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GENERAL EDITOR'S PREFACE

The second volume of Henry Prescott's diary was originally scheduled as the Record Society's volume for the subscription year 1993. However, after the Society had confirmed its intention to include all Henry's pre-1704 diary entries in addition to the 'main' text covering the period 25 March 1711 to 24 May 1719, it became evident that the very considerable quantity of transcription and editing which this would entail could not be completed within a year of the appearance of the 1992 volume. It was soon clear that the remaining texts, including appendices and substantial indexes, would be between two and three times as lengthy as the average Record Society publication. The Council of the Society therefore decided to publish this material in two volumes. The present volume (the Society's Volume 132) continues the diary from the end of the first published volume of Henry's diary, which appeared as Volume 127 in 1987, to about a fortnight before his death. Entries are intermittent from July to October 1712, and lacking from 19 November 1712 to 15 December 1713, but the coverage is otherwise virtually complete. The third and final volume (Volume 133), due to appear in the first half of 1995, will contain the more fragmentary diary entries for the period *before* that covered in the first two volumes. With the exception of a few entries for 1683, these entries span the years 1689 to 1702. This volume will also contain a letter to Henry from William Fleetwood, bishop of St Asaph, dated 22 April 1710, concerning the continuing controversy over Dr Sacheverell; details of the books which Henry read and the medicines which he took; and the indexes to all three volumes. Volumes 132 and 133 will be issued to those who have subscribed to the Society for 1993 and 1994.

Apart from the addition of the month and year at the head of each page, the format of this volume is the same as that of the first volume. The notes on editorial conventions and abbreviations published in that volume are repeated with some modifications. The pagination of the main text follows on from that of the first volume in anticipation of the publication of indexes covering all three volumes.

Since the death of Brigadier C.P. Prescott in 1979, the original manuscripts of Henry Prescott's diary have been the property of Mr Kenrick Prescott, who is also the owner of the portrait of Henry which was reproduced on the dust jacket of Volume I: ownership of both diary and portrait were erroneously attributed to Miss Jane Prescott in that volume. The Record Society is grateful for Mr Prescott's continuing and constructive support for the publication of these volumes.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

The introduction to Volume I of Henry Prescott's diary provides a survey of his life and career which extends to the period covered by this volume. The main purpose of these additional notes is to highlight Henry's personal response to the most momentous event to affect the north-west of England during these years – the abortive attempt to restore the Stuart dynasty in 1715.

As a High Church Tory who was far more at ease with the 'papists' of Lancashire and Cheshire than with anyone with Whig sympathies, Henry was arguably always a potential Jacobite. Loyalty to the Crown during the reign of Queen Anne evidently presented no problems for him. Far more significantly, however, after Anne died on 1 August 1714, Henry recorded on 4 August that he drank the health of George I. He gave no hint during these early days that there were Tories who still favoured the cause of the exiled 'James III'. His first recorded misgiving about the new reign appeared on 24 September, when he described the political changes which followed in the wake of the Hanoverian succession as 'the great and shocking alterations on the side of the Whigs'. Although these developments were surely predictable, they seem to have taken Henry by surprise. He was particularly disturbed two days later by the news that his friend and benefactor the duke of Ormonde was among Tory lords who had been 'rejected' by the king. However, by 2 January 1715 he was still prepared to be charitable towards the new régime.

'The News has some Glimmering of Better. Lords Anglesey, Rochester continu'd Vice Treasurers of Ireland, Bishop of Bristol, Lord Almoner'.

This spirit of compromise was not to last. As a genuine Jacobite threat took shape, allegiances and prejudices began to harden. As early as 17 December 1714, Henry wrote of 'the whetting swords in the North'. An after-dinner discussion on 3 June 1715 touched on the 'inclination of the Nation to another Revolution'. By 24 June moves were afoot in parliament to impeach the duke of Ormonde for treason, and a month later the duke fled the country. From this point Henry's attitude to the House of Hanover was, at the very least, equivocal. His alternating accounts of rumours and reports of insurrection in Scotland and of government troop movements to counter the threat provide no evidence of which side had his support.

The involvement of north-west England in the rebellion was sudden and dramatic. On 3 November Henry reported that the insurgents were south of Penrith. By 13 November they had been routed at Preston, from which town Henry was soon to receive eye-witness accounts of the carnage. Henry's political stance remained more anti-Whig than pro-Jacobite. On 18 November he wrote of the 'fearfull prospect of the utmost severity (not of the King) but the Whiggs in power

and offices'. However, it was probably the conduct of government troops during the next few months which finally tilted the balance of Henry's allegiance. A foretaste of military oppression was provided in Henry's record dated 20 November of the 'barbarous behaviour of the soldiers in their plunder of the popish Gentlemens Houses, especially Standish'. With the transfer of Jacobite prisoners to Chester Castle, and the virtual imposition of martial law in the city, chronic friction between soldiers and citizens was punctuated by violent incidents. On 4 December Henry wrote of 'the necessities of the prisoners and the severity of the Guards in not permitting charitable exhibitions to bee brought to them'. On the 20th, the Recorder of the city, despite his efforts to appease the military authorities by collaborating in the stopping of donations from reaching the prisoners, was temporarily placed under house arrest after an altercation over the provision of fuel for the Castle guard. A soldier who drank the health of the duke of Ormonde was savagely flogged on three separate days, while another who was bribed to allow two prisoners to escape was summarily shot. By early February 1716, against a background of further executions in the region, 'Fever, Flux & smal pox spread among the prisoners in the Castle'. On 11 February, with fighting still continuing in Scotland, Henry wrote:

'Yet are not Toryes quite cast down, but support themselves with a good Account of Marrs forces'.

By equating 'Tory' with 'Jacobite', Henry was implicitly (perhaps not even fully consciously) according himself the latter designation.

Perhaps slightly paradoxically, Henry's convictions seem to have been strengthened as security in the city and at the Castle was relaxed. On 6 April 1716 'Three Scotch Gentlewomen', probably wives of prisoners,

'drink Tea with us, give particular Accounts of Affairs in Scotland, relate some calamities with cheerfull resignacion, and fresh Hopes of a happy Turn to the Loyal side'.

On 10 June,

'Mrs. Midleton & Mrs. Lloyd come over silently to celebrate this Birth Day of King James 3. The Health is not drunk by name, wee invent the best within the compass of Duty and manners'.

Henry had at last become an avowed Jacobite.

The most significant development in Henry's professional career during the years covered in this volume was his appointment as registrar of the diocese of St Asaph. Doubtless increasingly frustrated by the apparently interminable tenure of Dr Walter Pope as registrar of Chester diocese, Henry was almost indecently prompt in promoting his own cause when he learnt on 30 January 1712 of the death of Mr

Lloyd, registrar at St Asaph. On 1 February Henry canvassed the bishop, William Fleetwood, and on the 12th the latter sent him an encouraging response. On the 16th Henry was formally notified that he would be appointed. Two days later he went to Gresford to meet the chancellor of the diocese, and on 17 March he took possession of his office at St Asaph and his patent was entered in the institution book. The process was completed on 12 May when he took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration and became, in effect, secure in the office for life. This advancement obviously increased Henry's involvement with North Wales, where his second wife's family already lived, and his diary provides valuable evidence of the administration of a diocese for which early eighteenth-century records are scarce.

Welcome though the additional income must have been, it was not comparable with what he would have received from the Chester registry, and when Dr Pope died on 23 June 1714 Henry was once again quick to stake his claim. However, a succession of vested interests prevailed during the remaining five years of Henry's life, and the grant to him in 1717 of the rights of the registry of the archdeaconry of Chester was comparatively small compensation.

An incidental aspect of Henry's accounts of his administrative duties in Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales is the light which the diary throws on travel in the early eighteenth century. Detailed notes of times and mileages provide a particularly valuable basis for the study of the facility with which travellers were able to move about the country. Even a cursory examination offers remarkable evidence of the speed of Henry's progress, and forms a very positive corrective to the traditional view that the quality of the roads in Britain before the Industrial Revolution presented major obstacles to efficient communications. Henry's round journey of over 200 miles to visit his son Jack at Christ Church College, Oxford in September 1711 was evidently a pleasant 'tour' rather than an ordeal.

Henry was unreservedly devoted to his family – his deep affection for his wife 'Suzy' is especially obvious – and records of his administrative affairs continue to be punctuated by notes of domestic matters in this volume. Jack may have failed to make his mark as an Oxford scholar, but his ordination to the priesthood in 1714 and the grant to him of the living of Waverton gave his father considerable satisfaction. Henry's second son Harry appears as a plausible but incorrigible rogue whose disreputable behaviour was a regular source of embarrassment and concern, and whose record of disasters inspires little confidence that he may eventually have made a success of his career as a merchant seaman. Kenrick, Henry's third son, appears here as a youth of fourteen securing a place at Charterhouse School on 18 January 1717. He was eventually to become master of St Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Henry's own faculties were noticeably failing in the later years covered by his diary, and he increasingly found it difficult to carry out his duties to the full. To reach a respectable old age despite years of spectacular alcoholic indulgence was an achievement which can only have betokened a robust constitution. However, this lifestyle seems at last to have begun to take its toll with a vengeance in the winter of 1716/17, when Henry suffered weeks of painful and alarming symptoms. To the troubles of declining health in these last years was added the sadness which Henry felt as more and more people died who had been close to him, including his

long-standing colleague Dean Fogg on 27 February 1718 at the age of eighty-nine. On 23 May 1719 Henry was preparing for a visit to the diocese of St Asaph, although he was again unwell. On 9 June, his seventieth birthday, he died at Wrexham, and his body was brought back to his home town of Upholland for burial. Although Henry was in many respects a typical man of his time, there are frequent suggestions in his diary that he possessed a measure of sensitivity and humanity which set him slightly apart from some of his contemporaries, and perhaps a more genuine devotion than most to the Church which he served.

EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS AND NOTES ON ABBREVIATIONS

Henry Prescott abbreviated the entries in the diary very heavily. The abbreviations which he used when dealing with legal documents have been extended in full, e.g. 'certe' for certificate and 'comm^{on}' for commission, as also his use of 'chell' for chapel and 'admon' for administration. The use of 'cion' for the modern 'tion' has been retained, as well as his use of 'Mrs' to denote 'Messrs' or 'Mistress' according to context.

In order that the modern reader can interpret the entries more easily, some modifications have been made in punctuation, e.g. in order to break down long sentences. Henry's use of upper and lower case has been standardized in the case of proper names where the Christian name appears in lower case, e.g. 'peter'. His peculiar spelling of 'busienes' has been retained.

Henry followed the traditional style of dating the year, e.g. from 25 March 1711 to 24 March 1711/12, which continued to be in use until the calendar was standardized in 1752. However, the new practice of dating from 1 January to 31 December was creeping in at this time, so one finds material dated as, for instance, 1711/12 or 17¹/₂.

General abbreviations include:

cozn. – cousin
Mrs – Messrs or Mrs
S – Susanna/Suzy
Sir H.B. – Sir Henry Bunbury
vidt. – videlicet
10 m or 10 M – 10 miles

Abbreviations of Latin phrases include:

D.G., D.Gr. – Deo Gratia
D.O.M. – Deus Optimus Maximus
D.O.M.G. – Deo Optimo Maximo Gratia
D.O.M.L.E.G.A. – Deo Optimo Maximo Laus Et Gratia [–?–]
D.V. – Deo Volente
Q.B.E. – Quod Bene Eveniat
Q.B.P.Q.E. – [not identified]

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Q.F.E.F.S. – Quod Faustum Et Felix Sit

Q.F.F.E.F.S. – Quod Faustum, Felix Et Fortunatum Sit

Q.F.F.F.Q.S. – Quod Faustum, Felix Fortunatumque Sit

Q.F.F.Q.S. – Quod Faustum Felixque Sit

Editorial abbreviations in footnotes

C.R.O. – Cheshire Record Office

L.D.A. – Leeds District Archives

L.R.O. – Lancashire Record Office

THE DIARY OF HENRY PRESCOTT,

25 MARCH 1711–24 MAY 1719

1711

MARCH 25 Q.F.F.E.F.S. The Church year begins with fairer tho cold weather. I stay therefore at home, till Evening prayers. After, write to my cozn. Parre and to Mr. Vaudrey.

26 About 3 after Noon my sister Jones and I sett out & come to Wrexham about 5, wee call and drink Tea with my cozn. Moreton. I go to Havod y Wern, where I am received kindly. I writ this morning to Mr. Fr. Cholmley.

27 About 9, Wee set out from Wrexham, and come to prayers at Ruabon. In the midle of the Chancel, there is a rais'd Monument of Alabaster finely carv'd upon which, at length, are the Figures of Sir John ap Ellis Eaton & Elizabeth his wife, who as appears by the inscripcion on the Cornish were bury'd (hee particularly) in 1526. Wee dine with Mr. Davies at the Vicarage. I see the MSS. of Mr. Stow which fall vastly short of my expectacion. I give Mr. Davies a Note of my recepcion of them & bring them along with mee. Wee come back to my cozn. Moretons about 6, I come from thence to Havod-y-Wern, about 8.

28 The Fast day. After morning service and a good sermon, on, 'Rent your Hearts and not your Garments &c', by Mr. Price, the Evening Service (a psalm sung) begins and is finisht before the Congregation is dismist which happens about 2. I box up, direct and deliver to the Oxford Carrier for Jack, the imperfect MSS to bee deliver'd to Mr. Hearne. I dine with my cozn. Moreton, after wait on the Ladies at the Mount. Wee mount near 6 and come safe home (D.G.) after 8.

29 At Morning prayers at St. Peters. I apply to read the proceedings of parliament upon the occasional Bill in the Years 1702, 3, 4. After prayers, at the Coffee house, where I see Mr. Byrom and Mr. Griffith of Cleon enter upon Hazard at Dice, I admire & lament the Folly. Guineas are freely lost & most by Mr. Byrom.

30 Good Friday. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon on the Day, which is not so solemnly kept as it ought to bee. I read the rest of the proceedings on the occasional Bill and in Books proper to the day.

31 In a fine brisk morning, I take 4 Turns on roodee. I write to my Cozn. Parr and in his Letter to Mr. Seddon. I draw a Confirmation of a Lay after the pound rate, in Neston Church Book. After prayers I write fully to Jack about Mr. Davie's MSS which on Wednesday I directed to him, by the Oxford Carrier.

APRIL 1 Easter day, sanctissimam coenam participamus.¹ Dr. Fogge has a good sermon on the day. After Evening prayers Lady Bunbury comes to see us.

1 Trans: 'we participate in the most Holy Supper'.

2 A sharp day, I hesitate still on my journey to Lancashire. Mr. J. Wright has a good sermon in the Quire. I receive Eight Licences, Bonds and the Fees, 7^{li}.17^s.4^d, from Mr. Alanson and send him 6 Licences and Bonds de novo by his [?servant]. After prayers I sitt 2 hours with Mr. Whitehall.

3 A cloudy and blowing day. Mr. Aubrey has (in the Quire) a sermon on the resurrection, the elocucion is odd & ingratefull to the Ear, the matter not very entertaining to the sense. I draw the Decree ex parte Boardman contra Dickanson, write and inclose 4 Licences to Mr. Shawe, write to Mr. Cholmley with Lealands 2 vol. and to Mr. Mawd about a Cask expected for the Chancellor of York.

4 I set out about 10 a clock, the weather various. I pass Warrington, call & leave my Letter and 4 Licences at Mr. Shaw's house, come to Winwick about 3, stay near 2 hours with Mr. Crane. I come forward to Holland about 7, stay with Mr. Birchall till 10, then to my warm room at widow Lyons.

5 About 9, in a fair day, I go to Ayrfeild, walk about in the Woods particularly, see some places which give hopes of Springs and order 'em to bee searcht and cleansd. I refresh in excellent Brandy at Ayrfeild, return to Holland about 2. Mr. Birchall and S. Prescott dine with mee. I am teaz'd by Mr. Lows inconsistency and importunity. After dinner wee go to Dichfeilds, where I execute the surrender to Joseph Richardson who pays mee 140^{li} & gives mee Bond for 100^{li} more, Candlemas next. Mr. Birchall, S. Prescott, J. Cross, T. Holland, Jo. Richardson and my self make the company, the strong Ale go's round till 10. I pay the shott 9^s.

6 A dull (after a bright) day. I see the new House for the Curat, pay at my Quarters about 12^s, about 11 go to Winstanley (Mr. Banks and his brother gon to Haydock). I dine with Mrs. Banks, shee tells mee of young Mr. Walmesleys death and of a rigorous behavior usd by Mr. Bowyer to his german Brother. I come (Mr. Holland with mee) to Wigan about 6. My shee Cozn. Holt, tho weake, is cheerfull.

7 I stay here, I receive from John Walmesley 13^{li}.7^s, from Geo. Mollineux and Edward Walmesley 16^{li}.8^s.10^d and from Mary Corless, 4^{li}.7^s, Arrears of the last years rent, in all 34^{li}.2^s.10^d. I pay their charges and give 'em 1^s to drink in Holland. In the Evening at Tootells with Mr. Willis (now Justice), Mr. Bowyer, Lowe, Scott, Howard and Cozn. Holt till 10. Wee see and sit an hour with my cozn.

8 At the Church both before and after noon, tho indisposd. Mr. Birchall preaches. Hee & Mr. Willis dine at my cozn. Holts. In the Evening wee sitt 2 hours with Mr. Bowyer, after in my cozn's chamber and part about 12.

9 About 5, I am surprizd with a sudden call to my cozn's chamber. I find her faln into faintings fitts, from which shee so difficultly recoverd after 2 hours endeavor and consternacion. Mr. Bowyer is calld and has with the rest the recomendatory prayers. I go from Mr. Bowyers about 11 and come to Manchester about 2 where I find the company expecting, wee go to church where Mr. Hulton presents, the Warden inspects and accepts, the Commission and adjourns the Execucion to the Bulls Head. Mr. Roberts exhibits Mr. Bouchers substitution and dissents. I dine about 3. Wittnesses are sworne. I examine only one, Nash (an old man) before 8, relax and to bed about 10.

10 I proceed on the Examinacion about 8. I have a gratefull Account of my Cozn. Holts better state and cheerfulness. I write to my S. and examine 5 wittnesses to day. In the Evening relax with the Churchwardens till 10.

11 I examine the remaining 5 Wittnesses today. In the Evening Dr. Holbrook go's with mee to Mr. Bolton where I find Mr. Markland. Mr. Bolton entertains us with 2 Bottles of good Claret.

12 I draw a Bill of the Charges which the Churchwardens pay, it amounting to 6^{li}:11^s.² I dine at Dr. Holbrooks, after drink Tea at Mr. Pigots, And in the Evening at the Doctors, with Mr. Pigot, Mr. Bolton, Markland till 10.

13 After Tea and Coffee at his House, Dr. Holbrook and I sett out about 11. Wee call at Mr. Valentines in Eccles, and thence to Leigh, where at Mr. Ratcliffs, wee come to a dinner to which Mr. Hilton, a Grocer, the Groom, and Mr. Wards daughter, the Bride, are chiefly invited. Here is mixt company and religion, and Ale excessively strong. Wee proceed after 4, and calling at Ince, I reach Wigan about 6. I find my cozn. Holt more cheerfull.

14 About 10 I sett hence, come to Warrington about 12, pay Mr. Vaudrey on Account of Stamps 40^{li}, come thence about 2 and reach home (D.G.) sosper about 6. I receive a Letter from Mr. Finch, Rector of Wigan.

15 Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Choir, the News not entertaining. In the Evening, Wee at Lady B's take leave with Mr. Bunbury returning for London. I give my sister Jones on Account a Guinea.

16 I write to Mr. Finch, now in Red Lyon Square, about his Commission. I pay Dr. Thane the 25^{li} I borrowd of him, 17th of last Month. I apply to the recollection of the Busienes of my late journey.

17 In a fine morning after prayers and the News, I take 4 Turns on roodee. After, some Busienes and Books. Alderman Wm. Bennett is buryd today. Mr. Townsends eldest daughter meets a severe accident from the stroke of a Horse. In the Even, the Chancellor, Dr. Thane, Mr. Kendrick and I go to the Bear, the wine good, wee drink our Bottles.

18 I write to Mr. Rous of the Commons about Mr. Finch's Commission. A visitacion for the Deaneries of Chester and Wirrall.³ I pay Mr. Massey the Grocer 12^{li}: 17^s in full of Accounts. In the Even with the Warden of Manchester and Mr. Hulton at the White Talbot. I return the MSS to Mr. Davies of Ruabon & write to him by Tho. Payn the Oswestry Carrier, sent to Mr. Wells by Tho. Minshall 6 Licences and Bonds.

19 A wett morning, yet my Suzy and sister Jones go to see my brother Puleston, of late much indisposd, at Havod y Wern. I lend John Savage upon his Note by his daughter 20^{sh}. till May Day. The first and last Court day of this Term, competent Busienes. I examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Gardiani de Bowden contra Frith.⁴ I as Commissioner with Capt. Hurleston, Hulton, & Alderman Ince audit the Churchwardens Accounts for the parish of St. Oswald, wee dine at William Willoughby's, it rains all day.

20 About 10 Wee set out and come to Frodsham Church about 12. I at the Chancellors request this Morning given mee, swear the Church Warden as his

2 C.R.O.: the Consistory Court Act Books are missing between March 1711 and May 1712.

3 C.R.O., Visitation Court Book, EDV1, 1711.

4 The Court Book is lost.

Surrogate, the Busienes here more than ordinary. Mr. Richardson, the Curat, as Surrogate swears Executors &c, wee return before 7, I receive Cujacius safe in 6 vol.

21 I turn Cujacius, and by Comparison with the Catalogus Librorum Bibliothecae Bodleianae conclude it to bee compleat. Apply to Busienes.

22 Mr. Oliver has a sermon in the Quire on (pray without ceasing). The News has That the Emperor dyed on the 17th as the Dauphin on the 14th (N.S.) of the small pox. After Evening prayers my S. and I set out by way of Borrass, come to Cornish about sunsett. I see Mrs. Key, her husbands cancelled Will & his writeings to Night. I write to Mr. Rider at Wigan about Examinacion of the Wittnesses on the Commission on the part of the Corporacion.

23 Mrs. Key sends mee a Guinea. I write to the Chancellor of St. Asaph promising to prevail for our Chancellor's consent to please to come down to Cornish to give Mrs. Key her Oath as Administratrix. Wee come hence about 10, meet Dr. Wyn in the road, hee promises to go to Mrs. Key. Wee come home before 1. After dinner I see the races on roodee. Lord Molineux wins the plate. In the Evening Lady Bunbury & Mrs. Thane come over. I treat with a Bottle of Claret.

24 After the News, to Busienes. I pay Mrs. Plumleys Note 14^{li}:2^s:6^d, for Malt, to Mr. Stevenson, Apothecary 2^{li}:18^s, to Mr. Massey, Linnen draper 1^{li}:19^s. [? Lent] Mr. Fr. Cholmley Codex Canonum Ecclesiae prim[um?] vindicatus. I pay to Wm. Briscoe the Baker 2^{li}:13^s. I receive from Mr. Cottingham, on Mr. Jebbs Account 10^{li} & send him 6 Licences by Dr. Egertons man.

25 St. Marks Day. Wee intend, but because 'tis rainy, do not go to Broxon, to wait on my Lord Bishop who comes thither today. Wee send John with a Letter. I write to my cozn. Parr. I pay the Maids, Betty for a year 2^{li}, Mary, for half a year, 1^{li}:2:6 their wages, read in Cujacius. Give Mr. Harding some things to copy, pay him 5^s on Account. I pay the office rent for one Year ending at Ladyday 6^s:8^d. I pay Mr. Boucher 68^{li} & take in an old Bond (D.G.) of 100^{li}. Writ to Mr. Maurice at Borroughbrigg⁵ and inclosd Copies of the Will & Inventory of Mr. Nic. Yates for which I desire him to pay to Mr. Anthony Close, for mee, 10^s:4^d. Mrs. Lewis and her brother Mr. Conway are here late with my sister Jones about the 100^{li} Debt.

26 I write to Jack, pay my sister Jones upon further Account of Interest 2 Guineas. I equip for my journey. My Suzy gos to Broxon. I sett out about 2, come to Warrington about 6, the weather rainy, about. Sir Hen. Hoghton and his Lady come to the same Inn.

27 I step hence after the News, about 7, meet Mr. Rider beyond the Bridg, in Ashton. I come to Wigan before 10. After prayers the Commission on Mr. Finche's part is opend, several Wittnesses producd, the ulterior Execucion is adjourned to Richard Tootels, the Cross Keys. After dinner with great aversion, I begin the Examinacion in presence of the Commissioners on both sides. I examine only 3 before the Sun sett. I lodg at my Cozn. Holts.

28 About 8, I begin and examine 8 wittnesses today. Mr. Sudel and Mr. Peploe interpose especially in Pembertons deposicion, the word Rebellion which they question as improper to the late Rebellious times in England is occasion of some difference in the Examinacion, and in mee, of too impotent passion, the Busienes ends about 8.

29 The weather pretty cool. Mr. Jas. Banks, one of the Commissioners, preaches twice today, good sermons.

30 About the same hour (8) I return to the Examinacion and (D. Gr.) with Facility, dispatch 12. My Suzy comes tho in rain from Chester to see my cozn. Holt, shee transports mee with Account That Mr. Davies has met with Lelands Itinerary and will send it to mee.

MAY 1 I examine only 2 Wittnesses today. I draw the Certificate which is sign'd by the Commissioners, the Commission is clos'd and superscribd. Mr. Walmsley's Body attended mostly by Roman Catholicks pass about 2 a clock for Chorley.

2 Solace for the most part at my cozn. Holts today. In the Evening My Cozn. Holt, Mr. Holland and I go to drink our pints at the Eagle and Child, my cozn. Alderman Markland comes to us about 9. On this occasion wee fall into innocent Frolick and draw the spareing man into time & mony, wee drink 11 pints and part not till the sun rise and light us home at 4.

3 Indispos'd, ly till Noon, the rest is pain and repentance, and Caucion not to relaps.

4 Not yet recoverd the Frolick. In the Evening, my cozn. Holt, Mr. Holland and I drink our pints at Tootells.

5 About 10, my Suzy setts out for Chester. I go for Manchester where I come to dinner, after which competent busienes. In the Evening, I am at Dr. Holbrooks till 8.

6 At the Church where Mr. Rishton son of Mr. Rishton of Antley preaches both Fore & after Noon. I visit Mr. Pigot, In the Evening Mr. Pigot, Bolton, Shrigley, Roberts and myself, are generously entertaint by Dr. Holbrook, with good Ale and Lobsters. Here from 5 till 10 wee are kept prisoners by a dreadfull & continual Storm of thunder, Rain and Lightning.

7 After Tea at Dr. Holbrooks wee set out and come, in a fair day, to Bolton about 12. Here after dinner, I drink some potts of Ale with Dr. Grundy and my cozn. John Prescott. Wee come to Blackburn, my Horse pressing unusually forward, about 7, Mr. Hulme entertains us, at a full good supper and with good Ale, After urges to mee a pint of wine. I write to my Suzy, which brings mee late to bed.

8 I am extremely indispos'd from the supper. After noon, examine 5 Wittnesses ex parte Gardiani de Whaley contra Salisbury. In the Evening however drink a free pott over agreeable discourse, with Mr. Rishton of Antley.

9 After a visit of Mr. Feilding, sett hence, and come to Chorley about 12. Here is small busienes, but hott salt Ale. Wee come to Wigan about 7. I find my cozn. Holt not so cheerful as I left her. I meet with Letters from my S. & Jack.

10 Holy Thursday, a Fair day comically kept by the Younger sort. Our company is join'd by my cozn. Robert Holt of Shevington and others at Tootells, drink a free glass of Tootels Ale.

11 A visitacion of the E. part of this Deanry. The Busienes is considerable and something memorable from the Churchwardens of Warrington, their presentment of a scandalous Libel against the Church and Court, fixt on the Church porch, by Peter Slaynhead. John Cross pays mee the Arrears of Whitley Hall Rent 1:13:7½ and for the Shop 5s. In the Evening my cozn. Holt, Mr. Holland and I stay late with Mr. Bowyer and his good Wine. Mr Holland gives mee his Note for the full Charges of Mr. Finches Commission 12^{li}:3^s:3^d.

12 Indisposd from the late Wine, I determin for Chester (not Ormskirk). I pay my cozn. Holt for Interest, 12^{li}. I receive from Tho. Rigby for Dr. Stratford, 4^{li}:7^s:6. And from the Syndic for examining 8 Wittnesses on Interrogatory 1^{li}. I set hence about 12, come to Mr. Vaudreys in Warrington past 2, stay with him, Mr. Banks and Alanson freely till 5. Here I am teaz'd with Slyneheads scandal and importunity to indict him. At my Inn, I meet with Ja. Peake and other Relaciones to my Lord, this occasions 3 pints of white wine & an hour. I set hence about 6, and come home (D.G.) safe about 10.

13 After the Fatigue, I stay at home today. Mr. Wright Sub Dean dies about 5 in the Evening.

14 About 10, my Suzy and I sett out and come to Broxon about 12, wee are generously received. My Lord tells mee his design to make Mr. Oliver prebendary and to collate Mr. Bann to the new Church of Manchester. No stranger at dinner. After which a Divercion is promoted to go to the top of the Maiden Towr, which is performed by my Lord and his company. At 7 wee set back (Mr. Addenbrook bringing us cheerfully to Handley Church) and come well home (D.G.) at 9.

15 I acquaint Mr. Oliver with my Lords design, wait on Mr. Chancellor and acquaint with Slynheads scandal and the matter of the Sequestracion of Bury. I (for Sir Hen. Bunbury) attend at his house & the Church at the Christening of his daughter Elizabeth. Mr. Robert Bunbury Godfather, my Cozn. Moreton & my Suzy being Godmothers.

16 I write to my cozn. Parre. After prayers invited, I go to Mr. Wrights Funeral which is at 6 in his Church of St. Mary. After that, Mr. Blake and I go to my brother Alderman Pulestons, who treats with Ale & wine till 10.

17 After Mr. Blake returnd, I take a walk of 3 Turns on Roodee, the weather too hot for the 4th. Mr. Roberts gives mee Account of the payment of 45^{li} to Mr. Vaudrey, 45^{li} to Mr. Calys, 60^{li} to Mr. Foulks and 50^{li} to Mr. Chancellor (in all 200^{li}). In the Evening Mr. Leigh of Whitchurch and Mr. Peake call on mee about a presentation to Lymm. Wee go to the Golden Talbot where Mr. Leigh treats with 3 Bottles of good wine.

18 After the News in Books, yet uneasy from the Bottle last night. Yet in the Evening, when a Message from the Chancellor, Mr. Leigh and Mr. Peake, go to them at the Talbot where wee drink our pints & part past 9.

19 Indisposicion continu'd, induces only Barclay and diverting reading, with a little Busienes. In the Evening, I pay Mall Partington 20 Guineas, part of a Bill of 31^{li}. After see and drink his good Ale with Mr. Oliver, thence to my Corner and domestic ½ pint, from both a tedious Night.

20 At the Quire. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on (Wee have not heard, that there is an Holy Ghost), sanctissimae Eucharistiae particeps sum. Det D.O.M. vitam agere pie, caste, sobrie.⁶

21 At the Quire, where a Chaplain of the D. of Ormond (Dr. Dane) has a singular discourse on (All sins shall be forgiven, but the Sin against the Holy Ghost shall

6 Trans: 'I partake of the most Holy Eucharist. May God the best and greatest grant that I live a pious, chaste and sober life'.

not bee forgiven &c.). After dinner, apply to Busienes and recolleccion of Accounts in the late visitacion. Upon a message, I go to Mr. Egerton, Chancellor, ArchDeacon and Mr. Done, at the Golden Talbot, where the wine is bad port, wee have 4 Bottles & part about 10. Mr. Oliver is installd as prebendary this morning.

22 At the Quire where Mr. Butler, son to the Lord Kerrin, kinsman and Chaplain to the D. of Ormond, has an ingenious discourse on Job 34, v:32. I write (today) and inclose a Bill of 40^{li} to Dr. Pope and to the Bishop of St. Asaph. In the Evening Lord Charlement, Sir Wm. Meredith & Mr. Davies (of Ireland) come to see mee. After, Mr. Oliver and his Lady. I entertain Mr. Oliver with a Bottle of Claret. My daughter Lidia entring on her 14 year today, wee have a domestic Commemoracion.

23 A delicate cool day. I write to Sir Hen. Bunbury, on W. Prescotts, to Mr. Shackerley on Mr. Whaleys behalf Q.B.E., to my cozn. Holm, Mr. Whaley, and to Mr. Davies of Ruabon. I send my Letters to the Bishop of St. Asaph and Dr. Pope by the same post.

24 About 10 my Suzy and I set out and come in a severe shower, to Havod y Wern to visit my Brother Puleston, wee come before 12, find him weak and macerated. Wee are freely receivd and stay till 6, in our return, have another Shower, but come safe home D.G. about 8.

25 I acquaint my Lord and shew him Mr. Sandby's Resignacion of Warton,⁷ which hee accepts. I apply to reading, inclose in a Letter to Mr. Mainwaring the Curate and order to the old Churchwardens of Bury to transfer the Sequestracion to their Successors. Mr. Jones pays mee for one Licence 19^s:8. In the Evening, Hee, Mr. Kendric, my cozn. Gerard Eyton and I go down to the Bear, the ArchDeacon & Chancellor come to us. Wee drink near our Bottles of indifferent wine and part after 9. I give Tom Birchal half a Luis d'Or.

26 My Lord confirms about 100 in the morning, in the Quire, amongst whom my son Henry & daughter Lydia. In the Evening (after Examinacion of Candidates over) I wait on my Lord, where with my Lord the Chancellor, Archdeacon, the two Mr. Davisons and Mr. Blake, a Glass of wine gos temperatly round near 10, the 2 Mr. Davisons and Mr. Blake lodg with us.

27 Trinity Sunday. Mr. Blake has a grave sermon in the Quire on [blank]. 12 Preist and 9 Deacons are ordaind. Wee have a melancholy Letter on my cozn. Holts indisposicion, which sensibly affects mee. After Evening prayers I take a small walk in the Feilds. Read part of Justin, the Martyrs Apology.

28 In a tollerable cool morning, I take four Turns on roody. I write (about my cozn. Holt) to Mr. Bowyer. After Evening prayers my Lord signs his Sentence of the vacation of Warton dated the 25, after go's with his company to visit Mr. Hurleston.

29 K. Charles 2, his Birth and return solemnly kept. Dr. Fogg has a good Discourse on ps. 76, v.10. After Church, to the News. My Cozn. Moreton dines with us. After Even prayers my cozn. Kendrick, Mr. Walley and I try a Bottle of Claret at the Golden Talbot, but do not approve it. I after go to the palace where the wine is of 2 Sorts, wee stay past 9.

7 C.R.O., Parish Papers EDP1/286, Waverton (Warton).

30 The day excessively hott, indisposes to busienes. I buy Sir John Floyer on Cold Baths and the critical works of Rapin which come to 15^s. I choose a new Suite at Alderman Pulestons. My Lord dines at Eaton, to day. I read variously. The Box with Stows Leland is delivered the Oxford Carrier directed to my Son Jack. My Suzy, sister Jones &c first time make a formal visit to W. Willoughby and his wife, wee stay till 10. I send 1 Licence to Mr. Jones.

31 First Court of this Term (Q.B.E.), the Busienes competent, the day hott and I indisposd. After a short repose, I examine 4 Wittnesses ex parte Gardiani de Pott contra Barlow.⁸ After about 8 I am sent for and go to Dr. Thanes, where my Lord Bishop, Mr. Egerton, Dr. Bincks Dean of Lichfeild, a discourse is about the ambition & irregularity of Mr. Walmesley the $\frac{1}{2}$ Chancellor of Lichfeild, his excess in Comutacion &c. Wee have good wine and part about 10.

JUNE 1 After early prayers my S. & I drink Tea with my Lord. After the news, I examine 2 more Wittnesses ex parte Gardiani de Pott. Wee receive a discouraging Account of my cozn. Holts Illnes, even to despair. The day is excessively hott. My Lord, the Chancellor and ArchDeacon come to Mee about 7. I entertain them with 3 Bottles good Claret, they part after 9.

2 A severe hott day. I write to Mr. Farrant, Registrar of the Arches and to John Cross, in books variously engagd in the critical works of Rapin, especially. In the Evening I write fully to my son Jack.

3 My Lord has a good Sermon in the Quire, upon Charity. After that, I see the News, not yet very moving, the day excessive hott in my Cloaths now first put on. In the Even at the palace the ArchDeacon too, there past 9. After wee take a walk to see my Horses in Mrs. Davies Feild.

4 After early prayers, wee drink Tea with my Lord, at Noon dine with him and sitt till prayers. After these in the Evening, Dr. Thane and I go to Mr. Hatfeilds where hee entertains mee with 2 pints of Anidea Wine.

5 My Lord went about 3 this morning to the meeting at Warrington, the day, after a thick Fogg, exhal'd, scorching hott. Apply to Rapin whilst the heat suffers. In the Evening, Lady Bunbury treats us with a Bottle of excellent Claret, which shee received as a gratefull acknowledgement from Mr. Murrey. The eldest son of W. Willoughby drown'd bathing in Dee.

6 I write to Mr. Rider about the Chancellor and Registrars patent here and the Chancellor sitting in the Quire, and lastly his own ill precedent in examining wittnesses, at the Commission at Wigan in the presence of the Commissioners. Wee drink Coffee with Lady Bunbury, at Mrs. Andertons. About 4 (as soon as the sun was tollerable) I go with Sir W. Meredith in his Chase to Eaton. Sir Richard and Mr. Chomley entertain us with wine, the later mee with new complains of prodigality & indiscrecion, wee return in the cool, about 9.

7 In Books before Court which today is competent for Busienes. Before it rises, Thunder, lightning and a suddain showr of rain happen. Ned Roberts finishes to mee, the Account for the last visitacion. I send to Mr. Shaw, by the Carrier, 6

⁸ Ibid., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1710–11) No. 15, Pott Chapel.

Licences and Bonds. In the Evening, at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Hodgson. I pay Mr. Holland for my Wig 2^{li}, hee treates with his Ale, wee part after 9. After which my Suzy and sister Jones return from Broxon.

8 After the thunder and rain of yesterday 'tis cool and pleasant. I read a pamphlet Gallienus redivivus in which the barbarous Massacre of the Laird of Blenco in Scotland⁹ Jan. 1691. The news today, lean. I go on in Rapins comparison of Homer and Virgil. I recollect That since the visitacion ended I have paid to Mr. Vaudry 45^{li}, Mr. Foulks 60^{li}, Mr. Chancellor 50^{li}, Mr. Callys 45^{li}, All Charges in the Journy 25^{li}:1^s:6, received myself at one time 22^{li}:5^s, and yesterday 77^{li}.6^s:6^d, in all 325^{li}:3^s:4. I reckon my new Cloaths as follows, Cloath &c 4^{li}:10^s:8^d, Trimmings 1^{li}.14^s, Hatt 1^{li}:12^s, Wigg 2^{li}, Stockings 5^s:6^d, Shoos 4^s, Gloves 1^s:6, To the Taylor, 19^s. In all therefore 11^{li}:6^s:8^d. I pay Mr. Cottingham for Ale 10^s:3^d and to the Chandler, his Bill, 12^s:6^d. In the Evening, Dr. Thane, Mr. Clopton, Alderman Partington and I drink 4 pints of Lisbon and 1 of Canary, at T. Hatfeilds, my bro. Partington treats mee, wee part about 9.

9 Q.F.F.E.F.S. Dies mihi Natalis. I am at early prayers, after take in a fine morning tollerably warm, 4 Turns on Roodee with Gratitude to God, pleasure and Ease to myself, I write to Mr. Welham that I have enterd Knip's Caveat,¹⁰ the Fee and postage 5^s:8^d. I proceed in Rapins Comparison of Homer & Virgil which ends in [illegible] of Propertius, Cedite, Romani Scriptores, cedite Gray, Nescio quid majus nasciture Aeneide. In the Evening I end the domestic Celebracion with a pint of Lisbon. Sir Hen. Bunbury returns from parliament. The learned & famous Mr. Dodwell died this day, at his house in Berks. in the 68 year of his Age.

10 Dr. Thane had a good Sermon in the Quire on ps.3 v.1. A stranger preaches in the Afternoon. I read Reeves's preface to Minutius Felix; calld, I go to Sir Hen. Bunbury, where Sir Tho. Brooke, Mr. Chancellor. Dr. Thane and I stay and drink his good Claret, about 2 hours. I after take a short walk. Wee have a more melancholy Letter on my Cozn. Holt. I gave 5^s to B. Whaley to bear her charges to London.

11 St. Barnabas. I am at early prayers. After I take 3 Turns on roodee (the heat tollerable). I pay Alderman Puleston his Note 8^{li}:10^s wherein my Cloths are included. I write to my cozn. Parr on Mrs. Keys Account & to Mr. Whaley. I proceed in Rapin.

12 About 10 wee sett out in a tollerable Heat and come to Broxon with the Chancellor about 12. I had some discourse with him, in the way, about Mr. Hulton and the Admonicion of him. Here is the ArchDeacon, no strangers, wee are, as usuall, received generously. Mr. Morrey comes in about 3. Hee comes with us in a fine Evening, wee are about ½ hour after 9 at home.

13 The day hott to excess. In the morning, drink Coffee with Sir Hen. Bunbury. Mr. Morrey dines with us. After Hee and Mr. Ja. Wolsenholme drink with mee my ale till 4. I dip in Thucydides, take my domestic pint, about 10.

14 A fine continu'd showr cools the Season. I receive 12 Bottles of Claret from

9 A reference to the massacre of Glencoe.

10 C.R.O., Caveat Books.

Mr. Wolstenholme, write & inclose to him 24^s. A Court day, Richard Starky, SchoolMaster of Astley is admonishd. I examine 2 Wittnesses on Withnells Will. My sister Jones, Lydia and Ken go to Eyton at 4. Sent Mr. Shaw by the Carrier 6 Licences and Bonds.

15 After prayers and the News which today brings the prorogacion of parliament (to the 10th of July as on Tuesday last), I apply to Books, and especially Thucydides, recreate in a domestic pint. My cozn. Markland of Pemberton his wife lodges with us.

16 After early prayers I dip in [?Newbusy] *Theatrum Ingenii humani*, return to Thucydides and read out the first Book. I am surpriz'd by my Lord Anglesey, at Evening prayers. I am with him, Mr. Butler, Coll. Penefather and another Gentleman, selected company, at Sir Hen. Bunburys at good wine, past 12.

17 Indisposd from my Bottle stay at home till prayers. After these my Lord Anglesey and Mr. Steward (Lord Mountjoys Bro.) see mee. At 8, invited go to my Lord at the Falcon where Mr. Egerton, Mr. Secretary Southwell, Mr. Steward & another Gent. with him. My Lord treats with a shoulder of Mutton A la Rhene, good humor and gos to Bottles of Claret, wee part about 12.

18 About 11 on a sudden Alarm from Mr. Egerton About 20 Horse meet the Duke of Ormond over against Eccleston. I happen to come to the Coach first, his Grace presently speaks by my Name, to mee. Hee is received with great Crowds and Huzza's in the City, and at the Cross with a speech from the Recorder. About 4, my Lord Bishop comes to my House, waits on the Duke at Sir Hen. Bunburys. About 5, his Grace with his great Attendance is treated with a Banquet and wine at the Pentice. His Grace there takes mee by the hand with kind enquiry after my Family and invites mee to see him at Sir H.B. After, my Lord Bishop, Sir H.B., Mr. Egerton, ArchDeacon, and myself, drink in my parlor, 3 Bottles of Sir Henry's wine. The Duke takes the Ayr, 3 hours in his Coach on roodee. I retreat to Bed before 11. Send today 6 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Styth by the Leverpool Carrier.

19 Sir Hen. Bunbury go's early down to Park Yate¹¹ with my Lord Anglesey. About 11 Sir Tho. Hanmer comes over with Lady B. and drinks Coffee with us. Wee sollicite Sir Thos. to present a petition to the Duke on John Ryleys Account. Hee undertakes and succeeds. I wait on his Grace, who receives mee with accustomed Favor. I fetch (at his request) some Coins over, and my Belt, hee seems pleas'd. Hee sett's out for Park Yate about 1. The Town presently empty of its Crowds.

20 In a cool morning, recreated for Books and Busienes, I write fully to Mr. Parr junior in Mrs. Keys busienes. John Savage brings mee the 20^s I lent him about 6 weeks ago. I take up the Evening in Mons.[?Naude] his refin'd politicks. I write to Night to John Cross about the Spring.

21 In a fine Morning about 9 my Suzy, sister Jones and I sett out and come to Broxon before 12. Wee are cheerfully received at a good dinner. After Healths wee go to Bowls,¹² at which I am a Winner, 3 Rubbers 1^s:6^d. It is near 8 when wee sett

11 Park Yate (Parkgate) was at this date the port for Ireland.

12 J. Addy, 'The Archdeacon and Ecclesiastical Discipline 1560-1714', Leeds University M.A. thesis 1960, pt. ii, p. 44, for a description of this game.

thence about 8 and reach home about 10. I go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury returnd from Neston, sit an hour. I hear there the famous Nicolini sing.

22 Some indisposicion from my journy and wine hangs on mee. I buy *Antiquitates Rutupinas* 5^s. After noon calld, go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury where Lord Anglesey, Mr. Steward, Coll. Penefather &c. Here Nicolini drawn on by Mrs. Betty Hulton sings 5 songs, the last very excellent. The Glass gos freely about till 7. The Gentlemen then fill the Coach to Neston. I am witnes to a Bond of 100^{li} from Sir H.B. to my sister Jones. I pay to Mr. Callys on Dr. Stratfords Account 7^{li}.

23 Indisposicion renewd. Mr. Addenbrook surprizes us early, from Broxon. I pay Mall. Partington 3^{li}:12^s on Dr. Stratfords Account and to the Smith Briscoe 8^s. I read Mr. Hearn & Jacks joint Letter.

24 At early prayers and the News. About 9 Lady Bunbury, my S. and 4 more in the Coach, Alderman Partington and myself on Horsback set out and in cool rideing come to Neston about 11. I come to the 2nd service,¹³ the Church is full of the Duke of Ormond, his Attendants &c, Mr. Morrey has a good sermon on 'Remember thy Creator in the days of thy Youth &c'. Wee a full company dine at Sir Henry Bs Quarters. After noon Go and tho the wind blow very fresh, wee go on Board the Yacht. After the company go's to Mr. Morrey, hee entertains with good wine, wee part after 7, return safe (D.G.) after 9, sit an hour with Lady Bunbury.

25 Harrassed by yesterdays expedition, The Fair fills the Town. In Busienes and recepcion of Friends. I pay the wash woman 1^{li}:10^s. In the Evening young Mr. Griffiths of Rhyal calls on mee and over a Bottle of Anadan at T. Hatfeilds, talks his Busienes till 8.

26 The weather cool and pleasant, the wind still W. I take 3 Turns on Roodee. The Fair seems throng. I loyter some time in it. Elizabeth Clarkson (Dick Chalenors daughter) comes & entertains us with Holland stories. End the day in Books and domestic pint.

27 Most of this day is taken up by Mrs. Hewitt, one of the Coheirs of my late Cozen Fairclough who dyd late near Carlisle, her Accounts of his Life and Fortune, shee dines with us. After prayers about 7 Mr. Welles calls on mee. I go to the Bear with him, wee drink 2 Bottles of good Claret. After this Dr. Hancock coming to us, wee drink the third. Mr. Wells treats. I pay Mrs. Williams 20^s for 8 Bottles of wine, had the last winter.

28 Indisposd from the wine and unseasonable time. Mr. Chancellor and I determin to meet Munday next at Warrington in Slainheads busienes. I write to Mr. Vaudrey. The Busienes of Court dispatcht with Expedition. I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Fairbrother contra Hulme,¹⁴ and 2 on Pinnars Will. After, about 7, Invited go to Alderman Pulestons, where Mr. Ward of Ireland, Mr. Oliver and a company at wine and Ale, I stay past 11. I pay Platt the Taylor 16^s. My daughter Peggy and my Neece after a month and 5 days with my cozn. Eytons, return home.

29 Very much indispos'd to Busienes, divert slightly in News and Books, take a dull Turn in the Fair, and end the day in a pint of domestic Lisbon.

¹³ The second service was the ante Communion service.

¹⁴ C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1710-11) No. 13, Wigan.

30 Warmer weather returns, the wind alterd but returnd to the regret of the company at Park-Yate. My S., sister Jones and I, after morning prayers, take a Turn in the Fair, after drink Coffee at Mrs. Broughtons. I inclose a copy of Mr. Tildesleys Will and write to my uncle Charles Herle now at Mr. Kidleys in Old Fish-Street. I write to my son John, to whom I paid, as appears by his note of the 11th of this month, 6^{li}.4^s.5^{½d}, for this Quarter. My Lord Bishop and part of his Family come to Town about 7. Wee step over to see them. The Yacht with his Grace the Duke, Sir Hen. Bunbury &c go off from Park Yate this morning.

JULY 1 My Lord Bishop has an excellent discourse on Luke 16. 31, Sanctissimam celebramus Synaxim.¹⁵ In the Evening wee attend my Lord Bishop, hee treats the Company with his new arrivd Irish Claret.

2 About 10 I set hence, and come to Warrington before 2, meet Mr. Chancellor, Vaudry, Johnson, Banks, Alanson, wee dine and conclude to proceed against Slynehead at the next Sessions at Ormskirk.¹⁶ The Bishop of Man comes and stays an hour with us. I give 6 Licences inclosed to Mr. Banks, to deliver to Mr. Shaw, the Chancellor to Speake. I come to Wigan before 7. Mr. Chancellor gives Mr. Vaudrey a Guinea, Mr. Johnson ½ Guinea, their Fees & pay the Shott, 14^s.¹⁷

3 About 9 I go hence, call on my cozn. Markland at his good strong house in Pemberton. I am entertaind with Civility and Bohea Tea. I go to Holland, dine well at Dichfeilds. After their dinners Mr. Birchall & S. Prescott come to mee. Inter haec a Young Woman daughter of Mr. Reece late Curat of Sephton calls mee apart, and with soft applicacion, tells mee of her clandestin marriage to James Corles, by Mr. Low, and intreats mee not to discover it. My cozn. Holt comes, and wee go to Ayrfeild, see the Spring and are entertaind with hopefull Accounts of it. Wee return to the House, drink 4 Bottles of Claret cheerfully, call in our return at the Owl in Holland where the Ale gos about briskly ½ an hour, at the door, come to Wigan about 9. I impart to my shee Cosen Holt, a domestic secret Mr. Boyer had chargd mee with. It succeeds to his and my desire.

4 I am prevaild with to stay longer than I intended. I send John to John Cross to get a Miner to the Spring. In the Evening I am with both the Marklands, cozn. Holt and Mr. Leigh, Atturney, at Mrs. Tootells. Here wee have fully the Rencontre betwixt the now Mayor (Mason) and my cozn. Holt in the road, near Westhoughton.

5 Provided with a cold Dinner, my cozn. Holt, Mr. Leigh and I sett for Holland about 10, call on and engage along Mr. Birchall and S. Prescott, order 12 Bottles of Ale, proceed to the Ayrfeild, see the Spring and the Miners in it, the Fountain seems plentiful and gives mee secret satisfaction. I take a walk and show other springs to the Miners and consult them. Returnd to the house about 2, wee go to a decent dinner wee brought, cold Lamb, Bacon &c. After, a cheerfull Glass of Ale and wine moves round. Inter haec Alderman Markland, young Ned Holt and young

15 Trans: 'we celebrate the most Holy Eucharist'.

16 L.R.O., Quarter Sessions Indictments, QSI. 1711.

17 The 'shot' was the cost of the entertainment.

Brown, come to us. Mr. Leigh diverts with comical songs. I pay the Miners 3^s, beside Meat and Ale. Wee part hence about 7, drink 2 Tankards with Mr. Birchall in Holland, and return about 9.

6 The weather, after a fine day, turns rainy, and putts the Hay makers, under Douglas, into Terror. After dinner I am with John Cross who acquaints mee with my cozn. Hills inclinacion to sell mee Edens Estate, and advises mee to buy it. I order him to discourse the Mason who sett Grippy Well and to try my cozn. Hill. Hee pays mee 13^s received for a Grate (Chimley hee calls it) in the Green-house. After this with my cozn. Holt, Mr. Dean and one Banks with Mr. Leigh who had drawn an Affidavit of Mr. Dean & Banks but the later refusing now to swear, they sign it before Mr. Leigh and myself. Hence wee go to Tootells where over a glass of Wine, wee have discourse on predestinacion. Young Mr. Fr. Holland, sent for, is with us, wee return about the old hour 9.

7 Tho the weather is rainy, I resolve and sett hence about 10, come to Haydock where I find Mr. Legh and Mr. James Banks equipt for Calveley. Mr. Roger Dicconson and Sil. Richmond with them. After Breakfast, Mr. Legh, Mr. Banks and I take horse. Wee pass by Warrington, now full of the Fair, the weather alters to fair and hott. Wee call at Frodsham, stay about an hour with John Walkers Entertainment which Mr. Legh discharges. Mr. Legh turns to Alvanley, I come safe home (D.O.M.G.) about 7.

8 I go to St. Peters in the Forenoon, where Mr. Marsham (now Rector of St. Mary's) has a good and occasional discourse on the Sacrament. To St. Oswalds in the afternoon where the now Curate of Trinity has an ingenious discourse on Faith and Works.¹⁸ In the Even My Suzy, sister Jones and I visit Mr. Robert Davies lately ill of the Meazills, the anniversary day his father died last year.

9 I am at home, in Books, for the most part. I lend my sister Jones a Guinea. In the Even I take 2 Turns on roodee, visit Mr. Davies and show him Mr. Hearn's mention of him and his Father in his preface to his 2^d Vol. of Lelands Itinerary. Write to Mr. Marsden.

10 About 9, my Suzy and I mount in a fair day for Broxon. I call on Mr. Legh & Mr. Ja. Banks at Calveley, wee come to Broxon before 12, the dinner and Entertainment elegant and full. After to Bowls, where I am ingagd in Five Rubbers and loose 3. Wee return past 7, and in a sweet Evening come safe home, about 9.

11 Fatigu'd by the journey and Bowls, ly till 9. Apply to Books particularly Sir Jo. Floyer's discourse of cold Baths. I pay Mr. Whitley of Aston, his Man, for 20 Tun of Coals 4^{li}:13^s:4. On receipt of Mr. Fr. Cholmleys Letter I finish the Inscription of Mr. Oke's Monument.

12 I write to Mr. Chancellor (now at Speak), John Crosse and Mr. Cary. A Court of easy Busienes (Dr. Fogg Surrogate). At 2 My Suzy, Sister Jones, Lydia (in a Coach) and I go to Eaton, they wait on Lady Grosvenor, I on Mr. Cholmley. Hee is very much on the unhappy conduct of the Family, wee indeavor (at the Ladys request) to make some reconciliacion. Hee is obstinate, and admitts not of an Applicacion, shee offers: wee stay past 7 and come back in a delicate Evening. Mr.

18 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/14, 15.

Cholmley surprisd mee with an Account of Mr. W. Holland his unfaithfull and rude and arbitrary behavior to Mr. Banks.

13 After the News which is dull enough, I apply to Books and Busienes. I pay out of the deposited Rectory mony of Bury, by my Lords order, to the Chapelwardens of Holcome & Edenfeild, 5^{li}. Mr. Maryon dines with us, the afternoon half spent on him and Mr. Lawrence, with Ale. In the Even Mrs. Thane sees and treats us with her pint of white wine.

14 The weather warm. I pay to Mr. Fearnhead, Clerk to Mr. Vaudrey, on Account 30^{li}. I write to Mr. Swainston. After Dinner, my Suzy go's to Broxon. I prepare for my Journy into Lancashire.

15 At the Quire, where Mr. Hinchman has a good sermon. I read the lean Letters and prints. About 4 in a fine Evening, I set out and come to Warrington about 8. I see Mr. Vaudry at his house, stay not with him, but return to the Eagle and Child about 9.

16 I see, drink coffee with, and take leave of the Bishop of Man going to Leverpool. Mr. John Leigh formerly the Curat of Holland recollects the former prosperity and deplores the present State of the Families of that Mannor. Hee touches sensibly on presumptions (as in my cozn. Holmes case) to take up mony, to buy Land. About 9, in a very hott day, Mr. Vaudry, Johnson and I take horse, where wee come (scorch't) about 1, the Chancellor being about an hour before us. Wee dine with the Justices at the Wheat Sheaf. After at the Queens Head with the Chancellor, Mr. Marsden, Markland, Bere, Hindley and Fleetwood. Wee are intent to have the Indictment against Slynehead drawn. In the Even, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Marsden, 2 Norris's and myself go to Grippy well, the Chancellor & Norris's bath. I return about 9 to my cozn. Bartons, where I meet Mr. Bennet of Knowsley.

17 I rise early, the day very hott, about 7 I go into the cold bath at Grippy, stay in it about 5 minuits and am refresht. Wee attend (most at Mr. Ollerheads) the motions of the Sessions, the Indictment is finisht and given to the Jury before dinner. After which about 2, wee go into Court, where 11 Justices (Stanley Baronet, Chisnal Kt, Norris, Brook, Clayton, Entwisle, Blackburn, Case, Willis, Wright and Fazakerley Esquires) are on the Bench. The Indictment is found, Slaynehead confesses and submits to the general part, vidt his late Book recited, but traverses, as to the Clause relateing to the Chancellor. The Bench is unanimous and indevor to make him discover his Accomplices. Hee denys hee had any. Some think the Crimes high & capital, all great, they sentence him to pay 200^{li}, to stand on the pillory in 5 market Towns, Leverpool, Prescott, Warrington, Ormskirk & Wigan, to find security for good behaviour for 7 years, and to be in custody till hee do that and pay the 200^{li} fine. Mr. Vaudrey, the Chancellor, Councell sett's the Crimes of the defendant in a clear view with great Affection and Applause.¹⁹ This Justice is acceptable to all of the Church. After a Glass congratulatory, the Chancellor gos for Speak, I Wigan. I am surprizd at Holland by a tawdry Fair filling it, am call'd by Mr. Standish, Dickenson, Poole and Gerard of Ince to go into Mideltons where Mr. Birchall and Owen is with them. I stay about 2 hours and past 9, in a fine night, go on to Wigan, come late, yet sit an hour with my cozn. Holts.

19 L.R.O., Quarter Sessions Order Books, QSO, 1711.

18 About 9 set hence and come to Warrington about 12. The Chancellor just come. Here is Sir Tho. Stanley, his Lady, Mr. Birch and his and Mr. Blundel with our company at dinner. After which 4 Witnesses are produc'd on Mr. Bunburys Will. I examine Lady Stanley on the Allegacion and Interrogatorys, Mr. Birch and his Will on the Allegacion. After recreate with the Chancellor, Mr. Vaudrey, Banks and Johnson over a Glass at the Eagle and Child till 10.

19 I proceed with Mr. Birch on the Interrogatorys, and after dinner examine Adam Sale on Allegacion and Interrogatorys and lastly Mrs. Birch on the Interrogatorys (D.G.). My cozn. Holt and Mr. Bowyer come to dine with mee. Mr. Shaw pay's mee 10 Guineas on Account of Licences. Mr. Birch pays mee my Note and presents mee with a Guinea. About 6, My cozn. Holt, Mr. Bowyer and I go to Mr. Houghtons cold Bath at Middleton, wee bath, after call on Mrs. Houghton who treats at the door with a bottle of Claret. They go to Wigan, I return about 9 to Warrington, go to Mr. Banks, Vaudrey, Patten &c at the Georg for an Hour.

20 I meet Mr. Vaudry, Banks and Johnson at the Coffee house, pay Mr. Johnsons Bill 6^{li}.3^s.6^d and give him for his attendance 2 Guineas. I give 2 Guineas to Mr. Vaudrey which make 4 in all to him. Wee settle the Form to bee in Dyer and Ropers Newspapers on this success. I come hence about 10 home D.G. safe about 2. I go to Even prayers. After prayers to my Neck of Mutton. After, at 7 meet Mr. Shaw of Dublin, Mr. Moor, Mr. Ward and Mr. Allen at the Bear, wee are cheerfull over 5 Bottles good Claret and part about 10.

21 After a Letter to Mr. Farmer and some Busienes, set out about 11, and come to Broxon about 1. Sir Richard Middleton and his Family and Mr. Egerton dine here. I acquaint my Lord Bishop with the success against Slynehead, my Lord go's with Sir Richard and Mr. Egerton to Olton. I give 10^s to Mrs. Whaley towards her charges to London.

22 Mr. Blake, after morning prayers, reads a Sermon of ArchBishop Tillotson to the Family. I read Mr. Newcomes sermon, had at Warrington the last Clergy meeting. After noon, Mr. Maryon and I go to Harthill where wee hear Mr. Porter. After, are with him and Mr. Bird at the parsonage, return about 7.

23 Apply to Books and various reading. In the Evening, Mr. Blake, Maryon and I go to Mr. Birds. Hee entertains us with Testimonials of the Antiquity of his Family and 4 Bottles of good old Beer.

24 Return to Bookes, especially to the Introduction to the History of Europe, Asia &c, and Echards Ecclesiasticall History. After dinner wee prepare to return, the weather proves very cold, rainy with storms which prevent us.

25 St. James Day. It rains till Noon. About 5 wee leave Broxon and its civil Entertainment and come well home (D.G.) about 6.

26 The last Court of this Term, competent Busienes. I examine 3 Witnesses on Hamers Will. In the Evening Mr. Morrey and I go down to the Bear, are easy over 2 Bottles, return about 10.

27 This morning Mrs. Plumley as Executrix pays mee and my Suzy, Betty Cooks legacy's 20^s a peece. I divert for the most part in Puffendorf his Introduccion to the History of Europe. I go to Newton to see Mr. Taylors Hay Grass, and am with him, after, at John Bentleys till 9.

28 I divert still in Puffendorf and read (which I like) his History of England.

About 4, My Suzy gos for Bettisfeild. In the Even with Alderman Puleston, I walk to the Cold Bath at Boughton, but do not bath. After at T. Hatfeilds wee drink 3 pints of Lisbon white. I gave to my S., in viaticum, 1^{li}.

29 At the Quire where Dr. Fogg has a good Discourse. At 4 in a fine Evening, go with Alderman Puleston to see Mr. Cholmley at Eaton. I bring him the 3^d & 4th parts of the Itinerary, hee pays mee 10^s for them. Sir Richard Grosvenor and Mr. Mostyn of Penbidow come in to Mr. Cholmleys room. Wee come home about 9 and at Alderman Puleston's, drink a pint of Lisbon and Glass of Ale, till 10.

30 I indispos'd, turn to Books particularly Avicenna. Mr. Henchman on purpose comes from the school and gives mee an ungrateful and sad Character of my son Henry, his Lying, frequenting Tipling Houses in ill conversacion, drinking to excess, Rakeing. I send for the Boy, who rather confesses than defends himself. Mr. Hinchman, with my Consent, determines on Correction, my sister Jones intercedes. This with the ill News of my cozn. Holts relaps into her weak fainting and almost desperate Fitts, affect mee with deep refleccion and sorrow. In the Evening I indevor to divert with a domestic pint of Lisbon.

31 The same Concern and Horror stick close to my thoughts. About 9 in the morning, I the first Time (& with Alderman Puleston) try the cold Bath, at Boughton, it seemes to succeed and refresh. About 11 Mrs. Moreton comes and drinks Coffee with us. After Dinner my son Henry brings mee his Letter of full Confession of his Faults and promises of his reformation with an Account of the company and houses hee has frequented. This is so well and so very sensibly don, That it gives mee hopes, hee is not past Recovery, D.G. I give him Advice, which hee promises to pursue. After noon, I am with Mr. Richard Mostyn, at the Chancellors, till 4. After that in Avicenna till 9.

AUGUST 1 Q.B.E. I rise at 5, go into the cold Bath at Boughton, and return to the early prayers at 6. After something in Books, I write to Mr. Cholmley of Holford and to the Bishop of St. Asaph, I write to Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Jebbe and inclose, to each of them, 6 Licences and 6 Bonds. My Lord comes unexpected to shew his brother in Law, Mr. Clare, this town, walk round the Walls. After their dinner, I am with them till 4, at the palace. His Lordship and company return after prayers. I pay my man John xx^s of the 8^{li} due to him last Midsummer, read the Bishop of Mans sermon before her Majesty on Holy Thursday last. I write to Jeffry Prescott and send 3 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Wells.

2 I write to the Bishop of Meath and to John Crosse. Mr. Vice Chancellor Kenyon is with mee about the old Suit betwixt Low and Godlow about a Seat in Wigan Church. A Court held only as to 3 Causes of Tattenhal wherein 3 Sentences are read ex parte Gardianorum.²⁰ About 3, in a delicate Afternoon, I sett out, call 10 miles off at Broughton, drink a pott of Tea with Mr. Whitehal, come thence about 7 and to Bettisfeild about 8. I meet Sir Tho. Hanmer and my Suzy, at the Gate, am very frankly received by him and the Dutches of Grafton.

3 After the walking diversion of the morning and dinner, about 3 wee sett out

20 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1709) No. 1, Tattenhall.

with the Coach to Halghton, where all are received with the Civilities of the place. Mrs. Mary Lloyd is indispos'd, much more the good Mother. My S. and I importune her to let Mrs. Mary come to us at Chester. Shee says half Ay. The Dutchis's Coach and all the Company return to Bettisfeild about 7. Sir Tho. Hanmer tells mee his design to rebuild a Chancel to the Church, desires my advice and assistance in that and the Tiths. The Company (after supper) go to Cards and Tables till 12.

4 Wee repeat the morning divercion. About 10 Sir Tho. and the Dutchess and Lady Bunbury go for Cholmley, wee about 12, mount, call in our return at Broughton, a good and expeditious dinner (after their own) is provided for us, about 3. Wee stay more than an hour after and return in a fine calm Evening (D.G.) safe about 7. My Lord Bishop and his company come an hour before us.

5 My Lord Bishop has a good discourse in the Quire on 1 Tim. 1. 15. A stranger preaches in St. Oswalds after Noon. I apply in the Evening to Books, and after a domestic pint, to Bed.

6 I go about 9, the 3^d time, into the cold Bath. About 12, I attend my Lord Bishop and the Chancellor &c to Eaton, where after dinner a free Glass go's about. All pay a visit to Mr. Cholmley in his Chamber, the Bishop returns about 6, the Chancellor and myself, an hour afterwards.

7 About 10, in a fine morning, my Lord and Mr. Chancellor in the Coach, Mr. T. Wainwright and myself on Horseback, set out and come to Gwersilt, about ½ hour after 12. The Chancellor of St. Asaph, Dr. Thane and others meet us here. The Entertainment is generous and elegant, Mr. Shackerley civilly engaging. Upon the occasion of Tobacco my Lord Banterers Mr. Chancellor to the laying down his pipe. The weather turning showry, I am invited into the Coach, wee take it after 5 and return about 7.

8 I proceed in Mores Antidote against Atheism. In the Even about 6, I go into the Bath. After that, Mr. Lambert calls on us, wee drink a Bottle of my Irish wine cheerfully and part about 10.

9 I pay Mr. Lambert 5^s for the Snuff hee bought December last, hee refuses to take mony for 3 potts of Charrs sent by Mrs. Lambert on my Account. About 11 Mr. Chancellor & his son, Mr. Ja. Banks, Mr. Lambert and myself mount and come to Broxon about 1. Sir Fr. Leycester and Mr. Egerton and others to the number 15 fill 2 Tables; after dinner and the revolucion of good wine, a Company go's to Bowls till 6, when they part. Wee return, and at 8, meet at the Bear, where wee drink 6 Bottles of Claret and part after 11.

10 Indisposd from the quantity and unseasonableness of the wine, I dip in Mores Antidote. In the Evening, Mr. Bowyer calls on mee, wee go to Mr. Hatfeilds, where over a Bottle of Lisbon, the matter of Sir Roger Bradshaighs 2^d Commission is fully talkt on Mr. Finch's part, and with tender concern the doubtfull state of my cozn. Holt's health which has held us in melancholy expectacion, several months; wee part at 9.

11 Q.B.E. This is our 24 marriage day and wee remember the first gratefully, in domestic Celebracion. In the Evening, My Suzy, my sister Jones and I go into the cold Bath & conclude it in a domestic pint. This day my Cozn. Gerard Eyton is marry'd, at Ruthin, to my Cozn. Ann Thelwall.

12 Mr. Blake preaches in the Quire, Dr. Fogg after Noon in St. Oswalds. In the Evening Mr. Blake & Mr. Couché call and drink a Bottle of wine with us.

13 At home in Bookes, particularly the Comon Law, de Officio Archidiaconi.

14 About 10 My Suzy and I sett out and come to Broxon about 12. Wee are kindly received. Mr. Bird only dines there beside us, tho Mr. Egerton was expected. After dinner, my Lord treats with a Bottle of Irish Claret, over this amongst other matters, that of a visitacion next year as the Triennial, is mencioned. His Lordship seems inclin'd to visit, but will discourse the ArchBishop first. Wee take horse hence about 6 and return about 8. I payd my sister Jones today on Account of Interest, 2 Guineas(2^{li} 3^s).

15 Mr. Boucher in an odd Equipage and humerous way, takes horse today for Oxford. My Suzy writes and I send 5 Guineas by him, to my son Jack. I see Mrs. Key, at the sign of the Yatcht, shee tells and conceals how shee has transacted her busienes in Staffordshire. I send to Mr. Jones of Bangor (in my Letter) 2 Licences and Bonds. Mr. Rigby, a Clergyman (son of Rigby of the Yate near Westhoughton) in his way to Ireland, acquaints mee with his misfortunes and Necessities. I give him a Hat, Gloves, Shoos, Breeches and 10^s. His wife with 2 children are at Park Gate.

16 After morning prayers I write to Mr. Bowyer about my cozn. Holts health and Mr. Banks his Cause of Bury. Mrs. Thane dines with us, wee have a pasty of venison sent mee by Mr. Legh. She stays with us till prayers, after which wee drink Tea, after that a Bottle of good port, and stay till 10. Shee kindly gives mee for Mr. Rigby 10^s.

17 The News has That Bouchain is with difficulty invested, suspends the Truth of the Victory of the Muscovites over the Turks. In Busienes, and particularly draw a Certificate about the East Chancel of Hanmer Church. About 8 at night Mr. Owen of Holland comes to see us, hee entertains us with some Accounts of Holland, particularly with the melancholy News of my cozn. Hulme's danger, if not death, of a Favor, at London. (I receive the Fees of 5 Licences from the late Mr. Hulme of Macclesfield, his brother). Wee entertain Mr. Owen with Claret, Lisbon and Venison, till 10.

18 A delicate day rises. I finish the Hanmer Certificate. I write fully to the junior Parre of the Commons. My Man John delivers to mee 3^{li} which with the 7^{li} I owe him makes 10^{li} of his, in my Custody. In Books. My sister Jones is alarmd by a suit too bluntly threatnd by her brother Ned. After prayers, about 6 My Suzy, sister Jones, I and Harry go into the Bath, Barrel Well. After I refresh in domestic wine. My S. receives a Letter from Fanny Green, which gives still greater despair of my Dear Cosin Holts Life. I write to Sir Tho. Hanmer & inclose the Certificate &c.

19 Mr. Oliver has his excellent discourse in the Quire on Thess.5.v. 17. The News retracts the certainty of the Moscovites Victory over the Turks. In the after noon, Mr. Leftwich has a sermon in St. Oswalds, to mee now crassi auditus and (I suspect) to others, not intelligible. After prayers I apply to Mr. Rays excellent discourse on the Wisdome of Creation, till 9.

20 After a rainy night, a tollerable day. I proceed in Rays discourse, write to John Crosse, to order Stones to bee lead to the Well. About 11 my Lord Bishops Coach bring the 5 children with their maids to us on a visit, they dine here, Mr. Maryon

and Couché with them. After dinner very rainy. I proceed in Mr. Ray. I pay today to Mr. Taylor for the 9 Loads of Hay, 9^{li}. I receive a better Account of my cozn. Holts health, from Mr. Bowyer, than I expected.

21 I proceed in Mr. Ray, and begin to resolve on my journey to Oxon Q.B.E. I write and inclose 6 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Styth. After dinner, I see Mr. Bunbury, hee tells mee my cozn. Hayes disires a Cheshire Cheese. After Even prayers, Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon Thane, my cozn. Kendrick, Mr. Tho. Clark, Mr. T. Wainwright and I go to the Bear, drink 5 Bottles good Claret, part about 8.

22 After a tedious Night and Elixir, I relax the thoughts on my Journy. I divert most of the Day in the Royal Comentaries of Peru, and end the Day in a domestic pint.

23 The weather (after rain) clearer. I write to Mr. Peter Walkden of Standish, from an Asthmatical pain in my breast, I draw 11 or 12 Ounces of Blood. In the Evening I draw the Decree of 14 June ex parte Hayes contra Starky. In the Evening read Sir Jo. Floyer's Presenchrolusia, till 10.

24 St. Bartholomew. After a good Nights sleep, rise to early prayers, thence read the uncertain News, after, apply close to Sir John Floyer and Dr. Baynards Letter to him. After dinner Mr. Bunbury drinks Tea with us. After prayers, in Macrobius & other diverting till the domestic pint.

25 I buy of Randle Minshall, Pufendorfs Introduction to the History of Europe and the Introduccions to other parts of the world, for 11^s. I pay Mr. Wrench for mending my watch, 3^s:6^d. It is a rainy day and dissolves my purpose of setting out on Munday. My sister Jones about 12, after shee had bin here about 9 months, gos to St. Asaph, Mr. Mouldings. On the 17th current wee stated the Account of Interest, I haveing paid her in mony and her diet (for which shee reckons only 1^{li} per month) 24^{li}, which clears the Interest to 17th of October next. I return to Books till domestic refreshment takes place, about 9.

26 Dr. Fogg has in the Quire a discourse on 1 Gen. v.1 and Dr. Peter Foulks on 11 psal.v.7 in St. Oswalds. The News yet very various about the Muscovitish or Turkish victory, and small as to Flanders. Sir Geo. Warburton and Mr. Cholmley are at the Quire, morning and Even. prayers. I dip in Mr. Bingham his Antiquities. A fair day revives my purpose of a Journy. I about 9 conclude in domestic pint.

27 I write to the Bishop of St. Asaph, Mr. Adam's answer about the [?Lactuals], to Mr. Bowyer about my cozn. Holt, to Mr. Mawd and inclose a Citacion servd on Mrs. Jane Roper at Mr. John Smithies instance, to appear at York Sept. 28, the execucion coming to 6^s. I am in Books. In the Evening, My S. and I go into the Bath. In the way wee meet the High Sheriff and his company, with the 2 Judges, Jekel and Ward. I am well refresht by the Bath. I after solace in domestic ½ pint.

28 About 10, Mr. Chancellor and I mount and come to Neston about 12. Wee go into the Church, where wee find the parishioners who complaint [*sic*] of the Disposicion of the Seats enterd into the seats on or near their accustomd places as on their Freeholds, these they claim, assert and vindicate as such with a Noise and rudenes very dissagreeable to the Title and place, particularly Hancock, Forshaw and Mr. Talbots Tenant. The Chancellor indeavors to appease by reasoning and his authority, they are not influenc'd by either. They reflect on Mr. Morrey present who answers with temper. Wee recede, re infecta, and at Mr. Morreys the

Chancellor, Mr. Allen and myself are treated with a good dinner and excellent Claret. Mr. Rigby comes to us, the Chancellor gives him 2^s:6^d. Wee stay near 5 and return about 7. I am after at the Hope and Anchor with Drs Thane & Fogg.

29 After the News which yet is very lean, I go about 11 to Eaton to Mr. Cholmley, dine and stay with him near 6. Hee treats mee freindly and freely, gives mee a Guinea for Jack, another for Mr. Robert Cholmley. I call at the Bear where I meet Mr. Wilbraham of Nampwich, Dr. Thane and T. Gorst, wee drink our Bottles freely & part after 10.

30 I prepare for my journey to Morrow. This my son Jacks birth day is remembered in a domestic Celebracion. After noon, I am refresht by repose. In the Evening my S. and I go into the Bath, which pleases with alacrity. I end with domestic $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Sack.

31 In a gray yet fair morning equipp for my Journy, Q.B.E. set out about 10, come to Broxon about 12. I dine with and take leave with my Lord. About 4 set hence and come to Bettisfeild about 7. Mr. Justice Ward comes and Mr. Richard Mostyn. The company received at an elegant supper.

SEPTEMBER 1 A delicate morning rises. I take leave with Sir Thomas Hanmer and have the Honor to drink a Dish of Tea with the Dutchess and Lady Bunbury. Set hence about 10 and come to Salop, 11 miles, about 1. While dinner is prepar'd, go to Rogers the Bookseller, send and search for my old Friend Mr. Cary, but meet not with him till Evening, am surpriz'd with his Mien, Figure and humor. His wife comes to Us, wee have reflections on the daies of my Youth. I think 'em unworthy to hear my Affections for my Lidia & Suzy.

2 Drest I go to Mr. Cary and find him and his wife in sordid Circumstance. I go to St. Mary's where Mr. Daws has an excellent discourse. Mr. Cary dines with mee and some strangers, at my Inn the Raven. After hee and I, in a warm sun, walk to Kings Land, a pleasant place, beautify'd with Bowers of the several Trades of the Town, to which they resort in great and cheerfull solemnity each Whitsun Munday. I have a good view here of Shrewsbury. In our return, wee call on his Father who is now almost 102. Hee looks fresh, gos, sees, hears and remembers to admiracion, dissatisfyd with my old Acquaintance, who I suspect to have led a Loose life. At 6 I set hence, go on a fine road to Wenlock Edg, ascend thoro clouds to the Town (8 miles) where [?I come] to the White Hart, kept by a conceited Lanlady, admiring the beauty of her own Family, about 8, her husband (France) then from home.

3 In a fine morning before 7 set hence. I meet Mr. Urian here in his Excise imployment, the way for the most part dull till against Sir Richard Actons, I come (5 long m.) to Bridgnorth, pass on in a better way (10 m.) to Kidderminster. I see the Church and some ancient Monuments. After dinner I walk $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile to Mr. Clares, brother in Law to my Lord Bishop of Chester, find his son at home, who receives mee civilly. Mount about 2, after about 6 miles come to an Oke in the road fam'd for the meeting of Austin, ArchBishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of Wales.²¹ I come to Worcester (the Talbot) 10 long M. about 6. I meet with Mr.

21 This meeting took place near Kidderminster, between St Augustine and the Welsh bishops.

Tolley a proctor & civil person. Hee takes mee up the Castle Hill near the Church and shows where part of the Battle was here just 60 yeares ago vidt 3 Sept. 1651.²²

4 I go to prayers, meet with Mr. Sandby (who is a prebendary), hee directs mee to our Bishops late stall in the Quire, after shows mee the whole Church Monuments, particularly Bishop Stillingfleets, out of and K. Johns in the Quire, the prebendal Houses, particularly his own, with the Garden and large Summer House on the Severn side. By his Friendship the Dean, vidt Bishop of Oxford, invites and genteely receives mee at Dinner, where the Chancellor, Dr. Lloyd, Irish &c persons dissagreeable are on reserve and keep mee so. After Even prayers, my Lanlord leads mee over to the Bridg a mile or near it to the fatal Feild of Battle. I am with Mr. Sandby at a Music Clubb. After, hee treats too plentifully at the Tavern. I saw the Registrars Office, was entertained by Mr. Oliver the Registrar, who told mee hee intends to write the Antiquitys of the Church.

5 The Bishop of Worcester visits the Chapter, suspends Mr. Lawton a prebendary ab officio & Beneficio. Hee convenes and threatens Dr. Walls, another prebendary, for some reflections in his sermon against his son, the Chancellor. I see the Bishop at his visitation sitting in the Chapter house and Library. I am equipt for Evesham, but am prevaild with (by Dr. Walls) to stay. I dine with him at Mr. Tollys, where I hear and admire the process & partiality of the Bishop and his son. After dinner the Dr. comes with mee to the Inn and over a glass of white wine, tells mee of his former Life, his steady affection to the Church, his voting on its service, and of the malitious prosecucion of him by the Chancellor and favord and incourag'd by the Bishop. It was this (not yester)day I saw the Feild of Battle. After which walk, return to the Inn, drink a Glass with Mr. Tolly and to bed about 10.

6 Before 7, after Tea, set out in a sweet Morning, over take Dr. Stapilton one of the prebendarys about 6 miles from Worcester, wee pass Pershore, where anciently an Abby, now a poor Town. Some Descendants of the ancient poor maintained by the Monestary, remarkable for their Feature and sordidity, yet remain and with ingratefull importunity (for releif) pursue the Travellers thro the Town, to the Bridg over Avon. Hence thoro the Vale, now very fair (the road glazd with the Horse-shoo, and harder than the stones in it) wee take the nearer way to Broadway (10M.), this a poor place, wee light, have to dinner, good mutton spoild in Grilling. As wee mount Dr. Wynn of Jesus College, Margaret professor and another prebendary of Worcester lights. Wee proceed over the Downs to Moreton-in-Marsh (6) and from thence to Chippin Norton (5M). Here Dr. Wynn overtakes, wee recede into the DDs. Apartment and after supper, I to my Bed, about 10.

7 About 8 wee proceed about 4 M, see the Duke of Shrewsburys new house on the left hand, about 4M more, come by a magnificent Arch or Bridg, to the Stupendious pile of Blenheim. Wee view the Front, and turning to the left, ride almost round the noble Garden (which Dr. Wynn said, measuring the Bastions, was held to bee 3 M. in compas) to Bladen Gate, thence wee come (about 6 M) to Oxford (D.G.) about 12. I go to the Blew Boar, dine on a Chicken well don, dress, go into Christ Church to my son Jacks Chamber, am told Dr. Stratford sent in the

22 The battle of Worcester, in which Charles II was defeated.

morning for him. I go to the Drs. stately Lodgings, hee receives mee with kind surprize, tells mee hee imployd Jack in showing a Lady and her Husband the Colleges. I drink Tea, go to prayers at 4, return to his Lodgings and stay there till 6, when Jack returns with Mr. Taylor and his Lady (all waies of Notice prevented) the Dr. calls Jack into the little parlor, where hee is extremely surprizd to find mee. After the surprize diminisht in recess and discourse, Wee all sit to a hansom supper, at which a venison pasty, Claret and Burgundy, at 10 Jack brings mee to my Inn.

8 In the morning, after Tea, in Jacks Lodgings, I visit Mr. Robert Cholmley in Brazen Nose, and Mr. Hearne close at study in his post in the Bodleian Library. Wee dine with Mr. & Mrs. Taylor at Dr. Stratfords. After Jack renews his office of conducting Mrs. Taylor and her Husband. I accompany them to Maudlen College, the Phisick Garden, where Nature and Art make delightfull Entertainment, the Trees and plants rare and exotic, the Yew and Box formd into antick and regular shapes and order, a surprizing pair of pillars with Flowerpotts of Yew square of great height and proporcionable thicknes. Mr. Bobart the Keeper seems in his Ayr and fantastic humor, to bee a curious sight, beyond the insects and plants innumerable which hee shows and talks upon. Wee eat some of his peaches, upon which occasion is taken to recompence his Civility. Hence to Trinity College and Chapel, New College, St. Johns and others till 6, when wee return to Mr. Taylors lodging, thence to the Kings Head, where hee generously treats Jack and myself with Calka Villa. Hee is a person rather of busienes (relating to the Treasury) than Learning. Hee talks much, boldly and often well. Jack and I happen to have some part of the Time, to which hee attends, wee have 7 pints and part after 1.

