

## 1783

*Politics continued to feature in Fenwick's life and he paid for the bell ringers to celebrate the Treaty of Versailles that ended the American War of Independence for he had long been on the American side. The sale of former Benison estates continued and contributed to payment of some of his longstanding debts. Fenwick also increased the lands he farmed in order to generate more income from the cattle trade. The rather distant relationship with his sister Jane improved and she paid at least two visits to Burrow Hall during the year. The relationship between Fenwick and James Dowker also appears to have become less strained.*

### January

1 January. Rose at 7. Wind north <west>. Very hard frost. Therm' at ½ past 8 20. Walked 5 hours. No dinner, physicking myself. Rent day. Saw nobody. Bed ½ past 8.

2 January. Rose ½ past 8. Wind north <west>. Hard frost. Therm' at ½ past 8 19. Drank tar water twice before dinner. At 11 ate a little hung beef. Dinner fowl boiled & broth; just tasted cold ham. Walked about & after 3 took a glass of tar water. At 4 ate 3 pears. Very hard frost. Took the juice of a lemon & some cheese. Supper meal & water. Bed 9.

3 January. Rose at 5. Wind north west. Intensely hard frost. Slept pretty well. Took a glass of warm tar water. Therm' at 8 24. Not very hard frost. New moon between 7 & 8. Breakfast water pottage & treacle. Went over the wood bridge into & down the park by Leck beck home. Then went to Kirkby town end & back. Dinner knuckle of veal & potatoes & a little ham & hung beef. Wrote to Mr. Burges & Sowerby; inclosed to the former a £10 bank note. Ate 3 nonpareils in going to Kirkby. Between 11 & 12 wind east. At one south east & barometer greatly fallen since the morning. Bryan Townson & his wife were here, but I did not see him; she brought me half a dozen cakes. At three took a glass of warm tar water. After that ate a cake & a half & part of a scalloped shell of potatoes. The men have leading dung to the level, the parrook & the Lower Feet Lands till this day, when they led wood; but Rowland has not been here this week, being ill. N. Huggon has not been here. The day has been cloudy, no sun. Bed ½ past 9. <Letters from Clerk of Committee & Mr. Taylor.>

4 January. Rose at ¼ before 6. Wind east. <'Thaw, moist & cloudy.> Took glass of warm tar water. I was very easy when I went to bed, but as soon as I laid down I had a pain at my breast which prevented my sleeping till 11. Ate half a cake. Breakfast cocoa. Sent half a guinea for J. Davis's hunt. J.D. William, Tom, H. Leeming, Ned & Robinson are gone to hunt. I gave the three last 2s. apiece. William came home to dinner; I gave him 1s. for himself & 2s. for Tom. Dinner minced veal & roasted hare. Thomas Taylor & an old Quaker from Tatham came about a Settlement. Ate 2 nonpareils; 2 pears; some tamarinds & cheese & some cake. Very heavy rain in the evening. Killed & saved a brace [of] hares. N. Huggon brought me £1.1.6 from Mr. Waddington for wood which he bought for Mr. Parker. Bed ¼ past 9.

5 January. Sunday Rose at 6. Wind south west. Breakfast none. Rode to Burton & in going ate an apple & some bread. Got home a little after 11. Bryan Waller was here & dined on hashed fowl & goose. He came with the Yorkshire Petition. In the evening I drank with the gardener beer. Huntsman went to hunt at Hornby; I paid his bill £1.2.2½ & gave £1.1.0 to be spent at Berry's & Hornby's. Bed 11. The day warm & misty.

6 January. Rose at ½ past 7. Wind south west. Cloudy but fair. Wrote & sent the Petition (by Mr. Preston) to Mr. Sutcliffe. Breakfast water pottage. Dinner tripe. Note: Last night there was a distinct blue flame in the fire for an hour when the coals were nearly cindered. The leaves of oak trees cut down are fresh; whereas those of old trees are dead. Query. the reason. Mr. Preston returned at 5 & had left the Petition with Mr. Redman. Drank beer. Went to look at Mr. Preston etc play at cards. Bed 8.

7 January. Rose at 7. Wind west. Foggy. Drew a bill on Mr. Hurd for £15. Wrote to him & gave Mr. Preston the letter; the bill was payable to him. Therm' at 10 45. Walked almost all the day. Dinner

brocoli & cold mutton, but at 11 o'clock I ate 11 oysters. Slight shower between 11 & 12. Young J. D. went to fish but none rose. Gave H. Leeming 4s. to go for Burton coals. Supper bread & buttermilk. The day has been very spring like. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

8 January. Rose at 8. Wind south west. A tempestuous morning. Slept much. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Walked a little. Dinner a few oysters, scallop'd cockles, a bit of flounder & savoy. In the afternoon ate some apples & tamarinds. J. D. gone to Sedbergh. Huntsman came from Hornby; Bella from her mother's whither she went on Sunday. Very dark all day. Before 4 & 5 began to rain very heavily. Huggon yesterday & today making a pump for Hornby. Supper buttermilk, bread & cake. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9. <At Hornby the huntsman hunted 5 & killed 4 hares.>

9 January. Rose at 7. Wind west. The wind extremely high in the night & morning with showers. Breakfast buttermilk, bread & cake. Men hedging. J. Leeming goes part of the way home with Nelly. N. Huggon boring pump tree. At 11 took a glass of tar water. Dinner part of a flounder, half a partridge & some turneps. It has <been fair> quite overcast & dark all the forenoon with a pretty high wind; but at 20 min. past 12 there was a violent storm of rain & wind which continued till three. Gave Mr. Richardson, schoolmaster of Wyersdale £1.1.0. Supper cold turneps & 3 poached eggs. At three took some bark. Paid for <13> rush lights to Richard Ort at  $7\frac{1}{4}$ d., 8s. 1d.<sup>393</sup> Received of him for tallow, 2 stone & 10 lbs at 5s., 13s. 1d. Paid Batty sale cryer for Chippendale's sale 7s. 6d.<sup>394</sup> Received of him for goods bought 5s. 3d. The wind was frightfully high this evening between 8 & 9 o'clock. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9.

10 January. Rose at 7. Wind a little to south of west. Wind high but fair. Breakfast (after tar water) water pottage & treacle. Thomas Dixon came. Walked with him by Lune side, back by the park over the wood bridge home. Paid Mr. Dodin for measuring land 10s. 6d. His bill was 7s. Dinner J. D. & T. Dixon with me, flounders & loin of beef. After dinner, Mr. King came. He drank a draught of ale & wine. Between 4 & 5 he went home. I walked with him to Kirkby Bridge; it rained heavily a great part of the way. I got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Supper buttermilk & bread. Huntsman went to hunt at Jonathan Briggs's; killed a brace of hares, saved one of them. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9. <Letters from Burges & Sowerby.>

11 January. Rose at 5. Wind south west. Fair but wind high. 4s. to H. Leeming to go for Burton coals. Took tar water. Breakfast buttermilk & bread. A heavy shower between 10 & 11. Ate 3 apples & a pear. Dinner (J. D. with me) hough & hare roasted. He drank a little beer. At 3 T. Dixon came from Hornby. Hodgson from Raygill brought me a goose, I sent him 2s. 6d. for it. Paid J. Robinson 6s. Supper bread & buttermilk. H. Leeming went for coals at 8 & got home at 3. Cloudy, little wind, no rain this afternoon. Paid huntsman 3s.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

12 January. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind south east. Rain. Breakfast (after tar water) water pottage. Wrote to Mr. Dunn. Briggs came & gave me a bill for £185 for which I gave him a receipt for half a year's rent due at Martinmas for farms at Cloughton & Burrow. He, Mr. William Preston & J. D. dined. Dinner calf's head hashed, tongue & turneps, goose & rice pudding. Rained about an hour in the afternoon. They drank ale, & gin & water; I water. They sup'd on oysters; I buttermilk & bread. Received a letter from <Revd> Mr. Gawthrop. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10.

13 January. Rose at 5. Wind west. Cold, snow on the hills. Mr. Preston is gone to Mr. Redman for Yorkshire Petition. Breakfast water pottage. Huntsman gone to hunt towards Parkhouse; he killed & saved 2 hares, one a young one. Dinner Messrs Townson, Preston, Dixon & Davis with me, jugged hare, giblet pie, brace & half of partridges. Beer, gin punch; I water. Philip Knipe came for advice.<sup>395</sup> Agreed that some land should be let to Mattock for £50 per annum he to spend vestures on the

<sup>393</sup> Richard Ort of Kirkby Lonsdale, tallow chandler.

<sup>394</sup> Batty appears to have been the town cryer for Kirkby Lonsdale; it has not been possible to identify him.

<sup>395</sup> Philip Knipe of Kirkby Lonsdale, currier, died aged 44 in Sep. 1791 (*Kirkby Lonsdale PR*).

premises & take care of fences. Mr. Preston & the gardener drank gin & water in the evening. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed ½ past 8.

14 January. Rose at 6. Wind south west. Warm, cloudy. Huntsman, J. D. & Mr. Preston gone to hunt at Tunstal. Breakfast buttermilk & bread. Gab[ri]el Croft came about wood at Old Wennington.<sup>396</sup> Talked with him about his valuation of Hornby estate, £4 per cent he rated it at – About Peace – The poor – cutting grass for hay – Briggs's farm. He drank some ale & went away. Mr. Benison of Bentham & a young man came & dined; dinner hough, tripe, tongue & partridges. Drank beer; I water. Mr. B. complained he had had nothing for teaching R. Wilson's grandchild; I gave him £1.1.0. They left me at ½ past one. Rains. The hounds killed & ate a hare. Note: I heard a blackbird singing. Supper bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener drank gin & water. Showers this evening with a high wind. Bed 9.

15 January. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind west. Fair & calm. Wrote to Mr. Redman & sent Tom with the Petition. Breakfast buttermilk & 2 buns. Walked part of the way to Kirkby Lonsdale with Mr. Preston; rained before I got home. Several showers before dinner; dinner scallopt cockles & boiled rice pudding. Huntsman gone to hunt about Tunstal, saved an old hare. Fair afternoon. Supper 3 poached eggs. Mr. Preston & gardener gin & water. Rain in the evening. Bed 9.

16 January. Rose at four. Wind north. Fine. Wrote to Mr. Richardson. Mr. Hurd (with a bill for £185), Miss Turner. Breakfast water pottage. Set off (Mr. William Preston with me on Mr. Holmes's mare) at 20 min. before 7. Got to Sedbergh at 9. Breakfast bread, cheese & milk. Set off at 12 min. before 10. Snow on the hills & the roads in some places on the east of Garsdale slippery & hard frost. Got to Askrigg at 12 min. before 2. Dinner mutton steaks & goose pie. Mr. Preston rum & water; I ale. Got the horses sharpen'd; 4 o'clock before the blacksmith had done; therefore determined to stay here all night. Supper toasted cheese. Bed 7. <Snow on the hills & front before we got to Sedbergh.>

17 January. Rose at ¼ before 6. Wind north. Frost. Set off at 10 min. past 6. Got to Halfpenny house at 23 min. before 9. Breakfast tea, toast & butter & cheese. Set off at 8 min. before 10. Got to Pearcebridge at 15 min. before one. A trifling snow shower half way from Richmond. Dinner pig's fry & spar rib. I drank water only. Set off at 11 min. before 3, got to Moffitt's Rose & Crown, West Auckland at 20 min. past four. Drank wine & water & ale. Supper mutton chops. Mr. Sowerby came & drank brandy & water & paid me £40. There was a mad officer there, a lieutenant of the name of Gordon. The house is comfortable. Bed 11.

18 January. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind north. Hard frost; a little snow in the night. Set off at 10 min. past 6, (the moon at full today) got to Bowes at 12 min. past 9. Breakfast cold roast beef & stew'd cheese. Set off at ½ past 11. Got to Brough at ¼ past 2. Dinner beef steaks & mutton chops. Drank ale & a pint of wine & water. Ate a minced pie. Note: Wrote to Mr. Manfield. Bed ¼ past 8. Supper toasted cheese 1s. Note: Fire in bedroom 3d.

19 January. Sunday Rose at ¼ before 6. Wind north. Hard frost & very clear & calm. Set off at 20 min. before 7. Extremely cold in going over the common from Kirkby Stephen. Got to Sedbergh at ¼ before 11. Walked a good deal on the road. Dinner slices of leg of mutton & potatoes. Mr. Preston drank ale & rum & water; I water only. Set off at ¼ before one, got home at ¼ past 3. Wind north east. The sun has shone all day. Wrote this morning at Brough to Mr. Sowerby to give me notice by the next post on which day he would be at Morpeth, & to get me three franks. Supper mashed potatoes. Gardener drank some beer. Bed ½ past 8.

20 January. Rose at 6. Wind ~~west~~ <east>. Frost. Breakfast water pottage. Gave Betty Garnet £1.1.0. Walked to Kirkby; thence with Mr. King to Biggens, & staid about an hour with Mr. Battersby, returned & dined at Kirkby with Mr. King on good beef steaks & fowl. Sent for Thomas Benson

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<sup>396</sup> Gabriel Croft of Claughton.

about his house & foot path. Afterwards Mr. Preston came: Mr. King drank wine; Mr. Benson ale; Mr. Preston rum & water: I water. Paid Mr. Holmes's bill £2.0.7 & gave him 7s. 5d. Got home at ½ past 4. Supper cockles & a pint of beer. This morning paid huntsman's bill 12s. 2d. Mr. Preston & the gardener drank gin & water. Bed 9.

21 January. Rose at 5. Wind east. Frost, wind pretty brisk, cloudy. Wrote to Mr. Sowerby to make no abatement unless Swan had performed his agreement – to get cash & bring it to Brough before the 8<sup>th</sup> of next month – to write to Mr. Tomlin to let him know when he would be at Morpeth – to get Mr. James's Accounts in order to distrain. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Began to snow with a high wind at 7 & continued but triflingly till 10. Wrote to Mr. Adams – Mr. Tomlin, Mr. Dunn; to the second to meet Sowerby at Morpeth – to Mr. Dunn to assist Sowerby in settling Mr. James's accounts. Paid glazier £3.10.2. Dinner Mr. Preston & J.D. hough, pig's head, & haunch of young doe killed & also a spay'd buck last Saturday. Billey, gin & water; I water. I threw a large glass down & broke it in getting a book. Supper bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener drank gin & water. Bed ½ past 9.

22 January. Rose at 5. Wind north. Frost, calm & not cold. Romeo in the night broke a decanter & a pair of snuffers in the parlour where I left him. Breakfast milk & water pottage. Mr. Preston & I walked to Melling. John Guy went with us near to Melling. Met John Kilshaw & George Becket. Got home at 12. Dinner calf head hashed & hare. Mr. Preston went home after a little gin & water. Began to snow at 5. Wind a little south of east. Very mild. Supper 3 eggs poached. Huntsman killed & saved a hare; so he did when I went to West Auckland. Snow at 8 gently. Bed at ditto.

23 January. Rose at 7. Wind north east. Frost, mild, snow about one & ½ inch deep. Did not sleep from one till near 5. Breakfast milk & water pottage. At 11 wind north by the fane, but by the clouds north west. Therm' then 35. Dinner scallop'd cockles & goose & partridge pie. At 12 sun very bright. Our oats were finished threshing. Old Tom Robinson blacksmith of Whittington & his son gave over the river on horseback; left the horse loose in Scawbottom & had their click hooks in the river at the parrook.<sup>397</sup> The son on seeing me ran to the horse & escaped. The old man stood at the bottom of the parrook; I drew the hook out of the river & brought it home. At noon wind a little south of west; at ¼ before 5 Therm' 35. Supper bread & buttermilk. I did not belch all the afternoon after my heavy dinner. Bed 8.

24 January. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Thaw, cloudy. Wrote to Mr. Sowerby to let him know if Mr. James would not shew his receipts I would take some disagreeable steps against him. Paid me nothing for a considerable time – said had money due & expected it about this time – suppose a distress necessary, but not to hint it to him – Dunn & he to take a view of the livestock & guess the value. Breakfast milk & water pottage. Wrote to Mr. King inclosing half a guinea for a poor man at Biggens. Gave 5s. to Lawson from Lancaster. Thomas Dixon came & dined; dinner, J. D. with us, venison soup, tongue & turneps & fillet of veal. Much snow melted this morning. At 8 began to rain & continued till past 9. At 2 the snow gone, wind west & fine afternoon. Mr. Preston brought a letter from Mr. Hurd. Supper bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener drank gin & water. Bed 9.

25 January. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Cloudy, heavy rain from ½ past 6 to 8. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Dinner, Mr. Preston & J. D. with me, leg of mutton bought yesterday fortnight, minced veal & goose pie. Mr. Preston gin & water. J. D. went to receive some rents at his father's. Accepted a note for Wilkinson £10.10.0 payable at Whitsuntide. Received of J. Davis £287.18.0. Gardener & Mr. Preston drank gin & water. I the new kind of which was tap'd this evening. Bed 11. <Rain most of the day.>

26 January. Sunday Rose at 7. Wind a little to west of south. Breakfast broth. Paid Robinson & Ned 12s. Walked with Mr. Preston to Dodgson's field, the hedge wants cutting, & there ought to be a new wall. Ate a pear & a golden pippin. Showers the forenoon. Turned my two mares on the level.

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<sup>397</sup> Click hook: similar in shape to a crochet hook but (in this instance) large enough to hook a fish.

Dinner knuckle of veal & forequarter of young doe. Bryan Townson & J. D. with me. Bryan drank gin & water. I beer & ale. Note: J. D. went to Sedbergh to continue there. Paid huntsman's bill 15s. 6½d. Bed 8. <Received a letter from Sowerby.>

27 January. Rose at 7. Wind a little to east of south. Breakfast venison broth. <Heavy> rain in the night & showers this morning. Mr. Preston & I walked into the park, thence to Leck beck's barn & Kirkby. Dined there, Mr. Moore with us, on eggs & hung beef collops & breast of veal. Drank ale & wine & water. Mr. Preston gin & water. Got home at ½ past 5. Rain part of the way. Huntsman killed a brace of hares, the hounds ate one. Bed 8.

28 January. Rose at 7. Wind west. Fine. Men leading dung into the parrock yesterday & today. Breakfast venison broth. Walked to Melling; ate an apple & a bun. Mr. Tatham came home with me & dined on broth, tripe & goose pie & duck. He drank a very little gin & water; I water. He went home at 3. I went with [him] to Lower Burrow. Note: Gave him £1.1.0 for the ringers of Tunstal & Melling to ring for the news of preliminaries of peace being signed. Mr. Preston came in the afternoon. Letter from Mr. Burges. Supper venison broth. A fine spring-like day. Bed 9. <Wrote to Sowerby about Nunn's house.>

29 January. Rose at 3. Wind south west. A shower at 8. Breakfast venison broth. T. Dixon came. Moorby paid £7 for the mare which he bought. Mr. Parson Tatham came & dined on calf head hash & a haunch of buck venison which was the very tenderest meat that I ever tasted. I ate part of a scallop'd shell of cockles & the other two dishes. He drank gin & water; I, water. I ate some nuts & at ¼ past 3 when Mr. Tatham went home, two pears. Note: Two white violets behind the beech hedge on the level. Last year I saw two at the same place on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant & probably I might have seen them on the same day. Huntsman killed & saved a hare. Supper venison broth & bread. three or 4 hail showers with a high wind. Mr. Preston & William bottle off the Newcastle Geneva, 27 bottles & half a pint. Mr. Preston & gardener drank gin & water. Bed ¼ past 9.

30 January. Rose at ½ past 3. Wind south west. Much rain in the night with a high wind. Gave an opinion of Mr. Birdworth's case & wrote to John Witton. Very heavy rain till 9 o'clock. The London garden seeds were brought by the Hornby post. Dinner 33 cockles, part of a very bad hare roasted & savoy cabbage. Very cloudy & high wind, but no rain since 9. Much rain from three till past 5. Received of Proctor for the hay grass of Dobson's parrock £2.6.6. Dinner hare very bad. Ate cockles, drank porter, reprimanded girls. Bed 8. <Wrote to Burges.>

31 January. Rose at 7. Wind south west. Rain. Thomas Dixon came; I lent him Cartwright's Barrier. J. D. went to Dent about Boundaries. Mr. Bailiff by huntsman paid for his hay grass. Gave Luke Harrison £3.3.0. Gave poor shoemaker of Bentham for Tryon 8s. Spoke to Dobson's housekeeper & Blades. <Dinner scallop'd cockles.> I spoke [to] Whittendale & Hunter who paid for wood. Mr. King dined with me. He, Mr. Preston & gardener in the evening. Sent for a chaise for the two former. Bed 8. Heavy rain. Dinner haffle & jug'd hare.

## February

1 February. Rose at 7. Breakfast broth, rhubarb & cream of tartar. Wind south west. Heavy shower. The lines stroked in 31st belong to this day.

2 February. Sunday Rose at 7. Wind south west, heavy rain & a considerable flood. Breakfast broth. Dinner pig's head & broth. J. D. went to Burton; plumber from the ~~house~~ place came. Wrote to Mr. Hurd & on Friday to Burges. Bed ½ past 5. Took nitre & water in the night.

3 February. Rose at ½ past 6. Wind south west. Breakfast broth after a glass of tar water. Walked much, very fine. John Mason paid me a Glasgow bill for £33.5.5. Ate 2 apples. Dinner haunch of venison & tripe. Ate 2 apples; walked much. Mr. Preston, William went to hunt at Barbon; killed & saved a brace; supposed one drowned, & obliged to quit another by Mr. North's dog joining 'em at

Casterton. It was past 6 before they got home. Dutchy went to Kirkby to be killed; the price £9.5.0. The day has been remarkably fine; at 4 afternoon Therm' 48. Supper 3 eggs poached. Bed 8.

4 February. Rose at 6. Wind south east. Fine. Bad, sleepless night. Walked with Mr. Preston to Kirkby. Gave him five guineas for his son's journey, who is to set off this afternoon. Breakfast bun & hung beef. Began to rain at 11, continues at one. Sent a brace of hares; one to Mr. Moore, the other to Mr. Preston. Dinner cockles in a pan & pease pudding. Received letters from Manfield, Richardson, & about char being sent to Mr. Hurd. Very heavy rain most of the afternoon. Paid huntsman's bill £1.15.8. Supper bread & water. Saw Mr. Dowker's servant. Bed 8.

5 February. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Cloudy. Wrote & sent Tom to Mr. Richardson. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston gone to Burton about wood money.

Note: Mr. Dowker came yesterday soon after dinner. 'Tis remarkable that neither Ann, William, the huntsman, or Mr. Dowker's servant with whom I conversed a good while, gave me the least hint of it.

I have observed that after drinking too much fermented liquor, the former part of the night's sleep is sound, but the latter is much disturbed & I have a very unpleasant restlessness. The next day bad, & low; & the evening very little sound rest, but constant dreams; often the next night is of the same sort, tho' the day be pretty easy. The urine the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> days is very high coloured & much tartar in it. When it becomes of its usual sort, the spirits & sleep are perfectly restored. Are not the restlessness & high urine owing to the inability of digesting the newly taken in food & discharging the acrimonious matter?

Dinner leg of mutton & turneps. Hare roasted but ate none. Tamarinds, yellow turnep & an apple after dinner. Wrote to Sowerby. Mr. Preston got back about 2. I walked with him part of the way to Kirkby. Heavy showers most of the day till 4. No sun yesterday or today. Supper a very little cold broth & cold pea pudding. J. D. came. Bed ½ past 8.

6 February. Rose at 6. Wind south west. Fair & cloudy. Wrote a letter to Miss Turner, which J. D. took <to Kirkby> & also one for Mr. Sowerby which he is to carry to Brough tomorrow. Gave him a guinea. William gone to Parson Tatham & T. Dixon. Gave H. Leeming 4s. for Burton coals. Parson Tatham dined with me on calf head hashed & haunch of venison, very sweet, it will be 3 weeks on Saturday since killed. He drank gin & water; I, water. Ate 3 apples before dinner. He left me at ¼ before 4 & took £1.1.9 for Simpson of Greeta bridge & 11s. 6d. for Hodgson of Wray for tar.<sup>398</sup> He also took two letters, one for Manfield, the other for Townson & Co, Caton forge. No rain, now & then a glimmering of sun, a fine day. Yesterday & the day before H. Leeming was with a double cart at the Cowen bridge road. Rowland Parker has been all the week in the garden. The other men spreading dungs, cutting wood in the back yard, & fencing at lower Burrow. N. Huggon & son all the week at the stable for the new farmer. Bed 8.

7 February. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind south east. Rain without wind. Rode towards Burton, met T. Dixon, went with [him] to Melling; met Parson Tatham: He came with me to Tunstal. Rained from 9 to 12. Mr. Atkinson of Thwaitber came & dined with me on calf head hashed, fillet of veal, tongue & turneps. He drank rum punch; I, ale & porter. A poor labourer of Melling came about a house there. Spoke my mind freely to my sister. Gardener with me. Bed ½ past 9.

8 February. Rose at ½ past 6. Wind west. Snow on the mountains. Gave H. Leeming £1.1.0. Sent Tom to Melling with a letter & to Mr. Topham about my book. Paid N. Huggon £2.8.7. Gave Althem Batty £1.1.0. Bed ½ past 7. Drank porter. Sent for Mr. Holmes of Kirkby about manure. Parker of Burton called. Paid labourers £1.4.0.

9 February. Sunday Rose at 7. Wind south west. Breakfast broth & a bun. Before breakfast walked to Long Shaw. Note: J. Davis brought me £250 from Mr. Sowerby. My sister & he dined with me on

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<sup>398</sup> Stephen Simpson (1751-1821), clockmaker/whitesmith. Susan E. Stuart *Biographical List of Clockmakers: North Lancashire & South Westmorland 1608-1900* (1996), p. 71, Addendum (1999), p. 18.

roast beef & Yorkshire pudding with tansey. He returned home. I walked near to Kirkby. Received of John Lawrence for wood & paid him 19s. 6d. Paid huntsman's bill 19s. 9d. I do not remember to have ever seen the barometer lower than it is today, & yet there has been neither rain or high wind. Towards the evening the wind got higher & a little south of east. Supper broth. Letter from Mr. Hurd. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7.

10 February. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past four. Wind west. Rain, mild, very dark. Note: The barometer the same as yesterday. This morning at 6 o'clock, it being fair without wind both my barometers were at 2 &  $\frac{1}{4}$  only above 28. At about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 rode to Melling. Ate 3 buns & broth for breakfast. A shower in returning. Mr. Tatham says that his & Miss Remington's barometers are remarkably low.<sup>399</sup> Began to rain between 11 & 12. Thomas Dixon came & dined; dinner tripe, cold roast beef. Paid his bill at Hornby 8s. 4d. He had <£1.1.0> he went away before 2. At 2 o'clock the barometer had risen to within half of Much Rain. Note: At the same time there was much rain & a high wind. Mr. Preston came with some wood money. He & gardener drank gin & water. I, ale, beer & porter. Heavy rain this evening. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9.

11 February. Rose at 10 min. before 5. At 6 wind west; at 20 min. before 7, east; at 10 min. before ditto south west. The barometer this morning nearly as low as yesterday morning. In 2 hours it rose nearly to Changeable. Mr. Preston & I rode to near Kepknaves, returned & dined at Kirkby on beef steaks & shoulder of mutton. Mr. Battersby came; drank wine & water. Walked home. Bed 9. <Letters from Manfield, Hurd & Blundell.>

12 February. Rose at 6. Wind south west <little rain>. Breakfast broth. Sister went home in a chaise. Gave her her an apple, brace of partridges, a hare, a bottle of gin. Wrote by her to Richardson. Paid the mole catcher's bill. Sent to John Mason, told him he should have £1.1.0 a load for the oats which I had from him, & promised to abate all excepting half years rents. Gave Dolly Fawcet 10s. 6d. T. Thirnbeck £1.1.0. No dinner. Bed 10.

13 February. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6. Wind north, a little frost. Dinner, Mr. Preston here, hung salmon. He went to Kirkby & brought money from Vipond & also £50 from Thomas Huck for <which> I am to give him bills. Bed 8.

14 February. Rose at 7. Wind north east. Dinner scallop'd cockles. Letters from Sowerby & Manfield. Wrote to Manfield & inclosed a £20 bill of Mr. Smith's. Sam Relph by 2 bills paid for 61 quarters & 8 pecks of bark £61.5.0 & also what was due for hides. Mr. Dowker's clerk came with bonds & Hornby conveyancing. Bed 8. Paid 2 years interest to Jo. Gibson & lent him best of subs[*illegible*].

15 February. Rose at 7. Wind north. Fine morning. Breakfast broth. Bryan Townson paid £2.2.6 which he received of Richardson for Hornby grass. Sent Tom this morning to Kendal with Assurances. Dinner scallop'd cockles. Bryan & Mr. Preston did not dine with me but was with the former about an hour after dinner. Supper broth. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 7. Sun all day. Extremely fine.

16 February. Sunday Rose  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6. Wind north. Remarkably fine. Walked most of the day. Thomas Dixon paid me £9.10.0 half year's rent due for the Greets. I paid him £1.1.0 for his bull beef; the bill was 17s. 6d. J. D. dined here on bull beef steaks & leg of mutton roasted; I ate steak & before 12 some cockles done in a pan. The day is extremely fine. The wind has been changeable. Bees out today. Supper hung beef & broth. Bed 7.

17 February. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind west. Very hard frost. Took Bark Elixir of Vitriol & water. I wrote to Bryan Townson. John gone to hunt at Hornby. Mr. Preston & I walked to Masongill, we set out a little after 6 & got thither at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 7. Bryan Waller was in bed. Called at Richard Tatham's to speak to Nelly. walked home.

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<sup>399</sup> Ann Remington of Melling, died 21 Feb. 1790 (*Melling PR*).

Note: Saw for the first <time this season> a plough going in the first field to the left hand of the lane leading to Catgill. Walked to the parrock. Selby come to make cushions, & man from Burton to put lead on the house. Men leading oak wood from the nurseries thinned last season. Dinner (but a little bad hung beef before & in walking 2 buns) beef steak & a hare roasted: Mr. Preston beer, gin & water; I, water. He & I walked about an hour. Took bark at 4. Note: At half past 4 a cloud arose in the west, in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour it spread quickly tho' no wind, from south west & before 5 there was a universal dark <cold> mist which continued till I went to bed, then wind south west. The huntsman got home about 5. Killed one hare, said he hunted without ceasing from 7 till one. That 6 were hunted, when one was nearly run down another rose, that the hare killed was the first & last hunted. Supper bread & broth; Mr. Preston drank gin & water. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

18 February. Rose at 4. Wind west. Overcast & very chill. Wrote to Manfield, Adams & Sowerby. Breakfast bread & broth. Walked with Mr. Preston to Kirkby Town end; he took the letters. When I got home (at 9) Bryan Townson & T. Dixon were here. Thomas paid me £40.15.9 $\frac{1}{2}$  which he received yesterday at Hornby: Out of it I gave him 10s. 6d. for widow Wharton's son's winterage. Becket & Kilshaw came: I sent William whether they had taken any advice about the business; in answer they said they had asked some questions about it. Bryan drank a glass &  $\frac{1}{2}$  of gin. He staid & dined in the kitchen. I rode out to the water at Casterton & returned home. Dinner spar rib & black pudding. Took a glass of tar water in the afternoon. Note: I have had a pain & chillness in my legs & thighs with a listless inactivity all the afternoon. Walked a little in the evening with Mr. Preston. Supper buttermilk & bread. Mr. Preston drank a very little gin & water. The day has been pretty fine, but no sun discoverable till setting. Bed 20 min. past 8.

