodney Steamer & at ½ past 9 reached Newport to sleep
- Tuesday 5                    Pursued our Journey, & at ½ past 7 found our two younger Darlings well at Penllergare

Wednesday 6 Drove on various Business respecting Eglwsbrewis & etc for 2 hours to Swansea. My Brother came over to dine & sleep here

Thursday 7 Went to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Sir J Morris met me. Afterwards attended a large Parish Meeting & after a full inspective [?] it was unanimously decided that both the Walls & roof of our old Church are too rotten to be repaired & that it is necessary to build a new one

Friday 8 Drove on various Business to Swansea & attended a Meeting to establish a Saving Bank for the Town. My dear Fan very unwell, & Dr Edwards attended her

Saturday 9 Drove to Swansea & was all day engaged in receiving the Penllergare Rents. Returned home at ½ past 7. Dr Edwards called on me & reported very favorably

Sunday 10 Mary, Miss Gowing & ...[?] & Lewis went to Church, & by a severe toothach I was detained at home. George came to Dinner

Monday 11 Drove on various Business to Swansea

Tuesday 12 Engaged at accounts at home all day. In the Evening walked with Lewis to the Pond for him to shoot at Water Hens

Wednesday 13 Drove with Mary, Lewis & our two younger Girls to Swansea for 3 or 4 hours

Thursday 14 Drove to meet T Thomas & other Business to Swansea. George came back to dine & sleep here

Friday 15 Engaged in the morning at Accounts. Dined early & afterwards drove to look over several Farms through Velindre to Gardinen & back by Pantyffa. Reached home at a little before 9

Saturday 16 Fanny & Miss Gowing accompanied me to Swansea & I was chiefly occupied by Pottery concerns

Sunday 17 We all went to Church in the morning

Monday 18 Drove on various Business to Swansea, & chiefly to expedite the completion of our purchase from Sir J Morris

Tuesday 19 Drove on various Business to Swansea

- Wednesday 20                    Drove to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 2 after which I went by appointment to Tredegar respecting its repairs. Lewis with Gun accompanied me
- Thursday 21                    Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Friday 22                    Engaged all the morning at Accts preparatory to leaving home, & my brother joined us at an early Dinner. About ½ past 4 started with my dear Lewis with the intention of leaving him at Bitton & of taking on John to matriculate at Oxford
- Saturday 23                    Proceeded in our Socialet to Cowbridge & then in a hack Chaise we went to spend an hour at John Trahernes, & thence by way of the Steam Boat we reached Bitten soon after 7, where I left my dear Lewis. Spent an hour or two at Bitten & reached Bath about 10
- Sunday 24                    My dear John joined me to breakfast at Bath & from thence at about ½ past 9 by Mail we reached Oxford & considering the approaching Commemoration which is to be unusually grand we were fortunate in procuring Beds at the Star
- Monday 25                    John was engaged for more than an 3 hours in being examined for his Matriculation at Oriel & I waited in fidget for him at the Star as I did not expect he would be detained half so long. We dined & spent the Evening with a very pleasant party at Bucklands
- Tuesday 26                    This morning it was announced that John had failed his Examination & that his Matriculation must be deferred for 6 Months. It greatly annoyed me for it is plain that in Dr Coplestones absence the Dean & Tutors have acted in opposition to his wished. We again dined with a very pleasant party at Dr Bucklands & afterwards went to a grand & horribly crowded Ball at the Inn Hall where we remained till past 2 & then slept [?supped] at Bs
- Wednesday 27                    This morning John attended the Commemoration [?] at the Theatre & at 2 went to the grand Dejeune[?] given by the Vice Chancellor in Baliol Gardens. he afterwards went to hear Made Pasta at the Grand Concert at the Theatre, & being too much out of humour with Oriel to join him in either I remained alone at the Star nearly all Day. I however went to sup at Bucklands & John joined me there
- Thursday 28                    The morning being very wet John & I spent a couple of Hours at the Radcliffe, & at one we went to the Christening of Bucklands Boy at Christchurch. I dined with Chantry[?] & etc & etc at the Christening party, & John dined & afterwards went with the Wickham Family to

the Concert. I saw nothing more of my dear Fellow till I met him at the grand Ball, & it was still more crowded than the former one

Friday 29 Engaged in the morning in seeking for an Explanation with the Dean & Tutors of Tutors [CHECK THIS] whose conduct has been very handsome, & things are out on a much better footing than I at all expected. About noon I went with John to a Concert given by the Dean in the Library of Christchurch & at ½ past 4 we went in a Stage to Cheltenham as it was impossible to procure Horses or to go either to Bath or Bristol by any more direct line

Saturday 30 Left Cheltenham soon after 9, & reached Bristol at ½ past 3. Called on the Dean, & then went on to Bitten where I found my Darling Lewis as well & as happy as possible, & in high favor with Mr Ellicombe. remained till 1 at Bitten where I left John & reached the Bush at Bristol by Midnight

<b>JULY</b>
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Sunday 1 Left Bristol by the Mail. Had a very awkward passage of 1 hour & 20 minutes, & reached home before 10 in the Evening, which is more than an hour later than the train which has been lately appointed

Monday 2 Mr Brother came to breakfast & after an early Dinner I drove with him for an hour to Swansea