[No further entries until the 21st].

21 St. Mathews day. After Tea in Mr. Sherwins, on the old Gentlemans Account, Valediction to my good Quarters and a pott of good Coffee at Mr. Cosens. Mr. Colly, Jack and myself, about 9, mount near the North Gate. Wee go to the Tun at Bladen-Gate near to Windsor park. Here wee put up our horses and order a dinner. Wee walk thoro that part of the park by the Kitchen Garden, near that end, enter the other Noble Garden (which is said to consist of 60 Acres), go up the larg midle walk containing 2200 feet, observe on either hand, whereby design is all along uniform, except one part toward the E. end where the Bastions so broad that they are 1859 feet from each other, the wildnes of a wildernes and the nicety of Order, Okes frequently taken in and surrounded with modern Green, ornamentally disposd, into Arbors. A Hedge of Yew running on each side of the walk, turnd, cutt and formd into great Variety. At severall parts several, and on each hand, uniform Visto's to the wall of the Garden, 2 vast & sub circular places, markt out for Fountains. After a long and amazing approach toward the House thoro rude Okes and delicacies, wee come to a vast plan of the Flower Garden, extending in vast Variety near the Wall on either hand. After that past, advance from a Terrace some steps thoro noble Corinthian pillars into a vast Dineing room (an Alcove in the roof) which is the hight of the house; on this side, 5 or 6 rooms more compose the side and thoro them (the doors open) a fine visto. On the South side a vast Gallery, the full hight and length of the side. The North West Avenue thoro 5 Rows of Elm, over the magnificent Bridg is the principal; it leads thoro a larg Court, to a noble Hall, thoro fine Corinthian pillars the hight of it, 2 Grand Stair Cases, lead up on

either side the Hall. The wings (100 yds distant from each other) are extended into many Appartments adorn'd with Colunnades, and, above, with Towers which are finisht with Ducal Crests. Over the Entry into the Hall, the Dukes Coat Armor with supporters, cutt in reliefe, and over the Ducall, a prince's Coronet, denoting his German principality of Mildenheim. On either side above the Colunnade, Statues of Goddesses and Vertues. The Fabric when Finisht is to contend with and exceed (as they say) any Palace yet raisd in the world. It composes a grand Figure, is excellent Masonry, and Grandeur and Strength seem much more consulted than Conveniency. And particularly the designacion of the Chapel, inverted as to the canonical situacion, and to form part of the South wing with the Stable, seems to cast a shade on the rest, when for the sake of Architecture, Religion nay the Great Architect of the world, is neglected and dishonord.

Wee return the same way to our Dinners to which wee add a Bottle of Calka Villa and are cheerfull. Inter haec, The young Lord Brook and his 3 companions, come to the place with a Quaker whom they had pickt up for diversion, they drink wine and banter, hee drinks and talks gravely to the yong Lord. About 4 wee set hence and part with Mr. Colly. Wee come by the Beechen Tree and by Atterbury, and about 7, the Evening dusky, come to Banbury & the sign of the Three Tonns.

22 About 8 wee set from Banbury and (after 2 M) come to a pleasant seat with a park of Lady Cope, proceed thoro Corn Ground and fine prospect to Edg-hill about 3 m further, where wee ascended into a fair and larg Encampment said to be quadrangular and to contain 12 Acres. Hence the prospect is charming and immense especially to the West. Wee descend the Hill to Rad or Redway. Wee come to Mr. Goodwins here about $\frac{1}{2}$ h. after 11, find some of their relations equipping back to Hamborough. Wee are civilly treated, before 3 wee proceed thoro Kineton Feilds and in the way, thoro the Feild of Battle fought near Edg Hill Sept. 9 1642. After Kineton come to a seat and park of the Lord Willoughby Brook, thence to Warwick (from Radway 8 M) about 6, to the 3 Tonns. Wee understand my Cozn. Prescotts are both at London. Wee see the Church, a noble and August pile, the fine Chapel on the south wherein in Copper is finely preservd the Figure of Richard de Beau Champ E. of Warwick and another fine Dormitory on the North side wherein the Monument and Effigies of Fulk Grevil, servant to Q. Elizabeth, Councelor to K. James and Freind to Sir Philip Sidney. Wee go to the Castle and are led that long and noble visto of Rooms on the first floor. After a small supper, to bed about 9.

23 Before Church service wee step a mile to Guy's Cliffe, a consummate solitude but neglected in the hands of a Quaker. Over a Cave, a Chapel is erected (said to be dedicated to St. Margaret) wherein a Gigantic figure in Relieve of Stone, of the Famous Guy, and 2 Figures rudely and of later time painted of Colbron and Amarant. At a distance are 2 fine springs confind in round Stones made Hollow. The Dr. (Hodges, I think) reades and the Curate preaches, before Noon. After dinner, wee visit my cozn. Prescotts neat old Home and Garden. And after a pint of Lisbon, and discourse over it, My son Jack and I part, not without Tears and reluctancy. I send John to attend him part of the way to Radway, and from my Infirmary, betake mee (about 2) into (the safest Asylum) the Church, where the Dr. has a good discourse. In the Evening, I take a solitary walk round the Town, which

I observe, as to the streets, very uniform, wide and streight, the Houses equal, save at the Corners which are cornisht with stone and a story higher. About 7, in my own Lodging, I am invited by Dr. Harvey into a company of my cozn. Prescotts acquaintance where Mr. Pershal, Mr. Hunt a Lawyer and others. After wine, a large Bowl of punch is brought, over which, fair Freedom and harmony in discourse, and the most eligible Healths, to the bottom and till 12 a clock.

24 Indispos'd from the Fellowship of last night. I go over the way to Dr. Harvey, drink Tea with him, set hence about 9. (At about 4 m) pass Killingworth Castle,²³ the ruins speak how great and noble it has bin; thence, to Meridon bridg about 5 and thence to Coleshill about 3 M. Here I stay and surround the Church, observe a fine prospect, about 2 set hence. At about 6 M. pass a fine seat and park of Mr. Hackitts, 6 miles more, bring mee to Lichfeild, about 5 I go into the Cathedral, thence to Mr. Rider, drink Tea and a glass of mountain-wine with him. After, hee brings near a Mile Eastward, to Chads Well of a small Circumference, but (as the woman told mee) 6 yds. deep. Hee brings mee to my Inn, the Swan, & leaves mee about 8.

25 I rise early and walk a long Mile (south W.) to see the cold Baths built, by the direction of Sir John Floyer, each about 5 yds long and 3 broad, they are divided by a firm high Wall, they are filld together, by a cold spring, riseing out of a rock, a little remote; to each belongs a dressing room, one for the Lady's, the other for the Men. I hasten back and take Horse (after Tea) about 8. After (about 6 M.) come to Wolseley Bridg, where an ancient seat and park of the Wolsleys, then thoro Heywood about 2 M, thence to Wich-sherly about 3 M, over against which, on the left, is Ingstree,²⁴ a delightfull seat, with a park, belonging to Mr. Chetwood. Thence (and in the way) a seat of Sir Edmonds (in whose Land the said cold Baths are built) on the left, and on a Bank near on the right, a seat of Mr. Crompton (5 M.), to Stone where I come about 12. Surround the Church, dine, and drink a Glass of Lisbon, with my Lanlord Barber (of the Crown), mount at 2, come on a fair road (8 M) and on the left Turn to Willowbridg, where I find an admirable Fountain, in a Well 6 foot deep, sending out a stream of about 5 cubical Inches, into a pool rail'd about (as they say) full of Springs, but, for want of Fall, and from the vicinity of another pool, they are obstructed & buryd. There is a cold Bath near, in a House, maintaind by its own spring, about 3 yds. long, 2 broad, not so well contrivd. This is frequented and admird by Mr. Francis Cholmley. From hence (2 M.) to Woor,²⁵ and thence by Doddington (6 M.) to Namptwich, where I come about 7. I find the Lamb full of strong company. I step to Mrs. Wetenhall and to her and Mrs. Wright, over Tea, give Account of their relations, in my journey; return before 9, to the Lamb, drink a Glass of Sack and so to a private and quiet lodging.

26 I am equipt early, about 7 go to Mrs. Wetenhalls where I drink a pott of Tea, mount about 8 and return in good health and satisfaction to my Lares et Focos²⁶

23 Kenilworth Castle.

24 Ingestre, some 7 miles from Lichfield.

25 Woore, between Newcastle-under-Lyme and Audlem.

26 Trans: 'to my hearth and family'.

D.O.M.G. before 12. After dinner some Freinds visit mee. I stay within, recite some of my journey & solace in domestic pint.

A short Account of the Miles and of my Charges, to and from, Oxford.

From Chester	Miles	Expenses	From Oxford	Miles	Expenses
to Broxon	7	0- 2-0	To Bladen	6	0- 6-0
Bettisfeild	8	0- 2-0	Banbury	12	0- 8-0
Salop	11	0-15-0	Warwick	14	1- 3-6
Wenlock	8	0- 4-0	Coleshill	12	0- 4-0
Kidderminster	15	0- 4-0	Lichfeild	12	0- 8-8
Worcester	10	0-17-0	Stone	16	0- 5-6
Broadway	16	0- 2-6	Namptwich	16	0- 6-0
Chippin Norton	11	0- 5-0	Chester	14	2- 1-8
Oxford	14	8-12-2			
	100	11-3-8		104	11- 3-8
In all (Books included)					13- 5-4

27 First Court day of Michaelmas Term Q.B.E. The Busienes competent and easy. In the Evening at the White Talbot (now held by Mr. Hatfeild, on Mrs. Pickmeres recess, which I lament) with Dr. Thane, Mr. Henchman and Mr. Aubrey. Mr. Henchman with full Glasses raises his Spirits above his own Decorum. Wee part about 9.

28 After the News, Busienes and dinner, I make a visit to Mr. Francis Cholmley, unexpectedly find him at (the old Hall) Mr. Pigots in a warm company, Sir Richard Vernon, Mr. Chancellor, his son, Mr. T[?homas] W[?ainwright], Mr. Leigh of Aldford, 2 Pulfords, 3 Pigots, the Entertainment is Generous. I here present him with Dr Grabe against Whiston, from Jack. Wee part about 5. Mr. Chancellor, his son and I call and drink a Bottle at the Bear, and thence to Home about 8.

29 The Fair day, not very advantagious (as usual) to our Busienes. I read Miltons 1, 2 & 3^d Book of his Paradise Lost. I write to Jack an Account of my return & end the day in Domestic.

30 Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Quire and Mr. Wildman (now Mr. Haddons Curate) another after Noon, in St. Oswald's. The News not entertaining today. I am domestic to Night.

OCTOBER Q.F.F.E.F.S.

1 The fine and severe weather, which encouragd my Attempt on, and attended with the greatest pleasure to mee, thoro my journey to and from Oxford, yet smiles in vigour. I write to my Lord Bishop, to Mr. Cholmley of Holford (now in Greek Street in Soho) to my Cozn. Parre and to Mr. Markland, to whom I inclose 6 Licences and Bonds. Last night I begun, and this almost end, Erasmus's Preparatio ad Mortem. I writ fully to Mr. Bowyer on the late Commission.

2 Apply to Busienes and recollection of my late Journy. Mrs. Jones of Bangor and her daughter with a beautifull yong Lady from Worcester dine with us. I write

to Mr. Robert Cholmley of Brazen Nose and acquaint him of my Application (yesterday) to his Father about Dr. Branstons Collection of English Coins. Wee still receive melancholy & desperate Accounts of my D[ear] C[ozn.] Holt.

3 Still proceed in Recollection of my Journy repeating the pleasure, till 5 at Night, when summoned, I meet the Chancellor, Dr. Thane and Mr. Aubrey at the Bear where wee liberally drink 3 Bottles. My Cozn. Carter calls on, and receives from, mee a Confirmation of a seat of his in Huyton Church, which hee some years since, deposited in my hands. I write and inclose (by Mary Jenkinson) 6 Licences and Bonds, to Mr. Jebbe.

4 I send by Pain the Waggoner, a Cheese directed to my Cozn. Hayes of the weight of 54^{li} which at 3^{dob}.²⁷ comes to 15^s:6^d, the carriage paid 4^s.8^d. I write to John Crosse, send to Jack, Demosthenes in Folio by the Oxford Carrier to whom I pay for the Carriage 1^s:10^d. A Court easy in Busienes. After prayers I, invited, am with the Chancellor, his son Thomas, Mr. Boucher and Mr. Huson, at Mr. Roberts house, where wee empty 6 Bottles, Mr. Chancellor and his son leaving us about 9, the rest staying till 12. Paid Samuel Davies for Grass, 2 weeks, 10^s.

5 Very much indispos'd from the wine and unseasonable Hour last Night, am unfitted for Busienes today. I buy a pair of Brass Stirrups and pay Alderman Minshall for them 7^s. After a small repose & Evening prayers, Read Camdens's Middlesex.

6 Reliev'd by Elixir, to some Busienes. I read Camdens Oxfordshire. I turn Camden after his Life and preface till 8, pay Daniel Pemberton, Carpenter 4^s. Mr. Chisnal calls on mee.

7 In the morning I hear Mr. Oliver his excellent Discourse on 16 Luke 31. The News keeps up some Hopes of peace. A very cold day, very much affects and indisposes. Mr. Chisnall dines with us. In the Evening I can only dip in Erasmus Mil. Xtiano.

8 D.G. well recoverd, a stormy day. Ned Roberts and Jeffry go to Malpas. I write to Sir H. Bunbury on Mr. Shrigley's Kinsmans Account and on my own, about Mrs. Stephen's Legacy and my cozn. Hayes, at his Chamber in the Queens Bench Walk, in the Inner Temple, about the Cheese I sent, and his Advice how to dispose of Jack. In the Afternoon after repose read the 3^d & 4 Books of Milton, Paradise Lost, divert in domestic.

9 I write to Mr. Bowyer my thoughts of the Rectors Cause. The News very thin today. Indisposd of Head Ache, repose after dinner, end the 5th Book of Milton. About 6 at Tom Hollands with the Chancellor, 2 Cowpers, Aldermen Partington and Puleston, Mr. Calys & Grantham. Alderman Puleston treats mee with a Bottle of Claret, sent for, the Chancellor grows chagrin about taxes toward Bells, gos off about 8, the rest stay past 9. Still storm & rain.

10 I go on in Milton. After Dinner I go to Eaton, find Mr. Cholmley alone. Wee talk over the Case of the Family (at present more unhappy from the Visit or scandalous Incumbrance of the Lord Dunbarton), that of Winstanley wherein I am further surpriz'd with the Account of Mr. Holland and his son. I stay till 6, after some more of Milton, to bed.

27 I.e. 3½^d per pound.

11 The weather still rainy and stormy. A Court of easy Busienes. After prayers I return to Milton, proceed thro the 6 & 7 and 8 Books, with great delight in the Narracion & admiracion of the Author.

12 A very rainy morning. Ned Roberts and Jeffry go to Frodsham with Mr. Leftwich as Surrogate. My Suzy and I drink Coffee with Mal. Partington, to whom I give a Guinea towards a silver Coffee pott for Gerard Eyton & his Lady. I give Mr. Richardson, Goldsmith, for a silver Chain for my Watch 5^s. After dinner I go to the Hall, the Eleccion begun, and about ½ hour after 2, Alderman Minshal (after a notable competicion betwixt him and Alderman Thomason, this exceeding in the Freemens, the other in the Benches voices) is chosen and declard Mayor, ascends the seat and takes the Oaths with great Gravity. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Wilson (the former absent) are Sheriffs. In the Evening, Dr. Thane, Mr. Hodgson and myself go to the Bacchus (Winstanleys) where wee drink 3 pints good white wine in the Mayors and others healths and part about 8. After which I end Milton's Paradise Lost.

13 The rain intermits. I write to my cozn. Parre and to Sir Edward Chisnal, an answer to his received Thursday, about his son William. After prayers I write to Mr. Tolly, proctor, near St. Mary's Stepps, Worcester. After that I visit the Mayor, find the last Mayor and other company with him. I stay after these are gon till about 9. I see and present a Guinea to Mrs. Mayoress.

14 Rainy weather returned. The News give good expectacion and some particulars of a peace. The Mayor and his company come to the Quire, where Mr. Henchman has a good discourse on 28 Gen.16.17. Mr. Sudel has an high Church sermon after noon in St. Oswalds. Mr. Boucher, Ned Roberts, and Jeffry about 2 set for Namptwich. About 6, I go to the Chancellor and in the way (providentially) meet a Letter to mee from Liverpool, desireing my vote for Mr. James Townsend for Mayor on Thursday. I shew this to the Chancellor and have his ready consent. Hee sends for Dr. Thane, wee drink 2 Bottles good wine and part about 8.

15 A delicate frosty Morning tempts mee to roodee (after several months intermission), I take 3 Turns. I write to John Crosse. I pay my parish Tax for the poor, 7^s, And, after prayers, write to the Bishop of Meath. After, solace in reading and domestic pint.

16 A very sharp Frost. I am at early (now 7 a clock) prayers. See the News full of hopefull preliminary's, to a Peace. I fall into Plautus's Trinumus before, and after Dinner. My Suzy and I go to my Lady Bunbury. Shee lends the sadle Horse, to Wigan & treats us with a Glass of Wine. After prayers Mr. Leftwich sees and staies with mee till 7. After I write to Jack. I deliver 5 Licences to Mr. Leftwich in our absence. End in domestic pint.

17 The late fair hopefull weather turnd to rain, yet discourages not the Equipping for our journy. My Suzy and I set hence about 2, come to Warrington (Mr. Rawsons) about 6. I send to Mr. Golborn who comes and sits with us. Wee go to bed before 10.

18 About 8 wee set out, my S. for Wigan, I come to Liverpool before 12. I step to the old Chapel and hear an Anthem, 89 psalm rudely attempted, yet it pleases that audience.²⁸ The Corporacion from hence, move to the Exchang attended by a great

Multitude and in these on the Church side about 60 young Men of the best sort. The Court sate, proclamacion for the Election of a Mayor is made. Mr. Core competitor on the Whig side, receded last night. Mr. Townsend is therefore chosen without opposition, proclaimd and sworn. Mr. Kelsal and Kendrick are chosen Bailiffs. Warm words pass in Court betwixt the Clergy Richmonds and Sir Thomas Johnson and Mr. Norris. Mr. Marsden carrys mee to dine with him at Mr. Hursts. After drink Tea with Mr. Styth at Mr. Hough[?tons]. I deliver by Mr. Styth 4 Licences. Wee see the Dock, call at Mr. Swerbrecks and return to the Talbot where my cozn. Holt comes to us, wee drink our Bottles of good Claret, and part about 11.

19 After Mr. Styths and the Coffee House, my cozn. and I are at the Talbot, here the 3 Richmonds, Mr. Cleaveland, Earl, Tyer and Raph Prescott complement mee about my coming to vote. Wee congratulate the Success, and in good mull'd white wine, drink a free Glass to Charles 6 elected Emperor of Germany, and to Mr. Townsend Mayor of Liverpool. About 12 wee set out & by a cross road by Melling, Causcough, Mossock, Stanley, Yate and Biccursteth,²⁹ come to Holland about 3. Wee eat cold Beef and drink ale, till the Moon rise about 7. Sam. Prescot, John Crosse and I have discourse on the Shops. John Cross pays mee 3^{li} for my Milton sold. Wee reach Wigan about 9.

20 The weather rainy, and Elixir taken last Night, stay mee confind to my cozn. Holts house all day.

21 Before 8, after the little News read, I take Horse and come that tedious dull road to Manchester & our company before 12. After sermon and evening prayer I go in and drink Tea with Mr. Pigot, here my daughter Lydia comes to mee. After that to Dr. Holbrook's, thence to the Bulls head, where with our Company, a Glass of wine till 10.

22 The Chancellor returns to Chester, the rest go on to Blackburn. Mr. Hulton and I go and dine with Mr. Ashton, at the Dean, Mr. Bolton with us. Hee entertains us (as usually) liberally. Hee and the rain perswade us to stay till 6, wee come in the dark. I after step to Dr. Holbrooks, who after falling into a ditch, hunting, was gon to bed.

23 I consult the Churchwardens, in order to draw their Answer to Sir Edward Cokes Monitoriale defensive & replicatory,³⁰ dine at Dr. Holbrooks. After draw the Answer, and in the Evening meet and drink a Glass of wine with the Wardens. They approve the Answer, I go with the Dr. and wee drink a Bottle at his Home. I observe and by no means approve of the manner and Conversacion my daughter has and imitates, in this Family. It rains, I return to my Quarters after 10.

24 I see the New Church, drink (at his house) Tea with the Warden.³¹ The Wardens repeat their Answer before Mr. Bolton, as Surrogate. I receive for myself 10^s and for Mr. Chancellor, for produccion, 3^s.4^d. Before 12 Mr. Hulton, myself and daughter sett hence, and come to Wigan about 3. I dine late at my cozn. Holts and continue there.

25 About 9 I sett out (after our company) and come to Ormskirk, in tollerable fair weather, after 11. Mr. Sil. and Henry Richmond dine with us. I examine Sir Tho.

29 Bickerstaffe.

30 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1710-11) No. 9, Manchester.

31 A reference to the building of St Ann's Church in Manchester.

Johnson and Mr. Alanson on Mr. Livesays Will. I wait on Mrs. Roper, who now proves Mr. Ropers Will, shee is civil to mee and promises freedom to take a Copy of my Lord Derby's picture. After a visit to Mr. Ollerhead, I discourse my cozn. Hill, who is civil, but wary and promises (before Xtmas) to send mee his answer about his Edens estate. I after drink a free Glass of white with Will Barton and Mr. Bennet (Lady Anglesey's Steward) and Mr. Taylor (steward to Lord Derby) till 10. I sent Mr. Styth, by Mr. Alanson of Liverpool, six Licences and Bonds.

26 After a severe rain all night and continu'd this morning, a Flood is threatnd. The water near Westhead and that in Skelmersdale near the Stocks, wee find high and difficult to pass. I come to Wigan about 11. I am engagd, after dinner, with Mr. Haydock and others while the Busienes proceeds. In the Evening, Mr. Holland treats mee and my Cozn. Holt at Ann Tootels with a pint of sack. It rains even to make a return from hence doubtfull.

27 Yet our company returns to Chester. The Tenants wife of Ayrfeild comes and presents two Woodcocks to my Suzy. Shee dines with us, the weather continues rainy, and wee confind all day at home.

28 At the Church before and after noon, the weather stormy with rain. Mr. Francis Holland reads the prayers, Mr. Bowyer preaches. In the Evening Mr. Howarth invited, sits with us, at my cozn. Holts till 9.

29 Tho the day be very rainy it do's not hinder. My Suzy and myself and Lydia, My cozn. Holt, Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Howorth, go to Walthew House, the Brook near it being very high. My Cozn. Markland entertains us Freely, wee by coming back thoro his wood and land (tedious enough) miss the riseing Brook.

30 The rain continues with storm. In the Evening at Nanny Tootels, a liberal Glass in the best Wigan company.

31 My Suzy and I dine at Mr. Leighs. In the Evening Mr. Walmsley entertains with a Bottle at his House.

NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day. Wee are at the Church, where Mr. Holland reads a Homily praeparatory for the Sacrament. In the Evening, the same company at Nanny Tootels. Calka Villa.

2 The weather still rainy and the Corn and Country miserably incomod'd with the rain and Floods. In the Evening again at Calka Villa, where in a large company Mr. Lees of Manchester begins, and Mr. Walmesley refuses Dr. Sacherverils health, this affords some diversion to the rest.

3 My Suzy, my cozn. Holt and myself go and dine at Winstanley, where wee are freindly receiv'd by Mr. and Mrs. Banks, they tell us many Circumstances of the Case twixt them and Mr. Holland, and shew us 3 Letters of about Sept. 15 of Mr. Holland, Mr. Banks and Mr. Fr. Holland, the last surprizes us by its assumeing, pert and unmanerly Stile. The visits of 6 persons of Quality made in their order this week to Mr. Walmesley at Garswood have very much diverted this place, vidt 1st Duke of Powis his eldest son, 2 Lord Derwentwater, 3 Lord Castle Haven, 4 Lord Petre, 5 Lord Walgreave, 6th 3rd Brother to the Duke of Norfolk.

4 Mr. Bowyer has 2 Sermons today. My Suzy and I in the Fore Noon sit as parishioners in my seat in the Galery and receive the blessed Sacrament with a very considerable Number. Mr. Bankes of Winstanley and wee dine at Mr. Bowyers.

After Evening Service, my cozn. Holt, Markland and others with myself take a Freindly Glass of Calka Villa.

5 The weather continues rainy and the storm very high. Mr. Peirson, Curat of Standish has a sermon on the Occasion of this day. Dr. Holbrook comes hither, a public Bonfire is maintaind all Day. In the Evening the Dr., my cozn. Holt, Fr. Holland, Mr. Howard and myself return to Calka Villa, where a great deal of Learning is rather superficially mencioned than profoundly understood.

6 Dr. Holbrook is prevaild with to stay today to consider my cozn. Holts present more hopefull Case. And Nature by throwing out of the Stomack an humor into the Limbs seems to direct and prescribe to the phisitians prescripcions, and has recoverd some strength Q.B.E.

7 Mrs. Betty Brown who went from my cozn. Holts on Wedensday, dyd Saturday night, was buryd this day. My Suzy, Lydia and myself attend the solennity at Ince and to the Church, where Mr. Bowyer had a good discourse on the occasion, but a very mean description of the Deceased person. After the sermon, wee return home.

8 The Floods are so supplyd with successive showrs, tho wee intended, wee do not go today. In the Evening my cozn. Holt and I go down to Mr. Bowyers, drink his Ale and a pint of Claret, return about 8, after which my cozn. Holt and Suzy have a woodcock Supper. I leave 5 Licences &c for Mr. Haydock.

9 Wee at last resolve for Chester after dinner, about 3 wee set hence. Mr. Bowyer and my cozn. Holt bring us to Ashton, the Moon and weather favorable. Wee stay an hour, drink a cheerfull glass of good Claret in a decent house, part about 6. My Suzy and I find Longford deeper than expected, but safe, come to Warrington before 8. After a woodcock, to Bed after 10.

10 About 9 wee sett out of Warrington, find the Causey free of water. I am about Sutton taken severely with Gripes. Wee call and I am easd by Brandy, Toast and Butter at Frodsham. Wee proceed before 1 and come safe (D.O.M.G.) to our Corner about 3, wee dine about 5. I pursue the Gripes with Elixir. I reckon the Charges of this Journy to amount to about the summ of 4^{li}:10^s:0.

11 I stay within doors till Evening prayers. After which Lady Bunbury and my cozn. Moreton see us. I apply to Bp. Wilkins excellent Book of Natural Religion.

12 The weather is still rainy. I write to my cozn. Parre. The rest in Busienes & Books to an Evening pint.

13 The weather yet incertain. After noon I examine 4 Wittnesses on Godfreys Will, write to Jack. About 6, go to the White Talbot, where the Chancellor, ArchDeacon and I drink above pints of White wine.

14 I write to the Bp. of St. Asaph about his Lactuals and Jeffry [Prescott]. Write and send a copy of Thomas Bickerdikes Will to Anthony Close for which 5^s. In the Even, Sir Henry Bunbury returns from Ireland. Wee invited, go over, Dr. Thane and the Chancellor come, wee drink good Claret and stay till 9.

15 I send John into Lancashire for Lydia. A Court day of Competent Busienes. I examine 4 Wittnesses ex parte Wright contra Halwood.³² I finish Pseudolus and after domestic pint, to bed at 10.

32 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1710–11) No. 8, Stoake.

16 I write and inclose to Mr. Houghton of Macclesfield a Copy of Wm. Leighs Will, for a charg of 4s:6^d. The News, for want of pacquets, very lean. I enter upon and finish Truculentus.

17 The weather yet dull and wett. After dinner invited, I go over to Sir Henry with whom at first, Dr. Thane and Mr. T. [?Becket]. After their recess, a successive company, Sir Tho. Brooke, Capt. T. Warburton and the recorder come in, the good wine go's freely round. I stay till 5, & after read Epidicus.

18 Mr. Sudel has a long acted Sermon in the Quire on 3 Habbacuk 17.18. The News letters after 5 Mailes arrivd, differ about the peace. Dyer affirms the Dutch are come into the British measures, the rest, particularly Roper, the contrary. After Evening prayers, I proceed in Wilkins Natural Religion, end the 1st part.

19 I write to Dr. Pope for directions to Him. After which my S. buys 6 yds of Cloath for Jacks winter suit, 3^{li}:12^s the Trimming [blank]. I draw a Declaracion for Daniel Coulson. After prayers I write to Mr. Moulding about his son Jeffry. I read to the 5. Sc. of Act 3 of Rudens. After domestic pint, to bed about 11.

20 A much more cheerfull day rises. The Letters concurr in the Dutch coming into the Brittish Measures in order to a Treaty. After dinner invited go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury, where Mr. Geo. Shakerley his brother in law Mr. Baggott, and Mr. Chancellor. Wee drink a free Glass of good wine. I read the rest of Rudens.

21 I divert the Forenoon in Sigonius de Antiquo Iure Civium Romanorum. Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Moreton dine with us. The desperate Case of Mr. R. Booth is the melancholy diversion. I still turn Sigonius and begin [?Mionechius]. Mr. Booth dies about 9 tonight.

22 Court day of tollerable busienes. I write and inclose a Copy of Mrs. Heywood's Will to Mr. Ashton of Prestwich for which I direct him to pay 4^s to Mr. Bolton. I examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Milner contra Wareing.³³ I read the 1st part of Dr. Bradley his Nunc Dimittis. I receive for 4 Licences from Mr. Watkinson.

23 After morning prayers I see the News which tells the Dutch come in, the Emperor dissents to the proposals made by France. After dinner my Suzy and I pay our 1st congratulatory visit to young Mr. Whitehall and his Lady. After, to the old Mr. W. and his Lady, then to Mrs. Moreton. Wee return about 7. After read the 2^d part of Elijahs Nunc Dimittis. After write to my sister Jones, and, for her, 2 Letters to Mr. Gravenor, and her Tenant Evan Jones. Recreate in domestic pint, and to bed about 12.

24 After a very rainy night, a rainy dull day. I write to my cozn. Parr, and Charg 1^s:4^d to Mr. Newman for search of Reeves Will. I write to the Bp. of St. Asaph, Examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Colly contra Guardianos Scti Oswaldi.³⁴ At 6, attend Mr. Booths Funeral, where an Appeareance of about 60 of the best sort in the Town. He is interr'd about 8 in the Quire of St. Oswalds. After that, a domestic pint.

25 The Warden of Manchester has an excellent and high Description of Charity. After prayers I proceed in Bp. Wilkins his Natural Religion. Some Freinds visit us, after their recess a domestic pint.

33 Ibid., No. 12, Chester, Holy Trinity.

34 Ibid., No. 11, Chester, St Oswald.

26 In the morning finish Bp. Wilkins his excellent Book. After dinner Mr. Jones of Bangor calls on us. In the Evening I examine 2 more Wittnesses ex parte Milner. After that, call'd on go over to Hen. Bunburys, the rest punch, Mr. Jones and I drink a Bottle of Claret and part about 9.

27 I receive a Letter from Dr. Pope. The News relaxes into small. Apply to Busienes. After prayers with the Chancellor and Mr. Jones at 2 Bottles at the Bear till 8. After I stay with Mr. Jones at 3 pints of white of the Plume of Feathers, his Quarters, engag'd in more freindly discourse, to my penalty, till 12.

28 Indispos'd from the unseasonable wine, ly unseasonably, procure yet a Bill of 40^{li} from Alderman Murrey which I enclose in a Letter to Dr. Pope. I pay 2 Guineas on Account to Peggy Birchall, pay 3^s:6^d to Mr. Malbon for a new scabbard. Examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Godfrey on Interrogatorys. Sent for, I go over to Sir Hen. Bunburys, where only himself and Mr. Chancellor, they both tell mee with Concern of the Idlenes and irregularity of my son H[arry], earnestly advise mee to send him to Sea. Sir Henry promises to procure the Queens Letter and to recomend him to a good Captain. I consent Q.B.E. sed manet mihi alta mente repostum. Wee part before 7.

29 A Court day easy of Busienes, which pungency of thought supplys. About 2 I go over invited to Sir Henry B. where I find Sir Richard Vernon, Mr. Legh of Lyme, his brother Thomas, Mr. Egerton of Shaw and Mr. Ed. Foulks, commemorating Sir H.B.s (I think 34) birthday. Brimmers of good Claret for near an hour, go round. After more moderate, yet as swift Glasses. Mr. Chancellor & Archdeacon come about 6, are introduc'd by a larg Brimmer. I stay near 8 & retreat, sick, privately home.

30 A continued Indisposicion holds mee. St. Andrews. Lady Cornwallis 33 Birth Day. I still remember it with Affection to my Lydias memory. I turn Reginaldum de Poenitentiis.

DECEMBER 1 Det D.O.M. Meliora! The Moon and the Month begin in a wett season. I examine another Witness ex parte Colly contra Guardianos Scti. Oswaldi. Apply to various reading. At night, write to my son Jack. I receive 6 Guineas & 6^s:6^d with an Account, from Mr. Moulding that hee had paid, by my Order, 3 Guineas to my sister Jones, which makes up the 10^{li} due to mee from him this year.

2 An Account comes about 8, that the Duke of Ormond landed this morning about 2. Dr. Fogge has an excellent discourse on 4 Phil.4. After dinner, Sir Wm. Parsons comes to us. About 4 the D[uke] comes to Sir Hen. Bunbury and dines there with a select company. I read Dr. Lloyds Funeral sermon on Bp. Wilkins and 2 sermons of Dr. Tillotson, in all the neighbor Noise, I take a domestic pint and to bed about 10.

3 A fairer day rises. The Dukes coach is ready at the door at 8. I in the Levee attend on him & Lord Anglesey, they go in the same chariot about and the company is presently invisible. Sir Wm. Parsons dines with us, wee drink a Bottle of my Ale. Hee presents us with a Gallon of Usquebagh. After prayers I go with him to, and leave him with, a full company of the Irish at the Coffee-House, thence I return to Books, particularly Menaechini. My cozn. Moreton staies with us till 10.

4 Another such day. Sir Wm. Parsons about 9, calls and drinks Tea, pays mee

12^s, some years ago laid out for him. I receive Dr. Popes Letter with the late Bill of 40^{li} not accepted, returnd, I speak to Alderman Murrey upon it, Hee satisfies mee by a Letter from his Correspondents, that they do accept it. Wee at Mall. Partingtons shop with Lady B. drink a pott of Coffee and take leave with my cozn. Moreton, to whom I lend my Man and Horse to Wrexham. After my return home, I read the Doctors Letter & the Bill, do not stir out, but about 3, look for, but to my amazement, can't find 'em. After prayers renew my search, but in vain. Mrs. Wainwright and her Neece Clark, drink Tea with us. I pay Mr. Jackson for Harry and Kens writeing, 1^{li}:7^s. On further search, I find the Bill in my desk, not able to recollect the Care.

5 After a dull night, dull moist weather returns. I return the returnd Bill to Dr. Pope with my reasons for it. I write to Mr. Swainston and inclose a Copy of Mr. Ropers Will. I charg for the Citacion 4^s:4^d, for search and copy 5^s, for postage 8^d(10^s). I examine Mr. Nicols, a 5th witnes ex parte Colly. After prayers to Busienes. I send by the Oxford Carrier Cloath and lineing to Jack for a Winter Suit, & in the Lineing, 6 Guineas. After to Books and domestic pint, pay the Carriage of Jacks parcel 2^s:4^d.

6 The weather yet wett. This is the last Court day of this Term, & competent in Busienes. I write to Mr. Lambert and to John Cross. I examine another wittnes ex parte Colly. After prayers I go down to the Golden Talbot, where Capt. Clayton, Mr. Hulton and Mr. Langton over a Glass of both Colours, talk about a Comutacion for yong Mr. Langton, son of Mr. Langton of Preston. I write (by Mr. Owen) to John Cross.

7 After prayers to the Coffee House, where the News is more florid about a peace. I venture 5^s to the raffling of a cheese of 120 lbs weight. After prayers Read Dr. Ducks life of Archbishop Chichele English'd. To bed about 10.

8 After prayers to Busienes, and in the Evening divert in some Chapters of Quintilian.

9 I receive a Letter from Mr. Cholmley of Holford and in it a surprizing Memorial deliverd to one of the Secretarys of State as from the Elector of Hanover. Mr. Stone has (the 1st Time) a good sermon in the Quire. After noon at St. Oswalds where a young Man, Mr. Jones, preaches. After Evening prayers I read the 1st Chapter of 1st Book of Dr. Stillingfleets Origines Sacrae.

10 The weather tollerable. After prayers most part of the time and Town, taken up with the Tryal of Wm. Grimes, who a month ago barbarously shot one Davies, an Horse hirer. Hee is clearly found and condemnd Guilty of Murther. After Noon I go to Mr. Hollands, where with the Chancellor, Dr. Thane and Mr. Proby I stay and drink Ale till 9.

11 A fair day. The Queens speech to the parliament Friday last is the full Entertainment. The Memorial said to bee spurious. About 11 The Chancellor and I sett for Eaton, wee with others dine with Mr. Cholmley. After go down to the parlor, where Sir Richard Grosvenor, Sir Hen. Bunbury, Sir Thomas Brook and others are circulating full Glasses. I bear the diversion, retreat to Mr. Cholmley, and return to the brisk Circulacion. About 6, wee return in a Fogg, to Chester. I send 6 Licences & Bonds to Mr. Markland.

12 Extremely indisposd from the full Entertainment yesterday. I write and send to

Mr. Styth 6 Licences and Bonds. In the Evening at Mr. Hollands some time, with Alderman Houghton. After 6, I go with Dr. Thane to Mr. Winstanleys, wee drink a freindly Bottle of white wine. I pay Mr. Hinchman for Harrys Quarterage $\frac{1}{2}$ a Guinea, and to Mr. Dennis for Ken's 5^s. I send Harry to Mr. Dennis to learn French, for his Entrance, pay 5^s.

13 The weather returns more hopefully to bee fair. I am under the Eaton indisposition. I write to the Dean of York and to Mr. Bowyer, repose after dinner, and in the Evening receive a Letter from Jack and answer it immediately. Dr. Thane comes, wee send for and drink a Bottle of white port.

14 Still indispos'd tho the weather mode not rainy. I see the public papers which give Account of a considerable defeat given by the E. of Albermarle indeavouring to hinder the passage down the Scheld, and to make new lines to recover Bouchain. I after 4 month's dessuetude take 4 Turns on roodee. The Commons Address and the Queens answer are welcom & gratefull. In the Even, I pay Mr. Hodgson for 2 & 3 Vol. of Bingham 7:6 and for the Cambridg phrases, 7^s. I turn Strada de Bello Belgico, pay the Maid Mary, now going from us, 1^{li}:12^s.

15 A hazy warm day. I write to my cozn. Parr and desire him to pay 9^{li}:14^s which I received from Mrs. Key and to state our Accounts. After prayers, Grimes the Malefactor is led to Execucion, the reputacion of his true devotion and repentance with a decent Appearance, as a Man rather abhorrent of blood, affects the town with deep and uncommon Compassion, their tendernes now equalling their detestacion of the murther when comitted. I divert in Books, till 10.

16 Mr. Aubrey has a sermon in the Quire, the Oratory mean, Elocucion unpleasant. The News seems to discourage our Hopes of peace. I receive a letter from the Bp. of St. Asaph, wherein hee triumphs upon the general vogue against peace, and on the access of Lord Nottingham to the Whig side. In the Even, I read Newtes preface to Mr. Dodwell's defence of Instrumental Musick.

17 Indisposd and unapt to Busienes in a dull day, I divert in Books. In the Evening Dr. Thane and I talk with some despondency of the peace over a Bottle of Claret and a pint of white wine at Winstanleys, till 9.

18 The News surprizes and refreshes us with Account of a Bill for the preservacion of the Church of England brought in on Saturday by Lord Nottingham. I am indisposd yet at Mr. Kendrics Coffee-treat at Mal. Partingtons. I borrow a celebrated Book call'd The Conduct of the Allies and the late Ministry in the present Warr. I read and admire it and the prodigious devastacions it discovers. Dr. Thane comes about 8, wee send & club for and drink a Bottle of white wine.

19 A very stormy and cold day. I write and send 6 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Bradshaw. I pay my Man John 35^s which (with 5^s paid him at Oxford) is 40^s of his wages for this year which began at Midsummer. After prayers I fall into the 1st Book of Tully de Oratore and continue well pleas'd, till 10 a clock.

20 A cold but moist day twixt rain and snow. I apply to the later (Antonius part) of the 1st book de Oratore. I pay to Maurice Briscoe the Smith 11^s:6^d, to T. Dunbabin the Glasier 1^{li}:6^s. After Even prayers I go with Dr. Foulks of Ruthen and Mr. Hodgson to Mr. Winstanleys, wee bestow 5 pints and almost 5 hours in the Dr.s Accounts of his Botanic Conversacion, wee wish for, and are in the greatest expectacion of, Success to the Occasional Bill.

21 Indispos'd from the last night. After prayers I see the News which gives the Bill read by the Lords, the 2^d on Monday, the 3^d on Tuesday and the same day the 1st time in the H. of Commons, tho this refreshes, the Joy is not compleat till it has past the Commons and after their amendments succeeded in the H. of Lords. I pay Mr. Chapman 3^{li}. 4^s:6^d which with 50^s at several times this year, makes 5^{li}. 14^s:6^d.

22 A severe cold day with a deep snow. I send a pott of Charrs to Mr. Fr. Cholmley. Full and uneasy of Expectacion about the Bill. I read chiefly in 1 Book de Oratore, till 9, pay the Chandler 3^{li}: 3^s:0.

23 A very sharp Frost. All papers agree in the Bill having past both houses, with the Amendment of 40^{li} penalty added by the Commons, D.O.M.G. Hence a great Joy to the sons and Freinds of the Church.³⁵ Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on Swearing in the Quire, and another on the 7 Comandment in St. Oswalds. I proceed in the Origines Sacrae. In the Evening, invited I go to Dr. Thanes where Sir Hen. Bunbury and my Lady. Wee drink 4 Bottles of Sir Hs. good Claret, wee sup and part about 10.

24 The Frost continues. I write to Mr. Lambert for 3 potts of Charrs to be sent to Sir Thomas Hanmer, Mr. Egerton and Mr. Cholmley of Holford. I apply to Books till 10.

25 Christmas day. Dr. Thane has a good old sermon on the subject of the day. Sanctissimam Christi Caenam Recepimus. Det D.O.M. vitam sanctiorem.³⁶ The News comes not (from the Extremity of the weather) till Noon today, it scarce diverts but repeats. After prayers, at home in Books.

26 The weather still severe but kindly. At prayers and celebrate the day. I receive a Letter from Jack, answer it and with a pair of Gloves, send him ½ a Guinea for the repair of his Chamber. In the Evening I go to the Yatcht, deliver my Letter to Mr. Davies, who with Mr. Guilham and Mr. Lloyd set for Oxford tomorrow. I stay with them and their Club 2 Hours, return at 8. Sir Hen. Bunbury was this day unanimously re-elected into his place void by his Commission.

27 After prayers and preparacion My Susy and I invited with 14 others dine with the Mayor. The Dinner plentifull and decent, the Entertainment after free, tho the company (consisting of 8, Mr. Mayor, Clopton, Laitwood, Williams, the better part) not exactly agreeable, part at 8.

28 The weather and the new moon seems neuter. The News rather promises than performs. After dinner I go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury, where Mr. Chancellor, Capt. Fr. Legh, Capt. Penington, Mr. Tuer and Mr. Kendrick. The Glass gos freely round till 6 when wee part.

29 The weather turns to thaw, but without rain. Affected in the night with a severe cold in my head, I keep home, and indispos'd, divert only in Books.

30 The Thaw continues, I venture not abroad, but have the services read. I read several Chapters of the Origines Sacrae.

35 The Occasional Conformity Act aimed to prevent any dissenter from qualifying for office by receiving Communion according to the Anglican rite on occasion only.

36 Trans: 'We receive the most Holy Supper of Christ. May God the best and greatest grant [me] a holier life'.

31 Recoverd something of my Cold, I apply to Books with Tast. After Noon I write to Mr. Cowper of Midlewich. I pay the Washwoman her Quarterage, 30^s.

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JANUARY 1 A mild Thaw. At the Choir, where Dr. Fogg has a good old sermon upon the Day to a slender Audience. Sir Hen. Bunbury, Dr. Thane and their Ladies, Alderman Partington &c dine with us. After Dinner the Church and Queen remembered in Q. Elizabeths Glass, and then a smaller Glass go's freely round. After prayers, the Chancellor, Dr. Thane, Mr. Proby & myself are treated with 4 Bottles of good Claret by Mr. Boucher. After this I return home. Lady B. perceives the advantage & with her pretty cheerfulnes tempts mee to end the day too cheerfully.

2 Indisposd by the mixture and quantity, repose at home, reflect & repent till Evening with a pint of Ale at Mr. Hollands.

3 After Elixir still in a Favor. Mr. Holland & Gerard Eyton dine with us. In the Even divert in Dugdales Warwick.

4 After church at the Coffee H. where diverted & amaz'd at the Changes & promotions at Court. Turn on in Dugdale. Gerard Eyton, his Lady, his brother Will and sisters dine with us today.

5 Recover'd D.G. I write to Mr. Ashurst, my cozn. Parr, Mr. Bowyer and John Cross. Sir Hen. Bunbury's children & the 2 sister Entwistles dine with us. After prayers, return to Dugdale.

6 Epiphany, a cold but kindly day. I in the morning hear Mr. Olivers excellent discourse on 1 Math.21 at St. Peters. The News promises great Alteracions which corresponding Freinds are nice in mencioning. In the Evening, my Suzy and I meet Sir Hen. and Lady Bunbury at Dr. Thanes, here they sup, wee drink three Bottles of good Claret and part about 10.

7 In a calm and cool morning, about 10, Sir Hen., his Lady and 2 daughters take Stage Coach for London. Mr. Boucher, Mr. Crompton, Mr. Morrey, Mr. Leftwich & Mr. Roberts and their wives dine with us. After Dinner the rest of the Day is devoted, as much as wee can, to the Congratulacion for the late Bill, For the further preservation of the Church. I receive a Letter from Mr. Alanson wherein hee acknowledges to have 4 Licences and desires 2 more, which are sent him. I writ to Mr. Wilbraham of Namptwich with his fathers Epitaph.

8 The plenty of Ale yesterday has a dull influence on this. The Arrival of Prince Eugene and the Displacing of the D. of Marlborough, exercise all Fancies. I turn Sumners Antiquities of Canterbury. John Cross comes, wee recount the Affairs of our Neighborhood and country.

9 I receive from John Cross, 20^{li} from J. Walmsley, 13^{li} from Molineux, 10^s from Atherton and 6^s:8^d and a goose and Cock, instead of 2 Capons, from Richardson. After this I take 4 Turns on Roodee, John along with mee, the day dull and cold. I divert it in Books. In the Even Dr. Thane calls, wee go to Winstanleys and drink 1 pint of Canary. I write to Mr. Bowyer by John Cross.

10 A mild yet cold Day. John Cross returns. Wee dine with Sir Wm. Meredith,

Mrs. Boucher, Hulton, Aubrey, Dr. Wigley and Mr. Shard, are also invited Guests, beside the women. After dinner, Sir Wm. promotes a Glass of Claret briskly, the rest melt off. I happen to be last, detain'd by Discourse of Loyalty, Hereditary succession and History. I with difficulty part with Sir Wm. ab[*damaged*].

11 I receive of Mr. Langton, by Bill from Mr. Styth for 28 Licences, 27^{li}. 9. 4. Hee having now only six Licences to account for. The News adds little to the last save an Account of Her Majesties short but gracious reception of P. Eugene. I divert, indispos'd, in Books. Mr. Whitehall sees us in the Evening. Upon Invitacion I go about 6 to Dr. Thanes, where I meet Mr. Done and Mr. Warburton. Wee drink six Bottles of Claret and part about 11.

12 Indispos'd from the Quantity last Night. Yet I write to Sir Thomas Hanmer and Mr. Egerton about Charrs I sent by Knoales the Carrier, lodging at the Castle-Inn, Woodstreet. My Cozn. Eytons who came before Xmas pay Mr. Rider the Taylor 2^{li}: 8:8^d. In the Evening apply to Weever's Monuments &c till 10.

13 Cold with some Frost. In the morning I hear Mr. Oliver at St. Peters on 'Of a truth, this is the prophet that was to come into the world'. After noon, Mr. Calkin in the Great Church. I luckily meet a gold Nero in Capt. Penningtons hand, and purchase it for a Guinea. At night the Coffee house is full and divided in Sentiments about the D. of Marlborough.

14 A cold day without Frost. I writ last Night to the Bp. of St. Asaph about Mr. Howel Lloyd & to Mr. Cholmley (now in Greek Street) about a pott of Charrs I sent him. I give yong T. Pickmere 10^s of the Comutacion money. After Dinner I go with Hodgson to Mr. Holme's. Wee take a Catalogue of the Books of Heraldry in the first press. Past 6, I enter on Erasmus his Ciceronianus, am extremely diverted by it, till 10.

15 After a tedious Night, rise late. My Brother Partington, about 10, surprises mee with an Account of my Son Henry's excesses Friday night last. I call him before us, Examine, rebuke and admonish him. D.O.M. det Graciam et Benediccionem.³⁷ I received my Cozn. Parrs Letter of the 3^d of January current with an Account stated, by which it appears I am (beside 150^{li}) in his Debt for Interest vidt 7^{li}:10^s (due that day) for 9^{li}:14^s which I received for his Cos. pann of Mr. Kay, and other smal summs, in all 17^{li}:17^s:9^d. After Noon Mrs Hurleston and her sister visit us. After prayers, about 6, go to the Chancellors where Mr. Richard Mostyn, Mr. Boucher, Alderman Partington and myself drink a smal Bowl of Rach punch, a supper intervenes, wee part about 10. Harrys Crimes strike mee deep.

16 Fast day. Mr. Oliver in the Quire has an excellent discourse on (I say unto you Nay, but except you repent, you shall all likewise perish) before a full Auditory. I turn Mathiae Theatrum Historicum. After prayers and Dinner, about 6, Dr. Thane comes over to mee, wee drink a Bottle of white & part about 10.

17 Still sharp and kindly weather. The first Court day of this Term Q.B.E. the Busienes competent. I examine 4 Wittnesses on an Allegacion and Will of White. In the Evening, recreate in Erasmus, Ciceronianus & domestic pint. Send to Mr. Ashton by Sherlocks Man 6 Licences and Bonds.

18 The same weather. After great Expectacion, little News, that being

37 Trans: 'May God the best and greatest grant grace and blessing'.

dissappointed, by the Royal Gout. I examine another Witnes on Whites Will. After prayers, at the Coffee-house and thence to Mrs. Winstanleys with Dr. Thane, where wee drink a Bottle of White Wine, thence to Erasmus and to Bed about 10.

19 After Morning prayers, I write to Mr. Ashurst, and inclose a Requisition to swear Mr. Charles Spencer of Sidney [Sussex] College, Cambridge as Administrator to his brother John, late of Ashton near Lancaster. After some progress in the Ciceronianus, About 6 at night, go to Mr. Hodgson, who treats Mr. Bassano and mee with the later End of his Xtmas Ale, Heraldry and good Healths are the diversion, till 8.

20 A cold day. Wee stay at home the Forenoon. After that, Mr. Brett has an old sermon in St. Oswalds. After prayers I write an Answer to Mr. Jebbs Letter today. Return to Erasmus Ciceronianus and finisht it about 10.

21 The weather very sharp but very pleasant. I write to my cozn. Parr and to Mr. Fleming, Vicar of Brigham, about the Chapells of Cockermouth, Lorton and Embleton.³⁸ I pay Mr. Golborne, Apothecary Note 14^s. To Mr. Williams for 2 Loads of Coal 16^s. 8^d. I enter upon transmission of the Acts in the cause of the Church Wardens of Tattenhall and proceed to a good Degree, till 9.

22 A very brisk Frost. The News answers, not the Expectacion, brings the Expulsion of Mr. Walpool for Corruption in robbing (with Secretary of Warr) the public of 1000^{li}. I write to Mr. Styth and send him 6 Licences and Bonds. I proceed industriously on the Acts of Tattenhall Causes, past 9.

23 After morning prayers ended The Dean kindly presents mee with his Book, tells mee it is the last performance of his Age and Eyes. I apply to the Certificates and further preparacion of the Tattenhall Transmission the Acts of which are 38 in Number, and I comprehend the 3 Causes in one Act by adding Similiter, this work carries mee on till 10 at night. I refresh in a domestic pint.³⁹

24 A windy day. The busienes of the Court dispatcht by the Chancellor with that expedition that before 12, wee take Horse, come to Eaton about 1. Wee meet here, Mr. Richard Mostyn, dine with Sir Richard with other Chester company. Wee attend Mr. Cholmley, hee is much on the old Subject of that Family, return to the little parlor, drink a few healths, return safe home about 7.

25 A favorable and kindly day. After prayers at the Coffee house, where the News puts us in Expectacion of the House's votes upon the report of the Comittee for Accounts concerning the D. of M[arlborough]. I apply after noon to variety of reading and finish in domestic pint.

26 I proceed in variety of reading, and Busienes. I receive from Mr. Watkinson for three Licences 2^{li}: 19^s and send him 3 more, by Mr. Hale.

27 Too late (from an uneasy night) for the Quire, I hear the late Curat of Woodchurch at St. Peters and in the Afternoon, a fine discourse in St. Oswalds from Mr. Marshall of Tarvin. After, I visit Dr. Thane, in of a Cold. I stay with him, in accidental variety of Company, till 8.

38 L.R.O., Richmond Call Book, ARR, 1709. Roger Fleming (deacon, Chester 1698, priest, Chester 1699) presented to the benefice by Sir George Fletcher, 1705.

39 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1709) No. 1, Tattenhall.

28 The weather yet favorable tho windy. All Conversacion taken up on the D. of M. After noon the Chancellor sends, I go to Mr. Bouchers chamber, drink a Bottle there, after wee go to the Mayors where wee stay 2 hours in good company and Ale. Thence I go down to Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Roberts in Winstanleys Cellar, wee draw out discourse on his busienes, and in 7 pints till 1.

29 Extremely indispos'd from the unseasonable Wine. The News brings the Comons Votes against the D. of M. his receiving great summs from the proveditor of Carriages and 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent out of the pay of the Army. One Mr. Rothwel of Holcomb, a Dissenter, offers mee a Certificate for a Meeting place, and is earnest with mee to register, but I refuse it. I repose yet do not recover.

30 The Martyrdom of K. Charles 1. Dr. Fogg has an earnest Sermon in the Quire fuller than ordinary on the Occasion. I turn in that good Kings Book, see and lament his troubles and admire his Learning. My sister Jones sends an Express on the death of Mr. Lloyd, Registrar of St. Asaph. In the Evening Dr. Thane and his Lady come and sit 2 hours with us.

31 A Court day of competent Busienes. I examine 2 Witnesses on the Rectors of Malpas part Contra Banks. I send 8 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Bolton and 2 to Mr. Edmundson. I write to Jack and acquaint him that I have by the Carrier sent him 6 Guineas, beside the $\frac{1}{2}$ Guinea as a New Years Gift, from his Mother. I write to my sister Jones and to Mr. Moulding about the Registry of St. Asaph. I give Peggy Birchall who go's tomorrow to St. Asaph 5^s. To bed about 11.

FEBRUARY 1 A kind and calm day. The News relaxes again into Expectacion of more vigour in the matter of the D[uke] of M. I apply to Busienes. After prayers at Night, I draw a Letter to the Bp. of St. Asaph and address him for the Registry. I write to my Cozn. Parr and in his Letter, inclose a Copy of Hugh Crosbys Will to Mr. Newman of the Commons, for which charge 13^s:6^d besides 1^s:4^d for Reeve's search.

2 A delicate bright and brisk day. I send my Letter Q.B.E. away to the Bp. of St. Asaph and that to my Cozn. Parre. I write to John Crosse, about the rest of last years rent, and the 100^{li} to bee now paid by T. Holland. I read the pamphlet 'No General or no Queen', apply to the finishing the Tattenhall Transmission, the 3 Causes succinctly transmitted, take up iii pages, the Certificate bears date 24^o January. T. Hatfield my old vintner Acquaintance dies today. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in St. Oswalds before the Corporacion, on occasion of Vernons Benefaction to the City.

3 A very sharp and clear day. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on 'Enter in at the straight way', and in the Afternoon, Mr. Hinchman on, 'Yee kno not what spirit you are of' (Against Revenge). The News has little of Moment (Holydaies coming frequent). This is my Suzys 45th birthday. Wee content our selves with a private domestic Celebracion. I write to Mr. Commissary Waite, now at Mr. Walsh's Shoemaker in Chancery Lane. My. Bro. Partington and his daughter Mall. see us this Evening.

4 A brisk blowing day. After some busienes, about 11 I set a Foot and come to Eaton at 12. I find Mr. Cholmondeley alone, Sir Tho. Brook and Mr. Barnston presently follow. Wee dine in Mr. Cholmleys chamber, & the Ale, Beer and wine

go moderately round till 5. Today there is a mock Election of a Mayor at Eaton Boat at which near 30. Stutting Mr. Lea is chosen, upon renunciacion of his Whiggisme. Alderman Partington, Mr. Gawther, and myself (all a Foot) return home about 6. After that, Dr. Thane comes, wee join in a Bottle, & part about 9.

5 After a good rest extremely recreated. The Bill of reversing the Naturalizacion, and that in Favor of Episcopacy in Scotland proceed. I apply to Bookes. In the Evening I write fully to Mr. Cholmley still in Greek Street. About 7 Dr. Thane calls, wee go to Winstanleys and drink our Bottle of White, and part about 9.

6 This the 47th Birthday of the Queen, kept with good respect. After Noon is spent on Attendance at a Raffle for 4 larg Cheeses, I meet no Success in the Dice. About 7 Mr. Aubrey, Stratford, Hodgson and I go to Mr. Hollands, wee drink the Queens health in good Ale and join worthy persons in the Glass, till 9.

7 A cold moist day, a Court of indifferent Busienes. I examine 4 Wittnesses ex parte D. Edward Coke Contra Gardianos de Manchester.⁴⁰ I relax at Night in reading and domestic pint.

8 A very sharp, and freezing day. I take 4 Turns on roodee. The News is yet on Expectacion. In the Evening Dr. Thane and I drink a Bottle of Smal Claret at the Royal Oak, return about 7. After, Mr. Ellis Price come's and advises about the Form of his presentacion to Holywell. I go with him to Mr. Davies then at the Yacht, to discourse him on that matter, hee being patron. Here I stay with Mr. Davies, Warburton and Done, till 12, I drinking my Bottle of Claret.

9 I draw a special presentacion for Mr. Davies to sign, inserting a Clause of the Right of Jesus College, Oxon, to nominate.⁴¹ Indisposd from the wine last night, repose after dinner and recreate in Books. The 2^d post past since the Bp. of St. Asaph might have answerd mine of the 2^d.

10 A sharp and frosty day. The News as well as the votes, bring ii resolves of the H. of Commons on the amazeing defficiencies of the Quotas of the Allies, to the Warr. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse in the Quire on 4 Gen. 13, and the late Curat of Woodchurch has a good sermon in St. Oswalds after noon. After prayers to Bookes, and finish the day in domestic pint at 10.

11 A severe cold morning, with snow or sleet. I bestow the Morning on the Antiquities of Canterbury. I write to Mr. Bowyer. After prayers Mr. Stone and Mr. Walley come home with mee. After wee go to Mr. Hollands. Mr. Walley tells us many particulars of the Case at Winstanley, with Mr. Holland its Steward. I treat them with 1s:3^d in Ale and wee part about 9.

12 A brisk frosty day. After shewing Neston Church Book and old parchment scroll to the Recorder, I go to the Coffee house, where little of News, beside the Expectacion of 5 Mails. About 12, set out and come to Mr. Cholmleys dinner, at Eaton, where I meet Mr. Thomas Yates and T. Holland. Mr. Cholmley is more cheerfull than at my last visit, but under a sharp Diabetes, is faln in his flesh and strength. Wee stay till 4, call at Eccleston Church and visit Mr. Oke's Monument,

40 Ibid., EDC.5 (1711), No. 9, Manchester. This file contains a great deal of information on the growth of the town.

41 Clwyd Record Office, St Asaph Parish Records.

thence thoro the medows, come about 6, to the Bear, wee drink 2 Bottles good claret & part before 9. I, at home, after, receive the Bp. of St. Asaphs answer in a full, kind, Episcopal & strict Letter.

13 The weather turnd moist & rainy. I write to Mr. Ashurst, inclose Spencers Administracion with Account of the Fees to bee paid, my cozn. Parr vidt Requisicion 15^s, Administracion 15^s, Stamp 11^s, postage 1^s, in all 2^{li}:2^s. After prayers my Suzy and I, invited, drink a pot of Coffee with Mrs. Thane. On her freindly enquiry, I comunicate the Bp. of St. Asaph's Letter to Mrs. Thane, shee promises secresy. Send to Mr. Jebbe, 3 Licences by the Congleton Carrier. After Ev. prayers, I speak to Mr. Callys on Jeffry Prescotts Account about the Tiths of Ribchester. Peggy B. and Jeffry M. return from St. Asaph, I read a pamphlet titld Rufinus or an Historical Essay on a Favorite Ministry under Theodosius and Arcadius, his son, till 9.

14 I write to Mr. Moulding to come over to mee, about the Registry of St. Asaph. A Court day of slender Busienes. I comunicate the Bp. of St. Asaphs Letter to our Chancellor, hee encourages my Answer to, and compliance with, it. Sent to Mr. Bolton by the Carrier, 6 Licences and Bonds. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Waines Will. About 6, I go to the Bacchus with Mr. Cally's, wee discourse on his Ribchester Lease, hee demands 960^{li}. Dr. Thane comes to us, wee drink 2 Bottles of good White and part before 9.

15 I receive from Mr. Edgley 2^{li} on Account of 3 Licences hee met with in Mr. Bradshaws papers and ventures to dispose of, hee is to account for the 3^d. Private Letters give good Intimacion of the forwardnes of a peace. I write today to Mr. Maud fully about the Transmission of the Tattenhal Causes, and to Jeffry Prescott. In the Evening, at the Bear, with Mr. Chancellor, Capt. Pennant, Dr. Thane and Cozn. Kendrick. Wee like the Claret so well, wee drink 6 Bottles of it, and part about 8.

16 Extremely indispos'd, yet write my Answer to the Bp. of St. Asaphs Letter and Objections. I pay Cath. Grays Note 13^s:3^d. After Noon, I receive a Letter from the Chancellor of St. Asaph acquainting mee that the Bishop had given mee that Registry. I, in the Even, take two Turns on roodee. After this, my sister Jones and Mr. Moulding come from St. Asaph, they tell mee my Lord Bishop had writ to the same purpose to Mr. Gregory, about the registry, as to the Chancellor. At night I drink a Glass of Ale and wine with Mr. Roberts and Moulding and acquaint with my purpose of making them my Deputys.

17 The News brings An Explanacion of the French proposals towards a peace. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse in the Quire on St. John 3:3^d. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Moulding and sister Jones dine with us. In the Evening, wee resume the matter of St. Asaph. I acquaint the Chancellor with the Chancellor of St. Asaphs Letter.

18 I write to Mr. Hornby and in my Letter inclose an Account of the presentations to Whittington since the Time of Queen Elizabeth and charg 10^s to him. I pay Alderman Ince the ½ years rent due at Xtmass last 8^{li}:5^s. About 11 in a fine day, the road good, I and Mr. Moulding set out and come to the vicarage of Gresford before dinner, where the Chancellor of St. Asaph entertains us generously and freindly. I acquaint of the design of my Deputacion, hee approves it, wee talk fully the Affairs of the Consistory. Hee promises to write to the Bishop on Wednesday to dispatch

my patent. About 6, wee part hence, Mr. Moulding gos to Wrexham, I in a calm but dark Evening return safe D.G. home, about 8.

19 The Letters surprize with the death of the Dauphiness the 12 and of the Dauphin, the 18th this Febr. N.S. and that the princes, the children are affected with the like distemper, the Measells, and the King himself, deeply indispos'd. I write and inclose 6 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Styth. About 6 I go down to the Bear where ArchDeacon Thane, Mr. Done, Warburton, Capt. Pennant, cozn. Kendrick, Mr. Jones of Open Holt, the wine good and the Conversacion free, wee dispatch 10 Bottles, I come home about 11.

20 Extreme pain and reflection pursue the wine of the last Night. I use all Arts but can't evade them. Repose flatters, but do's not cure. About 7 Dr. Thane calls and tempts to try a Cure, from the Cause. Wee go then to the Bear, drink 3 pints and return with false refreshment about 9.

21 After a tedious Night, a more tolerable morning, not without the ungratefull Effects of the Excess. I write to Jeffry Prescott and inclose a Copy of Richard Howorths Will for which I charg 5s, a Court of slender busienes, and therefore acceptable to a feeble hand. After that over, an hour at the Coffee house and after dinner, repose. About 6, take 2 Turns on roodee. After this, Dr. Thane calls, wee go and drink a Bottle of white at the Bacchus.

22 I first see the Letters which confirm the safety of the 2 young princes, and recovers the King of France. I lend my Man and horses to attend and carry the Chancellors Lady to Tarporley. The Chancellor shews mee the Bp. of Chesters Letter wherein hee kindly promises to dispenche with my attendance on the Bp. of St. Asaph. I take 2 turns on roodee. After meet and drink, at Mrs. Boughtons, 1^s in Coffee, sent by Mrs. Mary Lloyd, with my Suzy, Mrs. Ellen Lloyd and Mall Partington. In the Evening I divert in Bp. Wilkins philosophical Language and domestic pint, till 10. After wee had paid a visit to Mr. & Mrs. Yates, the weather at 6 turnd to rain.

23 A fine bright morning draws mee to roodee where I take 3 Turns, & am easy. I receive Mr. Mouldings Letter and, in it, a Copy of a patent granted to Mr. Clopton by Bp. Barrow. I compare it with our Forms and adapt it to my self. After at Randle Minshalls where I look over the Folio part of the late Lord Killmoreys Library, purchasd by him. I write to Mr. Moulding to night. Divert in Bp. Wilkin's philosophical Language & domestic pint, till 10.

24 St. Matthias and Sunday, a Fine day. I receive very kind Letters from my Ld. Bishops of Chester and St. Asaph on the same subject of the Registry, and from the latter, direction to send up a Form of patents ready drawn. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse in the Quire, on the Deceitfulness of the Heart, and in the Afternoon, on the 8th Comandment. After Even prayers I take 2 Turns on roodee while the passing Bell go's for that excellent person Mrs. Jones, who dy'd last night at her Lodgings near the Abbey Gate. I write my answer to the Bp. of St. Asaph and to my Cozn. Parre.

25 After early prayers, I write to my cozn. Holt about the 100^{li} in Tho. Hollands Hands. I examine the patents ingross'd and dispatch it, the Copy and my Letter, in two parcells, to the Bp. of St. Asaph. Dr. Worthington comes to drink Coffee with us. After 10, Mr. Tho. Yates and I sett out and thoro the Meadows, come to Eaton

before 12. Wee dine with Lord Cholmley and sit with him till 5, the matter of Mr. Taylor against Mr. Mostyn takes up time. Wee return & meet Dr. Thane at the Bear. Wee cheerfully (for the Dr. was merry) drink 2 Bottles and part about 9.

26 A fine mild day. The papers have little of News, but promises of more. About 11, I go to Randle Minshulls shop, and look further into Lord Kilmoreys Library, purchas'd by him. Hee denies to lend Mr. Leftwich a small book (Conspiracies against the Church) saying After hee had suckt the marrow of it hee woud not buy it. I take upon mee, to tell him, the way to oblige such Customers woud bee to gratify 'em in a short lone of Books, and to blame him for his morose and disobliging behavior which I had both heard of and seen. Hee falls on rude answers, that hee knew how to manage his Shop & Books and car'd not whether any body woud buy Books of him or no. I told him hee was a saucy and extravagant Fellow in talking so sleightily of his Customers. Hee replyd in very rude and provoking Terms. I came from him with Mr. Leftwich very much too much mov'd. After prayers, Dr. Thane calls, wee go to the Rose and drink a pint of what they call Mum. After to the Bacchus where 2 pints of White wine till about 9. After, divert in papers printed, sent by Lady Bunbury.

27 Indispos'd, as I apprehend, from what was called Mum, I take 4 Turns in a brisk day on roodee. After divert in Books. My Horses go to meet the Chancellor and his Lady at Torpurley. After prayers Mrs. Thane comes to see us. Wee send for the Dr. and Hee and I join for a Bottle of White Wine. Hee is very Chagrin and morose to his genteel Lady, wee end the Bottle about 9.

28 The weather seems turn'd to wett. I write to Mr. Hornby about Whittington the 2^d Time and to Mr. Vaudrey for Licences. Wee have slender Busienes today in Court. After noon, attend the Funeral of Alderman Puleston Partington at Trinity Church. After which, at Tho. Hollands, Mr. Robert Pigot delivers different messages to mee from Sir Rich. Grosvenor and Mr. Cholmley. I promise my service & Care to both, in the Cause, inter Taylor et Mostyn. After this I go to meet Mr. Egerton at the Coffee house, where a larg company, of which 7 drink wine and 7 Ale. Mr. Shackerley, Guilham, Thelwall, Done, White, Warburton, Wright, Whitehall, beside Mr. Egerton, Dr. Thane and myself, are of it. Wee try several sorts of wine (each 2s:6^d), part about 10.

29 The weather rainy, the wind high. The Funeral of Mrs. Jones proceeds about 8. I with many others attend it, beyond Hanbridg, and return to prayers. After those see the News which brings the Destruction of the French Magazine of Corn &c near Arras. I, the first time, write to Mr. Geo. Gibbons, Rector of Namptwich and inclose only 1 Licence and Bond with directions, by Mr. Chancellors order. After prayers and Mr. Hodgson Shop, Dr. Thane and I go to the Bacchus, where Mr. Jones, stepson to the Bp. of Meath, comes to us, over 2 pints of White for 2 hours, pretty much of the News of Ireland. Wee part about 9.

MARCH 1 Mr. Jones calls and drinks Tea with us. Hee desires mee to direct to him (his name Thomas) at John Offley Esq. his house in Bloomsbury Square, London. I pay Alderman Puleston on my sister Jones Account 2^{li}:14^s. After prayers, from Mr. Hodgsons Shop go with Mr. Henschman and Aubrey to the Bacchus, where Mr. Henschman and I drink 3 pints of white wine, Mr. Aubrey, Ale

till 9. After in my Corner, I receive my patent, seald and sign'd, together with a very good and kind Letter from the Bp. of St. Asaph. D.O.M.L.E.G.A.

2 Betwixt 3 & 4 this morning wee are wak'd and alarm'd with a dismal Cry of Fire, Fire in the street over against our House. As wee rise, a cloud of Fire and sparks appear on one side, and a great light and smoke on the other side the House. Our Family is rais'd in a Consternacion, the children in hast, sent over to Sir Hen. Bunburys. The Noise raises the Neighborhood, and the Clang of the Fire Bells, the City. I go to the back side and see the Fire advancd and breaking out at the roof and side of Alderman Ince's Kiln very near us. The wind in our Garden so vehement, I could scarcely stand against it, but observing Gods providence had appointed it out of the North West so that with great Force, it bore the Flames from us. I conclude wee are secure. However all the public Books & papers are presently removd to the Office. The Constables and a promiscuous Number are presently got to the place with the Engines, to these a constant supply of water is brought by kind and officious hands, after some confusion, put into order. In less than an hour, is reduc'd, and in less than 2, overcome & almost extinct. In this Jeopardy many Freinds hasten to see us and offer their Assistance, but find us (D.G.) compos'd and safe. About 7 the company is dispers'd to their Homes. I resolve to make, at a convenient Time to make [*sic*] my acknowledgment to the ready Assistents in a Barrel of Ale. Wee desire to return our humble thanks to God for his Deliverance, at the morning prayers. Dr. Fogg has, in the Quire, a good sermon on ps. 51. v. 1. Many Freinds send to see us and congratulate our safety. After Evening prayers at Mr. Hultons (about an hour) with Alderman Puleston and W. Willoughby. At 7 wee go to Dr. Thanes whom wee find deep in Hyps. Wee set in with his Bottle of good Claret, and raise his Spirits, & part before 10.

3 A cold and snowy day. After 10, I set out on Foot and come to Eaton, before 12. I dine with Mr. Cholmley, Mr. Golborn, Apothecary and Charles Booth are there also. Wee talk on and model Mrs. Taylors Affair. The Account of Sir Richard Grosvenors indisposicion is moving. Hee is rather suspected of insanity from maternal traduction, than to bee in a formal Fevor, his pulse being regular in the midst of his Delirias. I return thoro the meadows and am at the Bear before 6. I go in and see Mr. William's his new high built house. After that, hee and I join in a Bottle of good Claret, and come home before 9. I draw a Form of Recantacion to bee offer'd to Mrs. Mostyn.

4 A very sharp frost, thin and brisk wind, divert mee from waiting on the Chancellor of St. Asaph and the race at Farndon. Ned Roberts gladly dos both with my horses. I give Mr. Hulton the Form, hee promises to propose it with his Letter of Advice to Mrs. Mostyn. I speak to Mrs. Taylor and take that opportunity to advise Miss Grosvenor alwaies in her discourses with him, to treat her Bro. Sir Richard with great Respect &c. Gerard Eyton dineing with us, I desire him to assure Mr. Chisenhal now at Wrexham (and who had told mee that I had said something, of his wife, to her prejudice) that I alwaies had an Esteem for his Family, was far from intending any prejudice to him, but on the contrary am ready to do him any service in my power. After Evening prayers Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Mr. Hulton, go to the Bear, find the wine so good wee drink each his Bottle. I give my S. 5^s for herself and 5^s for Sir H. Bunbury to venture in Mr. Brocks Raffle. Lord Molyneux Horse wins the Great plate at Farndon.

5 Ash Wednesday, still a sharp Frost. I write my Thanks and promises to my Lord B[isho]p of St. Asaph and to my Cozn. Parr, which Letters prevent my going to Church. I pay the poor's Tax 3s:4d. I receive from Mr. Vaudrey a parcel of Stamps (of the 29 Febr.) coming to 11^{li}:2s.

6 The Ayr very subtle, the Frost still sharper. I write to John Crosse about T. Hollands 100^{li} and the remainder of the Rents. A Court of slender Busienes. I write fully to Mr. Moulding about takeing him from the Court, as proctor, to the Registers Office. After about 4, I meet my invited Freinds (who were active in extinguishing the Fire, Sunday morning) at Will. Willoughby's. They are about 60 in number, I give them my acknowledgment and thanks, with a Barrel of Ale, they are thankful and cheerfull, and dispatch the Barrel about 8. I stay with a better sort of the company in the lower room to the street, till 9. Mr. Hulton is here, in his usual humor of Arrogancy.

7 A severe frost and cold with the variety of Snow. After m[orning] prayers, to the News, whereof the Dutch Representacions in Answer to some public reflections, on the Barrier Treaty. The Demands of the several Allies, in Answer to the proposals of France, the death of the (3^d) Dauphin, the Duke of Brittany, and on Tuesday the passing of the Episcopal Bill, to bee of Force in Scotland, are the weighty substance. After dinner, at the Custom House, about 2 Hampers of Wine to Mr. Jones and myself and a Gallon of Usquebagh to the Chancellor of York. After with Mr. Hen. Bennet upon a Letter from E. Parr junior about an Estate in Whitchurch. I pay Will. Willoughby for the Entertainment of the Extinguishers last night 1^{li}:16s:6d & after March 28th, 1s.

8 Inauguration, when her Majestie enters on the 11th year of her reign. A sharp Ayr with the Frost. The day celebrated. Mr. Marshal of Tarvin has (the Corporacion present) a high, sharp and sound discourse on 'Fear God and Honour the King'. I read variously, most about the Calender. In the Evening, after prayers, I take 3 Turns on Roodee. After this, Dr. Thane calls, wee go to the Bacchus where in 2 pints of White wine, wee repeat the Queen's health, joining her best and great Subjects, till 9. I writ further to Mr. Hornby about the Rectory of Whittington.

9 The weather alters not. Dr. Thane has a very good discourse, in the Quire, on (And Hee fared sumptuously every Day). The post this day brings down The Representation of the House of Commons to the Queen about the Deficiences in the Quota's of the Allies. After prayers Mr. Yates and his Lady visit us, and after that, wee visit Mrs. Middleton, her sister Roberts and Mrs. Ellen Lloyd.

10 The very fine and frosty weather tempts mee to take 4 Turns on Roodee. After I write to Mr. Parr junior and inclose Mr. Bennets Account of his Copyhold Estate in Whitchurch. I pay Mr. Jones the Sadler his Bill, 1^{li}:16s. I receive Mr. Mouldings answer to my last. Mr. Gregory belonging to the Bp. of St. Asaph calls on us, and talks more freely over a Tankard of Ale. After that a domestic Quota of White, and to bed after 10.

11 A most subtle Ayr and brisk frost. After the News Letters which are filld with the Demands of the greater and complaints of the minor princes. After 10 I set out on foot with Mr. Roberts, wee call on Mr. Cholmley and have some discourse with him on the Cause betwixt Taylor and Mostyn, thence to the Boat House, where the Chancellor, Dr. Thane. Mr. Mather, Hulton, T. Yates. Wee have a hansom

anniversary Dinner. Wee stay past 5, and return thoro the meadows. The Chancellor, Mr. Yates, Hulton and myself refresh in 2 Bottles of good Claret, at the Bear, and part before 8.

12 The Frost vanishes but the Ayr still subtile. I write to Mr. Boheme of the Commons with an Account of the proof of Mary and Henry Wrights Wills, for which I charg 5^s:4. Apply to Books. After prayers and Tea go with Mr. Stone to see Mr. Wright, late of St. Mary's, his Library. After that to the Bear, where, over 2 Bottles of Claret, a desultory discourse on Books wee hold, till 10.

13 The weather cold without Frost. A Court today of very slender Busienes. I read variously and particularly turn Dr. Platt's History of Oxfordshire which costs mee 11^s. In the Even wee visit Mrs. Kay. I write by the messenger, who brought the Horse from him, to Mr. Moulding.

14 A delicate cold day. After little News, take 2 Turns on Roodee. I buy of Mr. Proby a seale, vidt a Sultaness head, cut in Cornelian, set in Gold, for 1^{li}:3^s. After prayers, the Warden of Manchester comes to see, and after him, Mrs. Thane to sitt with us. Wee drink 1 Bottle of the Bp. of Meaths present of 2 doz. I fear tis only port. After, I write to Sir Hen. Bunbury, Mr. Jones, Holt, Goore and Johnson, to bed about 12.

15 In a doubtfull weather, my Suzy and I, about 10 a clock, set hence, come before 1 to Northop, where wee dine chiefly on Cockles and Eggs, before 3 set forward and come safe D.G. to Mr. Mouldings in St. Asaph about 6, where wee are received with great freedom and Freindship.

16 Wee go to Church about 10. Mr. Maurice, one of the Vicars, has a good and proper Lent sermon. The weather alters to rain. After Evening prayers I go with the 2 brothers of Wickwar, Mr. Evans, Maurice, Moulding and Gerard to B. Barne's, where wee stay drinking bad Ale and sowl Beer, till 8.

17 Very much indisposd from the Ale. About 9 I go and take possession of the Office, the Key of which was deliver'd by Mrs. Lloyd to Mr. Moulding, on Friday. Mr. Wm. Lloyd comeing to mee there, I show him my patent. Hee asks 40 and I offer 30^s p.A for the office. I look into the Books and see the manner of keeping the Wills, and for the short time I do so, find no remarkable disorder. Mr. Lloyd tells mee his Father had a Lease, for lives, of the old Office, which I find converted to Tenements. I go to the palace, thence to prayers. Wee prepare for tomorrow. I order my patent to be entrd in the Book of Institucions. In the Even, the Chancellor calls on us at Mr. Mouldings.

18 About 9, Mr. Moulding and I go wait on the Chancellor at Mrs. Lloyds, where informacion is had by Mr. Moulding and Hughes, in the Causes depending. The 2 proctors and I in our Gowns, go to prayers, after which the Court is held and adjourn'd to 1 April, some altercacion in the 11 Causes, keep us near 2 hours. Wee dine at Betty Barn's, an ordinary, Mr. Price of Wrexham, Mr. Foulks, Lloyd of Wickwar and Griffith of Ryall with us. I examine 1 Wittness on Leonards Will. Mr. Price of Skeviog is sworn before the Chancellor upon his Institucion to Holywel. I return from the office to B. Barn's, where I stay past 7.

19 The Chancellor calls in his return, wee have some discourse on the Busienes of the Court, & my receiving the Sacrament in order to the Sessions. After dinner, the weather very fair Mr. Foulks, Moulding and I go to the office, after to Ale at

Thomas's. Mr. Foulks tells mee, my Lord Bishop directed him to see mee, on the Occasion. My S. and I walk the length of the Rowe towards Ruthland. After home and to a Kan. This day were sent 6 Licences & Bonds to Mr. Jebb, & 6 to Mr. Bolton.

20 In expectation of settling the office in peace, I stay to conclude with Mr. Lloyd for his Apartment. Hee writes to Mr. Moulding on the Busienes, go's out of town, and leaves it to his mother. I speak to her after M[orning] prayers and promise to pay Mr. Lloyd 40^s p.A. Shee is satisfyd with it. Mr. Moulding draws an Account of the Fees of the office, since the vacancy, vidt from 29 January, amounting to 10^{li}:7^s.10^d, which hee pays mee. After dinner Mr. Moulding and I go to the Town, where at B. Barns, wee stay with Mr. Rowlands, and Mr. Davies the Curat of Newmarket, Mr. Evans &c. About 6, wee return home, where Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Davies stay freely with us at domestic Ale till 8.

21 About 10, in a fair calm day, wee set out, come to Northop before 2, send to the Vicar Mr. Ball, who comes and entertains us with his Conversacion. Wee dine on small Lent parcellis. Wee set hence after 4, and return to our Corner safe D.O.M.G. about 7. I reckon the Expences of this journey, of all sorts (a Guinea to Mr. Moulding included) amount to 2^{li}:12^s.

22 After Elixir, recover. I receive the Bp. of St. Asaphs Letter about Mr. Owens in order to his being school Master of Berriew, and about Mr. Edwards late Curate of St. Martins. I write to Mr. Moulding and draw a Form of Resignacion for Mr. Owens. Mr. Bunbury comes to Sir Henrys. Dr. Thane, Mr. Kendrick and I sitt and drink a Glass of wine with him. I write to Jack.