19 February. Rose at four. Wind a little to south of west. ~~Afterwards to north of~~ Breakfast bread in broth. Rode <on grey> with Mr. Preston on little mare to Casterton. He was going to hunt at Barbon. Very high wind from one this mornig. Note: New tenant brought some plough things yesterday. Dinner knuckle of veal & bacon, & a little brocoli. 2 or 3 slight showers between one & 3. The wind strong all day. Took a little tar water in the morning & at 4 afternoon. The 3 men have been leading wood ever since Monday. Yesterday N. Huggon mending the wood bridge over Leck beck. Today making an ash board & doing a job in the new farmer's stable. His son gone to Preston. Paid Selby's bill 12s. 3d. Gave him & his son to drink 1s. 9d. Supper cockles & a little bun. The wind ceased between 7 & 8. Bed 10 min. before 9.

20 February. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6. Wind W, overcast & the wind brisk; It rose at 5. Wrote to Mr. Preston & Miss Turner. Breakfast broth & bread. Afterwards ate 3 raw eggs. N. Huggon about the new stable; H. Herd paving there. Ned & J. Robinson leading stones & sand. Newton not here. H. Leeming gone for Burton coals. The bill which Selby brought from Jon. Hall is £2.2.6. So that the 8 cushions, stuff & making, (the feathers my own) cost £2.14.8 but the taylors were employed about half a day in mending my clothes. The nature & price of the stuff will appear from Jon's bill. Paid Poor & Constable Sess for Farleton £3.8.9. Newsham's bill 5s. 3d. Jon. Hall £2.2.6. Received for old Dutchy £9.5.0. Returned the butcher 2s. Dinner scallop'd cockles & fry'd calf's feet. T. Dixon came. Mr. Preston brought books. Rainy afternoon. H. Leeming went off at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8 & got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3. Supper bread & broth. Mr. Preston gin & water. High wind. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Wrote to Mr. Taylor.

21 February. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind south west. Glass of tar water. Wrote to Mr. Atkinson & inclosed a bill for £20 & first parts of 3 bank notes amounting to £180. Messrs Richardson & Holme came. Soon after Mr. Slinger came with pay for wood. I gave him change for a £200 Post Bank & let him have £200 for another. Very heavy rain. Messrs Richardson & Holme went in their chaise to Hornby; I with Mr. Slinger on my mare, William with me. Dinner salt beef, beef steaks, shoulder of mutton; drank wine & ale. Executed Deeds. Got home in the dusk. Received of Mr. Richardson £200. They went home. Mr. Preston all night. Bed 9. A very wet day. <Letters from Topping, Burges, Sowerby, York, Dunn.>

22 February. Rose at 6. South west. Breakfast broth. Geo. Willan came. I paid him N. Tatham's interest. Dinner, Mr. Preston, flounder. Paid workmen. Bed 9.

23 February. Sunday Rose at ditto. Wind north east. Little frost. Sent remainder of bank notes to Mr. Atkinson. John Mattock came. Dinner fish from Kendal & fillet of veal. Bed 8.

24 February. Rose at 6. Wind north west. Frost & very cold. Mr. Preston went to Kendal & brought note from Mr. Richardson for £74.0.0. Atkinson butcher of Lancaster came & staid all night.<sup>400</sup> Bed 9. <Left off hunting.>

25 February. Rose at ½ past 6. Wind north east. Breakfast broth. Dinner fish from Kendal. Very heavy snow in the afternoon. Supper broth. Bed ½ past 6.

26 February. Rose at 6. Wind north east. Very hard frost. Breakfast broth. Mr. Preston & I walked to Wraton. Received for Lord Cowper of Mr. Waller £169. He dined on cod, tripe, minced veal. Paid Longerwood's bill £2.6.6.<sup>401</sup> Kemp for Hornby pump 5s. & 1s. over. Walked with Mr. Preston to Kirkby town end. Supper mashed potatoes. Bed ½ past 6.

27 February. Rose at 5. Wind west, high wind & rain. All the snow gone, most of it went yesterday. Rain. Dinner fish. Mr. Bryer came soon after dinner. He dined on beef steak & black pudding & drank ale; I, ditto. In the evening saw Wilkinson & new farmer. B. Preston here. Bed 8.

28 February. Rose at 6. Wind north west. Wrote to Miss Turner & Topham. Sent a £7 York note to Captain Davis of Morpeth. J. D. took Miss Turner's letter in his way to Dent. Dinner black pudding. Bed 8. <Paid slater for Hutton Roof school £5.5.0.>

### March

1 March. Rose at 6. Wind north east. Mr. Preston to Lancaster to change light gold & get a £50 note. Bed 8.

2 March. Sunday Rose at 7. Wind ditto. Breakfast broth. Thomas Dixon & John Guy came & dined. John paid me 12s. for 2 years free rent. Examined the 2 girls & Tom. Bed 8. Ann was not come from Kirkby. Yesterday H. Leeming went to Raygill for coals & took some nonpareils to Mr. Foxcroft. Told the men I did not want 'em this week. Bed 8. <J. D. brought £60 from Miss Turner for which I gave a bond.> <Ac[knowledgmen]t from Mr. A that he had received & paid the £200 which I sent.>

3 March. Rose at 6. Wind east. Hard frost & high cold wind. Breakfast broth. Parson Tatham came & dined with Mr. Preston & me on calf head hash, eggs & collops, it being Collop Monday. Bryan Waller & William Parson's former servant came about Law. Sent Mr. Preston to pay Robert Cragg's bill £21.14.0. Mr. Preston & I walked with the parson to Wrayton. Much snow on the hills & very cold below. Supper broth. Note: J. Tatham brought a salmon <the first> 21 lbs weight. I had half at 8d. a lb.

4 March. Rose at 6. Wind north east. A severe frost but no wind. Breakfast broth. Walked with Mr. Preston to Kirkby town end. Returned & inclosed to Atkinson 2 post Bank bills each of £200 value & 2 5 guinea Darlington Bank's for Mr. Jackson's use. Also inclosed to Nicholas Halhead Esq, Durham, the note for £50 which I had from Worswick last Saturday.<sup>402</sup> At 11 the wind got to south of east. Took a very little bark; ate 2 apples, a little hung beef; scurvy grass, water cress, peas & beans, I felt 'em much during the evening. Dinner salmon & partridge. Received a letter from Mr. Topping. Paid Mr. Greenwood's bill 10s. 6d.<sup>403</sup> Ate the roe of a pickled herring; it was remarkably salt. Mr. Preston with me till ½ past 7. Supper bread & much water. Fine cold day. Bed 9.

<sup>400</sup> Probably John Atkinson of Penny St, butcher (*UBD*, Lancaster).

<sup>401</sup> There was a Longerwood family near Appleby at this time.

<sup>402</sup> Thomas Worswick & Sons of Lancaster, bankers.

<sup>403</sup> Robert Greenwood of Boxtree in Lupton, and of Kirkby Lonsdale, ironmonger and stationer, died 29 Dec. 1810 aged 69 (*Kirkby Lonsdale PR*; *Kirkby Lonsdale MI*, p. 7).

## THE DIARY OF THOMAS FENWICK

5 March. Rose at 6. Wind south east. Hard frost. The wind began to arise at 12 & was remarkably high at 6 & is so now ( $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7). At 7 Therm' 25. No sun. Barometer much fallen. Breakfast bread & broth. Thomas Dixon came with a bill from the blacksmith at Hornby for £1.16.1 $\frac{1}{2}$  which I paid but doubted whether part had not been paid before. He & Mr. Preston dined with me on salmon, tongue & turneps. Thomas went immediately after dinner. It began to snow at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before one with a very high, frosty wind. After dinner I ate some nuts & 4 nonpareils. The snow ceased at 5 & the wind began to abate: the badness of the weather prevented T. Dixon's going home. Supper broth with meal. Mr. Preston sat with me till 7. A most terrible hurricane today. Bed 8.

6 March. Rose  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 4. Wind due east. Much of the snow is melted, & pretty warm & quite mild. Breakfast meal in broth. At 7 the barometer at 3 below, Much Rain, & the therm' at 35. It began to rain at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Three slates are blown off the brewhouse. One of the glass frames on the hot bed was thrown over the other, & only about 3 panes were broken. Ate 2 apples & a pear. At 12 the barometer is exactly the same as on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of last month. There seems to be snow all the forenoon on the hills, & a little sleet here. Note: The rooks just came, were pretty silent & soon disappeared; common against bad weather. Note: I examined 2 basons, which were set a few days to the fire, afterwards in the study for near 2 months. One contained new, the other skimmed milk. I examined them; the top was wrinkled & mouldy like cream cheese; the next under was buttery, the 3<sup>rd</sup> like clotted buttermilk, both in smell & appearance. At the bottom was a little like whey. Dinner scallop'd cockles & hoffle. Wind at 12 north east. Sleet in the afternoon. Fine from 5 o'clock when the barometer rose a little. Supper broth & meal. J. D. & Mr. Preston here. Bed 9.

7 March. Rose at 4. Wind north west. Hard frost; barometer as last night. The hills all round seem to be thickly covered with snow. Breakfast broth & meal & bun. Wrote to Messrs Adams, Manfield, Atkinson, Sowerby, Hoggart of Waltham Abbey, & Mr Burrow of Kirkby Lonsdale <and Mr Dunn>. At 9 the wind got to south east, a very trifling snow shower. Dinner (J. D. & Mr. Preston with me salmon (but not being enough for 3 I ate none) hashed calf's head, & beef steak. I dined on the last. J. D. went home immediately after dinner. The men have been leading fir tops yesterday & today. Mr. Geldart came this morning to ask leave to go through the Strands with some poles, which I granted. Ate apples in the afternoon. Very fine, warm & mild all the afternoon; no sun. Barometer continuing to rise. Supper bread & broth. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

8 March. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4. Wind seemingly north. Foggy. This morning there had been sleet, I do not know whether any frost, but a little at 8. Breakfast gingerbread nuts, bread & broth. Near 8 rode with Mr. Preston. Stopt a little at Melling, thence thro' Wennington, Burton & Cansfield, & the Turnpike gate, home at 7 min. past 11. Ate gingerbread; dinner brace of boiled partridges with brocoli. Note: I ordered onion sauce & a cabbage. At noon the wind got to south west. Remarkably pleasant day. Henry Leeming gone for Raygil coals. Barometer rising gradually. Note: Two couple of young pigeons dead. Holme the schoolmaster came here last night with a pair of stockings from his mother. I gave him a guinea; he went home this morning. Supper bread & broth, ate gingerbread nuts. Paid huntsman & labourers. Note: 1s. 2d. per day wages begin at old Candlemas. Bed 9.

9 March. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind west. Ate bread & nuts. Wrote to Mr. Atkinson of Lancaster about Lists box.

*[The 32 diary pages covering the remainder of this entry, and up to and including part of 10 April, are missing. The next extant page shows that he had travelled to Enfield.]*

## April

10 April. Drank pint of wine & water. Got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3. Sent the mare to grass. Note: In going I saw a white butterfly. The books cost £1.14.0. Ate gingerbread nuts. Ate no supper except a bit of bread; I was thirsty & drank a good deal of water. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Clear, hot, sun all day. <2 dozen of oranges.>

11 April. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind south west. Cloudy. I slept ill & in my first sleep had a disagreeable incubus; I thought a muzl'd bear grappled me; this, my thirst & fulness yesterday were probably owing to the mushroom which I ate yesterday. Mushrooms made Mr. Moore & me ill at West Auckland. Took a little infusion of bark. Walked to Bushhill, got into the chaise & went to London. Gave in Newgate street 1s. 9d. for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a lb of each sort of snuff. Ate a little bread in Moorfields. Mr. Burges  $\pounds 12.12.0$ , 6d. newspapers. Got into the chaise at 10 & came to Enfield; mild, small rain all the way. Dinner at Mr. Hobkirk's beef steak & oyster sauce. Drank part of a pint of porter, ditto of wine. Note: Mr. Hobkirk says he saw a swallow yesterday. Got home a little after 2. Laid down. It began to rain 20 min. past 4 & continued warm & mild till I went to bed at 20 min. past 8. No supper but Tartar whey. No sun today. Paid at Enfield 1s. for a fine branch of white brocoli.

12 April. Rose 35 min. past 4. Wind north west. Mild & cloudy. Took bark infusion & the juice of a Seville orange. At 25 min. past 5 set off for London; went by West Green. Got to the Basing house at 7. Misling rain for about an hour in London. Ate a piece of bread in going. Went for newspapers. Took brocoli to Moorfields & got tea & bread & butter. Gave 2d. for 4 excellent apples. Set off at 20 min. past 9, got home at 11. William paid 3s.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 6 lbs &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of ribs of beef, for 3 lbs of beef steaks 1s. 3d. He paid at Enfield 1s. lb for butter. I paid the fisherman 2s. for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 100 smelts. Dinner very thick, hard, lean beef steaks & brocoli, bread & butter & cheese. A trifling shower at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11. Laid down. Ate a Seville orange. I walked a little, but I had a weariness in my legs & <was> very low; soon came in. Drank some tea <and ate some bread>. After that I grew much better & walked <ate a China orange> with great pleasure from 6 till 7. The wind has been east this afternoon, a little sun, but an agreeable evening. No supper. Bed 9.

13 April. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind north, pretty high, totally overcast, cold. At  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6 rode to Bullsmire lane & back. Got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Ate a China orange before I set out, & bread in riding. Paid William's bill. Soon after I went out Mr. Adams called with my stopwatch. Paid for a breast of veal weighing 8 &  $\frac{1}{3}$  lbs 4s.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. Breakfast bread & butter & cream of tartar whey. My legs & thighs being much tired, I laid down. Dinner smelts (I ate 12) & sweetbread & small rib of veal with one potatoe. The wind is much to the east of south. A man said he had got 2 moles for me 2d. apiece, I gave him 6d. After dinner laid down. At 3 ate a China orange; at 4 drank tea. At 5 walked over the new bridge, thro' Mr. Mellish's park; left Mr. Clark's on the right hand & returned home over the new bridge. Note: A gardener told me that lime sieved over ground prevents reptiles & flies of every kind from near; the same as to fruit trees. Make a trial on worms. Supper a piece of bread & water. No sun all day, but cloudy. Wind this evening north. Bed 9.

14 April. Rose at 8 min. before 5. Wind west. Foggy & very chill. A little bread & milk. Walked to Bushhill where I took chaise to London. Got 2 newspapers in Finch Lane. Paid at the Exchange for an almanack 4s. 6d., for breeches  $\pounds 1.8.0$ . gave Mr. Powel 2s. 6d., 10 apples in St John Street 4d., gave old woman 2d. Mr. King for catalogue books  $\pounds 1.18.0$ ; Dr Saunders on Red Bark 2s. 6d., Pymont water 12s. 6d. Took brocoli to Moorfields where I got tea & bread & butter. Dined at Mr. Hurd's on good scait shrimp sauce & a mouthful of veal cutlets. Paid him postage of letters. He says roasting beef 6d., mutton 5d. & veal according to the parts. Last week he gave 8d. apiece for pigeons; no fine fowls under 4s. apiece. A little time since a poulterer refused 2s. apiece for pigeons. Gave William to pay a man 8s.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. for mending paper in my rooms. Ate a China orange. Walked from 5 till 7. Supper bread, milk & sugar & Pymont. Much sun. Remarkably pleasant. Bed 9.

15 April. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind west. Cloudy, but warm & pleasant. At 5 min. past 5 I got on horseback & rode by King's Head, Enfield, to the windmill, thence down the road leading past Mr. Hobkirk's ground. Note: I heard several nightingales, & at the bridge near Mr. Vaughan's I saw a swallow. Got home at 25 min. past 6. On the Chace I ate 4 nonpareils. Breakfast bread & beef broth. Gave 3 China oranges to Mrs Wilson's 3 sons. Walked a little. William gave 2s. 5d. for  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lbs breasket beef for broth. Ate an orange. Dinner latter part of breast of veal, brocoli & potatoes. Drank Pymont. Note: On Saturday I ordered the fishman to bring me as yesterday 2 or 3 haddocks or maid. When I mentioned the haddocks I told him he need not stop at the price. Yesterday he left

3 mackarel (for which William paid him 4s. 6d.) & said if I did not choose them he would call today & take them again, but did not call. Wrote to Mr. Sowerby & Hoggart. At 4 rode thro' Bury street, & turned up at the Angel in Edmonton to Palmer's Green; <got> home at 37 min. past 5. Ate a <Seville> orange in riding. Supper bread & milk mixed with Pymont water. It began to rain at ½ past 11 <morning> & continued moderately till 2 <p.m.> Fair after but cloudy & no sun all day. Bed ½ past 8.

16 April. Rose at 5. Wind north west. Fine, clear, refreshing morning. Took infusion of bark & Pymont. Set off for Basing house at 24 min. past 5. Finch Lane newspapers 9d. Bread & butter & tea in Moorfields. Paid Mr. Wilford for a thermometer 18s. & 6d. for a spectacle glass. Paid in Newgate Street for 12 lb of shag tobacco £1.12.0, 2s. 8d. per lb. 15 nonpareils 6d. Comb 2s. 6d. Dinner at Mr. Hurd's smelts & a mutton chop. Drank half a pint of table beer, & water. Set off from the Basing house at 10 min. past 2. Came thro' Newington Green & past Wilmot's house. One place very bad. Went to Spitalfields for Wagstaff's catalogue. Gave 6d. for Lackington's.<sup>404</sup> Ate 4 nonpareils in London & one in coming home. Note: Mr. Hurd told me that Taylor the Apothecary informed him that Red Peruvian bark was 6s. & Pale 5s. per lb. Mr. Hurd's butcher told him beef was at 5d., 4½d. & 4d. a lb. Walked from ½ past 5 till 7. Supper milk with Pymont & sugar. Paid highway duty at the rate of £20 per annum, 10s. Note: ~~The man instead of 1s. only gave me 6d.~~ Evening very fine & clear. Bed 9.

17 April. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind north west, clear & pleasant. Bread & Pymont. Set off at 8 min. past 5. Went past Hobkirk's farm & by the windmill home at ½ past 6. Breakfast balm tea & bread. When I got home Therm' was at 38. Hoar frost this morning. Walked about. Ate 4 nonpareils. Talked with Mr. Wilson. Walked to Enfield & dined at Mr. Hobkirk's on salt fish (very good) egg sauce & potatoes. Ate 6d. of prawns; gave 2s. for a piece of salt fish. Got home at 2. Laid down. At 2 Therm' was at 64. Between 4 & 5 riding near Mrs. Tashmaker's I met Mr. Adams & returned; he drank some porter & a glass of Pymont & orange; I, a glass of the same.<sup>405</sup> I walked with him a good way. 8 when I got home. Supper bread, milk & Pymont. The day has been very fine. Bed 9. Much sun.

18 April. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind west. Very mild & warm. Took infusion of bark & Pymont. Note: Heard a cuckoo in the Chace. At 10 min. before 5 Therm' 38. Set off at 5. In going turned out of the road towards Newington Green to ease nature. Went to Basing house, Finch Lane 9d. newspapers. Near Bishopsgate church 10d. a ¼ of Scotch, & 9d. ditto Rappe. Breakfast Moorfields, brick & butter & tea. Went to Mr. Hurd's to order a bottle of brandy, ditto rum, 2 bottles of red, ditto white port. In returning I stopt a little with Mr. Birkbeck. Went by Newington green. Met Mr. Wilmot. A young horse fell backward with him yesterday. He told me a history of his taking a farm. Dinner salt fish (which I bought at Enfield yesterday) potatoes & egg sauce. Sent William to Hobkirk's for 3 Pymont bottles of porter. At ½ past 2 Therm' 46. Wrote letters to Mr. Preston, Ann & T. Dixon. Drank porter, ate nothing. The Enfield Barbor brought books from Wagstaff which cost £1.11.0. I gave him 3s. Much sun, rather cloudy in the evening. Bed 20 min. after 9. Mr. Hurd sent the liquor by Hobkirk's Diligence. Note: Yesterday, being Good Friday, Mr. Cameron would serve no customers, & I am told all shopkeepers, Quakers excepted, were the same.<sup>406</sup>

19 April. Rose at ¼ before 5. Wind a very little east of south. Very clear & pleasant. At 5 Therm' 44. <A glass of Pymont.> At 25 min. past 5 set off & got to the Basing house at 7 min. before 7. Tis an hours ride by Palmers Green to Stamford hill turnpike. Breakfasted in Moorfields brick & tea. <Let Mr. B have £1.1.0.> Took horse about 20 min. past 8, but stopt with Mr. Hathaway; & while we were talking, Mr. Lindsay, Mrs Cameron & her son came in a cart. Got home by Newington Green

<sup>404</sup> Probably James Lackington of Chiswell St. Moorfields, bookseller (*UBD*, London).

<sup>405</sup> Sarah widow of Thomas Teshmaker. The Teshmakers held the manor of Edmonton at this date (*VCH*, Middlesex, v, pp. 45, 109).

<sup>406</sup> Presumably Mr. Cameron of 106 Cheapside (*UBD*, London).

at 22 min. past 10. Just when I came out of Moorfields, I met a woman with a large basket of full blown cowslips. Note: This morning at 2 I heard a nightingale. I was disturbed by a mouse in my room. Ate 2 apples in coming home. I gave 1d. for 4. William got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 12. He brought 3 books & my watch. Dinner roast beef, potatoes & brocoli. Laid down, drank Pymont. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 was at 68. At 2 & 3 70. Sent letters to Thomas Dixon, Mr. Preston, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Tomlin, Mr. Tate. Walked to Edmonton (Mr. Adams not at home) thence thro' Mr. Mellish's park, home. Paid for 3 pairs of drawers 12s. Supper bread, milk with Pymont & sugar. Bed 9.

20 April. Easter Sunday Rose at 4. Wind south west. Very clear & pleasant, took a glass of Pymont & bread in my pocket. At 4 Therm' 44. Set off at 12 min. past 4. Went down Bullsmoor lane thro' Waltham Abbey, Naising, Broxburn, Cheshunt, got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. At Broxburn gave 1s. for a dozen of gudgeons. Breakfast milk, prymont, sugar & bread. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11 Therm' 60. Went to Hobkirk's, dined there on 9 gudgeons & a lamb steak; drank some porter; came away at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 2. Laid down. Mr. & Mrs Gilpin dined at their house today. Wind north west rather cold & no sun since 8 o'clock, now 4. The birds sang charmingly this morning; in this neighbourhood a vast number of blackbirds, thrushes <nightingales> etc, & from the Cross to Waltham Abbey a multitude of larks. I heard a nightingale at 2 in the morning. Walked almost to the bridge near Bury Street; at the setting of the sun in the horizon on both sides of the sun there was a dark redness & heavy clouds: as soon as I got home there were a few drops. At 10 min. past 7 Therm' 38; at 8 the same. Supper bread & milk with Pymont & sugar. Bed 9.

21 April. Rose at 4. Wind south west. Clear. Took a glass of Pymont & ate a piece of bread in going. Set off at 23 min. past 4. Went thro' West Green & got to Mr. Jennings at 5 min. before 6. (The Basing house was not open.) Walked to St Paul's, thence to Billingsgate, thro' Finch Lane (the news shop not open) to Moorfields, breakfast tea & bread & butter. Gave 6d. for 2 rolls of pomatum. It wanted 2 min. of 9 when I got to Shoreditch church, & got home at 18 min. past 10. I stopt to speak to Mr. Wilmot. A heavy shower seem to go to London; another to Woodford; & I had a little rain & hail when entering Winchmore <it ceased as soon as I dismounted>. A heavy shower of the same yesterday about Stamford hill & near Palmers Green. When I came out of town the wind was north west & very cold, & I had not my great coat. Heavy clouds & very little sun. Wrote to Mrs. Pattison & Mr. James of Morpeth. Another hail & rain shower at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 12, which, like the former lasted about 5 min. Dinner bread pudding & potatoes, drank a glass of Pymont before & after dinner. Wrote to Mr. Atkinson, brazier at Lancaster & Mr. Brett. Soon after dinner pulse 73; at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 63. Laid down about 20 min. reading. Walked about an hour in the evening. Supper the same as last night. There seemed to be heavy showers frequently from the Ware side to the forest & from Barnet side to London, hardly any shower here. Very little sun today. At 8 Therm' 40; at a quarter before 8 pulse 68. Wrote to Mr. Ripley. Mr. Cameron No 106, Cheapside is  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb clay'd sugar 1s. 2d.; 2 lb French plumbs (bad) 1s. 8d. Bed 9.

22 April. Rose at 4. Wind north & very high; a wild, cloudy, cold morning. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 36; the same at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Took infusion of bark. My pulse after bark at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 64. William gone to London at 6 to see Thomas Preston, with a letter to Mr. Ripley etc. Breakfast bread, warm milk with sugar & Pymont. Wrote to Mr. Blundall. Between 9 & 10 walked to the Hide, but being very cold, I returned. Met Mr. Dicka & had a little conversation with him. Ate some French plumbs; drank a glass of Pymont. At 12 Therm' 44, my pulse 65. All this day there has been a high cold wind; dark heavy clouds; no sun. Dinner bread pudding & potatoes. An hour after dinner my pulse was 68, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one Therm' 46;  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3 40; never today higher than 46. On Sunday 70. A mighty strong wind. It began to rain heavily at 3. At 4 I drank a bason of tea & then the Therm' was at 38. William brought  $\frac{1}{2}$  a lb (8 ozs) of Red Peruvian Bark from Apothecaries Hall 5s. 4d.; 3 ozs of rhubarb 7s. 6d.; biscuits 1s.; raisins 1 lb, 10d. Mr. Ripley was out of Town; but William saw Tom Preston. Supper warm milk, bread, Pymont & sugar. Wind now at 7 north east at the same time Therm' 39. It has been fair about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, but the wind is & has been very boisterous all day. Mr. Adams & his son called between 8 & 9. Bed 9.

23 April. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind north east, cold, quite overcast at ditto Therm' 40. Breakfast warm milk with bread, Pymont & sugar. At 6 got into the chaise, called on & took Mr. Adams to London. Newspapers 6d. Tea & bread & butter in Moorfields. Order 4 neckclothes at Miss Foster's, 6s. apiece. Gave her 2s. for 6 yards of black ribbon. Gave 4d. for  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of figs, & 5d. for  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of raisins; the man said they had raisins at 1s. 4d. a lb. Got into the chaise at Bishopsgate church at 10. In coming got my newspaper & a letter from Mr. Ripley. Got home at 5 min. past 11. Paid 12s. 6d. for Pymont. Ate figs in coming home. Dinner pea pudding. Glass of Pymont. Note: Last year on the 14<sup>th</sup> May an oak tree on the Chace had leaves coming; the leaves of the same tree are now as forward as they were then. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one, Therm' near 54, at 2 a little above 52. At 4 51. At 6 46. It began to rain before I got to Shoreditch & continued about half an hour. I walked at 4 to the Chace & I found the leaves on the oak was just as I expected. I examined one which was cut down this week & found very distinct leaves on it & yet it peeled very well. They began to cut down & peel last Monday. I walked thro' the Chace to the road leading to Enfield; went thro' Enfield & Mr. Mellish's park home. Supper bread, 2 biscuits, milk with Pymont & sugar. There has been pretty much sun this afternoon. Wind north. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

24 April. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind north. Much rain in the night; cloudy. Therm' at 5 38. Took a little infusion of bark. Slept very well; dreamt I was in liquor. Took 4 biscuits in my pocket. Set off at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6 & got (went by West Green) to Shoreditch at 7. Went on to Mr. Jennings's. I was told near Palmers Green that there was heavy rain from two till half past 4. Paid 1s. 9d. for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of <Dutch> Rappee & Scotch. Newspapers 6d. Ripley's Letters 3s. King to Fox 1s. 6d. Lady Maria Bayntun 2s. 6d. 4 apples 2d. Ordered 'sparagus & breeches. Called on Miss Foster about neckclothes. Dinner at Mr. Hurd's, a fine mackarel & a hot lobster. Mr. Hurd gave 1s. 6d. for the former. Paid his bill for 5 bottles of liquor 15s. 3d. Paid Mr. Jennings's bill £2.5.0. Gave him 10s. 6d. for his children. He sent me a barrel of oysters. Note: Mr. Hurd told me he was preparing a dinner for the Company of Armourers & Brasiers; turbot, mackarel, chickens, ducks, lamb, etc. Ducks & chickens 3s. 6d. apiece! Set off at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past one, came through Tottenham. Got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3. Wrote to my gardener. At 3 Therm' 48. Drank a glass of Pymont. Cloudy afternoon. <Wind north.> Supper bread, warm milk with Pymont & sugar. At  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6, walked till  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 7. Mr. Jennings bought a load of good hay for 50/-, greatly fallen, so is straw. It was extremely refreshing when I went to Town; & so this evening. Bed 9. <I saw in Aldersgate street a woman not higher than my breeches waistband; she was seemingly about [illegible] old.

25 April. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind north. Cold & cloudy. Therm' at 5 42. Breakfast bread, warm milk with Pymont & sugar. Set off at 23 min. past 5. Went <thro' Edmonton> to Mr. Jennings's. Newspapers 6d. 3 China oranges at Mr. Scot's in Bolph Lane (which I ate in coming home) 9d., a lemon 1d. In Moorfields tea, bread & butter. Mr. Burges had 2 guineas. Note: In coming thro' the Hyde people were setting potatoes. At 12 Therm' rather above 50. Wind high. Dinner excellent shoulder of mutton <salad of> lettuce, spinage, & mint & very good potatoes. Drank a glass of Pymont; laid down. Mr. Adams came between 4 & 5. Drank brandy punch; I sup'd on bread, warmed milk with Pymont & sugar. He went between 7 & 8. I walked with him a good way into the Hyde. At 5 min. past 8, Therm' 47. Bed.

26 April. Rose at 4. Wind east north east. Overcast, no wind. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 Therm' 45; at 5 ditto. Took infusion of bark & Pymont. Set off at 22 min. past 5 <by Edmonton>. Got to Mr. Jennings's at 13 min. before 7. Newspapers 9d. Breakfast tea, bread & butter. Gave £2.2.0 for an improved acromatic telescope at Mr. Lincoln's, Leadenhall Street<sup>407</sup>; 1s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz of Scotch snuff in Newgate Street. 2d. apples; 2s. 9d. 'sparagus. Called at Miss Fosters. Gave 3d. for Aconomy of Love. Dined at Mr. Hurd's, Mr. Ripley with me, on smelts, shoulder of lamb & 'sparagus. Mr. Ripley drank wine, I, water. I let Mr. Ripley have £14.3.6 to pay Mr. Atkinson, Chancery Lane (from whom I had a letter when at dinner) £14.0.0. A letter from Mr. Preston inclosing 2 more. Note: The cover

<sup>407</sup> Charles Lincoln of 62 Leadenhall St, optician (UBD, London).

was franked to Mr. Hurd, & Mr. Preston very ignorantly inclosed a letter for me unsealed. Got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4. At 5, Therm' 52. Much sun this afternoon & now, at 5, quite clear. Drank Pymont. Walked from 6 to 7. Supper bread, milk, Pymont & sugar. Therm' at eight, 46. Very fine, clear evening. Bed 9. <Neck of lamb  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. a lb, 2s.  $\frac{1}{2}$ d.>

27 April. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 5. Wind east north east. Clear, fine. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5, 42. At 6, 44. Breakfast warm milk with Pymont, sugar & bread. Mr. Adams called & breakfasted on biscuit & bread. I walked with him to his house. Sun till this time 12 with a fine air. At 12 Therm' 56. Dinner neck of lamb roasted with a salad & potatoes. Glass of Pymont. Laid down. Therm' at 2, 58. Brisk air, no clouds. Putting things into the bags. Washed the feet of grey stockings. Gave Fryer £1.1.0. He is to spread dung & mow tofts for it. Went with him to my field. I thought my hay should be sold; he said he would speak to Mr. Dicka about it. Called at the weavers; examined the boy who once gave me pears, & gave him 1s. <Aurora Borealis tonight.> Drank porter this afternoon. Not a cloud. Note: As soon as the milk was brought this evening (it was warm from the cow) I put a pretty large quantity of sugar into it & stirred it well to see whether that would stop the rising of the cream. As Heumann<sup>408</sup> says it will. <It did not.> At 8 Therm' 46. Aurora Borealis tonight. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9.