Tuesday 3 Drove to breakfast & dine with my Brother & in the Evening bid him good by as he intends to start by tomorrow mornings mail to spend a month in England

Wednesday 4 Drove early to Swansea & was allday closely engaged in examining accts at the Pottery

Thursday 5 Drove early to breakfast at Swansea & at 12 went to hold a Petty Sessions & to attend a Vestry meeting at Llangafelach where it was unanimously decided on that it will be better to build a new Church than to repair then old one. It was near 6 when I reached Penllergare to Dinner & Mr Delamotte who had been giving Fanny Lessons in Painting came to spend a few days here

Friday 6 Drove after Breakfast & was closely engaged by Pottery & Estate Business allday. Reached home to Dinner at ½ past 5

- Saturday 7 After Breakfast I drove Mr Delamotte to Swansea & Mrs Llewelyn returned to spend a few days with us
- Sunday 8 Mrs Llewelyn, Mary, our 3 Girls & I went to Llangafelach Church, & Mr Delamotte who remained last night at Swansea returned to us in the Evening
- Monday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Col Baker (who was several Years in Java with Mr S raffles) & Parry Wilkins dined here
- Tuesday 10 Drove Mrs Llewelyn to Swansea after breakfast at ½ past 8, & then went on to meet Griffiths by appointment to attend a Quarter Sessions at Neath. A Question between the Merthyr Canal Co & Mr Blakemore occupied the Court till 9 when we dined & it was near midnight when I reached home
- Wednesday 11 My Darling Willey, had he lived would this day have compleated his 15th year. Drove to Swansea to declare a final dividend on Gibbons & Eatons Estate, & Mary & our 3 Girls accompanied me
- Thursday 12 Drove on very various Business to Swansea. Fanny after being allday engaged with Mr Delamotte went in the Evening with her Grandmamma to a Grand Gala at Merino, & did not come back till 4 in the morning
- Friday 13 Drove about noon to see T Thomas & etc at Swansea. Dined on a Chop at my Brothers & afterwards met Mary & our 3 Girls at Tea at Mrs Llewelyns & we all went to the Theatre together. The pieces were the Flying Dutchman or Phantom Ship - the 4 Hunchbacks & the Scape Goat & we were much amused. Thus happily passed the 20th Anniversary of our Wedding Day
- Saturday 14 Dr Edwards breakfasted with us & came to see my dear Mary who for some Weeks has been far from hearty. I drove chiefly on Pottery Business to Swansea & brought back Fanny who had slept after the Play last night at her Grandmamas
- Sunday 15 We all went to Llangafelach Church in the morning
- Monday 16 Drove on various Business chiefly concerning the Trust Estate to Swansea & returned to Dinner. I waited at home till near noon on an appointment to see Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & as usual he disappointed me. Weather very sultry & we dined on the Lawn
- Tuesday 17 Engaged with griffiths till near noon, after which I drove to look over some Property which is for Sale at the Mumbles, & went to

Swansea to take [?] in the Ynysygerwn Rents. Got a hearty Snack at the Mumbles & reached home about ½ past 6, soon after which Mary & our 3 Girls returned with Mrs Llewelyn from Swansea

- Wednesday 18                      Drove to Swansea for a couple of hours. Mr & Mrs Arthur Jones & their Son & 2 Daughters, Mr Webber, Mr Miles Smith, Albion Smith & Henry Jones dined here & all but the latter returned home at night
- Thursday 19                      Drove to Swansea chiefly on Magisterial Business to protect some Irishmen who have been employed in the R...[?] Copper Works, & who the other men have violently driven off. Committed the 2 Chief Offenders one for 2 & the other for one Month to hard Labor
- Friday 20                          Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 21                      Drove, chiefly to attend a Meeting at Swansea of the Committee for building the House of Correction. Saw Miss Talbot who had brought me some Janthina & about 200 have been picked up in Oxwich Bay within the last 2 days
- Sunday 22                        The Rain fell in Torrents, & I read the Service to the Family at home. Sir C Cole came to spend the Evening & sleep here on his way to meet the Duke of Clarence at Lord Cawdors
- Monday 23                        Drove to attend a Meeting of Gibbins & Eatons Assignees & Mrs Llewelyn, Mrs D & Miss Sarah accompanied me in the Socialet & we all returned to Dinner
- Tuesday 24                      Drove to Swansea to bring back Dr beck, Dean of Bristol on a Visit but we missed each other & he had gone on to Penllergare
- Wednesday 25                    Drove with Dr Beck to Penrice & on the Oxwich Sands we picked up several Dozen of Janthina & 3 species of the Medusca Vellela[?] which is a Mediterranean Species. We had intended to return to Dinner but Lady Mary detained us & we did not reach Penllergare till near 11
- Thursday 26                      Drove in the morning for an hour to Swansea. Weather very wet allday
- Friday 27                         Drove Dr Beck by Marina to the Mumbles & called at Sketty Park in our way back. Sir Jo Morris & Mr Peacock dined here