23 The weather turns rainy. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on the last clause of 9v. Gen.39. After Evening prayers Mr. Pool, SchoolMaster of Oswestry and I go down to the Bear. Hee is kind in congratulating my success at St. Asaph. Wee with Mr. Williams drink 3 Bottles, part about 9.

24 Tho very much indisposd, I give the B[isho]p an Account of my Expedicion to St. Asaph. In the Evening Dr. Thane calls on mee, wee go to the Bacchus, drink a Bottle of White Wine and part before 9. Receive from Mr. Jebbe by Mr. Cottingham for Licences 8^{li}:17^s.0^d.

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MARCH 25 Lady Day. The weather cold. The News gives only Expectacion. My S. entertains mee with a sad Account of the manners and morals of my Neece and my servant John. I have recourse to the Church, from the present sharp effects of it. I pay Mr. Chapman 10^s. After dinner I go to Eaton, discourse Mr. Cholmley on Mr. Mostyns recantacion, which I shew him. I see Sir Richard Grosvenor recoverd, but of duller Ayr and Mien. Mr. Chancellor and I returning past 5 meet Dr. Thane at the Bear. Over 2 Bottles (1^s:8^d) they almost resolve on a journey, this spring, to London. Wee part before 9.

26 Apply to Busienes and Books. I answer Mr. James Bank's Letter about the Administracion of his Brother William. I draw an Account of the Repetitions of Wittnesses for the last year. About 7, Dr. Thane comes over to mee. I give him a Bottle of my Irish wine. I pay my son Wills quarterage 2^s:6^d.

27 A very sharp day. Apply to the Busienes of the Court, which today is quickly

over. I pay the Chancellor for Repetitions 2^{li}:1^s:8^d, For Caveats, in Number 104, 8^{li}:13^s:4^d. I write to John Cross, and send by Sherlocks man, 6 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Ashton. I write to the Bishop of Meath about his present of Wine. I turn with pleasure Praxin Joannis Petri de Ferrariis Papiensis And end in domestic pint.

28 A severe cold day most subtile Ayr. The News represents no answers of the French at Utrecht which were promised to be given in the 19th. I apply to digesting of Letters and papers of private concern. I pay the Wash-woman her Quarterage 1^{li}:10^s, and draw my form of Deputacion of Mr. Roberts. After Even prayers The Chancellor, Archdeacon, Mr. Boucher, Allen and Roberts drink with mee 4 Bottles of my Irish wine. After (about 8) step to Will. Willougby's, where I entertain J. Pickering and about 6 others who assisted at the time of the Fire, and were not of the former company. 1^s.

29 A cold moist day. I write to my Cozn. Parr about Harry and tell him the state of our Accounts stood (3^d Jan. last) thus vidt for the interest of 200^{li} for 7 months and 10 days at 5^{li} per cent at the time of the Account 14 Sept. 1710, 6^{li}:2^s:2^d, and due on the last Account 3^d Jan. aforesaid, 17^{li}:17^s:9^d, in all (beside the original 150^{li}) 23^{li}:19^s:11^d. I pay to Mr. Boucher for Mr. Chancellor, on the Account of Arrears of the 4 last visitacions, 20^{li}. I lend him my black horse to Vale Royal. I pay Alderman Partington on Account of Goods had from him, 10^{li}. I buy and pay for Baretts [?Alveary] in Folio 2^s:6^d. I sign after prayers my Deputacion of Mr. Roberts. After that Dr. Thane and I go to the Bacchus, wee talk of his London expedition, over 2 pints of White and part about 8.

30 Dr. Thane has a good Discours (but heard from him before) on (For these the wrath of God cometh on the Children of disobedience). The papers are doubtfull about the Negotiation of Utrecht. In the Evening, invited, I go to Dr. Thane's, find him in usual Chagrin, drink a ½ of white Wine, part about 9.

31 A most delicate but cool day. I deliver my Deputacion, of him, to Mr. Roberts, who go's today to St. Asaph. I take 4 Turns on Roodee, write to my Cosen Holt. After Books and prayers I go down to the Bear, where Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Clopton, Allen and I drink each his Bottle, the wine inviteing. 2^s.

APRIL 1 The schene alterd to severe cold and rainy weather, extremely indisposed from that and last night. The papers yet keep in suspense. In the Evening, I take leave of the Chancellor and Dr. Thane, who are to begin their journey to London tomorrow. John Walmsley, by his son, sends mee 200 wt of Cheese. The Mayor comes, sits and drinks part of his Bottle of Claret with us, hee stays till 9. 2^s.

2 I draw a petition to the Queen on behalf of Alexander the Mayors son in order to the Office of the Town Clerk. Mr. Bowyer sees, dines, and with other news aggravates the story of Mr. Holland assuring that the Rector has seizd his Goods for 300^{li}. About 2 the Mayor and I go to Eaton, shew Mr. Cholmley the petition, hee desires mee to write and inclose it to Lord Rochester. Sir Richard Grosvenor is relaps'd deep in Insanity. Wee return home about 7. Mrs. Thane is here, stays and drinks a Glass of white wine with us till 9. Mr. Roberts returns from St. Asaph.

3 A dull day, Peter Walmsley returns. I write to John Cross and send 24 Bottles of Ale, by him, his Horses charg is 5^s. I give him 2^s. I receive from Mr. Roberts 21^s

in a Cause of Appeal of Abergelly. I am servd with a prohibition ex parte Halwood contra Wright (1^s:8^d).¹ The Mayor comes and acquaints mee that Mr. Adams, the Town Clerk dyd before noon. I pay Mr. Hodgson for Platts Oxfordshire 11^s, for Lambards Kent 4^s:3, to Knot the Bricklayer 2^s:6^d. After prayers my S. and I visit Mr. Whitehall. After this I go with Mr. Lowndes to the Mayors, where Mr. Egerton (of Tatton) Mr. Peake and wee stay at Ale freely, till 9.

4 A very rainy morning, and I indispos'd, yet draw another petition to the Queen, from the Mayor, and a Letter from Mr. Cholmley to Lord Rochester, desiring him to present it. The Mayor here present the while. After Noon prepare for my Journy. I pay to Mr. Bouchier on Accompt 5^{li}.

5 About 9 a clock set out (Wm. Plumley with mee). Wee come, the day fair, to Warrington, the Red Lyon about 1, dine on Salmon Trout. Ned Roberts returns from Wigan, finds mee here. I set hence about 5, see Mr. Shaw and Mr. Vaudrey, by the way, order the first to pay the later, on Account, 20^{li}. Not well, I take a Dram at Ashton and come safe to Wigan and my cozn. Holts about 8.

6 A cold and rainy day. Mr. Bowyer has two sermons. In the Evening, at Nany Totells with some Freinds.

7 About noon the Busienes of Examinacion of Wittnesses betwixt Winstanley and Foster begins,² Mr. Bowyer Commissioner. I examine Mr. Hindley and 3 more. About 9 to my Lodgings and before 11 to bed.

8 I receive my Suzys Letter with Account that my Lord Bishop admitts of Mr. Warburtons presentation of Mr. Duckworth. I examine 7 Wittnesses today.

9 The weather, tho. cold, more tollerable. I examine the 12th Witnes, Mr. Holland. About 3, Mr. Bowyer, Plumley, my Cozn. Holt and myself go to the parsonage of Standish. Wee find Mr. Haydock³ indispos'd, but so partial against Foster, that wee do not produce him as a Witnes. Wee drink ale, beer, a bottle of Wine with him and return about 7. Mr. Haydock pay's mee for my Bill which comes to 3^{li}.8^s, 3 Guineas.

10 A calme and fair day. My cozn. Jeff. Prescott comes to mee from Preston on Mr. Clifton's Account. Hee offers mee a Guinea. I take ½ of one. Hee dines with mee at my cozn. Holts, acquaints mee with Mr. Starky's late unkind behaviour to him, and is plain about the Lawyers deficiencies in his pleadings. I speak to him and hee promises mee his Consent about the Shops in Holland. After noon, My Cozn. Holt and I go to Winstanley, find only Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Legh (Betty) at home, they entertain us with the History of Mr. Holland. Wee return about 6. After have Mr. Bowyer & Marklands company at Mr. Holts.

11 Stay much at home in a dull Day, in the Evening, with company, at the Cross Keys.

12 About 11 my cozn. Holt and I sett out, call at Holland and come to the Ayrefield past 1. Wee walk thorough the young wood, meadows, Grounds, to the banck, return and dine at Ayrfeld. Mr. Birchall comes to and S. Prescott is with us.

1 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1712) No. 15, Stoake.

2 Ibid., No. 7, Blackrod schoolmaster.

3 L.R.O., DCh.1 Call Book 1691, f. 25. William Haydock was rector of Standish.

I entertain 'em with Ale, 1 Bottle of wine and near a pint of Brandy. Here I receive and give discharg for Richardsons 100^{li} from Molyneux 9^{li}, from Walmesley 5^{li}, from Naylor his years rent 1^{li}, from the Tenant of the lower Bank in part 1^{li}. About 7, wee return, I give order about repair of the Lane to Ayrfeld. Wee call at Mr. Birchalls, stay and drink a Bottle of Claret with S. Prescott, over which the Affair of the Shops is plainly mencioned: pay Dichfeild 2^s for 6 Bottles of Ale to Ayrfeld, and come back safe D.G. to Wigan, after 9.

13 I go in the morning to Church, Mr. Bowyer preaches. I indisposd from yesterday, repose after dinner. Recoverd in the Evening, go to the Funeral of Mr. Howorth, where was somthing new, his coffin in the room, turnd open, on hinges, to the shoulders, exposing the Face of the Corps: this was not gratefull to mee and others. After the Funeral invited, go to Alderman Marklands, where his Brother, my cozn. Holt and Mr. Bowyer were also entertaind with strong Ale, till 9.

14 I pay my Cozn. Holt 100^{li} and for Interest 10^{li}, and take up 2 fifty pound Bonds. About 11 I sett hence, wee come to Haydock, dine with Mr. Legh, who stays an hour with us, go's to Winstanley, wee stay over good Claret. Young Mr. Holland comes to us. Hee presents mee with a seal, on which a Socrates head, I him with Lactantius de mortibus persecutorum. After 7, I set out, come to Warrington before 9, to Bed about 10.

15 I set out before 8, and in a wett day, come safe home D.G. before 12. I compute the charges of my late Journy extend to about 1^{li}:10^s. The Assizes begun here, Mr. Justice Ward gives in a loyal Charg, doctrine unusual from the Bench. Mr. Leche is High Sheriff, Sir Tho. Brooks Foreman to a good Jury. In the Evening at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Stratford and Hodgson, send 6 Licences and Bonds today to Mr. Markland.

16 I write and inclose 3 Inhibicions to my Lord Bishop. I represent the Case of the Town Clerk and implore his Favor on behalf of the Mayors son. I write to Mr. Close. In the Evening, or rather tomorrow, at the Mayors with Mr. Adams of Cholmley and Mr. Proby. After that a smal domestic Bottle of White, in my Corner.

17 I send Harry and my man John to St. Asaph for my sister Jones. I write to Mr. Moulding & Lambert. After dinner about 2 on Alderman Partingtons recomendacion, I send for Robert Peers, to his shop, discourse with and agree to hire him at 4^{li} p.A. giving 1^s in Earnest. Hee is to come to mee at Midsummer. My Suzy and I thence see the Mayor. After prayers and Books, I meet with Mr. Lowndes. Wee go to his Inn (Plume of Feathers), drink freely and talk on Books over 2 Bottles good Claret, part after 10.

18 Good Friday. Mr. Oliver has an excellent sermon, in the Quire, on the life and passion of our Savior. I turn Books today till Evening prayers. I pay the 2^d ½ years Office Tax (2^{li}). I write and send 4 Licences and Bonds by Hamlet Axton, to Mr. Gibbons. Wee have a Dinner or supper, after the manner of Rough-park. After, take 3 Turns on roodee and refresh in domestic White.

19 I draw, for Mr. Lownds, a Letter to the Earl of Abington on the Mayor and his sons behalf. I send a Copy of Ed. Dods Will to Wm. Billington of Olton, for which 6^s:8^d. I pay S. Walmsley for work at Mr. Dennis's, 2^s, to Peggy Birchall, 1^{li}. Recollect my Ephemeris since the 4th current. My sister Jones comes to us.

20 Easter Day. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Quire where the number of

Communicants is much greater than ordinary. Mr. Henschman has a good discourse on the day in the Afternoon in St. Oswalds. After a walk on the Walls in the Evening and the News, I refresh in domestic White.

21 About 10 Mr. Davies, Done, Whitehall, Mather and I set from the Coffee House, come to Oulton about 1. Mr. Egerton shows us his fine new stable, and takes us into the Lanthorn over it, a delicate prospect. Mr. Vernon comes, wee dine, and after that, Mr. Egerton treats us generously with excellent Claret till 6. Wee return safe before 9. I write to Jack and send him $\frac{1}{2}$ Guinea by Mr. Egerton.

22 Indisposed from the Journy and wine, wee drink Coffee this morning with Mrs. Thane. After dinner and repose, to Church. After with Mr. Oliver and Ridley at Chadwicks. Mr. Oliver sends for a pint of White wine, wee part about 9.

23 I write to Mr. Ainsworth, but by mistake superscribe his Name Aynscough in Greenwich, about Coins. I pay the maid Betty Ellis now going away, her wages, 2^d. Betty Hanson now succeeds her. The Town taken up and diverted by the race today. I am on roodee till that over. Mr. Clark's bay the victor. After that, I go to Mr. Whitehalls, sit there with him and Archdeacon Shore, till 9.

24 After some Busienes and 3 Turns on roodee, and dinner, Mr. Holland and I ride to Eaton, stay three hours with Mr. Cholmley, walk back by the River in 3 qrs of an hour, come to the Ship at 8, drink our pints of Claret and part at 9.

25 A delicate day. After prayers I treat Mrs. Middleton, Ellen Lloyd, my S. &c at Mrs. Broughtons with Coffee. (2^s). Mr. Morrey dines with us. My sister Jones tells mee shee sometime ago received a Guinea from Mr. Moulding on my Account. After prayers retreat to Dawsons Origin of Laws, & domestic pint.

26 I take 4 Turns in a delicate morning on roodee where I am affected with the Case of Tom Birchall and resolve to send to Leverpool about it. After prayers I call on the Mayor, Thence go to see Mr. Chancellor returnd about 6, from London, thence to my Corner and domestic pint.

27 A fine day. Mr. John Wright has a good discourse on Contentednes with the Condidion God appoints us. The News affords nothing new. After dinner I prepare for my journy. I write to Jeffry Prescott, Mr. Starkey and to Mr. Styth. About 6, my sister Jones and I set hence and come to the Red Lyon in Wrexham about 8 (in a sweet Evening). Wee find Mr. Moulding and Lewis the new Secretary here.

28 After Tea with cozn. Moreton and Eytons and prayers, the Chancellor comeing inter divina, wee go to Court. 7 Causes adjourn'd hither. The Churchwardens of [blank] Deanerys dispatcht, wee dine at the Sun. After wee, the Chancellor, Vicar, Brother Puleston and I, go to the Vicarage. After, I lend my brother my horses to Havod y Wern. I go on Foot to see him home, stay not an Hour, return, Mr. Jones with mee, to the Lyon, wee drink a pint of white wine, hee returns to Havod y Wern, I go to bed.

29 After some Busienes, visits and prayers, wee dine together at Gerard Eytons, the Entertainment free and elegant. After this the Ladies accept a Glass of wine at the Lyon. I am under some trouble from a suddain swelling and pain in the right cheek. After 4 in a fine season, wee set out and come to the Bore's Head (Parrys) near the Churchyard in Oswestry. My sister Jones and I are recomended to Mr. Davenport's for Lodgings.

30 After Elixir easy in my cheek and head. Mr. Owen the Vicar is Surrogate here

[blank] Deaneries and some other Busienes, dispatcht. After dinner I make an end of the Controversy betwixt the 2 late Curates and the Churchwardens of St. Martins. I go to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Pool and others at the Bowling Green. After Mr. Owens shows mee the Town and prospect, treats mee with a pint of Sherry at Mr. Lloyds, a Mercer.

MAY 1 A Fair here, where a great number of Cattle, Oxen and Sheep, larg and good in their kind. I drink Tea at Mr. Owens chamber. Wee dine at the Bores Head. After dinner (not yesterday) the peevish Controversy of St. Martins and another betwixt Mr. Clapham, vicar of Kinnerley and one Pain, Steward to Smith the Impropiator, detain us with clamor, passion and reflexion. I endeavor to compose both with some success. About 4 the Company to which Mr. Humphreys, Rector of Llanvychan, is now joind proceeds. Mr. Humphreys generously invites mee and my Sister and entertains us tonight decently in his decent Manse, in a happy situacion.

2 About 9 wee set out for Llanvyllin, come to Mr. Gabriel Price's now the Bayliff of the Town, a larg, rude and neglected house. Mr. Kinaston my Acquaintance is Rector and Surrogate here. The Wardens of 3 Deaneries [blank] are here dispatcht. Mr. Humphreys and 2 other of the Clergy dine with us. I examine 4 Wittnesses on an Allegacion and Will, 2 of them by an Interpreter. The busienes is more here than at the other places. In the Evening Mr. Kinaston treats mee and my sister Jones with 3 Bottles of good Claret, at his lodgings. After which I in my chamber treat our company with a Bottle, which unhappily keeps mee up, past 2.

3 A very sharp morning in a cold House. The company returns about 9. After 10 Wee set out under the Conduct of Mr. Morgan, Curate to Mr. Kinaston and over the mountains, a tedious and turning way, come to Llanlothian after 2. Mr. Jones (now the High Sheriff) receives and treats us with Generosity, with excellent Claret and white wine but both new and Brandy. In the Even hee is mellow and kind in a pathetick Welsh phrase, towards mee, hee tells his proposal to allow his son 200^{li} p.A. on marriage & reserve so much to himself.

4 I walk with Mr. Tho. Jones the son and Jack Jones of Silvane about a mile to Llanwair Church where the vicar Mr. Williams has an English sermon on my Account on the words 'Because thou understood not the day of thy Visitation', the composicion not altogether so mean as the pronunciacion. Wee stay at home after dinner. The Sheriff retires to Bed before 8. I speak to Jack Jones on my sister Jones affair to have the security for 200^{li} confirmd by the Addicion of the yong Gent. to the Bond of performance. Hee readily promises to move it to the Sheriff, & promises success. I lend my sister Jones Half a Guinea to give her Nephew Edwards now going for Oxford.

5 Jack Jones gives us Assurance that the Sheriff complys, and promises to see the Bond executed before Mr. Kinaston. Wee part therefore in very freindly terms, and think the success worthy of the visit. Wee set hence about 10, come at an easy rate, but 13 very long miles, to Oswestry about 3. Wee dine and rest at the Boreshead, where Mr. Owens meets us. Wee set thence after 6, and come in a fine Even to Wrexham about 10.

6 After Tea with my Cozn. Moreton, wee set hence before 10 and in a fine soft

rain come safe to my Corner (D.O.M.G.) about 12. After dinner, and repose, in the Evening Mr. Morrey, Hodgson, Bassano and myself take our freindly pints of White at the Bacchus, and part before 9. I reckon my Expences in this Journy amount to 2^{li}:10^s. My Suzy gives mee an Account with Acquittance of 1^{li}.4^s.7^d paid to Platt the Taylor, 17^s:3^d to Mr. Cross, Joyner, 2^{li}:16^s to Mr. Massey Linnen draper, 18^{li}:3^s to Mr. Plumley, Malster, Beside given to Peggy Birchall a Guinea upon her journey to Leverpool, about her Brothers Death, 1^{li}:1^s:6^d.

7 I take some time in Letters and Busienes in my Absence. Buy the first and 2^d parts of the Caveat against the Whiggs. 2^s. The Chancellor gives mee his directions about a Decree in the Cause betwixt Sir Ed. Coke and the Church Wardens of Manchester.⁴ In the Evening I see the Mayor, and after retreat to my domestic pint.

8 A Court day very slender in Busienes. After prayers take 4 Turns on roodee, read the 2^d part of the Caveat, and recreate in domestic White. Take leave with Mr. Whitehal, returning to Broughton.

9 After prayers see the defective News papers. Betty Eyton dines with us. After dinner apply to Busienes till Night and domestic pint.

10 The Chancellor and I write to the Commissary and inclose a Commission to him bearing date 24 Aprilis. I write to my cozn. Parre and inclose a Copy of the Huyton presentacion to one Gunter 5^s:10^d. My cozn. Parr in his letter 3 May, tells mee hee has received from Mr. Pinfold for Windhams search 1^s:4^d and from Mr. Jones of Ireland 3^{li}.8^s. 8. I pay to Mr. Edwards, Linnen draper 4^{li}:10^s. In Busienes till 6. I write to Mr. Moulding.

11 Prayers (and a Sermon by Dr. Fogg) are in St. Oswalds in the Morning and the Sacrament administered whereof myself and Mr. Roberts are partakers in the presence of Mr. Wilkinson and Lownds desird Wittnesses, in order to satisfy the Law, upon our several offices, at St. Asaph. Mr. Higgins of Ireland has a good & honest yet high and satyirical discourse in the same Church afternoon. The papers are more expressive of peace today. After prayers, read the History of Sin and Heresy. A domestic pint of Claret. [?2^s].

12 After prayers about 11, in the Court of Sessions of the City, I and Ned Roberts bring our Certificates and Wittnesses, take the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuracion, and verbally & in writeing renounce Transubstantiation.⁵ Paid to my sister Jones, at several payments according to her own Account 11^{li} in part of one whole years interest, on my Bond. I dine with the Mayor, Recorder, Justices and others who were at Court, at the Mayors, after dinner the good Ale moves about till 6. 7^s. After this go with the Chancellor, Archdeacon, Mr. Kendric and Proby to the Bear, wee drink pretty cheerfully, our Bottles of good Claret, and part after 9. 3^s:6^d.

13 Indispos'd from the Ale and the Bottle, see the News which mentions peace with more probability. Paid to Wm. Roberts late of Drs. Commons, a Bill chargd on mee, by my cozn. Parre, 11^{li}. I write and inclose to Mr. Shaw, 6 Licences and Bonds. I write to Mr. Styth on the matter of Tom Birchall, fully with respect to Mr. Clayton. After prayers take 2 Turns on roodee. After recreate in a domestic pint.

4 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1712) No. 1, Manchester.

5 This was to fulfil the requirements of the Test Act of 1673.

14 At early prayers and after them apply to drawing the Decree about the Seat controverted betwixt Sir Ed. Coke and Churchwardens of Manchester, the difficulty of which takes up most of the Day. About 2 afternoon Mr. Hanmer Booth, after a weeks indisposicion, dies. In the Even, Dr. Thane, Mr. Kendric and I drink our pints of White wine at (now) Widow Hatfeilds and part after nine.

15 Mr. Morrey now designing for Dublin in order to bring his son and his Nephew to College there, calls on mee. I give him a Guinea for his son. A Court day of slender Busienes saving the Decree about the Seat in Manchester Church, passes. I write to my cozn. Holt to write mee a speedy Account of her Health. Mr. and Mrs. Pennant of Llanarmon present us with 2 sugar Loaves and dine with us. I send 8 Licences & Bonds to Mr. Bolton by the Carrier. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Pickering's Will & Interrogatorys. In the Evening, Dr. Thane and I go to the Bacchus, meet with good white port, drink our pints. I receive by the hands of Mr. Shaw, Atturmy, 11^s due to mee from Mr. Hornby. Mr. Bolton writes hee had disposd of 38 Licences May the 6th.

16 A mild day. I draw 8 Ounces of Blood. Mr. Chaddock is my Chirurgion. The News still entertains our Expectacion. I apply to Kennets Impropriations. In the Evening I go down to the Bear, to Mr. Langton and Mr. Hulton, the former pays mee 7ⁱ on Account of a Comutacion for yong Langton of Leverpoole.

17 I proceed in Kennet. I examine 7 Wittnesses in the 3 Causes of Tattenhall. I visit the Mayor, now something better after 7 weeks of trouble with a sharp Rheum in his Eyes. In the Even recreate with domestic pint.

18 I hear Mr. Oliver at St. Peters, his excellent discourse on 1 Prov. 10. The public papers still hold in suspense about the peace. After prayers turn Bingham's Antiquities of the Church. Take 2 Turns on Roodee. After recurr to domestic pint.

19 Most of this day spent on various reading and preparacion for our Journy to morrow. In the Evening, at Tho. Hollands with the Chancellor, Alderman Partington, Proby, Billing, an Hour. After retreat to my Corner and domestic pint.

20 After early prayers and the News, I write to my Cozn. Holt about Mr. Coopers pad. About 10, my sister Jones, Nelly and I set hence, come to Northop, dine and stay there (5^s), sett thence about 3, the way fair & pleasent till at Brickhill a violent rain falls and continues most of the way, and wee come very wett to Mr. Mouldings about 7.

21 Wee have a Court of few, about 7, Causes and for Deaneries. The Chancellor dines with the Dean, Mr. Price, Babington myself &c at B. Barne's; after, drink her bottld Ale. I see and drink a Glass of wine with the new Secretary, Mr. Lewis. About 8 return to Mr. Mouldings, and finish the day in a Glass of sister Jones wine.

22 Indisposd from the bottld Ale. After prayers immediatly, a Chapter is held, which presently adjourns to the Deanary. I appear before them there, present my patent to the Dean cum reverentia, and desire his and the Chapters confirmacion; it is read, confirmd and signd by the Dean, 6 prebendaries & Canons and 2 by proxy. I dine there with the Dean and Chapter. After prayers the Dean & 4 prebends, invited by my sister Jones, walk down, frankly, to Mr. Mouldings, and cheerfully smoke a pipe and tast her wine.

23 About 9 the Chancellor, Mr. Moulding, Hughes and I set hence and come to Denbigh before 11. Here wee keep the adjourn'd Consistory and for the 2 remaining

Deaneries which end (D.G.) the visitacion, a great number but small busienes. Mr. Williams, the Vicar here, is civil to mee, so is David Wynn, Clerk. The Chancellor &c take a conversible Glass. I write to my Suzy. Wee return in small rain about 9.

24 I apply to drawing the Acts full of the late Courts held at Wrexham, St. Asaph and Denbigh. Mr. Jones, son of the late Bishop Jones, dines with us. After Evening prayers, I take a walk over the Row with Mr. Babington and see his Tenement (for 21 years) at the end of it. After the walk, drink with him a pott of his good mild Ale, return to my Lodging about 9.

25 Mr. Babington preaches, and well, of Faith and works (reconciling the Apostles) in the Cathedral. The Dean preaches at [blank] his country Church. After Evening prayers designing to wait on the Dean, go down to the Row (after wee had bin about 2 hours in a mixt Company, at B. Barne's), hee being ingagd, at Mr. Price's with Mr. Carter. Wee take a Turn, and thence home, where I finish in domestic White.

26 Mr. Moulding makes up his Account since March 20th. The Charg is 27^{li}.1^s:8^d. Discharg 8^{li}:9^s:6^d, the Balance which hee pays mee is 18^{li}:12^s:2^d. I pay my sister Jones on Account of her Interest 2^{li}:3^s:0. I finish the Court Books. I dine with the Dean (who treats mee freely and bestows his Faith & practice of a Church of England Man, on mee). Afternoon hee and his Lady take coach, go to Ruthland, thence to the Sea Side, where for an hour in a delicate ayr wee gather shells on the shore. Returning are treated with Ale by Mr. Lewis the vicar of Ruthland. I return and stay with the Dean, past 8, come to my Lodgings where over a pint of my sister Jone's White wine, I solace till 11.

27 I go to see the Office with Mr. Moulding. After Coffee, Tea and rewards to the servants 6^s:6^d, I sett out, in a hott sunshine, about 11, at Brickhill, cross the Mountain, ride along the East side by the Mines, and come to Northop about 2, stay about an hour 1^s. 6^d, and come home safe D.O.M.G. about 6. I receive my Lord Bishops Letter with his scheme of his intended visitacion. Dr. Thane, his Lady and Mr. Boucher see mee, wee drink a domestic Bottle.

28 I write to my Lord Bishop. I reckon the Charges of the Journy to a Guinea, beside 5^s given Jeffry Williams for copying Deposicions and transcribing my patent in the Chapter Book. I pay Mrs. Jane Entwisle 5 Guineas. Shee gives mee a Bill on Dr. Stratford, to pay so much to my son Jack. I visit Mr. Mayor. Mr. Callis comes, wee drink his good Ale and part about 9.

29 This is a duplex Festum⁶ and kept as such. Dr. Fogg has (agreeably) a good sermon in the parish Church. I write to Mr. Chancellor, now at Speake, and inclose the Bishops scheme of his visitacion and the Commissary's Letter. After E. prayers I write to Jack about his coming down, and inclose a Bill of 5^{li}.7.6. After the Act, Archdeacon Bland is with mee, wee go to the Bear, meet Mr. Hulton there, drink each his Bottle of good Claret, and part about 9. 2^s:6^d.

30 I pay to the Churchwardens my poors Tax 7^s. In Books, particularly the Bishop of St. Asaphs 4 sermons & the preface. My Cozn. Eyton, his Lady, her sister, Mr.

6 In this year the feast of the Ascension and the commemoration of the restoration of Charles II coincided.

Shakerley &c come to Town, about 4 wee visit 'em. After a walk on the Walls, I treat Mr. Shakerley, Birch & young Eyton with a Bottle of the Bear. After this go into the Bear to Archdeacon Bland and Mr. Copley of Manchester. Wee drink each a Bottle, I am sensible of too strong effects of it, wee part after 9. 5^s.

31 My Indisposicion admits of Nothing but various reading. After Evening prayers and a Turn into the Town, I solace in a domestic pint. Dr. Thane comes and shares with mee, wee part about 9. I pay J. Coulson for cleansing the Consistory, 4^s:6^d.

JUNE 1 Mr. Oliver has an excellent Discourse in the Choir on (It is good for mee that I have been in Trouble). The Examiner, this day, severe on the Bishop of St. Asaphs preface to his 4 Sermons. The Letters have a fuller prospect still of peace. After E. prayers and Tea, Archdeacon Bland, Mr. Copley and I go over the Walls to the Bear. Wee drink 2 Bottles of excellent Claret and part at 9. I write, by Mr. Copley, to Mr. Bann to preach the Consecration sermon.

2 A fine cool day. I write to Dr. Fenton, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Baxter of Blowith, Mr. Cragg of Satterthwaite⁷ & to John Cross. Received then from Mr. Markland for 30 Licences and Bonds, 29^{li}.10^s. After prayers see the News in a fuller prospect D.G. of peace. After Dr. Thane and I drink our pints of White at Winstanleys, and return at 9. Mr. Markland has today de Novo, 6 Licences and Bonds.

3 About ½ hour after 5, Mr. Aubrey and I sett out and come to Warrington about 9. The Clergy go to Church about 10. Mr. Cowper has a good discourse on 29 Job v.11.12th. I dine with my cozn. Holt &c at the Red Lyon. After go to the Clergy at the Eagle and Child. Shew my Lords Letter to Mr. Asheton, Richmond and Cowper, 3 of the designd preachers in his visitacion. In a select number, drink white wine. I make my oblacion of ½ a Guinea on this occasion. At Mr. Blackburns request, I veiw the Southside of the church & think it with some Addicion of Light, capable of a Galery. I set hence about 7, come home safe in a cool light night, before 11 D.G.

4 A hotter day not insensible of the Motion yesterday, disposd to rest. I divert the time in Books & some Busienes. The Processes and Books for the visitacion finisht to day. After prayers Dr. Thane calls, wee go to the Bear and hee intending for Northenden, tomorrow, treats mee in the single Bottle.

5 After M. prayers, I write to Mr. Chancellor about veiwing the place of a new Galery in the Church of Warrington, to Mr. Vaudrey about Stamps for the visitacion, to Mr. Shrigley about the Consecration of the new Church in Manchester & (in his) inclose a Letter to Mr. Newcome about his being namd, by my Lord, to preach the visitacion sermon at Manchester. Paid Mr. Dyson, merchant, for 6 Gallons equal Quantities of Claret & white, at 6^s.8^d per Gallon, 2^{li}. After prayers I am with Mr. Hodgson an hour and drink part of a Tankard of his Ale, then retreat to my domestic pint.

6 The News today, brings the peace nearer in view, but seems to make it seperate from the Allies. Robert Peers whom I hir'd, comes to mee today, at 4^{li} per Annum.

7 Baxter and Cragg were churchwardens.

Q.B.E. I divert this day chiefly in the *Historiae Anglicanae*, x *Scriptores*, and in the Evening, solace in my domestic pint.

7 After early prayers, take 4 Turns on Roodee. I write to Mr. Commissary upon his late Letter to the Chancellor. My Man Robert Peers make agreement with Phillip Hodgson, of Christleton, to supply mee with Straw, in consideracion of 3^s a Horse, and the Dung of them, by the year. I send ½ Guinea to Jeppy Peck, now going to London. I pay 10^s:9^d for 3 small Loads of Coal. I write to Mr. Sandys, Rector of Malpas,⁸ about his preaching att the visitacion of that Deanary. I read the Dean of Yorks sermon which hee sent mee. After prayers, see the Mayor, when the Letters come in, dissappoint our expectation of hearing of a peace, adjourn it and with satisfactory reason. I retire to my domestic pint.

8 Whitsunday. Sanctissimam Eucharistiam participamus. Det D.O.M. vitam etiam castam et tranquillam agere.⁹ Dr. Fogge has 2 good discourses in the Quire and parish Church this day. After prayers to Books, the day very hot: refresh with domestic pint.

9 D.O.M.G.E. Honor. I enter this day (according to my computacion) on the 62^d year of my Age. After early prayers, I write to Mr. Lambert and John Crosse. Wee make out a domestic Commemoracion of the day which (D.G.) proves more propitious and happy from the Accesse of News this night, That her Majesty had in a speech, on Fryday, declar'd to both Houses, the proposals of an Honourable peace betwixt Her and France, and her Care also of Her Allyes. In the Evening, my S. and I are entertain'd by Mrs. Thane, part about 10.

10 The News of last Night fills the Town with Joy. Mr. Pennant and Miss Davies are marry'd today at Plemondstall. About 11 I set out (on horsback) to Eaton, dine and sup with Mr. Cholmley. Hee kindly offers to subscribe for 1 vol. of the *Processus Iudiciarius*. After 6 Mr. Holland & I set hence, come to the Ship after 7. Encouragd by the Bells and Bonfires, wee rejoice upon the Hopes of Speedy peace, over 2 pints of White Wine. But this Joy meets at the Ship with the shocking news and Alloy of the melancholy Account of Mr. Ambrose Thelwal of Plase Goch, his being burnd to Ashes in his own House.

11 St. Barnabas. After prayers I write and send 6 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Gibbons. I divert most of this day in [?Mabillon] de la *Diplomatica*. I take a walk, about 8, round the Walls.

12 I write to Jeffry Prescott, John Crosse and my cozn. Holt. In Busienes and Books after noon, rather this than last night take a walk round the Walls, after recreate in domestic pint.

13 The News still carrys on the great affair of peace, and the domestic tells that on Tuesday the House of Commons condemnd the Bishop of St. Asaph his preface to his 4 sermons to bee burnt, Yesterday. I write and send 3 Guineas to Jack by Mr. Newcome, late of Brazen Nose. My Suzy and I dine with Mrs. Thane at her accurate dinner. I bargain with Mr. Mather and gett in 2 Tonns of old Hay. In the

8 C.R.O., Malpas Parish Papers, EDC/1 No. 186.

9 Trans: 'We participate in the most Holy Eucharist. May God the best and greatest grant [that I] live a life both chaste and tranquil'.

Even, I chuse a summer suit at Alderman Partingtons. After Hee, Mr. Lawrence and I go to the Bacchus, wee drink 6 pints, my brother Partington pays for 5, wee part about 10.

14 Indispos'd from last Night – apply to Busienes the Fore noon. In the Evening I write to Mr. Williamson of Malpas, about Mr. Sandys, and inclose 3 Licences and Bonds. I pay Dunbavand the Glasier 8^s:6. Turn Quintilian, meet this Assumption, *Nihil autem omnium rerum melius, quam omnis Mundus administratur.*

15 Dr. Fogge has 2 good discourses today in the Quire and St. Oswalds. The Newspapers keep up the same good prospect of peace. Mr. Boyer writes that on Tuesday, the Delegates past their sentence on the Rectors side, and condemn'd the other in 100^{li} costs. In the Evening Mr. Pool of Oswestry and I take a Turn on roodee. Hee after sits and drinks a Glass of my Ale and Wine. Mrs. Thane sees us this Evening, wee take about 9 a turn on the Walls. I write to Ned Davies of Flint, to meet Lord Anglesey here Wednesday morning.

16 After early prayers, I take three Turns on Roodee. I wait on Mr. Egerton at the Coffee house, and after write to the Bishops of Chester and St. Asaph and to Mr. Oliver on behalf of Will. Eyton. Afternoon in Busienes and Books. Mrs. Thane going tomorow to Northenden, comes in the Evening to take Leave with us. I recreate in my domestic pint.

17 After early prayers and the News (which brings Account of Addresses upon her Majestys Declaracion of The Terms of peace), I take 4 Turns on roodee. After a long Season very hott, a plentiful rain fell last night and cools the day. I expect Lord Anglesey today, but hee comes not. Mr. Chancellor returns from Speake. I see him and Dr. Norris. After, return to my corner and my pint.

18 After prayers, I procure a Bill of 80^{li} from Alderman Murrey, payable at 6 daies, to my cozn. Parre, to whom I inclose it and desire him to retain 35^{li} and pay the other 45^{li} to Dr. Pope, which with the Exchange is 81^{li}. I compose (at Mr. Pools request) a short Epitaph for Alderman Skellern. About 4, My Lord Anglesey sends for mee to the Hope and Anchor, after Hee and Mr. Steward with him dine, wee drink a Flask of my Lords wine, take a Turn on the Walls, about 7, come to my parlor. I send for Sir Hen. Bunburys good wine, Wee drink 2 Bottles and part about 10.

19 A very slender Court today. I dine with my Lord Anglesey. He is supplyd with about 9 Bottles; out of Sir Harrys Cellar, wee drink 2 of 'em, after dinner. Hee setts out (in his Chariot) about 3. After repose and prayers, I am, in the Evening, with the Chancellor, Mr. Hulton and Proby, an hour, at Mr. Hollands. I recede to my domestic pint.

20 After prayers to the Coffee House, where hope is given of some effects of the Peace. After a constant rain all night, it continues near noon. I take leave with Mr. Chancellor returning to Speake. After Even prayers, I go with Mr. Pool and Stones to the Bacchus, the former parts after three pints, wee continue the 4th. After, I take 3 Turns (about 8) on roodee. After, write to Mr. Vaudry, Jeffry Prescott and John Cross, and send to the last 20 Guineas, to pay off the Bank Interest (30^{li}).

21 I send the Lancashire Letters by Mr. Walley of Billing. I intended, but go not, to Bettisfield, hindred by rain and indisposicion. Send Jeffry to St. Asaph for Nelly. Mr. Lees Junior of Manchester calls on Mee, wee discourse on the Act for the new Church of Manchester. After prayers, in Books, till the domestic pint.

22 The rain continud all night and, in some degree, the day. Mr. Pool of Oswestry has a good discourse in the Quire on Hebr. 2 v. 3^d, Dr. Fogg, in the parish Church on the 9th Comandment. The Letters seem to make the Armies and peace sepearate. After prayers, Mr. Pool drinks Tea with mee, take 1 turn on roodee, and after refresh in a Bottle at the Bear, part about 9.

23 The weather still very rainy. I pay Mr. Mather for 2 Loads (Tonns) of old Hay, upon J. Filkins Judgment, 4^{li}. I pay Mr. Johnson in Slineheads Cause, out of the Commutacion Mony, 2^{li}: 11^s. I apply to Books and in the Evening, after some busienes, refresh in a domestic pint.

24 After Early prayers, at the Coffee House where the News improv'd to cessation of Arms and the sending of ten English Regiments into Dunkirk. I step to severall parts of the Fair, visit the Mayor now recoverd tollerably of his Eyes. I pay Mr. Vaudrey on the Stamp Account, 15^{li}. I receive a Letter from Jack and answer it. In the Evening, Mr. Hurst from Liverpool calls from Mr. Styth and drinks part of my domestic pint. After, Mr. Cleaveland comes, wee drink a bottle of the good wine Sir Hen. Bunbury gave mee. Sent by Mr. Lees 8 Licences & Bonds to Mr. Bolton, & by another hand 2 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Cowper.

25 The weather still rainy. I write to Dr. Stratford about Jacks coming down, the new Church of Manchester and the Busienes of Stamps in my office, To Mr. Styth and inclose 6 Licences and Bonds. After dinner I drink a Bottle of good Claret at the White Bull with Mr. Cleveland and Hurst. After prayers Mr. Bowyer is here. I draw a Licence to the Rector of Wigan to erect a Galery and Organ.¹⁰ After 9 recreate with Mr. Bowyer in my domestic pint. I pay Gatcliffe, Joyner, for a Door in Mr. Dennis' house, 3^s:11^d.

26 After early prayers, I write to Mr. Atherton of Chippin. A Court slender in Busienes. Mr. Dennis accounts and pays mee the rest of the last Half Years rent, 1^{li}:17^s. I write to Mr. Jones of Llanlothian fully, in pursuance of my sister Jones' late Letter. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Dr. Wigleys Will. In the Evening the Bishop of Killaloe, at my Invitacion, comes to mee. His Lordship, Mr. Wells and I drink 2 Bottles of good Claret, part about 10.

27 A fine morning with brisk wind. After early prayers I see the News, it represents the Dutch sullen and obstinate about the Cessacion of Arms and retards the Troops takeing possession of Dunkirk, and this creates many and different suspicions. After Evening prayers, I wait on the Bishop of Derry at Mr. Hatchets. Hee is indisposd and under apprehension of Apoplectic Fitts. Hee comes and takes some Turns in my Garden. I return with him to his Lodging, stay supper and 3 bottles of good wine (his daughter Mrs. Frend, his Chaplain and Secretary, are with him). I stay past 9. Magna vis est, magnum numen, unum & idem sentientis senatus. Tull.

28 A very fine day and weather seems to return. I pay Alderman Partington upon Account of Goods, 10^{li}. Upon my order Mr. Roberts, yesterday, paid John my late servant 1^{li}, the remainder of his wages and 2^s:6^d as a Gift from mee. I apply this day to variety of Books. About 2 my Cozn. Holt comes to us. After prayers, wee go

into the Fair, & see a Man without hands and arms, do all the offices of them, with his Feet. Wee solace with domestic Wine.

29 The Bishop of Clogher, Dr. Ash, has a fine discourse in the Quire on (If thy Eye offend thee, pluck it out) and Mr. Calkin preaches in the Afternoon in St. Oswalds, very well. The News brings the Cessation of the Arms of Great Britain to a difficult Crisis. After prayers my cozn. Holt and I take one turn about the Walls, and, in the way, Roodee. About 8 the Bishop of Clogher, Coll. Tichburn with him, comes to see mee. I treat with a bottle of good wine.

30 After early prayers, I apply to the petition of the Inhabitants of Manchester in order to the Consecration,¹¹ frame it pursuant to the Act, inclose and send the rude Draught to Mr. Shrigley. On short notice, go to meet Mrs. Hurleston, Gammul and Alderman Ince at the Raven, as an Auditor with them examine and approve the last Churchwardens Accounts which amount to 195^{li}, odd mony, received and 193^{li}, odd mony paid, the balance is 1^{li}.5^s. Wee with Dr. Fogg and some others of the parish dine here and stay after till after 6. After that, my cozn. Holt and I go down to the Bear and drink a small Bottle of good Wine, return about 10.

JULY 1 The weather continues rainy. After 10 a clock prayers, Lady Catharine Shirley and a yong Mrs. Warburton see my Coins &c and seem well entertaind till 1. I write to Jack and to Mr. Tho. Jones of Llanlothian. After prayers wee go in a company of 9 to see the Lyon and the other Animals. My son Will struck with Terror of the Lyon, indures not the sight. After this, my Cosen Holt and I go to Mr. Hollands, stay till 9 with Mr. Bingley, Brook and Holland, sup late and finish in a pint of Claret.

2 My cozn. Holt and his son return. I take 4 Turns on roodee. I write to the Commissary and to Mr. Shrigley. After Evening prayers to Mr. Clopton about a Title to Mr. Kelial a Candidate. I pay Mr. Chapman a Guinea.

3 A Court day, the Busienes slender. My Lord returns to the palace from London about 1. Wee wait on him and Mr. Pierrpont, the Chancellor and I stay with him till 3. I deliver to him a Catalogue of the Candidates. After prayers Dr. King, who lodges with mee, drinks a dish of Tea as introduccion to his Quarters. Mr. Cleiveland of Liverpool calls on mee about 7, wee go to and in the way, the Mayor comes into our company, to the Bear, wee drink 2 Bottles. Sir H. Bunbury and Lady (with Mrs. Mary Lloyd) come home. Mr. Cleiveland [and] I wait on Sir Hen., hee entertains us generously with excellent wine. Mrs. Lloyd comes over with us about 11.

4 Indisposd from the Quantity of good wine. About 10, wee go to Mrs. Broughtons, entertain there Mrs. Carter, her son, Mrs. Lloyd and other Lady's with Coffee. After prayers Mr. Cowper, Callys, Stringer, Dyson and I at Mr. Hollands till 9. I drink wine and pay Mr. Dyson his Bill 2^{li}:19^s.

5 Not well recover'd. I write to my cozn. Parre, pay Jonathan Pickering his Note 1^{li}:4^s, for Horshire to St. Asaph to fetch Nelly 5^s. After dinner (calld) wee go over

11 C.R.O., Bishop's Register, EDA2/4 f. 139 for details of the consecration of St Ann's Church, Manchester.

to Sir Hen. Bs, here a good company, and the Glass makes quick Circulacion. Mr. Holcombe sings to his Spinnet. I receive a Letter from Mr. Jones of Llanlothian and answer it, the like to Jack. I write to my sister Jones and inclose Mr. Jones's in it.

6 Ordination adjourn'd to this day. Mr. Marshal of Tarvin has a good Sermon on the occasion. 18 Deacons and 7 priests ordain'd. The News brings the Dutch to some inclination to a Cessation of Arms. After dinner, sent to, I go to Sir Hen. Bs. The Claret circles, too fast, till prayers. After which, Mr. Fenton of Lancaster calls by his Fathers order, wee go to the Bear and with Mr. Dyson and another drink 3 Bottles.

7 Under indisposicion and Concern for it. The Burrough Reeve and 2 Constables of Manchester desire my attendance with them to my Lord, who gives mee orders about the Sentence. Hee gives them 50^{li}, a Largess to the new Church. I am with them an hour at the Golden Talbot. In the Evening Sir Hen. Bunbury and some Ladies are here and entertaind by Mr. Holcombs songs. After, Mr. Lloyd of Chirk, Mr. Stone and Meredith drink a Bottle of Sir Henrys wine with mee. After, with them at Sir Hen. Bunburys an hour; to bed very much indispos'd about 11.

8 After a Fevorish and tedious Night, extremely indispos'd. About 9, attend my Lord at the palace and before 10, go to Church. Dr. Fogg has a good, but long discourse on 1 Tim. 4 v. 16. After this my Lord gos to the Consistory, the Clergy of the Deaneries of Chester and Wirral are calld over, there is a good appearance and a crowded Court. My Lord has a long and affectionate Charg founded on her Majesties late Letter to the Bishops. Tho invited by my Lord, I dine at home continenter. Mr. Shaw of Warrington accounts for Licences of severall years, hee pay 1^{li}: 14^s the Arreares, I give a discharg to this day. Hee has 6 Licences and Bonds de novo. After dinner, apply to Exhibicions. After those, proceed on the Sentence of Consecration; recreate in a pint of White.

9 Rainy weather continud. I apply cheifly to the Sentence and draw it near the End. Mrs. Mary Lloyd leaves us. After prayers My Lord Bishop, Sir Hen. Bunbury, Mr. Chancellor and Dr. King come to mee, drink cheerfully 3 Bottles of my best Claret, and part after 9. I shew my Lord and Mr. Chancellor the petition & sentence.

10 I send a Messenger to Oxford for Jack. I write and inclose three Guineas to him, I pay the Horse hirer 1^{li} in part of 27^s: 6^d. I wait on my Lord about 9, receive the Sentence back with his Approbacion. Hee visits today the Deaneries of Frodsham, Malpas & Bangor. Mr. Sandy's has a good discourse on [*blank*]. My Lord has the same charg to the Clergy.¹² After dinner apply to Exhibicions. I finish the Sentence for Manchester. Mr. Hanson sees mee in the Evening. I treat him with a pint of my domestic. After this my S. and I am at the palace with my Lord, Mr. Pierrpont and Dr. King. Returning after 9, Dr. King acquaints my S. in the way, That my Lord had often mencioned mee with kindnes, and had said that if Dr. Pope dy'd in his time, he woud give mee the Registry, and the Dr. desird this to be kept a secret.

11 A clearer morning rises, tho it rains briskly about noon. I entertain Lady

12 C.R.O., Call Book, EDV2/15 for names of clergy attending.

Bunbury, Mrs. Mary Lloyd and her company about 11 with Coffee at Mrs. Bayleys. I pay Sharlot the last Maid the remaining wages 1^{li}:3:6. My Suzy and I dine with my Lord, chiefly on cold venison. I stay with him till 3. After prayers to Busienes preparatory to our Journy. I draw a Commission according to the Act for disposing of the seats in the new Church of Manchester. After, recreate in domestic pint.

12 Apply to preparation and Equipage. I pay Morris Briscoe the Smith 14^s. [*No entries between 13 July and 13 August*].

AUGUST 14 Wee set from Bradford about 7, come on to Halyfax 6 m, thence thoro a deep valley and thence to Blackstone edge, where wee see Mr. Thornley, hunting, hee brings to the vicarage of Rachdale about 1. Here wee are cheerfully entertaind till 5. My black horse falls sick, but so as to go on. I reach Manchester about 9.

15 Mr. Chancellor proceeds to Chester. Jack and I stay, take a sordid dinner with Dr. Holbrook & his Lady, at which Mr. Shrigley too is received. About 3 wee sett hence and come to Wigan, my cozn. Holts about 6.

[*No entries for 16 or 17 August*].

18 A fair and favorable day. Wee go to Ayrfeild. Jack, J. Cross and I separete from the rest. I wait on my Godmother Rigby, wee walk round by Douglas, return about 2 and dine on a sufficient dinner. My ale and wine make up the Entertainment. My cozn. Holt, Jack and I stay a little at the Owl, but return to Wigan before 10.

[*No entries for 19–22 August*].

23 I go hence about 10, call at Northop and come to St. Asaph about 6, call at Mr. Mouldings. After a showr over, go to the Bishop in his study, thank him for his Benificence, hee kindly interrupts mee by telling mee that was don already. Hee stays mee and orders my horses to the palace.

[*No entries for 24–31 August*].

SEPTEMBER 1 Jack go's hence from us. I order him to call on Mr. Mostyn of Penbeddoc. My Lord at parting generously gives him a Jacobus, and kind advice. After dinner Mr. Evans and I walk over the Roc & up the Feilds thence to Wickwar. Mr. Lloyd entertains us with old Beer and a Bottle of good wine, & about 7 sends us home on Horsback, for it is a constant rain.

[*2 No entry*].

3 Wee come from the palace after a Freindly valediction, about 8. I gave first to the Butler and Chamber maid each a Guinea, to the Cook, Coachman and Footman each 5s, to the poor 5s. Wee call at Mr. Mouldings, come thoro the mid-road of the mountain, stay at Northop and reach Chester about 7.

[*No entries from 3 September until 3 October*].

OCTOBER 3 I go hence about 8, come to Wrexham – it raining, to [?Marford] past 10. Wee have a slender Consistory and a Correccion Court. Wee dine with the Chancellor at the Sun. After I go with brother Puleston to the Red Lyon, from thence in the Evening, to Havodywern.

4 In a fair day and the water faln, I call on Mr. Jones at Bangor, go on to Halghton about [*damaged*] where I am hansomly received with a good dinner and civil welcome. Mr. Lloyd, his Lady & 3 daughters at home. About 5 I return to Bangor and perswaded, stay there the Night.

5 Mr Jones has a good sermon on (The Law came by Moses, but Faith and truth by Jesus Christ). It rains violently when in the Church and about 12. I stay after Evening prayers, and about 5 in a fair Interval return to Havodwern.

6 After prayers at Church, dine with my cozn. Gerard Eyton. I see the 2 virgin Sisters and present 'em [*?with snuff*]. Dick Pulestons gos with mee to Oswestry where wee come to the Boreshead about 6. I write a Letter [*?in*] full to Mr. Jones about the Deed, I send with Dick Puleston. I go to Mr. Pools today and hee treats with Claret.

[*No entries from 7 until 12 October*].

12 At the Quire in the morning, where the Mayor and solennity come the 1st Sunday. Dr. Thane has a good sermon (If thou be wise, bee wise unto thy self). In the Evening wee are visited by Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Moreton.

13 A continud rain today. I apply to Tullys Orator.

14 I send my Horse for my sister Jones and write to Mr. Moulding, go on in Tullys Orator, see the dull News. In the Evening, at the Bacchus with Dr. Thane & Mr. Stone where each his pint. I pay Mr. Chapman on Account 5^{li}. At Night wee are late with Lady Bunbury, Cozn. Moreton & Mrs. M. Lloyd. Indisposd take 5 Turns on roodee. Finish Telemachus and proceed in the Orator, write my thanks to Mr. Cholmley of Holford for his present to mee and munificence to Jack. My sister Jones returns to us about 6.

[*No entry for 15 October*].

16 A Court day of easy Busienes. I write to John Crosse about the Tenant of the Bank and Navigacion of Duglas. I finish Orator. In the Evening, I write fully to Jack. After, Mr. Hulton and his son come to us. I treat them with a Bottle of wine and Sturgeon, they stay past 9.

17 A Heazy morning, after early prayers and the News, I take 3 Turns on Roodee. After that, Lady Bunbury, Mrs. Moreton and Mrs. M. Lloyd drink Coffee with us, and divert past 12. After prayers at the Coffee house. Mrs. Carters (3 sisters) come to see us. After them to my domestic pint.

18 A Rainy morning. After those prayers I write to my cozn. Parr and Jeffry Prescott. Mr. Fearnhead is in some hast with mee from Mr. Vaudry, to acquaint mee that one Mr. Bridges is coming to inspect the Office and see the ballance of our Account. I pay him 10^{li} which with the 30^{li} I paid him Sept. 30th, makes 40^{li}, but hee gives mee a receipt for 80^{li}, I giving him a Note to pay 40^{li}, upon demand. I give Fearnhead 2^s:6^d. I compare [*?Streboeus*] with the Delphin Edition of Tully de Oratore.

19 A rainy morning on the Chang of the Moon gives still little hope of good weather. After the News I go to St. Peters. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse on (and these things shall bee added unto You). Mr. Aubrey has a meaner discourse at St. Oswald's, after noon. In the Evening I turn over the Cases by Divines of the City of London and read thoroly, That of the Church of England freed from the Imputacion of Popery, by Dr. Hooper and recreate in domestic pint.

20 After a stormy night a wett day. John Cross is here to discourse mee about the letting the Bank and my Miln. I attend on Lord Anglesey to Lady Bunburys, where Tea. After 2 step to the Bear with Mr. Lloyd returning to Halghton & my Suzy. See Mr. Egerton returning to Oulton. About seaven go to Lord Anglesey at the Hope & Anchor, where I stay more cheerfully (bec[ause] D. Lloyd writ his Commission is deferr'd) till 10.

21 Indispos'd from the quantity last night, attend on and dine with Lord Anglesey, Brigadeer Windsor, Capt. Fr. Legh. I send 6 Licences by the Carrier to Mr. Styth. After recess, about 6 I call on Lord Anglesey, who with the Brigadeer, Capt. Legh and myself wait on Lady Bunbury. (Cozn. Moreton with her). Wee drink several sorts of (but not much) wine (a supper intervening), stay past 11. I part with his Lordship.

22 After Elixir, cooler yet hot. I divert in Blounts Letters. Mr. Bridges comes with commission from the officers[?for] stamps to inspect the Registry. Hee dispatches part of the Office. I recreate with a pint of White.

23 Mr. Bridges returns, gos thoro the rest of the Bundles and meets with only 6 Inventorys not stampd. There is an easy Court acceptable to my indisposicion. I proceed in the Partitiones Oratoria.

24 A fair and pleasant day. I am with Lady B. and her company, treated with Coffee by Mrs. Broughton. I order the Farrier to unsoal Lord Angleseys Mare before, and take her into my stable. I after prayers end the Partiones, begin and end the Topica, recreate in a pint of Claret.

25 After a windy and rainy night, a wet day. I enter on and am taken up with Blunts works till Noon. Pay Gabriel the Gardiners Note 5^s:8^d, pay Mr. Dyson for 9 Gallons of wine 5^{li}:10^s. In the Evening Mr. Lownds (of Lea Hall) and I go to the shop, his nephew and Mr. Parker follow us, wee drink 4 pints bad wine, return about 9.

26 A thick mist, not rain. In the Forenoon at St. Peters. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse on (Redeeming the Time). In the After, Mr. Daniel has a good sermon in St. Oswalds. After prayers I read thoro the controversy betwixt Mr. Kippax and B. the popish priest.

27 A cold misty morning. After early prayers, I take 4 Turns on roodee. After noon it turns to rain. After prayers, about 6 I go with Mr. Bridges and Mr. Foulks to the Plume of Feathers. Bridges entertains with Supper, Mrs. Suel, Lloyd of the Pentice and Rhodes come invited. The wine gos pretty fast about tho with allay from the apprehension of Bridge's Whiggism. I lay my ½ crown on one seat to be drunk by Mr. Lambert, wee stay past 11. Ned Roberts and I return togeather. I give 2^s:6^d to the Whitchurch Breif.

28 After a hott night, a very dull day. A rain continues from early morn to night. I receive Mr. Styths Letter about Harry recommending a Master, Mr. Tarlton to mee, which shocks mee. I see the News which agen gives hopes of a general peace – apply some of the dull hours to Busienes. At night a pint.

29 Mr. Roberts go's to Denbigh, thence to St. Asaph, the morning fair and hopefull. After prayers I take 4 turns of Roodee, thence to Court about 11. The visitacion and Correction held for Chester & Wirral Deaneries. After dinner a succession of visitants, Manleys, Eytons, Peake &c till evening, when I begin &

end a pamphlet titl'd The Judgment of the Church of England in the case of Lay Baptism, said to be by the Bishop of St. Asaph.

30 Still a continu'd rain. A Court easy in Busienes. I send by Sherlock, 4 Licences to Mr. Bolton. My Suzy and I join in a Letter to Mr. Styth, about Harry Q.B.E. Mr. Ed. Wright his Lady & sister Betty visit us. I examine 3 Witnesses ex parte [?Musket] contra Smith.¹³ I read part and turn the rest of an Essay towards a General History of Whoredom, recreate in an Evening pint.

31 A bright hopefull morning. At ½ hour after 9 The Chancellor and I sett out, come to Frodsham Church about 12, a small deplorable appearance tho a great number cited, 2 [?petitions] and an Infra Will. Wee set back about 4, it is a thick and threatning ayr but rains not, wee return safe D.G. about 6. Over my pint I read to 52 par. of the 1st Book de Oratore. Wee receive 200 weight of my Cozn. Sales cheese for which (3^{li}) pay the Carryer 4^s.

NOVEMBER 1 The morning (Q.B.E.) clear and calm. Wee receive 200 Wt of Cheese from the Ayrfeild, pay Carrier 4^s. The Feast of All Saints celebrated. Necessary's and conveniencys are prepar'd with industry for my son Harry. I apply some part of the day to Busienes. In the Evening I proceed to the 100 parag. of the 1st Book de Oratore.

2 The morning and whole day fair and unusually warm. Dr. Thane has an excellent Sermon in the Quire on (Go thy way and sin no more lest a worse thing happen unto thee). Sir Thomas Vesey of Ireland has a good and grave discourse, after noon in St. Oswalds. After prayers Mr. Colly comes to mee, wee have some discourse on the Affair of his marriage and design'd separacion. I tell him of the public voice and censure, hee denys occasion and defends himself. Our Relacions and Freinds, among them Dr. Thane, come in to take leave with Harry. I write to Mr. Styth fully on Harry's Busienes. After this, wee go over to Lady Bunbury's, drink a Glass of Claret and stay there till 11.

3 At early prayers. I deliver 30 Guineas to my neece Birchall, intending 25 of them to bee delivered to Mr. Styth and the other 5 to bee laid out on Necessaries, beside I give her 5^s towards her and his charges. I write too to Mr. Swerbreck for his advice and Assistance. About 10 I take leave of my son, go down immediatly to my resort, roodee, tis a fine calm day. I take 5 Turns. The day after Noon grows dull but it rains not. I divert the pressure of thinking with books and, in the Evening, with a pint domestic.

4 About 11 Mr. Holland and I sett out on Horsback and come to Eaton about 12. Wee see Sir Richard Grosvenor with a pale melancholy look, Gate and Fashion cross the Hall, near us. Wee dine, recreate in good Liquor and free talk with Mr. Cholmley, hee is very cheerfull and freindly. Wee leave him about 5, return, on foot, thoro the meadows, come to the Ship Tavern where in 2 pints, wee remember the most valuable Healths wee can invent and part before 9. W. Willoughby returns from Liverpool & brings a Letter and Account from Harry.

5 A fair calme morning tempts mee to 4 Turns on roodee. After I go to St.

Oswalds where Dr. Fogg has a discourse on Ps. 107 v.1.2. After dinner Mr. Townsend, Mr. James Egerton & his Lady visit us. After prayers Mr. Chancellor and Dr. Thane propose to send for 3 Bottles of Claret to Mr. Hollands, wee drink it there cheerfully. Returning down stairs from Lady Bunburys dining room mistaking the highest step, I by good immediate providence escape a desperate Fall headlong down the Stairs. D.O.M.L. et G.

6 A Court slender in Busienes, the day fair but windy. I receive a Letter from the Earl of Warrington about a Churchwarden of Bowden, and return my answer by his servant. Some hours in Busienes, a few in Books. In the Evening a pint of Claret of better tast than colour, from Mr. Dyson.

7 After a stormy night a milder yet cold day. I pay 3^{li} to the Carrier for my cozn. Sale, and to Mr. Chapman upon Account of the visitacion 2 Guineas, which with the 7^{li} before, comes to 9^{li}:3^s. I try first Lord Angleseys Mare, at Grass. The News brings the Duke of Ormond returnd Sunday last. After prayers and some paragraphs in 1^o de Oratore, I am calld to the Hope and Anchor where in presence of Dr. Fogg, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Hulton and myself, William [?Cotton] acknowledges the Declaracion I drew, and begs Catherin Masons forgiveness, after a variety of passion and obstinacy, submission and recantacion.¹⁴ Wee have 4 Bottles of dear Claret which come to 14^s, the reconcild persons pay for 2, I my half crown, part about 9.

8 A sharp morning. I write to Sir Wm. Parsons, in a cover directed to the Honorable Leift[enant] General Echlin, at his house in Suffolk Street, and to Mr. Case, write and inclose a copy of Mrs. Isabel Lymes Inventory which comes in all to 7^s.4^d. I write to Mr. Jackson (St. Michaels Lane, Dublin) and inclose a Copy of a long Will to him. I write to Mr. Dumcombe of Whitchurch about the [?Lic] Account with Mr. Bradshaw and to Jack.

9 Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on (And how shall wee escape, if wee neglect so great salvation). Wee dine at Alderman Partingtons, the dinner full and elegant. After that, hee and I drink a Bottle of Claret. After prayers I wait on the Chancellor who treats Mr. Boucher, myself and Ned Roberts with 2 Bottles of good wine. I mention my desire to bee excus'd attending the visitacion till at Manchester, the Chancellor readily consents.

10 A sharp Air and Frost. Ned Roberts &c go to Malpas. I draw a Letter for my sister Jones to Mr. Bunbury, about her busienes of 12 Guineas, with Mr. Lewis. Alderman Puleston treats Lady Bunbury, Mrs. Moreton, Lloyd &c and Suzy, Sister Jones and myself at Mrs. Broughtons, with Coffee. After Noon, I see the Operacion of Roweling don on Lord Angleseys Mare, shee first go's to Mr. Biggin's, sent to, I go down to Mr. Colly, hee desires a Copy of his sisters Will. I return to & finish the 1st B.de Oratore.

11 A very brisk Frost. After M. prayers wee visit Dr. Thane in Bed of the Gout, are treated with good Coffee. After dinner W. Willoughby and I see the Mare, well in her new pasture. After E. prayers, I read Mr. Olivers Assize sermon – 18th April 1682 at Wrexham, and Mr. Kippax and Bs controversy about the Eucharist, had 29 January 1711. I write to Mr. Chancellor to excuse my attendance at Manchester.

12 After a snow in the Night, the Frost relents. After earlier prayers, something of busienes and apply to the 2^d Book de Oratore. Alderman Minshull sends mee a Hanch of Hind Venison. I read The Memorial to Protestants on the 5th of Nov: an 8^o of 64 pages, a very historical & full Account of the plot. In the Evening after prayers apply to and finish the 2^d B.de Oratore and enter upon the 2^d over domestic pint.

13 The frost mild but the weather cold. I proceed with pleasure in the 2^d Book, but with the least in Caesars part, de risu, Jocis et Facetiis,¹⁵ which contains more than 100 para.

14 After early prayers and the News, Lady Bunbury, her company, myself and S. invited, are treated with Coffee at Alderman Partingtons. I return and before dinner end the 2^d Book de Oratore. I write to Mr. Lambert and desire 3 potts of Charrs, 1 to Mr. Cholmley, another to Bishop of St. Asaph, the 3^d to myself. Mr. Geo. Shakerley & his Ladys brother Mr. Charles Baggot are with mee after prayers. I treat them with 2 Bottles of wine, and present Mr. Shakerley with a [?Hopcare] Cheese.

15 The Frost continues and the weather severe, with snow. I write to Mr. Strangways, and inclose the copy of Mrs. Mores Will examined and corrected, to him. Lady Bunbury, Mrs. Moreton, Lloyd, Manley, Mr. Davies & Alderman Partington dine with us. The Ladies and Mr. Davies go to cards till 9. After that, supper. I make some progress in the 3^d de Oratore, our company part about 11 when the weather was alterd to rain.

16 After a wett night a continud rain. Peggy Birchall writes That Harry went to Sea on Wedensday. After the News too late for Church, I stay at home. After noon, at St. Oswalds, where Dr. Fogg has a sermon on the 9th Comandment. After Evening prayers, I return to and proceed to the 182 paragraph in 3 de Oratore.

17 A vehement storm shakes the house all Night, and gives mee uneasy reflections on my Son Harry's Fate. I pay the washwoman her quarterage 30^s. I write to my cozn. Parr about Harry and Dr. Pope. My sister Jones entertains a great Company, Lady Bunbury &c to the number of 18, at Mrs. Newtons. After prayers I see Mr. Whitehall, hee treats Mr. Peake and mee with a Bottle of Claret. After at Lady Bunburys.

18 A fine calme day. I determin not to go today for Lancashire. The News brings that on Saturday last Duke of Hamilton and Lord Mohun kill'd each other in their fatal Duel. Wee part with Mrs Mary Lloyd. I receive my Lord Angleseys Letter in which hee makes mee a present of his Mare. Peggy Birchall returns with a good Account of Harrys Affaires. I end the 3 Book de Oratore.

[No further entries for 1712].

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[No entries for this year until 16 December].

DECEMBER 16 Write to my cozn. Parr about the 40th to Dr. Pope and about Harry. Paid to Mr. Jas. Comberbach for Timber 13^s:4^d.

15 Trans: 'concerning laughter, jests and humour'.

[No entries for 17–19 December].

20 Good Mr. Styth dies this morning, I write to Mr. Marsden.

21 I write and inclose 4 Licences and Bonds to Mr. Richmond, I see (at Mr. Davies's) the Chancellor of St. Asaph.

[No entry for 22 December].

23 Paid Mr. Chapman in full 3^{li}:4:6 which with 2^{li} formerly paid him, comes to 5^{li}:4^s:6^d. Received then from Mr. Moulding on Account 12^{li}.1^s.7^d and from Mr. Evans (which hee borrowd of mee) 12^{li}. Sent Mr. Markland by Dr. Norris's Servant 6 Licences and Bonds.

[No entry for 24 December].

25 In the Evening Mr. Egerton consults mee about his Letter to his Nephew.

26 I write to Jack on his late Letters and speeches upon burying the 2 Censors.

27 Mr. Butler, L. Stephens Freind, and Mr. Dee a Sollicitor dine with us.

28 Sent by Mr. Allen to Mr. Shaw of Warrington 6 Licences and Bonds. John Cross comes to us, brings a Hare and the Rent 6^s.8^d and Boon (a Capon) from the Tenant of the Green House.

29 I walk with John Cross to see my gray Mare. In the Even entertain the Ropers, at the Ship at night.

30 The proctors and I dine with the Chancellor. Stay in wine and Ale after till 6. After this at Wm. Willoughbies with J. Cross, till 10.

31 After a stormy night, a dull windy day. I take a dull walk with John Cross to Lord Derby's House; wee dine at home. Mr. Moulding comes back from Wigan. In the Evening at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Hulton, Mr. Moulding and John Cross till 9. Jack writes that hee has received from Dr. Stratford 8^{li}.

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JANUARY 1 I give J. Cross 10^{li} to make up 50^{li} to Mr. Gelibrand, pay for his horse-hire 3^s, for his own charges here 2^s, for his horses charges 2^s.6^d, hee returns. I take 3 turns on roodee in a delicate & warm ayr, for 3 or 4 months last wee had a dry and pleasant season, scarce any feature or symptom of winter or hard weather. The Fogs which some time hung over have bin dispersd with usefull Storms and the new year from them commences in great serenity and beauty. In the Evening I thro 4^s away on Raffles. I write to my Lord Bishop about Walton & Liverpool.

2 I write (about Harry) to my cozn. Parr; pay Alderman Partington by Dr. Stratford's orders 10^{li}, of which hee paid Jack 8^{li}, to Mr. Dyson 4^{li}:7^s:0, to Roberts money laid out for mee, 6^s:6^d.

3 Indisposd from Sir Hs good wine last night, more from my cozn. Parrs, Capt. Tarltons and Harry's Letters. Mr. Oliver has an excellent discourse on 2 Luke 21.

4 I write fully to Capt. Tarlton and inclose it to my cozn. Parre. Sir H. Bunbury, his Lady, Alderman Partington and sister Puleston dine with us. I pay my Quarter to Dr. Fogg, 3^s, to the Mayors officers, 1^s. At Mr. Hodgsons with Mr. Henchman in the evening. After return to the invited company in my Corner.

5 In Grotius about Ius Hospitii. Mr. Dennis pays mee half a years rent, 3^{li} out of which is deducted for half a years wages for Ken and Will 20^s and 4^s for Fire. After

E. prayers with Dr. Thane, tast, in the Sellar, Mr. Dysons wines. After, at his Coopers, drink a Bottle of the white.

6 A keen frost succeeds the fine season, indispos'd, keep home and read all day which I end with a pint.

7 I write and inclose 6 Licences and Bonds, by Mr. Radley, to Mr. Bolton. I read Arodius; stay close after Elixir. Mrs. Egerton and Mrs. Carter visit. I end the day with a pint.

8 Wee receive an unwelcom Letter from Harry about his aversion to his Employment. In the morning take 2 Turns on roodee, after noon go to see my Mare. After at Sir H. Bunburys with Coll. Walpoole. I stay past 12.

9 Harrys Letter is answered, I stay indisposd at home, save to Books. Lady Bunbury sups with us.

10 After Elixir stay at home in Books.

11 At home, the 4 sisters Massie and Wright, Mr. Boucher and Mr. Crompton dine and take up the whole day with us, till 10 at night; thro away 1^s:3^d at cards.

12 Still at home, return to Books. In the Evening Dr. Thane comes, wee join and drink a Bottle of W.

13 I write by Alderman Banks to my cozn. Holt, and to my Lord of Chester. I draw a Declaracion of Recantacion ex parte Royle contra Dean¹⁶ and an Account of Repetitions for the Chancellor. I turn Omphalius till 10, write to Mr. Brancker.

14 First Court this term, of moderate and easy dispatch. I write and send 6 Licences and Bonds, by the Carrier to Mr. Bolton. Wee dine at Alderman Partingtons. After, I go to the Ship to Mr. Sawrey & Mr. Davies, Mr. Holland &c; wee continue merry til 9. I return to Alderman Partingtons, receive an unwelcom Letter from Mr. Par about Harry; wee stay till 11.

15 I stay within, the weather cold, in Books cheifly Bertius, Tab[ula] Chronolog[iae], am affected with my cozn. Parrs Letter. Mrs. Betty Carter comes freindly and dines with us.

16 I write, (and my S. incloses her Letter to Harry) to my cozn. Parr. I stay at home in Bookes. In the Evening receive a Letter from Mr. Leigh of Aldford and answer it.

17 At the Quire where Mr. Henchman has a good discourse on Baptism. I receive another & more ungratefull Letter from my cozn. Parr about Harry. In the Evening Mrs. Hurleston and Massie visit us. After, invited, go to Dr. Thanes where wee are treated with Charrs & 1 Bottle of Claret till 10.

18 In Books till noon. Wee dine at my brother E. Pulestons, where Mr. Oliver and Alderman Partington & myself stay out the day till 10, treated with good Ale, and in the end 1 Bottle of white wine.

19 After disturbd in the night, alarmd with a Summons to a Commission at Knutsford on Mr. Henchmans account. I write and send Jeffry to him there. Ken's 11th birth day kept, his play fellows dine invited. In the Evening calld over, I am with Sir H. Bunbury and Dr. Thane, wee drink more than our Bottles.

20 At home in Books, Mr. Pemberton, after noon, advises with mee about Ash

trees hee had faln in his churchyard at Hanmer. In the Even, I am examined by Mr. Henchmans Commission about the tender & admission of his presentacion to Alderley (before Mr. Chancellor 23 May 1713). After, Dr. Thane & I drink our pints at the Ship.

21 The delicate serene weather, with Frost, continues. A Court when the taxing of Costs ex parte Jellicoe contra Lee makes the Noise.¹⁷ I examine 2 Wittnesses on Articles ex parte Whittacre contra Harwood. After, in Books and recreat in a domestic pint.

22 I receive a more gratefull Letter about Harry from my cozn. Parre (D.G.) At home in Books. Mr. Walton the Baker is paid his Note 2^{li}:14^s. The most in Books and particularly 3 Books of the 20 of Tasso.

23 I write to my cozn. Parr and inclose one from my S. to Harry. I receive from Dr. More 4^{li}:7:2 for the stamps and drawing of his presentacion. In Books; Dr. Thane treats mee at night with a pint of White at the Ship. After 9 read the 4th Book of Tasso.

24 The wind turnd West, the Frost is gon. I receive, concerning Harry, a more acceptable Letter from my cozn. Parr (D.G.) I hear Mr. Oliver's excellent discourse, in the Forenoon. After prayers Wee visit Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Midleton. Mr. Dee calls on mee from Manchester. After, a domestic pint.

25 I write to my Lord Bishop and to Mr. Bowyer. After dinner I go in a dull Evening to Wrexham, see my cozn Moreton and Mrs. Ellen Lloyd. I treat with a bottle of white wine.

26 I see and drink Tea and Coffee with my Freinds. The intended Court calld and adjourn'd in crastinum. Mr. Chancellor attending the funeral of Archdeacon Shore, the Peters and I dine at the Sun. After noon I go to Havod y Wern, drink Tea with my sister, returning I call on cozn. Eyton, after Mrs. Ellen Lloyd.

27 A sharp day. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Articles against Gerard. A Court held which affords some debates after dinner. The Chancellor is prevaild with to determine that an offering or customary Summ is due to the Minister of the womans Church, wherever shee is marryd, by Licence or otherwise. After busienes, wee go to the Vicarage, part there with Mr. Chancellor, thence Mr. Richard Davies, Mr. Moulding and I to Dick Jones the Barber, wee drink 4 pints claret, Mr. Davies treats.

28 A severe Frost. I mount hence about 9, call on Mrs. Carters, drink tea and stay 2 hours, leave a Luid'or with Mrs. Betty for Butter, come home about 1 to dinner. After noon Mr. Herbert comes to mee on Mr. Lees busienes, Hee stays, I treat him with Ale and mountain, till 7. I reckon the charges of my journey amount to 1^{li}.

29 I examine one wittnes against Harwood. The weather relaxes. I stay in Books.

30 The Martyrdom of the King celebrated. Mr. Gibson has an honest plain sermon in the Choir, the rest of the day spent in reading the History and other Bookes.

31 Sunday, the weather turnd rainy with wind. I go to St. Peters where Mr. Oliver has an excellent discourse on eternal punishment. After dinner Sir Hen. Bunbury sends, I go over, excellent Claret in variety of company passes round till 9.

17 Ibid., No. 11, Whitegate (Darnall).

FEBRUARY 1 Affected with the quantity last night. Cozn. Will Eyton dines with us. I after repose and at 6 go to Mr. Stratfords room where with Mr. Jellicoe and Bridg I drink my Bottle of white, the rest Claret.

2 Recover'd well. I have the service of the day read. I pay Wm. Mercer for 3 Tonns of Coales at 9^s.6^d the Tonn, 1^l:8:6. In Books of diversion after noon. At 6 to the Ship with Dr. Thane, Mr. Dee & Bridg. Wee drink our bottles, over which a warm calculacion how many Christmasses the Bishop of London has bin absent, hapn's betwixt the Dr. and Mr. Bridg.

3 My Suzys 47 birthday. I write to the Bishop of St. Asaph and Mr. Cholmley, advice of the Charrs I sent them. In Books. I pay Mr. Prescott for 4 Cheeses sent as presents at 3^d per pd, 2^l:1^s, and treat him and my cozn. Kendrick with my Ale. In the Evening with Mr. Hulton at his House 1 pint.

4 A Court day of small busienes. I pay cock mony 5^s, to the Blew School 5^s. Tide remarkable hapnes today, and threatns the works about the Engine near roodee. Mr. Morrey and W. Eyton dine with us; after repose, I transcribe Sir H. Bunburys pedegree for the press.

5 About 10, I set out in a fine day with W. Eyton. Wee come to Bunbury, Mr. Alderseys, before 1. I desire his advice and interest for W. Eyton in competicion for Bunbury, hee is preingagd for his cozn. Morhall. Shows us the Statutes of the Foundacion, whereof the 9th ordains that the preacher there bee at least a Mr. of Arts of Oxford or Cambridg. Hee treats us kindly, hee is modest about the affairs of Wigan, yet wee have some general discourse. I mencion Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Birchall, hee makes freindly answers. Wee set thence after three, ride at a good rate, have a severe storm of Hail for 2 miles, but come home safe (D.G.) before 6.

6 I buy a red Cow of [blank] Edge of Milton Green for 4^l.3^s. Give Mr. Harry Bunbury 5^s, James Cottingham 2^s.6^d. The Queens birthday of the 49 year celebrated. I write to my Lord Bishop and Mr. Bowyer. After dinner wait on my Lord Anglesey lately arrivd, recede and find Lady Grosvenor at home, who stays 2 hours with us. About 6 return to Lord Anglesey, stay with him and Lord Barrimore at the Falcon freely till 11. Send 6 Licences and Bonds tonight to Mr. Markland.

7 Indisposd, stay at home, Lord Anglesey dines with Sir Henry Bunbury. I wait on him in the Even, move for his Qualificacion to Mr. Henchman, hee is full and bestows those favors on Cambridg.

8 Yet indispos'd. Wee take leave of Sir Henry and Lady Bunbury who take coach about 11 for Whitchurch. My Aunt Peck and cozn. Moreton dine with us, stay till 4. After a turn in the town, recreate in a pint and 3 Books of Tasso.

9 A bright but windy day. The News weeps the death of the Archbishop of York at the Bath 2^d instant. In Books of diversion. Mr. Hodgson and I club our pints at the Ship. After read 11th Book of Tasso.

10 Ash Wedensday solennly kept. I read Dr. Nicols notes upon and Beveridge de Jejuniio Quadragesimali. I write to Tom Gorst, wee dine after 5. Aedibus in nostris quae prava aut recte gerantur.

11 A Court day very easy of Busienes. I pay Mr. Chancellor for repetitions to Hilary Term last, 4^l:3^s. In Books. My man and horse bring back my cozn. Moreton to Wrexham. In the Evening the Executors of Mr. Whittingham invite and treat the

Chancellor, Archdeacon, myself and their proctors at the Ship where 12 pints are drank, wee stay till 10.

12 I turn Pufendorf, *Elementa Iurisprudentiae*. I pay for Sir Wm. Parsons Box, Mr. Jones. In the Evening Dr. Thane comes over, wee drink our pints.

13 I am in Books. I write to my cozn. Parre. After prayers Mr. Gamul, advanc't in his Glass, Mr. Durden and I go to Mr. Kemps and drink in a fantastick humor yong Mr. Cholmleys health.

14 In the morning Mr. Aubrey has a good discourse in the Quire on 'how shall wee escape if wee neglect so great salvacion'. In the afternoon, I hear Dr. Fogg in the parish Church. In the Evening apply to Books.

15 A stormy day, I receive 5^{li} from Mr. Roberts, hee go's to St. Asaph. I apply to Books.

16 I begin on Mr. Bedfords Hereditary right of the Crown. A severe storm after noon. In the Evening, Mr. Benet and I sit down at the Ship. Dr. Thane first and after Mr. Bowyer come to us, wee stay cheerfully till 10.

17 A severe hard frost. Mr. Bowyer gos to Mr. Aldersey at Bunbury. I take 4 Turns on roodee. After dinner, repose & recover. In the Even after prayers, visit Mr. Whiteall, wee stay 2 hours with him. I go to the Ship, find Mr. Lowndes & Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Dyson, wee stay in good [*damaged*] till 10.

18 A storm with rain till noon. Mr. Whitealls Family drink coffee with us, proceed in Mr. Bedford's hereditary right. After dinner, Mrs. Taylor of Wigan and her sister Davenport, visit us. In the Even I read 2 more Books of Tasso. Mr. Bowyer comes and staies till 9.

19 Lady Bunbury writes from London, That my Lord Bishop of Chester stands fairest to succeed to York. About 10 in a doubtfull day, I set out, come to Warrington about 2, meet Mr. Bowyer there, wee set out past 4, call at Mr. Pages, Mr. Vaudrys, Mr. Crane (whom hee advises to make his Will) at the Lyon in Ashton, and with the help of the Moon, come to Wigan about 8. I find my cozn. Holt cheerfull.

20 The weather turns stormy with rain. The matter of Riots on both sides and affidavits take up the time and conversacion, prayers excepted, stay most at home.

21 Mr. Bowyer has a good discourse in the morning. Mr. Eden, afternoon. The Gazet brings the news That the Queen was not yet at the house but will meet it, and the Speaker on Tuesday. After Even prayers at Tootels with about 10 in company.