28 April. Rose at 4. Wind north east. Not a cloud. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 Therm' 38. Took a little infusion of bark & glass of Pymont. Set off for London at 5 min. before 5. Went to Mr. Jennings's. Gave 2s. for a leather bottle. Paid Mr. Powel £1.8.0 for a pair of breeches which he is to send me. Walked to Billingsgate; thence 9d. newspapers. Breakfast Moorfields, tea & bread & butter. 2d. apples. Walked thro' Clerkenwell, past white conduit house towards Pancrass, returned past Sadler's Wells & down the City road to Mr. Hurd's, dinner there, pickled salmon, cold roast beef & a <bad> lettuce. Paid his bill for Sherry <3 dozen bottles £1.11.6 per dozen> hamper & wharfage £5.5.9. Called on Mr. Burges & let him have £10.10.0. Paid Miss Forster for 4 neckclothes £1.5.0. Set off at 10 min. before 2. Got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3. Then Therm' 68. Gave 6d. for a paper of ink powder. Drank a glass of Pymont. Supper milk, bread, Pymont, sugar. Paid Bailiff £2.2.0, Hobkirk (William lost the receipt in coming home) £5.7.0. Chaise boy 10s. 6d., Girl 5s., Patrick for coals 8s. No clouds or wind today. Therm' at eight, 38. Bed 9. <Paid Mrs Bath's bill, gave her nothing.>

29 April. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 4. Wind north east. Quite clear & no wind. Milk, bread & Pymont. Left 1 shirt, one stock, one neckcloth; 1 pair of thread stockings, 2 pairs of yarn. Set off at 25 min. past 4. Walked to past the 9 mile stone. The sun rose at 20 min. before 5. Last night it set at 6 min. past 7. The crops look well; a man near Ware sowing clover on wheat. Got to Puckeridge at 22 min. before 9. Breakfast bread & butter & tea. Butter here 9d. a lb, in London 1s. Set off at 33 min. past 9. Got to Royston at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 12. Very warm but a pleasant air. At  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 12 I hung the thermometer on a door latch in the lower passage of the yard where was a current of air & to the north, & it was after continuing some time, at 72. Wrote to Mr. Hobkirk to discharge Bayliff & give keys to Fryer. Dinner mutton & pork chops with lettuce I brought. Drank about a pint of cyder. Set off at 7 min. past 2. At  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3 I dismounted to place the thermometer in the shade to the north & it was at 70. Got to Caxton at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Drank a little Lisbon orange & water; set off in a chaise at 5. Got to Alconbury hill at 17 min. before 7. Sun all day. Supper scait, a mutton chop & lettuce. Drank some excellent porter, pint of wine & water. William got in a little before 8. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 9.

30 April. Rose at 4. Wind north east. Quite clear & calm. Set off at 27 min. past 4. Got to Wansford at 33 min. past 7. Breakfast bread & butter & tea. Chewed a little bark in coming. <The sun rose this morning by my watch at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4; by the Almanack, 8 min. later.> Mr. Norton says he has been informed that there has been no rain in the North for 7 weeks. He says he never knew grain better put into the ground or come up better.<sup>409</sup> Set off at 33 min. past 8 & got to the Bull, Witham Common at 2 min. before 12; this is within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 17 miles,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  from Wansford to Stamford; &  $11\frac{1}{4}$

<sup>408</sup> The word has been altered; it might start with an 'A'.

<sup>409</sup> Hon. Edward Norton (1750-86), MP for Haslemere, 1780-84, for Carlisle, 1784-86 and a personal friend of Sir James Lowther; brother of Fletcher Norton MP (*Commons*, 1754-1790).

from Stamford to the Bull. Note: The bridge at Wansford has 11 arches; 5 large & 6 small; 5 of the latter are on the North end. The river frequently overflows. In coming the first two miles from Royston, I observed that the soil on one side of the road was of a red colour, & the other chalk; the grain on the chalk seemed to be worse; perhaps the dryness occasioned that appearance. At Puckeridge & the neighbourhood & Royston spinning wool is a great employment. A woman told me, that a good hand who did nothing else could not earn more than 1s. 6d. a week. The Landlord at Royston (but he, I think, was ignorant of the matter) said a person could earn 3s. a week, & that much of the wool was brought from Yorkshire, & the yarn sent thither. Dinner cold fillet of veal, hot roasted <loin of> lamb, salad with both. Drank a bottle of cyder & part of a pint of wine. At 10 min. past 2 Therm' 64. Set off at ¼ past <3>. Walked past the first mile stone. Got to Bennington at 7 min. before 7. Clouds in the horizon east, north & west; very little sun after ½ past 6. There has been a fine air all day & very pleasant travelling. My mare never rode so briskly this second days journey; she never once has endeavoured, as usual, to go behind the other. She was sho'd at Witham Common. Bed ½ past 8. <Supper veal cutlets, bottle of cyder, part of a pint of wine.>

### May

1 May. Rose at 4. Wind north north east. Overcast & cold. Set out at 35 min. past 4. Walked about 1 & ½ miles. The post from the North met me 2 miles south of Newark. Got to Tuxford 35 min. past 8. The wheat between Newark & Tuxford looks bad. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. At 9 most of the clouds dispersed. New moon this forenoon at 11. Set off at ½ past 9, walked past the second mile stone; went over the forest; got to Bawtry at 6 min. before one. The 138 mile stone is considerably north of Tuxford & the 153 much to the south of Bawtry. The 148 is a little to the north of the Bull at Barnby Moor so that over the forest, which is nearer than the road, tis 10½ miles; so about 16 miles between Tuxford & Bawtry. Note: The landlord at the Bull, Witham Common said the best blue slate that he had seen, was got in Devonshire. Much sun with several light clouds. I saw some water dock near the mill on the south of the Bawtry turnpike gate; I suppose I shall see no more the remainder of my journey. Dinner veal cutlets with bacon. Drank part of a pint of wine & part of a bottle of cyder. Set off at 20 min. before 3. Walked past the first stone; obliged by looseness to get twice off. Got to Doncaster at 35 min. past 4. Drank porter & red port; a pint & ½ of the former & ½ pint the latter. Gave 2s. 6d. to the knife woman, 1s. to the tapster. Had a little conversation with the strange Landlord; he abuses the Administration especially Lord John C. for the loan<sup>410</sup>: Ministry can't exist half year. North<sup>411</sup> & Fox<sup>412</sup> rogues. Wishes Sykes not to call at his house<sup>413</sup> – Barracks for soldiers – lost £50 this year by them, Lord Effingham a patriot<sup>414</sup> – Pitt respected<sup>415</sup>; peace good – Shelburne good<sup>416</sup>. Got to Wentbridge at 7. William at the same time. Let a poor travelling taylor get behind the chaise at Doncaster & took him to Wentbridge. Met a drove of Scotch cattle; the driver brought 'em from Carlisle; he said they were excessively dear there & sold dear in the south. Bed 9. <Supper veal cutlets, pigeons, 'sparagus. Drank porter, wine & water.>

<sup>410</sup> Probably Lord John Cavendish (1732-1796), son of the 3rd Duke of Devonshire; MP for Weymouth, 1754-61, for Knaresborough, 1761-68, for York, 1768-84, for Derbyshire, 1794-96 (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>411</sup> Frederick North (1732-1792) was usually referred to by his courtesy title of Lord North; he became 2nd Earl of Guildford in 1790. North was MP for Banbury, 1754-90, and during much of that time held various offices from Prime Minister downwards (*Commons, 1754-90*).

<sup>412</sup> Charles James Fox (1749-1806), a prominent politician of the period; MP for Midhurst, 1768-74, for Malmesbury, 1774-80, Westminster, 1780-84, for Tain Burghs, 1784-85, for Westminster, 1785-1806 (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>413</sup> Sir Francis Sykes (1732-1804) a friend of Warren Hastings and Lord Clive, he made a fortune in India: MP for Shaftesbury, 1771-75, 1780-84 and for Wallingford, 1784-1804 (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>414</sup> Thomas Howard, 3rd Earl of Effingham (1746-1791). He resigned his army commission in protest against the war with the American colonies, and was a member of the Yorkshire Association (*ODNB*).

<sup>415</sup> William Pitt the younger (1759-1806), MP for Appleby, 1781-84, and for Cambridge University, 1784-1806; Prime Minister, 1783-1801 and 1804-06 (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>416</sup> William Petty, Lord Shelburne (1737-1805), MP for Chipping Wycombe, 1760-61 when he inherited his father's title; Prime Minister, 1782-83; created Marquess of Lansdowne in 1784 (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

2 May. Rose at 4. Wind north east. Cloudy & cold. Set off at ¼ past 4. Walked up the hill. Got to Otley at ¼ before 11. Corn & grass look well all this morning's ride; they complain of want of rain at Wentbridge. There had been a fine shower for above an hour on Tuesday evening at Kippax & Leeds. There seemed this morning at 10 o'clock to be much rain to the south & west. I had a shower from the 6 to the 8 mile stone. It rained when I got to Otley. I was obliged by a looseness to get off twice. Heard several nightingales near Kippax, but none since. Dinner scait & trout, & beef steak. Drank ale & wine. Mr. Vavasour came to me.<sup>417</sup> Set off at 3. Called on Mr. Burrow. Bought some fish of a fisherman. Stopt at Addingham to get a basket for the fish; drank a pint of ale. Remarkably cold coming over Rumblesmoor with hail showers. Got to Skipton at ½ past 6. Sent for old Molly; gave her 3s. Sent for Chippendale the mercer, he supped with me, on fish; I, roasted pigeon, he cold pigeon pie.<sup>418</sup> Drank ale & wine. Bed 9. <Sent letters to Messrs Abram, Rawlinson, Hoggart, & Manfield.>

3 May. Rose at 10 min. past 5. Set off at 25 min. past 5. Wind north east. Very cold. Got to Ingleton at ¼ before 11. Mr. Redman dined with me on eggs & hung beef. After dinner sent for Mr Barlow; drank pint of wine & porter. Called at Halsteads & Thornton Church Stile where was a township meeting. Got home at 7. Supper potted fish & pint of beer. Bed 9. <Note: The travelling mares were turned to grass this evening. I was told the cows were turned out yesterday, the first time.>

4 May. Sunday Rose at ½ past 5. Wind north east. Cold, a hoar frost. At 7 Therm' 36. Breakfast balm tea, bread & butter. Walked about my grounds. Cherries set. Peas & beans in flower: The oak leaf about the same in forwardness as what I noted in the Chace <23 last month>. Currants about the same as at Winchmore Hill last Tuesday. Dinner potted fish, 'sparagus & hot pigeon pie. Drank water. Cherries, apricots & cucumbers are setting. The wind has been south west all this afternoon. Supper bread & butter, salad of lettuce, white mustard, cress, mint, spinage, onions, sorrel: whey. Bed ½ past 8.

5 May. Rose at 20 min. past 3. Wind south south west, rather cloudy, hoar frost. At 4 Therm' 34. Rode on the little bay mare to Tunstal & the back lane, thro' Coneygarth ford, to Whittington; crossed the river to the parrook home. Breakfast warm milk with flour in it. Much pain in my legs & thighs; laid down twice today. Walked before dinner to Kirkby town end. Talked with old Cummin & Thomas Huck. Dinner potted fish warm, cold pigeon pie, & brocoli sprouts. Little sun today, wind pretty brisk. Wrote to Messrs Powel breechesmaker, Ripley Gun & Shot Wharf, Atkinson, Adams, Dunn, Sowerby, Hobkirk. Supper mixed milk & bread. This afternoon I ate about ½ dozen radishes. Bed 9.

6 May. Rose at ¼ past 4. Wind north north west. Hoar frost at ½ past 4. Therm' 32. Took a little infusion of Bark. At 10 min. before 5 rode the little mare to George Gregg's.<sup>419</sup> Got home at 5 min. before 8. Saw Mr. Preston in Kirkby. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Little mare turned to grass. I was much plagued with the night mare <incubus> last night owing, I suppose, to the radishes & buttermilk. Took a dozen pigeons. Laid down. Therm' at 12 53. Dinner trout & 3 smelts, 2 yolks of eggs. Parson Tatham came this afternoon & drank a tankard of beer. He went home between 5 & 6. I walked with him to Lower Burrow. Wind at 7 north north west. Seem to be showers on the other side of Whittington, above Sedbergh, on Leck fell & at Lancaster. Supper bread & butter & buttermilk. At 8 Therm' 37. Wind north. Bed ½ past 8. <Mr. Atkinson of Thwaites married to Richard Tatham's daughter.<sup>420</sup>>

7 May. Rose at 10 min. before 3. Wind north west <no dew>. There is a little hail or snow on Ingleburrow, & on the hills above Sedbergh. No moisture of any sort here; this shows the attraction of mountains. Parson Tatham told me yesterday that he had remarkably fine lettuces <this was a

<sup>417</sup> Probably a member of the Vavasour family of Hazlewood.

<sup>418</sup> R. Chippendale of Skipton, mercer (*UBD*, Skipton).

<sup>419</sup> George Gregg lived at Borrens in Lupton; he died in Dec. 1798, aged 73 (*Kirkby Lonsdale PR*).

<sup>420</sup> John Atkinson gent. mar. Betty Tatham spinster of Burton 6 May 1783 (*Thornton PR*).

mistake> from seed which had been buried in the ground several years. He is sure they could grow from no other. Breakfast (first infusion of bark) buttermilk, bread & butter & mint; afterwards ~~water~~ cress, white mustard, & sorrel in the garden: whey. Thomas Dixon came. Edmund Thompson's wife paid me £12.12.0. John Parkinson gone to geld lambs, men leading hay into the 3 stables, afterwards peeling alder trees which N. Huggon & son are felling behind the garden. Gave H. Leeming 4s. to go for coals. Gave H. Cowpland 7s. for 7 chickens. I ordered all the horses except the chestnut to be turned to grass. Cloudy & harsh from 9 to 12. Dinner smelts, eels, & a roasted pigeon. At 12 Therm' 46. At ½ past 3 48. Showers on Ingleburrow & Wegber. A very little here. Little sun. Wind brisk. Laid down. Supper bread, buns & whey. Sent William this afternoon to Parson Tatham for 2 bottles of Pymont water. At 8 Therm' 44. Wind north north east, quite mild. Bed 8 min. past 9.

8 May. Rose at ½ past 3. Wind north. Therm's at 4 all 30. Frost; no wind, dappled clouds. Breakfast new milk, with Pymont, sugar, & bread & butter. N. Huggon not here; men leading the wood which they felled yesterday; Rowland in the garden. Looking amongst papers this forenoon. Ate hung beef before dinner. At 12 <large> Therm' 54, the small one 50. Dinner smelts; lamb stones, & 'sparagus. Very pleasant day. Howarth's wife paid me £2.2.0. Supper bread, new milk, Pymont, sugar. At 8 Therm' 40. Note: Before the sun rises & after it sets, the Therm' are the same; at 12 & afternoon the great one is the highest; by its position tis more influenced by the sun. Query. How are they on comparison before 12. The wind has been west but now seems to be north. Much sun & no wind today. Bed 9. <Note: 2 hours before supper I drank a bottle of table beer.>

9 May. Rose at 4. Wind south east, rather cloudy, mild, & like fore change of weather. At 4 great Therm' 37, little ones 38. Note: Notwithstanding my drinking the beer & taking milk 2 hours after I slept uncommonly well. The oak tree which was the forwardest in 1779, is very late at present. Breakfast bread, new milk, sugar, Pymont. Had a long conversation with J. Davis jnr Billey Preston & T. Dixon came & dined. Dinner smelts & excellent potted trouts, pigeon pie & a couple of chickens, none of the last eaten. Drank beer; Mr. Preston gin & water. It began to rain at 9 & continued till half past four. The gardener & Billey Preston were with me in the evening. The rain eased about an hour, afterwards was heavy the whole evening. Bed 10.

10 May. Rose at 4. Wind south west. A cloudy, fine spring morning. Breakfast ditto. Thomas Dixon & Mr. Preston here in the afternoon; paid Mr. Preston & Holmes's bills. Drank beer. Sold Kendal cow for £10.15.0. Received of William Wilkinson 5 guineas. Jacky Tatham in the evening to give an account of his brother leaving Briggs. In the morning Preston of Laithbuts came about 2 cows grass.<sup>421</sup> Bed 8. <Man from Dilaker about a will.>

11 May. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind east. Breakfast whey. Poor woman from ~~Dilkar~~ Ingleton came for advice. Gave her £1.1.0. Dinner eels, salad. Thomas Dixon & Jos. Gibson jnr came. Parson Tatham [came] & returned, I walked with him to Cant bridge. Supper bread & butter & onions. Evening wind south. Rain on the hills. Bed ½ past 8.

12 May. Rose at 4. Wind south west. Showers in the night & one at ½ past 5. Set off (after hung beef, bread & butter & Pymont) at 23 min. before 6. Got to Sedbergh at 8. Messrs Moore & Barlow met me there. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. Set off at 10 to Kirkby Stephen at ½ past 12. Dinner boiled beef, cold lamb, mutton chops, beer & wine. Off at ¼ past 3. To Barnard Castle at ½ past 7. Supper veal cutlets, porter, brandy & water. Bed 10.

13 May. Rose at 4. Wind west. Clouds. Set off at 20 min. before 5. Ate brown bread in going. Met Sowerby at Raby. Got to Bishop Auckland at 8. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. Off at 10 min. past 9. To Chester at ¼ before one. Dinner salmon, fillet of veal. Porter. Off at 20 min. before 4. Newcastle 8 min. past 6. Supper crab, lobster, plaice, pigeon pie. Paid Mrs Wilson for Geneva £8.8.0, the bill was £8.4.0. There had been rain in the North as appeared by a gentlemen riding thro' this town. Bed ½ past 9. Note: May. out in the lane between Chester & this place.

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<sup>421</sup> William Preston of Laithbuts in Tunstall.

14 May. Rose at 4. Wind west. Rain & had rained in the night. Set out at 5 min. past 5. Got to Newbiggen at ½ past 10. Breakfast tea, milk, toast, & bread & butter. Walked about. Dinner (Mr. Wilson of Hepscot with us) cod, maid, whiting, lobster, crab, cold beef, mutton chops. Drank brandy & water, porter, wine, ale. Supper lobster. Bed 11.

15 May. Rose at 10 min. before 4. Wind west. Very fine & clear. Walked till past 6. The sun rose at 5 min. before 4. <Breakfast tea.> 3 hours & ½ in riding gently to Felton. Dinner pickled salmon, a potted trout, & a bit of shoulder of lamb. Brandy & water, porter, wine & water. Wrote this morning to Tingling to come to Newbiggen on Saturday. Sent William this afternoon to Warkworth about getting fish. Supper chicken. Saw Beveridges & Mrs Harrison's cousin. Bed 10.

16 May. Rose at 5. Wind south west. A little shower in the night. Breakfast toast & butter; rhubarb. At 5 past 6 [set] off for Warkworth. Gave 3d. per lb for 7 trout. Dinner at Felton, trout boiled & broiled. Porter, wine & water. Mr. Tomlin came. Wrote to Mr. Dunn to give notice to tenants & Jo. F[enwick]'s brother-in-law to be ready about Monday or next Tuesday. Cloudy, a little sprinkling rain. Supper trout, veal culets. Mr. Tomlin went home. Bed 8.

17 May. Rose at 4. Wind west. Breakfast toast & butter & water. Rode by Ned Browns to Newbiggen in 3 hours & 52 min. Dinner (Mr. Tingling here) cod, leg of lamb; but before dinner ate crab, lobster & shrimps. Mr. Tate came. I had a private conversation with him. He said Mr. Tomlin's farm was worth £200 per annum clear <for 21 years> that the management was wretched, houses, fences totally neglected; the farm excellent for the growth of quicks – grass to be taken care of – the fields next to the river for carrots; Mr. Trevilian wishes him to try the root.<sup>422</sup> Land to be changed. Note: He said girls in this country were early surprizingly acquainted with men. Supper mutton pie & lobster. Bed 10.

18 May. Sunday Rose at ¼ before 4. Wind north north west. Walked to the church. A few drops; cold. Breakfast bread & butter & milk. Walked. Wrote to Messrs Manfield, Atkinson of Lancaster & Dunn. Wind at 10 north. Dinner ling, small cod, a place another fish, breast of veal pudding. Drank porter, wine & water. Sent William to Morpeth with letters & to get 2 shoes for Mr. Moore's horse. Laid down. Supper a lobster & crab. Bed ½ past 8. <Letters from Hobkirk, Manfield, James with a bill for £30 & Atkinson of London.>

19 May. Rose at 4. Wind north, very high & cold. Breakfast milk, toast & butter. Dinner maid & tongue & greens with a little boiled leg of lamb. Porter, wine & water. Laid down before dinner. Supper lobster. A cloudy, windy, & most disagreeably cold day. I was most strangely low spirited & sleepy. Messrs Moore, Barlow & Tinling were insuperably sleepy. Bed 11.

20 May. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind north north east. Cloudy, but not so cold or windy as yesterday. Walked on the sand. Gave Mr. Tinling £5.5.0 & 8s. Breakfast pigeon pie & bread & butter. Paid Mrs Pattison's bill £7.6.0. Let her have £8.8.0 to pay servant & for letters which I had sent. Set off (Tinling went home) at 20 min. before 9. Intended to have gone by Bottle<sup>423</sup> mist [sic] our road & came by stake ford; got to Morpeth at 12 min. before 11. Dinner fry, boiled tongue with spinage, & a shoulder of mutton. Porter. Mr. Dunn & I drank 2 decanters of wine. Messrs Moore & Barlow 2 ½ ~~crowns~~ <3s.> bowls of brandy & water. Set off at ½ past 5. Got to Felton at sunset. Talked a lot with Captain Davis <at Morpeth>. Supper pickled salmon & a tart. Bed 10. Gave letters to Mr. Dunn for Mr. Ned Wilson & Taylor Manch[ester].

21 May. Rose at ¼ past 4. Wind north. Very clear, mild & pleasant. Breakfast toast & butter & water. Off at ~~20 min. before 7~~ <25 min. past 6> by Warkworth to Alnwick at ¼ past 10. Dinner codling, lobster & breast of veal. Pint wine & water. Messrs M[oores] & B[arlow] ½ crown of brandy & water.

<sup>422</sup> Sir John Trevelyan bart. (1735-1828) held lands at Wallington and Long Witton; he was MP for Newcastle, 1777-80, for Somerset, 1780-96. The references in the diary to Mr. Trevelyan may relate to his son, John (1761-1846) (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>423</sup> Bothal.

Got to Felton at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 7. Supper baked trout, loin of mutton & a dried cod with egg sauce. Drank porter & wine. Bed 10. <Saw honeysuckle in a hedge at Merrick.>

22 May. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind north. Quite clear. Walked to Mr. Riddals.<sup>424</sup> Got to Morpeth by Mr. Bullock's at 9. Dinner, curate of ~~Morpeth~~ <Horsley> with us, fry, breast of veal, goose, giblet pie. Received of Swan & Brewis by notes & disbursements £60, returned £5. Ralph Sproat by money & disbursements £30. Of William £15, Miller £5, Tomlin £20. Supper fowl. Bed 11. Swan's disbursement £8.0.10. Sproat's £7.8.10. <Cabbage, the first I've seen this year.>

23 May. Rose at 6. Wind north east. Showers early in the morning. Wine & water. Paid Mr. Dunn's bill £5. Ostler 10s. 6d. Chambermaid 2s. 6d. Waiter 5s. Shoblack [sic] 1s. Got to Newcastle at 25 min. before 11. Got a note for £65. Dinner lobster, cold pigeon pie, porter, wine & water. No rain in coming, & less here than at Morpeth. Note: The waiter here tells me that he is 47 years of age; that he 5 years ago drank hard; one night when he lived at the Cock he was so drunk that he was obliged to go to bed to the neglect of his business; the next day he resolved never more to drink any fermented liquor & ever since that time never has. Got to Ferryhill at 5. Note: I saw a crow's nest with young ones in it on the moving fane at the Town's Hall, Newcastle. Supper veal cutlets & cold ham <porter, wine & water>. Fair this afternoon, wind high. Rain this morning at 4 o'clock at Newcastle & Ferryhill. Bed, sun setting, 10 min. past 8.

24 May. Rose at 20 min. before 5. Wind north, very cold. <Off at 10 min. past 5.> Came thro' Merrington to West Auckland, got thither at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 7. Breakfast brown bread & butter, tea in milk. Talked with T. Robinson. Sowerby paid me £52.9.0, I returned all [illegible] £30.7.0. Looked at Robinson's cows. Off at 25 min. before 10. Got to Barnard Castle at 5 before 12. Cold but fair. Durham to Bowes 29 miles. Dinner potted trout & cold pigeon pie. Drank porter, wine & water. Had a little conversation with Tim Hutchinson who complained much of want of health; affected behind his head & neck; he thinks a suit with the Lord D. for 11 years has hurt his health. Set off at 20 min. before 3. Got to Brough at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6. The wind fell before I set out; pleasant, & most of the way a fine warm sun. Supper cold ham, salad & veal cutlets; porter, wine & water. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

25 May. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind north east. Frost & very cold. Off at 20 min. before 5. Got to Sedbergh at 5 min. before 9. Ate a piece of cold beef & drank a glass of water. I sent to J. Davis who came. Off at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10. Got home at one. Dinner potted fish & pigeon pie. Water. Supper lettuce, bread & butter, onions & mint. Mr. Preston brought some salmon; Atkinson & Proctor butchers, a small pike. Bed, wind west,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

26 May. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. No wind, but fane south. Therm' 44. A very few warm drops of rain. Note: Got 3 large yellow cucumbers, ready 10 days ago. Breakfast bread, mint & buttermilk. Walked & met Mr. Tatham of Melling. J. D. shot 20 rooks. Gave man with a petition from Cartmel 10s. 6d. Dinner, Parson with me, salmon; eggs, hung beef & spinage. I just tasted porter tap'd today. Ate preserved gooseberries. Cloudy & a little small rain between 11 & 12. No sun or wind. Therm' at 2 59. Mr. Tatham went at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3. Ate for supper lettuce, onions, mint, bread & butter & buttermilk. Bed 8.

27 May. Rose at 4. Wind east north east, high & very cold. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4 44. Breakfast buttermilk, bread & butter & mint. Clipping sheep at Hornby. Laid down. Sam Wynne brought a roasting pig. Dinner potted trout (which was here when I came from the South, & buttered up when I went into Northumberland), very good, & a rook pie which I did not much relish. Drank whey only. Much sun today but cold & windy. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Supper buttermilk, bread & butter, lettuce & mint. Note: I never use any vinegar with my salads on account of the milk. Note: I got a rose. Took a little infusion of bark this afternoon at 4. Letter from Burges. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Wind north.

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<sup>424</sup> Thomas Riddell esq. of Swinburne Castle and Felton Park, Northumberland.

28 May. Rose at 20 min. past 4. At 10 min. before 5 Therm' 42. Wind north pleasant. At 6 heavy clouds, dark & cold. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. William gone to Parson Tatham with some rooks. Laid down. The huntsman sold T. Dixon's cow's calf for £1.6.0. Parson Tatham & Mr. Preston dined with me on salmon, fillet of veal, pickled cockles & potatoes. Mr. Preston Geneva & water, Mr. Tatham ale & porter; I, a little of the same. The ale was tap'd today. They went home at 4. The wind this afternoon between 4 & 5 was north – then south east – then south west, the clouds still moving from north. Supper buttermilk, bread, butter, lettuce & mint. Bed 20 min. before 8.

29 May. Rose at 20 min. past 4. Wind north. Heavy clouds, cold, high, bleak wind. At 5 Therm' 44. Breakfast buttermilk, bread & butter new churned. Paid Mr. Bateson £4.5.0 interest of £100 due last Candlemas. Dinner (Mr. Preston with me), a pike & a goose. Drank beer & ale. Mr. Preston had from me a Newcastle note £30 for Thomas Huck; & Country bank notes £30.5.0 for Mr. Relph. Bryan Townson was here & drank gin & water. Talked with Selby's wife, afterwards with J. D. jnr. Bed 9.

30 May. Rose at 5. Wind west by the clouds, not sufficient to move the fane. Much rain in the night. At 6 Therm' 44. Breakfast whey. Dinner flounder & cold goose. Drank beer & porter. Gave Tom Thirnbeck a guinea. At Lower Burrow I met Tom Robinson & Vipont who asked questions about a deodand. Called at T. Dixon's. Bed ½ past 8. Fine drizzling rain today.

31 May. Rose at 5. Wind south west. Therm' at ½ past 5 47. Breakfast whey. Caradice girl brought some trouts; I gave her 5s. & a waistcoat [and] ¼ of a lamb <of a ewe> which died at Hornby. Messrs Wilson & Preston dined with me on flounder, trouts & a roasted pig <and cabbage>. In the afternoon Mr. King & the gardener drank wine & ale. <Got a cucumber which I gave to Mr. Preston.> Bed 9.

## June

1 June. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind north west. At 10 got to south east. At 6 Therm' 44, at 12 66. Warm day. Wrote to Manfield, inclosed a £10 Bank note. Dinner fish & calf's heart. Drank whey & water. Letter from Mr. Taylor of Manchester. Another ewe dead at Hornby. Very close & warm this afternoon. A fine mild shower from ½ past 4 for near an hour. Wind (if any) south east. Therm' at 5 60. Supper bread & butter & salad. Bed 9.

2 June. Rose at ¼ past 3. Wind south east. Very pleasant. At ½ past 3 Therm' 49, at 6 53. At 20 min. before 4 rode thro' Kirkby, Biggens, Whittington; home at ¼ before 5. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Walked to look at the wear at Wraton, returned by Canfield & Tunstal church; got home a little before 9. Ate hung beef & bread & butter. Laid down. Therm' at 12 61. Dinner trout, eggs & spinage, pig's petitoes. Water. Mr. Sunderland called but I did not see him. Bryan Townson & Mr. Sherwood came about barn at Hornby, the latter wanted to take it to put bark in. I agreed he might have it till next May day; the terms to be referred to him, Bryan Townson & T. Dixon. I drank whey; Bryan gin & water, the other ale. Supper buttermilk, lettuce & mint with bread & butter. Mr. Preston came & drank a little gin & water. I walked with him to the Long Shaw. Therm' at ½ past 8 51. <Wind east.> Bed ¼ past 9.

3 June. Rose at ½ past 2. Wind north. Walked into the park & garden. At 4 wind east north east. Therm' 52. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Laid down. Men at Wraton wear. Dinner gible pie, turneps & a lettuce. Ben Hague came about way-going crop. I told William to let him have nothing to eat or drink. Laid down. Mr. Sunderland came a little after one. He wanted some stones from Leck beck – asked about fishery belonging to Westhall – Intends to get quit of the Lowfields concerns; <they> have made nothing – Does not like gentlemen coming to his house – Sell lands over Sands – A person wants to buy Hornby house etc – His mother coming to live at Ulverstone – He is never well; sleeps well but can't rise in a morning – Lord D. has refused a place – Present

union he dislikes – Spoke about admittances by Rector of Whittington<sup>425</sup> – The religious character of Lord D. – Not a word about Briggs – Walked a little with Thomas Dixon. Supper buttermilk, bread, butter & 4 or 5 onions. Note: The turneps were the first this year; I ordered 'em to be boiled unpeeled & did not find they were in the least <worse> for it. Therm' at 8 57. Wind east north east. No sun today. Bed 9.