- Saturday 28 After and early breakfast drove the Dean of Bristol to Swansea & at 10 he embarked in a Steam Boat on his way home. Variously engaged by Business of the Estate & etc allday
- Sunday 29 Walked after breakfast with Griffiths to the Cuckoo Mill where one of the principal wheels has unexpectedly broke & from thence to join the rest of the Family at Llangafelach Church. Much Thunder & Lightning in the Evening
- Monday 30 Drove to Swansea & Mary & our two younger Girls accompanied me. Engaged chiefly with Dr Edwards in looking over G Powells Estate which is for Sale by Auction on Saturday sennight
- Tuesday 31 Went with Mary & Mrs Llewelyn to Swansea & after attending a Dividend Meeting of Eatons Bankruptcy I met them at the Sale of Haynes' Furniture at Burrows Lodge. All returned to Dinner

<b>AUGUST</b>
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- Wednesday 1 Went with Mary & our two elder Daughters to the Sale at Burrows Lodge
- Thursday 2 Mrs Llewelyn closed her Visit for the present & I drove her in the morning home. Attended the Sale for China at Burrows Lodge & bought a good deal of my own making. Dined at ½ past 4 with Mrs Ll & returned home to Tea
- Friday 3 Drove to Swansea & bought several Books at Mr Haynes Sale. Dined with T E Thomas. Drank Tea at Mrs Llewelyns & reached home at Dusk
- Saturday 4 Mary & our 3 Girls accompanied me to Swansea, & Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny intended to have sailed in the Ilfracombe Packet & have spent a week in devonshire, but the Weather was too unfavorable. We all returned home to Dinner. Ascertained that s sort of a Gentleman has offered 240£ for Cwn Cadly to use it as a shooting Box
- Sunday 5 Being rather unwell I did not go out & Mary & our 3 Girls attended Service at Llangafelach Church
- Monday 6 Drove on various Business to Swansea & our 3 Girls accompanied me. George who had just returned from England came back with us & we left Fanny in readiness to start early with Mrs Llewelyn for a ramble in Devonshire

- Tuesday 7 Mary, our two younger Girls, my Brother & self started at 5 & at 6 saw Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny embark for Devonshire. We afterwards breakfasted at the Willows & at 8 Mary with the 2 Girls set out to spend the Day in Caswell & Llangland Bays where they much enjoyed themselves. I was prevented from accompanying them by the Sale by Auction of the Revd Mr Peters Estate, which had been before offered in the same way - see Journal Octr 28 1825 & I now by private contract bought the whole as follows - Clynesallis 200£ - Penllwynfoch 190£ - Panlydwr 360£ & Cwm Cadley 250£. Total 2800£ including Timber & Land Tax. We all dined at my Brothers & returned home at Dusk
- Wednesday 8 Went again with Mary & our two young ones to Swansea & by taking some Meat with us dined at Mrs Llewelyns
- Thursday 9 My dear Sarah has this day completed her 9th Year & Mrs Hewson brought over her 3 Children to spend the day with her. I attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & was obliged to drive round by Swansea in Business relating to our purchase of Glyn willis
- Friday 10 Drove to Ynysygerwn to consult with Griffiths about the Value of Ystradmawr, belonging to Mr Botfield, which is offered for Sale & etc & etc. Mary & our two Youngsters accompanied me
- Saturday 11 Drove to Swansea & had an interview with Mr Botfield respecting his intended Sale of Ystradmawr when I found that he places such a high Value on the Minerals as makes it useless for me to treat with him. I then attended the Sale of the Powell Estates intending to buy\* Trafelli Mill but contrary to my expectations it was sold by private contract for 550 which is however about £100 more than the Value. Mary & the two Girls accompanied me & we brought back Miss Gowing after an absence of 6½ weeks with her Friends in England. Thus my darlings Holidays has closed.
- Sunday 12 We all attended Llangafelach Church in the morning. In the afternoon Mr W Clayfield [?] came to spend a few hours with me & Mr Socket & my brother dined & slept here. Sir C Cole had agreed to come but did not
- \* Trafelli Mill may become of importance when the Coal under Ty gwyn is worked & on the account I offered tho' too late to give 550£ for it. For Memo: about Mr Botfield Estate see p.108. It is now let during the Lives of T & G Powell for 18£ a year, & the tenant has bought it
- Monday 13 Socket started about ½ past 3, & I intended after breakfast to have joined & dined with the shooting Party in the Hills but the rain fell in

Torrents & confined me allday to the House. That low lived Blackguard Sir Robt Kemys [?] appeared on the Hills, & under an alleged permission from the Dukes Agent in Monmouthshire persists in shooting the whole week & will annihilate the Grouse. If the weather had been tolerable it was my intention to drive from the Grouse Hills about 6 miles further & to have looked over Coedcaemanr[?] which Mr Powell has offered me for 800£

