

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>DECEMBER</b>
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- Monday 27            About one I drove through a heavy Snow with Mary to Swansea & we returned to Dinner
- Tuesday 28           Started at 12, through heavy snow to Swansea & Mary who accompanied me found Mrs Llewelyn so encreasingly unwell that she wished to remain with her but we returned to Dinner
- Wednesday 20 Drove again with Mary to Swansea
- Thursday 31           Griffiths of Ynysygerwn came in the morning. About noon Mary & drove [sic] to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Friday 31            Went to Swansea & dined with my 2 Boys at T E Thomas. Mary & Fanny joined us & we all attended a New Years Ball at the Public Rooms & slept at the Willows. I was so unwell with a violent Cough that I consulted Dr Bird

<b>1831 JANUARY</b>
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- Saturday 1            We all returned home early in the afternoon & my cough is still very severe
- Sunday 2            My Cough & Mr Birds Medicines kept me at home but the rest except little Mary went to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 3            Went to Swansea in the Chariot with Mary
- Tuesday 4            Went to attend a Committee of the Harbor at Swansea & Fan accompanied me. We drove there on the Phaeton which required new springs & returned in Mrs Llewelyns little Carriage
- Wednesday 5        Went with Mary about 10 in Mrs Llewelyns little Carriage & near Swansea we met a messenger to tell us that Mrs Llewelyn had had a most alarming Fit. She had been as near to Death as possible but some

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animation was restored by copious bleeding, tho' on our arrival it was not thought that she could live at furthest for many hours. She however rallied towards Evening & Mary sat up with her. I slept at the Willows

Thursday 6 Fanny in the close Carriage & the Boys on Horseback arrived early at Burrows Lodge. Mrs Ll was so far better that the Dr thought her immediate danger over & I went to hold a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & the Boys to spend a couple of days at Sir G Leeds & at Dyffryn. I went back from Llangafelach to Swansea where we dined & in the Evening Fan & I returned to Penllergare

Friday 7 I drove to Breakfast at Burrows Lodge & found Mrs Llewelyn t be still in a precarious state. Returned home to Dinner

Saturday 8 Mrs Llewelyn out of immediate Danger, & I who had driven in to breakfast, expected her returned with me to dinner at Penllergare but she disappointed me. The Boys joined us at Dinner from their Visit to Dyffryn

Sunday 9 The two Girls went over to see Mrs Llewelyn & also to see their Mother who has not left Burrows Lodge since Wednesday. I read the morning Service to the Boys & unluckily fell asleep in the Evening

Monday 10 Drove over with Fan to Swansea where I left her to take care of Mrs Llewelyn & persuaded my dear Mary to return with me to take one quiet nights Rest at Penllergare

Tuesday 11 Mary & I went in the Phaeton & dined at Mrs Llewelyns & Fanny, John & Lewis afterwards joined us in the Chariot at the Willows, from whence we all went to a Ball & Supper at Veranda. When the clock struck 12 John became of age

Wednesday 12 & after Supper the Event was marked in the most handsome manner. About 4 Mary & I got to sleep at the Willows, & the 3 juniores [sic] went on in the Chariot to Penllergare, The Bells of Swansea & Llangafelach rang out all day & at one oclock 21 guns on the Pier were fired. Mary & I went back to Penllergare soon after Breakfast, & in the afternoon I drove with the two Boys & introduced John to the Tenants at Llangafelach where a Dinner had been provided for them, & other Dinners were also provided on other parts of the Estate. The uncertainty of Mrs Llewelyns situation prevented us from having a party at home & only Capt Jeffreys dined with us. There was a Dance in the Hall in the Evening

Thursday 13 Drove with John & Lewis in the Socialet to Swansea & from thence to dine at Singleton, where Mary & our two Girls afterwards joined us, & in the Evening there was a large & very handsome Ball & Supper. About ½

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- past 10 Dr Howells was sent for on Acct. of Mrs Llewelyns having fainted, & the Carriage was got ready for Mary to follow him but he did not think it necessary to send for her. This was little Marys first appearance at a Ball
- Friday 14                    The Ball was kept up most merrily & pleasantly till about 4 this morning, & immediately after breakfast Mary & I went in to see Mrs Llewelyn & found her mentally more composed but bodily worse so that the Dr pronounced her to be sinking. Mary consequently would not leave her & I returned to rejoin the remainder of the Family at Singleton
- Saturday 15                After breakfasting at Singleton we all drove to Mrs Llewelyns & she had rallied so surprisingly that in the afternoon I prevailed on Mary to return with us to Penllergare
- Sunday 16                    Mary went before breakfast to Mrs Llewelyn, & tho' the rally is surprisingly progressive she was not easy to come away & spent the night with her. For my Cough I took some stuff which Mr Bird sent me & was confined allday to the House. The two Boys & two Girls went to Llangafelach Church
- Monday 17                   Drove with Fanny to breakfast at Burrows Lodge & found Mrs Llewelyn in such a precarious state that I could not prevail on my dear Mary to return with us. Engaged most of the day in investigating a robbery by breaking into the House of our old Tenant the Widow Hosias [?], & stealing nearly all her Cloathes[?] & etc. & committed Eliz Jones on the clearest evidence
- Tuesday 18                Immediately after Breakfast I drove to Burrows Lodge, & found Mrs Llewelyn in an encreasingly precarious state. I in vain endeavoured to prevail on my dear Mary to take a nights quiet rest at home & was obliged to return home alone to a late Dinner
- Wednesday 19 Drove with Fan to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Thursday 20                Took little Mary in the Phaeton & left her with her Mother at Burrows Lodge
- Friday 21                    Drove to Swansea & dined at Burrows Lodge after which with the two Marys I went to the Willows where the two Boys & Fan joined us at Tea. We then all went to a Ball & supper at Heathfield after which the two Mary's & I slept at the Willows & the others returned to Penllergare
- Saturday 22                Leaving Mary at Burrows Lodge, I returned to Dinner with little Mary to Penllergare

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- Sunday 23 Fan went to spend the day with her Mother at Burrows Lodge, & the Weather being very wet I read the Service at home
- Monday 24 Drove to Swansea in the morning & at last brought back m dear Mary for one nights quiet rest at home. The Revd J M & Mrs Traherne & Capt Geo Mansell came on a Visit
- Tuesday 25 Mary drove to see Mrs Llewelyn & rejoined our party at Dinner. In the evening by Mail Mr Strickland arrived on a Visit to us, principally with a View to his becoming John Companion in his intended ramble through the northern Nations<sup>1</sup>
- Wednesday 26 Our Friends left us about noon & Mary & I immediately drove to Mrs Llewelyn where we dined, & our two Girls afterwards joined us & we all went together to a Ball & supper at Mr Parry Wilkins. The Boys & Mr Strickland joined us there in a hack Chaise & about 3 in the morning they returned to Penllergare but the rest of us slept at the Willows
- Thursday 27 The two Girls returned home about noon in the Chariot & I in the Phaeton to Dinner but I could not persuade Mary to accompany me & she remained with Mrs Llewelyn. The Boys went to Dyffryn to attend 2 more Balls!
- Friday 28 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & brought back Mary to sleep at Penllergare. Thos Thomas on Business came to dine & sleep here
- Saturday 29 Engaged in the morning with T E Thomas & I at 11 I [sic] drove Mrs D to Swansea, where we found Mrs Llewelyn surprisingly collected & better. Mr Strickland also went to Swansea & we brought home a curious Fish (Labrus) which was yesterday caught in the Weirs. The Boys returned from Dyffryn & we all met at Dinner
- Sunday 30 Snow rather deep in the ground & I read both the Services to the Family at home. Mr Strickland stuffed the Labrus which we brought home yesterday & we are unable to make out the species. After being skinned the Flesh was boiled for Dinner & it proved to be firm & white but not much flavor - see p 108
- Monday 31 Mary has been prevented from going to Mrs Llewelyn & we have all been confined to the House by deep & heavy snow

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<sup>1</sup>See separate letters from John.