22 A very sharp and continuing storm. I send for John Cross, Mathew Molyneux and Mr. Walmsley, follow him, upon the Affidavits of Molineux before Mr. Entwisle, a Warrant is granted against 2 young Athertons and their sister for forcible Detainer. This Night the Gazet brings the surprizeing News that a Congé deslier [*sic*] is granted for the Election in order to the translacion of the Bishop of Chester to York. In the Even, Mr. Bowyer entertains with Ale, which I correct with Elixir. I receive Mr. Naylor's rent, 1^{li}.

23 The News affects mee with greatest Concern, and torturing thoughts, which I cannt conceale; a vehement storme, with rain, continues all day but is highest about 6 at night, when with Mr. Bowyer, Holt, Walmsley, Lee, Banks &c I am at Tootells, after I stay up with my cozn. Holt till 11.

24 After an uneasy night, I rise early, write and inclose the Warrant to John Cross

and a Letter on Mr. Edens behalf, to Mr. Mercer. About 10, sett hence in a sharp air, come to Warrington about 1, dine, mount before 3 and return D.G. safe about 6 when I hear Dr. Gastrell and Dr. Kimberley are Candidates to Chester. I compute the Charges of this journey to 1^{li}:8^s.

25 A Court day very slender in Busienes, but full of my Lords Translacion. After dinner indisposd, repose, after that in Books. After, I tryd to meet Dr. Jones (near Pentido) at the Yatcht and mist of him, retire to my Book and my pint.

26 After an uneasy night tho helpt with Elixir, to Books agen. I receive from my cozn. Powel a freindly Notice that Dr. Gastrell is namd for our Bishop, wee have the like from Lady Bunbury. I have a Letter from Capt. Tarlton from Dover that thoro ill weather, they are safe arrivd there. I write (against to morrow) to his Grace of York, Dr. Stratford, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Fenton, and recreate over a pint. I pay [damaged] Mr. Jones another 1^s for Sir Wm. Parsons parcel.

27 I write to Sir Hen. Bunbury and my cozn. Parre. After prayers take 2 Turns on roodee. In the Evening Dr. Thane comes, wee join and send for a Bottle.

28 A delicate sharp day, privat Letters confirm Dr. Gastrells Nominacion. Dr. Fogg has in the Quire an excellent discours on (Work out your own salvacion with Fear and trembling). In the Evening, invited, Mr. Richard Foulks of Christ Church, his Brothers Hugh and Ned, and Dr. Thane drink 4 bottles of wine with mee. I desire Mr. Richard to take 7 Guineas to Jack and give 'em to Him.

MARCH 1 I write to Mr. Earl of Liverpool about their presentacion and to Mr. Peirson about a Search for which and his Letter I charg 2^s:4^d. I write to Jack by Mr. Foulks. After noon, examine 2 witnesses on Bayleys Will. In the evening, invited, go to the Mayor's where Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Thane, Chetwood, Mr. Allen and myself are treated with oysters, prickt Claret and sweet punch, these wee mix and, urgd, wee stay till 11. I receive a Letter from Mr. Cholmley (very kind) which tells mee Dr. Gastrell is said to bee our Bishop.

2 Indisposd from the last nights Liquors. Mr. Roberts pays mee 2^{li} which Jack paid Mr. Hughson. After noon examine a third witnes on Bayleys Will. I pay Mr. Callys half years Rent for the office, 3^s:4^d. Turn Camden and recreate in a domestic pint.

3 A delicate bright day. I fall in and read the 1st part of the Caveat against the Whigs. In the Evening at the Ship, Mr. Griffith (of [?Ruat]) treats Mr. Hodgson and mee with 2 Bottles of white.

4 A clear sharp day. I read a new Tragedy, Jane Shore, Wee have a Court, thin of Busienes. I go on in the Caveat. I receive Jacks Letter confirming the nominacion of Dr. Gastrell to Chester.

5 I pay Alcock the Smiths Bill, 16^s. I am afflicted and confin'd by a sore throat. I proceed in the Caveat. I indevor by domestic pint to ease my pain, it rather aggravates it.

6 A delicate mild day. Mr. Chaddock draws mee 8 ounces of blood 2^s. I receive for [?sud depennis] 2^{li}. I write to Mr. Thos. Jubb,¹⁸ Registrar, about our composicion, to my cozn. Parr and J. Cross. In the Even to Mr. Humphrey Naylor,

18 Thomas Jubb was the diocesan registrar at York.

officer of the Excise in Oxford. I inclose a requisicion to swear him as Executor to his Father J.N.

7 The pain of my throat grows very sharp. I stay at home in Bookes, Mr. Clayton of Rachdale sees mee in the Evening.

8 The pain diminishes D.G. from Elixir and Applicacion. This day her Majesties inauguration is celebrated. I lend my horses to the solennity, it is perform'd with the addition of the proclamacion of the peace, betwixt England and Spain more fully and splendidly. I write to Mr. Bowyer.

9 I receive a most kind Letter from the Archbishop of York elect which very much revives mee, hee acquaints mee of his Confirmation to bee this day, from whence therefore wee begin our Busienes in the Archiepiscopal Stile and are accomptable to York. The race empties the Town to Farndon. I end the 4th Book of the Caveat, and as high as I dare, in an Even pint, celebrate the Archbishops confirmation.

10 After a night wholly (since 12) without sleep, a tollerable day. After noon, repose, the pain yet continues obstinate. I divert in Cujacius. In the Even, Mrs. Thane visits us. Mr. Marsden (not my kinsman) of Liverpool discourses mee on proving Mr. Martin of Prestons Will in solemn Form.

11 A sharp and bright day. I venture not to Court, the pain still stubborn. I write to Mr. Lambert, I turn in *Medullae Historiae Angliae*. I pay Mr. Massie, Grocer, 13^{li}, part of his Bill of 22^{li}:13:2, and to Mr. Jones the sadler, his Bill 3^{li}:3^s.

12 Tho the pain is abated, I stay confin'd. I read the pamphlet (the True Spirit of the Whiggs). In the Even Mr. Clayton comes, sits with mee, wee drink a pint of Lisbon, hee staies till 9.

13 In Books most of the day. I write my thanks &c to my cozn. Powel. In the evening, I receive Dr. Stratfords Letter on the applicacion to my present Lord Bishop nominee, which gives mee uneasy reflections.

14 The day sharp and rainy. I stay at home, read Archdeacon Allens good sermon on (Sir, I woud see Jesus). The 4 young Elcocks and their 2 Aunt Massies dine with us. In the Even, our Freinds come to see mee. I dip in *Matthiae Theatrum Historicum*, and recreate in my domestic pint.

15 The weather brisk with frequent shows. I write fully (perhaps too freely) to Dr. Stratford in answer to his (wherein hee intimated that I might expect that the present Bishop, for the provision of his Family, woud put his son into the Registrars patent). I write to Mr. Jubbe that wee have begun (since Tuesday) on the Archiepiscopal Stile and desire him to hasten the Commission. Mr. Roberts go's to St. Asaph on a Court to bee kept there tomorrow. I receive from him, first, 1^{li}. The Congé d'Eslire comes tonight, directed to mee, I receive with it a Letter from Dr. Stratford to forward the dispatch.

16 A sharp Ayr. Mr. Chancellor sends our nominate Bishops Letter to him, to mee. I bring the Congé d'Eslire to the Dean who, with Dr. Fogg, determin to send to Mr. Shaw, and consult a speedy dispatch. The 3 Certificates and proxy are readily drawn. I inclose a Commission to Mr. Adam Bland for the swearing Mr. Edmund Lees [*illegible*] and give him an Account of (2^{li}:4^s) the Fees. I recreate in a domestic pint of Claret. Mr. Shaw comes tonight.

17 A blowing & moist day. Before and after prayers the Dean, Dr. Fogg, Mr.

Shaw & Mr. Oliver, go to the Chapter-House, the Election of Dr. Gastrel is made and the Instruments sign'd and seal'd. I write to Dr. Stratford a full Account of it. I direct the Instrument to Mr. Rouse of the Commons and write to him of them. Deliver to Mr. Richmond 6 Licences & Bonds. I turn Dr. Prideaux's introduction, recreate in a domestic pint.

18 The last Court day of this Term very easy of dispatch. Tho the ayr is very sharp, I venture to the Court. After Noon I read Bishop Stillingfleets Discourse of the true Antiquity of London. I receive Jack's Letter and over the discourse, recreate in my domestic pint.

19 A blowing and rainy day, I receive the Inhibition dated the 12th and the Commission the 13th from Mr. Jubbe Deputy Registrar of York. I read Bishop Stillingfleets discourse of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction with respect to the legal Supremacy. This with domestic pint draws the night to 10.

20 The Inhibition and Commission from York are shown, deferr'd to, and accepted by Mr. Chancellor. I write to my cozn. Parr about our Bishop's Secession. I write and inclose to Mr. Morrey the Chancellor's consent to converting remainder of 10^{li} Commutation on paving the town of Neston. I read Bishop Stillingfleets Speeches in the House of Lords about Exeter College and the case of Comendams.

21 I stay yet at Home, where the psalms and Lessons for the day are read. I read parts of Erasmus Miles Christianus. Receive Notice of the Commission to be held at Mold. In the Even, Mrs. Middleton and Sir Wm. Meredith visit mee. After, Mr. Bunbury, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Hen. Foulks and Kendrick stay and drink 2 Bottles of Claret with mee, the company (save Mr. Chancellor) stay till 9. I write to Mr. Jubbe and return the Inhibition with acknowledgment of the receipt of it the 20th of this month.

22 About 10 in a brisk fair day, I set out and come to Mould about 12. After dinner about 2 the Commission, Mr. Williams and Mr. Jones, Mr. Moulding and myself go to the Church. 3 witnesses are sworn and the Examination of the Commission adjourn'd to the Goat and Golden Lyon. I examine only 2 witnesses, Mr. Williams who holds mee near 8. After, I come to the company where Mr. Eyton of Leeswood stumbles in, full from another company.

23 I examine 8 Witnesses today, send Robert to Leeswood on a complement of service, and enquiry after health. In the Evening, recreate in a pint with Mr. Moulding and the Landlord.

24 I examine 4 Witnesses today 2 of which on Interrogatorys given in by Hanna Jones. A considerable number men and Gentlewomen at dinner. The Commission is finisht about 8. After which in a promiscuous Company, whereof Mr. Lloyd of Pentrobin, full of drink, courtesy & reflection.

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MARCH 25 A fair calme morning, my Bill is offer'd to Mr. Griffiths, hee pays it cheerfully vidt 6^{li}:2s. After that Mr. G., Mr. Moulding and I, at parting, drink a Bottle of White wine. I set hence after nine, and on a Fair road, come D.G. safe

home after 11. I pay 20^s for window mony.¹ In the Evening Mr. Thomason shews mee his Fine Copy of ΕΙΚΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ [*EIKON BASILIKE*].

26 Good Friday. Dr. Fogge has a good discourse in the Quire. Apply to reading agreeably to the Day. I write (by Mr. Walley) to John Cross and send an Ox Almanack to Mr. Birchall.

27 After Elixir stay at home indispos'd. I pay for 3 measures of wheat 16^s:6^d. I make up the Certificate of the Execucion of the Commission at Mold. In Books and diversion of domestic pint.

28 Easter Day serene and glorious solemnly celebrated. Dr. Fogg performs the labor of the Church today in 2 good sermons and ministracion to many Communicants. After dinner I write to the Archbishop of York on Mr. Thomasons Account and send it with another to the Bishop of St. Asaph, to him at Tarvin. After prayers I see the gray Mare, after that Books and domestic pint.

29 A delicate day, yet indispos'd. I write and inclose the Mold Commission to Mr. Geo. Sayer. After dinner repose. After prayers a walk on roodee Dick Puleston with mee. I call on Mr. Bennet, wee go to the Ship where wee advise Dick P. to learn Accounts, Geography, Navigacion. Wee take only our pint.

30 I turn over some dissertaciones de Studiis instituendis, till Noon. Mrs. Thane dines with us. After Mr. Durden has some private busienes with mee about proposing one Mrs. Richards (whose Fortune hee saies will be 4500) to Mr. R. Cholmley, and hints to mee their desire I should signify it to Mr. Chomley, I tell him I can't attempt anything in a matter of that moment to his Family except Mr. C. pleas'd to consult mee. And that in short, if hee did so, I would rather advise to his making an alliance of that kind with a good family in his Country (tho the Fortune less) than with a stranger of greater Fortune. Mr. Durden seems content with the answer, wee drink to their Healths and part civilly. After I read Tully's divine discourse de Senectute And recreate in my corner pint.

31 After Elixir, I stay within. Turn parts in Seneca that inform and divert. Mrs. Price of St. Asaph and her Umbra, after prayers, visits us in grave Formality. I divert the Time in Cujacius and carry the Book and wine together till 10.

APRIL 1 A moist dropping morning yet cool. I consult Cujacius on D. de Regula Catoniana. Mr. Guilims Man tells mee hee has remov'd his Master's horse out of Mr. Bennets Croft convenient to my Mare. I give him 1^s for the news. Mr. Roberts dines with us. After prayers wee visit Mrs Wrigley. I read Tullys Laelitus which ends with the pint about 10.

2 A very cold day with snow. I am various as to subjects save de Regula Catoniana yet constant in Cujacius. My daughter L[ydia] after a months absence at Havod y wern comes home. I am invited to the Christening of Mr. Bennets son but make the cold day my excuse; refresh in my pint.

3 Another winter day. I fall into Bacons Advancement of Learning and turn it most of the Day. I pay for a small load of Coals 4^s:6^d, confine, continue dull at home, refresh in a pint.

¹ Window Tax was introduced in 1696 to replace the Hearth Tax.

4 A severe cold season continues, winter postpon'd, therefore wee stay at home and read according to the Day. Mr. Bunbury, invited, brings Mr. Kendryk & dines with us. Mr. Stratford has a Letter from Mr. Rushworth of the Commons that Dr. Gastrell, our Bishop, was confirm'd on Thursday the 1st and was to be consecrated this day. Therefore, In Dei Nomine, do wee from this day, commence in his stile. At 6 on invitacion, I go to Alderman Pulestons, where Mr. Bunbury, Foulks, Kenric, A. Meredith, Jas. Bunbury and myself are entertain'd with good Claret past 9.

5 The weather Frosty, snowy, severe. I write to Jeffrey Prescott about Mr. Booths seat in Melling Chapel² and to Mr. Lambert, about my Lord Bishops Confirmation, proceed in the Advancement and fall into the 3^d Book of Senecas Natural Questions (de Aquis). Mr. Wilbraham of Townsend comes in as High Sheriff, but from the severity of the weather I do not venture to meet him (with many) I recreate in my pint.

6 I proceed with great pleasure, in the natural Questions. I am invited but venture not to dine with the Sheriff. I pay the Tax of Mr. Dennis House 4^s. After dinner Mr. Whitehead of Rachdale sees and stays with mee till 6. After 7 Hee, his brother in Law Mr. Ryley and I go to the Ship, wee take our pints retire at 10. Mr. Whitehead and I have sincere discourse on Mrs. Mary Holt and Mr. R. Cholmley.

7 The wind and weather alter'd to calm and warm. Tho agen invited by the Sheriff, I venture not. I write to Mr. Cholmley the Story of Mr. Durden, and the discourse I had with Mr. Whitehead, I go thoro the 3^d Book of Seneca, N.Q. end the day in Bacons Advancement and a domestic pint. I receive Jacks Letter and an Account of my Allowance to him, the last year, which, beside cloaths, comes to 36^{li}:6^s:3^d.

8 A calm and clear day. The first Court of this Term very easy of dispatch. I examine two Wittnesses on Martins Will. After prayers I with my S. walk to see my Mare, thence go and visit Mrs. Bennet. Mr. Bowyer comes about 6, stays with us about 2 hours, wee have our pints of several liquors. I write by him to John Crosse about the Arrears of Rent.

9 Mr. Chancellor receives a Letter from our Bishop that he was confirm'd Thursday the first, and consecrated (as other papers tell, in Summersett House Chapel) on Sunday the 4th of April. I pay the Tax for the office 1^{li}. I read the 4th Book of Seneca N.Q. Wee are surpriz'd with the ArchBishops vote, That the protestant succession is in danger; it creates discourse, reflection, discontent. I am in Seneca variously. Mr. Egertons Steward pays mee 1^{li}:12^s. I paid Mr. Swerbreck for his wine.

10 I pay Cally the weaver 1^{li}:5^s:6. Turn Seneca and Val. Max. de Ingratitudine. I write to Jo. Cross to come over with the Arrears. After a short walk in the Even, I return to my Book & pint.

11 I go to St. Peters. Mr. Nicols³ of Stockport gos up unexpected. Hee has a thin discourse on Phil.4 v.6, an ample text. After noon the Curate preaches in St.

2 There are no records of correspondence on the subject of Melling.

3 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/15.

Oswalds. I dip with pleasure in Arrianus Epict. and especially am mov'd with the Hymn in cap. 16, l 1. I end the day and take the Hymn with my pint.

12 After a melancholy compression, I take 5 turns on roodee, beautify'd with a soft showr. After dinner Mr. Green and Mr. Robert Bunbury see mee and my coins. After prayers Mr. Chancellor talks to mee (suo Supercilio) of the Manchester Wills⁴ in W. Plumleys hands. Invited Hee, Mr. Proby, my brother Partington and myself meet at Alderman Pulestons. Dr. Chetwood comes, the Chancellor and hee abruptly go to Tables⁵ – violating conversacion, 2 hours. Wee stay till the post adds little news. I part with the Alderman (now for London) about 12.

13 The Claret last night (tho late and larger) succeed. I speak to W.P. and hee delivers the Manchester Wills in his possession, into my hands. I place 'em in the Office. I am exceedingly pleas'd with Seneca 4 Epist. in which quisquis vitam suam contempsit [?tuae] [illegible] est. I turn Books sparsim. After prayers wee visit Mrs. Elcock (now with her son in the smal pox). About 6 John Cross comes. I take a short walk with him to my Mare; after, wee have Holland affairs over our several pints. I writ to my cozn. Parre.

14 John Cross pays mee the Arrears of Ayrfeild rent 15^{li}. 1.3 of the Bank 8^{li}. 2.3 the other parts were ordered at Xtmass, to the payment of Mr. Gelibrand 50^{li}. Math. Molineux paid at Xtmass 6^{li}, sent now (by John Cross) 1^{li} there remains 5^{li}. Mr. Morrey and Mr. Foulks (from Marwhail) dine with us, stay after freely with good ale till 5. I entertain Mr. Foulks (which hee desires) with a sight of my Coins &c. After I (John Cross along) go with him to the Plume of Feathers. Wee have 4 pints of white (Mr F. treats) part at 10.

15 A dry and cutting wind continues in the S.E. A Court today, easy, vultu et moribus,⁶ thin of Busienes. After noon repose and recover spirits, meet Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Mr. Townsend, Alderman Partington and Mr. Allen at Dr. Chetwoods Chambers, hee treats generously with punch and good Claret, wee part about 10.

16 John Cross returns. I pay him his charges here 4^s, write by him to Mr. Vaudrey. I receive for 3 Sentences 1^{li}. 7^s. I pay Mr. Callys for Mr. Lambert, 4^{li}. 7^s. 8^d. I turn Prideaux's introduction to History. In the Evening go with T. Cowper to Mr. Winstanley's. Hee surprizes mee with the Account of Sir Thomas Cotton being made Free by the Assistance of Aldermen Ed. Partington and Puleston which portends a dangerous Confusion of the Church Interest in future Elections. Wee drink 2 pints of White and part after 9.

17 In a sharp and drying wind, I take 4 turns on roodee, severall of the racers are on the ground, and one (Mr. Leeches) performs his 4 Heates. I pay Mr. Massie Linen draper his Note 4^{li}. 6^s. I bought last night the 2^d part of the Clergy-mans Vade Mecum for 3^s. I write to Jack of the ArchBishops Enquiry whether hee intends to take orders & I add whether hee intends to proceed in the Civil Law. Dr. Thane invites and treats mee at Mr. Roses Cellar (after 7) with a pint of palm-wine & an

4 Trans: 'in his supercilious manner'. Rural deans had responsibility for wills below £40 in value.

5 'Tables' usually meant a game of Backgammon.

6 Trans: 'in appearance and character'.

Orange. Wee are held in the greatest expectacion how the vote about the danger of the protestant succession past on Thursday in the H. of C. and the News past 9 brings it in the Negative. By the same post I receive (D.O.M.G.) from the ArchBishop of York a most kind Letter with promise to give Waverton (his option) and to procure Dr. Blakes prebend for my son Jack.⁷ With Gratitude astonishd, wee name and acknowledg this great providence & Bounty and in our domestic Mr. Haslem (from London) comes sees our Gratitude but is ignorant of the Cause.

18 The weather holds very dry with cool wind from the S.E. so that rain is desir'd in public prayers. Mr. Henschman has an excellent discourse on 15 Ch. 1st Cor. v.55.56.57. The votes advance and lessen as represented by party. Dr. Fogg after noon has a good sermon. After prayers I take some short turns in roodee almost spread over with candidate Racers and spectators. About 7 recurr to my domestic pint.

19 The weather as all along, continues tho sunny dry and cold. I put my Mare into Mr. Bennets Feild. About 9 in the Chapter I read the Mandat and proxy for Installacion. After a Sentence or 2 before morning prayer read, the Dean leads Dr. Thane (the Bishops proctor) from the broad Isle, thoro the Quire to the Bishops throne, and there in formal and full terms, installs him, in the presence of Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Fouks, myself and Jeffrey Moulding. I (by the post) write to Dr. Stratford an Account of it. I draw the Deans Certificate on the back of the Mandat, the Dean signs it. After prayers I take 2 Turns on Roodee return to Books and my pint. I receive in a Letter from Mr. Thomason of the ArchBishops great Favor to him on my Letter.

20 A dusky Cloud spreads over the bright Expanse, promises (but gives not) rain. I take 3 Turns on roodee in a fine [*illegible*] calme. Return a while to Seneca Epist. after that to the Coffee house, where the News, from a late Address from the Lords to thank her Majesty for the Benefits of an advantagious peace,⁸ takes a better aspect. I stay at home in expectacion of the Dean of St. Asaph's coming this way, but hear hee turn'd to the Wrexham road. I am in Seneca and Lipsius. In the Even Dr. Thane & I drink a Bottle of French Claret towards which hee pays 2^s, I, 1^s.

21 A less dusky morning. The Warden of Manchester drinks Coffee with us. I pay Alderman Pulestons Man 10^{li}.6^s.6^d his Bill amounts to 2^{li} more, which I rather lend upon the Account of Hay which I had of him to bee sold betwixt us. I write to my cozn. Parr about Davenham Administracion, and inclose the Archiepiscopal Mandat for the Installacion with my S's Letter to Mrs Pierrpont. I pay Mr. Chapman 10^s the first this year on Account. In a short time and Terms I write my thanks to his Grace. After prayers Dr. Thane and I walk to wait on the Bishop of L. Derry at Newton. Near the House wee meet Mr. Daniel who tells us the Bishop & his company are coming, wee return the next way thoro the now dry lane to the Norgate street. Wee meet the Bishop and his company (about 10 in number) at W. Willoughbys. Here wine is provided wee drink 7 Bottles beside ale, pay each 1^s. The conversacion not agreeable to the Cheif wee part about 10.

7 Charles Blake resigned his prebendal stall to become sub-dean of York in 1714/15.

8 The Treaty of Utrecht, signed in April 1713 to conclude the War of the Spanish Succession.

22 A Court day of rapid dispatch. Wee go into the Court After prayers begun and return before they are ended. After that Alderman Partington and I see my Mare. Mr. Bennet (the sun warm) invites and treats us with a pint of Franconia, a rich rhenish. After dinner and repose, I take the Ayr on roodee, where the candidate Horses appear. I recreate in a domestic pint & Seneca.

23 I order Mr. Roberts and hee pays Mr. Chancellor 100^{li} on Account of the Arrears drawn up for the last 4 years. A race on roodee takes up all the discourse and Expectacion after 3. Four Horses, Lord Gower, Mr. Alinson, Hunt and Leches run, the first outruns and the last is distanced the 1st Heat, the 1st gets the second heat too and the plate (a Punch Bowl of 30^{li}) is yeilded to my Lord Gower; all the 3 horses being disabled for the 3^d heat. After this Mr. Sewel invites mee to his House. Mr. Blackburn of Trevallin comes to us, wee drink in good humor, 2 Bottles of French Claret, part thence, and about 8 go to Dr. Thane's, his Lady treats mee with a pint.

24 The weather yet dry, dusty, yet cool abroad. Lesser Matches draw down the town inclin'd. Mr. Leigh of High Leigh and Mr. Pool of Liverpool run their Mares unequally, the latter carries the Venture and many Guineas laid. Mr. Kemps Mare beats the Miller's of Frodsham, beyond the expectacion. In the Even Mr. Dee of Ireland and I drink one Bottle of White at the Ship. In this night about 12 wee are alarmd with a Fire in one Shones house & Barn in Hanbridg, which is aggravated with the melancholy losse of himself (a sad spectacle!) and several of his Cattle.

25 I go to St. Peters in the morning where Mr. Oliver has an excellent instructive discourse on 3 Rom. 28 Faith and Works. After prayers Mrs. Wrigley visits us and wee, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, where I have above the ½ of a good Bottle of Claret. After that I take 2 Turns on roodee, return home and without domestic to bed.

26 After the Heavens had threatend to turn Brass, and the Earth Iron, a propitious cloud overspreads and in a soft descent comforts the Feilds. I write to Mr. Chomley of Holford to desire his answer to mine of the 6th, to my cozn. Parr to procure mee from the Stamp office 2 Quires of Licences and Bonds & to Mr. Bowyer. A [?Deanery] Rural Court is held today, at Malpas. In the Evening (about 6) Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Dr. Fogg, Mr. Callys, Boucher and I invited by Mr. Haslam meet at the palace. Wee drink the ArchBishop and Bishops healths in excellent Claret and good humor. Wee part past 9: a happy rain continues most of the night.

27 I write to Mr. Bowyer that Mr. Alderseys presentacion with Commission to institute him, came down last night. I see the News, the Lords and Commons concurr'd in an Address of Thanks to her Majesty for the peace. As Auditor of the Churchwardens Accounts with Mr. Hurleston and Mr. Gamul and Alderman Ince, I dine with them & a parish company at W. Willoughbys. The parish is found for the last year in debt to the late Wardens 37^{li}:15^s, the dinner and the Ale today are a considerable Charg. The good Ale and Beer freely circulate, the company dissolves about 10. A cold rain continues all the day.

28 I receive the early News of the Gray-mare dropping her Fily Colt about 5 this morning. A roome full of yong Ladies. Mrs. Ursula Lloyd, Whitehals, Wrights, breakfast with us. A Court is held for the Deaneries of Chester and Wirral. Mr. Dee of Ireland and Mr. Haslam dine with us. About 8 at night my cozn. Holt and Mr.

Bowyer find mee in Seneca and my domestic pint. The rain continues all afternoon & night.

29 The weather still rainy. The last Court of this Term easy and calm in Busienes. Mr. Holt, Bowyer and Haslam dine with us. While wee divert in Healths, the Match twixt Mr. Done & Whitehall (easily got by the last) is run. Wee go down and see a Galliway race for a v^{li} plate. After Dr. Thane my cozn. Holt, Mr. Bowyer and I go to the Ship, drink 6 pints, part after 10.

30 After a rainy night, it rains till noon, a Court is held at Frodsham today. I examine two witnesses ex parte Ogden contra Massie.⁹ After dinner Mr. Holt, Bowyer and I drink a Bottle of good Claret at the Coach and Horses. I give to the sufferers by Fire, in Hambridge, 2^s. About 7 at Night, Mr. Aldersey is instituted to Wigan by the Chancellor at his house.¹⁰ Mr. Bowyer, Holt, Allen and I present, wee stay an hour here, at Ale, after go with Mr. Aldersey to the Royal Oak, where wee drink 3 Bottles treated by the new Rector and stay till 10.

MAY 1 A dry and bright morning and day. Mr. Aldersey, Holt, Bowyer, Allen &c drink Tea with us. About 10, my cozn. Holt, Mr. Bowyer, my daughter Peggy with them, set hence for Wigan. I pay to the blew Boys school Mr. 5^s, to Evans for the Cows Grass 5^s. I at 12 go to Newton to Dinner, am civilly receivd by Mr. Hurleston, Mr. Massie and their Ladies. After dinner the Liquor go's moderately about. I drink my Bottle of good Claret and return home at 8.

2 I hear in the morning Mr. Olivers excellent discourse on Rev. 3.1. The News brings an account of the death of the Duke of Berry and that Lady Elizabeth Stanley dy'd and was bury'd in the Duke of Ormonds vault in H.7 [?Henry VII] Chapell, Westminster. After prayers, I see the Chancellor, after this Dr. Thane and his Lady sit with us at a Bottle of the ArchBishops wine till 9. I write to Mr. Vaudrey to send us Stamps in our Journy. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 8^{li}. My S. delivers back to Mr. Glasier his Deed under the Br. Seal in Green wax which shee had several years in her custody.

3 The Chancellor and the rest of the company go to Namptwich. I pay Brittain 5^s and to Peggy Birchall 2^{li} on her Account. Mr. Haslam comes, an account for 6 Institucions. I stay in Tea and Coffee till 11, set out then and come to the Sun at Wrexham after 1, find Mr. Chancellor, Vicar and proctors at the end of dinner. Sit down here 2 hours in mixt politics, dine on cold Lamb, the Chancellor, Vicar and I adjourn to the Vicarage. Here the politics come close and the votes of great persons mencioned to admiration not defended. I take too great a quantity of the vicars old strong Beer, after about 8 visit Mrs. Moreton.

4 Indispos'd of the Beer but glad of the Liberty to return. No Court occasion requiring mee further. Dr. Fouks near Ruthin and Dr. Pugh draw mee into 2 Glasses of Claret too early. I had visited my cozn. Eytons and drank Tea. Dr. Foulks, Mr. Moulding and I dine together, after go over to Dick Jones where 8 pints of bad white are paid for by the Dr., Mr. White of Anglesey having join'd the company

9 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1714) No. 8.

10 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/15, Wigan rector.

about 5, bringing my Daughter Ellin along. I sett out and wee come safe home D.O.M.G. about 8.

5 A very cool day without rain, from the double excess of strong Beer and ill wine I am very sensible of my incautious conduct, stay close at home, condole it, and consider of my son Jacks answer received yesterday. Unfit to write or read. Mr. Haslam comes at Night, wee empty a pint.

6 Ascension day – I am D.G. after Elixir much more cool and easy, the indisposicion and cold day confine mee. Mr. Haslam pays mee for 6 Institucions 6^{li}, out of which I allow for a Chest of Drawers 15^s, for 3 doz. Bottles 4^s. I read according to the Day & particularly 4 Homilies on the Rogation and Ascension days and that upon Matrimony. In the Evening, a pint.

7 The weather yet very sharp. Mr. Swift consults mee about the repair of Sir Hen. B's house. I apply generally to Lord Bacons Advancement of Learning. After Even prayers in the Town. Mr. Laitwood, Hodgson and I go to the Ship, take our pints of white Wine.

8 After a showr twixt 5 and 6, the weather still cold, I buy and pay Mr. Mayor for a rideing Hatt ½ a Guinea. To the Washwoman 1^{li}:10^s. After dinner take a Turn on roodee and in my return tast Alderman Mainwarings wine (red and white port) in the Custom house. After prayers I write to Jack. Mr. Lownds calls on mee, wee go to the Ship, drink and talk out 2 pints, part about 9.

9 I hear in the morning Mr. Oliver on 1 Cor. 15, later part of v. 24, an excellent discourse. The exorbitant sentence against Mr. Bedford for his writeing the Hereditary Right, makes an ungratefull pasage in the News. After prayers I with Mr. Bennet take 4 turns on roodee, after hee treats with a bottle of wine. Mr. Sewel comes towards the end, wee stay past 10.

10 A cool fair day. My S. writes & incloses Jacks Letter to Mrs. Pierpont. I write Q.B.E. first to my Lord Bishop of Chester about the Caveats of Liverpool and Lancaster. After 3 I go, Mr. Holland with mee, on foot to visit Mr. Townsend, wee walk about his house till 6 when hee comes home and treats us with 2 Bottles of White Wine. My horses come about 8, I hasten home and after go to Dr. Thanes where I meet another pint and go home about 10.

11 Tho I intended for Lancashire, indispos'd I defer it. Charles Gorst near the Forest comes on Busienes & entertains mee with a comical account of his youth and Fortune. I pay Robert his Note of mony laid out 6^s:6^d. The melancholy Account of Dean Francis his daughter aggravates my indisposicion. I continue in doubt about my journey, therefore. In the Even a domestic pint of Claret do's not fully determine mee.

12 After a dull night, such a morning. I pay to the 2 maids on Account 20^s, prepare for my Journy. In a fair calm day, I sett out (designing only to Warrington) about 3, come to Warrington at 7. I pass the Town encourag'd, by the way, and company of the Sun. This setts when I am in Golborn. I come well to Wigan at 9.

13 At 8 set hence in a fair morning and come to Ormskirk about 10. Mr. Chancellor comes after only from Eccleston. The Busienes is considerable and cheerfully don. After Tea at Mr. Ollerheads, I about 7 step to Blith Hall. Mr. Hill receives my visit with kind and freindly expressions, hee mentions Edens House and his design to sell it, but can't make a Title, because T. Naylor will not

surrender. Hee brings mee back near the Town. After a pint of indifferent wine with Mr. Chancellor, to bed after 10.

14 Mr. Chancellor gos for Warrington takeing Melling (to observe the alteracions in that Chappell) in his way. I (after Tea with W. Barton) with the rest of the company set for Wigan about 8. Wee call and drink good Ale (a toast in it) at the Owl (1^s.4^d) come to Wigan about 11. The Busienes too here considerable. My shee cozn. Sale is here on Busienes. I drink a Glass of wine with her and her company and after a pott of Ale with Sir Ed. Chisnall, his busienes is about Ingham the Curate of Coppul.¹¹ I write to my S., take leave of the company, see Mr. Bowyer at his House and come to my cozn. Holts about 10. I receive half a Guinea from Math. Molineux, Tenant of the lower Bank, the remaining summ was 5^{li} but I abate 30^s on Athertons Account, there then remains 3^{li}: 19.3 of the last Years rent.

15 After Elixir last night, I stay close today, read Tully, Cato major de Senectute.

16 I receive Letters from my Suzy and Jack. Mr. Foster of Heskeyn School reads the prayers. Mr. Bowyer preaches both parts of the day. I receive the Holy Sacrament at my native parish Church. Mr. Bowyer proposing to go by Oxford to London setting out tomorrow. I send three Guineas and write by him to Jack. In the Even with company at Tootells and after at Mr. Bowyers.

17 Wee mount about 9, a company of 6 Horse, come to and stay prayers at Holland, thence to the Ayrfeild. I walk with the 2 Girls, Peggy and Loveday to the Bank, the walk & Feilds are very pleasant. Mutton, Chickens & Fish are provided, but without the advantage & relish of Sauce. Most of the company go to the river pleas'd with the recreation of the Net, a notable number of pikes, Chevin, Dace are taken. The company (Mr. Holt, Birchall, Prescott, four children, John Cross and Dick Feild are cheif) are entertain'd with plenty and satisfaction. I take one larg and 2 smaller pikes to bee a present to my cozn. Holt. Wee return to Wigan before 9. Ale, Meat, Piscators 12^s.

18 In the House, for the most part, till 3. Walk out and see the Demain or Glebe which is said to bee worth about 100^{li} p.A. After, visit Baliff Heyes, a person of strong natural reason, good memory, ready Fancy, a manager of a great trade and yet illiterate. Hee treats my cozn. Holt and mee with strong Ale. Wee after, go drink our pints of white, young Mr. Markland, added to the number at Tootells. I write to my Lord Bishop an answer to his Letter, receivd here, about Urswick.¹² Give Peggy mony and muslin 5^s.

19 Thomas Rigby pays mee 3^{li}.19^s.2^d for Dr. Stratford. After dinner, my cozn. Holt and I go to visit Mr. Standish. I am surprizd at the ruinous and sordid condition of the old house. Wee find the Family diverted by the postures and admirable mimickry of a taught (bay) horse and a man in womans dress, dancing with 5 swords. Wee drink Coffee in Lady Philipphas chamber. After, a Bottle of wine with Lord Georg and Mrs. Standish, who promote the Queen and her Freinds health with fair and loyal discourse.

11 Ibid., EDV2/17, Coppull.

12 L.R.O., Parish Papers, DRCh.37, Urswick, Nos. 49–50: disputed nomination to living by freeholders.

20 The weather, yet fair at Wigan, surrounded with showrs. After noon wee go to Winstanly, find Mr. Banks, Birchall, Walley & Orrett in the Perch. Here soft lusty Ale gos round. Wee see the Ladys above and return to the Perch; wee part about 8. Drink a parting pint cheerfully, and to bed about 12.

21 About 9 I sett hence (Peggy with mee), the way and weather cool and pleasant. Wee pass Warrington and come to Frodsham at 1; a neck of mutton and Goosberrys, are our dinner. Christopher Baldwin calls, I pay him for carrying 2 portmanteaus 2s:6^d and his reckning. Wee set forward about 4 and come D.G. safe to my corner about 6, recreate in my domestic pint. Inn and Frodsham 1^{li}:10^s. Charges of this journey I reckon amount to 2^{li}.11s.6^d, beside 3 Guineas to Jack.

22 I stay in most of the day in Books and Busienes. At night a pint and after that Elixir. I pay a debt in Coffee at Mrs. Bayleys to Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehead and the Ladies invited 2s:6.

23 At home in Reading proper to the day. At Evening prayers. At Mrs. Bells desire, I write to my Lord Bishop and inclose a petition about the Chappell of Stalmine¹³ in the parish of Lancaster; a domestic pint.

24 After Busienes and dinner, invited I go to Dr. Foulks, Mr. Parry and Mr. Pool of Oswestry at the Plume of Feathers. At 6 Dr. Thane and I go to Mr. Davies on an older invitacion. Dr. Foulks comes in, his warm, free and subrude manner promotes the Glass and falls asleep. Wee drink 6 Bottles of deep red, not true French wine, wee part about 11. I bring the Dr. to his lodgings at Mrs. Middletons.

25 Hott and indisposd to Busienes from the kind and quantity of wine. I turn in Speeds Chronicles. In the even take a turn on roodee and refresh or re-heat in domestic pint.

26 Reliev'd, resolve, repent. After dinner examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Morrey contra Ramsbotham.¹⁴ Turn in Speed and Occoris Numismata, and end the fine day in a domestic pint.

27 The first Court day of Trinity Term easy in Busienes. I examine 3 Wittnesses in Beeches Will. After 6 take 2 Turns on roodee. Wee are much recreated to Night with Sir Hen. Bunburys Letter telling us that after the 11th day Lady Bunbury is easy in the small pox, no danger or ill symptoms discovered by her phisitian. The same post brings that the Bill against schism and for the further Security of the Church of England was read the 2^d time without opposicion. Yet after a pint a dull night.

28 The weather is coold with a soft rain. I divert in the News Letters, and after dinner in Lipsius. I pay the Collectors of the Parish Poor Tax 7s. At prayers, after at Dr. Thanes, thence, at 6, to Mr. Prescotts who entertains myself, the Dr. and Mr. Allen, with 3 Bottles of French Claret, 1 of Ale till 10.

29 After a warm night helpt with a dose of Snail a cooler morning. I write to Mr. Rider for a Transcript of the Foundacion of the Vicarage of Walton,¹⁵ for Mr.

13 L.R.O., Exhibit Book 1716, f. 33: Robert Lomax, B.A., deacon Oxford 13 May 1713; priest at London, 28 March 1715.

14 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1714) no. 11, Neston.

15 C.R.O., Bishop's Register, EDA2/4, f. 189: the vicarage was founded in 1326.

Marsden (3^d). At St. Oswalds when Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on 118 psalm v. 22, 23, 24. Dean Booth (of Bristol) at the Church. After Dinner I visit Mrs. Moreton at Mr. Rhodes. I go with Mr. Morrey and Mr. Hodgson to the Ship to drink the Health of the day (the Queen). Here I pay Mr. Hodgson his Note of Books 5^{li}:12^s.6^d, wee drink 4 pints cheerfully. After meet with my cozn. Moreton at my corner. Wee end the day with the common Health of it.

30 At the Choir where Mr. Hales (brother in Law to Dean Booth) has an ingenious discourse on 4 Hebr. 13. The public News gives the Bill against Schism &c past the House of Commons; our private confirm the [*illegible*] of Lady B's being past the danger of her small pox. After prayers I take 2 Turns on roodee And at 7 Dr. Thane & his Lady see us. Wee drink the remaining Bottle of the Archbishop's wine, part at 9.

31 The weather yet pleasant tho too dry. Jeffry Moulding (from his Father) pays mee 22 Guineas on the St. Asaph Account, this sum comes as virgula divina supplyd for which D.O.M.G. I go on the Bishops Letter to Mr. Chancellor, he asking, I walk with him and Mr. Holland to Eaton. Wee walk the Gardens (now in good order), are very Generously receivd at dinner and after by Sir Richard who talks well but with a cloud in his Eyes and frequent sighs ariseing. At parting Sir R. takes us down to his vaultd Sellar nobly built and furnishd. Wee drink a Bottle of the best Beer, another of good Claret. Wee return at 5, call at the Ship, drink 2 pints of white, part about 8. My S. has a good answer from Mrs. Peirpoint 3. today.

JUNE 1 After some Busienes and morning prayers at the Coffee House, here wee find the Bill against Schism past and ingrost. After E. prayers, Mr. Callis and I visit Dean Booth. I take 2 Turns on roodee. I pay the 2 M. Entwistles 5 Guineas on Dr. Stratford account part of which vidt 3^{li}.19^s.2^d I receivd from Tho. Rigby. I after solace in my domestic pint of port Claret.

2 The weather hot to the thinning my Cloaths. I write to my Lord Bishop about Stalmine and other matters of his Letter about Liverpool and inclose a Copy of Mr. Richmonds presentacion and the act on the Institucion to Mr. Robert Pigot in Cecil Street and inclose a Copy of Mr. Houghton's Will directing him to pay for it to my cozn. Parre 7^s.6^d. To my cozn. Parr that a Caveat is enterd on Mr. Lovicks part in Mrs. Churche's Goods, about Dr. Pope &c. After Evening prayer I take a warm walk to Beach pool, and at Six meet Dean Booth, Dr. Fogg & Mr. Callys at the Hope and Anchor. I admire the confidence usd by these Gent. in reflections on the later Whiggs. Wee drink Bottles of indifferent Claret, and part about 9.

3 A Court day easy in the Busienes. I write to Sir Edward Chisnal That the Chancellor relaxes his Admonition so far as to consent that Mr. Ingham may execute the office of Curat of Coppul Till my Lord Bishop or Hee see further reason to inhibit him, and that hee has not yet, for his Crimes, satisfyd the Canon. I pay Mrs. Plumley her Bill for malt to April 8 last 12^{li}:12^s.6^d. I examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Ogden contra Massie in causa Matrimoniali and 3 upon an Allegacion and Will of Woods. After 7 I take 2 Turns on roodee, take refreshment in my domestic pint and after (by Nic. Gaskel) write to John Cross about the new Well &c.

4 After morning prayers at the Coffee House where the News makes little

Advances from the last. After Noon and till the Sun has sett in North Brittain, I divert in my Study and particularly read the History of Alexander and Dindamis in that of Palladius de Braemanibus and part with the day in a pint of Mr. Dison.

5 I write to my cozn. Jeffry Prescott and inclose to Mr. Richardson an Account of James Forshaws Administracion (for which 2^s). I pay Mr. Laurence the Tayler his Bill 4^{li}. After prayers I take 2 Turns on Roodee. I write to Humfrey Naylor of Oxford and inclose the probat of his Fathers Will with a Bill of Charges 1^{li}:18^s, which I direct him to pay to Jack. I recreate in a pint from the Ship.

6 After rain in the night, welcome showers today. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse in the Quire on Hebr. 10.31. After, the Sacrament administerd (cuius sum particeps. Det D.O.M. recte reliquam vitam instituere).¹⁶ After prayers, go with Sir Gilbert Dolben to Dr. Thanes, where wee drink Tea. I write to Jack to receive the Bill 1^{li}.18^s from Humfrey Naylor and return him 2^s:6^d. I tell him that sum vidt 1^{li}.15^s 6^d. and the 3 Guineas by Mr. Bowyer amount to 5^{li}. I send the packet by yong Thomas of Brasen Nose to whom 2^s:6^d. The Duke of Shrewsbury returns this Evening, lies at his own house, the Talbot. I invite Sir Gilbert Dolben with Dr. Thane to a Bottle of my Claret given by Sir H.B., hee first promises, but after his visits made, desires my excuse (as too late). I take a [?sole] pint of Mr. Dyson.

7 After morning prayers the wind brisk. I take two Turns on Roodee. Wee are surprizd with an Account of Mr. Bretts Asthmaticall Infirmitie and danger, and, on this, my S. writes to Jack. After prayers I tast, in his Cellar, Mr. Dysons wine, determine to take 6 Gallons of the white. I buy and read Bishop Bulls visitacion Sermon (6^d). Add ½ pint of Dyson and so to bed.

8 A fine rain falls today, prevents my walk. I am at the Coffee House, the Schism Bill has bin the 1st time read in the House of Lords, the other Church Bills seem to succeed in the House of Commons. I read the Rest of Bishop Bulls small book (a Companion for Candidates for Holy Orders). After prayers take 2 Turns on roodee and recreate in my domestic pint.

9 Q.F.F.E.F.S. I enter this day on the 64 year of my Age. I turn Cujacius on the pars major. At dinner a domestic Celebracion of the Anniversary. After I go (the 1st time since hee returnd from France) to Mr. Egerton at his Barrs, from thence with him, to Mr. Davies, where with Capt. Pennant, Mr. Done, Mr. Newcomen and Mr. Brampton, over strong Beer, Claret and old Hoc (in which conversacion Sir Tho Brooks Character is too freely handld) wee pass the time cheerfully, till 7 a clock; after that, 2 Turns on roodee.

10 A Court day easy (tho indisposd) of dispatch. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Martin Taylors Will (10^s.6). I am with the persons concernd (especially Robert Billing) at Wm. Willoughbys, cheerfully, they treat mee with a Bottle of good white port. After (R. Billing with mee) I take a sharp turn on roodee and part of the Walls; after write to Sir Edward Chisnal (by R. Billing) and inclose the Chancellors Letter to Sam. Crook Esq.

11 After Prayers to the Coffee House, where tis said the Schism Bill has bin read

16 Trans: 'of which I am partaker. May God the best and greatest grant that [I] order the rest of my life rightly'.

the 2nd time in the House of Lords. A proclamacion in the Gazet on the death of the princess Sophia (in her 84th year) orders that Name to be supply'd by the Elector of Brunswick.¹⁷ I write to John Hindley of Astley and inclose an Order of Penance for [blank] Smith of Atherton, spinster (on Midsummer day) and direct him to pay or send for Fees 10^s. This being Mr. Robert Cholmleys birth day when hee finishes his 20th year; it has our private Celebracion. I pay Mr. Manning, shoemaker, for a summer pair 4^s:3^d. Mr. Roberts gives mee on Account 100^{li}. After E. Prayers I take one Turn on roodee. At 6 Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Norris, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Davies, Capt. Pennant and ArchDeacon Thane come to mee, wee drink 7 Bottles of Sir H.B.'s excellent Claret cheerfully.

12 Tho warmd, not much disturbd with my Bottle. I pay Mr. Boucher on Account 10 Guineas. I pay 60^{li}:15^s to Alderman Morrey and procure his Bill on Dunc[an] Hayes, Merchant for 60^{li} at 8 daies, which I inclose to my cozn. Parr, desireing he'll (when received) get 40^{li} paid to Dr. Pope and retain 22^{li} on Account. I write to Mrs. Bell of Hackinsal. I pay Mrs. Entwisle on Dr. Stratfords Account 4^{li}:12^s:6^d. which makes up what I paid before, 10^{li}. I pay Mr. Roberts 11 Guineas for his Journys to St. Asaph and other places last year, ending 16 March 1713 (in Courts). I write to Dr. Stratford on Account of which I receivd vidt 3^{li}:19^s:2^d. from Tho Rigby. That I have paid to his Neece 10^{li} and desire him to pay the advanced sum vidt 6^{li}:0:10. to Jack. In the Evening, invited, wee are at Dr. Thanes, have 2 pints of several colours, wee have a Treat of Strawberrys which succeed not in the night. Wee part in a sweet Evening, about 10.

13 Indisposd by Strawberrys but releiv'd by Elixir. I stay at home the morning, have reading proper. The weather excessive hott. Afternoon at St. Oswalds, Dr. Fogg has a good discourse. The News makes the ArchBishop of York Chairman to the Committee on the Schism Bill, and it to proceed with Amendments. After prayers and a short walk I refresh in my domestic pint.

14 Extreme heat is the complaint. After morning prayers I drink a dish of Coffee at Dr. Thanes. I write to J. Cross about the dimensions of my intended Well. After dinner read sparsim, St. Augustine De Civitate Dei. At 7 Dr. Thane and his Lady see us and drink a Bottle of Sir H.B.'s wine.

15 Still extremely hot. Read till prayers. After at Coffee Alderman Partingtons shop, where I meet the News That the Schism Bill has past the Lords with Amendments. After dinner, I finish the Act of the Bishop's Installacion. After prayers I pay Mr. Dyson for wine 4^{li}:4^s:0^d. About 7, at Mr. Bennetts, I drink a Glasse of his white port, after (the sun set) take a Turn on Roodee, refresh in ½ a pint at home, to bed about 11.

16 The heat of the season advances, springs and rivers fail and sink low. Robert has my Mare, early, to Sir Richard Grosvenors fine Gray Horse (calld Gage). Hee gave the Groom 5^s, and in case shee succeed, I am to pay him 5^s more, besides, by my direction, hee gave him 2^s for his Curtesy. I write to the Commissary, now at Toms Coffee house in Devereux Court, near the Temple and to my cozn. Holt, now at his brother's Chambers in Lyons Inn. Divert the hott afternoon in Bookes as after prayers. In the Evening about 8 a pint.

17 In order to comply with the conditions laid down in the Act of Settlement, 1701.

17 I write to Mr. Jo. Richardson of Preston about Administracion of Ja. Forshawe. A Court of small Busienes. In Mr. Chancellors absence, I examine 3 witnesses on Finches Will. I receive and answer Jacks Letter, and advise him, better to consider the Archbishops offer. I inclose Alderman Partingtons receipt of 10^{li} from Dr. Stratford and order him to receive 6^{li}:0:10^d. from the Dr. which makes the mony sent him this Quarter 11^{li}:0:10^d. About 5 I ride out with Mr. Proby who is dangerously indispos'd. Wee call but meet not Mr. Townsend, at Christleton, go to Warton,¹⁸ and the Case of a new Rectory-house built, but not covered by Mr. [illegible]. Wee return about 8. Go and drink our pints at the Ship. Mr. Proby seems much refresht and pleas'd with the Ayring and the Wine.

18 The weather continues very hott. The News tells the Schism Bill is past the Lords and extends to Ireland and the Votes bring Addicions to the Stamps. I pay Mr. Glegg the Glovers Note 1^{li}:15^s.6^d, and for Bacon 12^s. After noon, my S. and I formally visit Mrs. Middleton and her Neece Thelwall, Mrs. Venables and her Neece Lady Catherine Shirley and my cozn. Peake and his Lady, these advance the Evening to 9 a clock.

19 The weather yet extreme hott and dry. I write to Mr. Marsden and inclose a Copy of the Ordination of the vicarage of Walton, from Lichfeild, for which beside Patent Letters, Mr. Rider charges 13^s:4^d. Turn Degg and Watson upon Appropriacions. After Dinner and prayers visit Mrs. Moreton at Mr. Rodes. After that with Mr. Hodgson at Mr. Hollands, wee drink 2 Tall Boys.

20 Cooler yet dry, the wind turnd from E. to N.W. The Commons putt off the consideration of the Schism Bill sent back from the Lords with amendments till Munday. Dr. Fogge has 2 good discourses in the Quire and parish Church. After prayers drink Tea at Mrs. Betty Cromptons with Mrs. Middleton, Thelwal, Lloyd, Townsend. After take 2 Turns on roodee and at 8 return to my pint of Dyson. I write to Dr. Pope fully and keep the Draught of it.

21 This day yet more extremely hott. I write to Mr. Fox and inclose mine to Dr. Pope, in his Letter. I write to John Cross about the Well and to my Lord of St. Asaph about a proposal to take the Tiths of Northop. After wee drink a pott of Coffee with Ladies, at Mrs. Bayleys, a present from Mrs. M. Lloyd. After 4 in a cool rain, which only lays the dust, I sett out and come to the vicarage of Gresford about 6. The Dean of St. Asaph and his Lady, come quickly after. A dinner too ready for the company. That over, the Dean, Chancellor, Mr. Price, Moulding and I retreat and drink a Glass. Mr. Price, Moulding and I stay past 9, come to the Red Lyon, where have a Bottle of white wine, and to bed about 12. Q.B.E. a swarm of strang Bees thoro the slats settle, this Fore Noon, in the office.

22 I visit my cozn. Moreton and Eytons, in the morning. Wee have a Court slender in busienes. After dinner at the Sun, I and Mr. Moulding treat Mr. Jones of Silvane at Dic Jones with a Bottle of white. The Chancellor about 5 comes to the vicarage where wee attend him. Here Busienes is mencioned, the Correcion Book run over, 2 Bills taxt. Mr. Moulding Accounts to mee for Fees since 22nd Febr. The Charg is 41^{li}:12^s:3^d. Discharg 33^{li}.1^s.7^d. I receive from him the Balance 8^{li}.10^s:8^d.

18 'Warton' is a contracted form of Waverton.

Mr. Stringer and I set out past 7, come cool & safe (D.G.) after 9. I reckon the Charges of the journey to 10^s.

23 The weather gathers strength in Heat. Yong Mr. Atherton, 13 years old last month, came down by coach last night. Hee calls on and drinks a dish of Tea with us. Lady Standish-Stanley intervenes. Indisposd after dinner, repose and am refresh't. At 6 go with Mr. More to the Ship, Mr. Houghton and Mr. Willis of Liverpool, Mr. Lee and Mr. Beswick of Manchester join us, wee take our pints and part about 10. My old master Dr. Pope dies today.

24 The season continues to universal complaint. I write by Tho. Maudsley, to John Cross agen about the Well. After M. prayers to the Coffee House. My cozn. Fanny Green dines with us. After Busienes and E. prayers, I call on Mr. Bennet, tast his New French wine in both Colors. After this take one Turn on roodee – the sun descending. After this, refresh in my Corner in a Glass of Dyson.

25 The season yet hott and sultry, not without hopes, at the last, of rain. The News still postpones the consideracion of the Lords Amendments of the Schism Bill to Wedensday. Mr. Swerbreck of [?Liverpool sees us in] the morning. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 20^{li} and pay it, on Account, to Alderman Partington 20^{li}; paid Mr. Crane shoemaker, 6^s:11^d, prepare for the Journey to Morrow. In the Evening invited, the Chancellor, Archdeacon, Mr. Boucher and Roberts come to mee, wee drink with pleasure the 4 remaining Bottles of Sir H.B.'s excellent Claret, and part at 10.

26 The weather yet hott, my Suzy, Lidia and I set out before 8, come to Warrington before 12, repose in the heat of the day, dine about 3. Mr. Blackburn comes to mee on Mrs. Harwoods Busienes, treats with white wine, wee mount about 6 and come to Wigan about 8. I give this morning in Fairings to the servants 6^s, to my S.10^s. and pay at Warrington 6^s.

27 Affected and fatigud with the heat and journey, I stay within the Fore-noon. Afternoon at the Church. After that a company is formd, wee go to Nany Tootels, where the Glass moves round till 8. I begin to bee affected with difficulty in hearing.

28 About 10, set out, come to the Ayrfeild about 11, John Cross and I see the Well, the stones are ready carryd, but it dos not answer my expectacion. I deliberate on it. Wee go to the other 2 springs, thence crossing Duglas at the paddock I go to my cozn. [?Jerijah] Finches; Hee is not at home. Wee walk to my Godmother Rigby, shee entertains in her kind way, the weather hot, wee go up to the Bank, thence to Ayrfeild. I dine on a cold shoulder of Mutton, wee drink the last Bottle of Chester Ale, very good at the age of 2 years and ½. I return to Wigan past 9.

29 St. Peters day, its excessive Heat and dinner persuade repose. About 6 I call on Mrs. Bowyer, drink freely her cool Ale, set forward and come to Bolton (the Swan) about sun-sett, meet here Mr. Stringer and Plumley, solace in posset and to Bed about 10.

30 Wee open the Commission in the Church twixt 10 & 12, adjourn to the Swan, where Mrs. Harwood (sine revocatione [?procuracionis]) before Mr. Rothwell the Commissioner gives in the Matters exceptive, propria manu. Lord Willoughby and Major Crook dine with us accidentally; some discourse is movd not advancd. The

Lord seems an open plain man, the other cautious. I exam. six Wittnesses, end about 8.

JULY 1 Q.B.E. In the morning I visit my Cozn. Wade. After dinner (in my Examination of Mr. Smith) I receive a packet of Letters from my S. at Wigan, which surprize & shock mee with the Account of Dr. Popes death 23 June and of the Bishops bestowing the Registry on his brother in Law, Dr. Mapletoft now in France. I write back to my S. with some difficulty. I proceed in my Busienes and examine 8 Wittnesses. Refresh in a pint afterwards.

2 After a hot and disturbd night such a day succeeds. I examine Mrs. Hart a full Evidence, write to the ArchBishop of York and my Cosen Parr, examine 5 other wittnesses, walk and divert an hour, and indevor to repress concern with my pint.

3 I begin with Ellin Sale a Girl not 14 and with 5 others finish the Busienes. Jeffry Moulding comes with industry and hast, with another fresh packet about Dr. Popes death. A Bill is made, Mrs. Hart hansomly paies it, the whole 10^{li}:12^s:6^d. After I have drunk Tea with my cozn. Kenyon, I set out before 6, come easily, call at Hart Common, Mr. Harts house, where I meet with Mrs. Harwood, shee receives mee with great modesty and civility. I come to Wigan Mr. Bowyers about 8 where I find my S., stay an hour and thence to my cozn. Holts, find him returnd from London.

4 At the Church, Mr. Aldersey has an excellent sermon on (Thou shalt love thy Neighbor as thy self). Mr. Markland, schoolmaster of Holland preaches exiliter afternoon. In the Evening Lady Phil. Standish visits Cozn. Holts. After my cozn. Holt, Walmesley & I visit Mr. Aldersey.

5 About 10, wee set out with 5 Horse, go to the Bank where wee walk about. After refresh in Tea, thence to Ayrfeild, where wee sit down to a Quarter of Mutton miserably roasted away. Mr. Birchall is with us. My S. &c see the Wells. After this Entertainment wee call at Wm. Naylor where a hansom cool tankard at the door. Thence to the Green House, where a very full and cheerfull recepcion, with good wine, both colours, Sider and Ale. Thence, call on John Cross who fills and entertains with his silver Cup. Thence to Mr. Birchall who receives us with an accurate supper and excellent Ale, beside hansom welcom. Wee mount here about 10, return safe D.G. about 11.

6 Invited, wee dine at the parsonage hansomly receivd by Mr. & Mrs. Aldersey. After sit till prayers, thence wee go to my cozn. Holts and finish the day with his Ale and wine.

7 Indisposd from the hott conversacion and weather. Mr. Lambert going to Chester returnd back from Warrington to see mee on the subject of our Deputacions. Hee dines at Cozn. Holts with us as do cozn. Kenions from Bolton. After, hee treats with wine at the Cross Keys and about 4 turns off for Manchester.

8 About 9 the weather pretty cool, I go to Ayrfeild, thence to see the spring in the Bank Land, discourse the 2 Brothers (Shaws) about it, return and drink Tea, and come back to Wigan before 2. My Suzy and Lidia pay a visit at Winstanley. I divert the Evening at Tootells & cozn. Holts.

9 John Cross comes and gives mee little expectacion about the Bank spring. I order a further tryal. Mathew Molineux pays mee 1^{li} and is in arrear (his Bill of

repairs allowd) only 1^{li}.8^s.6^d for the last year. Hee offers mee 2^{li}.3^s.6^d, I refuse it with warmth. I deliver a Guinea (1^{li}.1^s.6^d) to John Crosse to present to Mr. Birchall, towards his stable. In the Even the Rector, his 2 Brothers, Cozn. Holt, Mr. Walmesly, myself &c go to good Ale at the Eagle and Child. After, wee drink a Bottle with Mr. Walmsley, and finish the last evening at my cozn. Holts.

10 After 9 wee set from Wigan, call on Mr. Crane at Newton, pass Warrington ¼ past 11, proceed in the perpendicular Heat of a scorching day above 2 hours and come to Frodsham about 2. Here wee repose and dine, set hence about 6, and return safe D.O.M.G. to Chester about 8. Lady Bunbury comes quickly after from Bettisfeild. Wee sup with Sir Henry and her, I drink after with him a Bottle of his excellent Claret.

I reckon the Charges of this journey thus vidt: Charges at Warrington 6^s, at Ayrfeild 12^s, Given Mr. Birchall 1^{li}. 1^s. 6., to my Suzy 1^{li}.4^s. Comon expences in Wigan and Bolton 10^s. At my Inn in Wigan 1^{li}.12^s. At Frodsham 4^s.6^d (in all 5^{li}.10^s). I receive, to night, a Letter from the ArchBishop, & cozn. Parr junior.

11 Indispos'd, repose for most part at Home till Evening when I walk and see the Mare & Colt, drink a pint of French wine (white) with T. Biggins, make it up with a pint of Dyson.

12 The weather is constant to itself, very hott. I stay on in Busienes till 11, then to the Coffee-house. After Even prayers, returning visit Mrs. Thane, take 2 Turns on roodee, apply to my domestic pint and Book: am call'd over to Sir H.B., drink more than my pint of Claret.

13 Indispos'd from the Chang and Quantity of wine, last night. The News brings the parliament after her Majesties Sanction of several Acts (among which, those for further incouragement of Curates, Against the popish patrons, and reduceing the interest of mony), the parliament was proroug'd to 10th of August. While wee are at dinner Capt. Tarlton calls, gives some good Character of Harry, tells hee has put him to learn Navigacion, and wee are to direct our Letters to him at Mr. Tho. Kelsalls in Bartholomew Close. About 5 I visit Mr. Proby now in an ill state of Health. His kinsman, Coll. Proby with him comes from London. Hee shows mee his old and richly guarded pott. At 6 I meet Mr. Townsend at the Yatcht, wee draw out 2 pints 2 hours. After, with Mr. Tootel, pass thoro Mr. Bennets 3 Cellars, and tast to rather confusion, than satisfacion, of the palate.

14 The weather still hott and dry. Nanny Tootel comes and drinks Tea with us this morning. After I shew her the Exchang and Hall above, shee informs That Mr. Holland carryd (on Friday) the Elecion for the Church of Bunbury,¹⁹ by a majority of 20 voices. I write to Mr. Parr Junior. I am serv'd with a Monicion from the praerogative Court of York to send thither the original Will of Mr. Richard Tonge. After Noon repose, the rest of the day in Books & dom. pint. I pay today 7^s to the silk dyer.

15 A Court day (Mr. Chancellor absent) of little Busienes. From the deafness which has affected mee now near 3 weeks, I forbear going into the Court after I had bin at Mr. Bouchers Chambers. I apply to, rather divert in, Horace and

19 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/15, Bunbury.

Cassanaeus. I pay my Contribucion, 3^s, to Dr. Fogg, pay 2^s for Lydias Fann. After an easy day end the Evening so in my domestic pint.

16 The season still African. I write to Mr. Chancellor, now at Speake, about the Monicion from the praerogative. After dinner in Busienes and Write to the Bishop of St. Asaph about Winstanleys estate joining to the Rough park, the tiths of Northop, Incest at Llansillin, and the Registry of Chester and to Mr. Mawd fully about the said Monicion including a Copy of the Acts of Court about Tongs Will. About 7 Mr Hodgson and I go to the Yacht, drink our pints of the new French white, part at 9, pay for carriage of the 2 portmanteaus from Wigan 2^s:6^d. and to Alderman Ince one half years rent, ending at Midsummer last 8^{li}:5^s.

17 After a tedious night, from my stomach and Elixir, a dull day, which I divert with Horace, and Addisons remarks. I send my Letters to the Bishop of St. Asaph and Mr. Mawde. Over Addison in the Evening recreate in my domestic pint.

18 Some short cool showrs fall today, but make very *[illegible]* impression. I stay at home the Forenoon, read the first part of 1st Book of Jenkins on religion. At the parish Church after Noon where the Curate was so fugitive in pronunciacion, I so dull in my Ears, I take nothing. After prayers Mrs. Middleton sees us. After that, at 7 wee go to Mrs. Thane and stay till 10.

19 The hot weather returns after the short showers. At home, dull and indispos'd, so in the office after Noon. After prayers I make a progress in Dr. Jenkins, going thoro the Chapter of the promulgacion of the Scriptures. After take (about 8) a quick walk round Roodee, return to my pint.

20 After Elixir, divert most of the day in Addisons remarks of Italy. After prayers, Dr. Fogg gives mee a Guinea left in his hand by Mr. Farrington for Registring some old Grants to his Family of a South Oratory and 2 seats in Lealand Church. I search hereupon & find the Grant & other writeings. Dr. Thane (come today from Northenden) calls on mee, wee go (about 7) to the Yacht, drink our pints with which hee treats and return past 9.

21 I write to Mr. Fox and inclose a Letter to my son Harry about the particulars hee wants. Mr. Stratford (before Mr. Aubrey as Commissioner) produces Mr. Wilcock on Interrogations given at York. I write to Mr. Robinson Vicar of St. Michael a Copy of Tho. Browns Will and direct him to pay my cozn. Jeffry Prescott for it 5^s:6^d. After Busienes, in the Evening about 6 Alderman Puleston, Jack & Ned Puleston, Mr. Kendrick and I go to the Bacchus, wee drink our pints of French Claret, part about 10, [?here] 2^s:6^d. I write to Mr. Lambert the reason of the delay of our Deputacions, and to Mr. David Wynn a monitory Letter to desist from acting as Surrogate to the Chancellor of St. Asaph.

22 After a welcome rain in the Night, succeeds a cool and cheerfull morning. It setts to rain after dinner which diverts my intended journey to Whitchurch, to repose. About 5 Dr. Thane and I go down to Mr. Chancellor lately returnd from Speak. Wee drink 3 pints of port decay'd with him. After the Dr. & I only, 2 pints of new French Claret at the Bacchus, part about 9. I buy (today) and pay for [?Crecches] Horace 3^s.

23 The Night was not without that Blessing, and frequent showrs before noon make cheerfull the Faces of the Earth and Men. The Chancellor, after some expectacion of my Lords motions from Whitchurch, dines with mee. On notice that

my Lord will bee here at 6 Q.B.E. wee sett out at 2, meet his Lordship and his Lady in their coach at Hanley (after 4). Salutacions past, this proceeds. The company meets the coach & thicknes in the way, to the number of about 150 Horse beside 4 coaches. About $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after six the coach comes to the Palace Gate. I hand Mrs. Gastrel into the Palace, a great number attends his Lordship. After this receded, The Chancellor, Mr. Henchman, my S. and I (kindly received) stay Supper, and after, to 11. To the Butler 1^s, To a poor Neapolitan 1^s.

24 Cool with some small showers. Before dinner my Lord sends for mee, delivers three presentations to mee on which hee had granted Institucions at London. Then with kind expressions (as to my merits) tells mee his obligacions to give the registry to Dr. Mapletoft, promises I shall have my Deputacion on the terms under Dr. Pope, and durante vita, or as I please, and desires mee to order the Draught of the patents & the 3 Deputacions, invites my S. and I to dinner, but excuses our retreat to our own Dinner. After Evening prayers, I call on Mr. Hodgson, wee take (about 6) 2 Turns on roodee. After that, recreate in 2 pints of French white wine at the Yacht, and part before 9.

25 After a very painfull (at my stomack) and melancholy night, a more easy day. The Choir is crowded by Expectacion, but Dr. Thane preaches. After this my Lord invites Mr. Chancellor, my S. and myself and wee dine with him. Mr. Henchman preaches in the parish Church. After prayers (at 6) Mr. Chancellor and I wait on my Lord, on the difference about the eleccion of a Churchwarden of Warrington and Mr. Leghs Letter, other matters fall and particularly I tell my Lord the story of Mr. Finch his refusal to pay my Bill, on his Commission (his Lordship condemns his refusal), wee stay cheerfully till 10.

26 The weather cool, but without rain. I write to Jack by Mr. Huson and give 2^s:6^d. to drink with him, to Mr. Parre junior and inclose a requisicion to swear Mrs. Shergold as Dr. Popes Administratrix. I pay Mr. Fearnhead for Mr. Vaudrey 40^{li} on Account. I send for a 4^{li} stamp and order the Registry patent to be ingross'd. I write to Mr. Lambert. At 5 after prayers The Maior and Aldermen in their Formality (sending 1 doz. of Sack, 1 dozn of white and 2 dozn. of Claret before them) visit my Lord Bishop, I am there on the occasion. After their recess my Lord, Mr. Callys, Stratford and I try some of the red wine and find it very muddy. After this, I and Mr. Hodson take 2 Turns on roodee and refresh in a pint of my domestic Dyson.

27 After a melancholy night, a more cheerfull morning. A Palatine Minister Lutheran in distress going to Dublin calls on mee, tells in English and Latin his studies and his misfortunes. I treat him with Tea and give him 2^s:6^d. I go to the Coffee House where great changes are mencioned. The excessive heat of weather returns today. After dinner upon a Letter from Lady Bunbury, I go to Mr. Wrench, Lee, Mather, Bennet, Alderman Mainwaring and Mrs. Eliz. Booth about mony owing them by Mr. Robert Booth, and write to her Ladyship their answers. After 3, Mr. Clayton, Cleveland and about 6 more from Liverpool call on mee, I attend them to my Lord. Something is mencioned by my Lord to their satisfaction on the Busienes of the Rectory. After prayers the Chancellor, ArchDeacon and I are with them at the Bacchus at new French Claret, till 9.

28 After a night of Thunder, lightning and rain, a cool serenity. Mrs. Kerne daughter to the Bishop of Killala sees and drinks Tea with us. Mr. Shaw pays mee

14th in part of the Fees and Stamps for 18 Licences, (there remains 3^{li}:14^s.) Mrs. Peake (after dinner) shows mee a Letter of the difficult Condition of Mr. Bedford in his confinement, hee being forc'd to pay x^ls a week for his lodging, (the Confinement to continue 3 years) on reading of which I give him my mite, ½ a guinea 10^s:9^d. About 7, Mr. Chancellor calls on mee. Wee follow my Lord now paying a visit to the Dean & Dr. Fogg. After this, wee return to the palace. I send hither 2 Flasks of Claret given mee by Sir Hen. Bunbury, my Lord likes the wine and over variety of Busienes, Liverpool especially, wee finish 2 Flasks about 9.

29 A cool morning and small showers. Wee have a Court, the last of this Term. (1^s). After dinner the Mayor of Liverpool Sir Tho. Johnson & Mr. Norris attend my Lord. The matter is warmly urg'd by Sir Tho. and at last the Bishop serv'd with Ne admittas & Quare impedit.²⁰ After prayers I attend my Lord and find him mov'd by the Writts. About 6, thick Clouds overspread the sky to a surprizing darknes, a vehement but short storm succeeds and dissolves them into showers. About 8 Lord Anglesey sends, I attend him at the Falcon, Mrs. Steward, White, Doyley and Mr. Chester, a Clergyman, with him. His Lordship has six Flasks of Sir Hen. Bunburys Claret, wee sit down, & in good Healths circling drink 4 of them.

30 A cool not rainy morning. After Tea with Lord Anglesey, I attend him to the Mare and colt, hee likes 'em, thence to the Coffee House where the removal of the Lord Treasurer together with Lord Angleseys Account is made more certain. Thence his Lordship waits on the Bishop, wee go to prayers. After I go round Mr. Booths 5 Creditors. After, I dine with Lord Anglesey, stay with him and at 2 wait on him down to the bridg where hee takes horse for Ruthland. Returning, Capt. Lawson of the Yatch bestows a Bottle of Claret on the Coll., Mr. Sewell and mee. After prayers I finish my Lords declaratory Sentence on the Mediety of Liverpool. About 6 I go to the palace where I find Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Legh, in debate about Mr. Leghs Churchwarden of Warrington before my Lord, the Circumstances are told with too much warmth and concern by Mr. Chancellor, replyd to with too much stiffness by Mr. Legh. My Lord interposes his advice to reconciliacion. Tho Hatton bee rejected, Cowley is sworn Churchwarden and Mr. Leghs right [?reserv'd] and sav'd, the passions settle by degrees, and the debate ended. Wine is brought and the scheme alters to Conversacion. Mr. Legh and Mr. Jas. Banks go about 8, the Chancellor next, Mr. Callys and I stay with my Lord past 9. I have my draught of the Liverpool Sentence.

31 Upon direction from my Lord I write Notice to Mr. Shaw, to bee here on Thursday on the busienes of the new Chapell, to Mr. Naylor of Preston about Ormerods Inventory and direct him to pay my cozn. Jeffry Prescott for the search & postage 1^s.6^d. Mr. Pemberton comes from Sir Thomas Hanmer & Lady Bunbury. I go with him to the Creditors. Hee pays Alderman Mainwaring, Mr. E. Booth, Mr. Wrench and leaves in my hands mony for Mr. Bennet & Mr. Hide; this takes up most of the day. In the Even about 6, I send the 2 patents ready for his Hand and Seal, to my Lord. Fiat D.E.I. voluntas Amen, Amen. About 7 I go down,

20 *Quare Impedit* was a form of legal action which a patron might bring in a temporal court against a bishop who refused to institute a presentee to an ecclesiastical benefice.

thoughtfull, and take two solitary Turns on roodee; returning & seeing my Mare. Mr. Bennet invites and handsomly treats mee with a Bottle of his fine white wine. I went after dinner to Mr. Legh (now at Calveley) and inclos'd the Acts in the busienes of the Churchwarden of Warrington.

AUGUST 1 Q.F.F.E.F.S. Sunday. Dr. Fogge has a sermon on ps. 51.3. Eucharistiae Sanctissimae (Domino Episcopo primo ministrante) particeps sum. Det Deus, sobrie, recte, et pie vitam reliquam agere.²¹ The news confirms the Lord Treasurer surrendring his Staff. After dinner my S. and I go to the palace and with the 2 Mrs. Entwistles sit with my Lord and his Lady till prayers, after which I proceed in Jenkins. At 5, wee go to Mrs. Thane, shee receives civilly with 2 pints of white wine, and wee part about 10. Some small showrs fell to day.

2 The Forenoon is taken up in searching (which I find) an Account of the priests & papists in K. Ja[m]es] 2 time. After dinner Mr. Horrobin comes on Mr. Shaws Account. I go with him to my Lord Bishop where (Dr. More present) Hee discourses the Busienes of the Chapell with too much Freedom & confidence. After Hee, Mr. Stratford and I drink a Glass of base wine, at Kemps. After, some time in Books. The News comes of Lord Anglesey and Sir Thomas Hanmer being sent for by the Secretary of State on occasion of the Queen's dangerous illnes. This makes the expectation of the paquet fearfull. My Lord and his Lady about 8 pay us their first visit.

3 Wee are confirm'd in our Fears, all Letters say Her Majestie was taken with a Fit of Apoplexy on Friday about noon, was by cupping recoverd to a lucid interval, in this made D. of Shrewsbury Lord Treasurer and namd the D. of Ormond Lord Lieftenant and relaps'd, by applicacion and the phisitians utmost efforts, was kept alive till 11 Saturday night when the Letters came from London. I draw the 3 Deputacions, my own with some distinction & show them my Lord. Hee acquaints mee with Kirkhams case as in a favorable Light against Mr. Hall. Mrs. Thane sends for mee to see the Drs Letter from Bettisfield about the Queen. Mr. Marsden & his son come to Kemps. I wait on him, hee repeats his busines over a pint of Mountain & pays mee 13^s.4^d. for Mr. Rider.

4 In the morning, to our sorrow wee find That an Express about 10 last night brought the fatall News that her Majesty di'd about 9 a clock on Sunday, with a proclamacion by the Lords Commissioners & others. Mr. Marsden drinks Tea with us. I pay Mr. Bennet the mony left with mee from Lady Bunbury 51^{li}.17^s:6. I leave the Deputacions with my Lord to send Mr. Smith, I write & inclose Dr. Popes Administration to Mr. Fox. The solemnity of the proclamacion proceeds, a melancholy pomp of Joy. I see it from the palace where I first drink King Georg his Health. About 1, I attend my Lord to the Chancellors, his Lady and my S. with Mrs. Entwistle follow, here wee dine (1^s), Mr. Marsden comes after dinner, my Lord gos to prayers, Antony Close comes about 6. I bring him to the Chancellor, after to my Lord. Hee is very chagrine & uneasy complains of the Commissary's fraud &

21 Trans: 'I partake in the most Holy Eucharist (the Lord Bishop ministering first). May God grant that [I] live the rest of my life soberly, rightly and piously'.

injustice. Hee go's with mee to the Yatcht. Mr. Stringer and Mr. Hall come, wee drink 3 pints & part about 9. A plenty of soaking rain fell the last 2 daies.

5 Mr. Marsden and Cloe drink Tea with us. Mr. Marsden leaves his papers (to bee communicated to my Lord) with mee. I write to Mr. Lambert. About 12, my son Jack comes well (D.G.) from Oxford. Mr. Shaw pays mee 3^{li}:14^s remainder of the Fees & Stamps for 18 Licences. I send to Mr. Asheton 2 Licences & Bonds. After prayers Mr. Legh, the 2 Pattens &c on the one part, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Rawsthorn and Mr. Banks on the other (a larg Circle) appear before my Lord, about the new Chapell in Warrington. The Circumstances represented and debated above 2 hours (my Lord interposing peaceable advice), they end in an Unanimous agreement consisting of 7 particulars wherein the Rights of the Patron and Rector are fully secur'd, The Antagonists part freindly and in good humor. I avoid all Company and return to my Corner and pint of Dyson about 9.

6 The Circumstances of Her Majesties last illness come fully related, it began on Tuesday Night the Time the Treasurer was displac'd. On Friday an Apoplectic Fitt depriv'd her of sense & motion, on severe Applications a lucid interval succeeded in which, tho short, shee gave the Treasurers Staff to the D. of Shrewsbury. The Distemper returnd and tho it had intervals prov'd insuperable, and on Sunday (about 7 in the morning) her Majesty dyd. The Government according to the Act devolves on 7 Great Ministers and 19 Lords namd by the new King, among them are the ArchBishop and Lord Anglesey. After dinner Jack and I wait on Mr. Ashton, go with him to the Raven where hee treats freely with 2 Bottles of French both Colors, invites us kindly to Prestwich. Hee gives mee 7 Guineas to lay out in Wine for him. Wee part about 5, hee sett's for Warrington. I apply to the drawing the Articles and my Lords Confirmation of them about the Chapell of Warrington. Finish 'em rudely and bring 'em to my Lord, with a petition and Letter from Mrs. Bell about Stalmine. Wee discourse on both. My S. here, wee stay supper, and over a Bottle of White, my Lord very cheerfully relaxes, and tells the story of Lady Mashams rise very pleasantly. Wee part about 11, a great fall of rain this day and night. I give Lydia designing for Bettisfield 2^s:6^d.

7 I attend my Lord after prayers. Hee resolves to sett out for Parliament on Munday. Hee sends up our Deputacions to Mr. Smith, revokes his design of Ordination. I write to Mr. Lambert. I pay Jacks share of sending his Horse back with 2 others, to Oxford, 10^s:10^d. I deliver Mrs. Bells Letter and a petition from her and others of Stalmin and Sir Edw. Chisnall his proposall of 200^{li} to Coppull Chapell, to my Lord. After prayers I leave 3 Confirmacions of the Agreement about Warrington new Chappell ready drawn for him, hee signs, and they are seald with the seal manual. About 6 Jack and I take 1 Turn on roodee, see the Mare & Colt. After this Mr. Bennet hansomly treats us with 2 Bottles of his French white and Claret. Wee stay with him till 10.

8 In a frequent auditory in the Quire, my Lord preaches the first time on 1 Cor. 6:12, a very good discourse. The Chancellor and my Family dine with my Lord. After prayers I draw a Letter from my Lord to Mr. Richmond to share in the Duty with the vicar and pay him 30^{li} P.A. which Jack copys and hee signs. My Lord Anglesey returns stays about an hour and about 5 hasts on by post. About 6, I go to Mr. Roberts where on the occasion of his daughters Christening, Mrs. Chancellor,

Callys, Bancks & 3 Oxonians of Christ Church drink a free Glass of Wine. Wee after wait on my Lord, drink another with him and part about 10. Hee at parting speaks to mee about the sums to bee paid by the Deputies, vidt by others 50^{li} a peece, by mee 80^{li}. at Christmas and Midsummer.

9 At 7 the weather then fair, wee take our leave with my Lord and his Lady. They go in their own Coach by way of Namptwich. Mr. Stratford go's with them, and is to bee directed to, at Mr. Robert Lacys in Mark Lane, London. I write to Jeffry Prescott and (in his) fully, to Mrs. Bell about Stalmin. I pay the Wash woman her Quarterage, 1^{li}:10^s. After a repose and reading, I drink my pint of Dyson with the 3 Students of Christ Church, Prescott, Wainwright, Sherman, these drinking after their supper. The weather rainy most of the day and night.

10 Sr. William Parsons calls on, drinks Tea with, and pays mee 2^s:6^d. laid out for him. Mr. Lloyd shews his presentation to Worthembury to the Chancellor who promises to write to my Lord for his consent to institute him. The News gives Lord Chancellors speech to both Houses. The oaths are taken by them and to bee repeated by all in Offices. After dinner I discours Jack in the ArchBishops offer of Warton [Waverton], Hee complys with it since the registry is so disposd of. Wee visit Mr. Bret bona fide animo integri, wee find him tho weak, more cheerfull. Wee walk round the Walls, to prayers, after these, busienes. About 8 Jack and I go to Mr. Roses to meet Capt. Tarlton, Mr. Houghton and Mr. Kelsal are with him. Wee have 4 pints, the talk of Navigacion, the Capt. treats, a Family Letter is vamt up to Harry & deliver'd to the Capt., wee part at 10.

11 Q.F.F.E.F.S. This is the 27th Anniversary of our Marriage which wee remember in a domestic Celebracion. The Chancellor is movd with a Letter from Mr. Patten, the sentiments of Mr. Legh and of a parish meeting calld again tomorrow, to maintain the matter of Churchwardens against Mr. Legh. Hee answers too warmly, I persuade him to write a pacific perswasion to Mr. Shawe and I do it to Mr. Legh. I write too to Mr. Worsley. Mr. Roberts, about 4 go's to Warrington with them and I send 2 of the Confirmacions of the Agreement about the new Chappell, by him. After prayers about 6, Jack and I go down to Mr. Bennets, hee treats us very generously with 2 Bottles, both coulours, of good wine, and venison. I deliver to him Mr. Ashtons 7 Guineas.