- Tuesday 14 As it is quite in the line for Coal & I had reason to think it a desirable purchase & that no time must be lost I drove to Swansea to treat for Coed Caemawr, & found it had just been sold to Mr Cook for 800. Spent an hour with Mr Botfield & quite gave up all ideas of treating any further for his Estates see p.108.  
Mr Powell had assured me that £1000 as the lowest price for Coedcaemawr & I know this to be too much above the value, nor till Saturday last did I imagine that less might be taken
- Wednesday 15 Mr Powell had given me 600£ as his lowest price for Buthllwyd but he has now lowered it to 500 - but it is still too high, & I drove for an hour to Swansea without obtaining any abatement. Brought back young Mr Botfield to spend the afternoon, dine & sleep here
- Thursday 16 Drove with Mr Botfield to Swansea about noon, & attended the Boat Races. I returned to Dinner & as Fanny is still in Devonshire & my dear Mary far from well we did not go to the Stewards Ball. Sir R Kemys [?] killed 2 Grouse on Monday morning but my People have[?] conscience[?] so worried & driven the Birds before him wherever he went that he could not get another shot & last Evening finding all his attempts to be in vain he turned tail & skulked away
- Friday 17 Again went to the Boat Races & dined at Sketty Park where I met Sir C Cole & Miss Isabella & Emma Talbot & etc. Reached home about ½ past 11
- Saturday 18 My dear Mary who for several days had been far from well took a little drive in the morning, & I afterwards went to Swansea & came home by the Cocketts in order to look at some of G Powells Property which is for Sale
- Sunday 19 We all went to Llangafelach Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service to the Family. My brother joined us in the afternoon
- Monday 20 Having ascertained that Mr Powell will now take less than 600£ which he at first asked for Cefn Coes I yesterday sent Griffiths to value the Farm & on my going this morning to offer 500£ for it, I found that it had been sold a few minutes before for 500 to Hughes

of Sketty whose Lands surround it. Mary went with me to Swansea & we waited all day for the arrival of the Packet by which Mrs Ll & Fanny had intended to return from Devonshire. We dined at my Brothers - in the Evening saw the Packet at a distance but as there was no chance of her reaching the Port till 3 in the morning we returned home about 9

- Tuesday 21 I have this day compleated my 49th Year & the Events of my past Life have left but one incurable ...[?] - the loss & sufferings of my darling Willy. Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny have put off their return till Thursday but we went over to Tea at the Willows, & in the Evening took the two young ones to see 'The Duenna & Inch[?] & Fairies[?] - Miss Love[?] from Covent Garden performed Don Carlos & Yarino[?], & sung delightfully
- Wednesday 22 Drove to Swansea & was engaged nearly allday at Pottery Accounts. Mary, Miss Gowing & the two Girls went with me & took a long walk in the Sands
- Thursday 23 Drove to Swansea, dined at my Brothers & remained till 7 in expectation of the arrival of Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny from Devonshire but the Packet from want of Wind had not then appeared in sight. Our Footman Thos Beddow died at 4 this afternoon
- Friday 24 Drove with Mary to Swansea & found that Mrs Ll & Fanny had landed by a Boat from the Packet about ½ past 9 last Evening & had had a pleasant Voyage. George returned with me to Dinner
- Saturday 25 Drove early with my Brother & was closely engaged by various Business allday at Swansea
- Sunday 26 Left Swansea about 7. Breakfasted with my Brother, at ¼ past 9 embarked in the Palmerston Steam Vessel & for want of Water in the arm[?] were prevented from reaching Bristol till near 8. Took up my Quarters at Reeves Hotel
- Monday 27 Breakfasted at Reeves Hotel & immediately called at the Deans with whom I went to the Philosophical Institution. Dined at the Deans where I met with John who had come to spend a couple of days with him
- Tuesday 28 As the chief object in Johns Visit to the Dean is that he may be examined as to his fitness for Oriel & etc I did not choose much to interrupt them & to get out of the way I went in the afternoon to Bath, where I took a hot Bath & etc

- Wednesday 29                      Got into a hack Chaise at ½ past 7 & accidentally met with Mr Ellicombe on his return from London in the Streets of Bath & he accompanied me to breakfast at Bitten. At 10 took Lewis with me to join John at the Deans & at ½ past I was embarked in the St Davids Steamer for Newport. Arrived there about 8 & went on immediately to Cardiff
- Thursday 30                      Left Cardiff about 7 in a hack Chaise. Breakfasted at Cowbridge where my own Socialet met us. Stopped to bail [?] for near an hour at Margam & shewed my Boys the Orangery, Church & etc & reached home to Dinner at 5, where Mrs Llewelyn & my Brother met us. Found my dear Sarah ill with a sort of intermitting bilious Fever & Dr Edwards in attendance on her
- Friday 31                          Some Business respecting our purchase of Eglwsbrewis [?] obliged me to go to Swansea & my Brother drove me in in his Gig - & the Socialet came & brought me home to Dinner at 5

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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- Saturday 1                      John with the Keeper started to shoot Partridges & before Breakfast he killed a Brace. After Breakfast Lewis & I joined him & he killed a Brace & a half more before 2 when I was obliged for an hour to drive to Swansea. Dr Edwards this Evening gave a more favorable account of my darling Sarah but she is very weak & languid
- Sunday 2                        My two Boys, Fanny, Miss Gowing & I went to Llangafelach Church, & George joined us at Dinner. I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 3                        My dear Mary has this day compleated her 51st year & by her incessant nursing of Sarah who is still very ill, has knocked herself up that she much disappointed our Family Party by not appearing at the Dinner Table. After an early breakfast went with my two Boys & Fan to the Hills where John killed his first Grouse & Lewis a Rook on the Wing, being his first bird flying. Griffiths met me than to look over Tylecoch, Llanfedwench [?] & etc. We ate our Sandwich's at old Wm Llewellins, & reached home by 5. George dined & slept here
- Tuesday 4                        John & Lewis rode to Swansea & I met them there to introduce the former to Mr Mabar who I have engaged to read Greek with him for 3 days in the Week. Sarah sat up for about an hour & is reported to be much better by Dr Edwards. David Cox our Coachman who has lived about 24 years at Penllergare died this afternoon