4 June. Rose at 4. Wind, by the clouds, south east. Therm' at ½ past 4 57. Warm & a fine spring cloudy morning. Rode thro' Kirkby, Biggens & Whittington; home at ¼ past 6. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Laid down 20 min. Parson Tatham came. At 10 Therm' 63. Dinner hashed calf's head, cold leg of lamb & salad, & cold lamb pie. He drank ale & beer, I, water & whey. Between 4 & 5 I walked with him past the mill. At 3 Therm' 76, at ¼ past 5 73. Very sultry & close; the fane south east. Supper bread, butter, a lettuce & buttermilk. Rain (wind east south east) from ¼ before 7 till 9. At 8 Therm' 60. Bed 9.

5 June. Rose at 20 min. past 3. Wind south west. Cloudy. At 10 min. before 4 rode out thro' Kirkby, to near the post to Hutton Roof, turned thro' Biggens & Whittington home. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. At 6 Therm' 52. The barometer fallen a little. Men gone to the baskets in Brigg's field. Note: 3 days ago H. Leeming mowed the henpennies. Query. How the grass & they will rise. H. Leeming is weeding potatoes. Sent William to Lancaster with a letter to Mr. Isherwood & with a leg of mutton to Mr. Sydall.<sup>426</sup> Note: On the 3rd & 4th instant I had a weariness in my kness & legs & was very sleepy. Yesterday I discharged a vast quantity of wind downwards & afterwards was more lively. Was not the pent up wind the cause of my complaint? Paid Newsam, Hornby post, 5s. 8d., gave the boy 6d. Rowland cutting hedges on the walk. At 12 Therm' 60. The day has been very pleasant; a fine air from south west. No sun. Dinner old carrot, parsnep & a red turnep (the 2 former very good, the last hard) potted trout, cold lamb pie, & yolks of 2 eggs. The huntsman brought part of a salmon from Kirkby, 6d. per lb. Walked to the men in Leck beck. Received a box from Mr. Taylor of Manchester. Sun with a fine fresh air till 6 then overcast. Supper bread, buttermilk & a lettuce without any salt, vinegar or butter. At 8 Therm' 54. Ordered H. Leeming to water cattle in the lane. Bed ½ past 9. T. Dixon paid Dobson's rent.

6 June. Rose at 3. Wind south west. No wind, a charming hazy, refreshing, spring morning. At ½ past 3 Therm' 52. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. At 8 Therm' 54, wind ditto. Wrote to Messrs James, Dunn, Hobkirk, Adams. Walked with Mr. Preston, (who came this morning) to near Kirkby bridge. Therm' at 12 62¼. Dinner salmon & breast of mutton with good old potatoes & new turneps. <Drank whey.> Laid down. Ed. Thompson paid the remainder of his rent to T. Dixon. Supper bread, buttermilk & 3 cold turneps. No sun today. Wind south west amd pretty brisk. Therm' at 8 55. 4s. for coals tomorrow. Bed.

7 June. Rose at ¼ past 3. Wind west. Clear. At 4 Therm' 48. The barometer of late has varied very very little; this morning it is rising. Rode through Kirkby, Biggens, Sellet mill & crossed Lune, home at ½ past 5. Breakfast buttermilk, riddle bread & butter. Got 2 cucumbers & sent 'em to Mr. Holme of Kirkby. Dinner salmon & cold lamb pie. Drank ale. <Briggs's partner paid me £185.> Talked with the tenants. Bed ½ past 8. <J. D. received £108.1.3. T. D £77.6.11.>

8 June. Whitsunday Rose at 4. <Wind west.> Gave J. D. jnr Isherwood's letter for Richardson & to go & enquire after Kentmere slate lease. Breakfast whig. Dinner cold ham & chicken. Paid H. Leeming £4.4.0. Bella £4.4.0, the other girl ditto. Ann £10.10.0. William £5.5.0 & gave him £2.2.0 for his father. Gave the gardener £1.1.0 for John Barnes. Supper whey. Bed 8.

<sup>425</sup> The Whittington glebe land was a Rectory Manor where the tenants held by tenantright. The new rector (Thomas Horton) admitted the tenants on payment of substantial fines linked to the annual value of each holding (*Whittington PR*).

<sup>426</sup> James Isherwood held customary lands in Hornby which, apparently, included Marlehole; Fenwick arranged to rent the land from him.

9 June. Rose at 4. Wind west, a little rain in the night. At 5 Therm' 50. Breakfast sour milk. Rode to Whittington, Newton, Arkholme, Grassingham, over Lune's Bridge, Melling & by the riverside home. Parson Tatham gone to Witherslack. Dinner (Mr. Preston with me), place & trout, goose, lettuce, potatoes. He drank beer & ale, I, water. He went home before 2. I laid down. Therm' at 4 57. Heavy clouds & a cold high wind. Very little sun. Note: Ate about a dozen & ½ of strawberries & about ½ dozen cherries, the first this season. Supper whig & bread, just tasted a cold tongue. Therm' at 8 54. Wind west, cold & brisk. ~~Bed ½ past 8.~~ Note: The goose was red in the flesh as if it had been salt-petred. But there was no kind of salt on it. As it was kept [in] the larder, & generally a piercing air, I suppose the redness was owing to nitre in the air, tho' the wind was commonly, nay always in south west. & mayn't the slow vegetation be owing to the same cause? Mr. Dowker's servant here. Bed ½ past 8.

10 June. Rose at 3. Wind south west. Cloudy. Rode to Burton & home by Mr. Town's barn. Talked with Mr. Dowker's servant on his affairs. Breakfast bread & butter & new milk. At ½ past 6 Therm' 53. Ate about 1½ dozen cherries. Began to rain (wind south west) at a little before 12. The wind drop'd & at once was nearly due south. Dinner pinks, a broiled pigeon, couple of hard eggs & ½ a cabbage. The wind rose at 4 & the rain from the beginning continued & from this time was very heavy till 9. Mr. Preston & gardener drank gin & water. Supper cold cabbage, lettuce with vinegar, bread & whey. Bed 9. <Note: Kate whelped.>

11 June. Rose at ¼ past 3. Wind west. I heard the wind high & heavy rain almost every ½ hour from 12 till I rose. Then the rain ceased & wind greatly abated. I made 2 fires; walked into the garden, then over the wooden bridge into the park & down to the gate & back. Took 7 pigeons. Lune & Leck beck are bank full. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. William goes to see his father. Ate about ½ a dozen strawberries & 30 cherries. Mr. Preston, the gardener & Rowland Parker gone to set out the land before Mr. Jolly's house. William Thornber came about Claughton farm; I did not see him. Dinner, Mr. Preston with me, pinks, hashed fowl, cold ham & cabbage. Laid down. Mr. Preston went home before 2. He drank beer & ale, I a very little beer, one glass of ale, whey. A little shower. Therm' at 4 60. Wind west, mild & much sun this afternoon. Dobson's housekeeper came with her ½ years rent (15s.) which I returned her. Supper a lettuce (without anything to it) <couple of eggs & whey whig>. Jack Airey brought some trouts, I took ½ a dozen & gave him, on account of his brother's illness, a guinea & 5s. At 7 a heavy shower like thunder rain for about 5 min. Sam Wynne brought some fish; for them & a pig which he brought before I gave him 10s. 6d. Got for whey whig, dandelion, betony, ground ivy, southernwood, fennel, mint, balm, tops of beans, angelica, Penny royal. J. Davis sent some trouts. At 8 Therm' 53. Bed ¼ past 9. The men moving stones from the opening between the woods below.

12 June. Rose at ¼ past 3. Wind west south west mixture of clouds & mild. Therm' at ½ past 3 42. Wrote to J. D. jnr & Mr. William Preston. Saw old J. D. about brewing. Sent to Mrs Holmes of Kirkby 1 white 3 green cucumbers, 2 cabbages, 3 lettuces & turneps. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. A trifling shower at 7. Therm' at 10 54. At 12 54½. Dinner eels, bit of a good trout, giblet pie, turneps. Note: Tom got a basket of dandelions. J. Robinson & Newton making fence between Bromerow & Gibholme. Ned & Airey (who came hither today) removing stones as yesterday & clearing a little in Leck beck. Therm' at 4 55. Gave men at Leck beck 1s. 6d. to drink. Supper lettuces, bread & whig. Scarce any sun, at 7. Wind south west, quite overcast. At 8 Therm' 44. Began to rain at 7. Wind north east. Bed 9.

13 June. Rose at ½ past 3. Wind east. Rain without wind. From the water in the bason which I set last night I infer that it has rained all night & as heavily as on Tuesday; on Tuesday it began at noon. Leck beck is much risen. At 4 Therm' 47½. Wrote to Mr. Isherwood to meet me next Tuesday at Hornby 8 o'clock. To Mr. Manfield, sent these letters by Tom to Hornby. Received of young Holme £2.10.0 being last May rent; I returned £1.10.0. Wrote to Mr. Dunn to desire J. Fenwick's brother-in-law to have the money ready by the 26th as I intend to be at Morpeth on that day. The wind at 20 min. before 9, south west. Mr. Sydall came in a chaise at 9. Drank a very little brandy & water; went

away at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 11. Therm' at 12 58. <Wind south west.> Misling rain most of the forenoon. Note: Mr. Sydall breakfasts & sups on posset, goes to bed at 9. Port wine unmixed his favourite liquor. The consequence of his being drunk is that he is flighty for some days, & has a gouty complaint in his stomach; but no head ache or other complaint. He, his father & mother great butter eaters. He never took or can take physic. Dinner trouts, calf head hashed <cold ham> cold mutton pie & turneps. Laid down an hour. Ate 40 cherries. Thomas Dixon paid me £10.16.0 which he received of the miller. Robin Cragg brought 3 loads of malt. Thomas Dixon & he drank a little ale; I, ~~water~~ <whig>. Supper soured gruel according to Tryon. Therm' at 8 54. Wind south west. Very fine spring afternoon, no rain. Bed 9. No sun.

14 June. Rose at 10 min. before 3. Wind east, rain, & by the bason which I set, it has been much rain in the night. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 the rain poured down. Note: Notwithstanding the rain which we have had the barometer is not altered for several days. Therm' 4 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Breakfast 3 eggs, flour & water mixed according to Tryon. Took 8 pigeons. I have taken 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen this season. Ate a score of cherries. Therm' at 12 50. Dinner (J. Davis & T. Dixon with me) flounders & trouts, pigeon pie, spinage, eggs & cold ham. They drank a very little of beer & porter, I, water & whig. They went to Claughton at 2. Rain all the day & generally heavy till that time. Therm' at 20 min. past 2 60, in the house 56. Wind at the same time a very little west of south. Paid 3 labourers 15s. Supper bread & buttermilk. Gardener drank a tankard of ale. Therm' at 8 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Heavy rain all day excepting about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour. Leck beck high & I can see Lune at the bottom of the parrock from the parlour window. J. D. & T. Dixon got home at 8. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 wind east south east, still rains <but> moderately. The barometer is not altered, but stand about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way between Changeable & Fair. Note: On the 13 & 14 of June. last year there was much rain so as to occasion a great flood, & yet the quicksilver rose. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9.

15 June. Sunday Rose at 3. Wind south. No wind, rather cloudy, pleasant. No rain since 9 o'clock last night. Rode to Leck Fell; set out at 35 min. past 3 & got home at 5. At 5 Therm' 57, wind east south east. Breakfast (after a few strawberries) the remainder of Tryon's water & milk preparations, bread & buttermilk. J. Davis brought £7.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$  rents from Claughton & he paid for the poor ~~Ate about 50 cherries~~ £5.9.0 & expences 5s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Therm' at 12 63. Dinner eels, loin of mutton, salad, turneps, cucumber, peas, the first this year; had peas on the same day of the month in 1781. Gave J. Davis 3 guineas. Laid down. Began to rain without wind at 5. Wind east south east. Barometer is falling. Ate some cherries. Supper bread & a little buttermilk. At 8 Therm' 57. Very little sun today. Bed 9.

16 June. Rose at 3. Wind north north east. Fair all night. Rode to Keerstick; got back at 13 min. past 5. Therm' at 6 57. Breakfast Tryon's water gruel. The Barometer fallen; a brisk wind. Ate 20 strawberries & 50 cherries, & before dinner a considerable quantity of more cherries. Therm' at 12 59. Wind south east, no sun. Dinner cold loin of mutton & lettuce. Laid down. At 3 Therm' 66. Very pleasant. Drank whig. Supper bread & buttermilk. Walked a little with John Mason. Therm' at 8 57. Wind east. Very little sun today, but very agreeable & without rain. Note: This morning I offered my little bay mare water at Keerstick, but she refused to dring [*sic*] any; I did the same once lately in crossing Lune but she would have none. She is at grass all day, but she is in the stable & has hay at nights. <Last March> I ordered some rushes to be burnt in the roughest part where the deer are; they were then burnt; & it is very remarkable what difference it made. The horses have eaten it bare. The ashes of the rushes may have improved it but if they had been mown at the same time, would not the young sprouts have been nearly as well eaten. The 4 men have been clearing the opening. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9. <J. Robinson's son tended the cows near the pigeon coat. They were put there this morning but in tofts at nights till the 19.>

17 June. Rose at 4. Wind east. Rain, none till this time. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4 52. The rain ceased in  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Conversed about Hutton Roof farm with Thomas Dixon. Went (William with me) to Hornby; met Johnson in Tunstal, spoke to him about tenant in Dr Wray's house. Strands in good condition. Agreed with Mr. Isherwood for Marlhole for £255 to have immediate possession & pay at Candlemas (but privately understood I might have it at Christmas on giving 2 or 3 months notice) Dinner hind  $\frac{1}{4}$  of lamb, trouts. Bryan Townson,

Isherwood & Atkinson butcher of Lancaster dined; they drank punch, ale, porter; I, porter & tasted ale. Got home at 3. Drank ale. Men in the opening. Bed 9. <Sold field.>

18 June. Rose at 7. Wind south east. Breakfast whey. Parson Tatham came & went home before dinner. Messrs Wilson, King & Preston dined on salmon, pigeon pie, leg of mutton, goose. Drank ale & wine, Mr. Wilson ale, Mr. Preston gin & water. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. No rain. Gave Mr. Preston 4 guineas for glazier.

19 June. Rose at 5. Wind south. Calm & warm. Breakfast whey. Ate strawberries & cherries. Therm' at 10 64. Note: Bees cast. Men in the opening in the afternoon, not here before dinner. Note: Ate a few black currants <the first this season>. Dinner soused trout, pigeon pie, cold goose, carrots <the first this season> & turneps. A short heavy shower at one. At 12 Therm' 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ . At 2 62. Mr. Adams informs me that he got strawberries on 25<sup>th</sup> of last month – That a few fields of grass were cut the latter end of last month – On the 11<sup>th</sup> instant peas in London were 1s. a peck. Cherries on sticks at the same time 1 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  for 3. The first ear of wheat on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Paid Mr. Collinson for attending a child of Ned Clementson 12s. 6d. Received of the huntsman what he had for a cow & calf (he gave 2s. 6d. back ) £11.18.6. A book from Greenwood. Cows turned to the level. Supper bread & buttermilk. Therm' at 8 57. Pleasant evening. Bed 8.

20 June. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2. Wind north west. Cloudy <and hazy in the horizon>. Therm' at 3 52. Rode (at 3) thro' Kirkby, Keerstick; turned over Kirkby Moore to the other road, thro' Kirkby, home. Wrote to Isherwood; sent T. Dixon with the letter. Talked with J. Davis. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Men making a sough behind the stable. H. Leeming sowing hay seeds in the opening. 2 horses tethered near the dunghill. At 8 ordered milk cows to be turned into the rookery. Then Therm' 55. Wind north. Began to rain; only a few drops. Ate strawberries & cherries. Therm' at 12 59. Wind north. No sun today. Dinner potted pinks, cold goose, cabbage & turneps. Whig. Wrote to inform Mr. Dunn that doubtful whether I could be at M[orpeth] the 26. He to receive the money & keep it till see or hear from me. Fine weather; begin hay when weather permits. Laid down. Took 8 pigeons. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 64. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 62. Mr. Bailiff of Hornby & Dr Topham called but I saw neither.<sup>427</sup> Received a note from Mr. Brett acknowledging the Bank note which I sent; also a letter from James Thompson of Kendal. Supper bread & buttermilk. Heard a cuckoo today. No distinct sun. Very hazy like heat in the horizon. Wind at 5 north east. Therm' at 8 57. Wind north east hazy. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

21 June. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2. Wind north east. Fine <but rather hazy>. At 10 min. before 3 rode thro' Casterton. Came back by the maltster's, home  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4. Breakfast bread & whey; soon after ate strawberries & cherries. Bryan Townson came between 4 & 5 about marking some of his trees. He drank a glass of gin. H. Leeming gone to Burton for coals. Therm' at 10 62. Wind north north east. Men in Leck beck. Huntsman took the Bolland hound to Wraton. Ate a little cold tongue. Therm' at 12 60. Dinner pickled trout, spinage & eggs & salad; whig. Laid down. Gave Thomas Dixon £1.15.0 for labourers. Supper cold cabbage & whig. Wind at 7 north west. The sun shone indistinctly about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. Hazy all day. Therm' at 8 58. Wind north west. Bed 9. I have not heard a cuckoo today; I suppose gone.

22 June. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3. Wind (if any) north west. Cloudy. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 54. The barometer has been rising for some days, but not altered last night. Breakfast bread & butter & mint & buttermilk. Talked with the huntsman; T. Dixon & John Lawrence, all separately. Therm' at 8 65. Wind ditto, indistinct sun since 7. Therm' 10 66. Wind west. Clear sun; ate strawberries & cherries. Wrote to Mr. Dunn, kept a copy. At 12 Therm' 69. A fine air. Wind a very little south of west. Dinner pickled & potted fish, turneps & salad. Paid John Parkinson's wages (due 5th Feb <last> old style) £8.8.0. He had, as last year, £12.12.0. At 1 (sun in a cloud) Therm' 70 – in the house 60 – At 2

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<sup>427</sup> Mr Bailiff may be the owner of Hornby Mill; in 1786 his clerk wanted a new post. C. Aspin *The Water Spinners* (2003), p. 336.

69, the wind brisk at south west – ½ past 5 65 – wind ditto. Mr. Preston & gardener drank gin & water. Mr. Preston went home. Supper bread, buttermilk. Therm' at 8 60. Wind south west. Sun most of the day. Bed ½ past 9.

23 June. Rose ½ past 2. Wind south west, cloudy. Set out at 3, rode up Bitchengate<sup>428</sup> over Kirkby Moore thro' Keerstick, got home at 5. Got the first honeysuckle. Mr. Preston heard a cuckoo on Saturday. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. William & Tom gone to Hornby for chestnut mare. Huntsman gone to Mal[ha]m. H. Leeming weeding potatoes. Men turning dunghill. Therm' at 10 60; at 11 63. Wind south west, cloudy. Ate strawberries & cherries. Therm' at 12 66. Dinner, Mr. Preston with me, pickled & potted fish, turneps, & lettuce. Mr. Preston ate a couple of broiled pigeons, both sorts of fish, & turneps. A little gin & water. Therm' at 2 66. At 4 65. Ate cherries. Henry Lawson brought a salmon weight 13 lbs for which he very reluctantly took 7s. 6d. Robert Wright's daughter brought some pinks; I gave her 6d. Supper bread & whig. Therm' at 8 57. A kind of a mist all day; the sun never shone distinctly. Wind north west. The rooks, or some of 'em, are yet here in the night. Bed.

24 June. Rose at ½ past 2. Wind south west. Hazy. Mounted at 5 min. past 3. Rode by the church & Harry Town's barn to Burton, past Mr. Harrison's & up the other street the same way home. Met & talked about 20 min. with John Holme. Got home at 20 min. past 5. breakfast bread & butter & whey. Therm' at 7 64. At 8 59. The wind is risen & cool, but still hazy. Men turning the dunghill. Mr. Preston & William bottling Geneva. Note: I brought from London a paper of ink powder in my bags; it was burst & most came out. Yesterday I washed a pair of white mattatees which were in the bags, & they were a good mixture. There were 6 gallons & part of a pint of Geneva & 3 dozen bottles of Sherry. Therm' at 10 62. Wind fresher. Ate strawberries & cherries. Hazy as for some days. Therm' at 12 64½. Wind south west. Dinner 3 pinks, a pickled trout, carrots & cabbage. Drank whey. Note: The black horse & Smiler have been for some days tethered below the dunghill. H. Leeming & Tom weeding potatoes this afternoon. Sent <to the post> by Mr. Preston a letter to Mr. Brett, Stationer. Therm' at 2 65; at 3 66; at ½ past 3 66. Note: A fine air & clear all the afternoon, but there is a great haziness in the horizon. Ate cherries. Therm' at 5 near 66. At 8 58. Bryan Townson came at 6. He & Mr. Preston drank gin & water. My supper bread & butter, cold cabbage with vinegar. Drank whig. Very hazing at the horizon; the sun indistinct when <near> the horizon. Wind little to the south of west. Bed 9. <Gave Mr. Preston a list of my taxable servants, the duty £5.5.3.>

25 June. Rose at 3. Wind north west. Hazy. Therm' at 4 46. Wrote to Mr. Edmondson of Claughton. Breakfast bread, butter, buttermilk. Therm' at 8 64. Got a basket of peas. Therm' at 10 68. Note: Robinson, Newton & Rowland began to mow the slope; after their mowing a little in the tofts Airey & Ned joined them. They finished the tofts, & mowed a little near the pigeon coat. Therm' at 11 72½; 12 75. Dinner, Dr Wray & Parson Tatham with me, excellent salmon, pinks, peas & bacon, pigeon pie & goose. Drank beer, ale, porter, sherry. Very sultry, hazy, no bright sun. Thomas Dixon brought Edmondson's proposals. Huntsman came home. The sun at setting appeared during the haziness very red. <Note: Turned cows into the tofts.>

26 June. Rose at 3. Wind south west. Remarkably foggy. Breakfast whig. Laid down. Men at hay-making. Talked to Tom & Ned. Walked to Longshaw. Met R. Briggs & Stephen Johnson. Dinner pickled trout. Talked with the miller & Bryan Townson. Bed 7. It has been a very fine day. Sun & wind most of the day. Therm' never so high as 70. Note: John Tatham of Lowfields died early this morning.<sup>429</sup> <Having drunk too much, I forced a vomit in going to bed.>

27 June. Rose at ½ past 3. Wind ditto. Hazy. <'The vomit of infinite service.> Ate strawberries, plucked turneps & carrots. Therm' at 4 50. Breakfast bread & whig. Got peas & beans. Therm' at 12

<sup>428</sup> The original name for Mitchelgate, Kirkby Lonsdale, which was still in use in the 1820s.

<sup>429</sup> John Tatham (bur. 28 June 1783) mar. Dorothy Tatham, consequently he was Fenwick's first cousin by marriage (*Thornton PR*).

64. Dinner young salmon, tench, peas, beans <the first>, bacon, carrots & turneps. Ewen came about hay grass, & a note due to Revd Mr. Smith as Executor. J.Davis went home between 3 & 4. At 4 Therm' 62. Men making hay. Misty all day; a fine wind, but no clear sun. Christopher Wilson called this morning. Supper bread & whig. Therm' at 8 57. Wind south west all day, wind pretty high. At 8 very foggy, little wind. Bed then.

28 June. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind west. Foggy. At 5 Therm' 56. Breakfast bread & butter & whig. John Dowker came last night. Men yesterday & this morning at the dunghills. John Tatham to be buried today. Barometer not altered. Ate strawberries & cherries. Got peas & turneps. Therm' at 8 55; at 12 67. At 4 65. Dinner, John Dowker & Mr. Preston, salmon, fillet of veal, peas, cucumber, cold pigeon pie <and etc, no animal food>. I drank water. Very foggy & doubtful whether rain till one; then broke up, & the men went to the hay. Wind all day. Sun & <brisk> wind all afternoon. Note: Gardener pretended he ate nothing, but partook with his cat of some salmon. Whig this afternoon. Laid down; wrote notices of the sale of grass at Burrow. Ate cherries. Fine hay afternoon; but a thick haziness between 5 & 6. Thomas Dixon & Mr. Preston drank a little gin & water. Barometer not changed. Mr. Dowker came this evening from John Tatham's funeral. Therm' at 8 not noticed. Supper whig. <Paid labourers.> Bed ½ past 9.

29 June. Sunday Rose at 10 min. before 3. Wind west. Therm' at 3 58. Brisk air, hazy as before, but rather clearer to the north. Wrote to Mr. Isherwood of Lancaster & Mr. Ashburner of Kendal & Mr. Manfield.<sup>430</sup> Breakfast bread & whig. Ate strawberries & cherries. Ate cold hung beef. Therm' at 12 60. Full as hazy all the morning as yesterday. Barometer as before, viz 1 below Fair. One can't guess where the sun is. Dinner, sister & her son with me, salmon & pinks, goose, peas & cold pigeon pie. She neither ate fish or goose; she says she never eats either! He went to church & came after the fish was taken out, & dined on goose & peas & a tart. I dined on small fish, peas & turneps. She went home. <I gave her £2.2.0.> He to see Parson Tatham. The barometer rising. <Mr Procter received for wood £14.17.0.> J. Dowker went to see Parson Tatham. Thomas Dixon here a little in the evening on his return from Dent. Mr. Preston & the gardener staid till past 10. No marks of sun but hazy all day. Drank <porter>. Barometer rising. Bed ½ past 10.

30 June. Rose at 4. Wind south west. Hazy as yesterday. At 10 min. past 4 Therm' 58. Barometer risen to Fair. Ate strawberries & cherries. Mr. Preston, Thomas Dixon & I walked to Lower Burrow. Mr. Greene of Arkholme came for advice. Therm' at 8 67. Whig & bread. Mr. Preston paid me £9.5.1 which he received for wood. He also paid out of wood money £5.10.3 for servants tax. Ale to wood buyers 1s. 3d. Hay grass notices 5d. The men began to break out hay at 9 o'clock. Therm' at 10 71. The sun then broke out, hazy only in the horizon. No wind. Therm' at 12 73. Dinner (alone) potted pinks, pickled salmon, 2 or <3 carrots> cabbage & lettuce. Laid down. Therm' at 3 7¼; at 4 73. Ate <black> currants, cherries & strawberries. Led 2 carts of hay from behind the house; 7 from the Tofts (this are the whole of the fields) & 2 <four> from behind the pigeon coat <and the lower end near the beck>. Sun & wind. A good many light clouds, but haziness gone. Supper lettuce, bread & butter & whig. Therm' at 8 67; at 9 63. Very close, the clouds seem to move from the east. Bed ½ past 9.

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1 July. Rose at 3. No perceptible air, fane west. Mist in the valley. Therm' at 10 73. Breakfast strawberries, cherries, bread & butter & whig. Wrote to Mr. Sowerby. Wind at 8 east; at ½ past 8 south east. Sun all the morning & a brisk wind from 9 o'clock. The men (6) began to mow the field under the dog kennel. Ate 2 claws of a crab which Ann bought yesterday. She bought a crab & a lobster each very large with large claws for which she gave 1s. 8d. At 12 Therm' 73, the wind at south east. Barometer exactly at Fair. Dinner <alone> pickled salmon, potted pinks, lettuce with

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<sup>430</sup> Possibly J. Ashburner of Kendal, bookseller and papermaker (*UBD*, Kendal).

bread & butter. At ½ past 2 Therm' 75. Christopher Wilson & his son came by appointment. The men mowed the field under the kennel before dinner. After dinner mowed the level. No newspaper. Sun & brisk wind all day. Thomas Dixon & the huntsman gone to let Hornby Grass. Supper strawberries & corinths. At 8 Therm' 67. Wind east. J. Dowker went to see Mr. Marsden<sup>431</sup> on Saturday, he went to Kirkby; Sunday to see Parson Tatham; Monday to Kirkby to be shaved. Bed 9. Gave Thirnbeck's wife 2s. 6d. for potatoes.

2 July. Rose at 2. Wind south east. Pretty clear & a pleasant air. Set off at 20 min. past 2. Rode to Tunstal, turned down the Holmes to Arkholme, & back by Newton & Whittington. Home at 25 min. past 4. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread & butter & mint, whig. Barometer rather fallen. 4 men leading dung. Rowland on the walk. At 7 the men went to spread the swaths. Afterwards the mowers went to mow in the lower Tofts. Therm' at 12 75. Wind south east, brisk. <Oats shot in the common field coming from Whittington.> Dinner in the kitchen, J. Dowker, Mr. Preston & Thomas Dixon with me, a fine round of beef, pigeon pie, cabbage, first potatoes, lettuce. I dined on the three last. Put all the grass into little cocks, then the mowers went to finish the lower Tofts. J. Dowker went home, I gave him 2 guineas. Thomas Dixon, Mr. Preston & the huntsman gone to the sale of hay grass; J. Davis took two bottles of Geneva for that occasion. A few drops. At 4 wind south east, at ½ past ditto Therm' 73. Supper bread, butter, lettuce. From ¼ before 7 to 9 thunder & lightning. A terrible flash in my face & a loud clap of thunder a little past 8. I do not remember fire so soon after thunder. At 8 Therm' 67, wind south east. Barometer falling. At 9 a short heavy shower. Bed 9. <Struck unaccountably by the flash of fire as if electrified. Seemed to be frightened, redaled,<sup>432</sup> continue a little in my arms.>

3 July. Rose at 4. Wind south west. No rain in the night. At 4 Therm' 59. Barometer fallen a little. Walked to Lower Burrow, where all the mowers & H. Leeming are mowing for J. Davis. At 6 rain with a high wind. Breakfast bread, butter & whig. Very trifling shower for a few min. Walked with Mr. Preston to Longshaw. Note: Ate black & <the first> white currants, strawberries & cherries. Now past 9. <Men leading dung.> Cloudy & no sun. Therm' at 8 63. Note: The hay grass at Hornby & Farleton one acre with another sold at about £3 per acre. That at Burrow £ 2.19.0. Therm' at 12 63. Wind south west. Overset; brisk wind. Barom' rises. Huntsman paid 3s. for carriage of books. He is sent for to a bitch of Mr. Marriot's. Wrote to Mr. Hurd. Dinner a very little broiled hung beef, peas, potatoes & a couple of hard eggs. No sun today. Note: Lawrence got a bad fall in going by my hay grass sale; his horse frightened by thunder etc. Rained fast but small at 7 o'clock. Supper lettuce, bread & butter. Talked about ½ hour with J. Davis jnr. Therm' at 8 59. Wind south west. Quite overcast. Barometer rising gradually. Bed ¼ past 9. <Gave Mr. Preston a bill for £15 which he paid me.>

4 July. Rose at 3. Wind west. Fine morning with dappled clouds. Ate strawberries. Wrote & sent Tom to Hornby with a letter to Mr. Blundell. Breakfast bread, butter, whig. Men turning the dunghill at the stable to the place from which the other was moved. H. Leeming cutting weeds in the horse pasture. Last night T. Dixon's cow was bulled: & 3 or 4 nights ago John Mason's. Wrote to Mr. Adams & Mr. Hurd inclosing to the latter two bills, one for £65; the other £185. These letters I sent by Mr. Preston. Ate black currants, cherries & strawberries. Gave Mr. Preston a small basket of cherries & three cucumbers. At 9 men spread cocks on the level, afterwards those below the huntsman's & then the swaths in the Tofts bottom. A fine wind, but little sun. Barometer risen much. Therm' at 10 62; at 11 64; at 12 66. Dinner potted pinks, peas, turneps, whig. Therm' at 3 63. Ate white & black currants, strawberries & cherries. Supper lettuce <mint> bread & butter & whig. Sun & wind all the afternoon. Therm' at 8 56. Barometer at ditto risen. Wind south west. Gave 2s. to the brief for fire. Bed 9.

<sup>431</sup> John Marsden esq. of Wennington Hall (1758-1826); he later bought the Hornby Castle estates from Francis Charteris. After Marsden's death the estates were the subject of a lengthy legal battle (Garnett, *Marsden's Will*)

<sup>432</sup> This word is quite clear.