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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- Tuesday 1                      Drove with Mary after breakfast to Mrs Llewelyn, & Fanny, John, Lewis & Mr Strickland were to have followed us in the afternoon & we were to have dined together at Veranda, but a very heavy fall & the increasing depth of the Snow prevented us, & obliged us to sleep at the Willows
- Wednesday 2                      In the afternoon Mary & I with some difficulty got back through the snow to Penllergare. Rawleigh Mansell dined & slept here
- Thursday 3                      I walked to the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & R Mansell accompanied me on his way to Swansea. Mary & Fanny went in the Phaeton & the former remained with Mrs Llewelyn. John & Mr Strickland went to pay a Visit at Penrice, & were immovably stuck in the Snow on Park Hill for ½ an hour till they were relieved by getting the assistance of 2 Cart horses. Lewis was to have accompanied them, but was too unwell from a Cold
- Friday 4                          Drove about [an] hour to Swansea & brought Mary back with me. Snow continues to fall & it lies deeper on the ground than I ever saw in this County except in the Year 1813
- Saturday 5                        Drove with Mary to Mrs Llewelyn & we both returned to Dinner where John & Mr Strickland rejoined us from Penrice
- Sunday 6                         Some Snow fell in the afternoon but it more generally rained & a Thaw on the whole has commended. The two Marys went in the Phaeton to Swansea - the two Boys & Mr Strickland on Horseback to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Service at home to Fanny & part [?most] of the Servants
- Monday 7                         The weather being very bad & my dear Mary far from well I drove over in the afternoon to enquire about Mrs Llewelyn & found her very bad & laboring under encreased excitement
- Tuesday 8                        The Rain fell in Torrents nearly all day & Fanny who went over to see Mrs Llewelyn brought back a wretched [?] account of her. Since last Wednesday night she has been walking about incessantly without having got more altogether than 5 3/4 hours sleep & that a woman of her delicate make should thus for 5 successive Days & nights be able to tire out a double set of strong nurses appears to me to be one of the Wonders of the World. My dear Mary still very unwell
- Wednesday 9                      Mary tho' quite unfit for it drove to see Mrs Llewelyn & I accompanied her

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- Thursday 10 Mary more unwell & Fanny accompanied me to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Friday 11 Drove to a Militia Meeting at Llangafelach & in the afternoon to plant Tress at the Willows. Lewis & Mr Strickland joined me at Dinner at T E Thomas's & we then went to see an Exhibition of Horsemanship (Ryans) at the Ball Court. They went back in the Phaeton to Penllergare & I stopt at the Willows. Mary had come over in the Chariot to see Mrs Ll & returned to Dinner
- Saturday 12 Engaged all day in planting at the Willows & returned home with Mary who had come over to see Mrs Llewelyn. T E Thomas & Dd Tennant dined with us
- Sunday 13 Mary & Fanny in the Phaeton & Lewis & Mr Strickland on Horseback went to Church & I read the Service to the remainder of the Family at home
- Monday 14 Drove with Mary to Swansea & I remained all day & dined & slept at the Willows
- Tuesday 15 Continued planting allday & dined & slept at the Willows. Mary came over to see Mrs Llewelyn but returned to Dinner at Penllergare. A rheumatism for several days has severely attacked my left knee & being wet foot all yesterday & today has much encreased it
- Wednesday 16 Mr Strickland came over early to the Willows & at 9 embarked in the Steamer on his way to Oxford. Mary came over to see Mrs Llewelyn & I returned with her to Penllergare
- Thursday 17 At ½ past 11 John, Lewis & I in John's Britzka started, & went on to sleep at Newport
- Friday 18 Started at 7 in the Lady Rodney Steamer for Bristol & leaving my dear Lewis at Bath John & I went on to sleep at Newbury
- Saturday 19 The roads were so bad, tho' we set off before 8 that it was past 3 when we reached London, & took up our Quarters at the Orleans or Talks [?Falks] Hotel, No 81 Jermyn Street. Went to head Madame Vestris at the Olympic Theatre, but my knee was in so much pain that I left John there & spent the remainder of the Evening very quietly at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 20 Called on Mr Baillie, John Nichole [sic] & etc & we dined at Hudson Gurney's after which I again went to the Athenaeum. My knee still very painful

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- Monday 21 My knee was so painful last night that I sent early this morning for Dr Sims, who ordered 20 Leaches to be put on it, & directed my close confinement to my room. John went to see Keen in Richard
- Tuesday 22 My knee no better & Dr Sims ordered 20 more Leaches to be applied. John went to the Opera & during the application of the Leaches in the Evening Hudson Gurney sat an hour & a half with me
- Wednesday 23 Confined closely allday to my Room & I saw nobody but Hudson Gurney & Mr Paul Bevan who came to me respecting his wished for marriage to my Sister Judith
- Thursday 24 My knee better but I am still kept a close Prisoner. Mr Crowder & others came on Business relating to the Tithes of Llanely, & Mr strickland who had arrived in Town dined with us
- Friday 25 Still a Prisoner to my Room, but I again saw Mr Crowder & Lord Cawdor & several of my Friends who had heard of my Disaster called on me
- Saturday 26 The Dr still thinks it imprudent for me to stir tho' my knee is better, & I was again gratified by Visits from Lord Cawdor, Lord Jas Stewart [sic] & others of my Friends. Mr Crowder & Mr Frampton came also to me & I agreed for the purchase of the Tithes of our Estate in Llanely Parish. Mr Strickland again dined with us & went with John to the Opera
- Sunday 27 Walked only a few yards close to the Hotel & even this was in opposition to the Drs advice. Mr Frampton came to me respecting our Agreement for the Lanely Tithes & I recd visits from Hudson Gurney & other Friends. Mr Strickland again dined & Mr Yarrell joined us in the Evening
- Monday 28 Dr Sims breakfasted with us & finding my knee sufficiently recovered to bear the Journey he recommends me to return & be nursed at home. We accordingly set out soon after 11 in Johns Britzka & slept at North Leach

<b>MARCH</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Trundled on to dine at Chepstow & sleep at Cowbridge



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- Wednesday 2 Started at 8 from Cowbridge & about 3 we reached home where I found all well
- Thursday 3 Went in the close Carriage to hold a petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Sir Christopher & Lady Mary Cole & Miss & Miss Emma Talbot arrived on a Visit
- Friday 4 Sir Ch Cole drove for a couple of hours to Swansea but it is deemed prudent for me to keep myself quiet
- Saturday 5 The Penrice Family left us after an early Dinner to go to Margam on their way to London. Mary afterwards drove for a few minutes to Burroughs [sic] but it was too late for her to stop there more than a few minutes
- Sunday 6 Mary after the morning Service at home went to see Mrs Llewelyn. Mr Leach of Killebebill came in the afternoon & dined & slept here
- Monday 7 Dr Howell who had been sent for arrived to breakfast & as my knee is less well he has strongly advised me to keep very quiet for a Week longer. Mr Leach left us soon after 10 & Mary went to spend the Day with Mrs Llewelyn
- Tuesday 8 Mary again went & spent the day with Mrs Llewelyn & I did not stir out
- Wednesday 9 Mary again went to Swansea, & the Revd C Jones & Geo Mansell called. About 2 Vivian came here to consult me & ask my views about our proposed new Borough, but he did not tell me that his Uncle Col Jones & Col Cameron had already engaged in a very active canvass for him. Messengers bringing urgent requests for me to come forward, arrived just as he went away, but I felt very unwell & perhaps less inclined than I usually should have been to take any ....[?] it.
- Thursday 10 My Knee being still unwell Dr Howells came over to breakfast, Rd Jeffreys, Mr Thomas & several others called to offer of their Services & bringing numerous requests from the Portreve, Mr Berrington & many others that I should come forward for the new Borough
- Friday 11 Received accounts that Vivian is proceeding with a very active personal Canvass, & as I see no likelihood of any reformed Election for 2 or 3 years I don not envy him the long course of courting & bowing which he will have to undergo
- Saturday 12 Wrote an answer for publication to the many applications I had received to become a Candidate for the Borough, & declined it as being premature. The truth perhaps is that the Willows will make a residence much nearer to my constituents than I should like, & I moreover think