- Wednesday 5 Walked out with my two Boys & John killed a Brace of Partridges. John & I in the afternoon drove to dine at my Brothers & met Capt Hickey, T E Thomas & Capt Morgan
- Thursday 6 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Sir Jo Morris met me, & returned home to Dinner at 4. Afterwards walked over Gellyhill & etc with my 2 Boys & Guns
- Friday 7 John went out with the keeper & I took Lewis to shoot at small Birds. After an early Dinner went round by Swansea to sleep at Pyle in my way to attend the Grand Jury at Cardiff
- Saturday 8 Drove early from Pyle & at Cowbridge met Sir C Cole & leaving our Carriages to follow us we went on in a hack Chaise to breakfast at Cardiff. The Judges, or rather Nolan [?] for it is disclaimed by Carberd [?], have put the County to a great & unnecessary expense by opening the Commission on a Friday as was never done before, & I as well as some others of the Grand Jury repaired to dine with them. Went in the Evening to a new Theatre which was first opened on Thursday & supped at Mrs Bennetts [?]
- Sunday 9 Weather very wet. In the morning went to Cardiff Church & afterwards called on Mr Mayberry in Breconshire matters & etc. Went to dine & sleep at Walter Coffins at Llandaff
- Monday 10 Conybeare came to breakfast with us at Llandaff & at 10 I drove to the Grand Jury at Cardiff & afterwards dined with them. Soon after 5 drove with Sir C Cole to Cowbridge where I stopped to see Mr Brindley or I should otherwise have gone on with him to sleep at Merthyr Mawr
- Tuesday 11 Drove from Cowbridge to breakfast at Merthyr mawr & from thence through a heavy Rain to Neath where I was detained an hour & a half by Business & reached home very wet soon after 4
- Wednesday 12 Drove to Swansea & as my Brother has gone to Bristol I dined & slept at his Cottage & met Mr Bath relative to his proposed engagement in the Copper trade
- Thursday 13 Spent 2 or 3 hours in shewing Swansea to Sir Thos Aubrey & Mary & Fanny took me home in the Carriage to Dinner. Mr McLaughlin arrived on a Visit this Evening
- Friday 14 Revd Dr Conybeare arrived to Breakfast & with Mr McLaughlin we spent the morning at geology. In the afternoon with Griffiths for an escort they took a walk & I drove for an hour to Swansea. Mr

- Bradley came on Business respecting Hirfinnith [?] & etc & dined & slept here
- Saturday 15 Mr Coneybeare went early & Mr McLaughlin remained with us till late in the Evening. Leaving him to walk with Griffiths as a Guide I drove for a couple of hours on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 16 Mary staid at home with Sarah who tho' better is still very weak. The Boys went to Swansea & the rest of us to Llangafelach Church. I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 17 Breakfasted at 8 & till we dined at 2 shot with my Boys, & afterwards drove with Fanny & Miss Gowing for an hour & a half to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn too unwell to appear at table
- Tuesday 18 Mary wished to take Sarah for a change of air for a few hours to Swansea & I in the Socialet accompanied them
- Wednesday 19 John went to shoot with Messrs Sockett & A Jones about Pont Llew & I took Lewis to amuse himself with a Gun about our own grounds. My Brother came to dine & sleep here. Mrs Llewelyn in the Evening was called by the affliction of one of her Friends to Swansea & promised to return to us on Monday
- Thursday 20 As the Weather was very bad I took John to attend on his Greek master at Swansea & we returned to Dinner about 3, after which I walked with my Boys to shoot small Birds for the Bristol Institution
- Friday 21 Rain fell in Torrents but tempted by a short interval I went for a couple of hours on various Business to Swansea & Lewis accompanied me
- Saturday 22 Weather being very wet I went in the close Carriage on Trust affairs to Swansea & returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 23 Weather very wet & we had both Services at home. George came to dine with [us] at 2 & to sleep here
- Monday 24 After taking Lewis to amuse himself for an hour or two with a Gun I drove on various Business to Swansea. Mrs Llewelyn after spending 3 or 4 days at home returned to us in the Evening
- Tuesday 25 Not quite well & the Weather being very bad I did not leave the House allday. In the Evening Dr Edwards came to see Sarah who tho' slowly convalescent continues to look very thin & pale

Wednesday 26                      Weather very wet. Was obliged by some Business to go to Swansea in the afternoon & Mary in the Chariot accompanied me

Thursday 27                      Engaged in a License Meeting at Llangafelach till 3 when my Boys with their Guns met me & we came home to Dinner together

Friday 28                          Walked about most of the Day with my 2 Boys & their Guns

Saturday 29                      Drove on various Business to Swansea & Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny accompanied me. A sore nose has induced me at least temporarily to leave off Snuff & I have not all day taken a single Pinch which omission is the first of the kind for more than 20 years

Sunday 30                        Most of the Family went to Church with us at Llangafelach or Swansea. But I not being very well staid at home. Geo: came to dine & sleep here & I read the Evening Service as usual

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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Monday 1                        My Brother drove me in his Gig to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea, & Mary, Fanny & John called in our Coach for me & took me to dine at Marino. It was nightfall when we returned home