5 July. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3. Wind south west. Cloudy. Barometer falling. Walked to Lower Burrow. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread, butter, whig. At 6 fresh wind, like for rain. At 8 Therm' 57. 6 men mowing for J. Davis. Began to rain about 9, frequently mist-like showers. But led three carts of hay from below the dog kennel into the barn. The former hay was carried to the cow loft. Rowland on the walk, the labourers turning the dunghill. H. Leeming cutting weeds in the horse pasture. Dinner, Mr. Preston with me, couple of boiled chickens, bacon, cabbage, peas, cucumber, cold pigeon pie. William Wilson brought proposals from William Thornber about Claughton farm. Sun & wind from  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 till 6. Led remainder of the hay from the field under the kennel, three carts. Supper lettuce & mint, bread & butter & whig. Ate strawberries, cherries & a few white currants this afternoon. Paid labourers £1.15.0. Note: It has been usual after a long hay time to give them 1s. per day & their meat, & at least 1s. over. They are not to be here on Monday. Therm' at 5 (the warmest part of the day) 65. No rain this afternoon. Labourers finished dunghill; they did not assist at the hay today. Bed 9. <Note: Jessamine beginning to flower.>

6 July. Sunday Rose at 2. Wind south. At 6 west. Very fine, sun without wind. Wrote & sent Thomas Dixon with letters to Edmonson & Thornber. Wrote to Tomlin & Saunders. Kept copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. I heard no rooks the two last nights but there are many this morning. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread & butter & whig. Barometer rather fallen last night. Ate white, black & red currants. Therm' at 12 68. Note: Lady's thistle in flower. Dinner gizzard out of a giblet pie, peas, turneps. Got a basket of cherries <which I gave to T. Dixon>. Laid down. At 3 Therm' 67. Wind & sun. Wind south west. Received a letter from Mr. Manfield. Ate currants & cherries. <Mr Charteris went towards Edinburgh this morning.> Talked with William Wikinson about advertisements. Supper bread, butter, lettuce & mint, whig. Sun & wind all the afternoon. Therm' moderate; barometer fallen a little. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9.

7 July. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2. Wind west. Very fine. On horseback at 3. Went through Wraton, Old Wennington, Burton, Rairands, home at 25 min. past 5. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread & butter & whig. Sun broke out at 9 & continued all day with a fine air. Thomas Dixon, Mr. Preston, Huntsman, William, Tom & H. Leeming broke out the cocks on the level & Tofts bottom. At 12 Therm' 67. Dinner a trout (from Kendal), buttock of beef, cabbage, pease, hashed fowl, potted fish. I ate the last & peas & cabbage. Dined in the kitchen, Mr. Preston & Bryan Townson with me. Therm' at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 68. Wrote in the morning notes with advertisements, to Messrs Batty, Hall, Stanning & Chippendale. Led 2 carts of hay (the whole) from the level. After the whole 6 carts from Lower Tofts. Ate cherries. Supper bread & butter & lettuce, whig. Therm' at 8 62. Barometer not altered today. Bed 9. J. Robinson began Lower Feet Lands.

8 July. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 4. Wind east. Fine. Walked to the Mill; I weighed 11 stones. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread & butter, whig. Gave Mr. Preston Advertisements for Settle, Skipton & for Kendal. Sent William to Sedbergh with advertisements. Isabel Adamson paid her rent 15s.<sup>433</sup> Took 3 drams of bark for J. Davis's son in an ague. Gave Hargreaves some turneps & a bottle of Geneva. At 10 Therm' 71. Wind south. Barometer as yesterday. Dinner potted smelts & carrots. Therm' at 1 76. Ate cherries at 11. Ann <and the girl> got cherries. At 3 Therm' 76. Ann got a basket of cherries. Therm' at 4 ditto. At 8 63. Bed 9. Thomas Dixon brought a letter which he had from Mr. Edmondson about the farm at Claughton. <3 mowers in the parrock for Lawrence.>

9 July. Rose at 4. Wind south east. Fine. Barometer fallen. Breakfast bread & buttermilk, but first ate strawberries. Mr. Preston gone to Lancaster with advertisements, 9 short weight guineas, a letter to Isherwood, & to get 2 or 3 half pint tumblers, & ditto quart decanters. Rode to Casterton & back. Therm' at 10 69. Wind (pretty fresh) east. Barometer falling. Ate cherries. Therm' at 12 74. Wind high. Dinner, in the kitchen, pinks, leg of mutton boiled with turneps, peas. Ate strawberries & cherries. Therm' at 4 75. Wind east, pretty brisk. Supper bread & butter & lettuce & buttermilk.

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<sup>433</sup> Isabel Adamson bap. June 1735, the dtr. of Edward Haughton. In May 1754, She married John Adamson of Nether Hall in Ireby as his second wife. Fenwick was to leave her an annuity of £4 (*Tunstall PR*).

Barometer falling. Sun all the forenoon; none since, but hazy at the horizon. Note: Between 7 & 8 wind very strong to east. Clouds hardly moved but seemed to come from the south. Mr. Preston got home between 7 & 8. H. Leeming grubbed up a dead oak near the workshop: Tom & he cut bark. Gave Kirkby taylor 1s. 6d. for letting out a nankeen waistcoat. A very few drops of rain. Bed 9. <Cut the first cauliflower. Hall (one mower) began in Upper Feet Lands.> <J. Robinson began to mow in the parrock for Fothergill.>

10 July. Rose at ½ past 2. Wind south east. Hazy. No air. Therm' at 3 64. Walked into the fields. Ate strawberries. Gave Mr. Preston a York £5 bank note. Gave huntsman £5.5.0 for Dr Wray's Tithes. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Barometer the same as yesterday. Yesterday evening & this morning wrote 13 advertisements for Burrow farm. Mr. Preston paid for 9 short weight guineas 4s. 6d. – 3 tumblers 2s. 2d. – 2 decanters 5s., basket 4d. <Cows turned to the level.> At 10 Therm' 77. Hazy. At 12 Therm' 78½. Hazy. Wind south east, not brisk. The huntsman paid the Vicar for 3 years tithes including John Mason's composition £4.7.3½. Dinner wing of goose, beans with a little broiled bacon, & peas. At 3 Therm' 79; at 4 76. Ate cherries. Very hot, but hazy & no sun this afternoon; A few drops at 5. Hay led from top of the parrock which was mown on Tuesday. Supper bread & butter, lettuce & buttermilk. At 8 Therm' 71. Barometer not altered today. Therm' 9 70½. Bed 9. Thunder at a great distance both morning & evening. H. Leeming & Tom leading lime & sand for <the cart house.>

11 July. Rose at 2. Wind south east. Much lightning in the night & after I rose. At ½ past 2 rode to Burrow lane end, thence past Cowen bridge, up Leck & down by the Guide Post near Hipping hall, home at 25 min. past 4. Ate white currants & strawberries, but first drank about a gill of buttermilk. Wind pleasant; grass thin & none mown in Leck. Note: Tho' I have of late eaten buttermilk soon after strawberries & this morning mixed other fruit, yet I have neither had griping or looseness. At 8 Therm' 63; at 10 67. No sun. One mower in the Higher Feet Lands; one in the miller's lot; 3 in Tatham's; one in Fothergill's. Ate cherries & got a basket full. Dinner peas & potatoes. At 2 Therm' 75; at 3 73; at 4 72. Note: The first Carnasian<sup>434</sup> blown in the garden. Ate cherries. H. Leeming took a basket of cherries to Mr. Wray's. Gave him 3s. for making his jacket & breeches, & 3s. 6d. for repairing a hat which I gave him, & altering his new waistcoat. Supper bread & butter, buttermilk, lettuce. Therm' at 8 67. Thunder & a small shower near 8. Barometer rises. Wind west. Bed 9.

12 July. Rose at ½ past one. Wind east. Cloudy. Several flashes of lightning before I rose. Walked to J. Davis with advertisements. Began to rain ¼ before 3. Gave H. Leeming 4s. for Raigill coals. Gave Robin Wright of Tunstal £1.1.0. Therm' at 8 69. Mr. Preston came. Ate cherries. Dinner peas, potatoes, cauliflower. He ate pinks, giblet pie & peas. He went home between 2 & 3. Therm' at 12 71½; at 3 78. No rain since 4. H. Leeming got home at one. Sent him for 1s. 6d. ale for Thompson & J. Robinson in the parrock. Therm' at 4 74. Ate cherries. Began to rain ¼ before 5 (soon after a thunder clap) & continued very heavy till 6. Paid huntsman's bill 5s. 2d. Wind south west. Relph had 3 carts of hay in the shower. Supper bread & buttermilk & part of a lettuce. Barometer rather risen. Therm' at 8 68½. Wind south west, no air, very sultry. Many clegs this year. The sun has appeared bloody this evening. No sunshine today but hazy as before. Bed 9.

13 July. Sunday Rose at 3. Wind east south east. Hazy. At ½ past 2 set out to Hornby, back thro' the Holmes; got home at 25 min. past 5. The sun appeared bloody about ½ past 4. Ate strawberries & black currants. At 10 Therm' 73; at 11 75. Wind brisk; barometer the same as yesterday; hazy still in the horizon. Note: Sweet scented pea & lupin in flower. Rooks left this place about 10 days; some came hither this morning. Sent a letter (by Tom) to Mr. Dunn & another to Manfield inclosing a £ 10 bank note <to the latter>. To the former I said James had not wrote, that I had received a letter from Selby – would not answer it till I heard from Mr. Dunn what were his circumstances & character, time enough to let grass. Whether corn to be let in about 3 weeks; whether not suit the tenant best. To the latter I said I hoped to be able to set off tomorrow week. Huntsman gone to

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<sup>434</sup> Carnation.

Warton with advertisement of land letting & William to Burton in Kendal & Haversham with ditto. H. Leeming took the girl to see her relations at Ingleton & brought Mrs. Atkinson back before dinner. Note: Dinner beans, without bacon or butter, an artichoke, the first, & some carrots & potted pinks. Therm' at ½ past 12 76. Wind east. Very brisk. Letter from Mr. Hurd with half of bank notes. Mr. Preston came & drank gin & water & went home. I walked with him to Long-shaw. Supper bread, butter, lettuce, whig. Ate cherries in the afternoon; got a basket & sent 'em into the kitchen. At 8 thermometer 65. Wind east south east, pretty brisk, but still hazy in the horizon. Bed ¼ past 9. Paid Rowland Parker for one day's labour 1s. 2d.

14 July. Rose at ¼ before 3. Wind east. Hazy & fine air. Rode thro' Kirkby, Biggens, crossed Lune, home at 25 min. past 4. Set Thomas & H. Leeming to mow the copy. Ate strawberries. Therm' at 8 67. Breakfast bread, butter, whig. Ate cherries. Dinner peas & potted pinks. At 12 Therm' 75; 1 76; 3 75. Wind east. Brisk. William, Tom & Henry finished the copy. Geo. Willan began to mow with 2 mowers <3 in the afternoon>. Robinson & Hargraves mowing for Fothergill. The miller's mowers finished. Atkinson had 2. Hall leading his hay. Willan & Atkinson finished. Supper bread, butter, lettuce, whig. Brisk wind & hazy all day. Barometer the same. Gave to the mowers in the parrock & H. Leeming 4s. to drink. Bed 9.

15 July. Rose at 3. Wind east. Moon red. Hazy. Rode to Hornby, got back at ½ past 5. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Men breaking out the swaths. Ate cherries. Therm' at 11 76½. Wind east, remarkably strong. Sent a duplicate of taxable servants to Mr. Wilson, Winchmore Hill. Dinner (for the first time) marrow fat peas, cauliflower & potatoes, whig. Therm' at 12 77¼. Wind still very strong: I can scarce stand in the walk; the hay in the copy is carried up as by a whirlwind. Note: Got sweet scented pea & clove gilliflower. Got about 30 Kentish cherries. 2 morello cherries on the south wall were ripe & I watched 'em for some days, but they are gone; others are nearly as ripe but I can't see that any others are gone: Several magpies, the gardener says, were on the wall, but as they would not have distinguished so nicely as to take these only which I wanted to preserve, I must suppose that they did not take them. I wanted to preserve them till fully ripe in order to see the difference between the fruit on the north & south walls. I stopt the people from making hay till between 3 & 4 on account of the violence of the wind. Gave Carradice 7s. for fish & a basket. Tatham led his lot – Fothergill (H. Leeming led one double cart) led his. Hall has finished his mowing. Ate cherries & currants. Mr. Preston came. The wind abated at ½ past 6. Supper lettuce, mint, bread & butter & blue cheese; the last because my teeth were on edge. At 8 Therm' 63. Bed 9.

16 July. Rose at ¼ past 3. Wind east. Hazy. Barometer fallen. Ate strawberries. Breakfast bread & butter & butter-milk. Led hay from the copy. Note: My horses were taken out of it on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Therm' at 10 68; at 11 72. Parson Tatham came. Dinner (he only with me) eels & trouts, beans, hung beef & eggs. I ate of all excepting the trouts. He drank beer & porter, I, water. He went home at a little past 4. This forenoon I sent H. Leeming with a basket of cherries to Miss Pearson. Tom & he began to mow the tofts pasture; Tom was soon called to the hay. The miller has finished his hay leading <in the parrock>. Ate currants, red & white, a few gooseberries & cherries. Note: I saw a wasp, which is the first this year. No wind since 4. The Therm' at 8 65. Supper whig only. I thought I had a cold & therefore avoided eating. Bed 9. Led all the hay from the copy, 3 large which would be 6 common carts.

17 July. Rose at ¼ past 4. Wind south south east. Misling rain, over-cast. Barometer risen. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Note: Grey mare shod. Pigeon house cleaned. Ate cherries. Rained all the forenoon. Dinner pickled trout, potatoes & cabbage. Sent H. Leeming with a basket of cherries to Miss Benson. Fair all the afternoon with a brisk wind. The Therm' has not been above 69 today; at 5 65. Barometer rising pretty fast. Note: Since the rain, indistinct sun, hazy & every appearance as before. Wind south west. No point of the compass or degree of wind dispels the haziness. Ate cherries. Some rooks in the rookery this evening. Ate black, red, & white currants. Supper lettuce & salt & whig. At 8 Therm' 60. Bed ¼ past 9. <Cow bulled.>

18 July. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4. Wind south west. Very hazy. Barometer the same as last night. Ate cherries. Breakfast bread & whig. Rode with J. Davis to Barbon & returned by Kirkby bridge. Home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9. Ate red & white currants. T. Dixon gone about slate. Tom & Harry cutting weeds in the tofts. This morning Harry gathering dungs. Note: Got a mushroom on the level. Therm' at 12 69. Little air. Atkinson leading the remainder of his hay. Geo. Willan leading his. They lead out of Wednesday's great cock. Dinner marrow-fat peas; pickled & baked trout; one of each. Whig. Note: I got 2 mushrooms on the level last year as on this day. Therm' at 1 71; at 2 67. Mr. King & afterwards Mr. Preston came. Began to rain between 4 & 5 & continued till past 8. The gentlemen staid all night. My supper bread & whig. Harry & Tom railed the rib grass near the pigeon coat. Bed 10.

19 July. Rose at 4. Wind west. Overcast. Ate cherries. Breakfast bread, butter, whig. Gave Mr. King £5.5.0. H. Leeming gathering dungs in the pastures. Walked with Mr. King to the farther end of Long-shaw. Ate currants & gooseberries. Therm' at 12 63. Dinner, Mr. Preston with me, leg of mutton boiled, turneps & carrots, slices of bacon & beans. Began to rain at 2. Wind south west, calm. Barometer falling since yesterday noon. Supper a very few cherries. Very heavy rain this evening. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9.

20 July. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3. Wind west south west. Fresh, but cloudy. Ate cherries. Wrote a letter to Mr. Isherwood & sent Tom with it to Hornby. Rode to Newbiggen; got back at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Ate white currants & gooseberries. Breakfast bread & butter & whig. Dinner wing of a goose with marrow fats & 2 potatoes. At one therm' 66. Wind south. Note: A letter from Burges, another from Mrs Saunders: Her husband died on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant. Showery since 11. <Mason's cow bulled.> Heavy rain at 4. Wind south. Barometer fallen. Supper bread, butter, lettuce, whig. At 8 Therm' 64, never at 70 today. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9. Note: Got  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen Morello cherries from the south wall.

21 July. Rose at 3. Wind west south west, cloudy. Barometer greatly fallen. Heavy showers from 4. Breakfast bread & butter & whig. H. Leeming led saw-dust onto the level. Rowland mowing the court. Ate cherries before breakfast. Dinner (Mr. Preston here) peas, cold goose, giblet pie & potted fish: I ate 1 trout & some peas; he goose & peas. He went home at 2. At 2 Therm' 64; at 4 60. Rain at 4, no rain from noon till that time. Note: Got two mushrooms in Gib Holme. Got some kidney beans <the first>. This is Visitation day at Lancaster. The Bishop came past this place at 8 o'clock in a chaise & 4 & two servants on horseback. Supper bread, butter & lettuce. Hazy evening. Bed 9.

22 July. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2. Wind west south west. Cloudy, no rain in the night. Tom & H. Leeming gone to Bentham Moor for slate. I gave them 2s. Rode to Keerstick: Got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Showers between 6 & 7. Barometer risen. Ate cherries. Breakfast. Showers all the forenoon, Dinner French beans, potatoes, pickled trout. Note: The chestnut horse has got gravel in a foot. The Bishop confirms at Kirkby. Therm' at 1 63. Wrote to Manfield. William took the letter to Kirkby. T & H went for slate at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 & got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 2. Letters from Tomlin, Chippendale & Dunn. Ate gooseberries & currants. Remarkable heavy rain from 35 min. past 5 till 6. Supper bread, butter, lettuce, whig. A smart short shower at 20 min. before 8. Bed 9.

23 July. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2. Wind south. Cloudy. H. Leeming & Tom (I gave them 2s.) gone for slate. I set out for Melling at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3. After staying some time with Parson Tatham I returned. Ate cherries. A hedgehog was caught in a cherry net. Breakfast bread & butter & whig. Yesterday I gave a Mal[h]am man 4s. for a perch & a brace of trouts. Sent the perch, 1 trout & 4 cucumbers to Dr Wray. Walked to Kirkby; talked with Messrs Wilson & King. Ate gooseberries, red & white currants. No rain till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11. At 12 Therm' 63. Dinner Mal[h]am trout, peas & beans, whig. Paid J. Davis's bill £1.16.0. Gave him £2.2.0 in all. Paid his wages due last February £7.7.0. Paid Tom's wages due last Whitsuntide 10s. 10d. Paid gardener on account £7.7.0. Ate cherries. Supper lettuce, bread & butter, whig. Fine afternoon, some sun. Bed 9.

24 July. Rose at 10 min. before 4. Wind south south west. Misling rain. The barometer rose yesterday & last night. Breakfast bread, butter, whig. Ate gooseberries. Rained from the time I got up till one, barometer still rising. Dinner goose, cauliflower, peas, artichokes. At 2 wind south west, fair, cloudy.

T. Dixon's cow bulled. Young horse lame; observed 2 days ago. Chestnut mare taken in. Ate currants, morello cherries & gooseberries. Supper bread, butter, lettuce, whig. Barometer rising. Letter from Mr. Butler about Hornby estate. Bed 9.

25 July. Rose at 3. Wind south west. Fair, cloudy, barometer rising. Sent letters to T. Chippendale, Messrs Butler & Isherwood.<sup>435</sup> Set out at 5 min. past 5. J. D. with me <to Sedbergh>. Got to Sedbergh at 38 min. past 7. Breakfast bread & butter & new milk. Set off at 9. Stopt about 20 min. at Wharton Dyke. Got to Kirkby Stephen at ¼ past 12. Cloudy most of the way to Wharton; afterwards pretty clear with much sun. Dinner toast & cold veal pie. <Tasted ale, not good; a little wine & water.> Mr. Alderson was gone to Orton; left word with his son that I should call in about 8 days. Set off at ¼ past 2. Got to the Inn at Barnard Castle at 20 min. past 6. Rode all the way without my great coat; little air, but cloudy & no sun over Stainmore. Sun at Barnard Castle. Very little grass cut, not at the Inn where I am. Supper mutton chop & potatoes; little porter & wine & water. Terrible thunder & lightning here last Monday morning. Bed ¼ past 8.

26 July. Rose at ½ past 4. Set off at 5 min. before 5. Got to West Auckland at 24 min. past 7. Breakfast bread & butter & new milk. No grass cut for 2 miles this side of Barnard Castle. Every sort of grain, turneps & potatoes look very well. Note: Between 6 & 7 I had a stool not in the least tinctured with liquor. 2 men with a large basket of mushrooms at Raby; their first appearance this week. A boy had some at Barnard Castle. I got a few in coming. Sowerby paid me £10. Set off at 20 min. before 9. Got to Chester at ¼ before one. Very warm travelling, but not much sun. Crowds going to the races at Durham. Dinner bad haddock, peas, veal cutlet. Note: I ate 5 mushrooms & a little cucumber. Drank cyder, tasted bottled porter. Set off at 3 min. before 3. Got to Mrs Wilson's at 20 min. before 5. Wrote at Chester to Thomas Dixon; here to Jo. Fenwick & Mr. Jennings. Supper a whiting. Porter & part of a pint of ale. Bed ½ past 8. Note: At 3 o'clock stool the same; berry seeds in it.

27 July. Rose at ½ past 3. Stool altered, a few seeds in it. Fine morning. Wind south west. Off at between 4 & 5. Walked to near the end of the moor. Then Archy Dunn came. Got to Morpeth at 8. The chestnut mare lame in the far forefoot when we came from Newcastle. Shoe taken off at Morpeth. Breakfast bread & butter & milk. Mr. Dunn & I set off between 9 & 10. Began to rain in Morpeth & rained heavily till near Long Horsley. Got to Rimpshire moore <15 miles> at ½ past 12. Dinner cold lamb, boiled leg of ditto with cabbage. Ale & wine. <Left the horses and> went in a chaise to Woller Haugh Head. Drank a little porter. Continued in a chaise to Cornhill thro' a good country mostly with hedges or trees. Supper mutton chops & pickled cucumber. Very heavy showers most of this stage. Bed ½ past 8.

28 July. Rose at ½ past 4. Very foggy. Wind south west. A thunder clap last night when going to bed. Gave at the Bridge 2s. 6d. for 2 gilse's, about 3½ lbs apiece (after might have got 1 of about 6 lbs weight for 1s.) Went to Kilso, returned to Cornhill & dined on a gilse & mutton chops. Ale & bottle of wine. Gave 9d. for 3 lb of Kentish cherries. Breakfast at Kelso toast, butter & milk. Havannah house – Sir Douglas – Duke Roxburgh – Bridge – <old Abbey>. Got to Moore House at ½ past 7 – chaise broke down at the door. No sun all day. Very foggy in the afternoon & night. Supper mutton chops, potatoes & eels & a couple of perch; I ate both the perch & one mutton chop & potatoes: Drank ale, wine & water. Bed 10. Very foggy.

29 July. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind west. Clear. Ate cherries. Set off at a little past 6 on horseback. Mr. Dunn & I parted at Long Framlington, & I came to Felton: got hither at 20 min. past 8. I did not cross Cocquet but came thro' some woods of Mr. Riddle by the riverside. There are some very fine oaks. Breakfast dry toast & butter & bohea tea. Note: The corn is not so forward as I expected at Whittingham. I did not observe any clay soil between Whittingham & Kelso. From Whittingham to

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<sup>435</sup> This entry continues on a new sheet of paper, which Fenwick presumably started when he arrived in Northumberland.

Wooler haugh head there is much hilly ground & some of it very indifferent. Cheviot is to the west & that as well as other hills seem to turn to Cumberland. There is a beautiful hill to the left near F-field. There is some very fine pasture land between Whittingham & Wooler haugh head; quite & flat; Broomwich water goes thro' it. <Hay grounds full of weeds.> From the haugh head there is also fine pasture ground on a flat to Wooler; on the other side is Millfield where there are horse races; it is a light soil & a prodigious quantity of broom grows on it. The surface is not unlike Lincoln heath. On the other side the soil is good especially from <Ford Castle>, Sir John Delavals<sup>436</sup>, including the great farmer Hully<sup>437</sup> & Pallinsburn belonging to Mr. Askew<sup>438</sup>, all the way to Kelso. <At Pallinsburn there were a great many seagulls building in a rushy water, never there before.> The grain is particularly good & forward; in several parts oats & barley will or may properly be cut within a week. Note: There is some barley now cut near Wark castle; first what was mentioned in a newspaper to have been seen in February. The corn is very forward but none cut near Kelso. At Mr. Askew's there were 40 people in one field hoeing turneps; a great many in several other places. Fine crops of turneps & hay in the above district & I had an excellent bed & slept well at Cornwall. This place is famous for a medicinal well. I tasted the water & put some green tea into it, but I could not perceive any particular taste unless it was earthy; & the tea did not alter it. This place is about ½ a mile from the bridge of 7 arches built about 17 years ago. On the other side of the river is Coldstream, a moderate village. 'Tis a pleasant ride all the way (about 11 miles) close by the Tweed to Kelso; tis most of it a country road, & worse for the rain; About 2 hours in going. Kelso has a good market place & is a pretty town. The bridge is fine & has a magnificent view to Sir -- Douglas's<sup>439</sup> & the Duke of Roxburgh's. The latter makes a fine appearance; built about 80 years ago. There is no turnpike road between Whittingham & the Tweed. Neither is there one guide post tho' there are many crossroads & nearly alike in appearance. In Scotland most of the inferior people, especially the younger, go without stockings; some few men with blue bonnets. The women going harvesting are without bonnets & hats, & chiefly without shoes & stockings. They frequently kill sheep off Ribside Moore, weighing about 10 lbs a quarter; we had very good chops of part of one last night: The common is stinted. I left there the remainder of the cherries & the gilse. In Scotland I saw several drilled turneps. The chaise boy said the Scotch could not have turneps nearly so well as the English. Between Wooler & Cornhill is Flodden Field, near the house called Flodden (there is no town of that name) are shown the ramparts -- likewise a monumental stone of the contest between Percy & Douglas.<sup>440</sup> Sick people drink goats whey at Wooler. For some years tobacco was cultivated near Kelso, but now there are no remains of it; the last bad season put an end to it. 'Tis said the tobacco was never good & often the manufacturers of it were guilty of the Excise [*illegible*.] <They all put their hay into pikes: some crowd their gardens with 'em; all afterwards making into stacks.> Dinner (after walking & a few raspberries & currants) bladebone of lamb broiled, & a baked sole. Porter, wine & water. Wrote to T. Dixon & Mr. Dunn. <William came about one on Dunn's horse.> Rode to opposite Barnhill & returned; a few drops. Supper an artichoke & a fine soft roe'd herring. Cyder. Bed 8.

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<sup>436</sup> Sir John Hussey Deval (1728-1808) owned Seaton Deval House and Ford Castle; MP for Berwick upon Tweed, 1754-61, 1765-74, 1780-86. In 1783 he was raised to the Irish peerage and in 1786 to the British peerage under the title of Lord Deval (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>437</sup> The word is very clear but Fenwick might have meant one of the three Culley brothers. Matthew, George and James Culley of Denton near Darlington were in partnership at this time and ran up to nine farms between them. Anne Orde has edited two volumes of their writings: A. Orde, 'Matthew and George Culley: travel journals and letters 1765-1798', *British Academy, Records of Social and Economic History, New Series, vol. 35* (2002) and A. Orde, 'Matthew and George Culley: Farming Letters 1798-1804' *Surtees Society, vol. 210* (2006).

<sup>438</sup> John Askew of Pallinsburn House in Ford esq., the younger son of Dr Askew of Storrs Hall, he was High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1776 (*LFR*, p. 5).

<sup>439</sup> Sir James Douglas (1704-1787) of Kelso; formerly Admiral Douglas; MP for Orkney and Shetland from 1754 to 1768 (*Commons, 1754-1790*).

<sup>440</sup> The Battle of Flodden took place in 1513.

30 July. Rose at 4. Wind west. Set off (after eating red & white currants) 20 min. before 5, & got, trotting pretty briskly, to William Sproat's at 20 min. before 7. Ate bread & butter & cheese & buttermilk. Went to the miller's, R. Sproat, Fenwick's, Nunriding, coal houses. Dined, Willey <Laidland & a person of Newton> with me, on bread, butter, cheese, ale. Rode to Morpeth. Received of Jo. Fenwick £50. James, Captain Davis & Mr. Dunn supped; kidneys, stewed mushrooms. Drank wine. Received Mr. James's accounts & he promised that I should have the off-going crop. Bed 9.

31 July. Rose at ¼ past 5. <Wind north, high.> Walked to the race ground. Ate cherries. Wrote to Felton. Breakfast 2 dishes of tea & bread & butter. Mr. Dunn rode with me to Newbiggen. Walked to Saint Mary's well. Dinner lobster, 2 pilchards & tasted cold ham. Ale, porter. Returned to Morpeth. Supper a pickled herring & the claws of a crab. Porter, wine. Bed 9. <Gave Mr. Dunn 10s. 6d. for servants. Gave Robin 10s. 6d. Note: [damaged] from Newbiggen on the right side of the river. Gave Mr. Pattison for little Frank's schooling & use one guinea.<sup>441</sup> There are some fields of both barley & oats in both roads ready to cut. There is one field of clover not far from Hepscot 18 acres with 50 pikes in it to be sold at £1.1.0 per pike. A pike is generally about ½ a tun & about a moderate one horse cart load. At Newcastle common grass hay sells at 27s. a pike.

## August

1 August. Rose at ½ past 4 <rather misty>. Wind west. Ate cherries. Got to Newcastle at 25 min. past 8. Gave 3s. for a pair & a little sole. Breakfast bun & butter & tea; afterwards a gill of Madeira. Note: Got a London bill for £50, it had a new 1s. stamp. Got to Chester at 25 min. past 12. Dinner cold salmon, peas & bacon; drank cyder & a little ale. No sun before dinner. Wrote to Mr. Dunn. I met the London post on Gateside fell & suppose he would be at Newcastle between 11 & 12. Set off at ½ past 2. Got to West Auckland a little before 7. Supper a sole & chicken. Bottled porter, pint of wine. Gave old Todd 5s. Much troubled with the heartburn this afternoon. No sun today, hazy in the horizon. Sowerby drank rum & water; T. Robinson a little porter. Note: This a rent day with Sir John Eden. Gave the gardener 3s. for apples & plumbs. Bed ½ past 9.

2 August. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind south west. Hazy in the horizon. Set off at 5. Got to Bowes at 20 min. before 9. Three ladies in a chaise & 2 gentlemen with 2 servants on horseback from Liverpool breakfasted here. The same people were at Felton last Monday. In coming I ate plumbs & 2 apples & brown bread. Breakfast tea & a little bread & butter. Off at 10 min. before 10. Got to Brough at 5 min. before one. The chestnut mare was very lame this stage & the weather hot. Dinner boiled fowl, cold tongue & potatoes; pint porter, ditto wine. Pretty much sun, but hazy in the horizon. Sent for Mr. Alderson, he came. Supper a sole. Wine, porter. Mr. Alderson went home. Bed ½ past 9. Letter to Mr. Powel.

3 August. Sunday Rose at ¼ past 4. Wind west south west. Misty. Left William with the mare. Set off at ¼ before 5. Went thro' the park. On the common very misty which occasioned me to lose my way. Got to Sedbergh ¼ before 9. Breakfast bread & butter & milk. Got home at ¼ past 12. Note: I saw 5 stooks in field adjoining to the new bridge at the bottom of Middleton hill. The grain is at least 3 weeks earlier in Northumberland & Scotland than here. Dinner pickled trout & cold lamb pie. Ate a few Morello cherries before dinner. Jimmy Dowker came here on Thursday evening. At 3 Therm' 66. Ate plumbs & gooseberries. Supper French beans & bread, butter & lettuce. Bed ½ past 8. <Left 2 guineas with William for his expences.>

4 August. Rose at 5 much tired. Wind north east. Rain & a high, cold wind. Breakfast bread & butter & whey. At ½ past 8 Therm' 55. Building carthouse & Nick Huggon making spouts for Hornby.