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- Vivian a very fit person to become representative, nor would I take it in the cringing way to which he has submitted
- Sunday 13 The three Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church, & I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 14 Mary & little Mary went to spend a few days at Swansea, & we had engaged to go for a couple of days to the Willows to superintend the planting of some Evergreens at the Willows but the Weather in the morning was too wet
- Tuesday 15 Rained incessantly in torrents the whole day so that none of us could go out, & I was obliged to disappoint some of my Friends who I had appointed to meet at the Willows
- Wednesday 16 A letter from the Duke of Beaufort to Mr Thomas announced his wish to support me, but I dislike any contest, & by splitting us into parties it might endanger the p..fining [?] & comfort [?] of the neighbourhood
- Thursday 17 Went with Mary to superintend the planting of some Evergreens & we dined & slept at the Willows
- Friday 18 Continued with Mary & again slept at the Willows. I used a Chair in the Shrubbery & did not venture on walking much about
- Saturday 19 Had an early Dinner at the Willows & we returned early in the Evening to Penllergare
- Sunday 20 Mary went to Mrs Llewelyns & the 3 Youngsters to Llangafelach Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 21 Mary & little Mary went to see Mrs Llewelyn but finding my knee very weak I thought it best to keep quite quiet
- Tuesday 22 Drove with Fanny for a couple of hours to Swansea & remained at the Willows while she went to Mrs Llewelyn's. Mr, Mrs & Miss Vivian arrived on a Visit & we had the following additions to Dinner. Col & Mrs Richard [?] Jones, Mrs Parry [?] Wilkins, Miss Mayberry & Rawleigh & George Mansell. Only the Vivians & Geo Mansell slept here
- Wednesday 23 Vivian went to a County Meeting at Pyle to petition for the new Reform Bill, but I was afraid of my knee & only drove with John for an hour to Swansea. Calvert, Mrs the youngest Miss Jones, Capt Morgan, Evan Morgan & C Jones Jnr joined our party at Dinner, but the latter only in addition to the Vivians slept here

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- Thursday 24 Our Friends left us soon after breakfast & Mary & Fanny went to spend the rest of the day with Mrs Llewelyn. John rode to Ynysygerwn & Sir Geo Leeds & Mr Fredericks .....[?] lunched here
- Friday 25 Drove with Mary in the close Carriage to Swansea & on Acct of my Knee I had appointed for oppotuning the Militia [?] at Mr Atwoods office
- Saturday 26 Weather very wet. Went in the afternoon with Mary in the close Carriage for an hour to Swansea & being afraid to weary [?] my Knee I waited at the Willows while she went to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Sunday 27 Mary with our 3 youngsters went to Church but my knee is more unwell & I am still obliged to keep very quiet. Read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 28 Soon after breakfast John left us on his way for a Tour in Norway, & he took Fanny with his so far as to leave her to spend a few days at Coedriglan.<sup>2</sup> My Knee is worse & the departure of my dear Fellow has almost extended my ailments to the thigh. Mary went to Mrs Llewelyns & I was engaged all the afternoon with Mr Crowder about the Llanelly Tithes
- Tuesday 29 Mary went soon after Breakfast to Mrs Llewelyns & little Mary & I soon after followed her & we all slept at the Willows
- Wednesday 30 My knee being rather worse we sent for Dr Howells & I was certainly benefitted by some severe Discipline which he prescribed. Did not leave the Willows allday
- Thursday 31 My Knee [sic] but I did not leave the Willows till we all returned to a late Dinner

**APRIL**

- Friday 1 The severe Discipline which Dr Howells has prescribed confined me all day to the House & my knee is certainly much the better for it. being Good Friday the 2 Mary's went to Llangafelach Church

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<sup>2</sup>See separate Journal and letters of John Dillwyn's tour

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- Saturday 2 Mary went in the Phaeton soon after Breakfast to see Mrs Llewelyn, but it was not prudent for me to accompany so early & I went over in the close Carriage to the Pottery in the afternoon. We returned together to dine at home
- Sunday 3 None of us went to Church as there was a heavy cold East wind & I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family at home. My Knee rather more swelled & inflamed
- Monday 4 The Phaeton started very early to bring Fanny back from Coedriglan, & if my Knee had been well enough it was my intention to have gone up with it this far on my way to meet John in Town. Mrs D went in the Socialet to see Mrs Ll & I kept very quiet allday
- Tuesday 5 In the afternoon I drove over on Business to Thos Thomas's & Fan to see Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me
- Wednesday 6 Drove to Neath to attend the Sale of Lewis Thomas' Estate & took H Griffiths with me. Pant bos[?]ian & Pen Pound [?] were bought in 800£ & afterwards sold to G Llewelin for 750£. For Penrhiwtin I bid 2650 & it was bought in at 3000. The advowson of Langonyd[?] which John had a Fancy for was not put up as advertised, & will be retained in the Family. There being no great difference about the valuation of the Timber on the Gellygold I met all the parties at Neath & agreed to give 1820£ for it. Our Valuation was 1698 & thus upwards of 2000 but the Poles were proved to be undervalued in the former. Dined at Neath & reached home soon after 8 in the Evening
- Thursday 7 went at 11 to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach when in addition to the usual routine overseers[?] of the Poor were appointed & the Militia Drawn. It lasted till 5 & quite knocked me up
- Friday 8 The Crowd & fatigue of yesterday's Sessions made me so unwell that I did not go as I had appointed to Swansea & Mary went alone to see Mrs Llewelyn
- Saturday 9 Drove with Mary to T Thomas' on Business & remained at the Pottery while she spent a couple of hours with Mrs Llewelyn. My Knee rather worse
- Sunday 10 My Knee so unwell that I was obliged to lay up allday. Mary & the two Girls went to Llangafelach Church in the morning
- Monday 11 Mary drove in the afternoon to Swansea & I for the sake of air & exercise accompanied her & remained for 2 hours at the Pottery while she went to see Mrs Llewelyn

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- Tuesday 12 Engaged with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn in the morning, & in the afternoon drove with Fanny for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 13 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Fanny to visit Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me
- Thursday 14 Mary & Fanny went to pay a hide [?] Visit to Gwennlynarth, [?] & I took little Mary in the Phaeton to Swansea
- Friday 15 Drove to Neath to endeavour to compleat our Gellygaled purchase, & called on Howel Gwyn & Sir Geo Leeds & also at Dyffryn & Gwennlynedd [?]. Miss Bassett & two of the Miss Hewsons spent the Day here. A poor account of Mrs Llewelyn however induced Mary to leave there & she paid her usual Visit to Burrows Lodge
- Saturday 16 Drove with Mary to Swansea & I am afraid rather injured my Knee by taking a Walk for the first time in Swansea Streets
- Sunday 17 Mary & the two Girls went to Llangafelach Church, & I was so unwell as to be laid up on the Couch most of the Day. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 18 Drove with Mary to Swansea & returned to Swansea
- Tuesday 19 Went in the afternoon to Swansea & as Lewis returned late by the Steam Road from Bristol, we to accommodate him remained to sleep at the Willows. he joined us about 9 in the Evening
- Wednesday 20 In the afternoon I received an unexpected requisition from the Neighbourhood, & by the Mail in the Evening such strong assurances of support from Mr Talbot, & Mr Crawshay & other leading .....[?] both Agricultural & Commercial that I determined on becoming a Candidate for the second Membership of the County when any reformed Election takes place
- Thursday 21 Remained all day [at] the Willows busy in writing & consulting with my Friends
- Friday 22 Employed as yesterday at the Willows, & my Knee tho' it still obliges me to keep quiet keeps gradually getting better
- Saturday 23 Engaged as heretofore till about 7, at the Willows & then returned with Mary to Penllergare
- Sunday 24 The rest of the Family attended Llangafelach Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family

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- Monday 25           Went with Mary to Swansea. From thence to attend a Militia Meeting at Llangafelach & back to sleep at the Willows
- Tuesday 26           Engaged allday about Election concerns at Swansea & slept again at the Willows
- Tuesday 27           Engaged all day about Election concerns at Swansea & slept again at the Willows
- Wednesday 28       Returned to Penllergare
- Thursday 29           Mr Williams of Dyffryn, Miss Samantha [?] Williams & Mr & Mrs Fredericks & Mr & Mrs Smith of Gwennlynedd [?] dined with us & the four former slept here
- Friday 29            Our Friends left us soon about noon & Mary & I then drove to Swansea
- Saturday 30           Again drove with Mary to Swansea

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- Sunday 1            The rest of the Family went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service at home as usual
- Monday 2            Drove with Mary to Swansea. Mr Talbot came to us in the Evening
- Tuesday 3            I drove to Swansea, leaving mr Talbot to go to call at Veranda & etc. Mr Hewson, Dr Howells, Capt Morgan, D Berrington & etc dined & the latter slept here
- Wednesday 4        Drove with Mr Talbot to a public Meeting at Swansea. The Portreve, T Thomas, R Mansell, & etc dined here
- Thursday 5            Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Mr Talbot joined me & he then went on to Margam
- Friday 6            Started at 5 & attended the Election. Mr Talbot was proposed by myself, seconded by Mr Rous & elected by acclamation. I attended the public Dinner & reached home with post horses at night