Tuesday 2                      Mr Maber having left Swansea John began this morning to read Greek at Swansea with a Mr James, & during his absence I went to look over the repairs at the Paper Mill, Cadley & etc & took Lewis with me when to his great delight he shot a Lark flying. In the afternoon I walked again with both my Boys & Mary & Mrs Llewelyn went to call at Gwernllynwith

Wednesday 3                    Drove to Swansea with Mary, Sally & Lewis & the latter shot at Birds in the Willows Garden. Richd Jeffreys came early to shoot with John & Charles Smith joined us at Dinner

Thursday 4                      Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Sir Jo Morris & Mr Leyson met me. I got a snack there & my Boys came & walked back with me

Friday 5                        Mary & I took Fanny, John & Lewis in the Socialet soon after Breakfast to Pwlldu where we variously amused ourselves for 3 or 4 hours & returned to Dinner about 6

Saturday 6                      Went with Mary, Miss Gowing & our three Girls in the Socialet to Swansea & returned to Dinner



- Sunday 7 Being unwell I did not go out but most of us went either to St Johns or Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual. My Brother came to dine & sleep here
- Monday 8 Rained hard. Went in the close Carriage with my Brother to Swansea & Mr Sockett returned with us to dine & sleep here. Thinking it may be of some importance for the working of our Coal I have succeeded in getting P Thomas to give up his Purchase of Trafelle Mill, & I have agreed to take it for £550. See page 73
- Tuesday 9 Mr Sockett & my Brother returned to Swansea soon after Breakfast & Mr G Powell arrived by appointment to treat for the Sale of Berthllwyd Yarnels & etc. Mr Chr. Morris also Lunched here. Went with Mary, Fanny & John to dine at Arthur Jones' & returned home about midnight
- Wednesday 10 Mary with our 3 elder Chicks went in the Socialet to spend a couple of days at Poneddfecahn & I was to have accompanied them, but the press of Business obliged me to go to Swansea & I dined & slept at my Brothers
- Thursday 11 Had agreed on my private account to give Gabl Powell 2700 for the leaseholds which he holds under the Corporation of Swansea, but some difficulties about his Title have arisen. Weather very wet. Again dined & slept at my Brothers & spent a couple of hours in the Evening with Mrs Llewelyn. First Woodcock killed by the Keeper
- Friday 12 Had long kept idle some money (arising from my Sale of the Watford Estate) with the intention of buying Mr Powells Leaseholds, but the difficulties about Title appear to me to be insuperable, & instead I have offered him 2250 for Hendrevoylan, Pont Gwyn & some Houses at Swansea\* Found from the badness of the Weather & the indisposition of my dear Mary that the Party had returned last Evening from Pontneddvaughn, & I joined them at penllergare early in the afternoon. Miss & Miss C Talbot came to spend a few days here, & Capt Hickey & Mr Wm Vivian dined with us
- Saturday 13 Lewis & I walked in the morning to Swansea & he amused himself with a Gun. The Miss Talbots & our whole Group followed us in the afternoon to see a New Zealand Chief & Warrior, & we returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 14 Weather very wet. Miss Talbot, Fanny, John & I went in our Coach to Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service as usual. My brother came to dine & sleep here

\* Hendrevoylan .... 1275  
 Pantgwyn .... 650  
 Houses .... 325

Monday 15 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. Capt T Morgan dined with us & we were disappointed of the rest of our party

Tuesday 16 Went early & attended the Quarter Sessions at Swansea. Dined with the Magistrates & afterwards joined the Party from Penllergare at a Ball. The party consisted of the Miss Talbots, Mary, Fan & my two Boys & Lewis had never been at any Ball before. Mr J Nichols returned with us & it was 4 when we reached home

Wednesday 17 Went with Mr Nicholl to the sessions & Miss Talbot accompanied us in the Chariot. In addition to our former party Capt Penrice, John Bruce, Mr Merrick & John Traherne came to Dinner, & the 3 former returned to Swansea in the Evening. Second Woodcock killed by John

Thursday 18 Drove to Swansea & Messrs Nicholl & J Traherne on their way homewards accompanied. Returned early to take out Lewis to amuse him with a Gun

Friday 19 Went in the Socialet with Griffiths to Llanelly Marsh to look at some Lands outside the Embankment which I am endeavoring to purchase & which when added to others or our own will make it worth our while to throw up another embankment so as together to form a separate Farm. Mrs Llewelyn returned to us & my Brother also dined & slept here

Saturday 20 Drove to Swansea & from G Powell I purchased on my own Acct. Hendrevoylan & some Tenements in Swansea for 1600£ for Sir J Morris Pant Gwyn 650£ & for the Trust account Berthllwyd for 450£. Mr Ludlow being at Swansea I also attempted to settle for our enclosure of the Twyn, but in vain. returned home about 4 & Lewis at the Pond killed a lesser Grebe

Sunday 21 Went with Mary, Fanny & the two Boys to Llangafelach Church, & in the afternoon set out in the Socialet with the Boys on their return to Bitten. Slept at Pyle

Monday 22 6 At Pyle the rain fell in Torrents so that the Socialet was useless & went on in [?a] hack Chaise to Cowbridge & from there in the Mail to the Passage where we were detained by the Weather for 3 hours & ultimately reached Bristol in the Abergweny Coach about 7. Spent the Evening at the Philosophical Institution & slept at the Bush