12 A most delicate warm and springing day. I write to Mr. Lambert and to my cozn. Holt. I write with Mr. Bennet, to Mr. Ashton and promise to wait on him in a month. After prayers, at Mr. Hodgsons Shop and in Books. About 9 Mr. Roberts returns from Warrington with Account of Mr. Leghs good disposicion to peace, his generous behavior to him. And of Mr. Shaws peevish reflections on the Chancellor his joining with Lord Warringtons Interest, and his promoting a parish meeting an Assessment to defend a suit, yet suspended by Mr. Legh, against him. I recreate, fully, in Spencer and a pint of Dyson.

13 A cool and springing day. In the News the Regency and parliament agree. In Books variously. After noon my cozn. Peake & his Lady visit us. In the Evening in a brisk Air take 2 Turns on roodee and at 7 recurr to Spencers Fairy Queen and a pint of Dyson.

14 I proceed early 2 Cantos in Spencer. I pay Wm. Mercer for 12 Tonn of Coals leading to the Boat and Boatage 4^{li}:8^s:0, City Duty 10^s, Toll 1^s, to the Boatmen, for

leading the coals from the Boat 12^s, for carrying them in 3^s.(5^{li}:15^s). To Mr. Crane for Shoo's 7^s:6^d. About 7, to the Yacht where Bennet, Jack and I drink 3 pints. I treat 3^s.6^d, a fine day.

15 I stay at home and proceed in Jenkins. Dr. Thane dines with us. I receive a Letter from Mr. Smith, telling hee is to take the oaths and subscribe the Articles before the Bishop before hee signs the Deputations. The News tells that the Regency has made Lord Derby Lord Leiftenant of Lancashire. At Evening prayers. After a very great shower (tho short), I set to my pint of Dyson and proceed in Jenkins till 9.

16 A glorious warm day. I write to Mr Lambert and inclose Mr. Smith's Letter to him. Mrs. Dennis brings mee an Account thus, vidt. 3 Quarters of years rent due Michaelmas next 4^{li}:10^s. Out of which deducting for teaching the 2 Boys for 3 Quarters ending Michaelmas next, 1^{li}:10^s, for the sinking a Cellar 1^{li}:3^s:6^d, so there remains (which shee pays) due at Michaelmas next 1^{li}:17^s:6^d. I read out the 1st Book of Spencer of Holiness. About 7 Dr. Thane calls, Hee, Jack and I go to the Yacht, wee have 3 pints, part past 9.

17 Another glorious day; something of busienes in the morning. Henry Waring a blind mendicant poet sends mee his printed poems with a splendid cover and Dedication. I send him 2^s:6^d. I receive by the Carrier orders to alter the prayers with the pen according to the occasion, and pay 1^s. I receive from Mr. Watkinson for 7 Licences and Bonds, 6^{li}.17^s:8^d. About 3, Jack and I go to Christleton to visit Mr. Townsend. Hee receives us gently with 2 Bottles of white wine, wee stay till 7 and gallop home.

18 After some busienes and having paid 1^{li}. to Peggy Birchall and 1^{li} to Lydia towards mourning, Jack and I set out after 10 and in a propitious day come to Oulton before 1. Here wee find Mr. Robert Cholmly and 2 sons of Mr. Wilbraham, High Sherifff. After dinner and a Glass, Mr. Egerton takes and entertains us with good wine and Beer at St. Peters Well. Thence wee go to [Calashy] to the stable of the Coursers, see 6 if no great figure or price. After supper another Bottle, wee part before 11.

19 In a fine morning wee rise about 7, walk about the stable paddock, Gardens, drink Tea, & leave Oulton (3^s) about 9. Thence the company gos to Crabtree Green, here wee see three of the six horses sweat. Mr. Egerton urges Jacks stay. Mr. Cholmly all along indolent. Wee part about 11 with the company and return well home (D.G.) before 2, dine about 3. After a little walk and a pint Bottle of Dyson to bed about 10.

20 The News takes no good aspects yet makeing Duke of Marlborough Generall of all the Forces. Our dinner is a mullet of 5^{li}. and an ounce and a venison pasty. Dr. Thane is our Guest, stays and drinks a Glass of Dyson. After prayers I take 2 Turns on roodee. Mr. Callys's case from the difficulty of Urine, reported and lamented, as desperate. I divert in Shakespear and pint of Dysons Claret.

21 I write to Mr. Marsden and inclose the Contents of the Bishops Letter to Mr. Richmond. I go further in Shakespear 6 vol. Mr. Ottey (the painter) dines and, after, drinks a Glass with us. After prayers Jack and I go to Mr. Hodgsons, wee 3, thence, go to the Bacchus, drink 2 pints and ½ of wine and part about 9.

22 Mr. Oliver has a sermon in the Quire, on psalm 4.6. The News brings the King

this day to Utrecht. I proceed in Dr. Jenkins's reasonableness and certainty of Christian religion. I take 2 turns on roodee, where a small shower overtakes mee about 7. Thence, to my pint of Dyson.

23 A cool morning threatening not letting down, rain. Wee invited drink at Mrs. Plumleys coffee and Tea in plenty. Instruments are prepared and Mr. Owen Lloyd presented to Worthenbury (Jeffrey with him) goes to Mr. Chancellor (now at Speak) for Institution. I write and inclose to Mr. Whiteall a Commission to Mr. Jones, to swear Mary Jenkins Executrix to her husband 13^s. In the Evening, invited, Dr. Thane, Jack and I go to Mr. Hodgsons. Hee is dissatisfied in his Claret which proves old and foul. I betake mee to his good Ale, wee part about 9.

24 St. Bartholomew, a delicate day. After morning prayers read Shakespeares Romeo and Juliet. This News seemes to defer the Kings coming. After Evening prayers, divert in the Town & in books. And over a pint of Dyson read the Life of Godfrey, the Allegory and 1st Book of Tasso.

25 The weather threatens but recovers, a glorious complexion. I read Shakespear's Timon of Athens. My Hay (vidt 3 Tunns and 3 Hundred old Hay) for which I am to pay Mr. John Ince, at 2^s the C[wt], 6^h:6^s:0 is gott in. The Charge to the Carriers amounts to 5^s. I prepare for the journey tomorrow.

26 In a fine day I sett out, Jack with mee, about 10. Wee come to Norton about 1, the desert on the Table. Sir Thomas and Lady Brook receive us with great Civility, while wee are lead about the house, and to the top of the Towr, a dinner (wherein 2 partridges) is provided for us, wee drink a glass of wine & old Beer till 5. Set forward and come (the Golborn way) late in the dark about 9 to Wigan.

27 After Evening prayers at Ann Tootells with a Gentleman from Mrs. Bell about Stalmine. Sir Ed. Chisnall calls on mee here about Coppull Chapell, continue here with the Rector, Mrs. Holt, Boyer &c till 9.

28 About 9 in a fair day the Rector, Mr. Holt, Jack and I go with Greyhounds to Holland, begin to beat near the Stony brow, go thoro the Rough park Ground, the Broom Feild park, whams and wood. I have both great pleasure and pain, in recollection of the early, and reflection on the later, part of my Life. Jack finds a Hare set, in a Close lately Mr. Robys, wee pass on to the Ayrfeild, and see a Hare too near the wood, returning, a small Hare is started and killd. Wee dine at the Owl where the shott surmounts 10^s. I pay 4^s, wee return to Wigan about 8. I deliver (in itinere) 2 Licences to Mr. Watkinson.

29 Mr. Aldersey has a sermon in the morning, Mr. Bowyer after Noon. Mr. Aldersey and his Lady invited last night, dine at my cozn. Holts. In the Evening at Ale with Mrs. Walmesley, Owens &c.

30 The Rector, Mr. Holt, Mr. Markland and his son, Jack and I go a Coursing towards Standish Wood, a Hare is kill'd and sent for part of the dinner at cozn. Holts, where the Rector and Mr. Markland share of it. In the Evening wee meet with above 20 Burgesses at Winstanleys on Lord Barrimores Account, drink his health, stay 2 hours and return to my cozn. Holts. Jack this day finishes the 24 year of his age.

31 My Suzy's Letter acquaints mee that Mr. Brett dy'd on Sunday about 6 at Night, & going to take a Horse, I call at Tho. Rigbys and am told that my cozn. Carter dy'd there this morning about 9. These mortalities affect mee. Wee set out

after 10. Wee turn by Mr. Hilton of Park, his Hall, and see the Northern Wing now added, the rearing to bee kept next Thursday. About 2, in our way, wee call on Mr. Seddon, near Kearsley Moor, Mr. Mort and his brother are just enterd the House, before us. Mr. Seddon receives us with tolerable Ale and 2 Bottles of Mr. Dysons port, wee stay 2 hours, proceed and come to Mr. Ashtons, the Deyne, about 6. Hee receives us freely, wee have a convenient Supper and a Bottle.

SEPTEMBER 1 After morning prayers, wee go to the Church, view the west end where they design to erect a Gallery. Dr Holbrook comes hither and dines with us. After wee drink strong Beer and a Bottle of Claret. I am more affected with a difficulty of hearing and a concern to write to the ArchBishop about Waverton. After supper and Evening prayers, over 2 Bottles, I acquaint Mr. Ashton with the ArchBishops munificent Favor to Jack in the offer of Waverton and a prebend. Hee intimates his advice by saying that hee would, in such Circumstances, accept of them.

2 The domestic Exercise of Tea, dancing, musick and prayers go on, to Dinner. After that, and mountain wine, Mr. Ashton and I walk up (a sharp showr not hindring) near a mile into a fine prospect, especially towards Cheshire. Not long after, supper is set to most of the family, after that succeed prayers and 2 Bottles finish the day.

3 After Tea and the other offices, a walk and Dinner at which 2 Gentlemen from Rachdale. After which Ale and wine. I apply to a Letter to the ArchBishop which with difficulty I finish, but with more ease, write to my S. and recreate after 9 in a Bottle.

4 A rainy morning determines my not going hence today. After the Oeconomy, which is regular and plentiful, in a larg Family. About 5, Mr. Ashton and I go to Heaton, Mr. Egerton receives us in a roome neglected, with Ale and wine. Wee ride back and in the Evening, repeat our Custom and Bottle.

5 A fair day succeeds the rainy. Wee go to Prestwich Church where Mr. Scholes (the Curat) has his sermon in the Forenoon and Mr. Ashton a good Discourse after noon. Mr. Pigot and his eldest son and Mr. Richard Langton dine with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Egerton and those Gentlemen drink a Bottle of wine and Ale in the Even. After 9 wee resume the Bottle of Mr. Bennetts wine, and part at the usual hour, about 12.

6 After Tea gratificacion and valediction to Mr. Ashton, wee set out about 11. In a fair day and fine Ayr, come hungry to Hart Comon, call on Mrs. Hart, find half of a roasted Goose, nor hot nor cold, shee generously invites, our stomachs with pleasure receive the dull Fare. Mrs. Harwood treats with Tea, wee part, come to Wigan about 5, Mr. Lambert returnd from Gloucester, enters the same moment, wee meet in a company at Mrs. Tootels and advance a reckoning in good Claret above 10^s.

7 Mr. Lambert comes and drinks Tea with us, shews mee his Deputacion which hee receivd from my S. and is well pleasd with the manner of procureing it. After dinner my cozn. Holt, Jack and I go to Winstanly, find the house empty'd to Garswood and Mary Greens, here, wee find the Club, Mr. Banks, Birchall, Wally and Orrell. I speak to Mr. Wally on Mr. Morgans Account, wee stay an hour, return to Wigan about 7. After a troublesome difficulty in my hearing, begun on &

aggravated since the 27th of June, I am D.O.M.G. very sensible of the recovery of that sense.

8 About 8, it raining sometimes sharply, I go to Holland, down the Red Bank, to the lower Bank, see there some repairs, go the Bank way to the Ayrfeild, I see the well now wall'd about, not yet full. I speak to John Walmsley who promises mee 10^{li}, part of his rent at Michaelmas. I return to Wigan before 12. After a venison dinner ended, My cozn. Holt, after above the time of 4 years confinement, makes an experiment in rideing, gets up behind Robert, trys how near to the Church shee can perform a journey, pays her visit to her Aunt Green and returns, to the admiration of the neighbor spectators, with good success. After this a Company to the number 8 meet at A. Tootels, tell alternate Storys and carry the reckoning to 11^s.

9 About 9, equipt and ready to mount, wee are prevented by rain, wee return to my cozn. Holts, after dinner Hee and Mr. Bowyer bring us to Ashton, where a notable match betwixt a Gray horse and a small Bay mare is briskly perform'd tho the Mare with ease has victory dureing the race, and the way to Warrington where wee come about 8, it raind without intermission. Wee dry, refresh our selves and go to repose about 11.

10 About 8, set hence in a showr, the Cloud letting down Showrs round us and find foamy proofs in the way, and yet come (save a few showrs) very dry and D.O.M.G. very safe to my corner to dinner. Here I meet with another most kind Letter from the ArchBishop of York and others of Busienes. After prayers I step to see my Mare and Colt. After, return with cheerful Gratitude, to my domestic Bottle. I compute the Charges of this journey to 3^{li} beside the hire of Jack's Horse 12^s.

11 Apply to the Letters received in my absence and to Busienes. After dinner repose, after prayers and a Turn in the town, to my Corner and domestic pint.

12 At the Church where Mr. Henchman has a sermon in the Quire before and Dr. Fogg in the parish Church after Noon. The News prognosticates dismal Confusion among the Northern Crowns. It concludes the King arrivd a week ago at the Hague. I dip in Sulpicius Severus till the domestic pint run out.

13 I write and represent my Gratitude to the ArchBishop. I write to my cozn. Parre, to Mr. Vaudrey for stamps, and to Mr. Walley about Mr. Morgan. I pay Mr. Boucher on Account 5 Guineas. I recollect from the 26 of August this Ephemeris to this day over a pint of Dyson.

14 A fair and warmer day. Sir Ed. Chisnal, Mr. Pigot of Manchester and his son drink Tea with us this morning. The News confirms the Kings being at the Hague, and gives Account of great preparacion for his recepcion. Apply to Busienes. Invited, go about 6 to the Funeral of Mr Langton of the Suger House. Mr. Kirks has a good and affectionate discourse. Hee, on his Character, tells that hee left 20^{li} per A for ever, to Broughton Chapell and 100^{li} to the Charity School in Chester. After the interment, which was about 9, I go to my Suzy at Lady B's where wee (with Dr. and Mrs. Thane) drink a Bottle (Flask) of French Claret, and part about 11.

15 A more delicate day. I pay Mr. Patten of Liverpool Capt. Tarletons Bill upon mee, 21^{li}:16^s:0^d. I about 10 meet and drink Coffee with Sir Ed. Chisenal at the Chancellors. After write to my Lord Bishop the ArchBishops offer to Jack and, at

larg, beg his Favor, Countenance and Interest, in continuing him in the Studentship, and in Christ Church. Dr. Griffith and Mr. Beatus Ottey dine with us. After dinner I take a walk over Iron Bridge in the Feilds on this side Blacon, the Air very sweet and serene for an hour and half. About 6 go to the Bacchus where Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Mrs. Kendric, Sewell, Allen, Proby, Jack and I over good French Claret stay 3 hours, pay 1^s:6^d a man & part about 9. On the 13th I received 10^{li} from Mr. Roberts sent by Mr. Moulding.

16 Another as delicate day. I read a pamphlet, The difficulties and discouragements which attend the reading of the scriptures, supposd to bee writ by Dr. Clark. I pay Mr. Chapman, on Account, 1^{li}. I write to Dr. Stratford, fully acquaint him my Lord ArchBishops offer to my son, desire his Favor & interest in continuing the Studentship to him and in getting time to stay in Christ Church till hee is fitter for his charg. Mrs. Ellen Richardson dy'd the 13, is much lamented & this night decently buryd. In the Evening turn Watson over my pint of Dyson.

17 A foggy morning succeeded by a serene day. Q.B.E. about 9 Jack and I go to Warton, see the new building, Glebe and appurtenances, enquire after the valu and find both Tiths and Glebe about 140^{li} p.A. Wee return about 12. After dinner (vidt after 3) take a walk beyond Blacon to the extent of 1 mile and half, in a most pleasant serenity; I make some deviacions, return about 5. After refreshment Jack and I go to Mr. Bennets, wee sitt down to 2 Bottles. Mr. Kemp and Charlton come to us, Kemp diverts us with comical Stories and mimicry of the Irish past 10. 1^s:7^d.

18 The report of my sons Nominacion to Warton is so public, I think it time to acquaint Mr. Chancellor with it and do so. Hee advises to embrace the kind ofir. From his home to the Coffee house. After noon (about 3) I go thoro Blacon demesn to Soughall, pass Mr. Gamuls and [?Doe's] Houses, return thoro now fair green Lanes, am for some time, tho the walk pleasant, at a loss; at last come into the Neston road above Wellington, return pretty weary about 6. After go to Dr. Thanes, Jack with mee, they entertain us with hansom congratulacion and 2 Bottles of Claret till 10.

19 A fair brisk day, only one paper dimmly says his Majesty is landed, all hourly expect him to the Court. I resolve and I hope cum Deo to send my son Ken with his brother to a Grammar School in Christ Church, Oxon. Wee drink at Alderman Partingtons. Dr. Fogg preaches twice to day (in the Choir and St. Oswalds). Several Freinds come to congratulate us about Warton. The Bishop of Derry with Mr. Hurleston and Mr. Massie, call on us. After, I over a pint of Dyson read some Chapters in Grails Sacra Privata.

20 At early prayers in a fair morning. After to Busienes. I write to Mr. Smith my principal to acknowledge the favor and Honor of his Deputacion, to Mr. Commissary and Mr. Fenton to acquaint them of the day of the Ius patronatus at Lancaster. A company (not great) out of town among whom Jack & myself meet the High Sheriff, Mr. Wilbraham, near the Glass House, thence attend him to his recepcion of the 2 Judges Jekill and Jeffryes on Saltney, wee return home about 6. I recurr to my pint.

21 St. Matthews day. The News of the Kings arrival at Greenwich about 6 at night Saturday is proclaimd by the Bells and vulgar joy. After early prayers I take 4

Turns (Mr. Sewell is with mee 3 of them) on Roodee. I hear some grave and plain parts of Mr. Gibbons his sermon before the Judg. I dine with Mr. Wilbraham the sheriff in a company not well chosen about Aequilibrions of Whig & Tory. After the rest receded Sir Tho. Brook moving mee, I stay with him and the Sheriff whose indisposicion Hypo-melancholy prevails with him to stay from the Court. About 5 I part with them, the evening tempts and the entertainment perswades. I take a walk (Ken and Will with mee) as far as the new house of Blacon. After over a pint of Dyson divert in Shakespear King Lear.

22 I proceed in Shakespear and do nothing but divert. About 3 I sett out, pass thoro the larg Demesn and by Saughall go to the Sea Side, a pleasant ayr and prospect. I return after a walk which I compute of about 5 miles. About 6 a clock Lady Bunbury comes over & staies with us. I deliver her the purse of Gold shee (going for London) left with mee. Over my demi pint, I end K. Lear, who Prideaux saies was a Brittish K. of the Trojan race A.M.3 [illegible].

23 First Court of this Term. I prepare for it, it is easy of dispatch which is gratefull to mee indisposd. I repose and, after, recreate in Spencers Othello and a pint of Dyson.

24 The Letters bring larg Accounts of his Majesties Arrival on Saturday, and of his Royal Entry into the City on Munday, but this Glory is eclips'd by the great and shocking alterations on the side of the Whigs, and the undeserv'd Honor hee conferrd on Mrs. Vanbrugh, Pickering, Dunbabin. Bather and Cross go to Warton to take their observation of the defects of the Manse. Alderman Partington and Sawyer follow them. At 5 Jack and I meet them at Pickerings, the whole Architecture is discust till 9. The Ale here amounts to 3^s. Alderman Partington spent on the workmen 3^s at Warton. Not well, I send for a pint of white wine. I divert the impression of the Changes with the admirable Fancys of Shakespear in Antony and Cleopatra.

25 The weather grows cold and high, not yet wett. Some persons from Warton see us with congratulacion and good wishes, so dos Aunt Peck. I can't forbear Spencer but read the 4th Tragedy (this week) Cymbeline. After noon Turn Mr. Holmes Heraldry. In the Evening return to my pint of Dyson. I write to Mr. Robinson of St. Michael for the Lay part of the Jury to be at Lancaster 29 Oct.

26 A very sharp but fair day. The News startles and amazes us with the suddain chang of all the great officers about the Court. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in St. Oswalds in the Afore noon, His Curat Mr. Calkin after noon. I receive today the B. Sacrament in order to qualify mee for my new Deputacion. In the Evening, a Letter from the new Kt Vanbrugh of the King's recepcion of the Whig lords and rejection of Ormond, Oxford and Bromley [?writ] with his partiality is a melancholy Entertainment. I go on in Graile and support my mov'd spirits with a pint of Dyson.

27 In a fine serenity after early prayers, I take 4 Turns on roodee. After dinner rather seeking for Books in my Library than reading. At 6 upon his Invitacion go to Mr. Hultons. Hee entertaines mee with one Bottle to which his son comes in and ampullous discourse yet draws meanly in busienes, which hee desires (with his Ay) mee to qualify to the Chancellor. I pay for Linnen to accomodate Ken 1^{li}.6^s.0.

28 After early prayers the News advance our Fears and Surprizes with fresh

Accounts in the Ministry to a great degree. Nor Busienes nor study proceeds. In the Evening to give motion to our Blood and Spirits Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Mr. Elcock, Proby, Lees and Moss (of Manchester), Mr. T. Wainwright, Jack and myself meet at the Bacchus about 6. The alteration of the Ministry is chiefly our malady, our wine near a Bottle each the cure.

29 After early prayers a fine morning tempts, and the dull news presses, to Roodee. I take 4 Turns. Mr. Pickering and the rest of the Artificers subscribe their Accounts of the defects of the parsonage House of Waverton, which amount to 113^{li}:12:10^d. Wee agree on necessary things to be don there in the Vacancy. I receive (by R. Southworth) from John Cross who received it from John Walmesley 10^{li}, on Account of his rent with which I pay Mrs. Kenna for timber, 9^{li}:10^s. and 12^s:6^d. for Jacks horse into Lancashire. Mr. Loxam (whose son is Candidate to Stalmine) calls on mee, from Mr. Bell, I attend him to the Chancellor and procure him ease in his despair of Success. About 3 Mr. Loxam, Swerbreck and I go to the Bull and Dog. Wee have 2 Bottles of French Claret & 1^s. in Brandy. Mr. Loxam handsomly treats with acknowledgment of my endeavors to serve his son. The weather alters to rain, I come home before 5 stay & dip in Books till 10.

30 A rainy morning, at early prayers. I write a Letter in behalf of Mr. Loxam for Mr. Clayton to subscribe and send to my Lord. A Court day easy in Busienes. After dinner inclin'd to repose. In the Evening, Mr. Chancellor, ArchDeacon, Bunbury, Mather, Kendric and I meet at the Bacchus, pleas'd with the wine wee carry it up to 2^s a peece and 9 a Clock. I pay Mrs. Sara Swerbreck for sugar 1^{li}:2^s.

OCTOBER 1 A cold morning after a rainy night. The News carrys on the Alterations here and in Ireland. I dip in Caesar Commentaries and read the story of Divitiacus and Dumnorix. I send Mr. Shaw by Mr. Fairclough 6 Licences and 6 Bonds, the one of these is paid for, therefore hee is to account for 5. I receive from Mr. Stratford the Fees for 7 Institucions. I prepare Mr. Aubrys Certificate & my own about the Examinacion of Mr. Wilcox & Willoughby by Commission from York. End the Even in Domestic Dyson.

2 I read the 1st Books of Caesars Commentaries, I write to my Lord Bishop about Warton and Stalmine, and to the Chancellor of St. Asaph about the Correction. After prayers, Mr. Aubry and I certify the Examinacion of Mr. Wilcox & Willoughby. In the Even Mr Str. treats Mr. J. Wainwright, Jack & I at the Bacchus with each his Bottle.

3 Indispos'd stay at home in Books in the Forenoon. At St. Oswalds, afternoon. After prayers Jack and I go down to Mr. Bennets and see Mr. Marsden. I read the 2 First sermons of Industry in General by Dr. Barrow and this over Domestic pint.

4 In a moist morning at early prayers. I write, by Mr. Roberts, to Mr. Moulding and to my Cozn. Parre. Mr. Roberts pays mee on Account 5^{li}. I pay a Note of Roberts 8^s. Afternoon at W. Willoughbys with Mr. W. Massie, who sollicites mee on the behalf of J. Wright to bee Curat at Warton, which indeed to grant or deny is ingratefull to mee. In the Even, Jack and I go to Mr. Hodsons, Mr. Prescott Cheesmonger comes in. Wee go to the Bacchus, drink our pint of Claret, part at 9.

5 After early prayers I fall into Caesar, reach the 5th B[ook]. At the Coffee house, where the Letters settle a new Council whereof York, Nottingham, Anglesey

and London 4. The Changes, especially in Ireland, are amazeing. Mr. Richardson sees us after dinner. I look after the clearing the drain by the House in the Abby Court. In the Evening the [?Chad] entertainment is at length had at the Bacchus at the motion of Mr. Mather. Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Halton, myself and our 3 sons, Mr. Mather & Dr Thane. Bad Sturgeon and good Anchovies are added to the French Claret. The matter proceeds & ends cheerfully.

6 After Elixir more easy. I sitt from 11 to 3 to have my picture corrected by Mr. Otley. I proceed in Caesar and read the 7 prodigious Book and part of the 8th. Recreate in my domestic pint.

7 After early prayers finish the 8th B[ook] Belli Gallici. A Court day of small Busienes. After noon Jack and I visit Mr. Clayton whom wee find yet under the effects of his late palsy. Returning, Mr. Dyson takes mee to his Cellar where wee drink a Glass of his white port. After, with my S. go about 6 to Lady Bunbury, tis hopd her son Charles has past a desperate Crisis (the 12 day too) in the small pox. They sup, I drink Claret, wee stay past 10.

8 After early prayers see the News which carrys on Alteracions. I enter on the 1st Book de Bello Civili (tho indisposd) with pleasure. Jack and Dick Puleston dine with us. I repose an hour, and after fix on the Jury for Ius patronatus of Lancaster. I in the Evening join my pint to Caesar and finish the 1st Book.

9 After early prayers, I begin and finish the 2^d. Book de Bello Civili. I write to Mr. Commissary about the Jury, fixt and process ready for Lancaster. After noon stomacho laborans I take a walk thoro Blacon demesne and Mr. Gamuls Feilds to the sea side, return about 5, recreate over a Glass and begin the 3^d book de Bello Civili.

10 Stay at home the Forenoon, read intently in sacra privata. At St. Oswalds after noon where Dr. Fogg preaches. After prayers take 2 Turns on roodee. Mr. and Mrs. Elcock visit us. The Evening after bestowd in Dr. Barrows Sermons. A pint of Dyson at the last.

11 A delicate morning, at early prayers. Mr. Roberts and Jeffrey go to a Court at Malpas. I apply to the remaining part of the 3^d Book de Bello Civili and finish it. Coll. Pigot of Dysert in Queens County visits, stays dinner and longer with us. Hee discourses plainly a great aversion to Sir Constantine Phipps and the late Mayor and to bee completely the Ch. Whig. To relieve my indisposicion I take my walk and in Mr. Gaunts Feild see a Hare pursud by 3 Greyhounds, shee escapes. I take the fine air by the sea side and return about 5, I pretty weary refresh in a pint of Dyson.

12 After early prayers to Books and Busienes, to the news which entertains with the same accounts of alterations. About 2 my S., Jack, Ken and I sett for Warton, wee see the House and the Church, the Bells are set to ring which wee indevor to hinder. Wee go to the Clerks (William's) house & tast sordid Ale which and that to the ringers amounts to 2^s:6^d. Mount at 5, the full moon appearing, return home about 6, where I end the Even with a domestic pint.

13 My yong cozn. Markland calls early on us, stays and drinks Tea with us. A Court is held today for the Deaneries of Chester and Wirrall. The Dean and Chapter and Clergy subscribe a good Address to the King. After the ArchDeacon and some other of the Clergy wait on Sir Constantine Phipps returnd from Ireland.

Jack dines with the Churchwardens & others of Warton. After dinner I go to them, they drink hard and pass their rude Jests round. Wee stay with them till 5. I end the Evening in Schowarts Observacions, intermitted a while by Dr. Thanes visit & a pint.

14 The weather yet calme and fair, after early prayers I write to Mr. Lambert and inclose a Note of Summons to Mr. Crosby, to Mr. Ashton of Prestwich my Thanks on Account of Jacks affair and about a process for his Galery. A Court of very few Assignacions, it turns rainy about 10. I pay Dr. Fogg for the Chapter seal for the Confirmation of the Registrars patents 3^{li}:6:8, to the Collectors of the Land Tax for Mr. Dennis's house 4^s:6^d. After prayers, indispos'd in my stomach. I go to Mr. Bennet as my Freind and phisitian. I tell my case. Hee generously prescribes and treats mee with a Bottle of Noble old Hoc (which hee calls Aurum potabile). I return home before 7 & write to young Mr. Manley of Erbistock.

15 After early prayers in a fine calm day, After 9 Mr. Stratford and I sett out to Wrexham; come to the Court sate for Corrections near 12. A Court of Instances succeeds. After dinner the Chancellor and I are with the vicar. In the Evening I examine 3 Wittnesses on Roberts Will. About 9 Mr. Moulding and I drink our Bottle of Claret & so to bed.

16 In the morning I examine Mr. Ed. Williams, I visit and drink Tea with Mrs. Moreton and Coffee at the office. Mr. Moulding accompts with mee to this day, and pays mee the Balance 11^{li}:8^s:2^d, my charges here come to 7^s. About 11 Mr. Lewis and I set out, hee tells mee in the way of 2 Sine Curas (Northop one of 'em) now in the Bishops hands. I return D.G. safe home before 1. Mr. Lewis dines with us. After, Mr. Townsend and Mr. Bretherton drink a Bottle of wine with me. Mr. Thomason bestows the Emblem of Faith and, in his shield, the Creed in Greek curiously writ by him.

17 The weather still fair yet dull. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Quire. The News brings the princess of Wales and 2 young princesses come to St. James on Wedensday. After Even prayers, Jack and Ken take leave with Freinds and prepare for their journey. I write by Mr. Hurst to my Lord of Chester. Mr. Glascour calls on, & imparts to, mee my Lord Angleseys Letter, and in it a very good Character of Mr. Cholmley, as member of the House of Commons. After 9 wee talk over a pint of Dyson.

18 A very rainy morning. After early prayers, I write a full Letter to my Lord of St. Asaph first congratulatory for his Translacion to Ely. I give him an Account of the ArchBishops favor to Jack & venture to beg his further Bounty in a Sine Cure. I pay for a pair of shoes for Ken 2^s:4^d, For Tea for Jack 4^s:6^d. I give Jack 12 Guineas as 5 for the arrears of the last and the rest for this Quarter. I pay 15^s for the hire of his Horse. Mr. Wainwright, Jack and Ken (Q.B.E.) set out ½ hour after 2 for Oxon, tonight to Namptwich. After Even prayers a short walk and at 6, meet Dr Thane and Mr. Bennet at the Ship where wee cheerfully drink 4 pints of good white port and part after 9.

19 After early prayers, the News, Lord Guernsey made Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lancaster. I take 4 Turns on roodee. I pay for ½ years tax of the office 1^{li}. About 5 I take a vomit from Stevenson, the Operacion continues about an hour and ½, to bed (eas'd) about 8.

20 I am sensible of Ease from my vomit, keep at home all day. I write to my cozn. Parr and acquaint him of a search of Mr. Deans Will (not found) made for Mr. Searl of the Prerogative Office. I apply after dinner to busienes, the day favorable, great applicacion is made to celebrate his Majesties Coronacion this day solemniz'ed. To those who reduce their thoughts to the last raign and consider the partial proceedings in this, melancholy prospects are presented. In the Even with the Town is in their public Joy, I retreat to my Book & my pint. My Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Thane step to us, Wee wish God to bless the King with just understanding of the Government in Church and State and with a faithfull Council. I pay Mr. Crane for the Boys shoos 9s:4^d, to Mr. Edwards for Linnen for Ken 15s:4^d. Wee remove the Mare & Colt.

21 In a dull morning, to early prayers, I write to Mr. Loxam of Kirkham, pay for carriage of Jacks Box and Kens desk to London 4s. I write to Mr. Heywood of Warrington for Lady Bunbury and prepare for my journey. About 12 set out and come to Warrington about 5, I send to Mr. Heywood postmaster, speak for what I writt, 8 Bottles of his Medicin for the stone for Lady Bunbury. Wee drink a Bottle of Claret, hee tells mee of Mrs. Patten and Golborns behavior to Justice Blackburn and Mr. Shaw at the Bonfire on the night of the Coronacion.

22 It rains very fast, after it intermits, about 9 I set towards Manchester, the way deep & the river riseing. It rains, but at Barton and Eccles excessivly, Beyond Eccles ½ a mile I turn towards Prestwich over Edgcroft Bridg, a formidable passage, I come to Deyne before 1. A dinner is made on the occasion, Mr. Ashton entertains kindly with wine and freedom.

23 A fine bright day after very great rain. Mr. Ashton after prayers gos along with mee. Wee company at the Bulls Head about 12, wee dine, drink a Glass and have very small Busienes. In the Even I see Mr. Mosse at his House. Mr. Knipe comes in. After wee meet at Dr. Holbrooks, are entertaind with Mr. Shrigley, Ale and Lobsters. Ned Holt comes to see mee here.

24 It rains perpetually. After Elixir last night, I stay in my Chamber (save at dinner) all day. Ned Holt dines and, in the evening is with mee several hours, hee tells mee, deploreing the Case of Manchester School. I try him in Caesar Commentaries and Q. Curtius. Wee drink a pint of wine together, parting I give him 1s.

25 After all the night it continues raining. This creates apprehensions of waters and Floods which are advanc't more by imaginacion than the season. Mr. Chancellor (Mr. Hulton covering his own Fear and indulgence, perswadeing) resolves to balk Blackburn and go to Wigan, hee moves the matter to mee. I readily comply, wee set out about 10, come to Wigan about 2, have a shoulder of mutton and a woodcock presently prepar'd with savory Sauce. Mr. Bowyer comes to us. In the Even wee drink above our pints of good French wine at Mrs. Tootels, my cozn. Holt is gon to day to Lord Barrymore at Rocksavage.

26 I stay with quiet ease with my cozn. Holt, dine and stay with her till prayers, shee is very cheerfull. In the Even Mr. Hulton comes. A Club of the Town is held at Robert Finches. Mr. Chancellor and I are invited, hee is chosen Master of the next Club. About 7 Mr. Chancellor Aldersey, Hulton, Bowyer and myself slip away to Nanny Tootells where wee repeat our pints.

27 About 9 wee set out for Chorley and come there about 11, our company meet from Blackburn. Mr. Warren and Mr. Brook attend the Chancellor to the Chapell, whether out of Ignorance or Hardyness I kno not, shew the Chancellor the Galery built in contempt of his Monicion, hee owns it convenient but blames and protests against the violent manner of its Erection.²² Sir Ed. Chisenhal and the High Sheriff (Farington) are here in compliment & dine with us. After glasses round wee set hence about 3 and come to Preston, the Black Bull before 6. I lodg at my cozn. Jeffrey Prescotts.

28 St. Simon and Jude, the day of the Fair and of meeting of the Candidates for the Shire, Stanley, Bland and Shuttleworth and their Freinds, at which they differ. Stanley depends on his own, the others join their interest. About 10 the Chancellor, Commissary & their company set out, and come to Garstang (the Kings Head) about 1. Here wee have good mutton and a decent dinner. Mr. Robinson meets and dines with us, young Mr. Waite, Registrar, treats the company. Wee set out about 3 come safe to Lancaster (the Sun) after 6. Mr. Attorney General Starky and Mr. Harrison Recorder of Kendal are with us. Mr. Bell comes to mee here and the matter of Stalmine is freely discourst by us.

29 The morning cold and dull. After Tea about 11 wee go to prayers. After these, in the Chancel where a decent Tribunal is built, the Court is sate, the Commission read and the parties and Jury preconiz'd, some velitations had betwixt the Lawyers on both sides. But that of Toulson recedeing and consenting that a verdict pass for and Institution bee given to Fenton, his Lawyer Harrison opens the Case, produces the Deed of Purchase by Mr. Gibson. The Wittnesses are sworn and examind, the Jury 18 in number of Which Mr. Jackson Vicar of Tatham and Sir Edward Stanley Bart are cheif recede into the Vestry and presently return with their verdict to the Articles. The Court dismist. About 3 the Company on both sides, Jury, Lawyers dine at the Sun where a plentiful Entertainment. After the matter of Stalmine and that of the school of Preesal are discust before the Chancellor and Commissary, Mr. Bell present on the occasion. Mr. Chancellor grants Institucion and Induccion of the Vicarage of Lancaster to Mr. Fenton.²³ I draw a Bill of Costs which amounts to 35^{li}.5^s.4^d. Mr. Fenton pays only the half, 17:12:8, and I receive for the Institucion 1^{li}. After diversity of company and humors over & lastly with Mr. Loxam, I go to bed before 11. I receive at dinner my S.'s and Jacks Letters.

30 A brisk and delicate morning, attempts are made but in vain to have the other part of the Bill paid. After Tea and Coffee with Mr. Gibson and Farewel to our Freinds of Richmond wee (the Chancellor, Mrs. Stratford, Roberts, myself and servants) take horse about 10. I ride before & come to Garstange a quarter past 12, order a dinner. The company almost an hour after, wee dine and solace till 3. The Chancellor as all along indulgent and timerous, rides slow, the Moon favors his oscitancy and by its light, wee come into Preston after 6. My cozn. J. Prescott comes to us, drinks a Glass with us and I go with him about 9.

31 A fair day, wee are at the Church where in the morning the Curat, after noon

²² C.R.O., Bishop's Register, EDA2/4, f. 209.

²³ L.R.O., Exhibit Book 1716, f. 33.

Mr. Peploe has an excellent sermon. The Congregation frequent and decent. I dine with my cozn. Prescott and after dinner the Chancellor &c take a Glass of wine here. After Evening prayer, Mr. Bellingham invites the Chancellor, myself and others to his house, wee drink a few Bottles of what hee calls good wine. About 9 I return to my warm Lodging. D.O.M.G. This day my son John is admitted by the Archbishop of York to Deacons Orders at London.

NOVEMBER 1 About 9 in a fair morning wee set hence, meet Mr. Armetriding over against Werden, understand the H. Sheriff is not at home, proceed slowly as the pipe and timerous temper perswade, come to Wigan about 2. Another Shoulder of Mutton & Woodcock are prepar'd and eaten with Appetite. My Cozn. Holt comes, wee adjourn to Nanny Tootels, drink our pints and return to our Quarters before 9.

2 A fair day, yet recreate in my Quarters. I receive my sons Letter of his design'd ordination as on Sunday last Q.F.F.E.F.S. I dine with my cozn. Holt, Mr. Ashburner is there invited. After Evening prayer to which shee go's, my cozn. Holt visits Nany Tootel, after this the Clubb begins at R. Finches. The Chancellor chuses Mr. Walmesley his Successor. The Clubb over wee adjourn with the most of it to Nany Tootels, where the time is spent over good wine in very indifferent railery about the Titles us'd in the Clubb, Master and Governor of the Netherlands. I direct a pott of 17 woodcocks made up by my cozn. Holt to his Grace of York by Tho. Knowles who lodges at the Swan with 2 Necks in Lad Lane. I pay for the pott 14^s: 10^d, for the Carriage 3^s 1½^d.

3 A Court of Correccions held here. John Shaw pays mee 10^{li} and Matthew Molyneux 6^{li}, parts of this years Rent. John Shaw, his brother Wm, John Cross and I have a long & obstinate conference about the Rent of the Bank for the future (after this year). I indever to rase it even but 1^{li}, hee is stiff and will not advance above 44^{li} p.A. I at last consent hee shall hold it to the next year. The Busienes of the day, tho bustling, is not great. About 7 I return to my cozn. Holts, severer fitts than have hapnd for a year past seize her back, sides & stomach, they seem Hysterical and continue most of the night.

4 My cozn. Holts indisposicion stays mee after the company, vidt till 10 when (calling at Holland drinking a pint with my cozn. S. Prescott, having sett out) I come to Ormskirk about 12. Here the Busienes is small as in other places. I receive Mr. Richmonds Letter with intimacion of mony sent for 16 Licences by Mr. Baldwin his Curat, but hee brings it not. Hee says hee has 24 Licences to account for, desires some more, I send him 4. I step to Mr. Grices with my cozn. Hill, wee have some discourse (wherein hee keeps up an ayr of kindnes) about Eden Estate. Wee drink 3 pints, I return to my company (the wine & Ale sordid), punch is agreed on, after this to bed about 10.

5 Wee set hence about 9, keep the slow rate thoro the Good road and long miles by Bold. Wee come to Warrington about 2. A good dinner, mutton, wild duck & cocks presently prepar'd. Mr. Shaw calls and has his querulous sayings on the present difference about choice of Churchwardens. Wee while away the Even in Ale, wine, port. The day is solemnly kept here & in the way I pay Mrs. Ransom for a Gallon of Brandy sent mee as shee paies in 1711, 16^s:6^d.

6 After Coffee Mr. Chancellor, Hulton, Roberts and I set hence before 9, the day bright brisk & pleasant. Our rate is mended perhaps from the sense and inclination of the Animals wee ride. Wee come safe (D.O.M.G.) to our Corners before 1. After dinner I take a Turn to Mr. Hodgsons, from thence to my Corner and domestic pint.

7 I receive my son Jacks Letter of his designd return to Oxon, on Wednesday last. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon on the Occasion, in the Quire Sanctissimam Coenam recepimus Det D.O.M. vitam sancte, recte et sobrie vivere!²⁴ After dinner Sir Wm. Meredith sends for mee, I find my cozn. Peak with him. Hee is under apprehensions (as 6 years ago) of being H. sheriff, and desires mee to write to the ArchBishop on his behalf. I promise him. I stay till 5, return then home to my Corner, Book and domestic pint.

8 Mr. Roberts gos to a Court to bee at St. Asaph tomorrow. I write to Mr. Moulding by him to pay my sister Evans 4^{li}, which makes the former five pound 9^{li}. My Suzy in a Letter to Mrs. Pierrpont acquaints her of my having directed a pott of Woodcocks to the ArchBishop and to desire his acceptance of it. I desire and insert a paragraph in her Letter on the behalf of Sir Wm. Meredith. I apply to Busienes and after prayers to Tully's 1st Book de Inventionem Rhetorica over my pint. I compute all my expences in my late journey (besides the common Expenses) to amount to 3^{li}:1^s:10^d.

9 Mr. Edwards the Inspector of the Stamps comes, calls for a few files of the processes and Licence Bonds, write his name on the several sorts after he had perusd them & presently and civilly recedes. I wait on Mr. Whitehall ready to take Coach for Broughton, step to the Coffee house where further changes. A dull foggy but cold day. I finish the 1st Book de Inventionem and half of the review (by Dr. Brett) of the Lutheran principles, over my domestic pint.

10 The weather moist, not so cold. At early prayers, after these read out Dr. Bretts review. Coming from prayers I escape the rudenes and afront of young loose Gentlemen (Lea of Darnel, Davies of Man . . . , Cumberbach, Lloyd and others) who had [spent] the night and morning in debauchery and Riot. I walk to the Feilds beyond Hanbridg and returning, take 2 Turns on roodee. Apply to the 2^d Book de Inventionem, and in the Evening over my domestic pint, advance near the end.

11 A thick moist air darkens the morning. After early prayers finish the 2^d Book de Inventionem. I lend my man and horse to Mr. Crompton of Wrexham. Send by him to Mr. Thelwall a quarter pound Box of Portugal Snuff. I receive (by Mr. Roberts) from Mr. Moulding 16^{li}. with an Account that hee has paid my sister Evans 4^{li} (which makes it 20^{li}). Paid Mr. Pickering for work done at Waverton 4^{li}:6^s. I write to my cozn. Holt for a pott of Woodcocks for the Bishop of St. Asaph. After dinner I go with Jonathan Pickering to Alderman T. Partingtons Timber Yard & see 672 Foot of Board measur'd it makes 1 rood a half rood & 72 foot, and all at 2½^d a Foot comes to 7^{li}, the Boards being in Number 112. Wee have a Court, but of small Busienes. I write after prayers to my son and congratulate his Ordination. Over my pint, I pass to the 50 Sect. in the 1st Book de Oratore.

24 Trans: 'we receive the most Holy Supper. May God the best and greatest grant that [I] live [my] life piously, rightly and soberly'.

12 By mistake twixt the Moon and mist, the early prayers not till 7. The News still carries Alteracions. After dinner Wee wait on Sir Tho. Brook, hee nott at home, I call on and drink a Glass with Mr. Bennet in his Cellar. I pay the washwoman her Quarterage, 1^{li}.10^s. In the Evening, wee wait on Lady Bunbury, stay there past 10. I advance today to the 154 paragraph of the 1st Book de Oratore.

13 After a cold night a heavy heazy morning, wee go in it to early prayers. I write to Mr. Heywood of Warrington for 2 Bottles of his Medicin for the Stone. About ½ hour after 11, I in the Pentice produce a Certificate of my receiving the Sacrament, the 2 Wittnesses subscribd swear to the truth of it. I then take the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuracion, subscribe that of Abjuracion and the Declaracion of Transubstantiacion, Q.B.E. After dinner something of Busienes and Tully. After prayers about 5 meet at the Anchor Mr. Lownds and Wilkinson the witnesses to my Certificate. Mr. Stratford, Hodgson & Rymmer calld as Freinds, wee drink about 9 Quarts of Ale, I pay for it 3^s, wee part about 9. Fees at the Pentice 2^s.

14 The weather not clear but cold. Mr. Sudel has in the Quire a sermon on Ecclesiastes 11.8. Dr. Fogg preaches in St. Oswalds. After prayers I read out the Bishop of Cloghers sermon on 2 St. Peter 3.11, an excellent discourse. I turn parts of Dr. Nichols on the Common Prayer over my pint past 9.

15 At early prayers, the morning not very clear or cold. I proceed in & read out the 1st Book de Oratore. After Even prayers, I take a solitary walk in the streets, I call on Mr. Holland, wee go to the Ship and send to Mr. Bennet who comes to us. Mr. Thompsons Resignacion and my Lords difficulty to accept it are the matter of our discourse which over 4 pints of too strong white, carries us past 10, 2^s.

16 Indispos'd by the wine and time last night, I ly till 8. I dip in Books, the News affords still new changes. The Translacion to Ely is reviv'd and comes with Circumstances [?from] St. Asaph. After dinner repose an hour, refresht return to Tully. Dr Thane, about 6 interrupts mee, wee go to the Bacchus, hee treats with 2 pints. After 8, I return to Tully near 2 hours.

17 A delicate morning, wee go to early prayers. After these in Tully. I take Turns 3 & ½ on Roodee. After dinner dull, repose an hour. No sooner in Tully but interrupted by my cozn. Holt & Mr. Andlezarch from Wigan. My cozn. lodges with us. I write to my cozn. Parr.

18 After early prayers in dull and heazy weather, returnd, apply to the Articles against Mr. Sumner which are exhibited today in Court against him. I examine 4 Wittnesses on an Allegacion ex parte Frith. In the Even after 6 Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Thane, my cozn. Holt and I drink our pints at the Ship where Mr. Sumner repeats his answer. Mr. Stratford who drew it is calld in, which occasions pretty warm discourse upon the insufficiency and obstinacy of the Answer.

19 A fair morning arises. I pay Brittain 3^s. My cozn. Holts indisposicion of Gravel keeps him and mee within doors most of the day, and I make small progress in Tully. The public papers mention the Translacion to Ely, some tell the Dean of York, other Dr. Wynn principal of Jesus is to succeed him. After Noon wee visit and drink Tea with Lady Bunbury. About 6 wee go to the Ship, wee send and Mr. Bennet comes to us, wee drink 3 pints & stay till 9. I write to Mr. Aldersey and Mr. Bowyer. Wee sit up till 11.

20 The morning cold and frosty. After early prayers I write to Mr. Heywood and by my cozn. Holt send him 5^s for 2 Bottles of his Medicin to bee directed (with a pott of Woodcocks) to the Bishop of St. Asaph. After my cozn. gon, take 4 Turns on roodee. Indispos'd, repose an hour. After dinner, recreated, go to Evening prayers, after these proceed in Tully over my pint to Sect. 216.

21 The morning and day cold but not frosty. Mr. Oliver (in the Quire) has a good discourse on Epist. St. Jude 3, v. [*blank*]. The prints confirm the Translacion to Ely and succession of Dr. Wynn to St. Asaph. After dinner stay till Even prayers. After those wee visit Mrs. Thelwall and Midleton. In Books after over my pint of Dyson till 10.

22 In a dark, dull but calme morning, at Early prayers. I write (by Mr. Roberts) to my sister Evans. I write to my cozn. Holt, to direct the pott of Woodcocks and Medicin for the Stone to the Lord Bishop of Ely. After Noon Mr. Oliver comes and reads his Resignacion of the Vicarage of Audlem before mee.²⁵ Phillis the Filly is taken home from the Mare and I am inclin'd as well as perswaded to buy Mr. Willoughbys little Bay pad. After prayers to Mr. Hodgson shop where Dr. Thane making a silent recess. I return to Tully and my pint and advance to § 350.

23 Wee in a calm fair morning are at early prayers. I end the 2nd Book de Oratore. Mrs. Ann & Margaret Massie drink Tea with us. The News brings the King of Sweden post to the Rhine near Stratsburgh. I pay Mary Sharman a Huckster 1^{li}.5^s, to the Charity School due at All Saints 5^s. After noon about 3 My Suzy & I wait on Sir Tho. Brook and his Lady. Hee treats mee kindly with a Bottle of good Claret [*text damaged*] whence proceed in some busienes and Tully till 10.

24 A cold, not frosty morning wee are at early prayers. After in Books. I pay to Richard Ledsham slater for Tiering at Warton 14^s.6^d, To Alderman Partington for Dr. Stratford 1^{li}.11^s.6, To him for Mrs. Entwistles use 10^{li}. I write to Dr. Stratford and desire him to pay the 11^{li}.11^s.6. to my son. After dinner the Calkins, Father and son are with us about Affairs at Warton. I finish the Acts in the Transmission of Tonges Will inter Dickanson at Kenyon before the Delegates and make some progress over my pint in Tully till 10.

25 In a dark but calm morning at early prayers return to Tully. A Court today of small busienes and few Assignacions. I examine 2 Wittnesses in 2 Causes of Hignet contra Cooley.²⁶ After take a walk to and in St. Johns Churchyard. After I return to Books and desultory diversion in them over my domestic pint till 9.

26 Tis very clear going, but thick and foggy returning from early prayers. I proceed in Tully till 10, the News is of the same tenor. I pay Mr. Jackson for teaching the 2 Boys the last ½ year, to write, 1^{li}.8^s. To Mr. John Ince for six Tonns and three hundreWt of Hay at 2^s p.Cwt 6^{li}.6^s.0. After Even prayers I finish the 3^d Book de Oratore and begin over my Pint on the Orator, read to Number 20.

27 Indispos'd from sleep interrupted and fugitive, I ly till 8 in a thick misty morning. I make my Certificate of Tonges Transmission to the Delegates which consists of 27 Folios. I write to Mr. Ashton about his Faculty for the Galery in

25 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/16.

26 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1714) No. 6.

Prestwich Church, and to Mr. Ryley about his ordering a door to be broke thro the Chapell Wall. After dinner I take Elizabeth Huxleys Confession of her incestuous marriage, and I write to Mr. Morrey about his diverting Mr. Jenkinson from the Sacrament. I go to Tully and my pint and read in the Orator to num. 60.

28 The weather cold not clear. Mr. Marshall has a good discourse, deliver'd with the happy advantages of an excellent memory, decent gesture, an intrepid full and plaine pronounciation on 13 Romans 12, 13, part of the Epistle of the day 1st Sunday in Advent. Dr. Fogg has a good Sermon in St. Oswalds. The News brings the King of Sweden to Wismar after 7 years absence in Turkey. In the Even Mrs. Crompton & Farnworth come to see us. I turn Dr Nichols' Common Prayer over my pint.

29 In a mild yet cold and fresh morning, wee go to early prayers. Drink Coffee with Lady Bunbury. The News slow yet in the same trait. After dinner Mr. Holland calls on us. I draw Tho. Ormes his Confession and in the Evening over my pint carry on my progress in Oratore to Num. 103.

30 In a dark dull and cold morning, Wee go to early prayers it being St. Andrews day. After these, return 2 hours to Tully. This is the 36 anniversary day of my Lady Charlott (Cornwallis) her Nativity. Wee pay it the regard of a domestic Celebracion. Mrs. Massies and their Nephews Elcocks drink Coffee with us in the morning. I pay William Willoughby for the little Bay Horse 2^{li}. I pay to the Collector of the Parish poor tax 7^s. I write to my cozn. Holt and inclose the Articles against Sumner & his answer and to J. Cross by Mr. Ryley. In the Even at the Ship with Archdeacon Mr. Markham, Holland, Ryley, Stratford, Roberts, wee drink near our Bottles of good Claret, read and talk of Mr. Cholmleys printed case, part about 10.

DECEMBER 1 Indispos'd from the wine and time last night and the rainy morning concurring, I ly past 9. I pay Mr. Chapman on Account 10^s. I write to my son about the 11^{li}:11^s. paid for Dr. Stratford. After dinner repose an hour. After that draw the Sentence of the Nullity of the marriage betwixt Ormes and Huxley,²⁷ return to the Orator and over my domestic pint carry it to Nu. 188.

2 After a frosty night such a morning, tho this towards evening melts into rain. Indisposd I ly till 8. I write to Jeffry Prescott about the matter of Stalmine so long in suspence. The last Court day in the Term. A sentence read against the incestuous marriage betwixt Orme and Huxley. I after dinner examine 3 Wittnesses on Pages Will and whilst thus engagd W. Plumley after a short expectacion of the invited company is bury'd before prayers in St. Oswalds. After a short turn into the Town, I return to my pint and Orator.

3 After a stormy night with rain, a cold and wett morning. I retreat warm to comon Busienes and to Tullys Topica. The public papers bring nothing new or gratefull. After dinner Lady Meredith and Mrs. Ashton make a long visit here. After prayers and the Ladies receded, I over my pint read out the Topica and read to Num. 27 de Partitione Oratoria.

27 Ibid., No. 5.

4 A cold and stormy morning succeeds such a night. I rise about 7 and return to the partitio for 2 hours. I draw the Declaracion for Orms and Huxley, write to Mrs. Lambert for a pott of Charrs to Mr. Cholmley, to Mr. Baldwin to buy for mee 6 Books at the Auction in Liverpool. I send to Mr. Oliver to answer my Lord Bishops Queries about his resignacion of Liverpool. I pay Mr. Ward 8^s., part of my subscripcion to Mr. Fiddes B.D. his sermons and 5^s to Crane the shoemaker. In the Even over my pint I read out the partitioⁿ Or. and De optimo [*illegible*] Oratorum over my pint.

5 After a stormy Night a cold wett day. Mr. Henchman preaches in the Quire, Mr. Stones after noon in St. Oswalds, a Funeral discourse in respect (as said) to Wm. Plumley. After prayers my S. and I visit Mrs. Oldfeild and her daughter where the discourse runs on Mr. Cholmleys Treatment at Northwich 11 Nov. In the Even from Mr. Marsham, I receive Mr. C[hancellors] Letters to bee disperst with the addicional words in the prayer for the Royal Family. I answer his Letter and over good Books and my pint draw the time near 11. I receive Mr. Cholmleys private Letter directed to mee & read it.

6 Indulge in a cold wett morning till 8. I bring the Chancellor, Mr. Olivers answer to the Bishop, Mr. Cholmleys printed Letter directed to him and Mr. Morreys Letter to myself. I go to the Coffee House when Mr. Cholmleys case is menciond. After dinner see Mr. Gamul, hee tells mee Mr. Ralph Cholmley is at Edge, comes not to Chester but from Edge takes coach for London Munday next. After prayers at Mr. Hodgsons, Dr. Thane comes there. I mencion good Claret at the Ship se clam et opinato mihi subducit. I return to my Corner and over my pint to Tully de Claris Oratoribus.

7 In a fine frosty morning wee go to early prayers. After proceed in the Claris Oratoribus near 12. Take a step to roodee to see the new circular plantacion 34yds diameter now in dicing and fenceing about; thence to the Coffee house where no refreshment from the News. After Even prayers from Mr. Hodgsons, meet Mr. Bennet at the Ship, wee drink a Bottle of French Claret, part after 8.

8 A clear and brisk morning, I fall into Carradi Quaestura and something of Busienes preparatory to my jouny. After dinner near 3, I set out for Wrexham, the road frozen to hard and slippery. I come safe D.G. to Wrexham about 5. I order a Bottle of white wine carryd along go to visit Mrs. Moreton, that is put aside; shee treats mee with a Bottle of good French Claret. I stay till 10.

9 A cold and stormy morning. I visit my cozn. Eytons, drink freely Tea and Coffee. Thence to prayers, after these to the Consistory. Many Causes have easy floting assignacions. Two are adjournd to and (viva voce wittnesses examined) are determind by the Chancellor, that of Lowry Williams Will rather as Arbiter, at the Sun, after dinner. I examine after busienes and conversacion over, one Welsh Witnes. I visit Mr. Jo. Davies in a doubtfull state of Health at Brynn-y-Funan. After this Mr. Moulding and I (with the Lanlord) drink 3 pints (2 of red) at Mr. Fishers & thence to bed before 11.

10 The weather alters to Thaw. My Goddaughter Jane Waite comes to mee, I treat her with Biskets and a Crown 5^s. I visit and drink Tea with the younger sister Eyton. About 11 Mr. Price, Moulding, Hughes and I in a Storm go to Mr. Chancellor at his Vicarage house. Hee entertains us generously with a good dinner,

good Ale, very good Claret. These go round after dinner whilst the weather blusters. About 5, in a mixt storm, I sett hence; the Moon appears in minuit Intervals but is generally hid with floating Clouds upon it. I come safe easy and warm to my Corner (D.G.) about 7. Mr. Moulding paid mee this morning on Account 4^{li}.9^s.4. I reckon the Expences of this journey to 18^s.6^d.

11 A very cold morning after a snowy Night. I return to Tully sparsim, write to Mr. Hill about John Fazakerley. I pay for a Roll of Brawn at 10^d per pound from Salop with carriage 13^s.6^d and for 5 measures of new oates 7^s.6^d. Mr. Calkin dines with and gives us some Account of Warton matters. I begin the Orator pro[?Ligario] in the Forenoon and in the Even end it, over my pint.

12 A very severe Frost begins. Dr. Thane has a very good discourse against Pride, and Mr. Henchman in the parish Church after noon on [blank]. Betwixt this sermon and Even praye's the 2 Colls Sewell and Bentley, Mr. Allen and I go to Mr. Allens & drink 2 Bottles of Claret. After prayers wee visit Mrs. Wrigley, after Her Lady Bunbury and stay with her past 10.

13 The Frost continues very sharp. I write and inclose a Commission to swear Mrs. Morgan Administratrix to Mr. Walley and to my son now going up to the ArchBishop. I give my Suzy to pay for Tea and Coffee to be sent for by my cozn. Thelwal of Wrexham (2 Guineas) 2^{li}.3^s. Wee are put into some consternation from the suspicion smel and smoke of a lurking fire in the next house; they search, find and extinguish it. Mrs. Christian Jones comes and stays with us. Over my pint I proceed in Brutus.

14 The Frost dissolves. About 9 my Brother Partington calls, wee go to Warton, see the House and there the work, Stairs and Floors going on, wee view the Gardens & drink my own Tea at Mr. Calkins. Return home with the way melted and troublesom, wee come back about 2. I dine hungry on a Rabbit and in the Evening (over my pint) proceed in Brutus.

15 A moderate Frost this morning. I procure a Bill of 50^{li}, at 3 daies, of Alderman Murrey & Son, inclose it to my cozn. Parr with direccion to pay 40^{li} to the Registrar Mr. Smith, out of which is to bee deducted the Charges about the patents (13^{li}.1^s.2^d) and to keep the rest (vidt 23^{li} 1^s 2^d) on Account in his Hands. I stay within the whole dull day, repose an hour, in the Evening return fresh and proceed in Brutus over my pint to Num. 292.

16 The Frost is mildly relaxd. My sister Puleston and her 3 sons of Havod y Wern drink Tea with us. They acquaint mee (which I congratulate) of my Nephews design to purchase the Heltryes and the Sun in Wrexham. I write to Mr. Lambert thanks for the present of a pott of Charrs sent to Mr. Cholmley and in the same Letter I answer one from Mr. Crosby about Mr. Theobald & Jackson Curates of Grayrigg.²⁸ Mr. Hughs going to Mrs. Morgan (at Winstanley) calls on mee about 6, wee drink a Glass of wine; over the rest of the pint I read out Brutus. Mr. Greenfeild & Abigail Swift marryd.

17 A mild morning nor Frost nor rain. I go to the Coffee house where no News

28 L.R.O., Exhibit Book 1716, f. 33: Jackson was deacon at Chester 1711 and priest at Carlisle 1712. He was licensed to Grayrigg in 1714.

beside the whetting swords in the North; with the Havodywern family wee drink Coffee and Tea at Alderman Partingtons till dinner, wee come home. After noon in Busienes. After prayers I draw a rude draught of a presentacion to Warton, write and inclose it to my son, write to Jeffry Prescott about Mr. Loxam, both over my domestic pint.

18 A very mild morning dull without Fogg. I write to Mr. Hornby of Poulton and inclose a Form of Administracion and Bond de bonis non with a Will annex, and submit the Charg to him to bee paid to my coz. Jeffry Prescott. I write to my son and inclose the Form of presentacion to Warton. I pay Mall Partington for my sister Evans 13^s:6^d. and to Edward and Susan of Borrass for a pott of Butter weight 12^s. To Mr. Hodgson of Christleton for ½ years straw now (at Xtnas) due, 5^s. After Even prayers I go to Mr. Hollands, here the Chancellor desires mee to go with Judg Upton from Ireland and Mr. Allen to his house. Hee follows us, Entertains well with good Ale, strong white wine and Brown, the Judg is free, ingenious and gentle company, wee part about 10. Hee invites Mr. Allen and myself in to his Inn, the Coach and Horses, treats us with generous red calld Visny from Smyrna.

19 A fair calm day, not easy from the heat and quantity last night. Mr. Sudel has an unlimited and as hee told in his Exordium, a sound discourse on Gen. 42:21. Hee has strong & fantastic Apostroph. I repose after dinner. In the Evening, I apply to Dr. Nicols on the Liturgy till 10 over my bottle.

20 A fair clear morning. I read, with transport, Tully's Oracion pro M. Marcello. I write to Mr. Cholmley in Greek Street and desire him to accept of a pott of Charrs. I touch my own unhappiness in his long absence from Holford and that late public one in the Division of Freindships, in his country. I receive as from Virgula divina D.O.M.G. 60^{li}:19^s:4^d on Account. I pay Mr. Cook Grocer for my sister Evans 2^{li}:3^s. I write to John Cross, and to Mr. Fearnhead for 2 Quarters of Licences. I am prevail'd with to go to the play Committee with my S., the place is crowded and the best sort are in greater number. Tho the prophane use of scripture Terms lessen my expectacion and valu of it, the comical part well acted is very diverting. It is carryd on with a Farce of the Stage coach which is very mean & indecent, it ends at 10.

21 St. Thomas his Day, dull dispos'd to rain and warm. I receive a welcom Letter from my son D.G. After morning prayers to the Coffee-house where the Letter gives account of the Kings Direccions to the ArchBishops and Bishops about preaching on the Trinity and intermedling with Affairs of State. After Evening prayers, I visit Mr. Hulton ill of a strain. After this read over my pint till 10.

22 A fair mild and warm morning. My man go's out before 5 to meet John Cross at Warrington. My son Will gos with Jeffry to St. Asaph for a week. I give Jeffry as a Christmas Gift ½ a Guinea. I write to my son about his Affairs with the ArchBishop, especially the praebend. I receive 4 Books bought for mee at the Auction of Leverpool amounting to 1^{li}:6^s:10. After dinner Lady Bunbury visits us. After prayers, wee, the Bride and Groom, Greenfeild, The Warton Neighbours (3) din'd with us. Robert about 6 returns, without John Cross, who it seems intended not to bring, but send 22^{li}, on Account. Over my pint I read 4 first dialogues of the Gentleman instructed, & till 9.

23 Still mild weather. Mr. Jackson from Grayrigg Chapell comes with a Letter

from Mr. Crosby, hee is Licenc'd to the Chapell. Hee dines with mee. I write by him to Mr. Crosby & my cozn. Holt. I pay Mr. Boucher on Account (five Guineas) 5^{li}:7^s:6^d. After Evening prayers, I call on Will Wiloughby, wee go to the Yatcht. I pay Mr. Biggins for 49 weeks Grass for my Mare ending the 20th of April last at 2^s the week 4^{li}:18^s. Hee treats us with a wild duck roasted and excellent Claret. About 10 Mr. Charles Hurleston joins our company. His conversacion is advancd to the affair of the elections. Hee is severe in his Character of his uncle Shackerley. Mr. Biggins with great and easy Generosity brings in and treats us with 9 Bottles and by their magic wee stay till 3 in the morning and return cheerfull but sober home.

24 The weather open and mild. I am more indispos'd from the late Hours than heated by the Wine. I receive my sons Letter and Account that hee was ordain'd preist by the ArchBishop of York in the Savoy on Sunday, that hee receivd from the ArchBishop his presentacion on Tuesday and intended to return towards Oxon, on Wednesday last. That hee had receivd from my cozn. Parr 11^{li}. I pay Mr. Chapman 3 Guineas which with 2^{li} hee had receivd comes to 5^{li}.4^s.6^d. this year. I pay Mr. Bingley the Chandler 5^{li}15^s. About 12 I go to Warton see boarding and other work advancd, and the Earth for brick turnd up till the spring. I return about 4, stay thence at home and after my pint in the Evening, to bed befor 10.

25 After a terrible storm for 2 Hours in the Night, a fair but cold day without Frost. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Choir on 2 Luke 11. Wee celebrate the day in our privat domestic manner. After prayers in the Evening I turn in Nicols his Common Prayer over my pint till 10.

26 The morning fair and brisk, the East Glorious. I am tempted to full 4 Turns on roodee about 8. Refreshd, I stay at home. The psalms and Lessons read. After Noon Mr. Calkin preaches in the great Church. After prayers I return to my Corner reading over my pint, the remaining Dialogues of the Gentleman instructed, and to bed before 10.

27 A fair mild morning. I fall into Robinsons Natural History of Westmorland. I have the Service of the Day read. After dinner musick and visits take up the Afternoon till prayers. After these Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Thelwal visit us. Then over my pint I read till 10.

28 A fair brisk Frost; Innocents Day at morning prayers. After I treat my Suzy, Mrs. Wrigby & Mrs. Prescott at Mrs. Newtons with Coffee. At dinner older Mr. Mostyn of Calkin calls on mee, complains of Mr. Price of Holywell his repelling him, without cause, from the Sacrament 5th current. Hee dines with us. After Evening prayers and a Turn to Mr. Hodgsons. Over my pint, I write to the ArchBishop of York my humble thanks for his Beneficence to my son, I inclose Mr. Cholmleys printed Letter. I write to the Bishop of Ely, congratulate his translacion and recomend Mr. Heywoods Medicin for the Stone and proceed in the 2^d. part of the Gentleman instructed till 11.

29 A cool morning, something dusky. I at length reckon up the number of Licence Fees due to the Chancellor not accounted for, for near 6 years last. I send away the Letters to the ArchBishop and Bishop of Ely. I pay Mr. Parker Upholsterer for my sister Evans 5^{li}. After Evening prayers I tast Mr. Bennets French and Lisbon white wines for Mr. Ashton, both good with naturall Flavors at 7^s the Gallon, thence home, where I go thoro the preface & 3 sections of the Gentlemans calling, prefer

the Argument and stile to those of the Gentleman instructed, over my domestic pint.

30 Another such dull and cold [day], the alacrity of mind arising from the stateing the Accounts of the last 6 years is much deprest from a demand to account with Mr. Vaudrey. I proceed in the Gentlemans Calling. After Even prayers and Entertainment of the Ropers, I go to the Yatcht to Mr. Markham, Aubrey, [?Stones] &c here in a bluster of argument on the Compromise & the Bottles of good Claret circulate (each a Bottle) till 10.

31 The weather yet colder, little of Frost stay in the Gentlemans Calling till dinner. That over my S. and I visit Mr Tho. & Mrs. Dyson, hee receives us with a Bottle of good red port. About 6 from hence to Mr. Peak. Whilst here Sir Tho. Brooks, Mr. Aubrey and Mr. Markham come; the matter of Election warmly debated till 10. After this at home, wee end this year with a domestic pint.

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JANUARY 1 Q.F.F.E.F.S. After a Snow faln of 4 Inches deep on the level & quiet Ground, the weather more temperate, yet cold. I stay at home and read the offices for the Day. I write and inclose to Mr. Fearnhead an Account of monys paid Mr. Vaudrey since 16 July 1712. I write to Mr. Ashton and inclose Siddals Will copy'd (6^s). I have from Mr. Biggins 5 Bottles of his good Claret, for which I pay 10^s. After Even prayers, Wee visit Lady Bunbury in her anew furnisht chamber for an hour. I return to my corner and read over my pint the remaining sections of the Gentlemans Calling.

2 A very cold and freezing day. Dr Fogg has a 2^d. good discourse in the Quire on 2 Luke 11. Wee Det D.O.M. vitam recte pie et caste vivere! receive the Blessed Sacrament. The News has some Glimmering of Better. Lords Anglesey, Rochester continu'd Vice Treasurers of Ireland, Bishop of Bristol, Lord Almoner. After prayers invited, wee go to Mrs. Thane, are hansomly treated with a Bottle of Dyson & discourse till 10.

3 The frost, tho not so severely, continues. I read Hiltropius de Arbitris. About 10 Robert abruptly tells mee my white mare broke her Leg beyond all hopes of Cure or help. I am advisd by the Farrier and direct that by Blooding shee bee dispatcht out of pain. At prayers at St. Peters, thence to the Coffee house where Mr. Egerton and others, without mencion of the Compromise, so much, of late, the subject of that place. Apply after Even prayers to the Books Ad Herennium and over my pint, read over the 2 first 32^d Anniversary of Mr. Cholmley of Holford his marriage remembered at my Corner.

4 The kindly frost continues, I read the 3^d Book ad Herennium. I pay to the maids in part of the wages twenty shillings a peece (2^{li}). I receive a Bill for 16^{li}: 2^s: 8^d from Mr. Richmond very providentially. After prayers I carry it to Mr. Langton and hee pays the summ, my spirits elevated by this providence. I buy and pay for Mr. Dodwells Life 10^s. Mr. Hodgson and I go to wish Mr. Holland a good new year. Wee drink our Tankards, Mr. Aldersey comes to Us, I go with him to Mr. Allens, who treats us and Mr. G. Prescott added, with 3 Bottles of good Claret. I receive D.O.M.G. two welcom Letters from my son.

5 Indisposed from the variety, stay in, dip in Mr. Dodwells Life till dinner. After that, repose. In the Evening, Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Thane sup here. I leave them, go to Mr. Chancellor & Mr. Aldersey at the Ship, part before 8. I then, invited, go to Mr. Davies, where are my 2 uncles. I stay here past 10, having drunk near my bottle.

6 The weather continues frosty, cold, seasonable. I read the Rub[ric] for finding Easter. Mrs. Crompton, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Roberts, his wife &c dine and sup with us. After dinner Mr. Davies and his 2 Uncles visit us, they drink a Glass of my Ale and stay 2 hours. After they are gon, I retreat for 3 hours to Sir Peter Leycesters Antiquities, return to the company and my pint, and to bed after 10.

7 I finish the Rubric for Easter and read Dr. Nichols with good satisfaction, on the Calendar. About 11 to the Coffee house, from thence tempted by Mr. Holland, to follow Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Proby to Mr. Townsends (Christleton) where wee have a good dinner and sitt to good Ale, cheerfully offer'd, part 4, return in a fine cool Even about 5. After I visit Mr. Hulton above 2 hours wherein some of the imprudent conduct of the Chancellor is menciond and regretted.

8 The Frost resolves almost insensibly. I take 4 Turns on roodee. I pay Mr. Page the Smith his Note for near 2 years and $\frac{1}{2}$ 4^{li}.4s.0d. After dinner, repose. After prayers and a turn in Mr. Hodgsons shop, I return to 4th Book ad Herennium, and over my pint read to paragr. 30.

9 The Thaw go's mildly on, the Feilds and even the mountains resume their Green. Mr. Henchman in the Quire has a good Discourse on 5 Matt. 3. After Even prayers, Dr. Griffith and Dr. Patrick Shaw of Ireland visit mee. I turn several parts of Dr. Nichols Common Prayer and Dr. Taylors Ductor Dubitantium over my pint till 10.

10 The Thaw turnd to rain in the night. I write to my cozn. Parr to enter a Caveat against Mr. Tho. Lloyd of Kefn's Will, and to the Commissary an answer about his Son Thomas. Aldermen Partington, Puleston their Familys, Dr. Fogg and his Lady dine with us. After dinner, Mr. Greenfeild and his Lady visit. After prayers Mr. Calkin and I go to Mr. Pickrings. I hear, but do not well understand, the Architect. I give his men 2^s to drink, and pay 1^s for the Ale, which keeps us there till 9.

11 A dull and cloudy day yet not rainy. I turn Hiltropius and Covarruvias. After dinner, I go visit Mr. Egerton who was gon to the Sessions at Midlewich. My Nephews Jack & Ned Puleston designing for Oxford next week see us. I give Ned 10^s. After prayers Mr. Hodgson & I go to the Yacht, wee drink one Bottle and return after 8.(1^s).

12 The Frost and snow dissolv'd. I turn Reginaldi Praxis Fori Poenitentialis and Rosini Antiquitatis most of the day. In the Evening Mrs. Plumley and her sister Mary see us, whilst they at their cards, I over my pint read the rest of the 4th B. Ad Herennium.

13 I turn Menochius and particularly, the matrimonial Cases. After noon Mrs. Moreton and Mr. Elcock come to see us. At 6, Mr. Elcock, W. Willoughby and I go to the Bacchus, wee drink five pints of good French Claret and over them have a great concern'd discourse on the late Compromise, in this time a vehement storm with rain shakes and effects the place. Mr. Elcock treats, wee part about 10.

14 A fine mild day. I dip into the Calendar reading till noon. At the Coffee house

where no good News. After prayers Mrs. Wrigley sees us. After that Dr. Thane calls, wee go to the Bacchus, wee drink 2 pints of French Claret and part about 10.

15 A wett night prevents my intended journey to Warton. After I applyd to Books. Mr. Richard Fearnhead comes from Mr. Vaudrey, wee state the Stamp Accounts to this day, I pay him 50^{li} and yet there remains to Balance 226^{li}:13^s:2^d. Mr. Elcock sees and old Calkin detains mee after dinner. After prayers I write to my son to know the time of his Institucion and the advantage of his Moderatorship. Over my pint, cura confectus, I rather divert than read in Books past 9.

16 After a rainy, stormy and melancholy Night, a day of the same Constitution. Mr. Marshall has with great Facility an excellent discourse memoriter on Acts 2, 32. Wee dine (as do Dr. Thane, his Lady and Mrs. Moreton) with Lady Bunbury, wee have venison and fine wines. After noon in St. Oswalds, Mr. Sudel has meaner thoughts on 4 Eph, 22, 23, 24. After prayers in the Bible and Dr. Taylor over my domestic Bottle.

17 A wett day succeeds a very rainy night. I apply principally to Calendary reading till Dinner. I send Mr. Clopton a Form of Absolution of Hen. Stockton. I send Brittain, as several times before in this winter, 2^s. I apply to Covarruvias over my Pint till 10.

18 A fairer day yet attended with private pinching difficulties, but not without Hopes of overcoming them. Mr. Otty brings mee a Copy of the [?Statutes] of this Church by which it appears (St.10) that every prebendary is to bee Dr. or Batchelor of Divinity, Mr. of Arts or Batchelor of Laws. I pay Tho. Dixon Stone Cutter on Account 2^s:6^d. To the Childrens music 1^s. The Caveats are reckond up to the Chancellor at the end of last month to 10^{li}.15^s:10^d. I take an Account of the Repetitions to the Chancellor 2^{li}:2^s:0 due to him from Mr. Fenton 4 Guineas and for the Institucion 13^s:4^d. These less sums with the surprizing great ones upon the Balances twixt Mr. Vaudrey, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Boucher & myself contract a Sultry melancholy, and bring my thoughts into great confusion. Tho the last year was very expensive, I kno not how to reconcile so great redundant sum. About 6 I go to Mr. Bennet, find him just returnd from Namptwich. Mr. Holland comes; Mr. Bennet treats and diverts with 2 Bottles good French wine and agreeable discourse till 10. Among other, I carry away this Character of Wine. T' has all good qualities – A conceald Body mellow, fresh and fine. T' is all sincerity, a silken wine. This diversion tho news of the arrival of the Bignal Gally and Letters from my son Ken something releive the trouble of my thoughts. To the uneasiness of this day was added the News of a dreadfull Fire in Thames-street, London begun Thursday last at Night by blowing up of powder & carryd on invincibly by a storm.

19 A very delicate day which D.O.M.G. recovers some releif & serenity to my Thoughts. I write to my cozn. Parr about our Accounts and venture to offer him some rules for his Health. I pay Mr. Stratford 2^{li}:3^s part of 7^{li}. receivd as expences paid by Goodier to his Client Taylor. After 1 I go to Warton, see the work carryd on and the 3 Quarrys, am advisd to make choice of Mr. Massies. I return about 4. I begin Tully de Inventione Rhet. and over my domestic pint write to Mr. Ashton about 6 Gallons of white wine to bee sent tomorrow by Mr. Bennet and about the votum solenne Q.F.F.E.F.S.

20 The Bells very early awake the Town. The day is dull and wett. A

Thanksgiving is strictly kept for his Majesties peaceable accession to the Crown. Dr. Fogg has a hansom short discourse on the words (Honor the King). Sir Hen. Bunbury (D.G.) returns safe to his Lares about 12. After dinner I sit with him past 4. At 6 Mr. Egerton, Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Thane and Mr. Kendrick come to mee. I dismiss the Illuminations out of the parlor, wee over 6 Bottles of Sir H. Bunburys Claret pass the hours, not cheerfully, apprehending some great efforts in Affairs. Sir H. about 9 comes from the Pentice advanc'd and alters our dull scene.

21 A bright day succeeds the dull one finds mee indisposd. Yong Mr. Hesketh about 9 comes to mee. I treat him with Tea, a sight of my coins and my Colt. After take a Turn with him on roodee, perceive his parts competent, his dispositions tractable, and manners obligeing. At 1, my whole Family, the maids excepted, go and are treated with a good dinner at Alderman Partingtons. I end the day at the Ship with Mr. Bennet, Kendrick cheerfully, each our pints. (2^s).

22 I send Robert early to Farndon with my Letter to Mr. Massie. Hee brings mee back ore tenus, his free consent to my son to cast up Clay in the Common and dig in his Quarry. I write to Mr. Bowyer about my mony due from Mr. Finch and the Arrears of Mr. Haydock, desire his Friendship and Favor. After noon about 3 take a walk in Blacon demain to the length of a mile and $\frac{1}{2}$. I lent Th. Dixon on Account 1^s:6^d. I refresh mee over my pint and in variety of reading till 10.

23 A delicate day but briskly cold. Mr. Aubrey has a plain, long and usefull discourse on 'Bee ye not conform'd to the world'. After, Sir Hen. Bunbury sends, I go over & sitt with him, Mr. Allen and Kendric till prayers. At 6, sent to I go agen, the 2 Foulks, Mr. Sewel and Mr. Kendric are there, wee are treated with his Claret liberally till 11.

24 A fair, not delicate day. Mr. Meredith brings Mr. Cholmleys draught of a circular Letter, wee go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury, who considers and proposes corrections which are sent to Mr. Cholmley. After dinner I yeild to infirmity and repose. At 5 take a Turn to Mr. Hodgsons, dip in several Books. Bring home Derhams Astra Theology with mee and over my pint read the preface and 3 Books of it.

25 A dull moist morning. I therefore go not but send the Gardiner (Whitehead) to Warton. I have the service for the Day (St. Pauls) read at home. I receive my cozn. Parrs Letter which tells mee Mr. Smith is directed by my Lord Bishop not to give mee an Acquittance for 40^{li} for the last half year but a receipt for so much on Account. The Bills of our Malster and Baker are urg'd together and find mee insolvent. These coincident give mee real trouble. I divert it not at the Coffee house nor dinner. Mrs. Townsend dines with us. About 3 I go to roodee after 2 Turns meet with yong Mr. Hesketh and take 2 more, returning wee call on Mr. Bennet, hee treats us with one Bottle of good French White which refreshes but cures not. I come to my Corner, read the 4 & 5th B. of Derham.

26 I wake about 3 and ly in great pain notwithstanding Snail water, my happy Opiat (till now), ly till 8. I write to Mr. Richard Browne about Mr. Styths Arrears, to Mr. Travers & inclose a Commission to swear Mr. Cliveland Executor to Jo. Rymmer, to Mr. Markland and send 6 Licences after the 2 last week there by Mr. Rollins Marriner. I write to my cozn. Parr and submit to the direccion and Form of receipt as shall please my Lord & Mr. Smith. After dinner, apply to Busienes and

private Accounts till 7 when Mr. Boucher brings his Client Ogden alias [?Massie] and in 2 hours I draw her supplicatory Oath over my pint.

27 After a rainy night a dull morning. I write to Mr. Loxam of Kirkham that Mr. Chancellor has direction to Licence his son to Stalmine. Our first Court day of this Term Q.B.E. of easy and good humor'd dispatch. After dinner I take 3 Turns on Roodee. After call at Mr. Hodgsons. At home about 5 I meet with my sons Letter and his speech in it. I answer it the same hour. After this, I over my pint turn to diverting Chapters in Browns Vulgar Errors till 10.

28 After a stormy night with rain, uneasy and disturb'd sleep. A wett and (in the Evening) blowing weather. I apply to Mr. Derhams Astrotheology and read it out. About 3 Sir Hen. Bunbury sends, I go over, find with him Mr. Chancellor, Kendric, Minshall, Wright. Sir H. promotes the Glass of good Claret, it runs swiftly about till 6 when I return to my Corner and apply to the finishing several Acts and Decrees in the Court Book, till 10. Tho. Whitehead the Gardiner calld, come from Warton, I pay him 3^s.4^d. To Mr. Venables the Butler at Sir. H.B., 1^s.