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- Saturday 7 Drove with Mary to Swansea. Mr Haycock came in the Evening & slept here
- Sunday 8 Mary & the 3 youngsters went to Llangafelach Church & Mary in the afternoon went to see Mrs Ll & I tho' suffering from a swelled face which I caught at Bridgend accompanied her to meet Mr Haycock at the Willows
- Monday 9 Drove in the morning about Road Business at Clydach & came round by Swansea home. It is my dear Fans Birthday
- Tuesday 10 My Face so swelled that I did not venture out & Mary & etc went to Swansea
- Wednesday 11 Drove to County Appointment to meet Grant & Fredericks respecting the rebuilding of Neath Abbey Bridge & with the hope of settling for Gellygaled. Returned home to Dinner at 6
- Thursday 12 Drove with Mary to Swansea
- Friday 13 Drove with Mary to Swansea
- Saturday 14 Drove with Fanny to Swansea, & a cold wind unluckily overcame [?] my swelled Face
- Sunday 15 A Gum boil broke in the afternoon & much relieved me. Mary & the 3 youngsters went to the morning Service at Llangafelach & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 16 Drove with Mary to Swansea
- Tuesday 17 My Knee more unwell & I did not move out. A party shot Rooks & dined with us. it consisted of Mr Talbot, Revd Calvert Jones, Capt Hickey, Capt Whatley & Mr Place. The two former slept here
- Wednesday 18 Mary soon after breakfast went to Burrows Lodge & after Talbot & Jones had left me I drove in the afternoon for an hour to see again about relieving some Colliers who have been miserably [?] bent [?] in Drwes [?] Colliery
- Thursday 19 My dear Lewis has this day compleated his 17th Year & accompanied by his Mother & two Sisters he went on a sketching excursion to near the head of Swansea Valley. In the afternoon I drove to Swansea & we all met at home to dine about 7
- Friday 20 Mary & Fanny drove to Mrs Llewelyns & I remained engaged on Trust Accounts at home. A Rook shooting party & the following dined here. T

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E Thomas, R Mansell, C Collins, Thos Thomas, R Berrington & Mr Strick

- Saturday 21 Drove with Mary to Swansea
- Sunday 22 Mary & the youngsters went to Llangafelach Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 23 Drove in hopes of completing the Gellygaled purchase to Neath & from thence to Bridgend where I got a hasty Dinner, & on to sleep at Cowbridge
- Tuesday 24 Breakfasted with Mr Bradley, & then with post[?] Horses drove about some repairs & a proposed Exchange at Eglws Lewis. Dined at St Hilary & went on to sleep at Coedriglan
- Wednesday 25 Drove with Jo Traherne to see the Militia at Cardiff, & returned to dine & sleep at Coedriglan
- Thursday 26 Left Coedriglan soon after breakfast. Called at Mr Seymours. Dined at a Charity Dinner at Cowbridge. Lord Bute in the Chair, & went on to sleep at the Cottage at Margam
- Friday 27 In the morning Talbot took me to see his new Palace & about noon I drove Calvert Jones Jnr to Swansea & from thence reached Penllergare to Dinner
- Saturday 28 Drove with Mary to Swansea
- Sunday 29 After an unusual series [?] of fine Weather a few Showers fell today which prevented us from going to Church & I read to the Family at home
- Monday 30 Drove with Mary to Swansea
- Tuesday 31 Mary took Fanny & left her at Burrows Lodge in hopes that some change of Air may relieve her Head achs. Col Jones, Parry Wilkins, Dr Gibbon, J G Jeffreys, Mr Edmunds, & Revd Mr Thomas of Landilofach, dined here

<b>JUNE</b>
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- Wednesday 1 Drove to Swansea & Guest [?] accompanied by Mr Elijah Waring arrived there in the afternoon, but he met with no encouragement & went away again in the Evening



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- Thursday 2            Mary went as usual to Swansea & brought Fan back from Burrows Lodge. I attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Mr Pritchard met me
- Friday 2              Accompanied by Mr Pritchard I drove to inspect & certify the Road from Morryston to the Turch [?], & after getting an early Dinner at Ynyskedwin I returned about 5 to Penllergare
- Saturday 4            Drove with Mary to Swansea, & Heard that the Riots at Merthyr had reached a most alarming height. The Swansea Cavalry had marched very early in the morning, & in the Evening we heard that they had been obliged to retreat back to Neath & that the first Division commanded by Major Penrice had been surprised & disarmed by the Rioters. Knocked up at midnight by an order from Lord Bute to meet the other Deputy Lieutenants early tomorrow at Swansea. I was all day occupied it being Rent day
- Sunday 5              Went with Mary to Swansea & was engaged at a Meeting of Deputy Lieutenants & Magistrates in providing for the defence of the Town till 5 when we returned to Dinner at Penllergare
- Monday 6             Took an early breakfast & drove to an adjournment of yesterdays meeting at 9. 300 of Smiths Colliers who had struck marched into Town & when the Agents on our recommendation agreed to pay them in money instead of Goods they all went away satisfied. In the Evening news reached us that the Colliers of several other Collieries had struck & were assembled in a large body near Clydach. Got home about 8
- Tuesday 7            As Sea Air & Sea bathing has been recommended for Fan we all moved to the Willows & I was engaged much as the preceding days. Sir John Morris's Colliers marched into Town & behaved very well
- Wednesday 8        Engaged again early allday at the Town Hall. In the Evening the Swansea Cavalry returned from Merthyr & by a discretionary power from Lord Bute I detained them a couple of days as the Steam Coal Colliers in Cwm Iswy [?] were still in a very unsettled state
- Thursday 9            Still engaged chiefly at the Town Hall
- Friday 10             The Cavalry were discharged & the Colliers have generally returned to work. Drove in the afternoon with our whole Family party & looked at Sketty Hall which is for sale
- Saturday 11          Sent an offer of 3600£ for Sketty Hall & in the afternoon we all returned to Penllergare

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- Sunday 12                    We all attended the morning Service at Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family
- Monday 13                   On Fanny's Acct. we all returned to the Willows
- Tuesday 14                   Fanny began bathing in the open Sea & in the afternoon we drove & looked over Woodlands Castle which is for Sale
- Wednesday 15              My Knee very unwell & I laid by. Fanny also confined by a bad Head Ache & the rest of our Party took a drive by the Seaside
- Thursday 16                My knee still unwell & in the afternoon we took a drove by the Seaside. About 5 in the afternoon Mrs Ll became alarmingly unwell with the appearance of an approaching Fit, but Dr Howell relieved her by a copious bleeding. Mary in consequence slept at Burroughs Lodge
- Friday 17                   Mrs Llewelyn better. The 3 youngsters took a drive on the Sands. In the Evening the pain shifted most strongly from the left to the right Knee, & was very severe
- Saturday 18                The pain in my right Knee very bad & I did not stir out till the Evening when we all returned to Penllergare. All the Family were so crazily in love with Sketty Hall that I wrote this Evening & offered 3800£ for it & the fixtures
- Sunday 19                   Mrs Llewelyn being still more than usually unwell Mary went to Burrows Lodge & did not return to us in the Evening. As the Weather was very wet none of us went to Church & I read both the Services to the Family at home
- Monday 20                   Returned with Fanny to the Willows that the latter might resume sea bathing which appears to have done her much good. Mary joined us there from Burrows Lodge where she had slept last night
- Tuesday 21                Col Cameron who is decidedly mad, acted in such an insulting way towards me at the Election Dinner at Bridgend that I placed myself at Mr Talbots disposal, & the affair has today terminated by sending an explanation to the Cambrian & by my receiving a written apology. Major Penrice, who acted for Col Cameron behaved in a very honorable & handsome manner. Lewis & little Mary who we had left yesterday at Penllergare joined us at the Willows soon after breakfast
- Wednesday 22              All remained at the Willows & I gave a good part of the Day to Pottery Accounts

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- Thursday 23 Mary & the Youngsters dined early & went to spend the afternoon & Evening at the Mumbles. T E Thomas who had just returned from Bath dined with me at 6 at the Willows. This nights post brought me an acceptance of my offer & Sketty Hall has become mine
- Friday 24 Drove with Fanny in the morning to Sketty Hall. Lewis & I dined with T E Thomas
- Saturday 25 I drove for an hour before Breakfast to Sketty Hall. We all returned to Penllergare to Dinner
- Sunday 26 Lewis & the two Girls went to Church in the morning & I read both the Services at home
- Monday 27 Drove to Swansea with Mary & thence to Sketty Hall, & returned home by the Cocketts
- Tuesday 28 Drove to Swansea & from thence reached the Quarter Sessions at Neath by 11. Dined with the Magistrates & slept at Duffryn
- Wednesday 29 Drove from Dyffryn to the Sessions at 10 [?], & they closed about 12. I was then engaged on Trust Affairs at Neath, Aberdylais, & Ynysygerwn all the afternoon. Dined at Mr Place's [?] & drove home expecting to find Dr Buckland at Penllergare but he had not arrived. T E Thomas came home with me & slept at Penllergare
- Thursday 30 Mary & Fanny drove early to see Mrs Llewelyn & I also drove afterwards to Swansea. On my return found that Buckland had arrived at Penllergare