- Tuesday 23 Spent the morning with the Dean & at the Philosophical Institution & about one went on to Bitten where I left my dear Boys. Reached Bath at ½ past 4 & took a hot Bath
- Wednesday 24 To forward John[s] Matriculation I went to Oxford by the Mail & took up my Quarters at the Star
- Thursday 25 Dr Copplestone has long been unwell & was this morning unluckily taken so much worse as to be unable to attend to any Business. I had however a long interview with Mr Hawkins the Dean of the College, & as it is strongly John's wish I did all I could to get his matriculation put off till midsummer. The decision must however be deferred till the Provosts recovery, 7 as when ill he is remarkably out of humour I am advised not to press for it at present. Attended Dr Daubeny's Chemical Lecture in the Evening
- Friday 26 As my stay at Oxford is useless I should this morning have started homewards but could not get a place. Attended in the morning to Johns Business. In the afternoon went to a Lecture at the anatomy School & etc. Dined with Dr Kidd & spent an hour late in the Evening with Dr Williams
- Saturday 27 Started from oxford at 9 in a Coach through Swindon, Wooton Basset & Chippenham & reached the York House at Bath at 7
- Sunday 28 Rain fell in Torrents which prevented me from taking a warm Bath. At ½ past 12 reached Bitten where I dined with my dear Boys & left them as they were going to Church at 3. Went on to Bristol where I attended the Evening Service at the Cathedral & spent the Evening at the Deanery
- Monday 29 Left Bristol by the Mail, crossed the Passage in 25 minutes & reached home at a trifle after 9
- Tuesday 30 As the weather continues bad I went in the close Carriage on very various Business to Swansea & returned about 5 to Dinner
- Wednesday 31 Again went chiefly on Trust Affairs to Swansea, & returned to Dinner

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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Thursday 1 Drove early to Swansea respecting the Sale of Mrs Llewelyns Estate at Lympsfield [?] & afterwards to a petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Walked home in the afternoon to treat my 2 Girls with a ride on Samson

Friday 2 Obligated again by various Calls to go to Swansea

Saturday 3 Drove to Swansea about completing the purchase of Clynwalles & etc

Sunday 4 The Weather being bad we did not go out & I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family at home. My Brother joined us at Dinner

Monday 5 Drove to Swansea & compleated the exchange of the Longlands with Calvert Jones for a piece of Ground of the same size adjoining to the Garden of the Willows & also for 60£ bought a road 20 feet wide leading up to it from the St Helens Road. Attended a Road & Harbour [spelling?] Meeting & returned to Dinner at 5

Tuesday 6 Mr Vivian & Mr D Tennant came to course & after an excellent sport they killed 4 Hares. A bad boil on my thigh prevented me from joining them & confined me in great pain all day to the House. Mrs Smith of Gwernllynwith & her Daughter called here

Wednesday 7 My Boil confined me allday to the House. Capt Hickey came to breakfast, shoot & dine here. Miss & Miss Charlotte Talbot arrived in the afternoon to renew their visit to us for a few days. I had appointed to go today to Neath & Ynysygerwn but was unable

Thursday 8 My Boil still keeps me a Prisoner & I busied myself allday with accounts. Mrs Llewelyn joined our Party

Friday 9 My Boil no better & I am still a Prisoner

Saturday 10 Mrs Llewelyn & the two Talbots left us in the morning. My Boil still so bad that I sent for Dr Edwards who came in the Evening & he considers [it] to be rather more of the nature of a Carbuncle

Sunday 11 Most part of the Family went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service at home as usual

Monday 12 Still confined by my Boil & am very sick of it. Mary drove to Gwernllynwith to make enquiries respecting Mr Kilverts establishment for 8 young Gentl at Bath, & as John is going to Oriel Lewis removal from Bitton becomes necessary. In fact Mr Ellicombe

is only intended for older Boys, & he would not have taken Lewis if he had not had an elder Brother there to look after him

- Tuesday 13 My Boil still confining me. Mary & Fanny in the afternoon drove for an hour or two to Swansea
- Wednesday 14 A very wet day & none of us left the House
- Thursday 15 Weather very bad & my Boil still very troublesome
- Friday 16 Than an adjournment might not be necessary & that hundreds of poor fellows might not be obliged to lose another days work I went to an appeal Militia Meeting at Llangafelach, & as no other Magistrate met me the proceeding after all was irregular. The going gave me much pain which continued all Evening
- Saturday 17 All confined by bad Weather to the House & my Boils very painful
- Sunday 18 Mary & etc went to Llangafelach. My Boil yesterday was so bad that Dr Edwards was again sent for & he came this morning. My Brother dined & slept here. Read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 19 Much better for a change in the Dressing which Dr Edwards made yesterday but remained at home as he directed. Mary & Fanny drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 20 Drove to Swansea on Business at the Pottery & with T Thomas & returned to dine at 5
- Wednesday 21 Drove again to Swansea & spent most of the day at the Pottery. My Brother returned with me to dine & sleep here
- Thursday 22 Being the worse form going even with the greatest care to Swansea, I did not dare to venture so far as Ynysygerwn & I therefore sent H Griffiths to ascertain some points on which I wished for information. I drove in the close Carriage with my Brother to Swansea, & on my return frond Lady Morris, Miss Penevoke [?] & Miss Morris with 3 of the Children here, they having come over to spend the afternoon with us
- Friday 23 Weather very bad with Snow & Sleet. Fanny went to spend a few days with Miss Charlotte Talbot at Mrs Llewelyns & I accompanied her in the close Carriage & returned to Dinner
- Saturday 24 Drove early in the close Carriage to Swansea & engaged till near 6 in receiving the Penllergare Rents