29 After a stormy night with rain, a calmer but cold morning. I dip in Books variously. I write to John Cross and in short tell him the Accounts stand thus. Rent from Jo. Walmisley at twice 26^{li}, from Jo. Shaw at twice 16^{li}, from Mat. Molineux at Wigan 6^{li}. and that Mat. was then in arrear 1^{li}.8^s.6^d. I go on with the Decrees in the Court Book. I pay the 2 stone Getters each 5^s. I am in the Evening as from divine providence assisted with mony. Mr. Roberts pays mee 20^{li} on Account D.O.M.G. I go to Mr. Hodgson shop, give his son Joseph about going to London 2^s.6^d. I after invite Mr. Hodson and Richardson (Goldsmith) to the near new Swan, wee drink agreeably 4 Tallboys. I treat at 1^s.4^d. Returning after 9, I meet a Storm with some rain. It increases & continues very violent all night.

30 After good repose notwithstanding the shakeing of the continu'd storm, rise not till 8, D.G. there was more terror than harm in the storm. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Choir on (no peace to the wicked). After dinner Sir Hen. Bunbury sends. I find Dr. Fogg with him, Sir Hen. gon apart the Dr. congratulates about a prebend to my son, and his being of their body with hamsom language. The Dr. receedes about 2, Mr. Hulton enters with humor magnifying his late lameness. Sir Hen. enters on Eleccion politics with his usual Ayr, wee part about 5. After my S. and I visit Mrs. Midleton, after Birch wine there, return to our Corner where, over a pint, I read variouly till 10.

31 King Charles his Matyrdom celebrated this day. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on [blank]. At the Coffee house an hour, thence to reading and after E. prayers and supper I read a bold and smart pamphlet the English Mans Advice to the Freeholders of England, for discovery of which 1000^{li} is offerd by the Ministry. Mrs. Wrigley comes over to tell mee she has heard of her Bro. Clayton that hee is well at Petersburg. Wee congratulate (in a domestic pint) the good News.

FEBRUARY 1 Q.F.E.F.S. I get up to early prayers. After these to the Countess Coffee House where yet tho London has prevaild for new members, the Elections are hopefull. Returning home, I can scarce [?fight] the wind lately risen, make my way thoro the Church yard, it rises higher and about 11 grows into a tempest, from thence till 3 it rages with great strength and fury, strips the Houses, throws down

chimneys, threats devastacion, and becomes dreadfull to the City; the streets are strewd with the spoils, people stand amaz'd expecting the Event, all Houses tremble under the shock, and few rooms are reckond secure retreats. About 3 the Tempest abates, and I venture out to see the ruins and deformitys it made. I read today with Mr. Calkin who din'd with us, The Brittish advice to the Freeholders. About 6, Dr. Thane calls, I go with him to the Ship where each our pint.

2 Tho the morning was pretty calme, the tempest returns before noon, continues till 3 high tho not so terrible. I write to my Cozn. Parr Mrs. Harwoods case to shew Mr. Jones. At 1, My S., Lydia and I, invited go to Alderman Pulestons, wee meet Mrs. Recorder and her daughters, Alderman Partington and his Family at a good dinner. After that over good Ale and a pint of good White Wine. I stay thoro several Vicissitudes of Companions past 11.

3 The weather wett and windy, but below a storm. A Court good natur'd and easy of Busienes. At about 11 I visit Mrs. Midleton and meet there Mr. Shakerley and Mr. Lloyd the Curat of Gresford, some discourse of Elections. I examine after dinner our Lanlady Webster on Mrs. Cowleys part. After (about 3) go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury with about 6 of his Friends who went about with him ad suffragia petenda.²⁹ Dinner over, punch and Claret succeed on the Table, Brimmers go swiftly round past 6 when the company full enough, separates. I go to see Mr. Wrigley where my Suzy calls on mee about 8.

4 A day very strang, calme, cool, sweet and serene; tho indispos'd tempts, and Mr. Calkin gos with mee to Warton. Wee walk by Rawton to the Quarry, see great spoils of the storme in the way. The house escap'd with small scarrs, wee walk about the Glebe and return home about 2, dine past 3 and sit till 6. Inclind by my walk and indisposicion, after little reading and a Glass of White to bed about 9.

5 Releiv'd by my old Medicin Elixir, I calme and easy, not so serene as the weather. I take the Ayr and use the prospect, now more illustrious and pleasant from the thin & subtile Aether. I write to Jeffrey Prescott about Mr. Loxam. After dinner Mr. Calkin, Churchwarden comes, wee have discourse on the Tiths and Glebe, after him I apply to Busienes and reading over my pint till 10.

6 The morning cold and snowy, with my own inclinations concurring. I stay at home, read the service of the day, and begin part 5th of Dr. Scotts Christian Life, Disc. the 1st (of the worth and excellency of the Soul). Go to Evening prayers, return to Dr. Scott and over my pint, proceed to page 116.

7 The weather fair and calme, all the Town busy in repairs of their houses. I write to Mr. Fearnhead and to Mr. Parr junior inclosing a Requisition to swear Jo. Barker. Before Even prayers, I take 2 Turns on roodee, grow cold and indispos'd. After prayers go to Mr. Hodgson, hee first gives a glass of Brandy. An hour after a Bottle of good white wine is produc'd. I stay with him and Mrs. Hodgson past 10.

8 Indisposd from the wine and Time. I divert in variety of reading. After dinner am refresht by repose. At Even prayers Mr. Chancellor (more suo) tells mee of a suspitious intrigue carryd on by Mr. Calkin in Mr. Hignets Family. In the Evening over my pint read with pleasure to page the 64 of Browns Religio Medici.

29 Trans: 'seeking votes'.

9 In a fair but sharp morning at early prayers. I proceed in and finish Religio Medici with the pleasure I began it. After Dinner, Mrs. Hignet comes on purpose to caution us concerning Mr. Calkin and gives a full account of his suspicious [*illegible*] and unseasonable frequenting of Mrs. Hignets house with particular respect to her daughter about 14 and her maid his Cosen. After 5 I go down to Mr. Bennets, I find Messrs Ball & Bingley with him, wee drink near 2 Bottles of wine. After their recess, I enquire of him after Mr. Calkins Character. Hee knows not nor has heard of any thing blameable or indecent. I return home and about 8 begin in the 1st B. de Inv. Rhet., read to paragraph 52.

10 In a cool brisk morning at early prayers. I proceed some paragraphs in Inv. Rhet. A Court easy in dispatch and in good humor. 3 Wittnesses are examind by Mr. Roberts on Mr. Booths Will. I indisposd, recover by repose. In the Even at Mrs. Cottinghams with Mr. Yates of Manchester, Mr. Hulton & the Wittnesses on Mr. Booths Will, I stay till 8, return to my Corner, meet a Letter from my son, and from thence wee end the day in a domestic pint. I give Mr. Lownds my sons poem for Mr. Cholmley.

11 Another sharp day. I am at early prayers, fall to diversion in reading. At the Coffee House when the whigg Elections are said to prevail. After dinner I write to Mr. Taylor about the office at the Sexton of Frodsham. Mr. Peck his Lady and daughter visit us. In the Evening recreate in Plautus, and over my pint, read 2 Acts of Amphitruo.

12 A very bright and pleasant day. I proceed and read out Amphitruo. I pay the Washwoman (what was due at Candlemas) 1^{li}.10^s. I write to my cozn. Holt about Mr. Sumner &c. After prayers I pay Dixon and Jones, Stonegetters 7^s:6^d. I write to my son. I over my pint, recreate in Plautus and read part of Asinaria. I receive Mr. Smiths 1st receipt for 40^{li}.

13 After Elixir confin'd at home, have the service read for the day. At Evening prayers, after see Mr. Wrigley. And in the Evening over my pint read out Dr. Scot Of the worth of the Soul.

14 About 10 in a mild but calm day my Suzy, Will and I go to Mrs. Townsends, drink Coffee there, go to Warton, see the work going forward in the House and Garden, about 1 wee return and dine about 4. I divert the Evening in the company of Dr. Thane, Mr. Aubrey and Stratford at the Bacchus, in indifferent wine & Election talk till 10.

15 A mild and clear day, fall into Terence translated by several hands till Noon. The news yet barren of success. After dinner go to Sir Hen. Bunbury where Major Laurence, Mrs. Hockenhull, Langford, [?Glasiour], the Claret moves about ½ Hour, after to prayers. The Candidates Booth & Warburton enter about 4, Mr. Cholmley about ½ hour after. Tis contradicted whether Entry is attended with the greater number. I saw them not. But the latter is preferr'd. I write to Dr. Stratford, inclose a receipt of 5^{li} from Alderman Partington of 18 Dec. I desire his mediation to my Lord on my sons behalf, and I write to my son that I writ so. Tho. Calkin & Wm. Dutton advance 10^{li} above the last year, & offer my son 120^{li} for the Tiths of Warton. I comply, but refuse to take Earnest since my son is not in possession. Over my pint at night, divert in reading what remaind of the Comody Asinaria.

16 A very calm and fair day. After early prayers to reading. The City and County apply to their several Halls and begin their Elections about 10; both are carryd on

with warmth. That of the City is ended about 4. Sir Richard Grosvenor has 779, Sir Hen. Bunbury 552 and Mr. Shackerley 498 votes. Mr. Booth and Sir Geo. Warburton carry this day by a great Majority against Mr. Cholmley, vidt the 1st has 1302, the 2nd 1241, the 3rd 546 voices. After prayers I am an hour at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor, Leigh of Whitchurch, Aldersey, Marbury, Wells, Cowper, Peak, Mr. Baskerville &c, thence home and over a pint read Aulularia.

17 A sharp and cold day. After early prayers Mrs. Mawdesley and Wright of Croxton are with mee, on Busienes. A Court of moderate dispatch. So that after dinner I repose till prayers. After these go with Mr. Gartside (from Mr. Ashton) to Mr. Bennet, here wee meet with company & have Account that Booth polld to day 1199, Warburton 1292, Cholmley 1068. I receive this Evening the Archiepiscopal [Monicion] for Convocation at York 21 March.

18 A sharp cool day. After early prayers to something in Busienes. Mr. Gartside drinks Tea with mee, in that the Freeholders of Wirral led by Sir Hen. Bunbury pass us with a mighty acclamacion, the number is reckond 500. I examine a witnes for Mrs. Cowley, Mr. Farington, Rode & Fletcher see and drink Coffee with us. I pay Samuel Walmsleys note for repairs of the House in the Abby Court 2^h:14^s:7^d. After prayers Mr. Morrey, Charles Bunbury and I go to the Ship, here the Event of the Election not so much lamented as the Compromise condemn'd. The votes, in Gross, thus, Booth 3059, Warburton 3053, Cholmley 2516, the successful Candidates are carry'd thoro loud and affectionate anti-acclamacions on Mr. Cholmleys side. Wee drink here above our pints (1^s:6^d) and part before 10. I have a Tonn and half of Hay today from Townsend.

19 In a blustering morning at early prayers. I write, and inclose a Mandate for Proctor, for Convocation, to the Commissary, and to John Crosse. I pay to the Master of the Charity School 5^s. After dinner Mr. Holland calls and stays with us till 3. After I am refresht by short repose. After a Turn into the Town, I return to my Corner and over my pint recreate in the 3 first Acts of the Captivi.

20 After a stormy Night with snow and Hale, a most sharp and subtile North wind inflicts a sharper cold than any felt this winter, frequent storms and a fierce but short one with Hail falls about ½ hour after 4 prayers ended. Mr. Holland had a good & ingenious discourse in the Quire on 2 Kings 5 v. 10, 11, 12. After prayers I sit 2 hours with Mr. Wrigley. After that to my Corner & my pint. I proceed in Dr. Scotts excellent discourse On the Divinity and Incarnation of Our Saviour.

21 After a fall of snow in the night of about 2 full inches, it continues to snow part of the day, afternoon to melt and bee severely cold. I write to Mr. Ashton and John Cross and by Mr. Shannon of Christ Church to my son and inclose a proxy for Induction. After Dinner with Sir Hen. Bunbury, Coll. Walpole &c about an hour. I desire, and Sir Henry gives mee 2 Bottles of Brandy. After Even prayers & Mr. Hodgsons return to my Corner, and over my pint read the 2^d. Book de Inv. Rhet. to § [250] and 3 Acts in Curculio.

22 A very severe Frost. I read out Curculio. Mr. Moulding calls and drinks Coffee with us. At the Coffee-house where not much news. In the After noon I examine Mr. James Cumberbach on Mr. Salusburys Will, in the Even draw a Certificate of the Execucion of the requisicion, and in the Evening over my pint proceed in the Inv. Rhet. I pay for Coals 4^s:6^d. For Coles Dictionary 7^s.

23 Frost continues tho not so vehement. I examine fore noon Mr. Totty. At 11 wee go into the Court, the Requisition presented and read, the 3 Wittnesses produc'd and sworn. I pay more for Coals 5^s.10^d. After dinner I examine Mr Justice Comberbach on Mr. Salusburys Will. About 6 Mr. Chancellor, Recorder, Mr. Leigh of Whitchurch, Mr. Peak, Roberts & myself meet at the Bacchus, wee drink several sorts of wine & in but dull conversacion pass the time till 10. The Comission treats.

24 After a constant thaw all night, without rain, a mild but dull day. Tho indisposd from the Wine last night, apply to busienes. I write to my Lord Bishop of Man and inclose in it the Archiepiscopal Citacion for Convocacion. I write to Mr. Richmond, inclose 4 Licences and Bonds and desire him to pay Mr. Baldwin 1^{li}.6^s.10^d. on Account. To my cozn. Holt, the reason of my deferring my journey till next week. I am in the Even with Mr. Gamul & Mr. Hulton at Mrs. Cottinghams, half an hour. Mr. Hulton comes and drinks a pint with mee. After I write a full Letter to my Bro. Baxter, Mayor of Kilkenny and inclose a Certificate under the hands of 71 persons of the best quality & condition of this City in behalf of Edward Nixon now a prisoner in Kilkenny upon a Murder of Tobias Wharton a phisitian.

25 At early prayers in a mild morning after rain in the night. I go to the Coffee house. The News describes a storm forceing the Thames to a great inundacion of its natural Ebb and then its preternatural and miraculous Flux or return in 2 hours. I read out the 2^d Book De Invencione. After noon Mrs. Davie and Mrs. Hignet visit us. I apply close to the Acts in Massey and Ogdens Transmission over my pint till 10; pay Whitehead the Gardiner 2^s.4^d.

26 At early prayers, the morning genuine, seasonable. I proceed in the Acts of Masseys Transmission, but dull and in pain indever to refresh mee by reading Shakespeares Tameing of the Shrew, after dinner repose an hour. I pay Tho Calkin for husbandry work about the House and Garden at Warton 1^{li}:12^s:9^d, to Dixon 2^s, return'd to the Acts. I am calld over to Sir Hen. Bunbury, after Dr. Thane and I empty one Bottle. I return about 8 and finish the Acts of the Transmission over my domestic pint.

27 In a fair brisk morning, I take 2 Turns on roodee. Mr. Oliver has an excellent discourse tho too imperfectly heard in the Quire on Rom.6 v.21 and Dr. Fog in St. Oswalds ps.37 v.37. Mrs. Middleton and others see us after prayers. I in variety of reading over my pint to 10.

28 In a sharp fair morning I, Lydia and Will about 10 set out to Warton. I see the House & work about it and the Garden. Before 2 wee return to Christleton, here at Mr. Townsends wee meet with my Suzy and Mall Partington. Wee meet with a good neat dinner to sharp appetites. After that I step to see my cozn. Bretherton, hee comes with mee to Mr. Townsends, whence after 6 wee set out. I walk with them, wee return before 8, find a welcome Letter about the prebend from my son; recreate and rejoice over my domestic pint. Mrs. Boucher departed about 5 this Even.

MARCH 1 The weather brisk and seasonable. In Busienes till 10. After prayers to the Coffee House. Mr. Townsend dines with us. I pay him for a Tonn and half of Hay at 2^s:6^d. per Cent 3^{li}:15^s. and to Tho. Walton the Baker (due Jan. 12) 3^{li}:8^s:0^d. After prayers and 6 I go with Mr. Bennet to Mr. Roes, wee send for Mr. Holland,

wee have Bettys [*sic*] of Claret and 2 or 3 pints of white Lisbon, the time runs along, wee part about 12.(1^s).

2 A cold and sharp Ash Wedensday. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on [*blank*]. I turn many parts of Heylins Geo. (or rather) Cosmography till Even prayers, after which & dinner, I examine the proceedings transmitted in the Appeal of Massey against Ogden, and refresh over my domestic pint.

3 In a brisk frosty morning, rise to early prayers, about 8 set out, on foot to Waverton. The Mayor, Mr. Sawyer, meets mee and considers how to convey the water that falls on the house, safely from it. I see the works of several kinds carrying on, call at Mr. Churchwarden Calkins, see the Stones got in the Quarry, ride back to dinner about 1. After with my sister Puleston of Havod y Wern and a daughter of Mr. Wynne of Coperleny see us. I read over his tedious Will, a charity singular & humorous in its constitution. After I call on Sir Hen. Bunbury. At 5 wee attend Mrs. Bouchers Exequies. Sir Henry Bunbury, Sir Wm. Meredith, Dr. Norris, Myself, Mr. Allen and Roberts Bearers. Shee is interr'd in Trinity Church about 6. The Chancellor and some of the Bearers see Mr. Boucher home. Thence I return to my Corner. I deliver the Transmission inter Massey et Ogden to Mr. Hulton, it consists of [*blank*].

4 At early prayers, prepare and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after 9 I set out, call and take a dram of good Brandy with my Lanlord at Frodsham, go on in a dull cool day, pass by Warrington and come to Wigan before five, dine at my cozn. Holts as well as lodg there civilly and warmly entertain'd.

5 Stay and read Zouch's Elementa at Home. At Even prayers from thence invited go to the parsonage, Mr. Holt and Bowyer along, here wee stay above 2 hours over dull Ale. In our return Mr. Holt and I call and in defence against the Ale, drink our pints of port, Claret at Tootells.

6 A fair and cool day. Mr. Aldersey has a good discourse before Mr. Bowyer, a mean one afternoon. My shee Cozn. Holt and I, in a great number receive the Sacrament Det D.O.M. bene dehinc vivere. In the Even at Nanny Tootells till 9 with some company at Ale.

7 About 10 in a fair morning go to Holland. John Cross and the Tenants meet mee. John Walmisley accounts for and pays the remainder of the rent due last year 7^{li}:11^s:11^d, John Shawe 9^{li}:14^s:0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d, Math. Molyneux 6^{li}:0:0. I receive Wm. Naylor's rent due at Candlemas 1^{li}, Joseph Richardson, Tenant of the Green House 6^s:8^d (a Capon due). I dine very indifferently on Fish. Mr. Birch[all?] and Markland School Master are my Guests. Mr. Bowyer and S. Prescott come after dinner. Wee drink the Ale roundly and part about 7, return to my Cozn. Holts about 8.

8 I intend to return this day about 9 go to Mr. Bowyer, drink Tea, over it hee tells mee the little success hee had with Mr. Finch and Mr. Haydock on my Account. After prayers Mrs. Aldersey, Bowyer and I go down and dine together at my cozn. Holts. They & indeed the weather dissuade my return. Mr. Bowyer secretly after his way, recedes from the company and go's to Warrington. About 5 the Clubb is together at Tootells. After that Mrs. Holt, Walmesley, Markland, Leigh and I go to the Eagle and Child (Johnsons) and drink 4 pints of very indifferent white wine, return home after 9.

9 After a very uneasy and torturous Night, by the meanes of Mithridate & Snail

Water I procure rest, but not sleep. I rise about 12 dine about 3, stay close within, read something. It rain'd all Night and day, swells the Floods to a higher mark than before in memory.

10 Well recoverd. The waters are a comon excuse and prevention of Travail. I borrow 50^{li} of my cozn. Holt on my Bond, payable at 6 months. After Even prayers wee go down with the Rector where Mr. Gerard of High Feild and Mr. Lever of Hindley, wee drink a Bottle of good Claret not recoverd of its carriage, return and make out the Evening at my cozn. Holts.

11 The waters receded. I set hence about 9, come to Warrington before 12, am told that Mr. Bowyer (after attendance of 3 daies) had pass'd over the Cawsey about an hour before. I pay to Mr. Fearnhead for Mr. Vaudrey 50^{li}, hee dines with mee. Dr. Holbrooke comes and tells us the manner of Lady Barrymores death Wedensday night. Wee drink several Gills of Brandy. I proceed about 3 and come safe D.O.M.G. to my Corner before 7. The Charges of this Journy run thus. At Frodsham 6^d, Holland 10^s, J Shaw 2^s, pott of Woodcocks 12^s, Servants 3^s:6^d, Expenses 3^s, Horses and Inn 19^s, Warrington 5^s, In all 2^{li}:15^s:0^d.

12 I examine today 4 Wittnesses on the Will and Codicil of Tho. Cook Gent. which expected mee since Thursday. The day seasonable, wee receive some Accounts of the Cellar flooded at Warton. I pay the Stone Getter as the sum of his present work 2^s:6^d, recreate in a pint of Dyson at night.

13 A sharp and kindly day. Mr. Stones has a good Discourse, but unhappily deliver'd. The Letters begin to mention a rupture with France and of its vibrations at Mardyke. In the Evening, invited by Sir Hen. Bunbury, I go over with him. Hee treats Dr. Thane, Mr. Kendrick & myself with variety of very good wine till 11.

14 Indisposd by good wine too late taken, turn and divert in Bishop Nicholsons Border Laws till dinner, after that repose and about 7 go with Dr. Thane to the Bacchus. Wee have dull thoughts on the public Affairs over 2 pints of indifferent white.

15 A fair brisk day. After prayers wee go into Court, the Commission difficultly recited. The Clergy of the Archdeaconry call'd, 17 only appear, the matter of Eleccion shortly propos'd, no single Clergyman out of Lancashire appearing. Mr. Ashton is not menciond, Dr. Moore is forthwith namd and unanimously elected. I order a Bill of the Charges to bee drawn and, with the proxy, deliverd to him. About 3 Mr. Hulton, Pickering and I go to Warton, see whats don and what wanting. About six go to Mr. Pickerings where Dr. Fogg, Mr. Foulks, Crosby of Artificers, wee drink Ale till 11.

16 After early prayers in a sharp Ayr take 4 Turns on roodee, write fully about Transmissions and inclose the Certificate of the Eleccion of Dr. Moore by the Clergy and of Dr. Fogg by the Chapter, to him. After dinner repose. After Evening prayers upon Mr. Merediths design to Oxon, call there & with my cozn. Peake stay and drink heavy port till 7.

17 After rain in the Night, a clear brisk day. A Court easy and well humor'd in dispatch. I draw the Act of Election of proctor for Convocation, pay Richard Bathoe Bricklayer for work in the Abby Court 1^{li}:14^s. About 3 call'd over, I go to Sir Hen. Bunbury, where with Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Massey of Puddington and Mr. Hugh Foulks I drink good Claret till 7. After I draw a short Form of Sir Henrys Will.

18 At early prayers in a fine morning. After in Books. About 9 Sir Hen. Bunbury comes over perfects and leaves his Will with mee. I pay Mr. Carter the Mason for Work at Warton 5^{li}. After Noon about 3, go to Warton, see the work to secure the Cellar from Rain begun, return about 7 and over my pint, divert in A. Gellius till 10.

19 After early prayers return to A Gellius, pay my Neece P[eggy] Birchall 2^{li}. I write to Mr. Ashton (now at Carleton) about the Election for Convocation and to my son about his coming down. I pay for pease, Beans and other Garden seeds 7^s. About 5, I go to Warton, pay Thomas Roberts for 13 daies work 9^s.9^d, return about 7, and after recreate over Conradus Lagus de Iudiciis and a pint of Dyson.

20 A brisk and clear day. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on Math. 19. 16 and in the after noon on Luke 16. 31. The News brings the parliament conven'd on Thursday, chose unanimously Spencer Compton Esq., Speaker. That Dr. Burnet Bishop of Sarum dy'd that day. In the Evening Dr. Griffith and Mr. Maul, an Irish Clergy man, drink Tea with mee after prayers. About 7 invited, wee go to Mrs. Thane (the Dr. at Vale Royal). Shee entertains prettily, I drink my pint of white, return after 10.

21 From an unhappy Night, ly near 8. Turn Donellus. Mr. Roberts pays mee on Salisburys Commission 1^{li}.18.10. I pay for Linnen 1^{li}. To Mrs. Entwistles (which Dr. Stratford paid my son) 5^{li}. I turn in Cosins Apology. After 2 Mr. Roberts, Will Wiloughby and I go to Warton, the day fair & cool. Wee see the house, Gardens, Glebe, return about 7. After step to Mr. Hodgsons, to my pint till 9.

22 After a more happy Night a cool clear day. After early prayers in Conradus Lagus. The News brings pentions to D. Shrewsbury 3000, Marg[aret?] Wharton 2000, Earl Nottingham 3500, Lord Somers 2000^{li} p.A. About 3 my S. and I go to Warton, see the work about securing the Kitchen end and Cellar, walk about, visit Mr. Rollinson, return home after 7, then to my pint till 10.

23 After early prayers to Dr. Cosins Apology, Speculator and other Vol. of the civil Law tho much indispos'd. Jeffry Prescott calls on mee in the morning, wee are some time at Mr. Walleys. After dinner and repose about 5 I sett out and walk to Warton, come there about 6, see the work done which pleases, return on Horsback, come home before 8 to my pint of Dyson.

24 A very cold day from Hail, Snow and rain and a brisk wind. I continue in Gails Observ. and other Books till Court which is short and the Busienes easy. Mr. Sumner draws his own Confession, I add the formal part. I pay the Land Tax the later half year of the House in the Abby Court 4^s.6^d. I inclose Mr. Sumners confession in a Letter to my cozn. Holt and congratulate his & my cozn. Marklands being of the Commission of Peace. In the Evening I venture on a light supper and help it with a pint of Dyson.

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MARCH 25 Another cold day from the N.E. After early prayers to Books, indispos'd. Wee attend yong Mr. Wynne to Mr. Bunbury for his advice. The contents and tendency of the King's speech are the common talk and matter of

suspicion. After dinner & repose refresht, in a brisk air, go to Warton where the work proceeds well. I return about 7, find my Aunt Peck, recreate in Dyson till 10.

26 At early prayers, the weather yet sharp. I turn Conradus Lagus. Mr. Tho. Robinson Executor to Mr. Styth pays mee for 12 Licences and Bonds 11^{li}:16^s. for which I give him a Discharg of all Accounts. After noon attend [^{near}] hours, yong Mr. Brock of Upton his Funeral. Yong Mr. Loxam from Oxford calls on mee. Aunt Peck is here, I recreate in a pint of Dyson.

27 A cold day with rain. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse on Math. 16. 26. My Aunt Peck & Mr. Loxam dine with us. A warm address from the Lords in view of the late Ministry and the peace. After Evening prayers Mr. Loxam and I walk round roodee, after call on Mr. Bennet; hee freely entertains us with 2 Bottles of French White and discourse agreeable till 10. 1^s.

28 Tho the morning threatens rain, equip for Malpas, send my Letter of Thanks to my cozn. Marsdens by Mr. Loxam who is today licenc'd to Stalmine.¹ Set out about ½ hour after 9 and by Codington, Barton, Stretton come in improv'd roads and thoro old affecting prospects before 1 to Malpas. Mr. Henshaw & Brookes come presently, after wee go into the Church, observe inscrib'd on the Cornish of the North Chancel (Orate pro bono Statu Richardi Cholmondeley et Elizabeth Uxor is eius, huius Sacelli Factores An. Dmi 1514), and on a brass in a marble Gravestone within the Chancel, towards the north window & opposite to Mr. Egertons seat this inscripcion in old French (Phelipp d'Egerton ses Femmes ses enfantes gisount coy, Dieu de lō almes eit mercy). Wee dine on Eggs and cheese at the Red Lyon. I send for Mr. Wm. Eyton, after talk over a glass, wee set out about 4 by way of Broxon. I call in the way at Warton, return home about 8, recreate in Dyson past 10. 6^d.

29 A doubtfull cool morning. I fall on and read Drydens Translacion of the 12 Eneiad, then the incertain News. After noon about 3, Mr. Stratford and I go to Warton stay to see the necessary house rear'd, on the occasion about 2s:6^d. in Ale is drunk. Wee return past 7, I end in Dyson. 1^s.

30 A more threatenng dull day. I turn Dryden on Virgil. I write to the Warden of Manchester about the report of his subscripcion to Mr. Sumners Testimonial. I receive 12 Bottles of Claret from St. Asaph. After dinner repose, pay Mr. Dyson for 6 months last wine 4:14:0, for other things 19^s:10^d (5^{li}:13^s:10^d). In the Even divert in Dryden over a pint of Dyson. Pay Tho. Rob[erts?] Laborer for 4 daies 3^s.

31 A Court day easy in dispatch. I examine 2 Wittnesses on Articles ex parte Minshall contra Warell. I pay for 9 old Turkey work chairs 18^s. and for a Grate & Appurtenances 2^{li}:10^s:0. A Decanter 1^s:6^d. About 4 sett to Warton, the work go's well on, return about 8 read Drydens version of the Georgics over my Dyson.

APRIL 1 At early prayers; in a cool morning, take leave of Mrs. Wrigley returning to Lancashire. I return to Drydens Virgil, read the preface and the pastorals. From a pain from cold, stay at home. After repose, return to Virgil and over my pint of Dyson read 3 Books of the Aeneid.

1 L.R.O., Exhibit Book 1716, f. 33.

2 After Elixir my pain more easy. I read the 4th Book of the Aeneid. About 11 my son comes in 3 days & ½ from Oxon. I pay for 2 small Loads of Coals 9^s. I write to Mr. Egerton (now at Bath) an Account of the material Evidences about the Chancel in Malpas Church & my sentiments of them. I pay the Man who came down with my son 17^s:6^d. Several of the Warton Men here, several other Freinds see my son. I end the Even in a pint of Dyson beginning today on a new Account with him.

3 The weather turns rainy tho cold. Mr. Callys (after a doubtfull weaknes since August last) dies about 9 this morning, lamented. Dr. Thane, tho visibly affected on that occasion with Grief struggles thorough his frequent sermon on Eph.5.6. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse afternoon on Heb. 5.9. After prayers my S., self and son visit Lady Meredith, Mr. Chancellor, and Mr. Boucher. End with a pint of Dyson.

4 A springing morning; at early prayers. I end the 4th and begin and end the 5th Aeneid. I write by Mr. Roberts to Mr. Moulding and I answer Dr. Paul about the vacancy at St. Asaph. About 3 my Susy, son and I in fine weather set out to Warton. After measuring the plaster-work, wee find some of the workmen had drunk above their burden, others stagger in their talk. Wee look about and like. Wee go to the Clerks and Mr. Rollinsons. I pay for Ale to the ringers 1^s:6^d., return home and to my pint past 8.

5 A cool day and Elixir last night confine mee home till 5, then attend Mr. Callys Funeral as one of the 8 Bearers (Sir Tho. Brooke, Mr. Chancellor, Hurleston, Bruen, Foulks, Hulton, Cottingham); after that and a Turn on roodee, my son and I call at Dr. Thanes, his Lady treats us with a pint of Dyson, the Dr. comes about 9. Wee come home and take another pint at 10.

6 A most delicate, sweet and genial morning. Dr. Thane comes to us before 8 after Tea, wee prepare and mount about 9. Mr. Townsend, Mr. Calkin the Curat, Rollinson and others ready, wee proceed to the Church. The ArchDeacon inducts my son in the full formality Q.F.F.E.F.S. Inducted hee reads morning prayers very distinctly with a constant and agreeable Tenor of pronounciacion. About 7 dine beside servants, the dinner decent and sufficient, the Ale very good, which after dinner has a quick motion about 2 Hours. After, wee go into the Glebe Lands. Mr. Townsend valu's the 2 Feilds at 14^{li} this year. After this at the House. I treat Dr. Thane, Mr. Townsend, the Curat and my son with a Bottle of Claret from St. Asaph, excellent wine. I pay for the Dinner and Ale 14^s, to the ringers 2^s.6^d, a Boy 6^d. Wee return in a sweet evening about 7. I end the happy Day in a pint of Dyson D.O.M.G.

7 A cooler yet springing day. The last of this Term an easy calme and quiet Court. Yet after dull. I repose, after that read the 6th (a divine) Aeneid and solace over my pint of Dyson.

8 In a cool yet pleasant day, My S. my son and I go about 9 to Warton, hee reads morning prayer there, wee return about 1. My son makes his demand of 113^{li}:6^s of Mrs. [illegible]. After that, about 6, Dr. Thane, Mr. Stones, Roberts, my son and myself go to Mrs. Walleys, wee send for a Gallon (in which is a bottle of white) from Mr. Dyson, wee sit and drink it in the Jury room, part after 10.(3^s).

9 A cool and rainy day, indispos'd from my Bottle last night. I received yesterday half a years rent from Mr. Dennis due at Lady Day 3^{li}. out of which hee

deducted for work don 3^s:7^d, for schooling for my son Will 2 Quarters 10^s, for fire in the school 2^s:6^d, for Cock-mony 2^s:6^d. I send to Warton a Grate fire shovell, Tongs and Appurtenances which cost 2^{li}:10^s:0, an Astor Grate which cost 13^s, they are all in weight 311, a good Bargain, nine old work Chairs which cost 18^s, paid for weighing and carrying up 1^s. I pay for 3 measures of wheat 12^s:6^d. I write to my cozn. Parre and my cozn. Holt. I receivd too yesterday very opportunely D.G. by Mr. Roberts from Mr. Moulding 12^{li}:9^s:11^d. Dr. Griffith going for Dublin calls on us. I refresht from repose proceed in and over a pint of Dyson, read 2 Books of the Aeneid.

10 After a rainy morning, fair yet cold. My Suzy, my son and I before 9 take Horse and in good time, D.G. come to Warton. My son reads the prayers, Mr. Calkin has a good sermon on (The Spirit indeed is willing but the Flesh is weak). Alderman Partington, his daughters, Alderman Puleston, Mrs. Crompton and others dine with us at the Clerks. After noon my son preaches here his first sermon on St. John 13.34, a proper and elegant discourse. Hee delivers it memoriter with a round, bold & decent pronounciation. After this, wee entertain our Freinds at the Clerks with Ale, the Ladies at the parsonage with wine. Return home D.O.M.G. about 7. End the good day over a pott of Dyson.

11 A delicate warm & genial day. I proceed in Virgil. After morning prayers at the Coffee House, the News brings Sir Wm. Wyndham off with a gentile reprimand. After 2 I sett on Foot, meet, but evade, the high Sheriff, Walthall with a small company in Boughton. I call at Mr. Townsends and my cozn. Brethertons in Christleton, take the pleasant way thoro the Feilds to Warton, where view and pleas'd with the work, spoke to Tho. Calkin & drank a pint with him, return, after the sun to Christleton, find Mr. Townsend his family my son and 2 daughters Peggy and Nelly at supper. After this wee return home before 9 and I refresh in a pint of Dyson. The Charges of Dinner and Ale amounted to 17^s. yesterday.

12 A springing (not so pleasant as the last) day. I steal on in the Aeneid. At the Quire where a good plain sermon is had before the Judges, Jekyl and Jeffrys by Mr. Wever. I pay Mr. Croxton for cleansing and mending the 9 chairs 8^s. After noon I walk out with my son, wee call on and drink Tea with Alderman Minshall. About 6 go to Mr. Bennett, after a walk in his Garden wee go to the Yatcht, are here cheerfull over 2 Bottles of different colours till 10. 3^s.

13 In cool but growing morning, my son and I hasten to Warton. Hee reads prayers there. Wee return to dinner home. After which and some Busienes I take a short repose. Return to Virgil Aeneid 9 over a pint of Dyson.

14 A rainy springing morning. I read the 10 and 11 Aeneid. Go to St. Peter's to prayers. After dinner Mr. Hindley and Ger. Eyton visit us. After prayers and a Turn into the Town. I end the day with a pint of Dyson.

15 Good Friday. Myself, Suzy and son after Tea and before 9 set out. Wee are followd near, by the Sheriff and his Men conducting the Judges to Christleton, where they part. Some Freinds are in a Coach before us at Warton. My son has a good discourse as well deliverd, not memoriter as the last. His text is 24 St. Luke 26. A rain begins about 10, increases and continues till 3, when after having seen the House, wee are at home, dine about 4. Indisposd from the rainy season, drink a pint of Dyson.

16 A soft rain or mist continues to fall in intervalls. I write to my cozn. Holt, Jeffry Prescott, John Cross, Mr. Lambert and to Mr. Commissary to whom I inclose (by post) an Inhibicion in order to a visitacion. I pay Mr. Pickering's wife 10^{li} & to Robert odd money laid out for mee 16^s:6^d. After prayers, a brisk rain continues till night, this gives great expectation of plenty. I end in Dyson.

17 Easter day (D.O.M.G.) rises with fair aspects, glorious sun into a serene sky. My S. Son & I set hence and come to Warton before 10. My son reads the prayers, Baptizes a child (John), churches the mother, administers the Holy Sacrament 1^o loco to my Suzy and myself. After noon hee reads the prayers, 39 Articles, Certificate of his subscription to the Declaracion & declares his Assent & consent which is attested by 5 subscribing Wittnesses. Mr. Calkin the Curat preaches both parts of the day. Wee dine with Mr. Rollinson kindly invited & civilly receivd. In the Even wee take a Glass at the Clerks, a pint of wine with the civil matrons at the parsonage. Wee return home (D.G.) about 8. End in a pint of Dyson. 1^s.

18 A bright but dull day. My son gos to Warton to the choice of Wardens and other officers. After prayers at the Coffee house The Comittee of Secresy and Lord Whartons death repeated. After Even prayers Dr. Thane and I take a walk to roodee, see the Horses designd for both races. After this wee call at the Yatcht. Mr. Sally and Winter both of the Custom House of Liverpool come, are civil and cheerfull tho the wine dull, yet advance to 9 pints. Mr. Sally pays 7^s. the Dr. and I each 1^s.

19 A day like the preceding, indisposd from the wine last night. Mr. Hulton, his son, daughter & sister dine with us. After prayers, my S. and I take a walk on the Walls. After this a pint of Dyson.

20 At early prayers in a cool yet fair morning. I read after The Rise and Growth of Fanaticism. I see my Colt (Phillis) first try'd to Grass. I pay for Linnen for my son 2^{li}:6:6. After noon indisposd, repose. After a short walk at night return to my Corner and a pint of Dyson.

21 In a cool dry morning, at early prayers. I write and inclose Haydocks case to Jeffry Prescott. I read with great pleasure Tully pro Arch[?ia] poeta. About 3 I go to Warton, see the Glebe not so full grown as I expected and the remains of the work go on. I send for Mr. Rollinson & entertain him with a Bottle of my own Ale, my own old Cheese and bread, return about 8 and to my pint about 9.

22 In a fine sunny morning at early prayers, after at the Coffee house. All persons are full intent on the so much predicted and describ'd Eclips, which indeed begins with their expectation for about 6 minuits after 8, the Glory of the sun grows dusky. Glasses, pales of Water and papers (perforated with pinns) are brought on the Alarm by which the Body opake of the moon, seems to grow obstinate, on the face of the sun, the Climate grows brown, cold and melancholy. The sun labors under the prevailing apoplexy, but where his disk is not seizd, shows, as from struggle and effort, a brisker shine. This makes a pale and moonshine light, where it falls, dark shades possess the rest of our Horison, and for a minuit (about 6 min. after 9) wee expect the Starrs when the dreaded luminary straining above the opposicion, recovers his strength and colour; triumphs in his Glory, about 10 and restores the joyfull day to the doubtfull and timorous Spectators. I read Tully pro M. Marcello. After dinner and short repose return to Books and over a pint of Dyson read Tully pro Ligario.

23 In a fair cool morning at early prayers. I pay a Bill of 16^{li}. to Mr. Penkett on Mr. Vaudreys Account. Mr. Hughes Chancellor of Bangor and Mrs. Crompton drink Tea with us. After dinner the 4 Farmers of the Tiths of Warton come to us. After some uncertainties, my son agrees with them and they comply to pay at All Hallowtide and Lady-day next equally 120^{li} for the Tiths, Easter dues and small Tiths excepted. About 6, my cozn. Holt and John Cross come to us. At supper about 9, Mr. Lambert calls, stays with us till 11. I write to Mr. Moulding and (about the altering of the Interest) to my Bro. Evans, direct for a month to Mr. Lambert at Mr. Stephen Husbands in new South Hampton Buildings in Chancery Lane.

24 About 9 my S., my son, Mr. S. Bunbury, Cozn. Holt and John Cross with myself and on foot other Freinds go to Warton in the morning. My son reads the prayers and hee has a good and elegant discourse after noon on 11 Math 30. Wee dine decently at the Clarks, in the Evening wee treet our Freinds with Ale at the parsonage, return home about 7. Mr. Lambert comes, draws mee and my cozn. Holt out to Mr. Kemps, where hee treats with wine and long stories till 11. My Charges this day at the Clerks for dinner and Ale amount to 11^s.

25 The weather favorable to the diversion of the day. After Tea at home, my son and I call on and drink Coffee with Mrs. Oldfield. Mr. Rollinson and his wife dine with us. After dinner all people tend to the roodee, 5 horses run the 1st, 2 the 2^d, none the 3^d heat. Lord Gowers Bay is the easy victor, the diversion lengthens the time to 7 a clock. My cozn. Holt, myself and son end the Even at home.

26 Not so propitious weather. After the news and dinner, wee go down to roodee. After a brisk showr which occasions some diversion in so great a number, the [?Galloways] start. Mr. Leigh of High Leigh his sorrel has the same Advantage and success with Lord Gowers yesterday, other small races draw on the Evening. Wee return about 8, I apply to my pint of Dyson, I receive Mr. Chancellors Letter of this day which gives mee some uneasy reflections.

27 Constrained by a concourse of occasions, I borrow of Mr. Roberts 60^{li} of which I order him to pay 30^{li} to the Chancellor, who go's today to Speake. I pay the window Tax 1^{li}. After dinner, my cozn. Holt, my S., myself and son wait on Lady Bunbury. After this Dr. Thane and his Lady visit us. After this wee go to Mr. Cowkers where the Father and son with variety of wine, in a mixt company by extreme importunity, treat & detain us till 1 a clock, the supper and consequences at home, till 3 in the morning.

28 My cozn. Holt and John Cross return about 9. The 1st Court of this Term (Dr. Thane surrogate) short and easy in dispatch. I write to Mr. Ashton still at Carleton. Send my Colt to Mr. Egertons Studd at Broxon; pay for a load of Coals 4^s. After dinner repose and recover. This day is more melancholy from 2 misfortunes, a rash rencounter betwixt Mr. Joseph Bunbury and Geo. Langford, wherein the former is wounded and that of Whites delusion of Mr. Otteys daughter. Wee conclude the day in a domestick Bottle of good Claret long kept.

29 Fine sun shine showers, wisht for and welcome. A company of Freinds drink Tea with us. I prepare for my journey. After Coffee house and dinner in a fair interval, I visit Mr. Joseph Bunbury and go to Warton. Charles Boswell, the paver, follows, wee consider the Stable, I take him to the Clarks. After hee comes in to a Bottle with the Curat & Churchwarden Calkin, wee return past 8. And over a pint

of Dyson (my S. and son at Alderman Partingtons) I with some satisfaction conclude the busienes of this day.

30 After a melancholy night a more cheerfull morning rises with the fine season. My servant Robert Peers putts 21^{li} into my hands and tells mee that about Midsummer next hee shall have serv'd mee 3 years, that his wages being 4^{li} per Annum, I have paid him only 3^{li} on Account and there will remain 9^{li} to make the sum 30^{li}.

After dinner my son and the 4 Firmars execute the Articles (dated the 27) about the Tiths. I give my son 7 Guineas in part of his Quarterage and 2 Guineas and five shillings as his viaticum back to Oxon (9^{li}:18^s:6^d). I pay Mr. Parker for my Bro. Evans 4^{li}:17^s:6^d, To Ben Glover 13^s. Indispos'd by Stitches I am presently releivd by Elixir. I prepare for my journey on Munday. A continud rain falls most of the Afternoon and night.

MAY 1 A fair morning yet rainy Clouds at a distance. After Tea (at which Mr. Hughes), My Suzy, my son, Miss Bell Bunbury and I about 9 sett out and come to Warton about 10. Mr. Calkin has a good discourse in the morning, my son after noon on 2 Peter 1.21. Hee baptizes a child and bury's Mr. Hindleys son. Lady Bunbury came about 1. In the Evening wee are at the parsonage where wee treat her Ladyship with a Glass of Claret, the showry weather hinders walking. I pay for our ordinarys and Ale 11^s, wee return about 8. I give the Churchwardens man 1^s. Invited, wee go over to Lady Bunbury, wee meet Dr. Thane and his Lady. After supper good Claret succeeds, part past 10.

2 A fair morning, not without signs of rain about, prepare and equip. I leave 20^{li} in my S's. hands. Take leave with my son after Tea and Coffee. About 9 set out with Mr. Hughes, come to the Fox and Goose, Wrexham and into the Court about 12. The presentments given, Wardens sworn and Causes calld before Mr. Price (Mr. Chancellor at London) to dinner at the Sun. I examine towards Even 1 Welch Witnes about words, 2 upon a Will, these hold till 8. Mr. Moulding and I drink together a pint of Claret at night, part about 10. Receive for 5 new causes 5^s, for examining on Interogatories, pay for ordinaries and extraordinaries 1^s:6^d. Paid Mr. Plumley 10^{li}.

3 A sharp & stormy morning, I examin 2 more Wittnesses on the Allegacion and Will. Mr. Moulding is with mee at a decent dinner. Mr. Moulding, Stratford, Lewis Hughs and I after a Glass of White, sett out past 3, come (in a storm betwixt Ruabon and Chirck) to Oswestry about 7. Refresh in Broth, Cheese and Ale and at 10 go to my privat Lodging; pay at my Quarters, Fox and Goose 7^s; paid by my S. several Notes to Hilton, Rider, Vause, Washwoman &c 9^{li}:4^s.

4 Rise D.G. well refresht in a cool morning. After Tea and the prayers, to the Court, the Churchwardens of these Deanaries appear.² Mr. Ed. Parry, vicar, is Surrogate. After dinner I step to the Chapell (or St. Oswalds) Well, a fine strong spring with marks of Antiquity about it, situate as Lealand describes. I examine 4 Wittnesses about words betwixt Owens and Edwards. About 8 sitt down with the

company, a Bottle of wine (mountain) is sent for, wee are cheerfull till 11. The Expences to day come to 3s:4d. My son returns this day for Oxon.

5 In a rain continu'd till noon, read, drink Tea, Mr. Parry with mee. Wee set out about 12 and in a rude and tedious road come to Llan a Monac near 2. Mr. Powell receives us all (6 in number) civilly with a ready dinner, good mountain and port wine. I drink (after) Tea with his Lady above stairs. Wee set hence about 5 and come well (D.G.) to [Welsh]pool about 8. Here wee find cold Quarters but refresh in each Man his pint of indifferent wine to his supper. To the maid of my Lodging 2s, at the Inn for my horses 4s, to my cozn. Powels servants 2s, wine at supper 1s, in all 9s.

6 The rain intermits to day. After Diversion in Lealand and Zouch. To the Court about 12. This Deanery (of Pool) appears and the Busienes proves gratefull to the proctors. Mr. Mostyn of Castle and other of the Clergy dine with us. Mr. Harding the Vicar comes after, shows a Copia and Facility in discourse with Freedom. Mr. Deveraux and Jones of Sylvain promote their Bottle of good white, after this and Busienes I take a walk up on the North side into a fair prospect. After this return to my pint with Mr. Jones (Curat) and Mr. Stratford, the rest of our company come. I recede to bed, they end their busy day cheerfully. Charges today 3s.

7 It threatens in gather'd Clouds, but rains mildly. I write to my Suzy. About 9 wee set out, ride under Castle Gough and see into the Fine Garden, go in the low and watry road by Berriew, cross the Severn and come to Newtown near 2 a clock, they call it 9, it seems in rideing 14. Wee light at the Crown (Mr. Clarks) and the room recomended to mee is call'd the Kings Room from K. Charles 1st having lain in it when in 44 in these parts. Two Deaneries are call'd hither, some Wills and Administracions dispatcht. Mr. Baxter, Trevor, Mercer and Morgan (of the Clergy) are with us. Mr. Blaney now High Sheriff comes to see and invite mee to his House, where wee dispatch the Commission on his part. In the Evening Mr. Baxter, Morgan, Tildsley, Lewis, Moulding and I drink a Glass of good White. I leave them at 10. For my Horses and to the servants 5s.

8 A cool and windy day with some rain. At ten go to Church where Mr. Baxter, in deep sonorous Tone, reads the prayers and has a good discourse, tho not deliver'd with the advantage his strong voice is capable of, On Rom.6v. [blank]. After a tollerable dinner and a Napp to the Church at 3, where Mr. Baxter only reads the prayers to a small Congregacion. After these, 2 Lewis's invite Mr. Baxter, Mr. Moulding and myself to Mr. Wm. Lewis (solicitor at London) his house. Here wee have moderate Ale and strong old Beer. The time passes with civil converse not without mencion of the success and adquisicion of Mr. Wm. Lewis. At 7 designing a solitary walk Mr. Lewis (the Tailor here) civilly joins mee. Wee go over the bridg, turn on the left into the medows, rise the steep Hill, walk near Mr. Baxters house, are wet with a showr, return down to the Town about 8. The Charges are to day to [blank] Apparitor 6d, Ordinary and Extraordinary 1:3, a Bottle of white with Mr. Mold & Lewis at night 1s:8d.

9 A cold and rainy day. I write to my Suzy by Mr. Lewis returning from us home. About 9 wee open the 2 Commissions exparte Lewis contra Bishop and at 10 wee go to the Church, open that exparte Shipman contra Tildsley. I dine with Mr. Baxter and Moulding at Mr. Ed. Lewis the Tailors. I examine 3 Wittnesses in each of the Causes a parte Lewis and 2 Wittnesses ex parte Shipman, my Busienes

ends not till 9. Mr. Baxter and Moulding sit an hour with mee. I sup on my pint of White refresht and to bed about 11.³

10 The weather still cold and rainy. About 9 I proceed on the Will ex parte Shipman contra Tildsley, examine 5, among these 2 very tedious. I receive my Suzys Letter and in it an Account that my son sett for Oxford the 5th (this day 7 night). Wee dine with the Shipmans at widow Owens, where good mutton, chickens and Bacon in a sordid House. The Busienes holds mee till 9. I after recreate over my pint with Mr. Baxter & Molding, to bed about 12.

11 A rainy and cold day. I examine Wittnesses in the 2 Causes of Lewis, about 10, wee adjourn to Sir Vaughan Pryce his house, his Lady is produc'd, I examine her, shee appears a well bred person, the Baronet unpolisht and morose. The plaintiff Mrs. Betty Shipman is here today, a decent, brisk and tho her troubles appear in intervals, a cheerfull person. After dinner I examine the 9th and last wittnes. Mr. Shipman pays my Bill 4^{li}. I visit Mr. Baxter at his house, hee entertains with good wine. I stay till 9. After buy of Mr. [?J]udge, Coffee & Tea (2s:11^d). Mr. Lewis after in my Chamber treats Mr. Moulding & I with a Bottle of White. Mr. M. and I pay for a pint of Brandy 1s:11^d, to bed at 12.

12 A cold and rainy morning. Mr. Moulding pays mee for the 2 Lewises Causes 4^{li}:4^s. I pay my Expences in the House 1^{li}:5^s and give the servants 2s:11. About 10 wee set hence in a showr, wee turn to the mountains on the Left to a prospect up the Severn. Wee see [?Aberhavesp] towards Caer Sous [Caerwys] and Llanydios [Llandiloos], thence a tedious way in a brisk showr to Tregynon. Here the parties Commissioners and Wittnesses in a most sordid, cold & dismal House (Morrice Prices) expect us. Wee dine, open the Commission before Mr. Mostyn and Mr. Catlyn, vicar of Kerry and adjourn the Examinacion near a Mile to Greygynogg, Mr. Blaney (now the High Sheriffs) larg and cold House. I examine 2 Wittnesses. After 9 drink a Glass of Wine with Mr. Blaney, Catlyn, Hughes, to bed about 1.

13 The weather continues cold, wett and stormy, the scarsity of Fire (no Coal) and the thin walls of a larg exposd House, make the larg fine bed chamber almost intollerable. I examine here 3 more Wittnesses. I make my Bill which amounts to 4^{li}:1s:8^d. Mr. Blaney pays it, I give 6s:6^d in the Family, and after 6 leave the place, come 2 miles to [?Kevingwernvak] (Mr. Devereux), here Mr. Mostyn and Moulding stay of us. 3 Wittnesses are sworn in Mr. Hughes presence. Mr. Devereux forgets and urges his Liquors about till about 10. From a wett tyld floor I go up to a warm lodging, wee part in Brandy.

14 The weather abated to a tollerable Countenance. Wee mount before 9, go three long miles to Berriew, this short journy affords a better prospect than hitherto. Four more Wittnesses are produc'd here in the vicarage. I examine 3 Wittnesses, Beethil, Tho. Maurice the thirsty vicar & Rice Davies aged 100 years, a peevish debate happens betwixt the 2 proctors about the publicacion. The deposicions are publish'd and those on Mr. Blaneys (cause all taken) are read by Consent. About 8 wee mount and come 2 long miles to [Powis] Castle. Here wee find a warm and decent recess with gentile recepcion, I gave Mr. Devereux's servant 2s.

15 A wett day. After Tea wee go (not many yards) to the Church. Mr. Mostyn has a very good sermon. The Church is very decent, the roof hansomly arch'd, the walls adorn'd with Sentences writ on Linnen in Frames. The congregacion numerous & regular. After noon about 4 the Evening prayers only. After these, in a small rain, I go to see Funon Gorman or Germain (the St. of the Church), thence $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile to Mr. John Jones his house at Sylvan. I receive a peevish suspitious Letter from Mr. Blaney about the examinacion of Mr. Devereux Wittnesses, and answer it. After to my supper a pint of white.

16 The weather yet cold and dispos'd to rain. I examine 4 Wittnesses, make my Bill which amounts to 4^{li}:17^s:0. I abate Mr. Devereux $\frac{1}{2}$ a Guinea, the Busienes ended and the Depositions read, about 9 wee drink a Glass of wine. Mr. Devereux and J. Jones recede, wee to bed after 11.

17 In a fair and promising morning, I take leave of the gentile and hospitable Mr. Mostyn, his Lady and daughter Margaret about 9. Wee call at Sylvan. Mr. Jones sends a Guide with us 5 miles over the mountains to Guilsfeild, the black horse looses a shoe which retards us near 2 hours, therefore wee call of [*sic*] and dine with Mr. Parry the Vicar on his ready roasted Quarter of Lamb, hence proceed in a fair warm and sunny day to Llanamonak [Llanermynech], call on my cozn. Powel, drink a Glass of excellent mountain wine and eat cold pickld oysters. Wee find the roads dry and easy, come to Oswestry about 8. To Mr. Mostyns Family 7^s:6^d, the Guide 1^s, Mr. Parrys Man 6^d.

18 The weather appears fair and encouraging. Mr. Moulding makes up his Account & pays mee 23^{li}:8^s:0. Wee set hence about 10, call at the park, an old and venerable House expressing rather the Care, good Husbandry and Curiosity of its former proprietors than of the present. Wee come to the parsonage House of Whittington about 12. Mr. Adams and his Lady entertain us generously with a good dinner, Ale and wine. After 4 and a dish of Tea, wee set on by St. Martins, a Guide with us to Overton. Wee find the way tho tollerable and giving new prospects, very considerably about, come by Eyton and to Wrexham about 9. I call on Ger. Eyton, find him infirm, his case (if not desperate) dangerous. Mr. Moulding and I end the day in three pints of Claret at D. Jones. At Oswestry 7^s, Whittington 1^s, the Guide 1^s.

19 The weather continuing fair in a fine Ayr, step to Havod y wern, drink Tea and Coffee with the 3 Ladies, my sister Puleston, cozn. Moreton, Mrs. Jones. Return and after 10 part at the Fox and Goose in a dram of Brandy, with Mr. Moulding. Come to Cornish, dine on pigeon and good Bacon with Aunt Peck, thence call on Mr. Massie at Farndon about 5, Mr. Puleston and Mrs. Puleston being there, they stay mee in old stories till 8, come safe to my Corner D.O.M.G. after 9. Charges at Wrexham 5^s.

20 I understand the weather here kept pace with that in Montgomeryshire. I find particular reasons to return my thanks to Almighty God for my S. suspicions and discovery of a most dangerous infirmity in a summer which had long hung over our Heads in the parlor. I stay at home, read and repose. At night, my pint.

21 The weather, the thick clouds fly over, is fair. I write to my Cozn. Parr about my composicion with Mr. Haynes, Registrar to the Vicar General of Canterbury. I pay Mr. Pickering, reckoning the 10^{li} I paid his wife, Samuel Walmesleys full Note

28^{li}:13^s:10^d for Lime (7 May) 1^{li}.2^s.6, for repair of the House in the Abby Court 16^s, To 9 (3 of which very rude) men for carrying 65 runges from about that House 1^{li}:2^s, to Hugh for overseeing [*blank*]. Tho. Calkin calls and owns to have taken of my S. the 2 Feilds at 12^{li} payable at Christmas, and to lead the dung to the further Feild, which (not the other) hee is to cutt or mow for the reason of the docks and seeds to improve it. Hee is to have it at Candlemas. I reckon the Charges for my Journey to 4^{li}:12^s. End in a pint.

22 Some small Showers today but about 5 at prayers, a short storm with rain. Mr. Oliver on 24 Acts 16 in the Quire and Mr. Simpson of Brazennose in St. Oswalds on 4th St. John v.24, have excellent discourses. The News is that Lord Hallifax died on Thursday. After Even prayers I take 2 Turns on roodee, call on Mr. Bennet, Mr. Ball with him, wee drink three pints of good white, from hence at 9. After this my S. and I go over to Lady Bunbury & with the 2 sisters Eyton drink a Bottle of Claret, to bed past 11. My daughter Lydias birth day (the 18) domestically remembered.

23 A calm morning and not so fair but promises showrs which fall after dinner. I dispatch some Busienes. Mrs. Fogg and her own sister Burroughs sees us after dinner. About 4 in fair cool & gray weather Mr. Bennet and I go to Warton, walk about, and after calling T. Calkin drink 5 Bottles of Ale, return well pleasd home about 9. I take leave of the day in a pint of Dyson.

24 A blowing day with some small rain. I turn in Demosthenes Oration contra Leptinem. The news has that the ArchBishop of Canterbury is really in dangerous Health. I pay Margaret Evans for grass for the little horse 13^s, for a lock for him 1^s:4^d, send him to Tho. Calkins Grass at 6^d per week, pay Mr. Manning for a pair of Shoos 4^s. I write to my son by Mr. Oliver, going to bring up his son to Brazennose. A considerable storm with rain rises about 6 and continues. I apply to some Busienes and my pint of Dyson.

25 Still blowing weather, invited wee drink Coffee at the Shop with Lady Bunbury, the 2 sisters (Eyton) treat. I write to my cozn. Parr about the 2 Mr. Pinfolds busienes. Pay to Mall. Partington for my sister Evans 1^{li}:8^s, to Sam Walmesley for repair of the Consistory 2^s. After dinner wee design to wait on Mrs. Wainwright & Norris but meet them not at home. To Evening prayers, after these in the broad Isle, Mr. Henchman in kind & freindly Termes tells mee, hee will remove from his House when I please give him notice. I tell him that when I shall have an Interest there, I did not intend any uneasy warning, but since I am on a great rent for a small house, shall bee glad to remove as soon as I can, and shall desire hee'l take the same Notice which I shall give my Lanlord, with which hee seem'd civilly to comply. About 5, go to Dr. Thane, wee take a walk in his Garden, on the Wall and thence to the Coffee house with design to part with him in a Glass of wine. While I read the News in Company (Mr. Davies and others), the Dr. silently withdraws, as hee had several times, from mee to my surprize. After this, Home, prepare for my journey. I write to my cozn. Eyton of Eyton about his seat in Overton Chapell, over my pint.

26 Ascension day. I go to early prayers, equip for my journey, give my daughter Lydia as on her birthday ½ a Guinea. After Tea and Coffee set out in fair weather before 10, come to Warrington about 2. While chicken and bacon prepard, repose.

Mr. Fearnhead comes over, wee drink a Glass of wine, set hence about 5, go by Golborn, come to Wigan about 8, the place full of the Fair. Mr. Chancellor in civil humor, cozn. Holt, Hulton, Roberts and I go over to Nanny Tootells, drink our pints of White, part after 10. 5^s.

27 After Tea, to our company. I examine 2 Wittnesses on John Browns Will. The day Fair and Busienes competent. John Cross meets mee. I determine on falling the Oak at the Green House. The choice of a Churchwarden of Warrington by Mr. Legh controverted, rather begun.⁴ After the Busienes, on my cozn. Holts invitacion, wee go to his house, drink a Bottle of his wine, over which Mr. Chancellor & Mr. Bowyer argue on Jurisdiction, part about 10. 1^s.

28 After Tea set hence in good weather about 10, the Chancellor receded to Speake, the company gon forward to Ormskirk where (nunquam minus solus)⁵ I come about 12. Mr. Markland is Surrogate in Mr. Kippax his absence. Busienes proceeds, I am drawn into several companys and pints of white wine. My cozn. Hill is tedious with me about 2 Comutations, which wee (salva Dicti Cancellarii voluntate)⁶ agree upon. I find Will. Barton in a weak state of health, consumptive, desgnd for the Bath. Hee describes (with Art and sense) his distemper, and show's a cheerfull disposicion to resign a life led too fast not without apprehension of its danger. My cozn., his mother and others, are there parting with him. Hee is to begin in a [*illegible*], his journy tomorrow. The Kings birthday rememberd in the Bells, little els. After a pint with our company, to Bed about 11.

29 About 4 in a fair morning, rise, the company (most for Warrington) equip and mount about 6. I walk a mile and ride thoro Holland after 7 and come to Wigan about 8, dress and to the Church. Mr. Bowyer preaches both parts of the day. After Even service both my cozn. Holts, cozn. Markland and myself go to the parsonage, are entertain'd with Ale. This day is rememberd here in a great Bonfire, ringing the Bells, drinking to Monarchy and Episcopacy⁷ in a course solemnity in dull Ale by the Bonfire. Wee finish the day in better Liquor at my cozn. Holts, to bed about 12. 7^s.

30 A dull and rainy day spent most at home. In the Afternoon, Mr. Aldersey, Bowyer and others come to us. Wee at night crown the baser liquors with a noble Spanish Mountain.

31 After Tea and Coffee in a fair mild day (the roads from the rain tedious) mount about 10, come to Deyne about 2, meet Mr. Ashton booted at his Gate, designing for Bury. Hee stays and revives mee with welcom, a dinner from the preceding is presently hasht up. Wee walk up to his Curates, Mr. Scholes, house. Here I see Capt. Kay's picture drawn in Buff with his Launce in his right hand erect, hee sitting on a hansom white Horse: the Capt. was Grandfather to Mrs. Scholes. Mr. Starky Atturney comes about 4, stays an hour or 2. Wee end the day in a Bottle of Mr. Bennets White, to which I give preference before his other.

4 C.R.O., Court Books, EDC.1/104.

5 Trans: 'never less alone'.

6 Trans: 'saving the will of the said chancellor'.

7 The commemoration of the restoration of Charles II in 1660.

JUNE 1 The day as myself dull and clowdy. After Dinner Mr. Pigot from Manchester comes and entertains us with the Humors of the Manchester Mobb on the Church side, Saturday and Sunday last. After Mr. Pigot gon, wee about 4 sett to Langley thoro back and deep roads. Wee find Mrs. Wrigley at home, shee civilly receives us. Wee look at the House and Gardens, tis an ancient seat formerly the Langleys, now neglected. Wee return back thoro Middleton and comeing by Heaton near Sunsett, Mr. Egerton sees and draws us in, entertains us with Agreeable discourse, good sense, strong beer & hott Mountain till 11. Wee return by the Moon and starrs, reconcile the rest in a pint of Mr. Bennet and to bed about 1. 1^s.

2 Extremely affected with the Liberty and unseasonable hours of yesterday, walk and with the Help and comical passages of Mr. Pearson the Dancing Master, drag thoro the day & Mr. Ashton and I conclude the Evening in a Bottle of Mr. Bennet.

3 The weather dull and rainy, tho I intended to return to Wigan, I am forc'd to stay. Mr. Egerton, invited, comes and dines with us. After dinner, wine and conversacion go on, the doubtfull prospect of Affairs, the present state of the Government, the common Genius and inclination of the Nation to another Revolution, are the subjects which carry us to 10 at night when Mr. Egerton returns in the rain.

4 A great and constant rain today. Mr. Ashton writes to excuse our not dineing with Mr. Egerton, wee keep within doors and good measure, And do not exceed our pints at Night.

5 The weather turnd to fair and cheerfull, Whitsunday. Wee go to the Church (Prestwich). Mr. Scholes⁸ has a good exhortatory discourse. I here (with about 100 more) receive the Holy Communion. Mr. Ashton after noon has a good discourse on (The peace of God which passeth all understanding). After service, Mr. Lever, Scholes, Gartside come and drink Ale with Mr. Ashton. Mr. Lever talks much and briskly loud with an Ayr of subtelly. After the company gon, wee take a Walk up to the prospect, see Manchester & End in a Bottle of Mr. Bennet. 1^s.

6 The weather holds fair. After Tea and Coffee about 11, I mount, come easily to Ringley call (about 12) on Mr. Seddon who dispirited with distempers seems now to dragg a crazy person. I stay not, but proceed up into the road, come to Wigan after 2. My cozn. Holt orders a chicken, a good dinner. After this my cozn. Holt, Mr. Aldersey and I go to Mr. Bowyer, hee receives us with his good Ale till 9. After wee carry the Conversacion of the last Evening over a Bottle past 12. I pay Fanny Green for Linnen 1^{li}:12^s, for Snuff 5^s, to Mr. Ashtons 4 servants 8^s:6^d.

7 Rise about 7, indisposd, into a scorching day. After equipment, Tea, Coffee, Brandy, set hence after 10, my Godson H. Holt along with mee, come to Warrington after 1, order 2 chickens and Asparagus. The Clergy meet here today (Mr. Copley preacher). They dine at the Eagle and Child, 55 in number. After my dinner I step to the Eagle and Child, enter not the dineing room. Several (6 or 8 of my more particular Freinds) come out to mee. Mr. Ashton, Marsden, Banks, Copley come to my Quarters (the Red Lyon). I was easily inclind by Mr. Aubrey to give him ½ a Guinea for my son and another for myself, devoteing it to the Charity

and receive thanks for them. After some pints of white with my said Freinds, wee set out about 5 in a cooler Evening. Mr. Aubrey and Mr. Green overtake us, wee come safe (D.O.M.G.) to my Corner at 9. To my cozn. Holts Maids 3^s. 6^d. Expenses here 5^s, at Wigan 9^s.

8 After Elixir last night, I stay at home, read and repose, conclude the Day with Dyson.

9 This the Anniversary day of my Nativity D.O.M.G. the 65, tis celebrated with a modest domestic remembrance and is now not only considerable but formidable from the report which is this day to bee made to the House, by the secret Committee. After prayers to Mr. Hodgsons, thence over to Mr. Hollands where with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Proby, I stay at Ale and a pint of white port till 9. After cure that, at home, in a pint of Dyson.

10 The weather so rainy it prevents my going to Warton. I see Mrs. Thane preparing next week to follow the Doctor to Northenden. I read the Duke of Ormonds Campaign in 1712⁹ – from thence suspect no danger to him, so much dreaded from the Committee of Secresy, a pint at night.

11 St. Barnabas. I write on several matters to my cozn. Parre, inclose 2 copys of Wills both Barlows (10^s). I pay Joseph Alcock, Smith, his Bill for Nails and other Iron work at Warton 10^{li}:9^s:3^d, to Mr. Carter the Mason 13^s:4^d, to Mr. Holland 2 Guineas for a new Wigg, wee reckon & remember this as the 21 birth anniversary of Mr. Robert Cholmley. Reckond to my cozn. Parre for search of [blank] Will for Mr. Ja. Pinfold 2^s:6^d.

12 Trinity Sunday, the weather yet rainy. Mr. Nichols has a good plain discourse in the Quire. In a small number (no Layman but myself and another) wee receive the Sacrament. Dr. Fogge preaches after noon in St. Oswalds, about 3, the psalms after the organ begun, a terrible storm of Hail and rain with lightning and thunder falls on, & darkens, the Church, damps the musick and (for about 10 minuits) amazes the Congregation. People are sanguine about the report of the secret Committee and apprehend no Impeachments. About 6 go down to Mr. Bennetts, hee entertains Mr. Ball and mee with a Bottle of white port till 10.

13 The weather yet rainy and discouraging, the roads deep as in Winter hinder my designd going to Warton. I pay Jos. Alcock, Smith, for work at the Abby Court house 11^{li}:8^d. In the Evening with Mr. Hodson, hee treats mee with a Bottle of red port.

14 The weather intermits and people hope the late storm has clarify'd and cur'd the Climate. The news and votes speak plain that the House has resolv'd to impeach the Lords Bolingbrook & Oxford of High Treason. I read a saucy and weak Examinacion of the Duke of Ormond's Conduct, 1712. After noon about 4, I go to Warton, my Son Will and H. Holt with mee. I order the Orchard & Stack yard to bee mowd, drink a bottle of my table Beer, return before 6. Mr. Chancellor, Davies, Kendrick & myself drink (with mee) 3 remaining Bottles of Sir H. Bunburys good Claret, after this I go to Lady Bunburys where wee stay past 11.

9 See G.V. Bennet, *The Tory Crisis in Church and State 1688–1730*, for details about the duke of Ormonde.

15 The day fair, wee part with Lady Bunbury going with her Family to Bettisfeild. After, wee drink Coffee with Mrs. Thane at Mrs. Newtons. After noon, I go to Warton, see the Orchyard mow'd, drink a Bottle of Ale with Mr. Rolinson and William Calkin, pay 2 poor Lays of the last year 8^s:4^d. Call on Mr. Townsend, stay an hour with him and return in my design'd time 8 a clock to meet Mrs. Thane. Wee drink a Bottle of what shee chuses, Claret, and part with her about 9. The deaths of Sir Tho. Cotton and Mr. Bruen are with surprize menciond the same time.

16 The weather turn'd to natural Summer. About 9 my Suzy and I set out, come to Wrexham to prayers. Wee visit Gerard Eyton, wee find him weak, macerated, tormented with a Cough and his next relacions in deep apprehension and concern about him, but see no violent symptoms. After dinner, I drink a Glass with Mr. Thelwal and Will Eyton, wee are conducted by some Freinds to the Fox and Goose, take horse about 6 and come safe in a fine Even (D.G.) before 9, recreate in a pint of Dyson. (4^s).

17 The excess of the new weather and lassitude from my journey confine mee home to some busienes, reading and repose. In the Evening, meet with Mr. Townsend and Kendric, wee go to the Bacchus, wee mix the tollerable different Colours. Mr. Townsend leaves us about 8, wee draw out the time past 10 and mostly on the subject of Infelicities that attack rich and Covetuous Men. 1^s.

18 The weather severely hott and sultry. Men of Warton and others with mee on Busienes. I pay Mr. Batho, Bricklayer, for his mens work hitherto at Warton 3^{li}:17^s, to Calkin and Lightfoot for 2 new Assessments to the poor 8^s:4^d. After dinner repose and Tea, refresht, go (the 2 Boys along) past 5 to Warton, send for the Curat and treat him with a Bottle of good Ale. Pay Tho. Roberts on Account 10^s, return in a sweet Evening about 9 and end in a pint of Dyson. For 2 loads of Coals today 8^s.9^d.

19 From a pain begun Friday last in my right Eye (whether from humors or accident, tis in certain), I stay at home, the weather is excessive, perswades repose. I read Dean Fogg's Vindication of His Theological Scheme and comend the performance of his great age being (as hee there says) but 2 or 3 years short of 90. I write to Mr. Chas. Pinfold and in a Box directed to my cozn. Parre inclose a special Requisition of Hunt, and a Wigg for my son Harry, to bee sent by the Coach tomorrow early, pay 2^s. About 7 to my pint of Dyson.

20 I write to my cozn. Parre. Tho the weather bee very hott my Suzy walks, Mrs. Crompton and I ride to Warton (2 Boys and 2 Girls along with us), a dinner of our own is decently provided. The hay of the Orchard is carryd in. Mrs. Buckley from Tattenhall (Mr. Bowker and Rollinson with her) come and with purpose to rent them, view the Glebe house, Gardens, Barn, Orchard. Shee urges to kno the rate – consenting to let us have convenient rooms in the house and parts of the garden, Orchard and Barn. Perceiving Mr. Rollinson inclineing, on her part, to undervalue the Glebe &c, I desire time to consult an honest understanding neighbour and a fortnight to make my demands. This granted, wee part. Near the setting of the sun, I return on foot with my Suzy and Peggy, the rest on horseback. Wee come tir'd about 10. I refresh in a pint of Dyson, pay today for 3 Loads of Coals 13^s.

21 The Face of the Skies much alter'd and the weather to rainy. After Elixir last night to help my Eye, I indulge it. The news tells of Mr. Prior's Stricter

confinement to secure his evidence. I write to my son the passage yesterday at Warton. I pay for 2 loads of Coals 8^s.10^d. I read Cambden of Cheshire, at night take my pint of Dyson.

22 The weather uncertain, sun and soft showrs alternate. I pay Mr. Stratford my sons Tenths for Warton (and Chester) 2^{li}.7^s.0, pay Mr. Glegg the Glover for Gloves the last year 1^{li}.10^s. For Coals 5^s. 8^d. I pay Alderman Partington for Mrs. Entwistles 12^{li}. and for himself upon Account 6^{li}.8^s.3. I read Cambden on Lancashire. Fanny Green, Ned and Roger Holt and Ellen come from Wigan, they have their, I take my supper in a pint of Dyson.

23 After a rainy night, a threatening (not rainy) day, from the tendernes of my Eye, I stay from Court. I examine 3 Witnesses on Sir John Bellotts Will and 2 Witnesses on Palins Will. I read part of Camdens Life. I pay for a small load of Coals 3^s.4^d, and in my study sup on a pint of Dyson.

24 The Fair, out of its Crowds, affords some Busienes to the Office. The News is of ill portent, that a resolve past to impeach the Duke of Ormond. A mocion made to bring a Bill to make the pulling down a Conventicle, treason. That the King has sent 4 Troops of Grenadiers to keep Manchester in obedience and order. Some brisk, but short, showers fall to day, yet the Wigan Freinds go to see Warton. I dip in Camdens Life by Dr. Smith and Epistles. After Even prayers I answer some Questions sent with ½ a Guinea by Mr. Hornby. About 6 Mr. Morrey, Mr. Hindleys son of Ireland, Mr. Wells, Dr. Hancock, Ralph Prescott, Mr. Seal of Liverpool & I meet at the Yatcht. Wee over 7 Bottles of good Claret, in cheerfull politics, past the time to 12.

25 The day serene and fair. At Mr. Jones, his request, I write to the Church wardens of St. Martins (the diocese of St. Asaph) to take care of the Tiths, till hee is inducted. Tho. son of Tho. Parkinson of Upholland, after 23 years spent in the Warrs and travail, returns, poor, wounded, almost naked. I give him, beside refreshment, a black Coat, Gloves, shoes and 1^s. Hee appears sensible & gratefull. I write to Alderman Tho. Banks about 3 searches of Worthington, & search & copy of Bartons Will (12^s). I try the Leadstone sent mee by my son Harry. Our Wigan Freinds (save Roger Holt) return after 2. I pay Dutton (of Warton) for Oats 6^s, give Harry Holt 2^s.6^d, pay Tho. Roberts more on Account 1^{li}, to Mr. Platt, Tayler 17^s, to the children for Fairings 3^s, pay for 6 Bottles of Claret, on Mr. Morreys recomendacion 10^s.6^d. After noon, repose. Paid yesterday Sam. Walmsley, for work since the storm at Warton, 10^s. In the Evening, divert in Books, over my pint, till 10.

26 A very clear and very rainy day, by alternate Changes. Mr. Aubrey has a good plain sermon in the Quire on (in this do I exercise myself, to bear a good Conscience towards God and towards Men). Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in St. Oswalds. The votes printed tell to surprize that on Tuesday the House resolv'd to impeach the Duke of Ormond for High Treason, High Crimes & Misdemeanors, and on Wednesday the Earl of Strafford of High Crimes & Misdemeanors. After Even prayers, Mr. Lees of Manchester, Mr. Parr of Ormskirk and I, invited, go to Mr. Dysons house. Hee treats us with 4 Bottles of good white and red port. Wee have from Mr. Lees all the ludicrous, serious and mixt Transactions of the Rich at Manchester, part hence after 10.

27 The night and this, as yesterday. Mr. Roberts pays mee the Balance of the last Visitacion 70^{li}. I pay Alderman Partington (with the 6^{li}:8.3. on the 22^d) 21.9.3, which reduces the sum remaining of his Bill to 12:2:0½. I pay Mr. Massey, Grocer, in full 14:8:10, agree for a load of Hay to Mr. Hodgson of Christleton at 18^d per Cwt. I repose afternoon in the double weather, and in the Evening find in the News the Ministry so alarmd that they are providing an Act for the further security of his Majesties person and extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretender. At night, over Heylins Introduction to the Life of Archbishop Lauds Life refresh in a pint of Dyson.

28 Tho fair and rainy my Suzy, the children and myself about 10 go to Warton, dine there with competent elegancy, greater Gratitude and satisfaction, the Desert is of good Cherrys. After noon Mr. Massie and Mr. Rollinson come and drink 2 Bottles of Ale, it then rains briskly, under which the mow'd Hay suffers. About 7 wee thoro Christleton return, bring and bestow presents of Cherry's amongst our Freinds. I pay today to the 2 Maids, 20^s a peece. At night proceed in Heylins Introduction over a pint of Dyson.

29 After night showrs, a rain constant till noon. I write to my Cozn. Parr and inclose a Bill of 50^{li} with request to pay Mr. Smith my principal, 40^{li}, and retain the other 10^{li} in his hands, pay for Exchang 12^s.6^d, pay Robert his Note for things hee paid in the late visitacions 11^s:7^d. After prayers into the remaining Fair where I buy some small things. Alderman Minshall draws mee to a Glass of good Brandy in his Chamber. After this go with Mr. Oliver and Mr. Low, Apothecary, to Mrs. Davis's Ale where pretty cheerfully wee drink 3 Bottles and part about 9 (it raining), pay for 2 load of Coals today, 9^s.2^d.

30 The weather to bright and fair. I send Robert to the Hay at Warton. A Court slender in Busienes (Mr. Henchman surrogate). I examine 2 Wittnesses on Gathorns Will. I write and inclose (by Mr. Hugh Parre) the State of the War and Peace, to Mr Ashton. After 6 go to the Ship where the Recorder, Mr. Bennet, Marsden, Williams of Beau Maris and I drink our pints of good port, both colours, and part about 9. I gave my S. for Fareings 10^s.

JULY 1 After a rainy day a dull uneasy night. I go thoro a sharp showr to early prayers. After those to the Coffee House, where no further mencion of Impeachment. Under some domestic difficulties, I take 2 melancholy Turns on Roodee, yet before dinner are my Spirits comforted and erected from the News of my son being appointed to preach before the University with most gratefull sentiments. I acknowledg and admire the infinite wisdom and Goodnes of God. I receive from Mr. Roberts of the office mony. I pay Mr. Dunbabin on Account of his work at Warton 5^{li}. Tis almost unintermittent rain. After repose, exhilerated. About 6 I meet with Mr. Rosingreaves, the Father and the son comeing to see mee. Wee go to the Yatch, where over a Bottle of good Claret, the Father gives indeed not an undeserv'd tho great Character of the Son. The son a modest and ingenious Account of his Travells, they are both warm wel wishers to the Duke of Ormond. I pay for the wine (2^s:6^d), wee part about 9. After which my S. and I over a domestic pint of Dyson, rejoice at the success of my Son.

2 The pleasant Chang and serenity of the sky appears in every face. I am at early

prayers. About 9, Mr. Rosingreave and his son drink Tea with us. Wee, about 10, go to Mr. Hultons, where with an easy and eager Ayr, the son sits down to Mrs. Bettys Spinett, plays and sings Italian Ayrs (some of his own composicion) with wonderfull ease and velocity, entertains & charms, up to his Character. Hee, about an hour after, repeats this at Mr. Otty's room, Mrs. Betty is prevaild with to play & sing, which, trembling in the presence of so great a Master, shee performs to Commendacion. I pay Squire Dutton for Oats 6^s, Mr. Hodgson for Hay (3 Hundred and a half) 1^{li}.0:6^d, for Straw 5^s, Jo. Wright for Slack for the Kiln, on Account, 1^{li}.1^s.6^d. Mr Rosingraves dines with us. After noon I go with them to Mr. Murrey who on my credit lends Mr. Rosingrave senior 5^{li} to bee paid with the Exchequer upon his Bill on Mr. Swift in Dublin. About 5, Rosingrave junior and I go to Warton, on Rewton Heath a vehement but short rain falls on us. Over 1 Bottle of Claret most loyal discourse and equal Healths carry'd on to 8, return about 9.

3 The weather fair but cool. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse on Prov. 5.24. Eucharistiae Sanctissimae participes sumus. Det D.O.M. sancte vitam agere.¹⁰ I receive 2 Letters from my son Harry of his safe arrival at London (D.G.). The News adjourns the further debates and reports of the Committee to Thursday next. After prayers, the weather fair, take 2 Turns on roodee. Mr. Davies lends mee a Letter, a sharp and bold reflecion on the report of the Committee of Secresy. Mr. Rosingreaves and the daughter come to us about 8. I read the Letter and treat 'em in my 2 pints of Dyson. (Today in the Ch. 4^s).

4 Tho fair and bright at early prayers, it rains at 7, continues near Noon, yet do the children from hence and Bro. Partingtons venture, the Girls on foot, to Warton. Wee write to my son Harry. I write to my Cozn. Parre, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Moulding and John Crosse. After dinner repose in the dull day. Turn in Camdens Britannia. After 6, take a walk into the Town, meet with Alderman Partington who on Account of my late payment to him treats mee at the Ship, with a Bottle of good white port.

5 In the rainy morning, my Man and horse sett out about 6, with Mrs. Plumley for Namptwich. I turn and read in the Britannia with pleasure. I pay Alderman Ince half a years Rent due at Midsummer last 8^{li}.5^s. Mrs. Plumley and her sister M, after an attempt of 3 miles on their journey, return. The rain is constant, and the cold attending it, perswade to a Fire & repose. After prayers, I return to Camden. About 7, go to Mr. Hollands, I with him, over three pints of Ale, run over the present News and politics and part about 10.

6 The weather rainy still to comon Fear. I indispos'd (after 4 Turns in an interval on Roodee), turn on in Camden. And after dinner, the rain perswadeing, repose. After prayers, Mr. Swarbreck calls and invites to a Glass of wine. Wee go to the Ship, send for Mr. Holland, drink 4 pints, part about 9, pay for coals 8^s.6^d.