<b>JULY</b>
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- Friday 1 Drove after breakfast to Kilfrough with Dr Buckland who went from thence to visit Bacon & Minchin Hole's [sic]. My knee was too bad to accompany him & I was obliged to lay up at Kilfrough where we got some Dinner & Tea & reached Penllergare about 11 at night
- Saturday 2 Drove early in the afternoon with Buckland to Swansea, & we both dined at T W [?E] Thomas's. I in the Evening returned home, & he went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms in readiness for going on by the Mail tomorrow to Conybeares

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- Sunday 3 My Knee so bad that I could hardly move & the rest of the Family went to Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 4 Drove with Mary to Swansea with the intention of spending the Week there
- Tuesday 5 The Youngsters followed us to Swansea
- Wednesday 6 We all spent the morning at Sketty Hall. I dined at D Tennants.
- Thursday 7 I attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & on my return to the Willows found that Mr & Mrs Murchieson & their niece Miss Murchieson had arrived at Swansea
- Friday 8 We all returned to Penllergare to receive the Murchisons, & Mr Vivian & Mr J Jeffreys also came to Dinner
- Saturday 9 The Murchiesons left us soon after 11 on their way to Landilo, & Mary & I drove to Swansea
- Sunday 10 I read the morning Service to the Family & we dined at 2. About 4 we started in the Chariot with Fanny & Lewis & went on with Post Horses from Neath to sleep at Cowbridge in order that I might see Mr Bradly respecting Eglwsbrevis [?] repairs
- Monday 11 Started from Cowbridge at 7 & left Fanny & Lewis to pay a Visit to Coedriglan while I went on to attend the Grand Jury at Cardiff for which I was summoned to attend at 9 oclock. Found I was appointed Foreman & we sat till 6 when we dined with Judge Bosanquet
- Tuesday 12 The Grand Jury met again at 9 & continued occupied till c [?] chiefly with regard to Merthyr Rioters. The Grand Jury Dinner was attended by Lord Bute & etc & we sat very late. Vaughn a Batchelor [sic] from Langennech was found Guilty of stealing my Sheep & sentence of Death was recorded
- Wednesday 13 The Grand Jury met again at 9, & were dismissed about 11, after having examined near 50 Bill [?] all of which all [?] except 3 were found to be true. Lewis had come in early from Coedriglan to attend the Trials, & about 6 we sent for Fan & went on to Newport
- Thursday 14 Embarked at ¼ past 7 in the St Davids Steamer & had a delightful passage to the Hotwells. Posted on to Bath & to dine at Warminster. Afterwards went to Stonehenge & reached Salisbury at ½ past 8

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- Friday 15 Visited Salisbury Cathedral & from thence we went on to Southampton. We then drove to see Netley Abbey in our way to dine at Fareham & arrived at Portsmouth soon after 5. Walked in the Evening on the Ramparts & to South Sea Commission [?]
- Saturday 16 Visited the Dock Yard, Block Manufactory & went over the Victory where we saw the spot where Nelson fell & it is marked by a Brass Plate. From thence we came on through Havant, Chichester & Arundel to dine at Worthing & reached Brighton about ½ past 5. Took up our Quarters at the Albion Hotel
- Sunday 17 My knee so unwell that i did not get up till 10, & went out very little except in a Carriage all day. Fanny & Lewis went to the Church in the morning & I tried the effect of shampooing in Mahomets [?] Vapor Bath without much success
- Monday 18 Went to the Revd Mr Andersons at Kempton & was sorry to find that he cannot take Lewis as a Pupil till after Christmas. Yesterday I tried local shampooing for my knee, & I took a compleat Vapour Bath at Mahommots [?] this morning. In the Evening we amused ourselves with the Singing & etc at the Library's
- Tuesday 19 Left Brighton at ½ past 11. Dined at Red Hill & at ¼ past 7 reach [sic] London where we took up Quarters at Fentons Hotel in St James' St. Fan being tired went early to bed & Lewis & I went to the Haymarket Theatre
- Wednesday 20 Fanny & Lewis went to the Zoological Gardens & etc & I was busied about opposing the Lanelly Tithe Bill. We dined at Fentons & went afterwards to Vauxhall, but Fanny had the Face ache & we came away without waiting for the Fireworks
- Thursday 21 Fan & Lewis were again employed in seeing sights & in a Committee of the House of Commons I procured our Estate to be exempted from the operation of the Lanelly Tithe Bill. In the Evening Dr Sims & Mr Brodie had a consultation about my knee & I afterwards went & remained till ½ past 12 at the Athenaeum
- Friday 22 I was again employed about the Bow [?] Street Houses & etc in the morning & in the afternoon went with Dr Sims in his Carriage to dine & drink Tea with my 2 Sisters at Tottenham. In the Evening late I again went to the Athenaeum
- Saturday 23 Busied till 2 about settling for the Gellygaled Estate & the Lanelly Tithe Bill. I then went into a Sulphur Vapour Bath & from thence met Fanny & Lewis at Dr Sims where we got a Dinner at 4. We had intended to go this

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- Evening to Windsor, but we received an alarming account of Mrs Llewelyn & went to sleep at Henley
- Sunday 24 Left Henley about ½ past 8. Dined & went to Church at Lechlade reached Gloster about 9. Quartered for the Night at the Kings Arms
- Monday 25 Received about 8 a Letter with a much better account of Mrs Llewelyn from Mary & we should otherwise have gone straight homewards. We immediately started for Ross where I hired a Boat & we had a short row to Wilton Castle. From thence we went to Goodrich & walked to its old Castle, & dined at Monmouth. At 4 we reached Ragland [sic] where we took up our Quarters at the Beaufort Arms, & spent the Evening among its magnificent ruins
- Tuesday 26 Breakfasted at 8, & the youngsters spent another hour at the Castle. Started at 10. Stopped an hour at Crickhowell & dined at Brecon where I had intended to spend the Evening on Business with Mr Mayberry, but he was unluckily from home. Hoping for his return we waited till near 7 & then went on to sleep at Landoverly
- Wednesday 27 Left Landoverly at ½ past 8, & from Landilo went with Mr Williams (Lord Cawdors Agent) to look over a new House which he is building at geld...ewan[?]. Staid there about 2 hours & arrived at 4 at Penllergare. Mary for the last 10 days had remained at Burrows Lodge & she joined us in the Evening
- Thursday 28 Drove with Mary to Swansea & returned to Dinner. At night in pursuance of Mr Brodies & Dr Sims advice I put a Blister on my Knee
- Friday 29 My dear Mary has a slight attack of the prevailing Influenza, & Fanny went to spend the day with Mrs Llewelyn. The Blister tho' it has acted favorably has kept me a Prisoner all day
- Saturday 30 Mary & Fanny went to spend the Day with Mrs Llewelyn & I was confined by the Blister on my knee & attended to accounts & etc all day
- Sunday 31 Mary again went over to spend the day with Mrs Llewelyn whose imbecility of mind & body has so much encreased that she is now barely able to utter a single syllable. My knee kept me at home & I read the Evening Service to the Family