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<sup>441</sup> Pattison was a schoolmaster near Nunriding. Fenwick must have regarded Frank Proat as a promising child for his parents were given money for his clothing. In 1789, Frank joined Fenwick at Burrow Hall where he progressed through the post of footboy, to the responsible role of groom. As Fenwick's health declined so Frank's movements became more circumscribed and in 1793 he asked permission to return to his parents.

Therm' at 12 53. Wind north. Little rain all the forenoon. Barometer fallen. Ate currants & gooseberries. Dinner a small sea trout, bacon & peas. James Dowker fish, hare & peas. Note: Hare excessively bad. He drank about 3 glasses of wine; I, water & I tasted stewed cucumbers. At 4 wind & rain ceased & a warm sun. Ate a few gooseberries. Supper bread & whey. Bed ½ past 7. <Cows turned from pigeon coat fog to the Tofts pasture.>

5 August. Rose at 5. Wind east. Cool. I found yesterday before dinner a pain in my stomach which continued all day & made me go to bed early. I had horrid dreams & waked in a general sweat at 11. Laid awake till 2, dozed after. Huntsman gone to Hornby about black lambs. T. ~~Richardson~~ <Dixon> gone to Burton in Kendal about Claughton farm. Breakfast bread, butter, butter-milk. William got home with the lame mare last night. She was bled this morning. Dinner 2 artichokes & part of a cabbage. Laid down. Ate a few Morellos & gooseberries. Received of the huntsman £1.10.0 for 5 black lambs which he sold to Brotherton of Hornby. Supper bread, butter, mint, lettuce, whey. Bed ¼ before 8.

6 August. Rose at 2. Wind south east. A trifling shower. Rode towards Biggens & returned at about 5. Breakfast bread, butter, whey; before that ate gooseberries, currants & Morellos. Laid down. Herd walling the carthouse; H. Leeming & Robinson leading stones to him from the barn court. Supper after gooseberries, bread & butter, lettuce & mint & whey. Fine day. Bed 8.

7 August. Rose at 4. Wind south west. Fine, great dew & cobwebs. Gave H. Leeming 5s. for 10 bushels of lime. Ate Morellos. Breakfast bread & butter & whey. Between 10 & 11 rode to Melling, an old woman was walking with 2 sticks; she was stout, her hearing & memory good, & said her name was Berry, that she lived at Hutton Roof & was between 90 & 100 years of age; I gave her 1s. Talked with Mr. Tatham. Note: In a field of oats at Melling 12 shearers; but the oats seemed not to be ripe. Dinner pickled trout, French beans, artichokes, lamb pie. James Dowker went home. I gave him a guinea for a horse hire at Kirkby. Gave James Robinson's son 1s. for attending the cows 2 days. J. Robinson at Leck beck; H. Leeming after lime leading, lead sand from Lower Burrow & after dinner gravel to the gate at the bottom of the walk. Thomas Dixon had a letter from Edmondson of Claughton informing that he heard the estate was let to Dr. Parkinson etc. I answered in the negative. Paid Mr. Brayshaw's bill £2.16.6. Ate black currants & gooseberries. Supper lettuce, mint, bread & butter & whey. Fair all day except a few drops for about ½ a min. between 5 & 6. Very little sun. Bed ½ past 8.

8 August. Rose at 10 min. before 3. Wind south west. Rode past Cowenbridge wall head turnpike, Burton, Rairends, home. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. H. Herd & a labourer (as yesterday) at the carthouse. N. Huggon & 2 sons preparing for the same. J. Robinson at Leckbeck; H. Leeming leading gravel for the road to the lane. Parson Tatham came & dined (I ate Morellos & gooseberries both before & after dinner) on calf head hashed, goose & peas. He drank white wine & water, I, whey. Note: I got an apricot & gave it him. Lent William Wilkinson a guinea. Mr. Preston came; he drank gin & water. Supper bread & butter & buttermilk. Very little sun today but some rain before dinner. At 12 Therm' 65. Cool this evening & rain at 8. Bed ½ past 8. Sent a letter to Manfield.

9 August. Rose at ¼ before 4. Wind west. Brisk & cloudy. Gave H. Leeming 4s. for Burton coals <for the cellar> & 2s. & 6d. for coal getters. Wrote to Isherwood about estates at Hornby & sent T. Dixon on my mare with the letter. Breakfast bread, butter, buttermilk. Gave J. Davis snr £2.2.0 to go to Kentmere. N. Huggon & 2 sons cutting fir trees down behind the canal. H. Hird & man walling. Dinner peas, beans, slices of ham, cold goose (Mr. Preston with me) he drank gin & water. Gardener after dinner a tankard of ale, I, whey. At 10 Therm' 61. Rain most of the afternoon & evening. Paid J. Robinson & Rowland 14s. paid for carriage of a parcel by Diligence from Preston 1s. to the post boy 1s. 6d. Supper bread & whey. Rained when I went to bed at ½ past 8.

10 August. Sunday Rose at ¼ before 3. Wind west. Abstracted new Stamp Acts. At 5 Therm' 56. Brisk wind & partly cloudy but fair. Took <infusion of> bark. Ate plumbs. Breakfast bread & whey.

Note: Got an Orleans plumb. Ann gone to the funeral of Wilkinson's daughter.<sup>442</sup> Dinner pickled trout, potatoes & beans, whey. Ate plumbs, gooseberries & cherries. Mr. Bryer came & staid all night. At 4 Therm' 61. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed ¼ before 12.

11 August. Rose at 4. Wind west. Fair, soon a few drops, then clear. Saw Thomas Atkinson but first of all took infusion, cherries. Breakfast bread & whey. Mr. Bryer left me. Ate gooseberries & cherries & plumbs. John Dobson came about the sale of the house & lands at Lower Burrow. Dinner pickled trout & peas, whey. N. & 2 sons, H Herd & man, J. Robinson ill & has been so for 3 or 4 days. H. Leeming leading & breaking stones in the road near the barn. Ate fruit. Supper French beans cold, bread & why. Therm' at 4 62. Bed ½ past 7, pain in my legs.

12 August. Rose at ½ past 2. Wind west. Fair but a few drops at 3. Wrote to Dunn, Sowerby & Powel. John Hargraves, H. Leeming & Tom gone for slate. Harry had 3s. Put on my new leather breeches. Huntsman's horse & chesnut mare put into the little copy. T. Dixon gone to shoot at Claughton. Carradice girl brought some trouts; I met her in the land & gave her 3s. Note: I had the largest trout for dinner, it had large roes; nothing else but bread & butter for dinner. Walked in the road to Casterton & got home at 12. Old Johnson of Masongill came to know whether he was liable to labour on the highways. At 12 Therm' 62. This morning at 5 44. Came Messrs Fenton, Rawlinson & T. Richardson about Claughton farm. Drank wine & water & ale. Mr. Preston & gardener in the evening. Bed 9. <Gave T. Richardson 10s. 6d.>

13 August. Rose at 3. Wind north west. Gave H. Leeming 3s. to go for slates. Breakfast whey. Gave Mr. Preston £1.1.0 for stamps. Dinner, Mr Battersby & Preston here, trout, calf's head, shoulder of mutton. Drank ale & porter. Bryan Townson came. They went home before 7. Bed ¼ past. Gave 5s. for rearing carthouse. J. Davis came home with 3 birds.

14 August. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind north. Fine. Ate 2 apricots. Breakfast bread & whey. Barometer much risen. Ate cherries, plumbs, gooseberries. Dinner the whole of a small moor poult & breast of an old one, potatoes & turneps. Gave Dolly Fawcet £1.1.0. Therm' at 12 66. Much sun this afternoon but haze in the horizon. At plumbs & cherries, bed at ½ past 8.

15 August. Rose at 4. Wind north. Fine harvest day. Breakfast bread & whey. Ate plumbs & cherries. Dinner (J. Davis with me) couple of chickens roasted, cold shoulder of mutton & potatoes. Drank whey. Rode to Hornby. Called on Parson Tatham. Messrs Bryer, J. Davis & Thomas Dixon assisted me. Let the farm for £390, staid all night. Bed 11. <Toft fog mown.>

16 August. Rose at 5. Wind west. Fine. Got home between 6 & 7. Gave to the maids at Hornby £1.1.0, to the hostler 10s. 6d. J. Davis £5.5.0. Dinner cold chicken & pickled trout. Walked to Long Shaw & back. Ate plumbs. At 5, Therm' 69 at 6 ditto, at 7 65. Clear sun all day since 8. No air. Paid N. Huggon £3.3.0 his bill was £2.11.0. H. Leeming had £2.2.0. Shoemaker £7.11.10. Robinson & Parker 14s. Supper cold French beans & whey. Very fine evening. Bed ¼ past 8.

17 August. Sunday Rose at ½ past 3. Wind north west. Clear & calm. At 4 rode (ate 8 plumbs & took infusion of bark) thro' Kirkby, Biggens, Whittington, home. Wrote to Mr. Bryer & Mr. Dodin of Melling. Breakfast bread & butter & whey. Ate an apricot. Leonard & John Tatham came & staid till 12.<sup>443</sup> Dinner salmon (3 & ½d. per lb) & moorgame. Laid down. At ½ past 12 Therm' 74. At 3 75. <Clear> Sun all day. At 5 Therm' 73; at 7 68. Supper cold French beans, bread & buttermilk. Sun all the afternoon & quite close from 5. A letter from Mr. Dunn. Mr. Preston here this afternoon. Bed 9.

18 August. Rose at ¼ past 5. Wind west south west. Very hazy & a great dew. Walked to Lune side. Breakfast bread & whey. Mr Burrow of Newbiggen came; also Mr. Alanson about wood. Parson

<sup>442</sup> Mary Wilkinson of High in Cawood bur. at Melling (*Melling PR*).

<sup>443</sup> Leonard Tatham of West Yeat in Thornton in Lonsdale.

Tatham; Thomas Barker's son, Messrs Isherwood & Ephraim Atkinson about farm & fog.<sup>444</sup> Parson Tatham & Mr Preston dined with me on salmon, breast of veal, cold ham & peas. Parson drank <white wine> water. Mr. P. beer, gin & water; I, water. Therm' at 12 74. At 3 69. At 6 64. Very hazy & sultry. I am not well in my head; tis heavy & confused. No sound sleep last night, but a succession of distressing dreams. Note: Owing I suppose, as once some time ago, to eating salmon at dinner & buttermilk at supper. William Kendal cut & lead wheat this afternoon. Supper whey only. Bed ½ past 8.

19 August. Rose at 4. Wind east. Hazy. Ate one apricot & some cherries, Last night at 9 there was, for about ¼ of a min., fire in the firmanent. It did not dart like common lightning, but vibrated like the Aurora Borealis. I suppose it happened by collision. There was a thick fog at [blank]. The lightning which I have seen this summer has, excepting once, been the same. There have seldom been any thunder clouds but the fire has been from seeming fog. Breakfast bread & butter whey. Holme of Hutton Roof here about his farm. Gave old Poo [sic] 5s. Sun broke out at 10. Then Therm' 71; at 12 76½. Very hot & still hazy to the horizon. Dinner moorcock, a piece of cold veal & French beans. Letter from Manfield. Huntsman went this morning to speak to the takers at Claughton about T. Richardson being their hind. T. Dixon went to Hutton roof about some stones for T. Atkinson's barn floor. Therm' at 4 74 at 6 70. Thunder this afternoon the east at a great distance. Wrote to Mr. Dunn, kept a copy. Led 2 carts of hay & made pikes. Ate plumbs & gooseberries. Got 2 dozen of apricots. Much sun but hazy. Quite close in the evening. Much lightning. Several people at Kirkby, Burrow & Cowenbridge saw the lightning above remarked on. They all say that it came from west to east. That it seemed to be equal in height with trees – that it seemed to be of the size of a football with a long tail to it. Bed ½ past 8. Mr Preston all night. Wind in the afternoon west. At 7 & till bed time south.

20 August. Rose at ¼ before 4. Wind east. Rather hazy. Walked to Lower Burrow. Eat cherries. Breakfast bread & butter & whey. H. Leeming gone with spouts to Hornby. Walked to Lower Burrow to mark oaks & firs in the nursery. Mr Green of Arkholme met me about his signing an arbitration bond. Sun got out at ½ past 9. Broke hay out at 10. Note: Paid London seedsman £2. Gardener gave orders to send the same seeds next year. Therm' at 12 73. Dinner cold veal & beans. Therm' at 3 74. Finished the fog hay. A great part of the bank behind the house had been cut & given to the horses. Led thence one cart (which was all) & one cart from the tofts. & today the remainder of the tofts viz: 3 large carts & a good Westmorland cart. From 7 till past 8 much heavy rain. Note: Thunder & lightning. Supper (but ate fruit in the afternoon) bread & whey. Sent 20 apricots with plumbs to Mr. Birdsworth. Sent for William Wilkinson. Bed ½ past 9. <The thunder & fire from south to north.>

21 August. Rose at ½ past 4. <Wind west south west.> Breakfast bread & whey. Wrote & sent by Mr. Preston a letter to Mr. Carus, kept a copy of it. Yesterday got a greengage the first. The larches to the west I observed yesterday had their leaves turned yellow & shrivelled. Gave Mr. Preston about ½ score of apricots & some plumbs. Note: About 7 o'clock Leck Beck came out this morning. It must be several hours in coming from Leck Fell as I think it was 7 min. in running from the rails to the bridge. Therm' at 12 70; at 2 65. Dinner 2 artichokes, potatoes, whey. At one, 1 clap of thunder & very heavy rain. Ate plumbs. Supper whey. Talked with young J. Davis. Drank some porter this evening. Bed ¼ past 9. <N. Huggon & sons at Hornby.>

22 August. Rose at ¼ before 4. Wind east south east. Cool & pleasant. Took infusion of bark. Breakfast bread & whey. Rode with J. D. to Barbon Fell. got back at ¼ past 10. Ate plumbs. Dinner pickled trout, moorcock, French beans. Huntsman gone to look at sheep. Note: Mare & horse taken in. J. Davis saw the meteor the other night; it seemed as if it would have come close to him; it was not like a ball but a salmon but not so large. It moved from west to south. It seems to have had two directions, first from west to east then to south a little time after it passed Sedbergh there was like a

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<sup>444</sup> There were at least two men of this name living in Lancaster.

pretty long continued thunder clap, which was by some supposed to be occasioned by the explosion. At 2 Therm' 64. Note: Got a rose at the garden lower door ~~which is the last this year~~. Supper <fine> lettuce, mint, bread & butter & whey. Therm' at 7 56. Letters from Messrs Atkinson & Adams. Began to rain at 7. Wind south west. Barometer falling. Bed ¼ past 8.

23 August. Rose at 4. Wind west. Cloudy but fair. Rode to Kirkby & back. Gave H. Leeming 4s. for coals. Breakfast bread & butter milk. Wrote to Mrs Wood of Billericay Mills & to Manfield. Not to write again; I write before journey. Showers. Therm' at 10 51. J. D. & Mr Preston dine on calf head hash, pigeon pie & brace of moorgame. Drank porter. Note: Went to letting at Burrow. Bed 12.

24 August. Rose at 4. Wind west. Thomas Huck came on Widow Turner's account about pew at Ingleton. Mr Green about his dispute. Breakfast whey. No dinner. Sent for Jack Airey & gave him 2 guineas on his brother's account. Order'd H. Leeming to turn Smiler into the lane leading to Cowenbridge. No rain. Bed 7.

25 August. Rose at 6. Wind north. Cloudy. Breakfast whey. Ate plumbs & an apricot. At 10 wind east. Therm' at 12 59. A few drops. Supper whey. Bed 8.

26 August. Rose at 5. Wind north north west. Breakfast whey. Near 7 rode to Chapel in the dale. Got back at 20 min. past 12. Dinner loin of veal & potatoes. Mr. King came. Drank porter & wine. ~~Sent~~ Geo. Benson here. In the evening sent for T. Dixon & Jolly. Bed 11. <Showers in the afternoon.>

27 August. Rose at 5. Wind north. Whey. The young cart horse threw T. Dixon. Sent a letter to G. Benson. Received of John Mason £25.17.0 & by disbursements £11.8.4. Now due last May day rent. Ate plumbs. Therm' at 12 63. Dinner cold veal & excellent peas. Rain a few min. at 4. Thunder several times. Supper whey & lettuce, bread & butter. Note: I was surprised this day to see several blossoms on an apple tree in my orchard. Heavy rain at 8. Bed at ½ past 8.

28 August. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind south east. Fine morning. Ate apricots & a few cherries. Breakfast bread & whey. Rode thro' Casterton, then turned to the right & to the top of Casterton Fell. Came back to the Guide Post & thro' the Gail ground home at ¼ before 10. Dinner cold loin of veal & 2 artichokes. Place, formerly my servant called, I did not see him. Mungo from Sedbergh here.<sup>445</sup> Walked with Bryan Townson (whom I met in the lane) to Tunstall church. Supper cold French beans & whey. Bed 8. Therm' at 12 66.

29 August. Rose at 4. Wind east. Wind very high. Breakfast bread & whey. Gave J. Davis £3.3.0. He drew & brought the lease to Burrow. Rode with him to Barbon, turned back & talked with Dr. Wray; walked a little with Mr. Wilson. Began to rain at about 9. Heavy rain till 12. Note: Christening at Dallam Tower last Tuesday. Ate 2 apricots. Wrote to Mr Dunn & Manfield with £10 bank note. Dinner a bit of cold mutton, potatoes & a lettuce. Geo. Benson & Park of the Hill in Chapel in the Dale came about Bradagarth. Supper bread & buttermilk. Rained heavily all day till I went to bed at ¼ past 8.

30 August. Rose at 4. Wind west. Rain. Breakfast new milk & bread. Mr. Preston came. After him Mr. Dodin about the dispute between Mr. Remington & Mr. Green. Mr. Preston & he dined with me, tripe & fry'd onions, calf head hash & potatoes. Mr. Preston ate both, Mr. Dodin the 2<sup>nd</sup>. I, hash & potatoes. It rained till 2. Afterwards fair all the evening. No flood. Jack Airey brought some fish. Gardener & Thomas Dixon with Mr. Preston & me, the first drank ale, the other 2 gin & water; I, whig. Mr Preston staid all night. Supper bread & butter & lettuce. Bed 9.

31 August. Sunday Rose at 4. Wind north east. Fair & fair night. Wrote to Geo. Benson to let Parker know he was not to have the farm. Breakfast bread & butter milk. Sent Mr. Preston to Tunstall to

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<sup>445</sup> Probably Mungo Gibson of Sedbergh town, innkeeper. The parish register (where he is called Mungo MacGibbons) shows his burial on 30 Sep. 1783, aged 68. In 1744 he had mar. Elizabeth Alderson; she was bur. 4 Feb. 1799, aged 88 (*Sedbergh PR*).

inquire whether they had got a certificate from Kirkby Lonsdale to tell Thomas Batty that they could not remove a wife from her husband & to give 2s. 6d. to Robert Wright. Mr. Preston brought 3 contract stamps 18s. 6d. I gave him a bill for £5.17.0 & 3s. whereof he was to make with <17s. in bills> the bill. 18s. for stamps & the other 2s. for 6 stamps for receipts between £2 & £20 & 3 for ditto above £20. Ate pears & plumbs. Dinner pinks & French beans. Note: A letter from Sowerby. Ate crayfish. Sent T. Dixon with a bottle of wine to Robert Wright. Supper cold cabbage & whey. The day has been hazy in the horizon; much sun in the afternoon. The sunset very red owing as often this summer to the haziness. Bed ¼ before 9.

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1 September. Rose ¼ before 4. Wind north east. Wrote to Mr. Butler of Riddin. Rode thro' Kirkby, Biggins, over Kirkby Bridge home: In riding ate 3 pears. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. John Dobson came about a Certificate from Kirkby. Ate cherries & plumbs. Dinner 2 artichokes & beans. Mr. Jackson Harrison came <I did not see him> just when I had dined & staid till near 4. In the morning I gave orders that I would not see one soul today. Supper bread & butter & lettuce & whey. The day has been warm with sun, but hazy. Bed ½ past 8.

2 September. Rose at 4. Wind east south east. Hazy. Took infusion of bark. Rode to Tunstal & home. Ate 3 pears before I rode. Breakfast bread, butter, buttermilk. Lawrence Lambert & another man came (I suppose about Bradagarth) also Mr. Thornton of near Hornby & his son.<sup>446</sup> I saw none of them. Ate plumbs & cherries. Dinner I ate a whole partridge & some turneps. J. Davis killed a brace & ½ yesterday. Therm' at 12 65. Hazy & dark. Began to rain at ¼ before 2 & rained heavily for 2 hours. Mr. Preston came. Supper bread & butter & lettuce & whey. Bed 9.

3 September. Rose at 4. Wind west south west. Ate pears. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Mr. Preston went to Hornby to enquire about Hilary's paying his purchase money & about sheep.<sup>448</sup> Thomas Dixon went to Barbon to see Roger Sampson & John Batty.<sup>449</sup> Parson Tatham came at 11. Then it began to rain & continued to rain very heavily till 8 o'clock. Dinner Parson & Mr. Preston with me, leg of mutton boiled & turneps & brace of partridges. J. D. killed 1 & ½ brace yesterday. Parson drank white wine & water, Mr. Preston gin & water; I, whey. Parson ate no partridge. Geo. Benson came before dinner but I did not see him. My supper lettuce bread & butter & whey. Parson & Mr. Preston pickled trout & salmon. At 7 there was much thunder & very distinct lightning & very heavy rain. Note: Tis pretty extraordinary considering the weather was very cool; the coolest day, I think this summer, but I did not observe the Therm'. Bed ½ past 8.

4 September. Rose at 4. Wind west, wind high, barometer low. Ate 2 pears. Mr. Tatham went home at 5. Breakfast cocoa & bread. Ate plumbs. Only 1 apple this year in the orchard & it is blown off. Note: Got 33 pickling cucumbers, the last this year. The green gages <are> all ripe. Showers, all the forenoon & a cold wind. At ¼ past 10 Therm' 53; at 12 55. Wind west & high. Dinner a partridge & pears. Ate a little fine honey which John Parkinson gave 5s. for today. Ate 2 pears & some plumbs. No rain but a cool high wind. Supper lettuce very fine, bread & butter, cheese & whey. Bed 8.

5 September. Rose at 4. Wind west. Cloudy & cool. Wrote to Messrs, Bryer, Manfield, Adams & Thomas Atkinson of Kendal. The huntsman took the first 2 letters to the Hornby post. Breakfast honey, bread & buttermilk. Talked with J. D. about a will. Gave huntsman a guinea out of which he was to give 10s. 6d. for a hound. Therm' at 12 near 56. Wind high. Sent H. Leeming this morning for Mrs Atkinson. Dinner turneps & slices of hung beef & a partridge. After dinner Mr. King came, we

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<sup>446</sup> Lawrence Lambert became tenant of Bradagarth.

<sup>448</sup> Hilary Ashton of Hornby had been a servant to Ann Fenwick who left him £20 in her will. In May 1778 (the year after Mrs Fenwick's death) he married Elizabeth the widow of Abraham Horsfall, Excise Officer in Hornby. In 1789 Ashton owned and occupied property in Hornby on which the Land Tax was 5½d. however, on his death in Feb. 1796 he was recorded as a Papist of Overbeck which is in Wray (*Melling PR*; LA, QDL/1789/LS/22).

<sup>449</sup> Roger Sampson of Barbon, died Jan. 1799 aged 81 (*Kirkby Lonsdale PR*).

drank ale & wine & water. Huntsman paid me £3.16.0 which he received of Brotherton for sheep & returned the guinea which he had for the hound. Showers in the afternoon. Bed 8.

6 September. Rose at ¼ past 4. Wind south south east. Rain. Mr. Preston & the huntsman gone to behind Casterton Fell to hunt for the first time. Ate 2 pears. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Rec'd letter from Mr. Bryer which I answered. Mr. Preston & the huntsman stopt at Tom Huck's & got home at 11. Mr. Preston dined with me on breast of veal, boiled hung beef & turneps. Rained fast till 2 without ceasing. At 4 walked to Lune; tis full & rising. Thomas Barker's son here mending chairs. A young man who was from Bolland at Harvest with John Hargreaves died this morning.<sup>450</sup> Note: Ate gages & cherries the last this year. Supper bread & buttermilk. At 5 the wind was excessively high & continued so till <½ past> 8 when I went to bed. No rain from 2 till night. Many slates for several yards were blown off the west end of my horses stable. I could discover that the river was much overflowed by observing Robert Hebblethwaite's grounds over Lune.

7 September. Sunday Rose at ½ past 4. Wind west. High, fair. Mr. Preston & I walked to Lower Burrow. One tree broke off & lying on William Kendal's orchard wall. Two trees shatter'd to pieces in Thomas Atkinson's orchard. One in Woodburn Lane hanging on the park wall. One ash in Mr Jolly's field near the road broke in the middle & carried to a great (about 10 yards) distance. Many boughs off; several trees snapped in the middle. Fence driven down at the bottom of the higher tofts & pales in the deer park. The wind is still boisterous; the barometer higher. All the stook are blown down. Leaves of trees turned black. I tasted some leaves this morning & thought they were saltish. Note: Mr. Preston had £2.2.0 to pay Mr Holmes's bill which is £2.0.0. Ate honey. Mrs. Thornton sent me a plate this morning. Note: Gave Mrs Atkinson £3.3.0. Showers & a high wind. At 12 Therm' 55. Dinner hung beef & peas, & a partridge. Letters from Burges, Blackett about Registry<sup>451</sup>, T. Dowker, Dunn. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed ½ past 8.

8 September. Rose at 3. Wind west. Rain & much in the night. Wrote to Messrs Green of Arkholme, Dunn, Blundell. Ate honey & a little infusion before breakfast. Breakfast bread & butter-milk. Continues (now 8) to rain; high wind. Wrote to Mr. Sowerby. William Wilkinson came & he took the letter for Mr. Green. Rained heavily till this time (10 o'clock) & still continues. Dinner, Mr. Preston here, brace of partridges, cold veal, cabbage & potatoes. Huntsman went with hounds to Hornby & also with the letter to Mr. Blundell & one to Mr. Burges. Heavy rain till 2. Johnson of Tunstal came about poor. Supper bread & butter. Bed ¼ past 9.

9 September. Rose at 4. Wind west south west. Rain but no wind continued to rain till ¼ before 8. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Gave H. Leeming 4s. for coals. Wrote to Ephraim Atkinson about fog, best the letter to be sent on Thursday. Wrote & sent a letter to Mr. Hurd inclosing a £50 bill <No 3966> of August 1<sup>st</sup> 1783, 40 days, Surtees Bardon & Co to Messrs Smith, Payne, Smiths Bankers, London. Ate a few plumbs. Wrote to Mr. Brett to send Douglas's Reports on the Beauties of Methodism to me at Winchmore by the Enfield Diligence. The rain ceased at 11 & the wind got then into the north. Dinner a partridge, mashed potatoes with slices of cold hung beef; whey. N. Huggon putting down a clew for the miller. Harry Leeming prevented going for coals by the rain. Began to rain again at 2 & the wind changed to south west. Printed letter from Mr. Wilson of Hepscoth about Register Office. Got the pears (Jargonelles) on the walk. One slight shower this afternoon. Supper French beans & butter milk. Bed ¼ past 8.

10 September. Rose at 4. Wind north west. Heavy showers in the night. Took bark & a little honey. Gave Robert Wright 5s. Dinner leg of mutton, very fat, boiled with turneps & brace of partridges (J. D. sent 1½ brace yesterday). Drank water. Mr. Preston dined. Note: Paid Ann's bill £2.7.0. She had given Hugh Howarth yesterday 10s. for 24 lbs of honey in the comb. At 3 hail showers. Drank

<sup>450</sup> Probably John Howarth from Grindleton in Mitton parish, Yorks. bur. 8 Sep. 1783 (*Tunstall PR*).

<sup>451</sup> Probably John Erasmus Blackett (1728-1814), four times Mayor of Newcastle.

porter. Used some eye water. Fine afternoon. No supper. Mr. Preston & the gardener with me. Note: Eclipse tonight. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9.

11 September. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 5. Wind south. Rain. Ate honey. Sent a letter for Mr. Taylor of Manchester by Mr. Preston to give to the Hornby post. N. Huggonson is gone with notice for Robin Wright to sign & deliver to the Overseer. Note: Thomas Dixon let the fog of the parrock & Feet Lands to Ephraim Atkinson for £9.9.0. <Till fortnight after Christmas without sheep or horses, pay when took away.> Rain all day. Dinner partridge, an artichoke & peas. Ordered N. Huggon to hang a gate at the Marled Rakes. Rained again before 12. Wind south south west. Box from Northumberland. Supper bread & new milk. Not much rain. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

12 September. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Wind south west. Fair, but much rain in the night; at 10 Lune overflow'd, & a shower. Breakfast (after bark) bread & butter & buttermilk. Ate 3 pears. Showers in the forenoon. Dinner very fine pinks, shoulder of mutton with onions & potatoes. Very slight showers this afternoon, high wind. Wrote to Manfield. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Note: Gave Ann orders to get necessary clothing for Robin Wright's children.

13 September. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 4. Wind west. Breakfast nothing but infusion. Gave Ann 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  guineas for Barker. Set off at 19 min. before 6. Got to Gargrave at 19 min. past 11. A great many showers, some of 'em heavy. Dinner cold roast beef & mashed potatoes; drank a little ale & a pint of wine & water. Ale the same disagreeable effect as in the spring. Off at 10 min. before 2. Got to Otley at 5 min. past 6. No showers after  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 12, but a fine afternoon with pretty much sun. Supper pigeon pie & toasted cheese. Drank a bottle of cyder & a glass of wine & water. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7, not well.

14 September. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind west. Very fine. Off at 20 min. past 5. Got to Ferrybridge, by Kippax at 10 min. past 11. Very fine day. Dinner a little bit of salmon & a roasted rabbit. Drank a pint of porter & a pint of wine & water. Wrote to T. Dixon. Note: Yesterday in a barn going into Otley 3 men were threshing at one stack. Fair here (at Otley) all day. The weather nearly the same as with us, grain much damaged. Clover, second crop, near Leeds spoiled. Much grain to be got from what was the common from Otley. Not much to be got south of Leeds, principally barley; hardly any wheat, but this damaged before led. Vast crops of barley about Kippax, & seemingly not much hurt. Grounds below Skipton & near Frieston much overflowed. Ale of Gargrave made my servant ill & thirsty. I found it strongly narcotic, gave me a thirst with a copper taste, not well, could hardly make water in going to bed. When I got to bed I was uneasy. But had a looseness which made me get up 3 times; after that I was well, for I suppose the poison was thereby discharged. Ate an apple this morning; I brought it from home. Went in a chaise to Doncaster. I stopt at Wentbridge & drank part of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of wine & water; left 2s. 6d., the driver had a pint of ale. Part of a shower; William had the whole of it & it was very heavy. Drank a pint of porter at Doncaster; gave 6d. for a pint of filberts; gave the knife woman 4s. Off in a chaise; got to Bawtry at 6. <William 5 min. after me.> Supper a pigeon. Drank a bottle of cyder & 2 glasses of execrable wine. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Bought  $\frac{1}{2}$  a lb of Pomfret cakes at Ferrybridge.

15 September. Rose at 10 min. before 5. Wind west. Very fine. Off at 10 min. past 5, but walked above a mile. Got over the forest to Tuxford at 20 min. before 9. Breakfast tea & roll & butter. People leading beans. No grain out, good <crops, good> harvest but weather ticklish. Off from Tuxford about 10 min. before 10, walked above a mile. Got to Newark at 35 min. past 12. Very fine ride, no corn out, but I'm told there is much to get in the Fens. Dinner pigeon & beef steak & potatoes. <Part of a pint of wine, just tasted porter.> William set off at about 10 min. past 2. I, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past ditto in a chaise to Grantham. All the vast quantity of beans out. Got a biscuit & one glass of wine in water. Off to Witham in a chaise. Got thither 10 min. before 6. William at 7. Between Coltsworth & Witham Common a large field of hay to get. Supper (in a new room) a broiled fowl with mushrooms, pint of ale & wine. The day very fine. Bed 20 min. past 8.