7 A watry and sickly Sky, sunshine and showers together. The public Complaint is of Corn of most Hopefull expectacion, now despaird of, beaten down, the Hay near rivers flooded, the Roades deep and difficult. Wee have a Court of easy

10 Trans: 'We are partakers of the most Holy Eucharist. May God the best and greatest grant that [I] live [my] life virtuously'.

dispatch, tho several Decrees past. I pay Robert, which hee paid for mee, to Mr. Calkin Churchwarden of Warton, 2^{li}. After noon the Clouds break into a continu'd showr, till 9 at night, this adds to our melancholy and despondency. After repose, under the dull weather, refresht, return to Camden, run thoro the Counties of Wales. In the Even a pint of Dyson is my companion. I indevor to releive mee of a lurking pain by Elixir sal.

8 The same disposicion of weather continues. After noon, as usual the threatening Clouds fall on us. I recreate in turning 2 of the 1st Books of the Code. I pay for Coals today 11^s:2^d. At Even prayers, after which Thunder and vehement showr, after it Mr. Griffiths of Rhual takes a Copy of the Sentence on his part. About 6, on his Invitacion, Mr. Roberts and I are with him at the Bacchus, hee talks & treats us freely, the good white port gos cheerfully round, I number 7 pints, hee pays, wee part about 10.

9 A cheerfull aspect appears in the skie, clouds dismist and evaporate. From the wine, some secret complaint. My son Wills birth day remembered, hee counts the 11th. My Suzy imployes the whole day on a posie for Warton Church, making it out of a great Collection of Flowers among our Freinds. Tis sent thither to Night. On summing up Accounts betwixt Mr. Chancellor, Boucher and myself, I am very sensible of a satisfaction and joy suffus'd in my mind by divine providence and gratefully ejaculate, Quid retribuam Domino, pro omnibus quae mihi tribuit.¹¹ I give Robert 2^s.6^d. to bee spent at Warton, retire to my study, Book and pint of Dyson.

10 Mr. Henchman has a very good discourse in St. Oswalds this morning on Hebrews 13.5 where with my Suzy, Lidia and a considerable number of the parishioners, Accipio poculum Salutis et invoco Nomen Domini.¹² Mr. Chancellor who (a strang[e] chang[chance]) invited himself, and Alderman Partington (invited by mee) dine with us. The News affords not much discourse nor further hopes or Fear. After Noon repose. In the fine and genial Evening, after the fair and cheerfull day, I take a turning walk into the Feilds, towards Beach Pool, rejoice with the standing Corn, hope in and admire Gods power and providence, return to my study, Book and pint. (1^s).

11 The morning assumes a doubtfull aspect. At morning prayers, thence to the Coffee House where the News tells of 16 Articles of impeachment (3 of which for high Treason) given against Lord Oxford by the Commons, the impeachment brought to the Lords by Lord Coningsby. About 2, Mr. Walton the Baker and I go to Warton, wee see company about the wakes but come not into it. Hee with his chain 22yds long walks round the Glebe and takes the dimensions of every particular Close, the Orchard, Courts and Garden, well tyrd, wee about 6 sit down in the parlor and drink 2 Bottles of Ale, return about 9 and find the Town in some commocion, about a panick Fear or rather false suggestion of the Dissenters, that their meeting House was threaten'd. My S. and I end the day in a pint of Dyson. Mr. Clayton who dy'd here the 7th was buried today at Leverpool.

11 Trans: 'What shall I repay to the Lord for all that he has given to me?'

12 Trans: 'I receive the cup of Salvation and call on the name of the Lord'.

12 The warm and bright morning promise a fair journey to Warton. About 11 wee set out and our company, Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Alderman Partington, Puleston, Capt. Hulton come after 12. Wee have a dinner, beans, Bacon and pease with cold Beef and lamb which seem to please very well. After dinner, a dark cloud gatherd, breaks, near an hour, into a vehement showr, this makes way thoro the Wall, into the Cellar, under the Kitchen: the company recede very much to Tables. After so great a Fall of Rain, a clear sky succeeds. The company gon, wee step to Mr. Calkins, hee treats mee with his Wakes-Ale. Robert tells mee of 20 Bottles empty'd, 1 of Claret, about 8 of Ale, the rest talk and small Beer. Wee come back about 9. I pay to Hugh 1^s, to the Mower in part 2^s:6^d, for a Tobacco Box for T. Roberts 6^d, for Coals today 9^s.6^d.

13 This day has variety of Features but the fair prevails. After morning prayers at the Coffee house which affords nothing but the noise of the Dice. After dinner repose and prayers, to Books. Mr. Walton brings mee his survey of the Rectory of Warton to Statute, 18 Acres, 2 Rood 23 pearches, Cheshire, 8A:3R:9P.¹³ I give him for his pains 2^s:6^d. In the Evening in A.B. Lauds Life, over a pint of Dyson.

14 The morning very calme and excessively hott. 2 Loads of Hay are brought before 9 from Warton, the men entertaind with Beef and Ale. A Court so easy in dispatch that I am at M. prayers at St. Peters after it. After dinner and repose, refresht and cool I examine 3 Wittnesses on Perkins Will. About 7 take a Turn into the Town, meet with Mr. Leftwich and Jones the Sadler, wee go to the Bacchus. I treat 'em with a Bottle of white port, wee part after 9 (2^s). Coals today 5^s.2^d.

15 The morning fair and tollerably cool. I drink Tea at Mrs. Oldfelds with Mr. & Mrs. Yates. The News tell the Lord Oxford in Custody of the Black Rod and to bee sent to the Tower on Sat. next. About 11 wee set out for Warton, Mr. Boucher and Mrs. Crompton, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Roger Holt and my daughter Nelly with us. Wee dine cheifly on Beans, Bacon and pease, walk to the Church and Glebe, empty several Bottles of Ale and 1 of Claret. The day is favorable and the company pleas'd; wee come about 8. I return to my study and A.B. Lauds life over my pint of Dyson. My daughter Lidia designing to go to Broughton to Morrow early, I give her 4^s.

16 A day happy to Hay and Corn. I write to my cozn. Parre and, in his, to my son Harry. After dinner the weather turning to Sultry, perswades repose. After prayers into the Town. About 6 Mr. Hodgson, Proby, Holland and myself club at Mr. Hollands strong, not clear, Ale; the discourse uniform and loyal, keep us till 9.

17 I stay at home after Elixir last night, have the prayers read, the News brings Lord Oxfords speech upon his leaving the House which had voted him into Custody, short and moving. In the Evening over my pint proceed in Lauds Life.

18 In a doubtfull morning at early prayers. After with Mr. Gamul and Hiccock, walk round the Walls. I pay Mr. Vaudrey upon Account 10^{li}, to Mr. Gilbody Confectioner 9^s. It grows dull and dark after dinner, diverts my design for Warton to repose. After that and prayers into the Town. At Mr. Hodgsons, Alderman Puleston, Mr. Proby and I meet, go to the Ship where wee have 4 pints of White

13 Land measurements are often in Cheshire acres, which differed from the statute acre.

port, over these Mr. Proby tells mee hee has by his Will given his old silver guarded Cup to the Chancellor. Wee part about 9. (1^s).

19 Clouds but not rain. I am at early prayers. About 10 my sister Puleston, my S. and I go to Warton. Mrs. Townsend, Mal. Partington, and Mrs. Bradshaw with the Children fill our Table, Beans, Bacon and Mutton are the entertainment. The Busienes of the Hay in a blowing favorable day go on. I see the room over the Stable finisht and the Brick in a tollerable condicion, not yet ready for the kiln. I am with Mr. Townsend and Middlehurst at Mr. Rollinsons, after, they drink and are well pleasd with a Bottle of my Ale. The day passes cool without Sun or rain, wee return about 8 and I recreate in my pint.

20 This day, the 2^d after the new Moon, begins with a soft showr. My sister Evans, as a Ghost, surprizes us early (about 9) from Holywell in the Coach. I write to Mr. Egerton about the scheme of Malpas Church. Indisposd after noon repose an hour, refresht very much, return to Books, and over a pint, proceed in Lauds Life. (5^s).

21 A windy and cloudy sky makes different schemes and expectacion of the weather. Wee dispatch the Affairs of the Court in Mr. Bouchers Chamber, save a few Causes calld judicially before Mr. Henchman. After dinner indispos'd, recover by a short repose. About 3 Mr. Hodgson and I go to Warton. I order the pales about the Court to be applyd to the sides of the Barn. Mr. Hodgson and I in a Sweet Evening walk about, refresh in a Bottle of good Ale and return about 9.

22 A favorable day, Mr. Calkins Cart brings one, Mr. Hattons, 2 loads of good Hay. Mr. Hatton & the men are entertain'd. The Hay put up and the laborers paid 2^s:6^d. About 4, on Foot in fair cool weather, I go in an hour to Warton, see the Stable pav'd today by Boswell and the work of the Barn going well forward. Mr. Calkin the Curat and I empty a Bottle of Ale. I return on horseback past 9.

23 The wind brisk, the weather uncertain. I ascribe a great refreshment to my walk yesterday. Apply to Busienes and Lauds Life. After dinner about 3, my Suzy and I go to Newton. I find Mr. Hurleston, Massie, Charles H., Mr. Greenfeild and Mr. Dod moveing the Ale round with the humor of an naile as a Tesscin to the Tankard.¹⁴ Decanters of 2 sorts of Claret neither fine are set before mee. It rains very fast so that the Chariot is made ready for our return. After a free recepcion my S. 2 Boys, Roger Holt, Will and I about 8 come easily in the Chariot. To the servants 2^s:6^d. I receive from Mr. Dennis 2^{li}: 10^s which with 10^s for Wills schooling makes 3^{li} for ½ a Years rent due at Michaelmas next, accepting his unperfect warning to leave the house.

24 A threatning yet favorable day. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse on Jer. 23. v.24 in the Quire, and in St. Oswalds on Eccles. 8.11. I read 3 excellent sermons of Bishop Wilkins. The Letters bring a rumor of the landing of the Pretender and from that occasion or pretence, Motions in the House to raise the Militia and other Forces, to put the Laws strictly into execucion against Non Jurors & papists. I try a Bottle of the 2 doz. of Claret which Mr. Moulding sent about 10 days ago, and over it write to my Cozn. Holt.

14 'Tesscin to a tankard' refers to marking a measure of wine or beer.

25 A high wind this morning, cold without rain. By the Coach I return Hunts Administracion to Mr. Charles Pinfold with a Note of the Charges (amounting to 6^{li}.5^s.6^d) in a Box directed to my cozn. Parre, with a letter to Mr. Pinfold and another to my son Harry. My daughter Nelly go's, and Roger Holt returns, today to Wigan. I give her 2^s and him 1^s. I write and inclose to my Cozn. Parre a Requisition to swear the Executors of Moors Will. I write to John Crosse, by James Biccursteth an old Freind, of my Freind, Sam. Prescott. About 3 the weather fair and the wind very strong at W. I set out on foot and, in an hour, come to Warton, see the other side of the Barn finisht. I pay 3^s for 60 Kidds of Gorst towards firing the Kiln. Mr. C. the Curat and I drink a Bottle, hee brings mee the half way. I am above an hour in my return about 9. My S. and I over a pint condole the news of the recess of the Duke of Ormond and the forward motions to raise forces and to comit persons suspected by the Government.

26 A cool and blowing morning not without signs of a fair day. Two Troops of Harveys regiment of Horse (tho a goodly, not a gratefull sight) draw up in the Area against our Houses. About 12 my Suzy, Peggy, myself and W. Willoughby go to Newton to dinner. Wee are generously and cheerfully entertain'd after the plentiful dinner; the company, 2 Brothers, Mr. Massie, Gibson, Wilcock, Willoughby and myself sit to Ale and Conversacion. The motion and quantity of the liquors, both voluntary, the Recess of the Duke of Ormond puzzles our politics. I chuse to mix Ale with my wine, which succeeds. After 8 wee come hence in Mr. H's Chariot. 1^s 6.

27 An hazy morning, threatening rain. I read the rest of Bishop Wilkin's excellent discourse of the Beauty of Providence. Pay the Mower at Warton 3^s.6^d. which with 2^s.6^d. formerly paid makes 6^s. Paid Roberts Note 2^s & for coals 6^s:10^d. After dinner and short repose, about 3, Mr. Holland and I take Horse in a fine warm interval to Warton, wee walk about, see the brick and Stratas of slack coal laid. I give 1^s, Mr. Holland 6^d. After our walk wee sitt down to our Bottle, in our return meet a very sharp but short shower, come home before 9.

28 A cool and fair day without sight of the Sun. The last Court of this Term so quickly dispatcht, I go after it to M. Prayers at St. Peters. After dinner and repose, examin 3 Wittnesses on the part of the Churchwardens of Bowden against Timperley.¹⁵ About 3 the weather alters to brisk rain. Recreate after Examinacions over my pint.

29 After a rainy Night, a clear and shineing day. I examine a fourth Witnes in the Cause of Bowden & read out Seneca de Providentia before Noon. After noon, go down to Mr. Bennet, return to prayers. After a Turn to Mr. Hodgsons, read Tully de Fato and turn to other parts. The News of the Army to bee raisd, a new oath to bee form'd for the Clergy, and the yet suspected recess of the Duke of Ormond, are the common matters of discourse and mortificacion. I pay for Coals 5^s:4^d. Mrs. Moulding pays us a short visit. I fall into Hobb's Behemoth over my pint of Dyson. My daughter Lydia returns from Broughton after 9 at night.

30 The weather still disposd to rain and condold. About 8 in a fair interval

¹⁵ C.R.O., Court Books, EDC.1/104.

perform 4 melancholy Turns on Roodee, refresht return to the Behemoth. I pay for 2 Loads of Oates 13^s, for a lock for the stable door at Warton 1^s.6^d. About 6 I meet Mr. Bennet and Marsden at the Ship, wee drink our pints of W. port and part about 9. The weather turnd rainy. (1^s).

31 Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on Psalm 73.25. I observ'd him to omitt the Duke of Ormonde in his prayers. The News saies, The Bill (for further security of his Majesties person & wherein the New Oath) is past the Commons. Dr. Fogg's Curat preaches in St. Oswalds after noon. The Evening rainy. I return to my Study and variety there, over my pint till 11.

AUGUST 1 The Bells about the Town make early proclamacion of the day. The noise and solennity of it, do not suppress the smart sense of our Loss in the death of our excellent Queen, this day of the last year. Dr. Fogg and in St. Oswalds, Mr. Dennis reading the prayers has a sermon on the 5th Comandment (the Corporacion present), adapted enough to the Ears of those Magistrates. After dinner retreat dull into my Study, proceed in and end the Behemoth and over my solitary pint, begin on the 5th prolection of Sanderson de Iure Ob. I step thoro the streets and see few Illuminacions but in the windows of the Mayor, Recorder and Whigs.

2 In a promising morning tho under variety of Clouds, I go to early prayers. Thence (after home) to the Coffee House. No News of the progress of the Invasion, no mencion of the Duke of Ormond. Hence over the Walls, take 4 more cheerfull Turns on roodee. I write to Mr. Ashton and Dr. Thane the News going here. After prayers, near an hour at Alderman Pulestons. After meet with Mr. Tyrer of Liverpool, who surprizes mee with the News that Capt. Tarlton within 14 daies intends to send his Ship (Sarah Galley) for Guinea, hee himself designing to stay at Liverpool. Wee go in to the Ship, 2 Langtons, and Capt. Masters follow us. After a pint here, calld up-stairs to Mr. J. Cowper, old Mr. Sherwin, Mr. Bletchington and Ward. After an hour Mr. Geo. Oretton an old comical Acquaintance, adding to the company his diversion, I am ingag'd in another pint. Wee stay past 10. (2^s). Movd by the ungratefull News, I am more angry with my servants for their keeping out late at nights. *Canis coelestis etiam urere videtur.*¹⁶

3 The unseasonable wine and unwelcom News, last Night, about the Sarah Gally give mee very warm and painfull reflections. I write to my cozn. Parr and, in his, some preparatory Advice, to my son Harry. Prepare and about 11 set out with my S. and thoro small showrs come to Wrexham about 1. Wee call at Ch. Merediths, thence to my cozn. Eytons where wee find the company thickning to the Funeral of my cozn. Gerard Eyton (who dy'd Thursday last). After a full and hansom refreshment and the company of Mourners and Bearers sett'd. A great company of Horse, Foot and 4 Coaches move after 3 which is increas'd at Bangor. Mr. Davies, Dr. John Davies, Mr. Lloyd of Halghton, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Holland, Manley, Kendric and myself are Bearers. Hee is interr'd about 6. After the solennity, I wait on Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Lloyd of Halghton. A good company (12 at least) is invited and generously entertaind with very good Ale and Beer by Mr. Jones; wee

16 Trans: 'the heavenly dog still seems to burn'.

return in a delicate Evening under a full moon new risen, about 9. I stay at the office with Mr. Thelwal, Will. Eyton and Mr. Jones the Curate over a Glass of wine past 10, thence my S. & I to the Fox and Goose our Quarters.

4 About 9, wee visit my cozn. Eyton, shee imparts to us something of his Circumstance & his Will. Relations come in and wee drink Tea and Coffee plentifully, part hence about 11, call on Mrs. Beech who receives us with Civility and with her fearfull sentiments of the riotous Mobb, the threats of her near Neighbors and the remissness of the Magistrates Roberts and Baron Meredith. Wee mount about 12 and come under a brisk showr to Cornish about 1. My Aunt Peck shows us her sons sensible & penitential Letter. Shee expresses her Greif in moving Terms. Wee dine decently. The weather, my own reflections and sympathy with the good Lady, affect mee. After an hours repose and Tea, refresht. Wee set out past 6, a severe showr accompanys (by Borrass) to Pulford. Wee come (tho very wett) safe home at 9. I receive Capt. Tarltons Letter which aggravates my Cares about my son Harry, which I indevor to divert by my domestic pint. 5^s.

5 In a cloudy yet dry day and blowing morning, rise to early prayers. I meet here with Mr. Sherwin, invite but he cant dine but brings Mr. Bletchington along and drinks Tea with us. Mr. Morrey comes after. I impart Capt Tarltons Letter to him, hee his advice. Hee has direfull Apprehensions of the Oath machinated for the Clergy and aggravates mine. The News gives Corinth and Sparta to the Turks and the Isle of Usedom to the Prussians by Assault. After dinner too dull and melancholy I court repose, apply to Busienes till 7. Go to Mr. Roberts who pays mee 11^{li}. 17^s. 4^d sent mee by Mr. Moulding. I give 10 Guineas of it to Mr. Hughson designing for Oxon to deliver to my son. A Bottle of good Claret is brought, Mr. Huson and I drink it (Mr. Roberts indisposd). It mitigates but dos not over come the dreadfull apprensions wee have of the oath formd for the Clergy. I give my daughter Lydia going tomorrow to Bettisfeild 4^s.

6 Concern and Care for my son Harry join'd to my Apprehensions of the Oath, awake mee (with the object of a rais'd serpent) about 3, keen and torturing thoughts succeed and prevail, (maugre my Dose, formerly successfull). I rise to early prayers for releif. Mr. Lawton late at London returning to Prescott leaves Mr. Moors Will (and drinks Tea) with mee. I consult Mr. Bennet and Mr. Holland about a voyage to Guinea, encourag'd by them, I, with more ease, write to Capt. Tarlton and inclose a Copy of his Letter to my cozn. Parre. After dinner, affected with the indisposicion of last night, repose. My Cozen Brethertons, from Christleton, visit us, Entertain us with the comical humors of Mr. Gilbert and his suspected Lady. I write to Mr. Roseingrave of St. Patrick's, Dublin and acquaint him I have, of his, receivd from Mr. Murry, 5^{li}, in my hands. I conclude the day in a pint of Dyson.

7 The morning fair and brisk, yet heavy Clouds roll over us. I hope my indisposicion lessens with the Cause of it. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse of Baptism, on Math. 3.15. Wee in the Quire participate of the Holy Eucharist. Det D.O.M. pie, recte et sobrie vitam agere! Some showrs fall. The news, not much domestic, the Turk terrifies Venice, Hanover joins the Northern princes against the Swede. I write to my son with design to send my Letter to morrow by Mr. Huson. In the Evening, over a pint, prevail in Lauds life.

8 After better sleep a more cheerfull mind, yet Mr. Boucher comes (inter haec),

tells mee hee designs a journey a fortnight hence, desires mee to help him with 12^{li} against that time. Rain had faln in the night, the clouds pierc'd with pale sun shine, promise more. I pay the Washwoman her Quarterage 1^{li}.10^s. Mr. Warburton and W. Duttons Carts bring mee from Warton 2 larg loads of good hay. Wee entertain the 6 servants liberally. I reckon with Tho. Roberts and find that my son according to the rate of 8^d the day for 124 daies (which amounts to 4^{li}.2^s.8^d) of which hee has paid 1^{li}.10^s. is, from this day, in arrear to him, 2^{li}.12^s.8^d, pay labourers to gett in the Hay 1^s. After diversion in Books, I take with James Thompson 4 Turns on roodee, return to my Corner, my books and pint.

9 The morning calme and pleasant. The News carrys the impeachment on against the Duke of Ormonde and Lord Bolingbrook. My cozn. Parrs Letter putts mee on looking into our Accounts and this draws mee into a Curiosity of regulating my Ephemeris since May 1708. This work takes up the whole Day. I give a Note to Mr. Chancellor for 58.14.1 and to Mr. Boucher for 32.14.1. as dated 9 July last, payable on demand. These difficulties press hard, I indevor to keep up my spirits and hopes over a pint of Dyson. The weather turns to rainy. I take Elixir.

10 Still rainy. I apply to examination and compare my cozn.. Parrs Accounts of 9 Sept. 1714 with his last Letter. I write to him and tell him I find only 2 small omissions. I write and send books in causes ready for Sentence to the Chancellor of St. Asaph. I pay Briscoe of the Betty Gally for a Gallon of Brandy 10^s. I look over my sister Evans Accounts. After noon repose, return to Books.

11 *Iam prociosi furit et Stella vesani Leonis. Hor. Carmen 3.29. Q.F.F.Q.S. pure sole potum occupat Jupiter. Dies nobis festus connubialis, xxviii^o. nostris laribus celebratus.*¹⁷ I fall into Jone's prolusiones Academicae. Indisposd, take, ad Sudorum, 5 Turns on roodee, refresht, return with better Tast to Books. After Evening prayers My Suzy and I visit Mrs. Midleton and Mrs. Thelwal. A marriage yesterday betwixt Mr. Hughs and Mrs. Florentia Herbert, young persons, is much the subject of discourse, fills this street with music and other Noise. After a Turn into the Town, to my corner and domestic pint.

12 A thick mist but exhal'd to a hopefull day about 9. I pay Alderman Minshall my Quaterage, due the 1st of this month to the charity school, 5^s. The Votes tell that the Duke of Ormond was impeacht formally before the Lords on the 8, the Impeachment carry'd up by (Secretary) Major G. Stanhop. After applicacion to Books, Busienes and E. prayers, I go to the Ship where Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington, Kendric and Proby. Wee drink our pints and move over mean variety of talk. Alderman Partington treats mee. Wee part after 10.

13 A favorable day welcom to the Steeping Store of Corn. I lapse into Horace. I pay Richard Swindley for 5 measures of Oats 6^s.6^d, to Tho. Roberts wife for her service in my Hay 4^s. I lend T. Calkin on Account 2^{li}. I pay my sister Evans on Account 1^{li}. I pay to my Watchman (call'd by the busy Magistrates, in my Turn) 1^s. After repose and Mr. Hodgsons, I meet with Mr. Bennet and Mr. Ja. Thompson, wee go to Mr. Hollands. I send for a pint of White Wine over which a more agreeable discourse is movd past 9. 1^s. I take Elixir.

17 Trans: . . . 'Feast day of our marriage, the 28th, celebrated in our house'.

14 A bright, warm and genial day. I stay at home, have the Psalms, Lessons &c read for the day, in intervals read out Some sober Inspections into the Long Parliament by J.H., a good Book, not full. I end the day in a pint of Dyson.

15 A dark morning, the clouds threaten, dissolve not but are dissipated at noon. I write to my son and with reasons from others fortifying, advise him to go the voyage to Guinea, inclose it in a short Letter to my Cozn. Parr. Sent Mr. Richmond by Mr. Plumb 6 Licences & Bonds. I prepare for my Journy. After dinner, Nuncii a Deo dati. Roger Barton of Newborough Father and [blank] Taylor a Milner of Liverpool, Executors of Oliver Barton late a Sailor in the Earl Galley, coming to prove the unfortunate Mans Will, tell mee obiter that on the 26 Oct. last, the ship set from Liverpool, arriv'd at Calabar in Guinea, took slaves on Board, the Rains fell without intermission many weekes, thence an infection began among the slaves & spread thoro the ship, a dismal mortality followd of many slaves and 13 hands of the ship among which the said Oliver Barton (who tho hee had thrice tryd the Climate, the first with almost equal danger) was one. This Account deeply affects mee and repeated at Mr. Hollands and the Ship, I resolve to revoke my advice to Harry. I find these men affectionate to the House of Derby, shew them the E[illegible] which they see & kiss on their knees. About 9 I receive Capt. Tarletons Letter stateing the Case of the Trade to Guinea. The natural passions of the Father, the aversion of the other to the Guinea trade, Capt. Tarltons Letter and my own warm sentiments admit tonight of few, and those disturb'd, moments of sleep.

16 I rise about 5 and answer the Capts. Letter possitively, that I can't consent to my sons voyage to Guinea, and direct my S. to write to Harry and my cozn. Parr includeing a Copy of my Letter to the Capt. by the post tomorrow. My spirits erected and my mind thus exhilarated. About 8, in a fair blowing morning, Mr. Stratford and I set out. I walk near the 2 mile house before my horses over take mee. Wee come to Wrexham before 11. The Chancellor late come from London reads six Sentences. Hughes the Lawyer is obstreperous, long and impertinent in behalf of the Northop Adultress. I examine one witness in Diffamacion. At the Vicarage with the Chancellor, Dr. and Richard Davies, thence to my cozn. Eyton, and about 10 to my Bed at the Fox and Goose.

17 The weather holds fair and cool. I send by Robert my compliments to Havodywern and drink Tea with my cozn. Eyton and Thelwall. After 10 I meet the 3 proctors at the Red Lyon. Mr. Moulding pays mee for the sentences and other Fees yesterday, 3^{li}.12^s.0. Mr. Hughs for a Commission at Oswestry 15^s. Wee drink 4 pints of good white wine. About 12 set hence, invited, to the Vicarage (Gresford); here a full company and good dinner beside the Chancellor, 2 Wynns, Mr. Young and Lady's Islay, wine and October going freely round till 5, come in a sweet Evening D.G. home about 7. Mrs. Puleston formerly Mrs. Ann Alport my early acquaintance and a very valuable person dy'd Sunday morn last at Farndon and was buryd there, privatly, last night. All charges 8^s.6^d.

18 The weather offering its pleasure. About 10 my Suzy, sister Evans, Jeffry, Peggy Birchall, Mal Partington, Peggy, Will. Willoughby and I go to Warton. Wee repeat Beans and Bacon, cold Mutton, and add the Fruits of the place. The Entertainment proves very agreeable, calling on and drinking at the Gate a thirsty pull of Mr. Townsends Tankard. Wee return under a pleasant sky about 7. I take after

my pint, Elixir. My sister Evans presents my S. with a Guinea, myself half a G., I presume in consideration of her entertainment.


19 The weather to a common Joy is fair, warm and genial. By my Elixir, I am confin'd to the House and Bookes till 6, take then, with pleasure, 3 Turns on roodee, repeat my Bottle and Elixir.

20 The weather with the same cheerfull countenance promises a continuance of it. Some Freinds from Warton call on us. After a short repose I go about 5 to Mr. Hodson, hee treats mee with a pint of sack instead of white wine. I pay for 3 measures of wheat 14^s, pay Mr. Boucher part of my Note 12^{li}:14:1.

21 Sol diem refert siccum.¹⁸ My sister Evans, on an instantaneous Notice about 9 returns in the Coach to a surprize almost as great as that of her coming. Mr. Oliver has an excellent discourse on the whole parable of the Sower in the Quire, which today receives no Ornament from the gaudy & showing brideal company of Mr. Herberts family. The Curat preaches in a school tone in St. Oswalds. After E. prayers, I take a winding walk towards Beach Pool. After this a pint of Dyson. My daughter Lydia, after a fortnight there, returns from Bettisfeild.

22 A fine morning after an easy night, draws mee to roodee, where I take 4 more cheerfull Turns. I write to my cozn. Holt of my design to wait on Sir H. Bunbury to Rocksavage on Wednesday. I add a Tonn and Half of old Hay (bought of Mr. J. Ince) to my new store. Slightly in Books. After E. prayers at Mr. Hodsons, thence to my pint of Dyson. I write to my son by Mr. Boucher and Mr. Roberts going to Oxford and send to Ken 1^s. I receive a Bag of 17^{li} on Account from Mr. Roberts D.G.

23 A most seasonable and delicate day. All papers concurr in the important News that the King of France dyd the 16th old and 27th New Stile, that the Duke of Orleans is appointed Regent, Maine Guardian and Villeroy Governor to the yong King. Some Letters apprehend the Pretender descended on Scotland. I take 4 Turns under a glorious Sun and Sky, about 10, on Roodee. My cozn. Prescott of Liverpool and Mr. Crompton eat some of our Bettisfeild venison. Sir Henry Bunbury comes home with some of his children about 6. I visit, drink near my Bottle of his excellent Claret and stay with him past 10.

24 St. Bartholomew. A fair and brisk day. Sir H.B., Mr Ed. Foulks and I (Alderman Puleston to follow) sett hence about 10, come to Rocksavage about 1. Wee see part of the House and walk thoro the Gardens, these are well laid out in a fine prospect, are decently kept, the Walls about are coverd with peach, plum and Apricocks freely offerd to the strangers. The stables are noble built of stone in form of a , the access to them over a deep dingle, finely pav'd larg and statly. My Lord Barrymore appears great in Servants attending. Hee treats with a fine Ayr and full generosity. In the middle of dinner Mr. Cholmley, his brothers Seymor and Banks come. That over, [?female] Toasts are first promoted, the Circle takes about 14, the wine and [?finally] old Beer perform a perpetual motion till six, when a Health to our absent Freinds, and that they may return with Honor, prosperity and Glory concludes and crowns the Entertainment. Wee return under heavy clouds

18 Trans: 'The sun brings back a dry day'.

about 9 and finish the Day in a Glass of Sir H's good wine. I receive by Mr. Leighs man from Wigan 50^{li} in Gold with my cozn. Holts Letter which I acknowledg in my Answer, by the same Hand. (2^s).

25 After a rainy night, rises a fair day. Sir H. Bunbury desires mee to write to Dr. Thane and my sister Evans about their (each 100^{li}) and their Bonds. About 11 my Suzy and I walk to Newton. The solemnity of Baptizing the child (Elizabeth) is performd by Dr. Fogg in the [*illegible*] chamber. Mr. Davies, Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Birkenhead stand sponsors. I am witness, not without regret, at the [*?clancular*] way in a Church family. A plentiful dinner succeeds with decent order and attendance; several Tables are spread. After dinner, 2 Bowls of punch and Claret take their place. I stay in the Circle till 6 with Dr. Fogg, his Lady, my S. and I (the weather turnd rainy) come home in Mr. Hurlestons coach. (2^s).

26 The weather returns to fair. The news indulges to Lord Oxford, till Tuesday to give in his answer. Apply to Bookes till noon. After dinner sent for, go to Sir H. Bunburys where with Mr. Davies, Alderman Partington and Mr. Kendric, I stay generously entertained with good Claret and pretty free discourse till 8.

27 A delicate bright morning and what was suspected, a fair day. Indisposed from a long Current of good Claret, read with great pain. Before dinner take $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of white wine at the Ship with Mr. Holland. I pay Mr. Sam. Davies for Mr. Calkin Curate, 11^{li} to Wright, the rest due for slack 1^{li}. 4^s. 6^d. Wee dine on Venison (Mrs. Bayley only with us). I can't divert nor scarce have opportunity to take a short repose. Aldermen Puleston and Partington procure mee Mr. Robert Pigots free Letter to get Stone in Sir Richard Grosvenors Quarrys in Warton. After a Turn to Mr. Hodgson, I borrow and read a sharp Letter to Richard Steel Esq. over my domestic Dyson.

28 The weather cloudy without rain. Mr. Marshall has a good sermon memoriter in the Quire on Psalm 119 v.133. The news mentions a design to found a Cell or Whig Seminary at Sion Chapel near Hampstead. I read 2 praelections of Sanderson. After Evening prayers I take a walk towards Mollington to Dr. Fogg's house, return tir'd, refresh in a pint of Dyson.

29 A thick mist rather than rain, exhald at Noon. I write to Mr. Fox and inclose a copy of Peter Richardsons Will for Mr. Goddard, charges are 10^s. 4^d, and to Mr. Goddard, notice of it. Mr. Egerton calls on mee about the scheme of Malpas Church. At 2 Mr. Holland and I (calling at the Quarry & Hignet the Mason) go to Warton. Mr. Rollinson joins us there, wee solace over good venison, 2 Bottles of Ale, 1 of Claret. Wee return home about 8. I receive Harrys and Mr. Foxes Letters (but not Dr. Mapletofts) with pleasure. Over the public Letters, which add no new unwelcome Accounts, refresh and reconcile in a pint of Dyson.

30 A thin mist vanisht, a delicate day takes place. Q.B.P.Q.E., this my sons birthday, hee concludes the 25th. Wee with Gratitude to Gods providence, pay a domestic celebracion. Mrs. Crompton dines with us. I finish the Acts of the last Court at Wrexham. I pay Mr. Ince for a Bushel of Oats 6^s. 6^d, give to my S. to buy Linnen for myself 1^{li}. 10^s. I write and inclose 4 Licences and 2 Bonds to Mr. Shaw. After Evening prayers I takeing Mr. Hodgson on the Walls, in the way perswade him to 2 Turns on roodee, call returning on Mr. Bennet and in his Cellar with Mr. Thompson drink 3 Glasses of his rich Lisbon of the last sunny vintage. After about 8 repeat the memory of the day with my Suzy in a pint of Dyson.

31 In a doubtfull morning, affected with the contents and difficulty of answering Dr. Mapletofts Letter I take a dull walk about the Walls, return'd incido per sortem in psalmum 37 which I read over in Buchanans poetical Translacion with pleasure. Desir'd, I see Mr. Crompton who desires mee with carefull sense of his mortality and good understanding of his Circumstances in the world to take back his last Will (drawn in 94) and (adding further direccions) to draw another, which I do and also a Deed or power to Mrs. Crompton to dispose of the personal Estate left her by her Father by her Will in Mr. Cromptons life time, both which hee fully executes in Mr. Bouchers Chamber about 8 at night before my Suzy, myself and Jeffry Moulding. I apply over a Bottle of good Claret to make ready matters for my journey to morrow and write to Dr. Mapletoft.

SEPTEMBER 1 After a rainy night the sun forces its light thoro watry clouds. I examine Mr. Egertons Copy with the original scheme of Malpas Church. I write to Jeffry Prescott and J. Cross. I give my S. to defray the charges of her intended journey to St. Asaph, a Guinea. About 10 Mr. Stratford and I set out, come thoro Hawarden by the Bores Head, Flint and Baggylt, 14 long Miles to Holywell, Chester Arms, about 2. Wee see the Well, dine on a shoulder of Mutton, after go over to the Crown, drink a pint of white and Gill of Brandy, mount about 6 and over the mountain, reach St. Asaph, where I meet a guide from the place and come, under a bright moon, to Gwernygron about 9.

2 In a fair morning, come about 10 to Betty Barnes's, where the proctors and I run over the Court Book, the Chancellor intervenes. After prayers wee go to Court, dispatch presently the rest, dine and about 3 mount to meet the Bishop on his first access. Ascend the Hill of Bronkar and attend in the cool prospect 2 hours when the Bishop comes with about 6 in his retinue, the whole company advance to about 30 Horse which hastns, nay hurrys to St. Asaph. The Bishop go's to prayers, deferred till 6. After, I wait on him, with others to the palace. Hee receives all with great Civility, appearing a Gentleman of good breeding mixt with agreeable gravity. Tho hee invites mee, I stay not supper, return with my brother Evans about 7 and find my S. at Gwernygron, come by the Coach to Ruthland.

3 A fine day. At Morning prayers, dine with the Bishop. After, examine 2 Wittnesses in the Cause of Account of Henllan.

4 Very fair, wee go to Church, my Brother Evans has a good discourse and short deliver'd without confusion, tho not without concern. Wee dine with the Bishop. After, prayers at B. Barns till 7.

5 A cheerfull harvest day. I read with pleasure a sermon of the 4th vol. of Dr. South. Attend at prayers Morning & Evening. After these, at the office. I open a Bottle of white wine which had bin 3 years in my little Cellar, it proves rich and fine. I entertain among others Mr. W. Lloyd my Lanlord with some Glasses of it. Hee promises to mend the water-course at the side of the office. Mr. Moulding Accounts and pays mee D.G. 10^{li}.2^s.

6 Weather up to the desires of the Husbandman. I proceed in Souths Sermons. Go to M. & E. prayers. At the office some time, seek for, but find not, Licences on occasion. Return to Gwernygron about 7.

7 A morning genial to the rural work; proceed in South and Zouch. Wee all

apply to M. prayers and kindly invited, dine with the Bishop and his company which crowds his Table every day. After, my brother Evans and I, in a showr part of the way, come to Mr. Lloyd of Wickwar, about 4. Hee entertains generously, suo more,¹⁹ with wine, Entulum, Beer. Mr. Babington comes about 6. The Liquor in a Circle affects most the Entertainment. Hee is importunate with us to a troublesome degree to ride back in the dark, yet wee evade and come by Lanthorn and the Moon to Gwernygron about 10.

8 In a cool and fair morning I step to the office and Court where an Administration upon a particular occasion and a public process is decreed. I with speed return to Gwernygron, refresh by an Hours sleepless repose. About 12 the Coach (Mrs. Price in it) takes us up to Kinnel where wee are curtly and gently entertained by Mr. Carter and his Lady. After dinner wee go into the Garden, prospect of the Sea, see it in its angry motion, and admire. Wee return to Gwernygron about 7.

9 The weather turn'd to cold and stormy. Yet wee go to prayers. Alderman E. Puleston is here and dines with us. About 4 wee go to Mr. Prices in Ruthland. Mr. Evans treats us with a Bottle of Claret, Ale and Brandy. Wee return (inform'd about the return of the Holyhead Coach) about 7.

10 The weather very subtle and sharp. Wee are at Even prayers. After these invited, wee go to Mr. Babingtons where a supper Ducks and Pulletts. Capt. Evans, Mr. Moulding and Mr. Evans and myself are the company. The Liquor, Ale and Beer have some purging proptium which presently affect mee with pain and Gripes, which when return'd to Gwernygron about 8 I correct with Elixir.

11 A morning threatning rain and storm. Wee go to Church. The Bishop has a good & grave discourse. I receive a packet in which Letters from my three sons. Wee dine, civilly receiv'd with Mr. Moulding. After Evening prayers at B. Barn's, returning wee are kindly & elegantly treated with supper and good Claret by Mrs. Price. Shee shows mee the picture of her Great Grandfather Lloyd of Vynol, my predecessor in the Registry, the picture drawn in the year 1607 and the 65 year (my own D.G.) of his Age. Wee with the help of Drag and Lanthorn return to Gwernygron about 9.

12 The weather high. Wee go to the Church and dine with the Bishop. After prayers, I treat Mr. Lloyd of Wickwar with Ale and my brother Evans and Mr. Moulding with a Bottle of my old red port, to Gwernygron about 8.

13 The weather perswades to stay at home and to proceed in South and Zouch. My Brother Evans and I apply to and settle our Accounts. I deliver to his hands and custody the Bond on which hee indorses a Memorandum that after 17th of April last, the Interest bee reckon'd and paid according to the late Act at 5^{li} per Centum. Wee agree that on 17th of Oct. next I shall bee arrear in Interest 4^{li};7^s. Mrs. Price from Ruthland dines with us. About 4 after noon, my brother Evans and I walk to Pengwern, wee find Mr. Lloyd warmly ingag'd in company, Mr. Conway, Egerton, Dyson, Lloyd. Wee fall into the swift Circle. Hee proposes to mee good Claret. I tast not the commended Ale & Beer. Egerton, Dyson and H. Lloyd contend in

19 Trans: 'according to his custom'.

Brimmers till overcome by them. Mr. H. Conway drinks wine freely yet keeps the post of a civil and sober Gentleman. Mr. Lloyd denys force, but uses prompt perswasion to drink the fraught returning Glasses. About 10, with difficulty, wee leave the room, return by Lanthorn not without a comical miscarriage of it by Foulks, the side wind Bearer.

14 The skies blown clear, wee rise about 5, hasten our Equipage. The 2 sisters ascend the Carriage, wee find the Fords easy, come to Ruthland about 8. Mr. and Mrs. Price give us a repast, pigeon pye, Tea and Brandy. My S. takes the Coach with Mrs. Griffiths of Bettws, wee come in a fine prospect (Comb Hill especially) to Holywel (there the Starr) before 11. My S. and I go to the Church and prayers. After dine on a smal rack and Breast of Mutton, bad Ale and a pint of white wine. Set hence about 1. Come over the sands at length over the Ford D.O.M.G. safe to our corner about 5. I stay in the house, and about 9 in hope to cure my indisposicion, take Elixir.

15 The weather still promising. I stay at Home, weare the day in Books, after dinner in repose. In the Evening, over a pint of Dyson, recollect my Journy and compute the Expences of it to amount to 2^{li}.15^s. I pay our parochial Collectors of the poors Tax 7^s.

16 The morning invites to 4 Turns on roodee. I write to John Crosse. I pay Mr. Cook for my sister Evans 19^s. Apply to Busienes and make a scheme (D.V.) of the next visitacion. I receive my sons Letter and in it an Account of the Election of Lord Arran Chancellor of the University. After a Turn into the Town, over a pint of Dyson look into my cozn. Parrs Letters and Accounts, write to him and to my Lord Bishop the desires of the Mayor to have his consent that the prayers and sermons may bee had in the Chapel of St. Johns Hospital when finisht.

17 A delicate prospect of the season returns. I take 3 Turns on roodee while a Scotch Regiment (Preston) is mustering in it. I finish the Letters to my Lord and Cosen Parr, write & inclose Standish's Requisition to Mr. Everard Eaton, write to Fr. Griscome and direct him to pay for Stringers Search to my cozn. Parr 2^s.10^d. I receive from Tho. Roberts mony gatherd for Lambs in Warton parish²⁰ 1^{li}.19^s. I pay for a Bushell of Oates 5^s.8^d. Send my daughter Lydia (now at Wrexham) 3^s. I read the new Act for the further Security &c and rejoice to find it dos not oblige such who have taken the Oath since his Majesties accession to the Crown. I read and recreat over a pint of Dyson.

18 The fine and warm morning forces to 2 Turns on roodee. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. Governor Pitts, his son in law Mr. Cholmley and company (now Guests to Sir H. Bunbury) are Auditors, they dine at Eatton and return to supper with Sir H. The News tells the formality of the House of Lords on Wedensday (upon the lapse of the 10th day) in pronouncing the Duke of Ormonde attainted and degraded from his Honor and Titles; these are eraz'd, instead of them hee is to be term'd James Butler yeoman. Lord Bullingbrook to bee calld Henry St. John, Laborer. An Attempt on Edenburgh Castle defeated. In the Evening wee visit Mrs. Griffith at Mrs. Gleaves in Forest Street. Over my pint read Dr. Brett his review of the Lutheran principles.

20 These would be tithe lambs commuted to a money payment instead of being delivered in kind.

19 The good season seems to promise its continuance. I turn over Exequiae C.V. Joanni Radcliffe M.D. ab Oxoniensi Academia solutae. I give Hugh for tending the black Horse in my absence 1^s:6^d. Sir Hen. Bunbury pays mee 107^{li}:10^s in full of the principal and interest due Michaelmas next, to my sister Evans, upon which I indorse a Receipt and deliver the Bond to him. After a genial dinner, repose. In the Evening turn Pliny and particularly Cap.6 liber 18 de villarum posicione &c.

20 Dreaming that I was advanc't on a high and magnificent in a spacious praetorium and frequent Audience with a Royal Commission beginning Georgius &c before mee, the Instrument on a suddain growing dim and illegible, the lofty seat and cushion before growing narrow and vanishing, as one on a desperate precipice and utmost danger. I am shockt with it, start, wake in a sweat, and to my comfort find myself safe in my own bed. Wee are surpriz'd today with the News of a insurrection in Scotland and that the Earl of Marr set up there the Standard of K. James 8. After dinner on foot to Warton, drink a bottle of Ale and come with Mr. Calkin & Mr. Barns, returnd and ready, to bed, call'd over to Sir H. Bunbury, stay freely with him, Collector Allen &c till 1.

21 St. Matthias [*sic*] and tho a delicate day, not sensible of the blessing, read with difficulty & repose.

22 Releivd by Elixir. First Court of this term, competent busienes. I examine Mr. Claytons long Will. Mr. Chancellor and yong Mr. Boucher dine with us. In the Even see Mr. Marsden, stay drinking white till 10.

23 A cool, kind, not bright day, not recoverd to calm temper, resolve on my old exercise. After Tea at Mrs. Newtons, Mr. Thompson and I, about 10, set to Warton, refresh there in Tea and Ale, return to a roasted Hare, with good stomachs, about 2. At 6 to Mr. Bennets, where wee begin to bee merry and solace in Wine. But a surprizing Account of a fire in the sugar House presently brings us thither, the Fire by ready help and Engines is quencht, D.G. about 9.

24 A fine day. I read variously. Step to the sugar house, see cozn. Marsden, recoverd of Fright and not suffering much damage. I take here a Tip of Snake root, rumm and Brandy, write to my cozn. Parr and to my son. Bargain with T. Lightfoot for 60 Flaggs for which & carriage I to pay 19^s.

25 Indispos'd wee stay at Home. The News magnifies the Commocion in Scotland. After reading of the day, I turn Camden on that Kingdom. About 6 at night, my son Harry comes, by way of Oxford, hither. I end this day in a pint of Dyson.

26 After rain in the night, a tollerable day. Alderman Partington and I about 8 set to Warton on Foot, meet Mr. Pigot. After Tea wee see the Quarry. Hee gives consent to gett in Sir R. Grosvenor's Quarry what stones my son wants without limitacion, save to go equally with Mr. Massies quarry. I bargain with Robert Hignet to get and set at 10^d per yard, giving him 1^s Earnest. Wee return to dinner where Mr. W. Bunbury is with us. About 3 I meet Mr H. sheriff Walthal, attend him to the Frontiers where hee receives the judges Jekell and Winnington Jeffrys. About 6 go to Mr. Davies to congratulate his sons Nativity and Christianity, here is a great and mixt company. A noble Jarr of punch loads and adorns the Table, generally Tory Healths circulate in the good Liquors. I stay till 11. Mr. Legh sett's out from Lyme with a Messenger sent from the King and Council.

27 Indispos'd from the full and late Entertainment. The news tells of Sir W. Windams recess and promises 1000^{li} for his apprehension. After dinner feverish,

repose half an hour and am refresht, calld on by the Chancellor of St. Asaph and his brother, a solicitor at Law, wee drink three Bottles of my good Claret.

28 Tho not recoverd, releivd by Elixir, in Busienes and Books. Pay Margaret Evans for grass 2^{li}: 12^s, Mr. Chapman 10^s. I dine with the H. Sheriff at the Golden Talbot in a mixt company. After his recess stay with Mr. Alex. Walthal, Alderman Minshal, Mr. Davie &c. Here yong Thicknes in drink betrays ill manners & unhappy Education. From this wee go into Mr. Walthalls room and drink 2 Bottles freely and freindly. I receive from J. Cross his Letter acquainting hee has receivd 20^{li}, will add 5^{li} of his own and pay Mr. Gilibrand the long delayd interest. I receive from J. Walmsley 208 [?weight] of Cheese.

29 A bright morning, the day yet dull without rain. Under the effects of wine go into the crowded Town, meet with and chuse Robert Orrell, wee go to the Ship, drink my pint, his half pint in good yet inoffensive healths. After dinner repose, pay Mall. Partington 12^{li}:2^s:6, to Fany Green (here 2 nights) for my cozn. Holt laid out in linnen Cloath 5^{li}:2^s:6. For Lays in Huxley 12^s:8^d. I pay T. Taylor for carriage of the Cheese 2^s:6^d and write to John Cross.

30 A fine morning. Cooler from Elixir. I pay Richard Swindels for Corn 13^s, Robert & the 2 maids 3^s. I send the black Horse to Warton, pay Mr. Fearnhead on Mr. Vaudreys Stamp Account 10^{li}.15^s, Mr. Crane shoemaker 8^s. Mr. Massie repeats his kindnes to my son about the Quarry. Hee and Richard Southworth of Holland dine with us. After Evening prayers with T. Gorst and Mr. Crosby at the Ship. I pay this his long Bill 15^{li}:1^s, wee drink 6 pints, hee pays 5, T Gorst 2^s.

OCTOBER 1 In a fair cool morning, I with my son Harry about ½ hour after 8 go and see the work going on at the Quarry, thence look about the House, returning drink a dish of Coffee with Mr. Clopton and glass of wine with Mr. Townsend, return home about 12. I dine and repose. About 6 wee go to Mr. Benets who treats us generously and freindly (Mr. Thompson with him), wee part about 10.

2 A rainy morning and indisposicion stay mee at home. The whole day rainy and dull. After prayers (Harry with mee) I wait on Mr. Carter and his mother. Hee sends for and treats with a Bottle of red, wee and yong Mr. Peck of Flint part at 7. I take my pint of Dyson at home.

3 It rains even to irresolucion and discouragement to undertake my journey. I read a sermon of Bishop Fleetwood. Mr. Stratford stays and dines with us. The rain ceasing, after 2 resolvd, set out in favorable weather, come to Flint (the Wheatsheaf) about 6, where I have a warm & decent lodging.

4 The morning fair and bright, wee sett out about 7, pass thoro Holywell about 8, go the steep way to the mountain and Horse Leap, come to St. Asaph to prayers. After Court dine with my Lord. After Even prayers the Chancellor, with deliberacion prolix, dispatches busienes at Betty Barnes. It rains severely and my brother Evans and I, with difficulty and lanthorn over the Row, come to Gwernygryn about 9.

5 I fall quasi per sortem²¹ D.G. into St. Bernards Meditacions Englished by Dr.

21 Trans: 'almost by fate'.

Stanhope. About 10 come to St. Asaph, now at a Fair full of Cattle, deep in durt. Wee go to Court, the Chancellor reads 2 Sentences in the Causes of Kemies about Taxes to the Church. After (my bro. Evans interpreter) with difficulty & Tryal of patience, I examine 2 tedious and obstinate Welsh wittnesses in Llansanfraid. Wee return to Gwernygron, dine well about 4 and with Ale, wine and Tully solace the rest of the day.

6 The weather and way tollerable, wait on the Chancellor at the palace before 10. The Stamp of the Collacion of Mr. Price to Llanvair²² considerd and with my Lord other matters discuss'd. After Morning prayers, wee dine with my Lord. Stay, and after Evening prayers, at Mr. Mouldings new House, the Chancellor treats Mr. Jones, Babington, Evans, Mr. Moulding and myself with 4 Bottles of good Claret. After (by help of Lanthorn) to Gwernygron about 9.

7 My Lord Bishop gos to Abergelly to see the Fabric of the Church and settle the choice of the Wardens. Mr. Chancellor home, the rain being constant today. I stay at home, easy in St. Bernard and Tully. Mr. Moulding dines with us. After dinner wee solace snug in Ale, musick and wine.

8 The weather and water abate. Mr. Evans and I go to prayers. Wee dine with Mr. Moulding on Gross Fare, Beef and Goose helpt with white wine and Brandy. Hee accompts and pays mee 7^{li}:4^s. After prayers Mr. Evans and I slip by the palace, avoiding company to Gwernygron where wee rejoice in music, Tully and wine till 11.

9 The weather holds fair. My Lord Bishop has a good discourse on 12 Rom.2, 'Bee not conformed to this World'. I dine and after Evening prayers take leave with his Lordship. At Betty Barns, with 4 Lloyds, Evans & Edwards, cheerfully till 10; correct the Ale with a Tip of Nantz at home.

10 I finish St. Bernards Meditations and proceed in Tully de Legibus. Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Mostyn dine with us. After noon Mr. Evans and I go to the palace, pay Mr. Jones a direct visit and before dark return to Gwernygron. I pay Mr. Evans 3^{li}:8^s which makes up the ½ years interest (7^{li}:10^s) due the 17th of this month, relax in reading, musick and wine till 11.

11 After Tea and Coffee set out past 9, walk to the Town. At B. Barns's, Da. Lloyd proposes to mee the company of an Irish Capt., then takeing horse for Chester, who talking of the News in huffing Terms said, If hee coud meet with the Pretender hee woud present his Head in a bag to the King & parliament and make 'em easy. I presently abandon this vain Furioso. Mr. Evans and I proceed to Mr. Mouldings who after 3 Tips furnishes mee with a pocket Bottle of Brandy. Set hence after 10, come over the Mountain by Halkin, the weather continuing favorable, I stay not, come D.O.M.G. safe home before 5. I find my Corner well, Katy Wright in it. I dine about 6. I reckon the Charges of this journey &c to 18^s.

12 After a stormy night, a rainy morning. A Court held for Chester & Wirall Deaneries (Mr. Henchman Surrogate). I see the News where Commocions and confinement increase. I pay Tho. Lightfoot a poors Lay in Warton 8^s.4^d, recreate and recollect over a pint of Dyson at night.

13 After Tea &c, go to Mr. Bouchers chamber, thence to Court where before Mr. Henchman Surrogate the Busienes is easily expedited. I step into the Town, desire Mr. Holland to dine with us. About 2 wee set to Warton. I direct the Mason how to carry the dry wall. Mr. Holland, my son Harry and I, a Bottle of Ale and Claret, come back, most in the dark and deep way, call at the Glass House, have a Lantern thence, come home about 8, refresh in a pint of Dyson. It rains this night.

14 A fair morning. Mr. Roberts and the rest go to a Court at Frodsham. I go to St. Peters where Mr. Oliver has a good discourse before the Corporacion on the last clause of the 3^dv. of the Epistle of Jude, they thence go to the Hall, elect Sir Richard Grosvenor Mayor, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Tho. Brock Sheriffs. I pay Alderman Partington for Mrs. Entwises which my son receivd from Dr. Stratford 7^{li}:10^s:6^d. I pay Mr. Hodgson for St. Bernards Works 10^s, for the Clergy Mans recreacion 1^s. To Tho. Lightfoot for 60 Flaggs and leading 19^s. After dinner and repose, to Mr. Hodgsons, agen Hee invites mee, Mr. Aubrey and one Mr. Mace to his House. I drink my pint of white, they Ale, part at 9.

15 A dull, not rainy, day till 3. I write to my cozn. Parr my approbacion of his Accounts stated the 6th of this month, the balance (beside the principall sum 150) 23^{li}.5^s.5^d. To Jeffry Prescott pay poors Lay 6^s.8^d, Half Land Tax 16^s:7^d, Assessment to Highways 4^s.2^d, all in Halton. To James Cottingham for a Wigg for Harry 8^s. I write to my son. Mr. Crofton of Ireland calls and sits with us. I take my pint of Dyson, paid too 1 half Land tax in Huxley 19^s. for 3 Measures of Wheat 13^s.

16 Mr. Aubrey has a sermon in the Quire in a full Audience of the Corporacion on (Thou almost perswadest mee to be a Christian). The News is not particular but adds to Lord Marrs Numbers and doubts his Majesties Guards. After Even prayers, my S. and I wait on Mrs. Carter. Her irreverent and ingratefull mencion of the Royal Family, and peevish scandalous reflection on the Duke of Ormonde, provoke mee too much. I return to my pint & Elixir.

17 A fair hopefull morning rises. I fall into the 2^d Dialogue of Plato. I write to Capt. Tarlton by Harry going to Liverpool to wait on him. I give Harry 10^s. After Even prayers and the Town, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Hodgson & I go to Mr. Hollands, are cheerfull over 1^s:8^d in Ale. After with Sir H. Bunbury over his good Claret in good Healths and company till 10.

18 St. Luke, a fair day. Our company set out to Midlewich. I write to Dr. Thane and direct Mr. Roberts to pay him (what I receivd from Sir Hen. Bunbury for him) 5^{li}. The Duke of Grafton with his retinue comes to Sir Hen. Bunburys, dines and lodges there. This gathers great crowds about my Corner. After Even prayers, I visit Mr. Tho. Yates at Mrs. Oldfeilds in his retreat from his neighboring Militia. Harry returns easy from Liverpool, conclude in Dyson.

19 At prayers at 7 a Clock when the Duke of Grafton, saluted by the Castle, sets over the sands for Mostyn. After 9 (Harry along) I set in a bright warm day thoro Christleton and the Feilds to Warton, see the Stone Wall carry'd on, return in the same way to Christleton, drink Tea with Mr. Townsend, return home about 2. After dinner Katy Wright leaves us & returns to Coddington. About 5 into the Town. Wee visit Mr. Marsden, hee treats us with civility and a Bottle of White wine. A rumor spreads today from a Letter from Ireland to Mr. Allen that Lord Marr is routed, taken and carry'd prisoner to London.

20 About 8 in a fair morning (my son Harry with me) set out and come to Wrexham (the Red Lyon) about [blank]. The Courts of Instance²³ and Visitation held. Thence to the Sun to dinner and further Busienes. After that at the Vicarage in a company select (to which Mr. Harry Conway comes), the vicar putts freely his old sharp Beer about (the Chancellor staying so long) past 8. The day being the 1st anniversary of the Kings Coronacion, is by one party kept with dull solemnity. Harry gos pretty early to Cornish. Mr. Moulding and I end the warm day in 12 pints of white.

21 A delicate bright morning finds mee feverish and repenting. I visit and drink Tea with my cozn. Eyton and Mrs. Thelwal. Mr. Moulding and I dispatch the Busienes of my Gerards Eytons Will which is deliver'd by mee to his widow and Executrix on hers & Mrs. Thelwalls Bond. I with difficulty examine 1 Wittness in Causa Diffamatia. After 12 set hence to the Vicarage of Gresford. Mr. Chambers and one Mr. Wynn (of the Excise) dine there, after dinner good Liquors go round, those gon Mr. Cowper (who yesterday din'd with us) comes. I chuse white wine (French) stay after Sun sett and under the Moons Light come safe home D.G. about 7. I meet with my sons Letter & in it a welcome Account that hee was admitted compleat Mr. of Arts on Saturday last (the 15th). I reckon the charges of this journey amount to 11^s.

22 My Wrexham Beer and complaints corrected and releiv'd by Elixir. The Town is full of the Descripcion of the yong Rakes of the Constitution Club on the Coronacion day, their Riotts and their being call'd today before the Mayor and being bound to their good behavior. I pay for shoos for myself 4^s and for Harrys 3^s. 6. I write to my son. About 6 Lady Bunbury comes over and sits an hour with us. I end the day in a pint of Dyson.

23 A dull and blowing day. The News for want of Scotch mailles intercepted, imperfect. Mr. Sudell has a long discourse in his Oratory in the Quire. After prayers wee go to visit Mrs. Lloyd of Havady[-?]- in the Forest Street, but not with her. About 6 Sir Hen. Bunbury sends, I go over, find Mr. Hurlestons, Mr. Massie, Jo. Bunbury, Mr. Barton [illegible] with him, the Glass had and continu'd still to circulate a Brimmer, the conversacion alters and lessens but continues in good humor till about 11.

24 After a stormy night a rainy day with Hail. Sir Hen. Bunbury sends (what he frankly promis'd last night) a dozen Bottles of Claret. Indispos'd by the wine, quantity and time last night, I stay at home, repose. After dinner pay the 2 maids on Account each 10^s, paid one half years tax for the office 1^{li} and (in Mr. Stratford's absence) for the Dean Rurals office 10^s. To Sir H.B.'s Butler last night 1^s, this morning 2^s. Turn and read some Chapters of St. Bernard. My daughter Pegg's birthday (the 15th), I give her 1^s, pay for an English Exercise for my son Will 1^s, end in Dyson.

25 A cold and blowing morning, prepare for my journey, pay Robert his note of mony laid out 12^s. After Coffee set out near 11. Keep the ordinary rate in a high wind without rain, come to Warrington past 2, proceed without stop. Mr. Frost a

23 An ordinary suit or action 'inter partes'.

periwig-maker of Chester joins us. Wee come to Wigan about 5. A Woodcock and pigeon are roasted quickly for us. I treat him and go to Cozn. Holts about 7. I find her under some complaints of her old pains, caus'd by her son Jameses Fevor.

26 Tho a fair day, I go not to Chorley, but by lying long, recover my journey, dip in Tully de Natura Deorum. About 5, Mr. Hulton comes from Manchester, the rest from Chorley. I go to them at the Angel, my cozn. Holt comes, wee fall into discourse wherein Mr. Hulton secundum se grows historical and tedious over a Bottle of wine which I sent for from Tootells. About 9, my cozn. Holt and I recede and, after a Tip of Cherry, to bed. (2^s).

27 The weather yet fair. After Coffee at Betties, with cozn. Holt and Dr. Worthington, I follow the company and come to Ormskirk before 1. Near Tawd Bridg I mett Mr. Tho. Legh, hee surpriz'd and detain'd mee with a rumor of yong Mr. Robert Cholmleys death, but since circumstances agree not, it did not much affect mee. Here (as in other places) litle Busienes. After dinner, visit my cozn. W. Bartons widow and Family, his Will is prov'd today. After 5 Mr. Stratford and I, to find better Ale, go to Mrs. Grices, without success. Here Mr. Cropper of Knowsley acquaints mee that Commissions on Lord Derby and Lady Ashburnhams parts are mett in order to conclude all suits and amicably settle all affairs betwixt them. I retire before 7 with my pint to my Chamber, write to Dr. Blake²⁴ about his resignation of the prebend, inclose that Letter to my cozn. Parr desireing him to conduct or to Mr. Parr or Fox recommend the Busienes, and of both Letters, in a third, give a full Account to my son, to bed indisturb'd about 10.

28 Sts. Simon and Jude, a fair day. I drink Coffee at Mr. Ollerheads where I deliver in my Letters, paying 3^d, and stay to see the News full of expectacion of the progress of the Scotch Insurreccion, 'tis as usual variously and imperfectly represented. The Militia meet here today. Mr. Ashurst is a Deputy Lieft. and Capt. of Foot. Sir Ed. Stanley (late, to amazement, turn'd to the Whiggish side) Capt. of Horse. Wee call and drink some Quarts at the Owl in Holland, come to Wigan about 1 where a good dinner is ready. After this, and an Interval is over, wee resettle into company, another Bottle (at the common charg) sent for of Tootels white, to my cozn. Holts after 9.

29 The weather yet fair. I drink Coffee and see News writt from Lancaster at Betties. The Insurrection is not successfull in it. John Cross and John Walmesley come to mee. Wee agree in a new Bargain, vidt that J. Walmesley pay for the Ayrfeild 50^{li} the next year. I promise upon occasion of accidentall Losses to use him kindly. My cozn. Sales Will is prov'd by his widow. Shee gives mee a bottle of bad Claret at the Eagle and Child, shee promises to mark and keep a hundred of her present years Cheese for mee. I propose about the 12 Apostle spoons (which I find in the Inventory valu'd only at 4^{li}). Shee tells mee hee left 'em by word to his heirs. Here is litle of Busienes, beside Appearances on Correccions. Not easy with the wine, I finish the day in Elixir.

30 Sunday. I stay at home and in Tully the fore-noon. Mr. Ashburner dines with us. Mr. Bowyer has a good plain discourse after noon. That over, the ordinary

24 Charles Blake came to Chester in 1710 from St Sepulchre, London, which he continued to hold with his prebend until he left in 1715 to become sub-dean of York.

company gathers to Tootells. After that over about 7, I pay an expected visit to Alderman Markland and his Lady. Wee have good Ale there and indifferent wine with civility, thence to cozn. Holts Dramm and to bed about 11.

31 The weather (tho not the way) favorable. After Tea (and Coffee at Betties) I go with my daughter Nelly and Loveday Holt along about 9, go to Ayrfeild thence to the Bank, are entertaind at both places with rustic fare, small Beer, Cheese, Tarts, Apples, Nutts. About 2 return to Holland where Mr. Birchall and S. Prescott meet us. Wee have pulletts & Bacon and a shoulder of Mutton, tollerably don. After dinner R. Southworth comes into the Ale. I (well as Nelly) visit the Church. The Entertainment amounts to 6^s:8^d which I pay. Wee return by the light of the rising Moon to Wigan about 6, and find 6 Troops of Coll. Stanhops Dragoons come to the Town. End in a pint of Mountain with my Cozn. Holt.

NOVEMBER 1 All Saints. A fair and seasonable day. At the Church both morning & Evening in the first a good Homily read against the Fear of Death. At dinner my cozn. Holt entertains mee with a Hare hee shot at the Ayrfeild. My son Harry comes hither from Liverpool. After E. Prayers the Rector and others of the Clubb meet at Mrs. Tootells, where the Leift. Coll. of the present 3 Troops (the other 3 being this morning march'd to Preston) lodges. The Mayor Adam Ford, (the white) Mr. Entwisle, Alderman Markland and others come to pay their complements to the Coll. Mr. Aldersey and I, at his request, join the corporacion. Greetings over, discourse of the Commotions begins, wherein they are mentiond with utmost contempt by Capt. Garner, a magniloquent Hector, The King's health begun by the Mayor, the Church's by the Coll., gon about, Mr. Aldersey & I return to the Clubb where over Ale and my pint of indifferent white, wee stay till 8.

2 After a rainy night, a fair day. The News paper from the North brings both the Insurrections in Scotland and Northumberland to a desperate condicion flying before the King's regular Forces. Wee drink Coffee with Mr. Bowyer, who with caution lends mee seaven Guineas. From Mr. Bowyers to M. prayers. After dinner pay my cozn. Holt 5^{li} for half a years Interest for 100^{li} due this day. After E. prayers, Mr. Aldersey and about 8 more make a Circle at the Eagle and Child where indifferent Ale. About 6 my cozn. Holt, Harry & I go to Mr. Leighs, here I sign and seal a Bond of 50^{li} to my cozn. James Holt dated August last the 24 for 6 months. Mr. Leigh treats generously with Ale and potted Woodcock. Hence wee returne home. I am call'd up to Her chamber where shee generously treats mee with a pint of Noble Mountain, tis genially empty'd, but after my first sleep trys and torments mee with hott exorbitant and severe reflections, which D.G. are allayd, not extinguisht, by another repose.

3 Tho I rise early and design for Chester, a rainy morning suspends my resolucion. Mr. Bowyer drinks Coffee with us. I draw an Account for Mrs. Haydock, make her Debtor for 12 Licences and Bonds, 11^{li}:16^s, and propose that shee pay the stamp mony 3^{li}.12^s. forthwith. To the Chancellor and seal 4^{li}:4^s, the 2^d of February and to the Registrar 4^{li} the first of May next. This I Inclose in a Letter to Mr. Bowyer as our common Freind, who promises to bee so. Wee are startld with 2 Expresses from Preston in 2 hours, telling the Rebels are advanc'd on this side Penrith, hastning the march of the Squadron in Wigan, and proceeding with all

dispatch to other places. The Squadron (about 120 horse) march toward Preston about 2. Wee sett out about 3 and come to Warrington before 6, here wee are entertain'd with variety of relations, the raising and marching of the Militia and general Consternacion of the County.

4 A favorable morning. About 8 I with my daughter Nelly and Peter Walmesley carrying my portmanteau set for Chester, my son Harry (to whom I give 6^s) for Liverpool. Wee come home safe D.O.M.G. safe about 12. After dinner inclin'd to ease, repose. I am entertain'd with the zealous conduct and industry of Lord Cholmley & the recorder in calling all persons above 18 to take the Oaths and some of the graver sort to subscribe an Association. My Suzy tells mee shee sent to my son 18 Guineas by the Oxford Carrier Oct. 26 and paid her 6^s for the carriage, to Mr. Swarbrecks daughter for sugar 2^{li}:3^s, to Harry going for Liverpool 10^s. I recollect the Expences of this journey (beside Horse hire) for the portmanteau thus. At Wigan, 1st and 2^d night 3^s. At Holland 6^s. 8. Mr. Leigh for the Bond, Cozn. Holts for Nelly and Horse hire to Rocksavage 3^s. To the servants at cozn. Holts 5^s. 6^d. Ale and Coffee 3^s. To my son Harry 6^s. At Warrington 12^s. At Robert Finche's for my Horses &c 1^{li}:2^s:0. [Total] 3^{li}.2^s:10^d.

5 The day is usherd with Bells celebrated and carry'd on with the usual Solennitys. That part of Delivery by King William is commemorated by the soldiers wearing Orange ribbands, with particular respect. From Elixir last night, I confine myself today and read the History of it. Thomas Roberts is here from Warton and gives mee an Account how the stone Wall gos on. I write to my son and send ready Forms of Collation, Induccion Certificates. I receive from Mr. Roberts 5 Guineas on Account, write to John Cross, and by Peter Walmesley to go tomorrow, wrap up 7 Guineas and a Letter to bee deliver'd by John Cross to Mr. Bowyer. I pay the washer-woman 1^{li}.10^s. for the last Quarter. I give Peter Walmesley 2^s:6^d. I recollect over a pint of Dyson.

6 A disturb'd sleep and mind and fair morning perswade and invite mee about 8 to roodee. I take four turns with expedition. The Scotch (Prestons) Regiment of Foot march out about 9 for Warrington. I stay at home, too late to the Church. The Letters bring little of News, the Rumors very much, but incertainly, from Lancashire. I am at E. prayers and after proceed in the 5th and 6th Praelections of Sanderson de [?Obli] Conscientiae. My son Harry comes from Liverpool and tells that on Friday they began to make a trench on the land side of the Town against the approaching Rebels. I over Sanderson empty my pint of Dyson.

7 A fair morning. I write but send not my Letter to Mr. Parre junior. I write to Mr. Lambert my concern for his Family in the present Commocions in those parts and a pott of Charrs to bee sent to the said Mr. Parre. The Town is full of Rumor and Invencion about the Motions in Lancashire. After E. prayers I am at Mr. Hodgsons and Alderman Pulestons, meet generally sanguine Accounts on the Rebels side, retreat to my corner and proceed in the 7th praelections over a pint of Dyson.

8 A cold and blustering day. Yong Mrs. Phoebe Lloyd of Havardynas drinks Coffee with us (& Mrs. Bayley). I pay the Churchwardens Dr. Foggs contribucion 3^s, to the tax for building the Galery 7^s, give my son Harry 5^s, pay Mr. Hodgson for Ectons Liber Valorum 5^s. Conversant today in Heaths Chronicle and Sandersons

Praelections. The News from London magnifies the Insurrection in Scotland. Some Letters from Lancashire remove the rebels to a great distance, others bring them betwixt Lancaster and Preston. After E. prayers see Mrs. Oldfeilds Family. Sup in Dyson.

9 A cold day with rain which turns to snow on the mountains. I am engagd till 11 in the Behemoth and Heaths Chronicle. I see the 2 Militia Troops of the County drawn up in this street and the 7 Militia Companies of Foot in the Bridge Street. I deliver my Letter to Mr. Parr junior into the post office. The Militia seems unanimous and promote a saying, All of a Mind, which is interpreted, Not to be exercisd by half pay officers, nor to march but under command of their proper officers and many cry up For the Church. After E. prayers I go with Mr. Thompson down to Alderman Benett. Here Mr. Marsden from a Letter from Liverpool acquaints us that the Rebels came on Munday to Lancaster, that the Gentlemen of that country join them. I drink near my Bottle of white, wee part about 10.

10 A fair but severely cold day. I am hott and in pain from the last Night. About 10 the proctors and I meet in Mr. Bouchers chamber, they agree to continue all the Causes statu quo and that the Court bee adjourn'd to the 24th of this month. The motion of the Rebels is the common theme. Mr. Crombleholme comes (upon the death of Mr. Robinson) with a presentacion to St. Michaels on Wyre.²⁵ Hee confirms the News of the rebels entering Lancaster Sunday & Munday last, that they rifld Coll. Charters house, Hornby Castle, in revenge of his breaking down a Bridge in their march. I step to roodee where are some of the Militia and the Recorder on Horsback in a military posture. They are busy making up Water Gate and all postern passages to roodee, Kaleyards &c. Mr. Jones of Silvane dines, and after drinks a freindly Glass of Ale with us. This disposes and helps mee to repose. From Mr. Hodsons about 6, Mr. Aubry, Stone, Hulton, Hodson, Hiccock and myself go to Mr. Hollands. I send for my pint of white from the Ship. Tho several expresses come, wee guess the occasion by the consequences, tis given the Militia are to march out tomorrow, one half to Manchester, the other to Warrington. The Recorders conduct is severely censur'd as too hot and precipitate even in the opinion of Lord Cholmley and Sir Sam. Daniel. The proclamacion today to invite (Horse) Volunteers under the Comand of Major Laurence, for the defence of this City, is matter of reflection. The comon Confusion influences comon conversacion and the News vary's in every single repetition of it. Wee part before 9. (1^s).

11 A day severely cold, the wind N.E. My daughter Lidia, sent for, gos to Bettisfeild. I give her for a viaticum 4^s. The Militia marches as designd yesterday. A troop & 3 companys under Coll. Daniels conduct for Manchester, as many under Major Mainwaring (of Caringham) for Warrington on which the appearance and complaints of the soldiers wives and children a moving spectacle. Lord Cholmley dos not march (as was said) today. Wee conclude the Rebels to bee spread from Preston to Wigan. The public papers bring litle of moment, and wee complain of the scarcity of it from the place under the terrors of the Commotion. After dinner I

25 L.R.O., Exhibit Book 1716, f. 33: Richard Crombleholme was presented to the benefice on 29 February 1715/16.

releive uneasiness by repose. After E. prayers return to my Corner, Book and pint of Dyson.

12 A very fair and cheerfull sky Q.F.F.E.F.S. I can't forbear takeing 3 Turns on roodee. They are busy makeing up the Watergate and a Watch Box near it. About 9 Lord Cholmley marches out towards Warrington with Gentlemen volunteers and ½ pay officers, they say about 50 in all. I write to my cozn. Parr and acquaint him of a pott of Fowl (which Mrs. Woods of Ormskirk made up, and for which shee reckons to mee 18^{s.7d}) directed by James Knowls, Carrier. I write to my Cozn. Holt to desire to kno how his Family succeeds in the common Terror. I receive by Jeffry from Mr. Moulding on Account 16.5.9. D.G. I pay Mr. Leighs Messenger my sons proporcion of the Militia Horse for 30 daies 2^{li}:4:0, to Mr. Calkin, Curat on Account 1^{li}, to Robert Hignet, Mason on Account 10^s. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account of the late Visitacion 30^{li}. To the Smith at Warton 1^s. After E. prayers at Mr. Hodgsons where after great expectacion of an Express, the Warrington post on the Labell brings that this morning the King's Forces marcht from Wigan to atack the Rebels at Preston. I retreat home and over my pint, dip in Sir James Turners Pallas Armata.

13 A fair cold and pinching morning. Wee are awak'd and surpriz'd by the Bells ringing thoro the City upon News which the Recorder receivd early, that the Kings Forces about Saturday noon had surpriz'd the Rebels, entered the town of Preston and in the streets and market place had made a dismal slaughter of most of them & pursu'd the rest. The 68 psalm for this morn seems to answer the News. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse on Christ and the resurrection. Tho the news seems very improbable, it yet prevails, and the Bells go on till about 5 when an Express informs that on Saturday Evening the Kings Forces came to Ribble river, that the rebells maintain'd the pass of the Bridg, that there was a skirmish betwixt 2 parties on the Cawsway wherein several fell & Lord Derwentwater said to bee one of the slain. Mr. Pilkington & Mrs. Betty Carter both of a timorous temper visit us. I over my pint turn Minutius Faelix.

14 A fair dry morning encourages to a walk to Warton after noon. Mr. Thompson dines and walks with mee. The discourse prevails all day, that the Kings Forces were generally cutt off by the Rebells retreating into the Town of Preston and turning it into an Ambuscade, tho some are sanguine on this, others suspect it as improbable as the other. Wee come to Warton about 3, drink 2 Bottles of Ale, and returning near Christleton (to our great surprize) wee hear and see the great Guns Fire and the Bonfires raising a bright Cloud over the City. Wee come to the Cross where Alderman Bennet forces us thoro the Pentice full of company (Lord Cholmley and the Recorder at the upper end) acclamacion & illuminations. In the Innermost room, wee join about 10 of the better sort. Here wee understand that the Rebells surrend'rd on Mercy Sunday about noon, the number of Captives 1500. The Lords & the cheif Leaders in strict custody. An Account of the success sent by Gen. Wills from Preston (Coll. Nassaw the Express) to the King. Yet even good healths circle about, I drink near my Bottle of white and wee come away before 10. I pay my son Will his Firemony 2^s:6^d.

15 A delicate day, but from excess of pain and disorder, I can't injoy it. The City and the Wiral Militia exercise and exult in their Hatts, wear the Colour of Victory,

Green Ribbands. I, in distress, call on Mr. Holland about 12, wee go to the Ship and help our stomachs with a pint of white mixt with Bitter. After dinner Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Townley visit, & tho they stay till 4, yet very uneasy. I repose an hour. I pay the Land Tax for the House in the Abby Court 4^s, for wine 1^s. The News is of the Action at Preston without particulars. About 7 over my pint of Dyson, recreate in Pallas Armata & take Elixir.

16 After uneasy dreams and the effects of my phisic, cool and easy. My son Harry (to whom I give 5^s) and Jeffry go to St. Asaph. I write to my cozn. Parr the best account I cou'd collect of the Actions at Preston and inclose Sir Rich. Standish's Administration to Mr. Exton, the charges of which amount to 2^{li}:9^s:2^d. I desire him to communicate the News to Mr. Chancellor now at London (at Mr. Waldo's a Grocer in Watlingstreet). After dinner I receive Mr. Chancellor of St. Asaph his Letter desireing an Account of the Accions and send it. I pay the Oxon Carrier 4^s.6^d. for my sons Box, in which I receive Lealands Collectanea in 6 vol. 8^o. I answer Capt. Tarletons Letter and inclose a Licence for him & Mrs. Bridget Houghton over my pint of Dyson.

17 A fair gray morning without sun. All our Designs of complying with my sister Evans her kind and full invitacion to recede from the danger and difficulty the City seem'd to apprehend now vanish with them. The Green Regiment (they say of a good character) came hither last Night. I write to my cozn. Jeffry Prescott my concern for, and desire to hear of, the safety of his Family. I visit Mrs. Oldfeild who tells mee Mr. Ashton has bin lately at York. I see a melancholy List of the names of 14 Lancashire Gentlemen papists, taken prisoner. After Evening prayers, I receive my sons Letter and over my pint of Dyson draw out the day in Pallas Armata.

18 A dull day, nebula uda et madida. The papers repeat to us the Preston News from London. I read the ixth song of Drayton's Polyalbion with Seldons Illustrations. Mr. Aubrey before Even prayers tells mee That upon informacion, hee was, this day, called before the Recorder and Alderman Mainwaring, for saying on occasion of the discourse rais'd chiefly by the Recorder of a plott to surprize the Castle, that except they (or hee) found out the persons concern'd in the design, it ought to bee taken for a plot of their (or his) making, and after owning the words and some altercacion, hee was bound to appear at the Sessions for the City. After prayers Mr. Thompson and I go to the Ship. Mr. Holland comes to us, here with charity condole the hard treatment of the Lancashire Gentlemen, the indiscriminate plundering of the place, and the fearfull prospect of the utmost severity (not of the King) but the Whiggs in power and offices. Inter haec about 8 the Belman at the Cross near us Reads publicly a proclamacion in the Mayors name, commanding all persons in the City to bee of peaceable and civil behavior, not to walk about the streets or Rows at unseasonable Hours of the night, nor to use any words or expressions that may tend to disturb the peace or to raise any Tumults or Insurrections in this City, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost perills. His Majesties forces now quarterd in this City, having receivd instruccions to suppress such offenders by Force. This wee condole as a neglect and violacion of the Civil Authority, introduc'd and obruded on the City by his Meanes if not against Law, yet very contrary to the Records great and solemn obligacions to the City. Wee part about 10. (1^s).

19 A delicate clear and cool day. I write to Mr. Parr junior and desire him to send my Letter, with a resignacion inclos'd, to Dr. Blake at York, to Mr. Ashton and John Cross. The Firmars are with mee and promise (vidt Warburton and Dutton) to pay 40^{li} next week. After dinner Mrs. Middleton and the 2 Fortunes, Miss Thelwalls, visit us till E. prayers. After these I write to my son. I receive Jeffry Prescotts melancholy but short Account of the Engagement. Threats to putt all to the sword, Fire and plunder in Preston. That 'tis from probable reasons suspected that Gen. Foster betray'd his own party. I am after 6 till 9 at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Hodson, Leift. Puleston and Mr. Thelwal of Llanbeder, already far gon, come to us. I try half a pint of a new Cargo of 3 Gallons this day from Mr. Dyson.

20 A clear frosty morning draws mee to roodee and above 3 Turns. The exercise stays mee in Books at Home. Wee are disturb'd with Accounts of the barbarous behavior of the soldiers in their plunder of the popish Gentlemens Houses, especially Standish. After E. prayers dip in Buchanans ps. and over a pint of Dyson.

21 Tho a Fogg and contracted Horizon, Mr. Thompson and I (the way dry & frozen) after 9 set out and taking the Quarry in the way, come to Warton about 11. I see the stone Wall carry'd on. Wee refresh in a dish of Tea, bread with butter and cheese. In our return wee find the way, from the melted mist, slippry. About 2 wee sit down, with good appetites, to a boyld Rabbet and roasted wild Duck, generaliter victum et potum.²⁶ About 6 Alderman Bennet sent for, comes to us. Hee acquaints us hee was (but uneasily) an hour & ½ in Preston, Saturday last. That above 900 of the common sort are prisoners in the Church, the Lords and Gentlemen in Inns and private Houses. That the soldiers govern, hector and insult the Town. That they have computed the Estates of the rebels to 200000^{li} per Annum whereof the popish Gentlemens Estates in Lancashire amount to 50000^{li}. Wee continue over my Ale only till 9.

22 A brisk Frost and clear day send mee to roodee. The Bells of all the Churches tell a public occasion. After 4 Turns, I am inform'd that Lord Marr was defeated, many Ensigns and Guns taken & 5000 men kill'd by Argile and the Kings Forces, even the very day of the Action at Preston or on Sunday the next day. Hence Joy in the Town inexpressible. After dinner, I examine 1 Wittness ex parte Hughes. I pay the Quarterage to the Charity school 5^s due at All Saints. After Evening prayers fall on and read the xth Song and the Illustracion of Polyalbion. After, over my pint of Dyson turn into Lipsius his Life and the 1st Vol. of his works.