**AUGUST**

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- Monday 1 Drove with Mary to Swansea, & returned alone to Dinner for she found Mrs Llewelyn so much worse that she remained with her till late in the Evening
- Tuesday 2 Drove again with Mary to Swansea & found Mrs Llewelyn so very ill that Mary remained with her, & after my return to Penllergare Fanny drove in but came back late in the Evening
- Wednesday 3 Drove to the Willows, for the purposes of attending the Boat races & we had engaged to go to a Play but Mrs Llewelyns critical situation prevented us. Little Mary however went with Mrs Arthur Jones & the Vivians & Mrs D remained at Burrows Lodge
- Thursday 4 Mrs Llewelyn has rallied so that she is considered to be out of any immediate danger, & all excepting Mrs D who remains entirely with her, attended the Boat races. At night Fan, Lewis & I went to the Ball & returned home about 3
- Friday 5 Again attended the Boat Races, & Lewis & I went to the Ball & got back to the Willows about 2
- Saturday 6 Drove with Fanny to see a cricketing Match but the bad weather spoilt it. At night in compliance with Brodies prescription I put a second Blister on my knee. Mrs Llewelyn has a little rallied; but shews no return of consciousness & is unable even to turn herself in Bed
- Sunday 7 My Knee confined me wholly to the House & Mary as usual remained at Burrows Lodge. The Youngsters went to Church both morning & Evening at St Mary's
- Monday 8 The Blister on my Knee kept me a close Prisoner to the House, & T E Thomas rode to the Grouse Fields, & dined & slept at Penllergare
- Tuesday 9 I had engaged to dine at Kilfrough, but the Blister kept me confined entirely to the House. The two Marys went in the Phaeton an hour to Penllergare
- Wednesday 10 Lewis went to a cricket Match & dined at Danygraig. I am still confined by my knee & things at Burrows Lodge remain nearly in Status quo, tho' Mrs Ll is thought to be getting gradually weaker
- Thursday 11 Prevailed on Mary to take a Drive with me to Sketty Hall, & I afterwards went with Lewis to Penllergare where Major Penrice, his Nephew Mr Fountain, Capt Hickey, Mr Hankin & Rodney Eden dined with us

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- Friday 12 Lewis with Capt Hickey, Mr Fountain & Mr Hankin went to the Grouse Hills where they were met by Mr Vivian & etc & had a very pleasant days sport. Major Penrice & I drove to Swansea but returned to Dinner at Penllergare & were joined by the rest of the Party soon after 7. Rodney Eden had injured his wrist yesterday & was obliged to do & remain at Swansea
- Saturday 13 Our party broke up & I returned to the Willows & was closely occupied by Public Business till 6
- Sunday 14 The youngsters went to St Mary's in the morning but the medicine prescribed by Dr Sims & Mr Brodie confined me till the afternoon when I drove to call at Singleton & in the Evening we all went to the same Church
- Monday 15 Attended an adjourned Meeting about the Harbor. Mrs Ll in the morning but she again rallied towards Evening & we all spent much of the Day at burrows Lodge
- Tuesday 16 Drove with Lewis to Penllergare & having a haunch of Venison the following party dined with us. Capt Wheatly, Mr Sockett, T E & Ilyd Thomas, R Pritchard, Mr W Tennant & Mr Place. They all returned home in the Evening except Mr Sockett
- Wednesday 17 Drove Mr Sockett to Swansea & as Mrs Llewelyn continues in a vert alarming state I remained at the Willows
- Thursday 18 As appearances indicated the approaching change we all remained nearly all day at Burrows Lodge & at a few minutes before 8 in the Evening Mrs Llewelyn expired without a struggle
- Friday 19 Procured Mrs Llewelyns Will from the Bank of England, & found myself to be the Executor. Spent the whole day at Burrows Lodge but returned to sleep at the Willows leaving my dear Mary there
- Saturday 20 We all went early & remained allday at Burrows Lodge
- Sunday 21 Spent nearly the whole day at Burrows Lodge & of course we none of us went out, except backwards & forwards to sleep at the Willows. The Corpse has much changed but it is intended to keep it open till tomorrow
- Monday 22 I prevailed on Mary to take a Drive to Penllergare & as it had become absolutely necessary I at noon closed the inner Coffin of my truly excellent friend. I remained all day at Burrows Lodge



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Tuesday 23 Went after breakfast as usual from the Willows & spent the Day at Burrows Lodge. The remains of Mrs Llewelyn were in the afternoon put in a Copper Coffin

Wednesday 24 Spent the day as heretofore in preparing for the Funeral at Burrows Lodge

Thursday 25 The Funeral of Mrs Llewelyn set out at 10 oclock from Burrows Lodge & at about ½ past 12 she was placed by the side of her Husband in our Family Vault at Llangafelach. The funeral as she had desired was very private & consisted [of] a Hearse & 4 a Morning [sic] Coach & 4 & our two Carriages, in which were Mary & I with our 3 youngsters & some of the Servants. When the Funeral was over we went to Penllergare & Mary & I returned in the Evening & slept at Burrows Lodge

Friday 26 Engaged allday as Executor at Burrows Lodge which has now become mine

Saturday 27 Mary & I engaged allday in getting a Valuation of the Furniture & etc made preparatory to proving the Will & in the Evening we joined our Youngsters at Penllergare

Sun day 28 A Blister which I last night put on my knee has laid me by the Heels, & Mary being knocked up by her late exertions is too unwell to leave the House. The three Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church in the morning

Monday 29 My Blister confined me all day to the House

Tuesday 30 Confined as yesterday to the House. Mary & Fanny went to dine with Miss Lord [?] & bid her goodby as she will quit Swansea tomorrow. They returned late to Penllergare

Wednesday 31 In the afternoon Mary & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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Thursday 1 Went at ½ past 11, & was engaged till near 6 at a Petty Sessions & Licence Meeting at Llangafelach

Friday 2 Drove with Mary in the morning to Swansea. Dined at Burrows Lodge & returned to Penllergare in the Evening

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- Saturday 3 My dear Mary has this day compleated her 55th year, & with our 3 Girls in the Socialet & Lewis on horseback we went to Burrows Lodge, & divided Mrs Llewelyns Books between Fanny & Mary pursuant to her will. We drove back to dine at 6 at Penllergare & our Enjoyments were crowned by the arrival of a Letter from John dated Christiana Augt 13th
- Sunday 4 The Weather very bad, & I read both the morning & Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 5 Went in the Phaeton with Mary to Burrows Lodge & I was engaged near all day at the usual Turnpike & Harbor Meetings. Returned home to Dinner
- Tuesday 6 Drove with Lewis to Swansea & attended a Meeting of visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction. Afterwards I shewed part of the Pottery to Lewis, & we reached home by 4. Sir Jo Morris (from Brussels) came to spend a couple of days with us, & his Partner Mr H H Price dined with us
- Wednesday 7 Sir John went to Clasemont & I drove to Swansea where he met me & he accompanied me back to Dinner. Capt Wheatly, T E Thomas & the Portreve (C Collins) dined with us
- Thursday 8 Engaged all morning with Sir J Morris on Business & in the afternoon he left us & I drove for a couple of hours with Mary to Swansea
- Friday 9 A 4th Blister which I put on my knee last night confined me all day closely to the House. Mr H Price on Business relating to Sir Jo Morris, & Mr Morgan (of Biddlaston Parks Brother [?]) on Trust affairs arrived in the afternoon & both dined & slept here
- Saturday 10 Engaged all the morning with Mr Price & Mr Morgan & the latter did not leave me till the afternoon
- Sunday 11 My knee, ie the Blister on it, confined me almost to the Sofa all day, & Mary & the Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church
- Monday 12 Drove late in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea & I dined at John Groves to meet Sir J Morris & etc. We slept (probably for the last time) at the Willows
- Tuesday 13 Variously engaged all the morning at Swansea & we returned home to Dinner
- Wednesday 14 Drove in the afternoon with little Mary for an hour to Swansea

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- Thursday 15 Drove with Mary round by Swansea to Sketty Hall & returned to Dinner
- Friday 16 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea & was engaged all the morning at home about Trust affairs
- Saturday 17 I drove with Mary to Swansea & Mrs [?] Hewson as Commissioner swore her in as Executor of Mrs Llewelyns Will. In the afternoon my old Friend Charles Barclay with his wife & 2 Daughters arrived on a Visit to us, & Sir Jo Morris returned to Penllergare
- Sunday 18 All the party except Sir Jo Morris & Myself went to Llangafelach Church in the morning
- Monday 19 Sir Jo Morris left us. The Barclays, Mary & I & Fan went to lunch at Burrows Lodge & from thence to the Mumbles. Capt Morgan, Richd Jeffreys & the Revd Calvert Jones dined & the latter slept here
- Tuesday 20 Took our Visitors to lunch at Burrows Lodge & afterwards to see the Pottery
- Wednesday 21 Went with the Barclays to see Vivians Copper Works
- Thursday 22 The Barclays left us about 11, & I then drove with Calvert Jones to Swansea. Attended a reform Meeting & returned to Dinner. Edwards Vaughan offered to sell the Crwca for 1000£, & tho' it cannot be valued at more than 850, I have an Acct of contiguity offered 900 for it
- Friday 23 Breakfasted about ½ past 7. Drove to Swansea & at 9 started in the Palmerston Steamer which reached Bristol soon after 5 & after dining there I went on to sleep at the York House in Bath
- Saturday 24 Started in a Day Coach at 7, & reached London soon after 7 in the Evening. Took up Quarters at the Orleans Hotel at No 81 Jermyn St. Spent the Evening at the Athenaeum with Prince Cimitilli & etc
- Sunday 25 As my knee felt the effect of the Journey I went to Dr Sims about it. Spent the afternoon with Lord Cawdor & dined at James Baillies. Wm Williams of Aberpergum is at the same Hotel & supped with me
- Monday 26 Busy this morning at the Doctors Commons about proving Mrs Llewelyns Will & at the Legacy Duty Office & etc. Wm Williams dined with me at my Hotel
- Tuesday 27 Went in the afternoon to Leslies & sat for a painting of me which he begun two years ago at Penllergare. Afterwards took a Walk with Edwin Landseer. Dined with a very pleasant party at Lord Cawdors