16 September. Rose at 5. Wind south west. Off at ½ past 5. Walked about a mile. Near the Ram Jam house 2 men mowing; the whole field to be got. Got to Wansford at 12 min. past 9. Breakfast tea & toasted roll & butter. All grain & beans got in without rain before the York races, & excellent crops. Little rain here, the more to the south all the road there has been less rain. In July 3 children at school here were killed by lightning. Off at 10 min. past 10, walked about a mile. Got to Stilton at 10 min. past 12. Some drops of rain in coming & very sultry. “Sir Watts Horton<sup>452</sup> is a most conceited coxcomb. True. Vox P. est vox dei”<sup>453</sup>. Written <on> a shutter in the first parlour on the left hand at the Angel, Stilton. Dinner broiled fowl & mushrooms; tasted porter, drank pint of wine in water. Gave the chambermaid 2s. Crops good & all well housed. Off in a chaise to Huntingdon. <The Fountain.> Ate about 20 oysters; tasted ale & drank ½ a pint of wine. Got to Caxton at ¼ past 6. William soon after me. Mild, small rain all the afternoon which made the roads very good. Supper boiled fowl & slices of bacon; pint of ale, ditto wine in water. Crops all good; finished harvest in August. Bed 9.

17 September. Rose at 5. Wind south west. Very pleasant. Off at ¼ past 5. Walked a good way. The sun rose by my stop watch at 15 min. before 6. Got to Royston at 8. Breakfast roll & butter & tea. Harvest long since got in, very good & no rain. Mr. Mann says yesterday’s rain was very seasonable for turneps.<sup>454</sup> Off at 10 min. past 9. Walked up & down the first hill. Got to Puckeridge at ¼ before 12. Dinner mutton chops & potatoes, pint of ale, ditto wine. Went in a chaise to Waltham Cross; got thither about 20 min. past 4. William had just got in before me. Drank part of a pint of wine in water. Got to Winchmore Hill on horseback at 20 min. past 6. The day has been extremely pleasant & so warm as to make me ride without my surtout. Note: I have observed since I passed Stamford that the oaks are laden with acorns. Bramble berries are much later this year than the last; for last year on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September between Barnby Moor & Doncaster I had a singular pleasure in picking perfect ripe ones. It is commonly understood that barley will fall in its price, that wheat will not be dear nor cheap. The young horse has performed his journey perfectly well. Neither mare or horse ever coughed or was ill on the road. NB. The stages which I have made are the best. When I came from home I had 44 <24> guineas in my pocket. I have now 14 guineas & a ½. It is very remarkable that my 3 watches did not vary, & that during the whole journey no clocks differed from them above 2 min. Bed 9.

18 September. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind east. Walked to my field. Breakfast bread, Pymont & an apple. Horses to grass till noon. Dined at the King’s Head, Enfield, on oysters, a fowl boiled with oyster sauce & slices of bacon (old Fenton with me) tasted porter & drank wine & water. Mr. King had £2.2.0. Gave 4d. for 2 ozs of cream of tartar; gave the barber 1s. 2d. Got home between 2 & 3. Sent William to Mr. Sibley to let him know I should not want a chaise tomorrow as ordered. Took rhubarb & cream of tartar. Note: William had a guinea. Cloudy but no wind. Bed 9.

19 September. Rose at 5. Wind south. Very fine. Set off at ½ past 5 to Moorfields; stopt a little with Mr. Patrick. Got thither at 8 min. past 7. My watch was 5 min. before St Paul’s. Gave 9 ½d. for ¼ lb of S[cottish] Snuff. Got 3 newspapers. Breakfast in Moorfields bread & butter & tea. Called at Mr. King’s bookseller. Dined at Mr. Hurd’s on an excellent beef steak & oyster sauce. Drank pint of wine in water. He paid me the money for the £50 Newcastle note which I sent him. It began to rain at 11 (and now 4) continues. I set off in a chaise 5 min. before 2. Went to see Mr. Wilson’s family. In the meantime Mr. Adams had called. Bed 8. <Fryer bought a melon.>

20 September. Rose at 5. Wind west. Very heavy rain but fine afternoon. Drank some wine & water & took bark. Sent William to London for the mare & 1 lb of Red Bark 12s. 8d. Eye water 1s. 6d.

<sup>452</sup> Sir Watts Horton of Chadderton Hall, Oldham (1753-1811). A brother of Thomas Horton, rector of Whittington, and a member of the Yorkshire Association (NYRO, ZFW 7/2/11/1).

<sup>453</sup> Classical tag meaning “The voice of the people is the voice of god.”

<sup>454</sup> This man appears to be the same as the Mr. Mean of Royston to whom Fenwick makes reference over the next few years.

Letters from Mr. Richmond of Liverpool, & Mr. Bryer; postage 1s. 1d., gave 2s. Mr. Adams came. Bed ½ past 7.

21 September. Sunday Rose at 9, not well. Ate 2 apples; took infusion of bark & rhubarb. Ate a bunch of white grapes which Mrs. Bath gave me. Dinner breast of veal, drank nothing. Laid down. Walked thro' Mr. Mellish's park; thro' Enfield churchyard; past Hobkirk's lands on to the Chase, down by the windmill; thro' the churchyard & by Mr. Mellish's home. This has been a fine day; I have eaten a good many blackberries. In the evening took nitre & water. Bed ¼ past 8.

22 September. Rose at 6. Wind south. The wind very high with rain till 10. Then the wind abated, but the rain continued. Ate an apple, grapes, French plums, melon, bread, & drank cream of tartar whey. Dinner part of breast of veal & a potatoe. Showery. At 4 walked to Mr. Mellish's park, sheltered under a tree there to escape a great shower; but had a shower before I got home. Supper bread & a glass of Pyrmont. Note: I found a load at my stomach & much heat in the head after eating the melon; from belching I knew the melon was the cause. Bed ½ past 8.

23 September. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind south. Cloudy; took a very little infusion of bark. Set off for London about 5 min. before 6. Rain from Newington till I got to Mr. Jennings's. Got 2 newspapers. Went to Botolph Lane; there are no oranges. Breakfast in Moorfields on a little bread & butter. Went to St John's Street, gave 2d. for a pint of Damscines & 4d. for 10 Burgomy pears. Set off at 10. Got home after fine sun all the way at ¼ before 12. Ate the Damscines before I left Town. Dinner ribs of beef roasted with horseradish & a potatoe. Had a trifling stool of hard consistence immediately after dinner. At about ¼ before 2 I walked past Mr. Vaughan's, turned to the right at the windmill; turned down the road next beyond Mr. Hobkirk's grounds & returned home by Mr. Vaughan's. Out about 2 & ½ hours & had 7 loose, black, bilious stools. & never I think after the most violent exercise did I sweat so profusely immediately after each stool more especially. The weather was pretty warm, but not as to occasion the violent sweats. I take stools & sweating were critical & carried off the cause of my disorder. One of the stools (and I suppose the rest) was as bitter as gall. Letters from Mr. Bryer, Thomas Dixon & Mr. Preston. Between 4 & 5 ate cold <boiled> cabbage with salt & vinegar; drank Pyrmont & common water, tasted milk; ate bread. Fine afternoon. Bed ¼ past 8.

24 September. Rose at ½ past 5. Slept ill. Wind west. Not one cloud. Took a little solution & in riding ate 2 Burgomy pears. Set off to the Basing house at 10 min. before 6. The old people left that house yesterday. Breakfast in Moorfields on brick & butter & tea. Called at Miss Forster's near Shoreditch, met Morrice Birkbeck & returned with him to Miss Forster's. Got on horseback at ½ past 10. Got home by Edmonton at 12. Note: Near the Basing house I met young Wolstenholm; he says Berwick's sales are now – their Statute fair tomorrow – The merchant who bought Mr. Parker's house is become a bankrupt – Old Wolstenholm has been with a gentleman about a month at Scarborough: – painting disagreed with the young man.<sup>455</sup> Dinner cold veal & bread pudding. Ate a bunch of grapes. Walked (and ate blackberries) to the King's Head, Enfield (Statute fair there) & thence to the bridge leading to the highway & by the riverside to Mr. Mellish's home. Supper bread, cheese, milk. Sun all the afternoon & no wind. Bed ½ past 8.

25 September. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind I do not see where but suppose as yesterday. Extremely foggy & the fog not quite over at 8. Breakfast bread, warm milk & sugar. Wrote to Messrs Robert Richmond of Liverpool, Bryer, & Carus. Ate 2 apples, ditto pears, & some blackberries. Between 8 & 9 walked just into the Hide & returned. The mist was not quite over till 11 but sun all the forenoon. At 20 min. past 12 walked by Mr. Vaughan's to the King's Head, Enfield, & dined there <at one> on a scallop shell of oysters, & a neck of lamb boiled with turneps & capers. Drank water. Gave Mrs King £1.1.0. Set off at 2 & returned home the same way. Letter from Mr. Dunn; walked 1 ½ hours. Supper bread, cheese, milk & water. Sun & mild all the afternoon. Bed ½ past 8.

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<sup>455</sup> There were two men called Dean Wolstenholme of Waltham Abbey both of whom were landscape painters.

26 September. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6. Wind west. Very foggy. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 (first drinking a little infusion) set off for Moorfields. Breakfast bread, butter, tea. Came home a little before one <12>. Dinner cold beef, bread pudding & a little cabbage. William went to London with a £10 note for Ripley to get accepted, but he did not see him, & left the note with a partner. William went also to Mr. Brett's for  $\frac{1}{4}$  hundred of pens & a quire of gilt paper – he called at Mr. Powels & got home at 2. I ate an apple in going, another in returning. Between 4 & 5 walked to Mr. Mellish's park. At 6 Fryer brought some grapes & planted some winter cabbage. Gave the old man who attended the New River 2s. 6d. for tobacco. Supper old curdled milk & bread. Sun & clear & calm all day after the fog. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

27 September. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Wind north east. Very foggy. Took infusion. Gave William £1.1.0 for meat. Off at 6 to Moorfields. The fog ceased & it became warm when I got thither. Ate grapes & 2 apples in going. Breakfast bread & butter & tea; gave at Bishopgate church for  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb of Scotch snuff 10d., ditto Dutch Rappee 9d. Went to Mr. King's bookseller. Mounted before 10, came thro' Hackney home at 12. Dinner neck of lamb roasted with potatoes & endive. Wrote to Mr. William Albon, Newton Underwood, near Morpeth, & Thomas Dixon.<sup>456</sup> Note: As I have gone so frequently between this place & London, for the future I shall only take notice of the time of setting off. Walked an hour &  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Supper a quart of excellent boniclabber & bread. Sun all day. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

18 September. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Wind north east. No fog but a great dew & a fine air. Breakfast bread, aples, & grapes. Paid Fryer for 7 days work 14s., but I gave the 7s. & also £1.1.0 to buy a pig. Walked about 3 [miles] an hour before breakfast. Between 6 & 7 went thro' the Hide to Mr. Adams's: he came home with me. We walked to Waltham Cross. Mr. Lindsay by appointment met us; the providing [of] dinner was left to Mrs Sibley; leg of pork & turneps, a fowl boiled with bacon & greens, a duck roasted. I ate no duck. Drank ale & wine & water. Mr. Adams & I came in a chaise to Bush Hill; I got out, the chaise carried him home. I got home at 6. Sun & air all day. Bed 9.

29 September. Rose at 6. Wind east. No fog <no cloud> fine air & sun. Breakfast (in riding 2 apples). Sent William to London. Set out between 6 & 7; rode to Palmer's Green; turned up to Southgate; went to the Chace & by Sharp's lodge; turn'd at the windmill to the left & thro' the Chace to Northall common; over Cheshunt come past Mr. Prescott's home. Stopt a few min. with Mr. Sherwen at Bulls Cross. Got home at 5 min. past 11. Bread & bonnyclabber. Dinner boiled sweetbread & cabbage; the sweetbread is not good when boiled. Sun & fine air. William got home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before one. Sent him to Enfield for apples (24 for 6d.) & Mr. Sherwen's book. I walked thro' Mr. Mellish's park & behind Enfield to the new river between the place & the wash, where I washed my feet. Ate some sloes & 3 or 4 haws; I have seen both today in different places, but they are scarce. Got home at 7 min. past 6. Supper bread & boniclabber. No clouds this evening. Sun & a fine air all day. Wind east. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

30 September. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind east. Foggy & continued so till 7. Took infusion. Off at 20 min. before 6. Ate 2 seed biscuits in going. Went to Mr. Jennings's. Thence to Mr. Whitford's. Gave 6d. for a spectacle glass & 1s. 6d. for a case. Went to Mrs Sanders. Paid her bill & for goods standing £5.5.0. Breakfast Moorfields on bread, butter, tea. Mr. Burges £13.13.0. Ordered dinner at Mr. Hurd's, thence went round the Tower; ate 2 apples. Dinner pair of soles & beef steak; tasted porter, part of a pint of wine & water. Got home by Newington Green, road bad, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3. Letter from Mr. Taylor of Manchester. Sent William with my mare to be sho'd. Walked thro' Mr. Mellish's park & back. Supper bread & a quart of boniclabber. Clear sun all day after 7 o'clock. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

## October

1 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 5. No wind but very foggy. Took infusion. Off for Basing house at 22 min. before 6; thick fog all the way. Got 3 newspapers. Breakfast brick, butter, tea. Note: Baker says

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<sup>456</sup> William Albon became another of Fenwick's agents; the relationship was to end in 1786.

wheat is now at 48/— per quarter, & when dearest was at 59. Met & walked with Mr. Birkbeck. Took horse at 10 min. before 10. Foggy till 11 o'clock, then wind west. Ate 2 apples. Dinner cold veal pie. Wrote to Mr. Jo. Lindsay & Mr. Dunn. Note: I think there are the most spider webs that I ever saw; I have taken particular notice of their curious regular webs. The fog by sticking to the underside only of the hat, seems to rise not fall. Yesterday & today a man was mowing fog near the 3 wrestlers.<sup>457</sup> Walked 2 hours in the afternoon. Supper bonyclabber & bread. Bed ¼ past 8.

2 October. Rose at ½ past 4. Wind west. After infusion, set off for the Basing house at ½ past 6. Got 3 newspapers & ¼ lb of Scotch snuff. Called on the breeches maker. Met Mr. Parker in coming out of the Inn yard. Rode thro' Ponder's End, turned up to Enfield, down thro' the wash to Mrs Sibley's where Mr. Lindsay dined with me on a roasted fowl & a duck with potatoes, & a few French beans. <Drank wine & a little ale.> He, being engaged, left me soon. I got home at 5. Bed ¼ past 9. Note: This morning I saw a butcher's boy standing upright on a horse at full trot in Norton Falgate.

3 October. Rose at ¼ before 6. Wind west. No fog. Took infusion. Sent William to London for Clark on shoeing horses, & a pint of oriental, vegetable cordial 10s. 6d. Paid Mrs Morrison a year's rent £25 due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Dinner boiled beef & pea pudding. Walked by the new river below Enfield & home thro' Mr. Mellish's park. Supper bonyclabber only. Bed ¼ past 8. Fine all day but some clouds.

4 October. Rose at 5. Wind south west. Cloudy & like for rain which made me take my surtout. Took infusion. Off for the Basing house at ½ past 6. Some gipsies lying which frightened my mare very much. Breakfast on tea bread & butter. Got 2 newspapers & a magazine 1s. Set off at ½ past 9. Overtook the post; 3 letters viz from Thomas Atkinson, Mr. Bryer & Mr. Richmond of Liverpool. Wrote to T. Dixon & Mr. Bryer. Dinner bread pudding. Ate an apple in going, another in returning. Took an old & new handkerchief & 4 cucumbers. Note: I saw a fine rose at Mr. Gilpin's this afternoon. Walked 3 hours this afternoon. Ate 2 apples & blackberries. Supper brick & bonyclabber. The day has been pleasant, often cloudy, & often sun. Bed 8.

5 October. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind south, brisk, then began to rain & very red in the east. Last night at 8 o'clock, it was quite star light, hardly a light <bit of> cloud to be seen; & no bur near the moon. A little infusion. Breakfast bread & quart of bonyclabber. Fair at 9, wind south west. Walked a little. Dinner shoulder of lamb, potatoes & cabbage. Walked about 2 hours; ate 2 apples. Supper a raw egg & bread & bonyclabber, but not a quart. I thought I had too much in the morning; I was uneasy at my stomach all day & I thought owing to that; the cream was rancid; this evening I took the cream off. No rain but much sun & fine since 9. Wrote to Mrs Sanders & Mr. Brett. Bed 9.

6 October. Rose at ¼ past 5. Wind south west. Cloudy. Sent Friar with Jones's horse & cart for my box, etc, at Mrs Sanders & with Douglas's Reports & a letter to Mr. Brett. He had 5s. Took infusion. Set off for Basing house at 10 min. before 6. Began to rain when I got thither, & continued drizzling till near 11. Got home at 20 before 12. Breakfast in Moorfields on bread, butter & tea. Got 3 newspapers. Left with Burges £15.15.0. Dinner bread pudding & cold lamb. Ate an apple in going to London, another in returning. Young horse shod this morning. Paid Patrick's bill £2.3.7. walked about one & ½ hour. Friar got home between 5 & 6; he could <not> set out sooner on account of the concourse of people at the proclamation.<sup>458</sup> Bed ¼ past 8.

7 October. Rose at ½ past 5. Wind west north west. Took infusion. Mrs Bath had £4.4.0 for herself; 10s. 6d. for Mr. Adams; 3s. 6d. for letters & postman. Off at 25 min. past 6. Got to Puckeridge at 25 min. past 10. Breakfast tea, salt butter & toast; they had no fresh butter. Ate in coming an apple & 2 seed biscuits & 20 blackberries. Off at 25 min. past 11, got to Royston at 23 past one. Dinner cold pigeon pie, cold beef, pint of wine & water, & tasted ale: Mr. Mean drank ale. Off at 25 min. past 3. Got to Caxton at 20 min. before 6. Wrote & sent a letter to Mr. Brett. Supper a fowl boiled with

<sup>457</sup> This sounds like an inn name but the nearest traced is the Wrestlers in Highgate, which still exists (2011).

<sup>458</sup> The Treaty of Versailles ending the American War of Independence.

slices of bacon <pint of wine, ditto of ale>. Note: I saw a swallow which I suppose will be the last this season. Between 5 & 6 a very inconsiderable hail shower. The parish of Royston is nearly bounded by the town. The day (wind west after 8 morning) very fine but cool. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

8 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind west. Very clear & a strong hoar frost. The frost was only under the hedges, etc, which kept off the wind. Walked to the cross turnpike road leading to Cambridge. At the 51 milestone my watch was at 25 min. past 5. The sun rose at 12 past 6. Got to the 59 m stone at 7. A house was burnt this morning at Godmanchester. Got to Stilton at 25 min. past 9. Stopt about 5 min. with Mr. Holmes of Alconbury. Breakfast tea, toast & butter; ate a pear & bread on the road. 53 soldiers ~~here~~ <at the Angel> on their march. My hands & feet have been very cold; tis a keen, sharp west wind with clear sun. Walked to 76 mile stone, then wanted 25 min. of 11. Got to Wansford at 12. Dinner fry'd rabbit & mutton chops, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of wine & some cyder. The post to the south went through this place at 10 min. past 12. I intended to have set off at 2, but the waiter made me stay so long for the bill that it was  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 2 when I set off. Got to Coltsworth at 3 min. before 6. I stopt as usual at the Bull on Witham Common, but could not have a bed there. Note: (It will be prudent in coming from the south to stop at the Bull, in going to the south to stop at Coltsworth.) The day tho' cold has been very fine. Left a letter at Wansford for J. Davis. Supper pigeons & mutton chops. Pint wine & water & cyder. Everything good. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8. <Wrote to Messrs Adams & Lindsay; left the letters with the waiter at Coltsworth.>

9 October. Rose at 5. Wind west north west. Clear & hoar frost. Walked above 1 mile, at the first stone  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Between Coltsworth & Grantham walked down 2 hills. Overtook a Rutlandshire man with a waggon load of wool which he had <been> kept by the grower 7 years. Got to Bennington at 25 min. past 8. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. I set off at 5 min. before 9. Walked past the third milestone. I met several carts & waggons with coals; one waggon with 3 horses had 50 hundreweight; one with 4 horses 47 hundredweight; a cart with two horses 24 hundredweight. (Met the post to the south at a mile north of Grantham.) At Trent bridge I met a drove of sheep from near Kettlewel for a Mr. Barber of Thornhil near Peterborough. Stopt on the road in a heavy sleet hail shower about 10 min. at 132 mile stone. At a mile from Tuxford my mare started greatly at a man's suddenly coming thro' a gate. Got to Tuxford at 5 min. before one. Dinner veal cutlets, cold pigeon pie, pint wine & water. They had no cyder. I walked to the top of the hill. William off at 20 min. before 3. Came over the forest; got to Bawtry at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6. No rain, but cool. Supper mutton chops, cyder & wine; both the liquors extremely bad. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

10 October. Rose at 5. Wind south. Off at about 10 min. past 5. I rode 5 miles before the sun rose. Walked thro' Doncaster, then 7 o'clock. Got to Ferrybridge at 5 min. past 10. Dinner haddock & a pigeon; part of a pint of wine & a little porter, both excellent; they had no cyder. Elliot's horse were expected so I set off soon, viz at 12 min. before 12.<sup>459</sup> Got to Otley at 20 min. past 5. Very pleasant. Supper trout, pigeon pie, wine & cyder. At 2 miles south of Otley corn standing in 2 or 3 fields, & some oats to cut quite green. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

11 October. Rose at 5. Wind south. Very fine. There was a great noise under me last night; there was a sale of land. Off at 5 min. past 5, walked a little. 2 or 3 fields of grain ungot at 3 miles north of Otley; a field near Addingham church; one in which a man is shearing 2 miles north of Skipton to the canal side. Got to the mile stone in Skipton at 35 min. past eight; to Gargrave at 35 past 9. Breakfast bread, butter, milk, cheese. Off at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10; to Settle  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12. Hardly any fog is turned into. Dinner cold roast beef. Mr. Hall came; bottle of wine, pint of ale. They had no cyder. Off at 10 min. past 3. Stopt a little with Revd Mr. Tompson. Got home at 20 min. before 7. Very pleasant warm evening. Supper bread & butter & table beer. Bed 8.

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<sup>459</sup> The 15th Light Regiment of Dragoons were raised in 1759 and named after George Augustus Elliott. Lt. Col. of the 2nd Troop Horse Grenadier Guards.

12 October. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6. Wind east south east. Clear, considerable wind. Wrote to Messrs Manfield, Ripley, Powell. Breakfast bread & butter & cocoa. Sun rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 7. Note: See the difference between this & rising on the journey; partly owing to different climates & partly to the hills. Walked to Kirkby with the letters. Ate 3 pears. Dinner a partridge, potatoes & cabbage. Mrs Dowker is here; she came last ~~Saturday~~ <Thursday> sennight. Supper bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & the gardener with me. Fine day. Bed 8.

13 October. Rose at 6. Wind east. Fine. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Ate 2 pears. Dinner (J. D. & Mr. Preston <and T. Dixon with me>) boiled beef, mutton chops; drank beer. Note: In the evening went to the letting of T. Atkinson's farm. William Kendal the taker at £88 per annum. Drank ale. Bed 11.

14 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Wind north. Remarkably fine. No breakfast but an apple. Walked to Kirkby, very warm. Therm' at 12 58. Dinner (sister with me) fowls, & good pickled trout. Drank beer & porter. Received of John Shepherd £20. Gave J. Davis 4 guineas. H. Leeming 4s. 6d. for coals. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed 8.

15 October. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Walked to the parkhouse to hunt. Returned before 10. Gave Mr. Topham 2 guineas. Parson Tatham & my sister dined. Goose, hot pigeon pie, mutton chops. Mr. Simpson the Exciseman called. Parson went home between 4 & 5. The huntsman brought a hare. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed 8.

16 October. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Gave Mr. Preston 3s. for a goose for himself. Went to Hornby to meet Mr. Bryer. Dinner there goose & mutton chops. Drank porter & wine. Gave Mr. Cragg £1.1.0. Called on Tom Batty to look at the summons for Wright.<sup>460</sup> Talked with young J. D. Bed 10.

17 October. Rose at 6. Wind south west. No breakfast. Gave R. Wright [*illegible*]. Gave Rowland Parker £1.1.0. Betty Garnet ditto. Dinner pickled trout. Paid Ann, Robert Wright's bill, £3.4.0. Bed 7. Mr. King came.

18 October. Rose at 6. Wind ditto. No breakfast. Paid Mr. Dodin £1.11.6. T. Dixon paid me £10.10.0. Gave Robert Wright £1.1.0. Dinner ditto. Bed 8.

19 October. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6. Wind south west. Cow calved. Walked to Kirkby. Dinner (sister with me) leg of mutton roasted, jug'd hare & potted pinks. Mr. Carus came. Yesterday Harry took a cart of coals to Mrs Thornton. Rain this afternoon. Bed 7.

20 October. Rose at 4. Wind east south east. Fair. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Dinner hare, partridges,  $\frac{1}{2}$  calf's head. Rain afternon. Supper cold cabbage. Bed 8.

21 October. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Very fine. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Dinner beef steaks & hashed hare. Men at Hornby yesterday & today. Letter from Mr. Sudell about the purchase of the house etc at Hornby. Also letters from Messrs Richardson, Ripley, Burges & Adams. Note: Tom Batty this morning brought R. Wright's 2 children from Melling to Burrow. Very fine day. Supper lettuce, endive, bread & butter & buttermilk. Bed 8. Ate 1 of Mrs Bath's apples.

22 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Wind south. Small rain. Sent letter to Mr. Bryer at Halsteads. Ate 2 apples. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 rode thro' Cansfield & Burton. Spoke to Robert Burrow, turned to the other road home.<sup>461</sup> Rain & wet thro' <at> one arm. Dinner calf head hash, & a hare roasted, & codlin. Rainy afternoon. Men at Hornby. Ate a pear. Supper endive, lettuce, bread & butter, buttermilk. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 9. <Remarkably light this evening at 7. I could see by the fane where wind tho' no moon, no stars.>

<sup>460</sup> The reference was to Robin Wright who was clearly in financial difficulties.

<sup>461</sup> Probably Robert Burrow of Thornton who had a licence to marry Ellen Thornton of Coldcoates, Ingleton in 1768. Ellen was bur. at Thornton in June 1810 aged 61 when she was described as wife of Robert Burrow of Westhouse, gent. (LMB; *Thornton PR*).

23 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 5. Wind west. Col & pretty brisk air. Gave H. Leeming 4s. for coals. Breakfast bread & butter & cocoa. Ate honey & took infusion. Walked to Lower Burrow. Gave the young woman £2.2.0. Saw Robert Wright <gave him 1s.> & Mr. Simpson exciseman. Dinner pickled trout, potted pink, & turneps. Between 1 & 2 James Dowker & servant came. A trifling shower this afternoon: two men in Leck beck. Supper lettuce, endive, bread & buttermilk. Bed 8.

24 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind west south west. Much rain. Breakfast bread & buttermilk; bad forenoon. Mrs. Dowker had £10. Gave James her son £2.2.0. Dinner (Sister, James, J. Davis, Mr. Preston with me ) buttock of beef, & brace &  $\frac{1}{2}$  partridges. Sister & her son went home at 2 in a chaise. Gave the boy for himself & turnpike 3s. J. Davis, Mr. Preston, Thomas Dixon, & John Parkinson gone to T. Atkinson's sale. After cattle sold, J. Davis went to Sedbergh. Supper ditto. Note: The gardener sat with me. Mr. Preston came from the sale at 8. Some showers in the afternoon. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 9.

25 October. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 5. Wind south west. Showery. Gave John Parkinson £1.1.0 for Kirkby hunt; H. Leeming 4s. for coals. Breakfast bread & butter & cocoa. Ate a large pear. Dinner, Mr. Preston with me, very fine flounders & beef steaks. Mr. Preston paid me what he received of Moorby on sale bill £2.15.8. Gave Mr. Preston 10s. 6d. He went to the hunt. Ned & Newton collecting stones at the old wheat barn. J. Robinson ill. Cragg with a load of malt. Showers this afternoon. T. Dixon gone to Bentham fair. William Clapham came but I did not see him. Supper bread & butter, buttermilk, endive, celeri, lettuce. Bed 8.

26 October. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. Wind north west. Hoar frost. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 Therm' 30. Note: Since my late suppers of lettuces I have slept better than usual. Breakfast bread, butter & cocoa. Wrote to Mr. Burges. Dinner flounder & cold partridge. Mr. Battersby came. I drank porter & wine & water. Bed 12. <Gave T. Thirnbeck £1.1.0.>

27 October. Rose at 6. Wind south west. No breakfast. Mr. Preston here. Dinner fish & partridge. Towers came about arbitration bond; received a letter from Mr. Tom Harrison about Witherslack dispute. Gave Robert Wright a little advice & £1.1.0. J. Robinson £1.1.0. Walked (after notice given to Dobson's housekeeper to quit) with Mr. Jolly to Tunstal. Gave Luke Harrison £1.1.0. Talked with Johnson & Tom Batty about Wright's affair. Tom offered to pay me for Ned Clementson's bill to Jos. Collison. Got home at 6. Hail showers. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7.

28 October. Rose at 7. Wind south west. Ingleburrow white; I suppose with hail. Breakfast cocoa & bread & butter. T. Dixon gone to Bentham about Thornton's affairs. Dinner (Mr. Alderson of Wharton Dyke here) cod, hoffle & partridges. Afterwards for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour Jackson Harrison. Wrote to Tom Harrison. Showery day. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 7.

29 October. Rose at 7. Stormy night. Wind south west. Wind boisterous. Breakfast cocoa, bread & butter. Mr. Preston gone to Lancaster to get a bill for £95. Led hay into the stable. Note: Last Monday morning there was the greatest flood we have had this year. Mr. Edmondson of Claughton was drowned.<sup>462</sup> Yesterday a ram in poor condition was brought from Bolland & copulated with one ewe as soon as he was put to the sheep. Dinner scallop'd cockles, partridge, & tasted parsnips. Ate honey. Mr. Preston got home at 6 with a note for £95. He bought some tamarinds. His expences & all about 3s. 6d., I gave him 10s. 6d. Supper endive, lettuce, celeri, & a little pennyroyal; bread & buttermilk. High wind all day; little rain. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

30 October. Rose at 7. Wind west south west. Several heavy showers in the night. Gave Mr. Preston 2s. 6d. for a goose. H. Leeming 4s. for coals. Breakfast bread, butter, buttermilk. Dinner scallop'd cockles, cabbage, shrimps. Bought a goose 11 lbs weight at 2d. a lb & 2d. over. Beef  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. a lb. Ate honey. Wind high. Ann gone to Kirkby to buy linen for 4 <plain> shirts for me. A very few drops

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<sup>462</sup> John Edmondson of Claughton Hall (LA, QSP 2171/22 dated 1784).

today. Gardener beginning to take nails off the trees. Supper lettuce, endive, bread & butter, buttermilk. Bed ½ past 8.

31 October. Rose at 4. Wind south east. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Note: Sent first parts of Bank Notes for £305 & Worswick's Note for £95, to Mr. Blundell, Woolstenholme Square, Liverpool. Wrote to Mr. Dunn. Hodgson of Farleton, his wife & son came & dined with me on calf head hash & beef steaks. Woodburn of Old Hutton & Garnet of Lyth came.<sup>463</sup> Drank wine & water. Bed 11. Rain in the forenoon.