- Sunday 25            The Bag did not arrive last night as usual & this morning it brought a Letter from Mr Ellicombe stating the illness of our dear John & promising a further report by the Post tonight. We in consequence spent the day in packing & preparing to start so as to travel all night if this report should prove to be unfavorable, & read the Service in the morning at home. George came to dine with us
- Monday 26           Drove for an hour to Swansea & with griffiths of Ynysygerwn & otherwise was closely engaged till 3. Fanny had been yesterday sent for & at 4 Mary & I set off with her in our Chariot. At 10 reached Cowbridge to sleep
- Tuesday 27           Started from Cowbridge at ½ past 7. Got a very hasty breakfast at Cardiff & reached Newport [at] 11. Had a delightful passage in the Steam Boat of 3½ hours to the Hotwells. Took a hasty snack at the Gloster Hotel & reached Bitten before 5. Found our dear John much better tho' still a Prisonner[?sic] to his Bed Room, & determined on moving him if the Dr should approve of it for change of air to Bath. Reached Bath about 8, & quartered at the York House
- Wednesday 28                That John might be brought here for the benefit of his Mothers care & Fan have the benefit of some Masters we took No 7 Princes Buildings for a fortnight & moved to there in the Evening. Engaged Mr Delamotte to give Lessons in Drawings & Mr Miller as Singing Master
- Thursday 29           Mary went in the Carriage & brought John with her to stay for a few days. In the Evening I started in the London Mail
- Friday 30                Reached Town by the Mail soon after 6, & took over my Quarters at Hatchetts Hotel, & immediately proceeded to prepare for Business. At 11 went to give my Vote for my old Friend Davies Gilbert to be President of the Royal Society & the rest of the day was spent with the Attornies in Grays Inn & with Counsel in Lincolns Inn, chiefly as to the Title of the Tredegar Estate which I had engaged to purchase from Sir J Morris. Dined with the Royal Society & afterwards went to the Athenaeum till near 12

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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- Saturday 1            Engaged by Business all the morning. In the afternoon took a hasty Dinner at Dr Sims' in Cavendish Sq. Called on Mrs Goring, & by the 6

oclock Stage went to Hornsey where my Sister Mrs Jansen has for several days been confined by an inflammation in the Lungs to her Bed

- Sunday 2 Walked from Hornsey to dine with my Sister Judith at Tottenham & returned in the Evening to Hatchetts
- Monday 3 Closely engaged by Business all day. Took a hasty Dinner at Hatchetts & spent the Evening at the Soiree at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 4 In the morning at the Athenaeum I wrote for the Linnean Society a hasty account of the Janthina found in Oxwich Bay. Variously engaged afterwards with Mrs Goring & on other Business. Dined at Hatchetts. Attended a Sitting of the Linnean Society & sat with Hudson Gurney till very late at the Athenaeum
- Wednesday 5 Engaged with Lawyers, settling the Bank Account & etc. Got a hasty snack in Cavendish Square & at 5 started in the Sovereign Coach for Bath
- Thursday 6 Reached Bath about 7 & in the Evening escorted Mary & Fanny to a Dress Ball which was remarkably dull, badly attended & stupid in the extreme
- Friday 7 Dawdled away the whole day
- Saturday 8 The Ditto of yesterday, & the Demon of stupidity & Idleness reigns at Bath
- Sunday 9 I had intended to go to Bitton Church but being disappointed of a Coach I walked there, & brought Lewis back to Bath with me. The Roads were unusually slippery from the badness of the Weather & I was much tired.

END OF DIARY

<b>APPENDIX</b>
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Memorandum  
Mr Bothfields Estate

Consists of 3 Farms - Ystrad fawr, Blaenant taeg & Coedcae prime [?] - which are now all let to Owen Jones for 175, & comprise about 400 acres - There also 19 Cots for which have [?] paid 55£ but they are now let to Owen Jones for 42£, & the repairs are on the Tenant.

The timber is worth about 700£

Mr Botfield gave 4200£ for the Estate & has not laid out any thing on it - he asks 27 years purchase on 217£ & to be paid for the Minerals & Timber by Valuation

The first returns made in 1825 by the Hundreds for the new County Rate were as follows.

Swansea	44,969£
Neath	26,676 - X
Llangafelach	28,403
Ogmore	17,402
Newcastle	26,657 X
Cowbridge	27,448 X
Dynaspowis	33,544
Miskin	21,508 X
Caerphilly	52,887 X
Kibbor	16,218
Cardiff Town	12,732

The returns for Neath, Newcastle, Cowbridge, Miskin & Caerphilly were thought to by the Sessions to be too small & were ordered to be amended & in the other Hundreds some slight alterations were made at the Meeting.

At first the Valuation of Cowbridge Town, stated to be made on the Rack [?] Rent was only £1845.19.6