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Wednesday 28 Went over to the Bank of England, twice to Doctors Commons & twice to the Legacy Duty Office, & got on very slowly, Drank Tea at Dr Sims' & spent the Evening very pleasantly at the Athenaeum

Thursday 29 Engaged all the morning about compleating the Gelly galed purchase & Mrs Llewelyns Will. Went to sit at 3 for an hour to Leslie & was .....[?] gossiped with me all the while. Went in the Evening with Sir Charles Lemon to the Play & laughed heartily at 'John Jones'

Friday 30 Spent the morning in the same way as yesterday. Dined at the Athenaeum when my knee pained me so much that I went to Dr Sims about it, & he found it to arise from an Elastic bandage which had been put improperly on it

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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Saturday 1 Engaged the whole morning about Mrs Llewelyns Will, & at 3 sat again to Leslie after which I called at Edwin Landseers & was much gratified by many of his sketches. Sir Cs Lemon & I dined together at the Athenaeum after which we went to the opening of Drury Lane & 'the Honey Moon' was admirably performed

Sunday 2 Went to Tottenham & dined & drank Tea at Alfred Jansons, & called on Mrs Bevan. Got to Town about 8 when I spent an hour with Dr Sims & the remainder of the Evening at the Athenaeum

Monday 3 Engaged chiefly in the morning about the Gellygaled purchase which I compleated about one oclock. Then called at Lord Cawdors, Mr Poyntz & etc & at 3 gave Leslie another sitting. Dined with William Williams after which we went to the Olympia & thought it detestably bad & stupid

Tuesday 4 Closely engaged all the morning about Mrs Llewelyns Will & in making various Calls. Dined at the Athenaeum, & went with W Williams to the Adelphi Theatre

Wednesday 5 Paid the Duty & finished my Business at the Legacy Office. Went to a Sulphur Bath in the afternoon & dined with W Williams at the Athenaeum

Thursday 6 After Breakfast went again to the India House when I compleated the transfer of Mrs Llewelyns Stock from thence hurried in a Coach to

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- Leslies in Portman Place who finished his Portrait of me. I dined at Dr Sim's & spent the Evening at the Athenaeum
- Friday 7 Went early & while they breakfasted stopped at Sir Cs Lemons where I met the Bishop of Rochester. Afterwards spent about 2 hours each with Lord Cawdor & the Duke of Beaufort, & then called on Dr Sims & etc. Dined at the Athenaeum, & Wm Williams spent the Evening with me at my Hotel
- Saturday 8 While I was dressing at ½ past 6 the Lords were rattling past on their way from rejecting the Reform Bill by a Majority of 41, & in an hour after the Event was communicated to the Public in Papers bordered with black. At 8 started in the Emerald Coach, & reached Bristol soon after 10 at Night. Both at Bath & Bristol great Crowds were assembled to learn the particulars about the Reform Bill & the Bells in both Cities were rung muffled
- Sunday 9 Vast crowds were waiting in Bristol this morning for the arrival of news. I left it about 10 by Mail. Crossed the Passage in 20 minutes, & reached home about ½ past 9
- Monday 10 Drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon
- Tuesday Drove with Lewis for a couple of hours to Swansea. Major Wilde & Mr Ellis, two of the Commissioners appointed for fixing the intended Limits of the Borough under the reform Bill, dined & slept here
- Wednesday 12 The two Commissioners left us soon after Breakfast, & Capt Geo Jones & his wife with Col Baker & a Mr Perry lunched here. My Cold which I caught on my Journey is so bad that I have not left the House all day
- Thursday 13 Drove with Mary for a couple of hours in the close Carriage to Burrows Lodge
- Friday 14 My Cold still severe & I did not leave the House all day
- Saturday 15 Drove with Mary about ½ past 10 to Burrows Lodge & was engaged all day on Business at Swansea
- Sunday 16 Went with the 3 Youngsters to Llangafelach Church & my dear Mary, not being quite well remained at home
- Monday 17 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea on various Business
- Tuesday 18 Drove with Fan to Swansea where she left me & I attended from 11 to 8 as Chairman of the Quarter Sessions. By great exertion I finished the

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Business & was greatly exhausted when we went to Dinner at 8. There were 16 Prisoners for Trial of whom 2 were transported. 17 attended the Magistrates Dinner which broke up soon after 12 & I slept at Burrows Lodge

- Wednesday 19 Returned in the afternoon to Penllergare & the following party dined with us - Mr & Mrs Eden, Mr Rodney Eden, Mr Meyrick, Revd Edwd Thomas, Thos Thomas & Mr Frampton
- Thursday 20 Mary & I drove round by Swansea to Sketty Hall & thence home
- Friday 21 Drove on Business to Swansea, & returned to Dinner at ½ past 4 for the convenience of our Harvest home which was kept this Evening as usual by a Dance & supper in the Hall
- Saturday 22 A heavy Rain confined us all, all day to the House
- Sunday 23 Rained heavily nearly all day & I read the Service to the Family at home
- Monday 24 Drove with Mary & Fanny in the Chariot to Swansea & they went to call at Capt Geo Jones & Mrs Richd Franklin who has come to visit her Mother in Law at Swansea. Returned to Dinner at 6 at Penllergare
- Tuesday 25 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea. Dined at David Tennants & slept at Burrows Lodge
- Wednesday 26 About ½ past 12 there was at Swansea a most violent Storm of Thunder, Lightning & Hail which lasted about 5 minutes. I returned home early in the afternoon
- Thursday 27 Drove to Swansea & to see the Rhydings which was yesterday struck by Lightning, & greatly shattered & cracked by the Blow. Every pain of Glass is smashed, all the Bell wires melted, the walls cracked, the Floors torn up & etc & etc. Sir Geo Leeds of Neath, Mr J Jeffreys & Mr Frampton dined here, & all but the latter slept here
- Friday 28 Our Friends left us soon after Breakfast & Mary accompanied by Fan went to make calls at Singleton & etc
- Saturday 29 Drove on very various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 30 Weather very wet & I read the Service to the Family at home
- Monday 31 Drove with Mary to Swansea & round by Sketty home

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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- Tuesday 1            The two Mary's went to Swansea that the junior might take a Dancing Lesson. Rawleigh Mansell, Mr Meyrick junr & T Edwd Thomas with his nephew Robert dined here
- Wednesday 2        I drove to Swansea & returned home by Sketty
- Thursday 3          Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach which lasted till about ½ past 4
- Friday 4            The two Mary's drove to Swansea, & Fan & I were inundated by Calls. Mrs Williams of Dyffryn & her Daughters, Mrs Vivian & a party & Mr & Mrs Smith of Gwernllynwith, & they obliged me to play the pretty for about 3 hours
- Saturday 5          Drove to attend a Meeting at Swansea for adopting precautionary measures against the Cholera
- Sunday 6            Weather very wet & stormy & I read the Service at home
- Monday 7            Drove to Swansea & from 11 to 4 was engaged at further Meetings, about the Harbor, the Turnpike & for preventing the Cholera, & providing against any tumult at this alarming period
- Tuesday 8           The two Mary's went with Fanny in the close Carriage to Swansea & I was engaged by Business all day at home
- Wednesday 9        Went at the head of a Committee to inspect the Houses in the 5th District of Swansea including Green Hill for the purpose of adopting precautions against Cholera morbus
- Thursday 10         Drove to Swansea & thence to Morrision representing precautions against the Cholera or any troubles. Went on the spend a couple of days at Dyffryn, & Mary & Fan with Post Horses to our Chariot met me there
- Friday 11            The Ladies went in Mrs Williams Britzka to see the new House which Talbot is building at Margam. I attended a Petty Sessions at Neath & from thence went on Business to Ynysygerwn. Mr Fredericks accompanied me & Lewis joined us at Dinner
- Saturday 12         I drove to Morrision & thence to Swansea to intro further precautionary measures, & at Dinner we all met again at home