## November

1 November. Rose at 6. Wind south east. No breakfast. Dinner none. Gave Robert Wright £1.1.0. Mr. Preston, T. Dixon & gardener here in the evening; no supper drank beer. Bed 8.

2 November. Sunday Rose at 7. Wind south east. Very fine. Breakfast cocoa. T. Dixon gone to Edmonson's funeral. H. Leeming gone for Mrs Atkinson. Sent the second parts of the Bank notes to Mr. Blundell. Walked much, very pleasant. At 12 Therm' 55. Dinner leg of mutton boiled, & a very fat goose. Walked. Supper celeri, endive, lettuce, bread & butter & buttermilk. Bed 8.

3 November. Rose at 4. Wind east. Very fine. Wrote a note for T. Dixon. Ate bread & butter. Set out for Northumberland at ½ past 5. Mr. Preston with me; he rode the chestnut horse; Tom the little mare & I the grey mare. Got to Sedbergh at 10 min. past 8. Saw J. Davis. Breakfast bread & butter, cheese & milk. <Set off at 9.> Got to Kirkby Stephen by Wharton Dyke at ¼ past 12. Dinner Mr. Alderson with us, cod & leg of mutton with yellow turneps. They drank ale & rum & water, I ale & wine & water. Off at 25 min. past 2. Got to Barnard Castle at ½ past 6. Supper a fowl & mutton chops. I drank porter & part of a pint of wine in water. Bed 9. The day was pleasant till within a few miles of Stainmore, then a thick disagreeable fog & a little rain all the way to Barnard Castle. I understood there had been a little rain this morning at the last place, & a great deal yesterday.

4 November. Rose at 5. Wind north east. Foggy. Off at 10 min. before 6. Just spoke to Sowerby, got to Bishop Auckland at 10 min. past 9. Breakfast roll & tea. Road very dirty to Staindrop; not so after. At Bishop Auckland they had had no rain. Off at 12 min. past 10; got to Chester at 12 min. before 2. Roads the best all the way that I remember. More hawes near Whitesmocks, first I've seen this year. Dinner mutton chops & s pigeon. Drank part of a pint of wine. I was told at Chester that they had nothing but dry weather since Lammas; butter dear for want of grass; no rain during harvest; flour which was 2s. 8d. now 2s. Off at 20 min. before 4 to Mrs Wilson's at ½ past 5. Foggy all day, worst in the evening. Supper cold lobster & broiled haddocks, both very good; I drank wine & water & porter. Gave for ½ lb of Scotch snuff 6s. 7d. for ditto Rappee 1s. 3d. Bed ¼ before 9.

5 November. Rose at 6. Wind east south east. Slept extremely ill, owing to repeated noise in the house. Off at ½ past 6. Got (without stopping <at Morpeth>) to Felton at 20 min. before one. In coming stopt to look at hounds hunting; to talk with Ralph Sproat; William Laidley who had, & gave me, a leveret; talked with 2 men about price of cattle. Dinner cold goose & stewed giblets. Drank porter, wine & water. Note: Mrs Harrison set some peas today. Left Tom at Morpeth to be here this afternoon. Wrote to Mr. Sowerby. Ate nuts. Mr. Preston drank 2, 2s. gin & water. Supper mutton chops, potatoes, potted hare; I ate hare & potatoes. Mr. Preston & I drank a tankard of ale only. Bed (much tired having eaten only an apple) at 7. This was a kind of fair for cattle & hiring for servants. Cattle sold extremely dear & so they have at all the fairs. A man had bought a heifer rising 3 to calve in May for which he gave £5, I think last year it might have been bought for £3.10.0. Price of steers 3 years old £18, last year £14.

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<sup>463</sup> Possibly John Garnet of Lyth who paid tax on seven windows in 1777 (*WWT* Crosthwaite & Lyth).

6 November. Rose at 5. Wind east. Foggy, rather like rain. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. Dinner a hare & fowl. Drank ale, wine & water. Old Beveridge was with me a little. Paid Mrs Harrison's bill & 2s. each for the servants. Supper mutton chops & potatoes. Bed 8.

7 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6. Wind east, rather brisk. Took a little rhubarb & water. Gave servant 2s. apiece. The boy told me on mounting that the girl said I only gave her 2s., I gave him another shilling for her, & then in a whisper asked me whether they might keep it between 'em. Off at 8 min. before 7. Got by Widdrington, the road very good, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10. The best wheat 42s. a quarter; oats 16s. Barley 9s. our bushel. Near Widdrington at Johnson & Fenwick's about 40 stacks of grain. Ate lobster. I sent Tom hither yesterday afternoon. Dinner cod, flat fish <scaite> goose. Drank wine & water, ale & porter. Saw Jack Robinson. Wrote to Mr. James & William Albon. Supper a little maid. Bed 9. <Gave Mrs Pattison one guinea for Frank's Proat education, etc.> J. Robinson & his wife told me that they had only 2 beds & that 8 of their family had laid only in them.

8 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6. Wind south east. Fine. Walked on the sands. Sent Tom with the letters I wrote yesterday. Breakfast tea, toast & butter, honey. Walked till noon. Saw 12 men & boys leading seaweed playing on the sand at a game they called Club. Dinner sandligger, scaite, a sole, a freshwater flounder. Drank as yesterday. Tom got home at one. This morning he rode the grey mare; this afternoon he went on the little mare to his father's; the other horses put to grass for a few hours. Supper lobster & crab claws. Gave 2s. for a pair of soles. Bed 9.

9 November. Sunday Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6. Walked 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour on the sands. Breakfast tea, toast, honey. Messrs Dunn & Albon came. Mr. Dunn brought a brace of partridges, a tea & wild duck from Willy Laidley. Dinner pair of soles, ling, scaite, breast of veal, teal, pickled pork, pudding. The two gentlemen staid till near 6. Supper lobster, ale. The day has been extremely fine. Jack Robinson a little with me. A man here with hooks & needles from Glostershire.

10 November. Rose at 4. Wind north. Quite overcast, cold & drizzling rain or fog. Ate an apple. Off at a little past 5 thro' Woodhorn; went thro' Morpeth to Nunriding: Ate some nuts at Willy Laidley's. Looked into the garden at Nunriding. Stopt at William Sproats; ate bread, butter, cheese, butter milk, gave 2s. Got to Felton a little before one; missed the way near Stanton. Dinner beef steaks & potatoes, cold cow heel. Drank ale, porter, wine & water. The grey mare shod here. Note: Mrs. Harrison says there was a little snow last night, from another enquiry I doubt this. Supper boiled tripe. Bed 7.

11 November. Rose at 6. Wind north west. A fine morning. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. Paid the bill. Sent Tom to Nunriding <for Taylor's lease> & to stay at his father's all night. Off at 25 min. before 8. Came below Widdrington (at Widdrington a well dressed person on horseback behaved well; got off & opened the lock of a gate for us). Got to Newbiggen at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 11. From the time of riding this seems to be nearer than thro' Acklington. Dinner lobster & crab, a sole, haddock, dab, neck of mutton. Drank as usual. Bed 9. Saw the young man for the Excise & his father.

12 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6. Wind west. Frost, very cold. Breakfast tea, toast & butter. Walked to Cambois & the church twice. Tom got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 & brought a letter from Mr. Sowerby. Dinner cod, lobster & a flat fish & brace of partridges; I ate no partridge. Drank a pint of wine in water. Took a nap in my chair. I have a cold. Walked to the church. Snow on the mountains as I'm informed. Looked over Mr. James's accounts. Supper bread & water. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

13 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Wind north west. Very intensive frost & a cold wind. Breakfast tea, honey, bread & butter. Off at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Walked to Stake ford. Got to Morpeth at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10. Saw Ralph Sproat & Richard Wilson of Thornton. Dinner (the Curate of Long Horsley with us) a fowl boiled, a very fine goose, pigeon pie, & kidneys. Drank ale & wine & water. Supper a potatoes. Much snow this afternoon, & rain in the evening. Bed 20 min. past 9.

14 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Wind north west. Much rain in night. A great looseness. Very cold. Began to snow at 8. Breakfast tea & toast & honey. Walked to the church & up the town. Ralph

Sproat & his nephew came; snow with them  $\frac{1}{2}$  a foot deep. Dinner boiled loin of mutton, giblet pie, & a hare <which Willy Laidley brought>. Drank as before. Supper oysters. Bed 9. Clear day after 10. <Wrote to Dixon.>

15 November. Sunday Rose at 8. [Wind] north east. Snow in the night. Breakfast tea, honey, toast, butter; a glass of warm wine with rhubarb. Willy Laidly brought a woodcock. Dinner neck of mutton, giblet pie & spar rib. Mr. Preston & Tom went to see a colt of Jo. Fenwick's which he mentioned to me this morning. Paid Will Laidly 15s.; Mr. Dunn put 3s. into his pocket. Mr. Wilson of Hepscoth called this morning. Supper potatoes. Bed 9.

16 November. Sunday Rose  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 8. Wind north west. Rain most of the night. Breakfast tea, honey, toast & butter. Sent a letter to Mr. Manfield. Off at 10 min. before 9. Got by Shipish bridge to Newbiggen at 10 min. before 11. Ate 7 oysters. Dinner cod & lobster. Drank wine & water. Bed 9.

17 November. Rose at 7. Wind north west. Breakfast tea & toast. Paid Mrs Pattison's bill £5.5.0 & 2 servants each 5s. Got to Morpeth at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10. Mr. Albon & Jo. Fenwick dined with us on giblet pie & roast beef. Ralph Sproat paid me about £10.10.0. I agreed to give Jo. Fenwick £16 for his colt rising 4. Supper oysters. Bed 9. Gave H. Walton's wife £1.1.0. Saw Mr. James & his crop buyers. Rain in the morning.

18 November. Rose at 7. Off at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Wind north west, very fine. At Nunriding received of Swan & Brewis £25, agreed to pay W. Laidly's rent. Gave an old man 2s. 6d., the hind's wife ditto. Received of William Sproat £15. Miller £6.10.0. Went to Buckshaw & R. Sproat's. Came back to Morpeth by Stanton. Dinner a jugged hare & a goose. Mr. James came in the evening. Bed 9. Paid Mr. Dunn £10.

19 November. Rose at 8. Wind south west. Rain & continued heavy till 3. W. Laidley brought a black heath cock. Agreed with R. Sproat for Lanshaw, at the rent of 100 guineas & he to pay all taxes. Dinner boiled tripe & cod. In the afternoon Messrs Rochester & Annet came. Bed 8. <Note: Gave £1.1.0 to a prisoner (detained some years for £16) to begin a subscription in order to get his discharge.>

20 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Not well. Wind north. Took cream of tartar. Very fine sunny weather. Dinner broth, calf head & appurtenances. Gave Robin 15s. 6d. Each girl 5s. Off at 17 min. before one; got after a pleasant ride to Newcastle at 20 min. before 4. Supper haddock & hot tongue. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

21 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6. Wind north. Fine. Slept well. Got to Chester at 20 min. before 9. Breakfast tea & roll. Took 4 large apples. Off at 20 min. before 10. Got to West Auckland at 2. Dinner cold fowl & beef steaks. Saw Todd & his son-in-law, T. Robinson & Mr. Sowerby. Received letters from Mr. Blundell, Kings speach, & a letter from Miss Wood of Billericay. Note: A great flood last Monday by the melting of snow by the Wear & Tees. Bed 9.

22 November. Rose at 7. Wind north. Sleet in the morning. Walked thro' T. Robinson's grounds. Mr. Sowerby paid me £40. Breakfast bread & water. Off at 5 min. before 9. Got to Barnard Castle at 25 past 11. My mare fell & I over her head. Dinner cod & shoulder of mutton. Off at 35 min. past 1. Got to Brough (after a pleasant day without rain) at 5 min. before 5. Supper fillet of veal & broiled bacon. Drank ale, pint of wine & water. Very fine day but not much sun. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8.

23 November. Sunday Rose at 7. Wind north west. Off at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Got to Sedbergh at 25 past 11. Dinner, J. Davis with us, goose & giblet pie. Drank wine & water. Off at 20 min. before 3. Home at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 5. Supper bread & beer. Fine day. Great flood here last Monday. Sedbergh bridge then taken down by the flood. Bed 10.

24 November. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Wind north. Frost. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Mr. Preston came & dined on salted cod & roasted hare. He went soon after dinner but before that

William Wilkinson & a man came with a petition. Sam Wynn came with a roasting pig. I gave him 10s. 6d. Sent for Robin Wright & gave him £1.1.0. John Hargreaves & Sanders here. Bed 12.

25 November. Rose at 8. Wind south west. Frost. H. Leeming had 1 & ½ guineas to go for 19 hundredweight od candle coal at 1s. 1d. per hundred. Gave James Robinson £1.1.0. Saw William Kendal. Dinner hoffle. Parson Tatham came. Scolded huntsman for not going with cows to Kendal. Bed ½ past 7.

26 November. Rose at ¼ before 8. Wind south west. Moist & misty. Breakfast bread & apples & a pear. Walked about. Carradice brought a basket & some nuts, gave her 2s. Dinner salted cod & jugged hare. Took a little bark. Note: The gardener sowed his first peas. Supper bread & a very little butter, lettuce, endive, celleri, mint. Bed 8.

27 November. Rose at ½ past 7. Wind south west. Hard frost & foggy. Breakfast bread & butter & cocoa. Walked with Thomas Dixon to Kirkby; just called on Mr. King. Parson Tatham & I walked a little in the field next to Kirkby. Spoke to Thomas Richardson; returned & got home 10 min. before 12. Dinner pig's petitoes & hoffle; ate a few shrimps. Gave H. Leeming 4s. to go for coals. Gave the huntsman 2 half guineas, one to be spent at Berry's, the other at Forest's at Hornby hunt tomorrow & Saturday. Fine day. Supper bread & Buttermilk. Bed ½ past 8.

28 November. Rose at 6. Wind south east. No frost. Breakfast meal in warm water (I have a cold). Wrote to Manfield & inclosed £10 Bank note. John Holme came to collect Lord's rents. I told T. Dixon the rents for lands sold ought to be deducted. Robert Wright called. Dinner a very poor pig which Sam Wynn brought; Note: Tho' I ate nothing with it but salt, I felt it till I went to bed. Letter from Burges. Very fine day but I was low spirited. William went this morning with the huntsman & got back about 7 o'clock. They killed a lease & saved a brace. Supper one slice of boiled red beetroot & meal in warm water. Note: There are yet some pinks & gilliflowers in the garden. Bed 10. Wind east.

29 November. Rose at 6. Wind south south east. No frost; rather cloudy. At eight, east. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. walked a little. Mr. Preston came & soon after Mr. Wray. (Mr. Bembridge of Kirkby came but I did not see him.<sup>464</sup>) They dined with me on jugged hare, leg of mutton roasted & the black moor cock. In the afternoon Blades called about the poor of Burrow. Mr. Preston & the gardener sat with me in the evening. Supper warm milk with wheat flour, lettuce, celleri & endive. Very fine day. Huntsman came from Hornby; he only hunted one hare which he killed. Bed ½ past 9.

30 November. Sunday Rose at 8. Wind south. No frost, very pleasant. Breakfast after walking, bread & butter & cocoa. At ¼ before 10 rode to Melling, talked with Parson Tatham & Mr. Dodin. Returned thro' Cansfield to the Wall Head turnpike to enquire about some stones which Samuel Relph had led. The woman had been violently assaulted by a coal leader from Clawthrop hall. Got home at ¼ past 12. The weather uncommonly fine. Dinner part of a woodcock, scallop'd shell of cockles & a few turneps. Note: Last night I slept more, I think, than I have done for several years in one night, tho' I had no fatiguing exercise; I find myself well everywhere excepting in my head where I have a dull pain which <with the sleep> I suppose is owing to the lettuce which I ate last night. In eating it I observed it to be very bitter; probably the watery & other parts are now evaporated & the opiate part yet remains; & I am rather induced to this to be so from the quantity of milky juice now issuing from lettuces. Mr. Preston here all night. He & the gardener sat with me, the latter in high yet sober spirits. Supper bread & flour pottage. Very fine day. Bed ½ past 9.

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<sup>464</sup> Probably George Bainbridge of Kirkby Lonsdale gent., his surname was rendered in the diary under a range of homonyms including Banbridge and Benbridge. He lent money to Fenwick (*UBD*, Kirkby Lonsdale).

## December

1 December. Rose at 5. Wind north west. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Rather reprimanded T. Dixon about Leck beck. At 20 min. before 9 rode on the little mare thro' Kirkby (William on the grey mare) & Hutton Roof to Clawthrop Hall to speak to Widow Airey about her son's misbehaviour to the Turnpike woman. Called on Labrow, but he was not at home. Dr Parkinson was gone to Milthrop. Rode thro' Burton without stopping & came over the common thro' Whittington home. I met the Rector of Whittington near Dalton.<sup>465</sup> When I got home Thomas Richardson was waiting for me. Young Newton & Metcalfe came about Bradagarth; I spoke to the latter. Dinner boiled tripe & a poor breast of our own calf. Mr Banbridge of Kirkby came about his farm in Dent. Mr Preston & the gardener with me in the evening. Supper flour pottage. The day has been very fine. I got to Clawthorpe Hall at 10, came from Burton at 11 & got home at 20 min. past 12. Bed ½ past 8.

2 December. Rose at 6. Wind east south east. Breakfast bread & buttermil. At 20 min. past 8 rod to Wallhead Turnpike & home with Harry Herd. Today the gardener put peas into the ground at 2 & 1 foot, 18 inches & between 8 & 9 inches deep. In returning thro' the Gale ground I gave old Windle of Whittington 5s. Took bark in infusion. Dinner fry'd calf feet, part of a partridge & some potted hare. Ate an apple & a pear, Walked to near Kirkby, met Mr. Preston. Supper bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener with me. Day fine & warm tho' wind nearly east. Bed ½ past 8. Note: Killed a pig.

3 December. Rose at ½ past 6. Wind east south east. Pleasant but cloudy. Little sun for several days. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Gave Towler of Arkholme 2s. 6d.<sup>466</sup> N. Huggon taking down the shed at Leckbeck barn. Beethom of Milnthrop came. Mr. Labrow & his daughter Hodgson dined with me on jugged hare & surloin of beef & Yorkshire pudding. They went away between 2 & 3. Gave Beethom £1.1.0. Mr. Preston, T. Dixon & gardener with me till ¼ past 10. Bed then. Day very fine.

4 December. Rose at 6. Wind south south east. Paid Mr Preston for 22 lbs of honey, 14s. 8d., the pot 4. He had a guinea. Rode to Cantbridge & back by the church. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Parson Tatham called; I walked with him to Kirkby. In returning I gave Tom Thirnbeck 10s. 6d. Dinner spar-rib, snipe & partridge. Paid for a quareter of beef 174 lbs at 3d., 2s. returned, £2.2.6. Supper bread & butter milk. Parson Tatham & J. Davis with me till I went to bed at ¼ past 9.

5 December. Rose at 6. Wind south east. Windy. Conversed with J. D. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. At 20 min. past 8 set off on the little mare, William on the grey, to Witherslack. My little mare came on her knees at the Causeway bridge. Got to Mr Walker's about 2 miles from Whitberrow at 20 min. past 11. Dinner there bread, country cheese, milk. Off at 5 min. past one, got home at 25 min. past 4 but I stopt some minutes with 3 men who were in pursuit of 3 shopbreakers at Ulverstone. Supper bread & butter, honey, buttermilk. Mr. Preston & the gardener with [me] till 8 when I went to bed. Fine day, but rather windy.

6 December. Rose at ½ past 7. Wind south east. Remarkably pleasant. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Gave H. Leeming 4s. to go for coals for T. Dixon. Walked to Lower Burrow. Kidd & Lambert came to T. Dixon about Bradagarth.<sup>467</sup> Dinner flounder & calf head hashed. Geo. Willan came. I walked to T. Dixon's. A little shower. Supper riddle bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener with me till 9 then bed.

7 December. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind south west. Fine. Wrote to Mr. Bryer & Manfield. Sent Tom to Hornby with the letters. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Paid Mr. Preston for letters £2.2.0. H.

<sup>465</sup> Revd Thomas Horton of Whittington was related to the Mason family of Dalton in Kendal through his marriage into the family of the earls of Derby.

<sup>466</sup> A Richard Towler of Cawood (which was included within Arkholme township) had children bap. in May 1777 and Jan. 1784 (*Melling PR*).

<sup>467</sup> The two men took the farm in partnership.

Leeming £4.4.0. Selby for drawers <2 pairs> 5s. 6d. Allowed Home of Dent 7s. for repairs, took no money but gave him a receipt for last Martinmas rent. Dinner boiled tripe, & a bad, large, old hare. Wrote to Messrs Ripley, Adams, Albon, Taylor, Dunn, Tomlin, Bedlington. At 12 cloudy, wind north. Supper broth & bread. Mr. Preston & gardener with me, the latter seemed to have a violent looseness. Bed 8.

8 December. Rose at 5. Wind north. Hoar frost. Breakfast buttermilk, riddle bread & butter. Walked to Lower Burrow; examined Leck beck. Dinner a flounder & a black pudding. The day is cloudy; full moon. Note: John Gibson & Dobson's daughter went yesterday & informed Mrs. Cookson of the Revd Mr. Croft's behaviour to her.<sup>468</sup> Supper bread & broth. Mr. Preston & the gardener with me. Day cloudy but pleasant enough. Bed 8.

9 December. Rose at 5. Wind north east. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Mr. Holmes of Kirkby came at 9 & staid till 12. In the morning I wrote to Messrs Bryer & Newton of Twisleton & sent William with the letters. Dinner a flounder & cold roast beef & potatoes. The day has been very calm & cloudy. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed 8.

10 December. Rose at 5. Wind south west. Fine. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Mr. Bryer came. Dinner boiled fowl, spar rib, brace of woodcocks. Drank beer & wine. Mr. Preston came. Mr. Bryer went to Halsteads. Mr. Preston & gardener with me till 10 when I went to bed.

11 December. Rose at 8. Wind south west. Fine. No breakfast. Dinner scallop'd cockles & cold woodcock. Supper bread & buttermilk. Note: The gardener sowed peas. Fine all day.

12 December. Rose at 7. Wind north west. White frost. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Mr. Redman of Garsbrow & a neighbour came for advice & dined on fine flounders, a hare pie, & round of beef. After dinner Mr. King came. Note: Drank wine & ale which William tapt today. Then came Mr. Walker of Witherslack. They staid all night, gardener with us. Sat up late. After they went to bed I read newspapers. Bed one. A thick fog after 3 o'clock.

13 December. Rose at 7. Wind north west. A little frost. Very foggy all day. Messrs King & Walker left me. No breakfast. Dinner a codling. J. Tatham with verses. Sent for Fothergill. Gave him £1.1.0 for Mr. Place for a sermon to encourage the tradesmen's association at Kirkby; mentioned a subscription for Mr. King. Sent the gardener with 2 guineas, one for John Burtey the other for Battersby. Bed 8.

14 December. Sunday Rose at ½ past 8. Wind north. <Breakfast cocoa.> The wind has been in every quarter today, at last west. The trees all white with a frozen rag; foggy all day. Dinner a partridge & turneps. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed ½ past 8.

15 December. Rose at 6. Wind west. Thick fog; no frost. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Men leading dung to the field under the wood. Note: John Mason sent 7 loads of oats. Dinner pickled pork fowl & greens & the large flounder. No air but a thick fog all day. Note: During the foggy weather the barometer continued as before i.e. above fair. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed ¼ past 9.

16 December. Rose at 5. Wind west. Cloudy but not fogg. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. H. Leeming for coals & sent 2s. 6d. for the colliers. walked to Kirkby Bridge. Dinner boiled old cock with Spanish onion sauce & cold ham. Note: Soon after dinner Messrs Hornby, Horton & Sunderland came; I did not see them. Wrote to Hodgson of Settle for 6 dozen of red port & Mr. Brayshaw for candles. Mr. Pearson apothecary called. Supper bread & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener with me till ½ past 8 when I went to bed. The day fine, rain in the evening.

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<sup>468</sup> Sarah Cookson née Marsden (1726-1791) was aunt to John Marsden and lived with him at Wennington Hall. Scandal was being spread about her relationship with George Wright, a servant with growing power over Marsden. Revd Henry Croft was tutor to John Marsden and became vicar of Gargrave (Garnett, *Marsden's Will*, pp. 25-35, 40-50).

17 December. Rose at 5. Wind north east, brisk, no frost. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Messrs Tatham of Melling, Wilson, Battersby & Preston dined with me on fine flounders, loin of beef, hare pie & brace of partridges. We all drank ale, Mr. Preston excepted. Constantine from Settle called; I agreed for a quarter of beef; he said it was to be 3½d. per lb. I left the agreement to him & the huntsman. Mr. Tatham & Preston staid all night, the gardener with us. Bed ¼ past 9.

18 December. Rose at 5. Wind north east. A fine, calm cloudy morning. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Gave Mr. Preston 10s. 6d. to get 3 carts licenced. Paid 5s. for 2 crabs & 2 lobsters. Walked with Mr. Tatham to Tunstal by the river, he had a crab & lobster. Dinner cockles & cold hare pie. Paid Hornby post's bill 6s. 7d. Gave H. Leeming 1 ½ guineas to go tomorrow to Lancaster for 19 & ½ hundredweight of candle coal; 13½d. per hdwt. A fine day but no sun. The girl went to Ingleton & took the key of the larder with her. Supper bread & buttermilk. J. Davis did not come this evening. Bed 9.

19 December. Rose at ¼ past 5. Wind north east. Cloudy, began to snow a little at 8. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. A little snow several times. At 12 wind south. Wrote to Messrs Tomlin, Dunn, Jennings & Adams. Dinner bad lobster, warm & full of water, & a few cockles. Pretty fine afternoon, no snow. Supper bread & buttermilk. Bed ½ past 8. Note: H. Leeming went out at 3 & got home at 7 min. before 6. He paid for coals & weighing £1.2.5. A bill due to Mr Atkinson £0.6.6. & after all expences brought 8d. home. Three loads of oat from John Mason.

20 December. Rose at ½ past 6. Wind west. Warm breakfast cocoa, bread & butter. Reprimanded T. Dixon a little. Walked to Kirkby & spoke to Mr Holmes about his house which he says Mr. Birdsworth let last night. Met Beethom of Milthrop on the bridge & gave him 3s. to go to dine at Mr. Holmes. Mr. Preston came home with me & dined on flounders & spar-rib. Supper bread & butter & buttermilk. Mr. Preston & gardener with me. Bed ¼ before 9. Very fine day.

21 December. Sunday Rose at 5. Wind south east. A little rain till 8. Breakfast bread & butter & buttermilk. Ate a nonpareil & one of the large apples which was decaying. Dinner leg of mutton roasted (it was brought from market last Thursday fortnight & now perfectly fresh) a Yorkshire pudding & a woodcock. Let Guy the taylor have £3.3.0 to buy cloth. The day calm & fine. Supper bread & buttermilk. Gardener with me in the evening. Note: Account of the India Bill being rejected by the Lords. Bed ½ past 8.

22 December. Rose at 5. Wind south east. Breakfast bread & ~~butter~~ <new> milk. Rode to Kirkby & back. Dinner flounder & jugged hare. Mr. Bryer & Toulmin the dwarf of Ingleton came & dined on jugged hare & partridge. Drank wine & ale & beer. They went to Hornby. J. Davis jnr with me in the evening till 10. Bed 11. Gave 2s. 5d. for a goose.

23 December. Rose at 7. Wind south west, a little frost. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Johnson of Tunstal came about 1 & ½ guinea for Noble formerly of Wraton which he had given to a voter at the last but one general election for Westmorland, which I gave him. Walked to Kirkby to meet Mr. Morrice of Milthrop. Returned & dined on flounder & cold roast beef. Raining afternoon. T. Dixon went about Bradagarth. Gave H. Copeland 10s. 6d. for 9 chickens. Several showers. Note: Paid Constantine of Settle for quarter of beef (at 3½d. per lb) weighing 211 lbs, £3.1.6. Supper bread, buttermilk, 2 hard eggs. News of the change of Ministry. Bed 8. 4s. for coals.

24 December. Rose at 6. Wind west. A shower. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. T. Dixon went to Westhouse about letting Bradagarth. Dinner tripe, an excellent tongue & turneps. Ate a nonpareil & a large apple before dinner. Trifling snow showers till 20 min. before 3. When there was a great snow shower till 5 min. past 3, which continued on the ground. Supper bread & honey & buttermilk. Bed 8. <Note: T. Dixon's whelp broke 3 pains in the garden frame.>

25 December. Rose at 7. Wind east. Frost with a moderately brisk wind. At ½ past 8 Therm' 31. Breakfast bread & buttermilk. Guy brought cloth, viz. 4 ¼ yards for a coat 10s. 6d.; flannel 12 yards 15s. 6d. I gave him 5s. for his trouble. Gave Tom Thirnbeck 9s. for the cloth which he had bought

for a coat & as the cloth which I had bought & intended for him was better than his, I exchanged it with him & gave him 4 yards of flannel for breeches & a waistcoat. Dinner fowl boiled with cold tongue & turneps. Paid huntsman, Mr. Carr & Taylor's bill for himself 12s. 7d. Supper warm milk & flour. Bed  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9. <Began to give hay to the deer & horses below.>

26 December. Rose at 7. Wind north east. Hard frost. At 8 Therm' 31. <Breakfast bread, butter, buttermilk.> Little bits of snow falling all the forenoon. Bryan Townson came about Berry's son. wrote to Burges & J. Davis, sent the letters with Bryan Townson to Kirkby. Sent Tom with a letter to Mr. Carus about Butt Yeats. Dinner cod & spar-rib. Supper bread & buttermilk & couple of raw eggs. Holmes, schoolmaster, came yesterday. He & gardener with me. A cold, frosty, snowy day. Huntsman at Sam Winn's. Gave 10s. 6d. Men leading dung into the parrock. Bed  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8.

27 December. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. Wind north east. Hard frost; moderately brisk wind. Hills very white. At 8 Therm' 27. Men leading firs from near the canal. Wrote to Messrs Bryer & brazier Atkinson; sent to the latter a hare, woodcock & brace of partridges, carriage paid. Gave Towler 2s. 6d. Dinner cold tongue & brocoli. In the afternoon John Dowker & J. Tatham came & staid all night. Note: The former brought a letter from his father to me. Gardener with me in the evening. Bed 10.

28 December. Sunday Rose at 8. Wind north east. Hard frost, no wind. At  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8 Therm' 22. Breakfast water pottage & treacle. Walked with John Hargreaves to look at trees to be felled. Gave T. Thirnbeck's wife 3 yards of flannel. Holmes went to Dent this morning. Dinner boiled fowl, cold tongue, slices of ham, brocoli & spar-rib. J. Dowker dined at Melling. Yesterday cut Mr. Tomlin's cheese. J. Dowker staid all night at Melling. Bed 8.

29 December. Rose at 6. Wind north east. Hard frost. Mr. Ingoldsby came about Butt Yeats. Parson Tatham, his son & J. Dowker dined here on roast beef & giblet pie. Mr. King came in the afternoon & staid all night. Bed 11. Parson went home.

30 December. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Wind north. Hard frost. Mr. King, after a posset, went home. J. Tatham & J. Dowker went to Lancaster. Bryan Townson & Jolly came. Dinner a partridge. T. Dixon & Dodgson came about a will. Bed 7.

31 December. Rose at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8. Hard frost & wind. At 9 Therm' 19. Wind east south east. H. Leeming 4s. for coals. Dinner broth, fowl & ham. Mr. Preston came in the afternoon. Supper bread & 2 raw eggs & buttermilk. A very high <sour> piercing wind all day & extreme hard frost. Bed 9. <H. Leeming says large icicles were at the black horses nostrils before he got to Burton.>