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- Sunday 13 Mary & the three Youngsters went to Llangafelach Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family. The Bag brought us a sad disappointment by a Letter from John, stating that the Cholera at Hamburg & in Holstein has prevented his return to us by Land & that the last Vessel had sailed for England from Christiana so as to render it probable that he may be obliged to winter in Norway
- Monday 14 Drove to a Meeting for employing the Poor at Swansea, & Mary accompanied me. We returned home by Sketty
- Tuesday 15 The two Mary's drove to Swansea & I remained at Accts with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & etc at home all day
- Wednesday 16 Drove to attend another Meeting about employing the Poor at Swansea
- Thursday 17 Drove to Swansea & round by Sketty home. Mr & Mrs Franklin, Capt Lindsay & Arthur Jones junr came to spend a couple of days with us
- Friday 18 The two Mary's drove to Swansea & I remained at or about home allday. The Gentlemen went a shooting, & Rawleigh Mansel joined our party at Dinner, after which he with Capt Lindsay & Jones returned to Swansea
- Saturday 19 Mr & Mrs Franklin left us about 3 in the afternoon & I drove for an hour to Swansea
- Sunday 20 The rest of the Family went to Llangafelach Church but a slight rheum in my Face which has more or less troubled me for a fortnight kept me at home, & I read the Service in the Evening as usual
- Monday 21 In the afternoon I drove on Public Business to Swansea for a couple of hours
- Tuesday 22 Went with the two Mary's in the Chariot to Swansea for a couple of hours
- Wednesday 23 Drove with Mary & Fan to dine at Parry Wilkins & I should have slept at Burrows Lodge but Mr Howells of Gellygog arrived just before we set out & obliged me to return to Penllergare
- Thursday 24 Engaged with Mr Howells till noon & then drove for an hour to Swansea, & called on Col Love of the 11th Regt who with two Companions had arrived at Swansea as the Head Quarters of South Wales. Mr & Mrs Arthur Jones, Miss Caroline [?] Jones, Miss Webber, Miss Jones, Capt Lindsay, Mr A Jones junr, Mr Berrington junr & Mr Walter Collins dined with us & the two latter slept here



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- Friday 25                    Messrs Berrington & Collins left us soon after noon & the two Mary's went as usual to meet the Dancing Master at Swansea
- Saturday 28                I drove to Swansea & brought back Capt Morgan & Jo Jeffreys & Mr Talbot & R Mansell
- Sunday 27                 Mr Jeffreys left us in the afternoon, & John Grove came to Dinner but retd to Swansea in the Evening, leaving Talbot, Mansell & Morgan here
- Monday 28                I drove Talbot to a Meeting about making a Floating Harbor at Swansea, & we then went to dine & sleep at Singleton
- Tuesday 29                About noon I met the two Mary's at Burroughs [sic] Lodge with whom I returned to Penllergare & Talbot went on to Margam
- Wednesday 30 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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- Thursday 1                Mary to visit some poor accompanied me to Llangafelach & I was engaged in a Petty Sessions there till near 5
- Friday 2                    Mary & our two Girls went to Swansea & I remained at home preparing for the Rent day tomorrow
- Saturday 3                Drove with Griffiths to Swansea where I remained collecting the Penllergare Rents & etc & did not reach home till near 8 in the Evening. Ungarro with Johns carriage returned home, from Norway this afternoon
- Sunday 4                  We all went to Llangafelach Church in the morning. Mr S Benson called here
- Monday 5                 Drove to Swansea to attend a Harbor Meeting & to consider about relieving the great number of men who are out of work. Brought back Rodney Eden & Mr Leyson & Mr Miers also dined & slept here
- Tuesday 6                Leyson left us soon after Breakfast & the two Mary's drove to Swansea
- Wednesday 7             Charles Smith came to Breakfast, & drove Mr Miers to Pembrey & they returned to Dinner. In the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea & left Rodney Eden there

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- Thursday 8 Drove Mr Miers to Swansea & we returned to Dinner, where Mr Mrs & Miss Vivian & Mr Starling Benson joined our party. At Swansea I agreed to purchase Crwce from Mr Edwards Vaughan for 900£
- Friday 9 The Gentlemen went to shoot, & I drove to Swansea respecting Crwce & some other Tenements for which I am in Treaty. Mrs Parry Wilkins & her son & Col & Mrs Love came to Dinner & they returned in the Evening
- Saturday 10 After Breakfast Mr, Mrs & Miss Vivian, Mr Miers & Mr Benson left us. I drove to Swansea on the same Business as yesterday
- Sunday 11 Weather very wet & stormy & I read the Service at home
- Monday 12 About noon drove with Griffiths to Tredegar, thence to Waingron for which I am in Treaty & thence to see Mr James respecting the latter at Swansea. Got home soon after 5 to Dinner
- Tuesday 13 Went with the two Mary's in our close Carriage to Swansea & from thence I went on to attend a Meeting for relieving the Poor at Morrision. Returned to Swansea & we came home together to Dinner
- Wednesday 14 Mary, Fan & came to Swansea & took up our Quarters at Burrows Lodge. After Dinner I joined a party at Parry Wilkins
- Thursday 15 Lewis & Mary joined us at Burrows Lodge
- Friday 16 The two Marys drove for an hour to Penllergare & returned to Dinner. Weather very rough & Lewis from the Pier saw a Stormy Petrel. One was afterwards picked up over the head of Swansea Valley & another on Crumlyn Burrows
- Saturday 17 Mary & I drove to Sketty Hall & on our return called on Mrs Jones of St Helens
- Sunday 18 Weather still stormy. In the morning the two Mary's, Lewis & I went to St Mary's Church & Lewis & I also attended the Evening Service
- Monday 19 Engaged most of the day with Lewis in shewing him the way of taking Stock at the Pottery
- Tuesday 20 Drove & for 3 hours attended a Meeting for relieving the Poor at Morrision. Rain fell in Torrents & very stormy
- Wednesday 21 Engaged nearly all day as on Monday

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- Thursday 22 Engaged nearly as on Monday. Weather still very bad
- Friday 23 Still engaged about Stock
- Saturday 24 Lewis poorly, & I was variously engaged with Tenants etc
- Sunday 25 Mary, the 2 Girls & Lewis went to the St Mary's Church & all but little Mary staid the Sacrament. Little Mary, Lewis & I attended the Evening Service
- Monday 26 Lewis & I dined at the Portreves Feast & got home about 10. Thos Grove Portreve. In the morning I drove to Sketty
- Tuesday 27 Engaged nearly allday at a Meeting for relieving the Poor at Morriston, & returned to Burrows Lodge to Dinner
- Wednesday 28 Engaged mostly at the Pottery Stock taking. The two Mary's drove for a couple of hours to Penllergare, & I dined at Mr Hewsons
- Thursday 29 Most engaged s yesterday. Mary, Fan, Lewis & I dined at Heathfield
- Friday 30 Engaged most of the day by Pottery Accounts. Mr Bird thought it wrong for Fan to venture & Bob having a head ach I went alone for an hour to a Ball at the Public Rooms
- Saturday 31 Our three Youngsters returned to Penllergare & Mary & I remained to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge

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JANUARY

- Sunday 1 Mary & I attended St Mary's Church in the morning & we afterwards joined our Youngsters at Penllergare. Read the Evening Service as usual to the Family

[END OF DIARY]

APPENDIX

Extract of a Letter to Mr Yarrell dated Feby 5 1831

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On Friday Jany 28 the most beautiful Fish I ever saw was caught in Swansea Bay & I annex a description in hopes that you will be able to favor me with its names for I cannot find any figure or description which answers it. In shape it much resembles Donovans Figure of Labius [?] Tinca & Mr Strickland who happened to be here on a Visit has preserved & stuffed the skin but the colors have become sadly confused & lost their brilliancy. After being skinned e boiled the Flesh which was firm & white but had not much flavor. It was a male [?] & remarkably fat. A naval Friend of mine (Mr D Tennant) tells me that he has seen a similar Fish in the West Indies & over at Scilly.

Length 18 inches - greatest Diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches - Weight 3lb 7oz.

Pectoral Fin 14 Rays. Abdominal 6. Ventral 12. Dorsal 20 spiny & 11 soft & Tail 14 Rays

Color red becoming pale orange on the Belly & ornamented with about 16 longitudinal rows of brilliant bluish-green oval Spots arranged in the above sketch.

Fins & Tail green with a few scattered spots & the dorsal Fin has spots along the base only