23 The Frost vanish'd, a fair day succeeds. I turn in Dr. [illegible]. I visit Mrs. Oldfeild where I understand that Tho. Oliverson, late yong Mr. Cholmleys servant, and for the discovery of whom the Government has by the Gazet offerd 300^{li} (his Crime, listing Men for the Pretender) was here lately incognito. Mr. Gamul tells mee made an Attempt and went as far as Chorley to Preston before the Accion, return'd hither and is gon for Ireland. After E. prayers Mr. Thompson, Aubrey, Allen and I desire Sir Sam. Cook late the loyal Lord Mayor of Dublin to accept a Glass of Chester Ale. Wee go to Mr. Hollands where recount the violent proceedings of the Times past and condole the present till 10. (8^d).

26 Trans: 'generally food and drink'.

24 A very cold day, and rain with snow. I am at Mr. Bouchers Chamber with the proctors, from whence with Mr. Roberts, they go to Court where small busienes. I drink a dish of Coffee with Mrs. Midleton. After dinner and an Hour's repose, I examine 4 Wittnesses on behalf of Perkins Will. I write to Dr. Thane. Along the Examination, I take my pint of Dyson.

25 A cold day not without rain. The papers and prints are full of the Action (Sunday 13) betwixt Argile and Marr, Ensigns, Guns and Spoils taken are attributed to the first, especially to the right wing, wherein hee charg'd. Almost equal success even in the Gazet is given to the right wing of Marrs Army (but no trophies mencion'd) so that (inter utrumque, volat dubiis victoria pennis).²⁷ Mr. Walmesly Atturney of Wigan sees and gives a more particular Account of the Calamities of Preston and plunder of those popish Families, whereof the Masters were concern'd, in the Action, and tells that Mr. Dickenson certainly and Capt. Fr. Legh, as commonly believ'd, made their escapes out of Preston. In the Evening over my pint I read the 11 Canto & Illustracions of Polyalbion.

26 A cold day without rain. After Morning prayers I visit Mrs. Midleton & Heiress Thelwall. After dinner the 4 Farmers of Warton pay mee each ten pounds (40^{li}). I pay Robert Hignet the Mason 1^{li} and to Mr. Pickering Carpenter 20^{li} upon Account. After prayers to Mr. Hodgsons, thence to Alderman Pulestons, where after a Glass of Ale with the pert Inspector of the Letters, I come to my Corner, where over my pint I read with pleasure 19 chapters of the 1st Book of Tullys offices.

27 A cold day threatening rain or Snow. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse in the Quire on In this Life only wee have hope; wee are of all men most miserable). The News recites Argiles Victory in the same manner it did, but confesses to Bonfires and rejoicing made by Lord Marr and what confirms suspicion of success on that side, tells that 3000 Dutch Troops are on their march from London to join the other like number of them landed in the North & proceed to Scotland. The Letter speaks as if the Court apprehended that the Pretender is landed in Scotland. After Ev. prayers about 5, the prisoners are brought hither from Lancashire, well guarded with Foot and Dragoons in 6 or 7 Divisions, about 60 Gentlemen in the first, tis said the number is near 500. A melancholy and shocking triumph, a scene of human Infelicity and mortification. I over my pint proceed in Tully to Chapter 35.

28 A cold morning with Snow. Mr. Thompson and I about ½ hour after 9 set out on foot to Warton. I see some Nutts trees taken out of the Garden and transplanted. Wee drink a pott of Tea, the men 6^d in Ale. About 2 wee set thence, find the way (in this short time) better by a brisk Ayr and Frost, return a Quarter after 3, sitt down with sharp appetites to 2 Rabbets and a wild Duck. Dr. Fogg comes on the busienes of a charitable Collection for the prisoners. I give him 5^s, pay T. Whitehead for his work this day at Warton 1^s.4^d. Mr. Thompson stays with us till 9.

29 The frost continues till noon, then relaxes with soft rain. At M. prayers at St. Peters. The papers are full of the vehement proceedings of the Comons in Ireland against the Pretender, Duke of Ormonde and takeing notice of such who Address the Queen in behalf of Sir Constantine Phipps, then Lord Chancellor. I pay Robert

27 Trans: 'victory flies between the two sides on uncertain wings'.

Hignet the mason 10^{li}. After E. prayers I write to my son, and over my pint of Dyson, I consider the Catalogue of the Rectories & Vicarages in this County, the patrons, Incumbents and seates,²⁸ and after, end the 1st Book of the Offices. I pay for a pair of Namptwich Stockings (which I put on) 4^s.

30 A cold and wett day. After M. prayers return to Tullys Offices. After E. prayers go with Mr. Thompson (Harry along) to Alderman Bennetts, who in his Closet treats the rest with Claret and Ale, mee with white Lisbon. I engage him to lett mee have 12 Gallons of it. This (St. Andrews) is Lady Charlotte Cornwallis birthday (the 37th) tho wee do not, as formerly, celebrate it. Wee remember her and her family with esteem and Honor. I proceed in the 2^d Book of the offices to Chapter xx.

DECEMBER 1 Q.B.E. A cold, rainy and dull day. The proctors and I meet at Mr. Bouchers chamber, they with Mr. Roberts go to the Court of very small busienes and the last of this Term. I write to Sir Ed. Chisnal, Mr. Fenton of Lancaster and Mr. Kelsal of St. Ellen, for Accounts of the Endowments of the Chapells of Coppul, Overton, St. Ellens. After E. prayers at Mr. Hodgson, from whence Mr. Oliver, Thompson, Laurence and I go to the Swan, where over 4 Talboys a great Course of Learning and Antiquity. My Bro. E. Puleston sends mee the Image of a Knight of the Crusade and 2 Tiles.

2 A moist and cold day. I go on in Tullys offices. Wee are today dejected, and transported with different relacions of the Event of the Battle in Scotland (Nov. 13), both very improbable, nothing giving any credit to support the victory on Marr's part, but the Account of sending fresh Forces and 24 peecees of Canon to Argile. The decision of this difference is still expected. After E. prayers I procure for silver 44 Guineas. About 6 go to Mr. Hollands, send for my ½ pint of white from the Ship, Mr. Hodson and Mr. Burrows with mee. I give Mr. Hodson 2^s:6^d towards buying shirtts for the prisoners. Wee part about 9. (3^s:6^d).

3 A fair cheerfull day. I send wrapt up in a Bundle 50 Guineas to my sister Evans by the St. Asaph Carrier. At M. prayers, after which Sir Sam. Cooke and Mr. Thompson drink Tea with mee. I write agen for a full Account of the Calamity spread in Lancashire, to Jeffry Prescott. I send for 12 Gallons of Lisbon White from Alderman Bennet, it is brought in 7 dozn. of pints and 9 Quart Bottles. Before and after E. prayers, I proceed in the third Book of the offices to Chap. xx, ending the day in my pint.

4 A cold and dull day, but without rain. Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse on 'I desire to kno [?Jesus] and [illegible]'. Coenae sanctissimae participes sumus, Det D.O. vitam agere rectam, puram.²⁹ The papers tell of further Amunition sent for Scotland from the Tower. Little of Lord Marr but that hee had sent summons to the adjacent Country to bring in great Quantities of Corn. I apply to Bishop Wilkins his natural Religion, after E. prayers and with pleasure over my pint read 8 Chapters of

28 Bacon's *Liber Regis* (1711), a valuation of benefices in England.

29 'We are partakers of the most Holy Supper. May Almighty God grant that [I] live an honest and pure life'.

it. All conversations are full of the necessities of the prisoners and the severity of the Guards in not permitting charitable exhibitions to be brought to them.

5 Another such cold and dull day. I turn over what I read last night. I go on in Tullys 3^d Book of Offices. After E. prayers, Mr. Thompson and I go down to Alderman Bennet. I as I tell him, with a design to pay him for his wine and my Mare and Colt, wee go to the Yatcht, forget the Busienes. Mr. Pemberton (who they call Zarr) a civil man, joins us, wee are agreeably cheerfull. I have my pint of good white, they 6^d each in Ale, wee part after 9. I receive Jeffry Prescotts more full and melancholy Account of the state of Preston, which hee saies some compute to have suffer'd in all 30, some 40, others reckon 50 thousand pounds.

6 A very sharp Frost. After M. prayers, I see Mrs. Midleton, show her my Letter from Preston and borrow the 1st vol. of the History of England printed 1701. The News makes Marr fortify Perth (or St. Johns Town), Argile to reincamp in Stirling. The publick prints attest that my old great and true Freind the good Bishop of Meath dy'd on Munday the 21st of the last month. I turn in Camden of Scotland till prayers. After these, Mr. Thompson & I go to Mr. Hollands, where Hee and Mrs. Holland over 2 Tall boys of Ale, I over my $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of white divert the time and chagrin with a Secret in the Town, That the Pretender was to be crown'd in Scotland as on St. Andrews day last, wee part about 9.

7 The Frost continues. I write to my Cozn. Parr and desire his advice how to convey 10^{li} to my son. I divert in the 1st part of the English History printed 1701. After noon, go with Mr. Stratford to Capt. Penants, where before Mr. Babington, Peter Jones is repeated and Mrs. Penant producd, sworn and examined, Wittnesses, on Mrs. Hughs part. I stay an hour with Capt. Penant & one Capt. Jones over a Bottle of Port. After at the Coach and Horses with Mr. Jackson Nephew to the Bishop of Meath, who told mee his Lordship dy'd in the 77th year of his Age. The whiggish company who came down with him in the Coach are a Check to our Freedom in discourse.

8 A very brisk frost and cold the Southerly wind. I send by Mr. Roberts, going to St. Asaph, 43 Guineas and 6^d, which make up the 50 Guineas sent Sat. last Sir Hen. Bunburys, 100^{li} to my Sister Evans. About $\frac{1}{2}$ h. after 9 Mr. Thompson and I go to Warton. After a Turn to see the new pear and Apple plants (7 in number), wee drink Tea, Mr. Calkin Curat and my son Hary Bottle of Ale. Wee return with very good stomachs to part of a chine of mutton boyld & a Woodcock. About 5, go to my cozn. Marsdens and Mr. Bennets, finding neither at home, wee go to the Yatcht, here Mr. Thompson and Hary dispose of 2 Tankards of Ale. I drink my $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Lisbon. I receive a Letter from my son, My S. one from Mrs. Peirrpont, both acceptable. Mr. Roberts pay'd mee at his setting out 12^{li}.

9 The Frost is very hard and the weather very cold. The News on all sides of very ill portent. The King of Sweden reduc'd in Stralsund, and the Earl of Marr in Scotland reduc'd to extreme difficulties. My Cozn. Parr lets mee know that Dr. Mapletoft³⁰ dy'd at Cambridg about Friday last. I pay to Mr. Boucher for Mr. Chancellor 10 Guineas, to Mr. Calkin, the Curats Messenger 1^{li}, to Mr. Dennys, my

30 Dr Mapletoft was the brother-in-law of Bishop Gastrell.

son Wills quarterage 5^s. Mr. Thompson (having a more exquisit dish to invite him to) dines with us. After prayers wee go to Mr. Hodgsons, thence with Alderman Bennet to the Yacht where wee have 1 Bottle of French Claret and 3 Tankards of Ale with free and agreeable discourse. I pay the Alderman (Bennet) an old debt for 26 weeks grass for my mare & colt 3^{li}:5^s. & a new one, vidt for 12 Gallons of Lisbon White wine 3^{li}, for a Gallon of Coniac Brandy 10^s, and hee pays (3^s) the shot. Wee have bin all along entertaind with ungratefull Accounts of the Inhumanity of several Captains of their Guards, stopping and affronting persons who carry charitable releif in meat and cloaths to the prisoners. And this day the Recorder & Alderman Manwaring were present at the generous attempts of charitable persons in that kind, join'd the soldiers in their inhumanity, diverted some oblations to the captives, and discouragd all. Wee part at the Yacht after 9.

10 The frost continues but a Turn of the wind to West is not so severe. I read some Lives in the English History (which I conclude don by Dr. Kennet, Dean of Peterborough). After dinner pay Bethil Edwards, Gardiner for 4 Pear Trees (2 Bells, 1 slipper, 1 Burgamot) 3^s. For Apple trees, 1 Chester Pear Main, 1 Golden Renet, 1 Save Life, 1^s:6^d (set at Warton). For the poor Tax in Halton 6^s.8^d, for a Bushel of Oats 4^s:8^d, for 3 Measures of wheat 12^s.6^d. After E. prayers, I write to my Son and my S. and I join in a Letter to Dr. Stratford to apply on my behalf to my Lord Bishop about the Registry. Q.B.E. I read out, over my pint of Dyson, the 3 Book of Tullys Offices and Dr. Kennets sermon (or History) on 5 November last.

11 The frost is doubtfull, the weather very cold. Mr. Hinchman has a good discourse in the Quire on Acts 18.28. In the after noon a Chaplain of Lord Galway has (in St. Oswalds) a long and affectionate discourse, not without marks of Cant, on our Saviors words to the Jews, the sign of the prophet Jonah and Conversion of Ninivee. At Ev. prayers with Mr. Carter of Kinmel, who after pays us a visit, and over a Bottle of Claret, rises high into Whiggish policy, asserts that on the Queen's death the officers of the Army were chang'd, otherwise King Georg had bin forc'd to abdicate. That the renunciacions of France and Spain mutually, solennly and nationally made, were by the fundamental Laws of France null & void, and so declard by the late King Lewis 14 before hee dyd. That his death was providential, had hee liv'd hee woud, by some artifice (if not open force) have restord the Pretender. That King George is the greatest Guaranty and security of the Duke of Orleans, the present Regent of France, his succession to the Crown in case of the young Kings death. That the Duke of Ormond was invited to stay in England by his best Freinds had bin safe, had hee don so, but was advis'd and urg'd by the Bishop of Rochester to go into France. That hee after promises to a Lord his Freind, with weaknes of resolucion orderd his Conduct (which Mr. Carter asserted to discover several acts to his disadvantage) to bee printed by Morphew. Hee unjustly and ingenerously opposes and denyes all the parts of the Dukes character, save his Freedom from makeing Advantage of any places, Commissions or preferments within his great posts. Yet do wee in civil controversy (tho hee is very loud, vigorous and possitive in his Arguments) nameing safe and common Healths, draw out and part Freinds at the end of 2 Hours. After which I write to Mr. Chancellor (now at London), congratulate his sons happy marriage and make my acknowledgments for his seasonable Letter to my Lord about the Registry on my behalf.

12 A calm and mellow day, rather relaxing than freezing. I write to John Crosse. After Tea and Coffee, my S., Mall. Partington and I, after 11 set out, walk easily to Christleton (Mr. Townsends) where after an elegant dinner, the good company move to Church. Mr. Hindley perfunctory in sprinkling the water scarce baptizes the Child, John, Capt. Hurleston, Mr. Hulton and my Suzy are Sponsors. Wee return to Mr. Townsends, where wine of both colours circle freely (but without compulsion) about the Table, and untasted Bowl of Punch upon it. The discourse is general Banter on Mr. Hindley, his sordid visits of his Debtors, his usury and frights about his monys in Mr. Heys hands. Wee part after 4 and in a misty crepusculum, Mr. Hulton and I walk back. I write to the older & younger Mr. Rosengrave. The Charges of this day at Christleton 1^{li}.6^s.

13 A colder day tho the Frost do's not go on. I am ready to reel and faint when I get out of Bed and apprehend the disorder from the sturgeon I eat after dinner. I take a Taster of good brandy and after it, with Mr. Thompson, take 4 Turns on roodee. The News tells the Preston prisoners were brought from Highgate into the City guarded, humbl'd, exposd. Some sent (vidt the Letters) to the Tower, others to Newgate and other prisons. Lord Marr's Circumstances represented desperate. Mr. Thomson dines with us, the day short and misty makes an insensible change tonight. After E. prayers, retreat to my Corner where over my Pint of Dyson I read part of the Life of Henry 8.

14 A brighter day with Frost. After Elixir last night, I stay at home. Mr. Egerton calls on mee and I deliver the scheme of Malpas Church examind to his servant. I examine the Scheme or Account of the Churches, valuacions, patrons, Incumbents and Seats in this County. I proceed in the History of England, and read the Lives of Edward 6 and Queen Mary. I pay for 3 Measures of Wheat 12^s.6^d.

15 Tho the weather cool, the Frost gos insensibly off. After 9, I wait on Mr. Starkie the Vice-Chamberlain at the Plume of Feathers. Hee is in his Busienes, and the parlor almost filld with Lawyers and Atturny's. Hee seems to hear their Motions and Applicacions with great accuracy and penetracion. Compliments paid I retire. I bring back to Mrs. Middleton Dr. Kennets 1st Vol. of the English History, borrow the 2^d and lend her his sermon on 5th November. I am summond in writeing by the Mayor and Recorder to take the oaths according to the late Act of further Security. After E. prayers Mr. Thompson, Harry and I go to Mr. Marsdens, they treat us very civilly with a Bottle of White wine, Ale and Anchoves; wee stay past 10.

16 The Frost still dissolves tho the ayr keenly cold. I am indispos'd by the generous Entertainment last night. The papers are full of the violent proceedings of the Commons in Ireland, their Attainder of the Pretender and reward of 50000^{li} for his Apprehension, their animadversion of those Sheriffs and Gentlemen who adrest the late Queen in favor of the late Lord Chancellor Phipps. About 2 I go to the Pentic, press thoro the throng, acquaint the Recorder, I appear in obedience to the Summons, do not refuse the Oaths, but since I had taken them in that place, since his Majesties accession to the Crown, suppos'd it was not necessary to take them now. Hee with civility told mee, I had my choice to take or not take them now. Upon which I recede, and Alderman Manwaring speaking up told the present throng that the reason I took not the oaths, was because I had taken them at the

Quarter Sessions. I return cheerfully to my Corner. Sit down & repose until Ev. prayer. After which call on Mr. Potter and pay him for binding Buchanans psalms & poems separately and finely 3^s.6^d. After over my pint read part of Queen Elizabeths Life.

17 A mild and misty day. I write and inclose 4 Certificates about Coppul, St. Ellens, Overton & Halton Chapells to Mr. Chancellor. I give Harry (going to Liverpool about his Chest) 10^s. I pay for a Roll of Brawn weighing 31 pound at 7^d the pd. 18^s. Within an hour Hary returns with Mr. Swarbreck who dines with us. Hee acquaints us that Mr. Crisp is High sheriff of Lancashire and Mr. Peters his Undersheriff. That a special Commission for the Tryal of the prisoners is to bee held at Liverpool. After E. prayers over my pint, I finish Queen Elizabeth and almost the Life of James 1st.

18 A mild Frost. After an early summons from my stomach and the Cure, Elixir, I stay at home. The psalms, Chapters &c for the day are read. My cozn. Parr writes that the ArchBishop of Canterbury, Wedensday last. In the Even, over my pint I read the 10, 11, 12 chapters of Bishop Wilkins N.[atural] R.[eligion] I write to and inclose a Sequestracion dated the 20 Oct. to Mr. Edwards of Llanarmen Dyffrin Kerriog (the Fees 11^s).

19 A very hard Frost. Mr. Pool of Oswestry drinks Tea with us. My son Harry gos on Foot to Easham Boat. Mr. Swerbreck follows him on Horsback. I proceed in Dr. Kennets English History to the Death of Oliver Cromwell, over my pint of Dyson.

20 The Wind E. excessive cold with sharp Frost. All the Town is alarm'd at the rash and unaccountable behavior of Coll. Fane in takeing the Recorder last night into his Custody and (tho in the Records own house) setting a Guard upon him. Tis said to proceed from some affront hee had taken (which was not given) about provision of Fuel for the Guards in the Castle. Many people hear of this stricknes with pleasure, as first practiz'd on the Recorder who has bin eminent in his forward execucion of the Laws, even beyond their intention, and his public submission of the civil Authority to the military power and Execucion. After 10, Mr. Thompson and I against a severe wind on the way hard as stone except where beaten to dust, set to Warton, take our Tea repast, look about and return, to an Ox-cheek and soup, with good stomachs about 3. About 200 more prisoners (mostly Highlanders) are brought before 4 to the Castle. Mr. Thompson stays with mee till 6. I answer my sons Letter receivd this morning, direct him to receive of Mr. Hearne's Freind 10^s for the search of 6 Institucions to Prescott, and to give Ken. 5^s for his pocket this Christmas.

21 A very sharp and severe Frost with wind and Snow. St. Thomas his Day. At morning prayers. After which and prayers going down Bridg Street, Mrs. Carter draws mee into her Quarters, puts Questions to mee about the difference betwixt the Coll. & Recorder and uses very uncharitable, besides contemptible reflections on the unhappy prisoners brought here last night. I thence visit the Recorder, passing a Centinel at his door. Hee shews mee his case represented to a Secretary of State, subscrib'd by the Mayor and Aldermen (with which Will. Wiloughby gos the Express). Mr. David Jones, the famous Clergyman, hapens to bee with him & talks after his way. After about ½ hour, the Recorder busy over his papers, after a glass of sack and civil thanks, I recede. After dinner I examine 2 Wittnesses on Mr.

Harpurs Will. In the Even Mr. Hughs, returnd from Winstanley, calls on mee. Robert gives mee an Account of his and Tho. Roberts bringing my Colt from Broxon to Warton. I sent (which was writ on Munday) today my Letter to my cozn. Parr. Robert paid Mr. Egertons man 1^s, I allow him 6^d.

22 The Frost continues and wisht Snow falls to a considerable depth. Observing yesterday in Mr. Hodgsons shop some names on the Title page of Sir Walter Ragleighs History, particularly the name Lydia and that the sirname, a monosyllable, was blotted, I am affected with tender concern and resolve to make a purchase of the Book, tho in ill condicion. I have it home and on nicer inspection find it belong'd to the Family of Mr. Peck of Cornish. This diminishes the valu of the Book. I however turn over the Chapters to the end. About 5 Sir Hen. Bunbury with his Lady, Family and my daughter Lydia return home from Bettisfeild. After their supper, wee attend on them and Mr. Foulks Morgan, pain, & I stay with Sir at good Claret past 10.

23 The weather continues, the ground coverd with Snow. In the last night, another Express the Yeoman of the Pentice, was sent to his Majestie from the City with a representacion of their complaints under the common seal. Mr. Chancellor in his Letter of the 20th tells mee his son John was marryd the 15th current. That my Lord was offer'd 2000^{li}, at Dr. Pope's death, for the office, and intends to continue it in Mr. Smith for his sons Use. I read Sir Walter Raleighs preface or premonition to princes, very nice History and grave morality. After Even prayers Mr. Thompson and I go to Alderman Bennets to congratulate the birth of his daughter on Munday last. I drink white Lisbon above my pint, the entertainment and company is acceptable. I cant overcome the influences of too melancholy reflections, stay till 10. A soldier is ty'd and whipt at a post (severely) for drinking the Duke of Ormonds Health.

24 The Frost in the night and today very vehement. I read out the life of King James 2^d. After dinner, Calkin, Hatton and Dutton pay mee each 5^{li}. I pay to Mr. Calkin Curat 1^{li}. After prayers I read the 16 and 17 Chapters of the 1st Book of Bishop Wilkins Natural Religion. A pint of Dyson not diminishing my Intention on the excellent Directions of them.

25 Christmas Day. The Frost and Cold great and severe. Dr. Fogge has discourse seasonable to the Time. A very frequent Company at the Sacrament. After Dinner, invited I go over to Sir Henry Bunbury and sitt with him past 3. Go to Evening prayers. After these, Read with Application, the 2^d part of Bishop Wilkins his Natural Religion, and end that and the day in a pint of Dyson.

26 The weather still vehement. The river frozen so strong an Ice as to bear many upon it. I stay at home and have the service of St. Stephens day read. I read out Dr. Kennets English History which ends with the peace of Ryswick 96. After Even prayers I go to Mr. Hodgsons, hee invites into his House, gives mee a pint of Lisbon, hee sends for Mr. Holland, they drink the domestic Ale. Wee part about 9. To 3 sorts of Drums, for that noise 3^s.

27 St. Johns day. The Ayr still severely cold. I receive from my cozn. Parr Dr. Blakes Resignacion of the prebend and his proxy directed to mee & Mr. Roberts. I blame and am concern'd at the mistaken management of Mr. Parr junior & Mr. Fox. After dinner in some Busienes and Books till prayers. After which my S. & I

visit Mrs. Midleton. Going to Morning prayers, I see the Soldier, ty'd the 2^d time to the post and whipt, those soldiers who in compassion gave gentle strokes suffer severe blows with a heavy oaken stick, from 2 barbarous officers standing by to see the punishment perform'd to the utmost rigour. A horrid & inhuman severity. I write to my Son and my Cosen Parr upon the matter of the resignacion, over a pint of Dyson.

28 The frost still severe. I send inclos'd in my Letter to my son (Q.B.E.) Dr. Blakes resignacion and proxy. Mr. Roberts and I make on the back of the resignacion a procuratorial petition pursuant to the proxy and add a sentence declaratory to bee sign'd by the Bishop (these by post, by the way of London). The Town is full of the successe of the representacion made by the City to the King and Council, brought back last night by their Messenger Will. Willoughby, who went and return'd in less than 8 daies. After dinner Mr. Holland and I sett out to Waverton, the way dry, easy trackt, pleasant. I see the Colt and think her well improv'd. I send for the Churchwardens, wee drink a Bottle of Ale & wine, return to Chester about 6. I stay 2 hours with Mr. Holland and over his Ale and my $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Lisbon, wee finish our Healths.

29 Not less severe the weather. At 10 the poor soldier is the third time bound to the post. The cruel Agitant is the Carnifex; the soldiers who out of humanity give gentle stripes, hee pursues, and vehemently strikes with his Cane. The man as dead and pendulous at the post, bears the punishment without complaint or sense, and when that is over his skin and flesh mangl'd on his back & ribbs to a miserable spectacle, hee is lett loose, falls down and is, with difficulty, carry'd as dead to the Guard. The Agitant (whom Penketh the Grocer seem'd to accompany with pleasure) regards not the deplorable condition of the soldier, but with unmov'd and easy Barbarity turns to, & exercises, the soldiers. Mr. Boucher, Mrs. Crompton, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts dine with us. My son Harry returns inter prandendum. Wee drink a Glass freely after noon. About 4, John Crosse comes to us. About 6 I take him to Mr. Hollands, send for Mr. Hodson, wee drink easily our Tall boys.

30 The continu'd frost had made the hard way, and travelling an easy path, the Ayr delicate, not very cold. About 10 (sending the maid before to provide a dinner) I and John Cross go to Warton, dine on Wild-duck and cold roast beef, drink a Bottle of Ale and returning about 2 call at Mr. Townsends. Hee absent, Mrs. Townsend treats us with a Tankard of good Ale and Toast. Wee come easily home about 5. About 6 wee visit W. Willoughby, return'd Tuesday night from London. Hee entertains us with an Account of his expedition, the difficulty of the road, his Toils and Falls. Mr. Hurleston and his brother (warm from Sir Hen. Bunbury) intervene, return'd about 9, Sir H. Bunbury sends. I find him bene madidum. His own and some of my Family only there. I stay to drink 4 or 5 Glasses, and at home about 11.

31 The Frost now familiar and pleasant. Indispos'd from last night, I walk round the Walls and take 3 Turns on roodee with John Crosse. Hee pays mee 20^{li} which with 25^{li} in Oct. is 45^{li} reckoning 25^{li} from J. Shaw, 20^{li} from John Walmsley. After dinner repose. After Ev. Prayers in Books variously over my first pint of Alderman Bennets Lisbon, which is alterd from the Condition I first mett with it in tast and Colour. The Frost about 6 begins to relent.

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JANUARY 1 Q.F.F.E.F.S. The very sharp Frost dissolv's in a mild and gentle Thaw. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Choir on (My yoke is easy, and my burden light). The News grants Dr. Wake, late Bishop of Lincoln, to be advanced to Canterbury, makes Dr. Gibson succeed to Lincoln, translates Dr. Evans from Bangor to Meath and promotes Dr. Hoadley to Bangor. I read Dr. Lloyds sermon at the Funeral of Bishop Wilkins. After Ev. prayers, I read Dr. Nichols his learned Notes on the preface of the Book of Comon Prayer over my 2^d pint of Alderman Bennets Lisbon.

2 Rain is now added to the Thaw. Wee prevail with John Cross to stay and I write to his nephew Richard Morris about it. After dinner a short repose and Ev. prayer. Mr. Thompson, I and John Crosse (first having seen, in my parlor, a company of yong Ladys from Sir H. Bunbury's, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Entwisle &c (about 20, merry at musick together), go to Mr. Holland who joining us, wee drink 4 Talboys of his Ale over Mr. Thompsons grave discourse and, returning, find a circle of the young company. (7^s).

3 The rain is follow'd by a deep snow. From Elixir last night, confin'd at home. I turn, with pleasure, in Spensers works. Wee with great respect remember in my corner and celebrate this anniversary day of marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Cholmley of Holford (as wee recollect the 36). I over Spenser and a pint of Dyson conclude the Evening.

4 A brisk Frost returns on the Snow. John Crosse takes a resolution to return, and if not at Warrington to lodg at Frodsham to night, sets hence before 11. Mr. Warburton pays mee his 5th on Account of the 1st payment. Wee treat him with rost Beef and Ale. After dinner Sir Henry Bunbury sends. I go over, find with him Capt. Pennant, Mr. Pennant of Bagilt, Mr. Dean of Elsmere, Mr. Griffith, the good Claret circles in Brimmers too much, some grave discourse takes place too late. Wee part about 7. I give the Butler 1^s, Boy 6^d, return to Spenser. 5^s.

5 Another deep Fleece of Snow falls. Indispos'd from the wine last night, yet begin the 1 Book of the Fairy Queen. After dinner, repose. The streets turn to Streams by the melted snow. Pleas'd with the Poem, take Notice of its Distribution. The 1st Book is the Legend of the Red Cross Knight, or of Holiness. The 2^d of Sir Guyon, or Temperance. The 3^d of Britomartis, or Chastity. The 4th of Cambel and Telamond or Freindship. The 5th of Arthegal or Justice. The 6th of Sir Calidore, or Curtesy. The 7th (imperfect) of Constancy. I end the 1st Book over a pint of Dyson.

6 A very cold Thawe. After Morning prayers, I visit Mr. and Mrs. Yates at Mrs. Oldfields. After dinner walk round the Walls. After Ev. prayers, am perswaded by Mr. Thompson to go with him to Alderman Bennets, find here his Xtning company, a Table finely and fully spread. I am tempted to tast Portugal Ham and some venison. Then to the parlor where a larg table furnisht round, with Bottles of Wine and Glasses. The Circle is made up of the Recorder, his two fat brothers, Dr. Fogg, Mr. Sudel, his Curat, Mr. Mather, Sewel, Ridley, Kemp, Biggins. Kemp is the Buffoon, mimicks and tells some comick storys of people of several Nations, invents some extempore, not without witt, action and applause, domineers in his province, distributes to the company his satyrs and among the rest has one on the

Consistory Court proceeding without reason and doing a mans busienes in an unknown tongue (which hee pretends to imitate). About 10 the company dissolves, I give the servant 1^s, call on My S. at Alderman Pulestons.

7 Frost and Snow return together not severely. From Elixir last night, am close at home and in Books. I pay Mr. Bathoe 5^{li} on the Kiln Account. About 3, the three Judges Eyres, Berry, Mountague and 4 of the Kings Councell against the prisoners come to the Golden Talbot. In the Evening, over a pint of Dyson, I read Dr. Beverage his excellent sermon concerning the excellency and usefulness of the Comon Prayers and the first part of the Christian Monitor.

8 Excessive Fall of Snow. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse on the Sacrament this Morning in St. Oswalds of which my S. and myself, with many parishioners, are receivers. Det D.O.M. deinceps vitam rectam agere sceleris puram. The Judges and Counselors (among them Mr. Bootle) are at the Sermon. It snows all day and is severely cold. After Ev. prayers I read the 2^d part of the Christian Monitor and 7 Chapters of the 1st Book of Bishop Wilkins his Principles of Natural Religion.

9 A deeper snow in our streets than has faln in the memory of Man. The Ayr severely cold, yet do the 3 judges and 4 Councillors in their several Coaches and six with a Bomb Cart proceed to Warrington. About 50 prisoners are guarded after them. After M. prayers, I write to Mr. Lambert and inclose a Copy of the Certificate of Eleccion of a school Master of Kendal.³¹ Turn in Dugdales Warwickshire. After E. prayers return to Dugdale and am recreated by it, over a pint of Dyson, till 10.

10 The frost and excessive sharp cold continue, tho so much Snow faln. I fall into the 1st volume of Lealands Collectanea, turn and am entertain'd by the variety of the History. After dinner in variety of Books till 5, when invited, go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury, where I find Dr. Chetwood and Mr. Kendric. Dr. Fogg comes and shortly recedes. The discourse is on the News to day told with greater certainty that the Pretender is arriv'd in Scotland, this and the good Claret carries on the time past 10.

11 The Frost and Snow seem to make the roads tollerable. As some more yesterday. About 20 (most Gentlemen) prisoners go under a Guard to Warrington. I am indispos'd by the wine last night, but more from the Apprehension of danger of the roads from the season & silence of my son. I write to Mr. Alexander Registrar some Account of Middleham near Richmond. After dinner and short repose, read in the new Edition of Spenser an Essay on Allegoricall poetry by John Hughes. Mr. Chancellor and his Lady, after a difficult journey in the stage coach, return home from London. Over a pint of Dyson turn Anglia Sacra.

12 The weather not so severe, yet relents only under the suns influence. I wait on Mr. Chancellor, hee acquaints mee of his writeing on my behalf to the Bishop that his Lordship assur'd him upon Mr. Clarks offer of 1000^{li}, on Mr. John Wainwrights Account that 2000^{li} had bin offerd him for the Registry. I buy a panegyrick on the Maccabees &c English'd by Mr. Collier (1^s.6^d). Mr. Hodson dines with us. I visit

31 Cumbria Record Office, DRC.10, Kendal Parish Papers: John Towers, master of Cartmel Grammar School, to be master at Kendal, 1716.

Sir Samuel Cook recovering of the Gout. After prayers industrious to avoid melancholy thoughts on the dangerous roads, I join with Mrs. Thompson and Hodgson, wee go to Mr. Hollands. Here D.G. I am recreated by a Letter from my son (of the 4th current), part at 9 and congratulate with my S. over a pint in my Corner.

13 The weather relaxes in the day, the Frost of the night. I speak with Mr. Chancellor about his Horses at Oxford. After Dinner, the Waites call for their Strena, 2s.6^d. After their music, repose half an Hour. I give Harry 3s.6^d. I (over a pint Bottle of Dyson) read variously and write (about his journey down) fully to my Son.

The News brings the Kings Speech in the House on Tuesday, which is full on the Rebellion, takes notice of Fomenters of malicious insinuations and avowed indifference; owns hee has reason to beleive that the Pretender is landed in Scotland, desires Supplies of the Commons & promises to give the Estates that shall become forfeited to the Crown towards defraying the extraordinary Expences incurr'd on this occasion.

14 The Frost very brisk and powerfull till noon. I write to my cozn. Parr to assist my son with another 10^{li} to defray the charg occasion'd by his and Mr. Chancellors horses unexpected stay at Oxford. I write to my cozn. Holt for an Account of their Health & news of the Country. After dinner Mr. Wm. Langton comes to mee and gives us a particular Account of the Action and direption of Preston. I pay T. Lightfoot for a poors Lay in Waverton 8s.4^d. After prayers, at Mr. Hodgsons shop, where are great intimations of revolting of Troops to Lord Marr, other successes and the Coronacion of the Pretender. I retreat to my Corner and pint of Dyson, over which I read Mr. Colliers discourse of Discontent and his Translation of St. Cyprian on patience.

15 The Frost still severe. I stay at Home and have proper reading. The news gives the answer or address of the Commons as well as the Lords on his Majesties speech, full and complying; that streets are transferd to Thames, by multitudes of Booths built on the Ice. After Even prayers and a walk thoro the Barrs, I return to my Corner and over my pint look into St. Cyprian and read 3 of the first years of Bishop Pearsons Annales.

16 After a thaw and small showr a severe Frost succeeding in the Night, the streets and roads are glazd to a dangerous degree. However, Mr. Thompson & I go to Warton with some difficulty. Wee have a fine pullet and excellent bacon well drest, a complete dinner with good Beer and Ale, my son Harry is with us, wee stay past 4 and in an hour, finding paths well beaten, return safe home, where over my pint I proceed in the 2 Book of the Fairy Queen.

17 After Snow in the night, the streets and roads grown passable. I have Letters from Mr. Lambert and Antony Close that Mr. Waite the Commissary of Richmond dy'd about 2 a clock the 10th of this month. I with great sense and concern condole the loss of a very carefull and industrious person. I communicate the Letters to Mr. Chancellor who gives directions for Comissions to Surrogates. Hee ready to go, desires my company (with Mr. Proby) to Mr. Townsends. Wee come there before 1 and after a dinner good and neat, drink a Glass of his good Ale and wine in good temper, wee set hence after 4. In the ready way, Mr. Chancellor acquaints mee of

his satisfaccion in his sons Character, and the common good likeing of both Families, in his marriage. The news is bold in telling of desertion of the Dutch from Argile, and in giveing some suspicion of the Fleet. Return'd, Mr. Proby, Allen, Henchman, Alderman Partington & I go to Mr. Hollands, $\frac{1}{2}$ a pint of Lisbon sent for, over which and some Tall Boyes wee, on dogs and horses, trifle away the time till 9.

18 Some more snow faln in the night, the Frost still severe. I write to Mr. Parr Junior and give him notice of a pott of Charrs sent to him by the Kendal Carrier. Mr. Proby comes and desires mee to try Alderman Minshals temper and indever to prevail with him to forbear his Writ against Alderman Partington, upon a Quarrel and as the Writ gos, an Assault. I send to Alderman Minshall, hee dines with mee. After dinner I attempt him, find hee is full of the injury and obstinate. At length, giving his hand, hee seems willing to refer his part of the matter to mee. I find Mr. Tagg at the Talbot, who seems to concurr in the delay of serving the writ and reconciliacion. Invited, go to Alderman Pulestons, here Mr. Oliver, Alderman Partington and other his Freinds. About 8 yong Mr. Hill of Christ Church comes, hee shows gentile Effects of his Educacion and mentions my son with Civility. Wee part after a quantity of Ale wine & punch exhausted, about 11. Mr. Crosby & I bring Alderman Partington home, where hee treats us with a Tip of red Brandy. 1^s.

19 The Frost seems rather to gather new Force than abate. Some more snow falls. The 1st Court Q.B.E. of this Term. The busienes smal and cursory. Mr. Proby & I talking of the Quarrel betwixt the 2 Aldermen, join in $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of wine before dinner at the Ship. After dinner under the pains from last night, repose an hour. After a step to Mr. Hodgsons, I begin the long History of a short parliament &c and tho interrupted by Mr. Atkinson Curat of Over Kellet, I over my pint of Dyson read the half of it. Pay Alderman Ince half a years rent due Christmas last 8^{li}.5^s.

20 The Frost continues tho not so severely, with more Snow. I read out the History of that disloyal and violent parliament of Ireland in 1713. The News represents the Pretender recover'd of his indisposicion (a Cold) and proceeding towards Scone, in order to his Coronacion. After dinner, Alderman Partington comes to mee. I discourse and have his Account of the Quarrel yet (tho more abusd) hee promises, if the other Alderman dos so, to ask his pardon. I write by Mr. Atkinson to Mr. Leaper about the Nomination to Over Kellet and the proving (in solemn Form) Mr. Eskriggs Will.³² In the Evening Mr. Hodson and I over a Tankard of Ale try Alderman Minshals temper, find it flexible to peace. Hee drinks his Adversary's health and promises to meet him, the Wittnesses and myself at Mr. Hollands, Munday Night. After this, call on Mr. Tho. Yates, wee go to Mr. Vernon at the Talbot. Hee entertains us out of his paquet of Letters with sanguine and sanguinolent news on the Pretenders part of Scotland. Hee uses a great Ayr and familiar stile speaking of Gentlemen. His gold Snuff box, a very larg one, makes its figure in the conversacion, wee drink near our Bottles.

21 The frost seems softn'd by the snow. I write to my son and in my Letter to Mr. Lambert inclose a Surrogacion for 5 Deaneries dated the 12 current. My Suzy

32 L.R.O., Parish Papers, DRCh.37, Over Kellet.

promises to lett Mr. Tho. Calkin the Glebe at the same rate with the last year. Mr. Denham comes from Manchester in the utmost fear, lest the time and sessions for taking the othes bee laps'd. Will. Willoughby recovers him with an Account of an adjournment till Munday the last day. After a tankard with him at W. Ws, I return to my Corner and various reading over my pint. A great Snow falls this Night & the Frost relents. Paid the Smith at Waverton his Note 4s:5d.

22 After a melancholy night and Elixir to carry away the indisposicion contracted Friday night, I stay at Home. Lessons &c proper are read. In the Evening, over my pint, read 2 or 3 Chapters of the 3^d Book of Gr. de Iure B & P. The snow melts all day.

23 D.G. well recoverd of Mr. V[ernon]s treat. The Frost (a little return'd in the night) yeilds to the day. Mr. Denham drinks Tea with mee. I write and inclose a Surrogacion for three Deanarys to Mr. John Waite. I turn in Dr. Taylors Ductor Dubitantium. After prayers I meet Alderman Partington and Alderman Minshal parties and Mr. Crosby and Mr. Laurence, Witnesses at Mr. Hollands. I tell the occasion of our meeting, of the satisfaction I had in their disposicions to reconciliacion and promote it. Alderman Partington with readiness complys, the other raises morose scruples. I indevor to answer and suppress them, the joint voice of the company presently proves successfull. The Aldermen desire, mutually, pardon of their words & affronts to each other. I call in all former Animositities to bee bury'd together in the Grave of the last Quarrel. Tis granted, and on this they shake right Hands. After this the Tankard moves under Freindly Terms. Mr. Kendrick, after, Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Proby, join the company, other Healths pro cuiuslibet Ingenio go round in very dull conversacion till 9. When Alderman Minshal fraught with full Tall-boy and generous humor, going off, says hee must first kiss Alderman Partington; they Kiss, this gives a good promise of success to this meeting. The rest, save the Chancellor and Mr. Proby, stay about an hour longer. A Mason of Standish being, by mistake, confin'd as a Spy in the Castle, Sir Hen. Bunbury on my request prevails with Col. Vincent to discharg him. The Frost, to night, after a small respiracion to return with greater Force than hitherto from the beginning.

24 The Frost very rigorous till Noon, when a snow begins. Mr. Roberts and Jeffry Moulding (for his Father) go to Court at Wrexham, and return at Night in the snow. I turn in Ductor Dubitantium. After Evening prayers, Mr. Thompson comes with mee. Hee reads some parts of Mr. Colliers Translations, & over his Ale and my pint, wee stay after 9.

25 After a soft rain in the Night and the wind alter'd to S.W., the snow dissolves so as to promise an end of the great Frost (it being the 13th day of the Moon). The Omen of St. Paul's day seems auspicious, a gentle Thaw without storm or rain. The sun appears after Noon. At Morning and Evening prayers. After these, dissapointed of promisd company retire to my Corner. I begin on Rachael his Tullys Offices over my pint. Mr. Tho. Yates comes and interrupts mee, wee sit together on the public Affairs, drink 2 pints, part about 10.

26 The Frost return'd with fresh Force last night, yields to the Sun tho not in the Shades. A Court of so few Assignacions, I visit Mrs. Midleton after it. While I am there, young Mrs. Manley falls down the dark narrow stairs. I leave them

recovering her out of the Accident. I pay to the Collectors of the Poors Lay 7^s, my Contribution to Dr. Foggs Curat 3^s. I examine one Wittness on Perkins Will. About 5 take a walk on the Wall, see the ruin of the Frost and snow congeald, made by the Tides. After from Mr. Hodson's shop, go with Mr. Hinchman and Mr. Grantham to the Bacchus, where wee meet with good Lisbon (white) and (in the public Affairs the conversacion engagd) drink 4 pints and part about 9. It begins to thaw and a current is made down the streets.

27 The Frost and snow go off without rain in a gentle dissolution. The Regiments are drawn up in this parade in order to go to Roodee, where the unfortunate soldier who for a small sum of mony was prevaild with to let two prisoners escape out of the Castle, is shot, about 12 a clock. Hee was recomended to, and charitably remember'd in, our public Morning prayers. The Gazet tells the Earl of Seaforth has after great expectacions of contrary success submitted to King George. After Evening prayers Mr. Thompson and I drink our ½ pints of Claret and white Lisbon at the Bacchus. Wee part about 8. I return home and read 20 sections of the Prolegom. to Tullys Offices.

28 It still thaws yet not without intervals of Frost at Nights. Tho very indisposd to Busienes, I write fully to my cozn. Parr to assist my son with 10^{li}, acknowlege my Debts to him and desire him to draw up our Accounts. I write to my son and to Mr. Vaudrey for a Quire or 2 of Licences. I pay for 3 Books at the Auction 15^s, to Hodson for straw 2^s.6^d. Three of the Firmars give us Notice they will bee so no longer at the present rate, and upon this Account Mr. Calkin promises not to insist on the bargain for the Glebe. At 5 at the Bacchus where Mr. Chancellor, Capt. Penant, Mr. Proby and I, after a duller howr, are diverted to other things by Sir Hen. Bunbury till 8, wee drink our pints. After 9 I am at Sir Hen. Bunburys and share in a bottle of Excellent Claret.

29 The Frost and Thaw seem on equal Terms. I stay at Home the Fore noon. My spirits under great pressure, receive comfort from my sons Letter which acquaints mee That hee had obtain'd the Chancellors Letter to the University to grant the Regency before the regular (vidt Act) Time. That on Tuesday the University, in a full Theatre, confer'd degrees on the Prince Hainault (his Majesties Cosin) his Tutor and his Governor, and the same time granted his Regency, and that my Lord Bishop had collated him to the prebend.³³ Before E. prayers in the broad Isle, I meet with Lord Anglesey and Lord Barrymore. About 6, the Earls, Sir Samuel Cook, Mr. Lister, Mr. Chester, Mr. Sewel, Mr. Morgan and myself, are dispos'd to the several Liquors, Claret and Punch by Sir Henry, these go cheerfully round, good humer & free conversacion keep pace with them till 11. I see and part with the Lords at Mrs. Kana's. Lord Barrymore very kindly promises mee to let my Colt run in his park at Rocksavage.

30 The Frost returnd at night with vehemency and continues all day. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the occasion of the Martyrdom of the day, which is affectionatly celebrated. Read the History of the Day. Wee dine about 5. After that read variously over a pint of Dyson.

33 John Prescott was rector of Waverton at 24 and was collated to Dr Blake's vacant stall in January 1715/16 at the age of 25.

31 The Thaw prevails and the Frost seems irrecoverable, tho the weather is cold. Mr. Yates comes and reads us probable Letters of Lord Marrs success, Argyle defeated, the Swiss cut in peeces. The prints are dull and empty. Letters silent in the Affairs of Scotland. I pay for Lord Bacons Essays 3^s.6^d. After a short repose & Even prayers, I communicate my sons Letter to Dr. Fogg, hee receives the news of his Collacion with civil congratulacion. I invite him and Mr. Thompson to a Glass of Wine. Wee go to Kemps where the Dr. and I drink 2 Bottles of good French, Mr. Tompson one pint of port, red. Wee draw the discourse with the wine to 9. I treat and pay 6^s.

FEBRUARY 1 The thaw continues in a cool Ayr. I receive from Mr. Roberts 30^{li} and adding 10^{li}:10^s to it procure a Bill of 40^{li} from Alderman Morrey payable at 3 daies. This I inclose to Mr. Smith, tell him what ill influence the present Confusions have had for the last 4 months and what a dismal prospect thickens before us. I write to my son a full answer to his last. Mr. Dockerill dines, and stays, with us, till prayers. After these, Mr. Thomson and I go to Alderman Bennet, hee gives us, in his Cellar, a Tast of his red & white Viana. Wee come up to my Corner and over my pint of Dyson, and his Tankard of Ale, hee reads the first of the London cases by Dr. Grove. I pay for auction Books bought by my son Harry 9^s.6^d.

2 In a brisk morning rise to prayers (now at 7). I write to my cozn. Holt & Mr. Kelsall. Mr. Thomson and I, near 11, sett for Warton. Mr. Hulton interrupts us with News today from Liverpool, that on Friday a bloody Battle was decided on Marrs part, that 3 Expresses came yesterday to the Judges to prevent further Execucions, & that Pitts Horse, appointed to guard 17 prisoners (condemnd to dy there) to Manchester, were countermanded &c. Wee over our Tea at Warton rest an hour and (tho the way tedious from the Thaw), come in a brisk Ayr home about 3, prepard, dine cheerfully, and sitt down after till 6. After over a pint of Dyson divert in Bacons Essays till 10.

3 After a brisk Frost returnd last night, a brisk and (in the shade) a freezing day. I am at early prayers and after see the News which by help of pioneers (3000) removing the snow, part of Argiles army under the Conduct of Cadogan, on the 25th are advanc'd from the Camp near Perth. A vehement vote of the Irish Commons against Lord Anglesey. Bishop Hoadley and Dr. Blackburn Dean of Exeter, made by the new ArchBishop of Canterbury Drs. of Divinity. I wait on Mrs. Middleton, and bring back to her the 2^d part of Kennets English History. I divert in Bacons Essays. I pay Mr. Stratford for Tenths and procuracions for Warton 2^{li}:15^s:6. To Mr. Wrench for Mr. Calkin the Curat 1^{li}. For Coals yesterday and today 9^s:10^d. After 5, Mrs. Hurleston & Massie call on us. After these I finish the examinacion of 2 Wittnesses on Mr. Harpurs Will. Betake mee to my pint of Dyson.

4 The Frost had not left the Climate in the night, but vanishes in the day. I can't forbear Bacons Essays till 12 when to the Coffee House where the Chancellor and I have some discourse of my Lord Bishops design to set the Deaneries of Richmond on the Foot with those of Chester. The News of Lord Marrs success on the 27, is whisperd and more than so, with appearance of Truth. I pay T. Roberts (on Account) 5^{li} in full to Christmas day last. About 4, I go over to Sir H. Bunburys, where Lord Barrymore, Sir Tho. Brooks and a great Circle, the Glass passes freely

an hour. I sit by his Lordship and hee generously tells mee, hee has given orders for the receiving my Colt in Rocksavage park, when I please. His Lordship and Mr. Lister mount about 5. I take the occasion to retreat to my Corner. After, I write to my son about the prisoners in the Castle, give my son Hary 2^s. The rest of the Even in variety of reading till 10.

5 A very sharp and cold day follows a Frost last night. Mr. Henchman has a good Discourse in the Quire on repentance Sanctissimae Eucharistiae participes Sumus Det D.O.M. vitam reliquam recte, pie, sobrie et quiete agere. The prints are high & formidable on the Kings side, private Relations whisper a decisive success on the other. After prayers over my domestic pint, turn in Dr. Nichols on the Comon prayer.

6 The weather agen relaxes. I with Mr. Thomson turn in Dr. Nichols till 11. I am at the Coffee House where some officers with peevishnes reflect on Dr. Foggs charity to the poor Captives. The private report raises the Spirits and improve the Aysr of the too credulous. After prayers, I desire Mr. Thomson to draw a recantacion hee thinks proper on the substance of Mr. Sumners answer. About 6 go to the Chancellor who entertains Sir Hen. Bunbury, Capt. Pennant and myself with a Bowl (a Gallon and $\frac{1}{2}$) of Rack punch. I am encourag'd and adventure on my share, wee pass the Time easy and undisturb'd till 9, & the liquor succeeds.

7 The weather milder and melting. The publick and private News bring the Armies near togeather as on Tuesday last. The former promises, the later gives itself success, as their affections suggest without proof. The Indictments against the Absent, Conviction & condemnation of the prisoners go on at Leverpool. Contagious and fatal distempers, Fever, Flux & smal pox spread among the prisoners in the Castle. These with domestic difficulty press & contristate my spirits. After prayers, Mr. Thompson, Alderman Bennet, under the same public complaints with mee go to Mr. Holland for releif. The Alderman orders 2 pints of wine thither. Mr. Chancellor sits 2 pipes with us. The conversacion and Medicin alleviate the distemper, wee part after 9.

8 The weather severely cold without visible Frost. I write to Mr. Waite, Mr. Chancellors direccion about that Jurisdiccio and promise to send him a Commission for proceeding in Causes of a convenient date. I pay the Washerwoman her Quarterage (due the 2^d current) 30^s, to my S. 3^s:6^d, Wills Cock m[oney] 2^s:6^d. Invited, my S. and I dine at Alderman Partingtons with Mr. Townsend, where my sister Puleston comes after dinner. After prayers recede to my Corner where I draw up a Declaracion to bee perform'd by Mr. Sumner, over a pint of Dyson.

9 After a sharp Frost last night a cold morning. I am at early prayers. I pay a Boy Jonathan Tushingham upon Mr. Calkin the Curates Letter 1^{li}. A Court day tho of many Assignacions of easy dispatch. A rumor calld an Express to Sir Henry Houghton (now here) that the Duke of Argyle had taken Perth Jan.31, Marr prisoner and defeating his forces, repell'd the Pretender to the Sea. Spreads quick as Ayr thoro the Town, has its contrary effects on the Votes of the Tory & Whig, depression and elevation. After dinner, indispos'd to Busienes, go to Mrs. Oldfeilds Family, find Mr. Yates and the Ladys taken up in Fears and reasoning into Hopes. Mr. Hulton comes thither and suo more makes and imposes Arguments on the safer

side. After 2 Hours here spent (over Tea) inter spem et metum, I return to my Corner and Turn with pleasure the usefull parts of Somners Antiquities of Canterbury. This day six prisoners among whom Richard Chorley Esq. is one, executed at Preston.

10 After a most vehement, cold and uneasy night, I rise to early prayers, find the Frost hard and bearing. After prayers Mr. Thomson and I apply to the News, the London post not coming till 7 this morning. The adverse news is by all prints and Letters confirm'd, vidt that on the 31st The Kings Forces came to and took Tullibardin [*illegible*] there. That the Pretender, Marr and their Forces had that morning quitted Perth and retir'd in 2 Bodies towards Dundee and Aberdeen, the Generals Argyle and Cadogan resolve severally to pursue. The Bells presently publish the success. Joy and despair part the Town, and the warr pronounc'd by both proconclamato. Mr. Morrey and Mr. Shaw of Warrington call on mee. About 10 Mr. Thomson and I set in a sharp Ayr and the road hard & clean from the Frost, to Warton to avoid the noise and ruminate on the News. After Tea and inspection wee return before 3, dine heartily on pullet & Bacon, and solace till 6. After hee is receded, I over a pint of Dyson read the 2 First Books of Tasso. This day 5 among which James Blundel churchwarden of Standish executed in Wigan, Lanc.

11 A cold but thawing morning. I go to early prayers, pay Mr. Rider, Taylor his Bill 3^{li}:5^s:0. I write to Dr. Stratford on Sir T. Brooks and his sons behalf, and to Mr. Lambert. After prayers in the Town. The News yesterday is confirm'd by an Express from Ireland with this Addicion, that upon the pursuit, a bloody ingagment hapn'd, continu'd 6 hours, wherein Marr was taken prisoner. An Account of 3 Expresses on the heels of each other thoro Hulms Chapell, Thursday night, one of which told Marr was taken, add yet more strength to the News. Yet are not the Toryes quite cast down, but support themselves with a good Account of Marrs forces in a Letter from P. Johnson dated from Sterling the 29 January, by reasonable conclusions and inductions from Auxiliary Ships lately arrivd with Officers of distinction & 1500 Men. Thus the balance is held. I retreat home and over my pint of Dyson, divert care in Books till 10. Today 5 executed at Manchester.

12 A fine and pleasant morning, tho some parts of the day cold & in the Even, storm with rain. I receive my cozn. Parrs Letter and our Accounts which bring the balance this year on mee 47^{li}:5^s:7^d. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse in the Quire on Repentance. The News tells the severe Sentence pronounc'd Thursday last by the Lord Chancellor Cowper, then High Steward, against the six Lords. That the 2 Generals are in pursuit of the Pretender and Marr as far as Aberdeen. That Admiral Jennings by takeing away their sails and rudders, has disabl'd all shippes for escape. Tho the matter thus desperate, the Tory side supports itself with opinion, there is some reason & stratagem in this retreat, hope for and fear the next Accounts. I see Mr. Yates, after 6 in Books over my Dyson till 10.

13 After the wind and small rain last Night a genial morning. The remains of the Frost almost invisible. I am at early prayers. I write to the Bishop of Ely my thanks for his concern for my disappointment in the Registry, & on Mr. Whaleys behalf. To Mr. Whaley, that I did so. To Capt. Tarleton by my son Hary now going to Liverpool in order to go in the Peace Gally bound for Limerick. I give him 2^{li} to

buy necessities and 1^{li} for a venture Q.B.E. hee go's about 12. After dinner uneasy under variety of Cares, repose. After prayers Mr. Thompson and I take one Turn on roodee, thence to Mr. Hodsons Shop, not meeting a third man, wee return to my corner. Hee chuses Ale, I over my pint of Dyson turn in Erasmus' Adagies.

14 The weather tho cool, dispos'd to thaw and to diminish the white prospect on the mountains. After early prayers at the Coffee House. The Kings Forces pursue the Pretender to Aberdeen & parts adjacent. No Account of any Accion in the retreat and no certain one, that the Pretender is imbarckt. Invited, after dinner go to the Countesses where Tho. Lightfoot, marry'd today, treats his Warton Freinds. Stay here 2 Hours. About 5 go to Mr. Hollands where I stay with Mr. Chancellor in his ordinary conversacion. About 6 hee, Mr. Grantham and I adjourn to the Bacchus, wee have three pints of Lisbon. His Hipps & Chagrin so strong aggravated too by the public papers, the wine has little success, part before 9. 1^s.

15 Ash Wednesday. The morning clear and sharp. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on Joel 2, 12:13. I receive my sons Letter of the 8th. Upon that, send for the Governor, wee agree upon his journy on foot to Oxon. I give him 10^s toward his charges. Apply to reading. After prayers about 5, I go to Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Hollands and acquaint him of my Messenger. After dinner about 6, invited, go over to Sir Hen. Bunbury, Capt. King, a Leift. and Dr. Chetwood are with him. Hither about 8 comes the News that Mr. Massie of Puddington some few minuits before expir'd at the Talbot. Discourse on the hard case of the prisoners is promoted and carryd on with the wine past 10.

16 A calmer day, wee have a Court easy in Busienes and humor. After it I see Mrs. Middleton and Thelwal. After dinner designing repose, I am call'd over to Sir Hen. Bunbury. Here I find Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Allen, Kendrick and more to make up a Circle about which the Claret and punch move swiftly. Sir Henrys discourse and speeches keep pace with them and the Time runs up to 11.

17 The day begins dull. I am extremely affected with pains of the Head and Mind, a repose after dinner dos not compose mee. After Evening prayers and a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Thompson, upon his invitacion, wee go to Mr. Dyson (the Tinman) his chamber, hee treats freely with white and red port, good in their kinds. W. Willoughby is sent for, wee stay cheerfully past 9.

18 A calm and cheerfull day, not so within. I receive 10^{li} from Mr. Roberts. The Waverton [?demandants] come in. I pay Betty Williams for Mr. Calkin the Curat 1^{li}, to the Mason Hignet part of his Bill 1^{li}, to Tho. Lighfoot part of the poors lay at 6^d per pound 16^s:8^d. My cozn. Marsden treats (at Mr. Kemps) Dr. Fogg and myself with a pint of white port. After dinner repose, prayers and a walk. Alderman Bennet, Mr. Thomson and I go to Mr. Biggins, they have their Ale and I drink not my full pint of wine, wee part about 9. The discourse today is of about 30 prisoners escap'd last night and a mortal contagion spreading among the soldiers.

19 A fine bright day, more comfortable from the Elixir last night. I stay at home, turn in Bishop Overals Convocacion Book and read Dr. Sanderson's judgment of submission to Usurp'd power. After dinner and repose, refresh'd; Lady Bunbury and Mr. Kendrick stay till 7. I, after, over my pint of Dyson, write my thanks to my Lord for makeing my son a prebendary, inform him of the offices and Grants of the Commissaries and Rural Deans, and desire more Books and his more particular

orders about his intended visitacion. Mr. Aubrey preaches the 1st for my son. The News makes the Duke of Argile in possession of Aberdeen, the rebels submitting and hee only promising to receive them on condicion of the Kings mercy.

20 A warm and kindly morning. Mr. Roberts has my Horse to St. Asaph. I direct my Letter to my Lord now in Princes Court, Westminster. I pay for the 2^d part of Gardening improv'd 2^s. After Evening prayers and a Turn to Mr. Hodsons, come to my Corner where, over my pint of Dyson, I read 31 Chapters of the 1st Book of Bishop Overals Convocation Book.

21 A fair brisk morning, at early prayers. The News and the Kings speech confirm the Successes in Scotland, the arrival of the Pretender at Gravelines in France and dispersion of his Army. About 10, Mr. Thomson and I go to Warton, my daughter L[ydia] prepares Tea. About 1 wee come to Mr. Townsends where wee meet my S. and Mall Partington. Wee are kindly receiv'd at a neat dinner. After solace over his good smooth Ale, return home together before 7 and after recreate over a pint of Dyson.

22 A harsh morning, at early prayers. I write on Mr. Chancellor of St. Asaphs behalf & my own to Dr. Paul, Vicar General of Canterbury, about our composicions for the vacancy. My S. writes to my son Hary at Liverpool and gives him liberty to borrow a Guinea of his Master for an Adventure. I draw mutual Confessions betwixt Adam Oldfeild and Ann Newport of Liverpool. Dull, after dinner, repose an hour, after which and prayers, Mr. Thomson and I take a Turn on roodee, call on Alderman Bennet. I drink white Lisbon, wee return about 9.

23 Another harsh morning. At early prayers. After, fall into a small Book call'd The Cry of Innocent Blood (pr. A^o 1683) till Court which is easily over. Mr. Chancellor and I as Commissioners take the oaths of Mr. Chesshyre and Woodfall upon their Certificate of the valu of the donacions to Halton Chappel. I receive by Mr. Roberts from Mr. Moulding 7^{li} upon his last Account for this year. I pay Mr. Mather a Bill upon mee from Mr. Vaudrey 10^{li}, to Mr. Garner of Liverpool 1^{li}.10^s, to Mr. Jackson for the Arms of the Citys & Boroughs of England 10^s, for a load of Coals 6^s. After dinner Mr. Wainwright & yong Mr. Goodens visits us, I Mr. Yates. After prayers and Turn on roodee, Mr. Thomson & I drink our pints of Ale & Dyson. On my Lord Barrymores Letter, I send him a MS & printed Copy of Nixons Prophecy.

24 Feast of St. Matthias kept this day tho the leap year. A cool and dry morning. At early prayers. After these the News tells the dolourous Circumstances of the 6 condemn'd Lords, the fruitles Applicacions of great Ladies on their behalf, and that the Warrants were sign'd for their Execucion this day. About 9 Mr. Tomson, Will and I go to Warton, refresh in Tea, Bread, butter and Cheese. I see the walk in the Garden design'd by the Line. I pay Robert Hignet, Mason the rest of his Note for the Wall 3^{li}.5^s, returning I see the Quarry and good Quantity of Stones gott. Wee come in a brisk wind home about 3, dine on wheat & Fish, after recreate over Ale till 6. Paid Tho. Whitehead Gardner 1^s.4^d, lent him 4^d, spent 4^d.

25 A milder day. At early prayers. After read out the Cry of Innocent Blood. Mrs. Cottingham complains of the insolent and perfidious behavior of a Half pay Leift. (Price) quarter'd on her and her servant the woman drawer. I pay Mr. J. Dean for Mr. Calkin the Curate 15^s. I write and send Tho. Roberts to Rosingreave Okel to

make up his Fence next the Glebeland, hee promises fairly. After prayers a turn to Mr. Hodsons and vain expectation of my son, I return to my Corner and over my pint of Dyson proceed in Bishop Overals Convocation Book. Four brave Men, Mr. Drummond son & brother to Lords, Mr. Connywood of Northumberland of an estate of 1200^{li} p.A., Capt. Burnet standard Bearer to the Pretender & Mr. Bourn are executed at Low Hill near Liverpool.

26 In a fair morning about 7 I go to roodee, take 3 Turns. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on 10th Rom. v.21. The News gives that upon Address from the Lords to reprove the 6 condemnd Lords as long as his Majestie shall think fit and they shall deserve it, his Majesty answers, Hee will do what shall bee most for the honor and safety of the Kingdom and Government. After Ev. prayers I see and drink part of a Bottle of red port with Mr. Yates. I receive my sons Letter from Newport & Account of the weak condicion of the Chancellors horse.

27 The weather sharp yet kindly, at early prayers. After with Mr. Boucher, I communicate to him my sons Letter, and hee to Mr. Chancellor. I write to Mr. Whaley and John Cross. After E. prayers to Mr. Hodsons. I understand my son is come, return and D.O.M.G. find him so in good Health and cheerfull. The Chancellors Horses are miserably poor, weak and Clay Gall'd. About 9, easy in my sons return and rejoicing in my pint of Dyson, Mrs. Susy Bunbury shocks mee with Lord Derwentwaters speech at his Execucion on Tower Hill, on Friday last. Lord Kinmeur was executed at the same time. That Lord Nithsdale had bin so, if not escapd, the night before in a Womans habit. This falls deep from surprize & contrary Expectacion.

28 A brisk and kindly day. After dinner my son and I wait on the Dean (the Dr. at Newton), my son acquaints him with the busienes of his Installacion, the Dean readily promises to perform it, tells him hee is glad such a person comes into the Church as will attend the busienes of it, complains of the absence of other prebendarys, and of the burden of the busienes. After this, wee see Mr. Boucher and after prayers, and some short visits, wee return to a Bottle of good Claret in my Corner.

29 The morning Fair, Q.B.E. After my son had presented the Mandate for Installacion and that read in the Chapter House, the Dean (inchoatis divinis officiis et recitatis tantum duabus sententiis)³⁴ after the mandate deliver'd to him, in his seat, comes down and takeing by the hand leads him to the 3^d stall a dextra Decani, and tho almost depriv'd of sight and in the 88 year of his Age, in a formal and solemn Speech memoriter recited, installs him in it. After dinner wee go to Mr. Chancellor where with Mr. Elcock and Proby, drink Ale till 6, call on Mr. Yates at Mrs. Oldfelds, stay 2 hours, return & conclude the day in a Bottle of Claret. I pay the Governor for his pains 10^s, to my son for the virgers 5^s.

MARCH 1 The month enters with snow and Hail. I write and inclose a copy of Richard Swifts Will to Mr. Ashburner (5^s.10^d). Wee dispatch the assignacions in the Court about 11. I visit Mrs. Midleton, drink Mum and stay an hour. After

34 Trans: 'after the divine offices had begun and only two sentences recited'.

dinner short repose and Ev. prayers, I write to Mr. Lownds of Lea Hall an answer to his on behalf of Mr. Knight going to the Isle of Man. About 6 My Suzy, son and I go to Mr. Henschman, hee shows us his house & Garden, and with a hansom supper a larg Turkey and a dish of Fish, with good white port, very civilly entertains and detains, near 11.

2 A very severe Frost with Snow. At early prayers. The News seems to own Huntley & Seaforth to bee join'd with the Rebels, and that these keep up in a strong Body in the Mountains. About 10, my son, Mr. Thomson and myself go to Warton. My son reads the M. Prayers, from thence to the House and Tea there, see the work of the Walk going on. Mr. Page coming that way, docks Phillis. Wee return against a sharp wind, the Curate with us, after 3 dine on Fish and Lent Fare, solace in Ale till 7, and about 10 conclude in a pint of Dyson.

3 Still a brisk Frost with Hail, Snow and white Mountains. At early prayers. I write to my Lord of Chester and propose (for want of a day certain of his being at Burrowbridg) a rude scheme of his Visitacion. To Mr. Lambert about this. I pay Mr. Fletcher my sons Lays to the High ways in Warton 12^s:10^d. After prayers my son and I visit Lady Bunbury, shee treats with a Bottle of Claret, wee stay past 7. I receive to night Mr. Smith, the Registrar, his Receipt for 40^{li} dated 9th of Febr.

4 A blowing day with some rain. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. My son first (by way of tryal) reads the Communion or 2^d service. After hee assists in the Administracion of the Sacrament which wee receive Det. D.O.M. rectam agere vitam. After dinner my son go's & preaches at Warton, returns and lights at Alderman Pulestons where I meet him about 6. Alderman Partington and Mr. Kendric are there, wee are kindly treated with 2 Bottles of port & good Ale and part about 9. The News tells that the whole Flight of the Finches, Nottingham, Arlesford, Lord Finch and Lord Guernsy have resign'd under some displeasure of the Court, their places. I give my son this morning 10^s.

5 A cool and blowing morning, at early prayers. The Fore-noon in Books, some Busienes. The complexions alter in both parties according to the late News. After Dinner about 2 Alderman Partington, my son and I go to Mr. Townsend, wee find him confin'd by the Gout. I observe the Greens and order of his Garden. Wee stay entertain'd, by his smooth Ale, till 6, return in a sharp Ayr. I refresh in a domestic pint.

6 The weather keen and severe. The News is silent about the Regent, tells the Leaders of the rebel Remains are consulting escape thoro the Isles to Norway, settles the Kings Forces in convenient Quarters and leaves the rebellion as extinct. I give my son, going to see the prisoners in the Castle, 1^{li}. After E. prayers, on Account of Mrs. Bullock of Wigan, who bringing 15^{li} and Letters to the prisoners was detain'd on the Gard, I am by Mr. Tomson & Holland drawn into the Castle to sollicite her release. Wee are civilly receiv'd by Capt. Maxwell, who had discharg'd Mrs. Bullock before wee came. I see the prisoners (most Scottish) in their liberty to walk in the great Area, a melancholy spectacle! Mr. Thomson & I give each 1^s. At 7 wee meet at the Ship, my son comes to us. Matters of Learning and Divinity are mov'd and carry'd on with readines, Ayr and spirit, past 10. Returning wee observe an unusual & surprising light in the Horizon without Moon, starrs or Comet. 3^s.

7 The day cold and wind brisk. Mr. Tomson, my son and I set out at 10, come 10

minuits after 11. My son reads the prayers. Wee refresh in Tea and after veiw of the little work in hand, return by the Quarry and Rowton after 3. After a Lent dinner and a Tankard, I go to Mr. Hollands where I stay with Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington and Mr. Proby till 8.

8 The weather sharp to the season. At early prayers tho indisposd. I turn in Evelyns Silva, on occasion of Mr. Chancellor giving mee some Acorns of the Ilex. Some busienes dispatcht in Mr. Bouchers room, the rest easily in the Court. After that, see Mrs. Middleton. After dinner, the 4 Firmers call on my son, barter much & offer him only 105^{li} the next year. About 3 I am calld over to Sir Hen. Bunbury's, where Lord Barrymore, Sir Richard Grosvenor, Capt. Davies, Mr. Sewel &c, the good wine flows about till 6. Lord Barrymore gos with Sir R.G. to Eaton, the rest stay past 8.

9 Still keen weather, at early prayers. At Alderman Partingtons Shop, drink Tea. After see Capt. Maxwells Lady being told shee was my Freind Mr. Trotters daughter. I presently find the mistake, and that shee is of another family, shee is gentile and gives mee a dram of delicate Brandy. Hence to the Walls and Coffee House. Now rather do I meet with the News menciond as on the 6th. After dinner and repose about 5, step to Mrs. Middleton, stay an hour, then meet Mr. Thomson, and, some time after, Alderman Bennet comes to my Corner to my son. Over good Ale, Claret, and shoulder of Mutton grill'd wee passe the time cheerfully till 11.

10 A more mild and bright day. I read some Chapters of Q. Curtius, write to Mr. Peel of Liverpool about his Freind (Mercer). I receive (what hee receivd for mee from Mr. Moulding) of Mr. Roberts 7^{li}:0^s:7^d. After dinner, repose and prayers. Mr. Thomson, my son and I, take one Turn on Roodee. About 6 my son and I visit Sir Henry Bunbury and Mr. Bunbury his Brother. Two Mr. Foulks are there. After supper the good wine circulates with the discourse, till 11.

11 A sharp but kindly day. Litle is added to the News save Accounts from several parts, London especially, of a phenomenon in their Horison seen on Tuesday night about 8 and continuing till 3. Tis calld Aurora Borealis, a Light or Meoture some times dilated, sometime embodied into a Column, some time broke and divided into Figures or [?Striaes], which the Spectators form into military ones and interpret into dire Events. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire where my son, not without comendacion, reads as the Law appoints, the whole service of the day from his mistake reads his assent & consent after the Benediction, tho before the concionem missam. After prayers apply to reading over my pint, till 10.

12 In a brisk cold morning, at early prayers. I take an hour into Q. Curtius. I write to my cozn. Parr and Mr. Lambert. Near 10, My son and I set out, call on and drink Coffee with Mr. Clopton, come to Warton about 12. Here Mrs. Tushingham and Adshead her son in Law discourse my son and offer him 110^{li} for the Tith, hee concludes not with them because not yet so with the other. Wee see the foundation of the Wall to the Lane laid. Wee return after 3 and to dinner. I pay Mr. Jones (Sadler) 1^{li}:18^s. Mr. Middleton for Elixir 1^{li}:16^s. To Hiccock silk Dyer 5^s. From discourse with Mr. Clopton about that Author, I look into A. Marcellinus & find hee attests that when Julian the Apostate attempted to rebuild the Temple, metuendi Globi flammaru proprie fundamenta crebris assultibus eruperunt. Recreate over a pint of Dyson till 11.

13 A cold thin Ayr. Tho indispos'd, at early prayers. The public papers repeat the same Affairs. I turn A. Marcellinus till noon. Pay for coals 5^s.4^d. After dinner, repose & prayers. Mr. Thomson, my son and I take 2 Turns on roodee, call on Alderman Bennet, who after a Glass in his Cellar comes along with us to Will. Willoughbys, where Will treats us with Ale till 11.

14 With indisposicion aggravated, at early prayers. I fall into Am. Marcellinus, examin one Witnes ex parte Wilbraham contra Potter.³⁵ After dinner, the Warton Farmers enter, are subtile and difficult in their way, at last offer my son 110^{li} for 3 succeeding years, hee complies. Those receded, I repose till prayers. After which Mr. Tomson, my son and I walk round the Walls. At 7 meet Mrs. Mercer, Olton, Stones, Dockerell, Stratford at Will. Willoughby's. The rest drink Ale, I am permitted my pint of Dyson, wee part about 10.

15 In a very keen and kindly morning, at early prayers. Slide into Q. Curtius, write and inclose Mr. Lownds Letter to mee, in behalf of one Mr. Bond, to the Bishop of Man. I send with it an Archiepiscopal Mandate. A Court of few Assignacions, dispatcht before prayers ended. I see Mrs. Middleton before dinner. After it and a Turn on the Walls, with my son at prayers. Mrs. Tea & Mr. Marsh late a Conduct are bury'd. After a Turn to Mr. Hodsons, Home and read over a pint of Dyson.

16 After a short show'r, fair. Preparacions by and against the Turk take up ½ of the public Letter. The Scotch Affairs desperate and as defunct. Tis said, beside the soldiers, most of the Cheiftains have resign'd. About ½ hour after 9 my son setts out on Horsback, I walk in brisk N.W. to Warton. I see the Lane Wall go on and the Border made for the Ilex Acorns. About ½ hour after 12, wee come to Mr. Clopton's, Lady Margaret Davies alias Howard, daughter of the Earl of Sussex dines there. Wee have very good Ling, a fine Tanzy, other Fish and Tart. Mr. Cloptons Humor appears, but is reduc'd into civility. My son offers to him a sermon on Sunday. Hee accepts it as obligacion. After 3 pints of white Lisbon and 5 a clock wee call on Mr. Townsend, drink 2 Tankards with Him. Wee return, by the new Moon, about 7. I pay the Laborer at Warton 8^s.4^d at 10^d the Day, 10 daies.

17 This not so cold and windy day, I pay Mr. Stratford 2 years arrear of the office rent, 13^s.4^d, to Mr. Rollinson for Mr. Calkin Curat, 1^{li}. I receive from Mr. Roberts 5^{li}. I write to Mr. Bowyer. Mr. Rollinsons dines and the 4 Firmars call and drink with us. I pay for 3 Measures of wheat 13^s.4^d. After prayers I see and stay on the dull subject of the times an Hour, return to my Corner & domestic pint.

18 After a small rain, fair but windy. After 9 my son setts out on Horseback, Mr. Holland and I follow, on foot, to Christleton, where hee reads the prayers and has an elaborate & elegant discourse on Hebr. 1 v. 1-2 memoriter and with exact pronounciacion. Wee dine with Mr. Clopton. About 2 come to Warton, my son reads the prayers, the Curat has a good discourse, wee three with the Curat, drink 2 Bottles of Ale in the parlor. Wee return, the way smooth without dust, the Ayr cool, not boisterous, about 7. I refresh in a domestic pint.

19 A fair and brisk day. I read and compare some Chapters in Epictetus. At

morning prayers. At the sessions continu'd, my son takes the Oaths in the Hall. Mr. Roberts go's to keep a Court to morrow at St. Asaph. Mr. Thomson, who designs with his Nephew Newton to morrow for Oxon, dines with us. I read my sons Kens translation of the 4th Oration against Cataline and send him 5^s by Mr. Thomson. After prayers I make a scheme of the Episcopal visitacion. At 7, invited, my son & I go to Mr. Jos. Dysons Chambers, hee treats us with Hop Tops and sending for W. Willoughby 3 Bottles of good red port.

20 A brisk and sunny day. At early prayers Mr. Elcock presents us with 2 Carps & drinks a dish of Tea with us. At the Coffee house where the Letter is fill'd with the Earl of Wintons Tryal, the Evidence particular of the 2 Generals Carpenter & Wills. That the Lords & others surrendered only on Discrecion that they neither did nor had Commission to promise them [*damaged*] Kings mercy, of the Earls weak defence and the Lords (nemine contradicente) pronouncing him G[uilty?]. I pay for 2 loades of Coals 11^s. My son go's to visit Mr. Massies of Farndon & Codrington. After dinner short repose and prayers. I return to Epictetus over my domestic pint. For a Decator of a pint to Mrs. Cloptons maid who brought mee a present of Ling, 1^s.

21 A soft springing showr yet cool. At early prayers. After these, in Books & Busienes till dinner. After this, repose, prayers and diversion into Town. I return to Epictetus over my pint. Mr. Leftwich comes and sits an hour with us. I pay for the carriage of the Books of Articles of Visitacion, 1^s.

22 A fair, cool and mild morning, at early prayers. I finish my reading of Epictetus with admiration of his philosophy and affected with Chapter 75 (Differ Opus, nunquam non conflictavere damnis – Hesiod). A Court (the last of this Term) of many Assignations, short dispatch. Mrs. Stringer and her sister Thomas drink Tea here. A soft rain prevents my journey to Waverton. I pay Tho. Wally on Mr. Calkins note 1^{li}. I pay for a load of Coals 6^s, for another Load 5^s.4^d. After prayers my son and I go to the Castle, his Busienes to see Dr. Montgomery. Wee are civilly treated by the Scotch Gentlemen in that room, with Tea and fine Brandy. About 6 Alderman Partington, Mr. Allen, my son and I meet in my Corner, they have to supper a Hare and Sturgeon, 3 bottles of good Claret are emty'd while the company together and they receded, wee finish about 11 in a domestic pint.

23 A fairer and bright day. Turn Arrianus upon Epictetus. The News gives Account of the solemn pronunciacion of the sentence on the Earl of Winton on Munday. I see and drink Coffee with Mrs. Middleton. I pay for the Land Tax on the House in the Abby Court 4^s. About 3 Mr. Stones and I go to Warton, stay and drink there one Bottle of Ale about 2 Hours, return home before 7. I give my son Will his Quarterage for Mr. Dennis 5^s. I refresh myself with a pint of Dyson.

24 A fair sharp day. I write to my Lord and give him my scheme of his visitacion. I receive 2^{li} from Mr. Roberts, pay Mr. Burrows on Mr. Calkin the Curats note 1^{li}. The 4 Firmars after Dinner come and execute the Articles dated today for three years at 110^{li} per Annum. About 6 My son and I meet with Mr. Hurleston. Hee comes into my Corner, stays an hour and drinks a Glasse of my Ale. After this my son treats Jeffry Moulding with a Bottle of my Claret. After that my Suzy, hee and I conclude after 10 with a pint more.

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MARCH 25 A bright and brisk day. The Letters add nothing considerable to the last. My son preaches his first sermon in the Quire, in a frequent Auditory. His Text, St. John 13.34, the same with his first at Warton, but the discourse varys. Hee delivers it memoriter easily, very distinctly and audibly. I thank God and am congratulated on the performance. After a gross dinner, dull and repose. My son and I about 5 take 2 Turns on roodee. After, call on Alderman Bennet. Hee treats us with Lisbon & Mountain till 11. (1^s).

26 A day serene and sharp. In Books and write and inclose a Commission to Mr. Parr Junior. I pay the Poors Tax 7^s. After E. prayers, My Suzy, son, Lydia and I visit Mr. Davies and Mr. Penant. I am treated with a Bottle of Lisbon. About 7 at Mrs. Oldfeilds, where I hear, by Mrs. Betty Oldfeild, return'd from Deyn, of Mr. Ashton & his family. My son in the broad Isle after E. prayers in civil Terms gives Mr. Henchman warning of Notice to leave his House, Michaelmas next, hee accepts it, Mr. Stratford & Mr. Roberts being present.

27 The weather still cold with a sharp wind. After some diversion in Books, at M. prayers. Thence to the Coffee House. The News continues in the same Tenor, the Pretender not mencion'd. After dinner and 2 a clock Mr. Hiccock and I set out, the way very fine and easy, to Warton. Wee look about and over 1 Bottle of Ale stay 2 Hours, return about 7. I after repose, over a pint of Dyson in Evelius Silva till 11.

28 A bright but mild day. At M. prayers, after see Mrs. Midleton. Indispos'd, after dinner repose. After santring Turns about, return to my Corner, where my son and I over 1 Bottle of good Claret, divert the time in Tullys Oracions till 10.

29 A mild day and mellow sky. At M. prayers. After, write to my Cosen Holt & John Cross. I receive from Mr. Roberts 6^{li}:10^s. I give my son 10^s. After noon about 3 Mr. Holland and I in a cool ayr and fine way go to Warton. Wee with Mr. Rollinson drink 1 Bottle of Ale, return to Mr. Hollands about 7. Wee find there Alderman Partington and Mr. Allen. I stay with them to good Ale, part 9.

30 Good Friday, mild, not very clear. The News rather gives new force, resolucion and numbers to the Rebells in the Highlands, concurr in their being 6000 foot and 600 Horse. Mr. Henchman has a sermon (in delivering of which hee discovers an unreadines) in the Quire, on St. John 3.17. My son reads prayers today at Warton. After Evening prayers, to dinner. About 6 invited, my son & I go to Sir Hen. Bunbury. Capt. Maxwell is with him. Mr. Allen adds to our Company. The punch, Claret and Tory Healths with free discourse go briskly round, till 12.

31 A bright and dry day. I write to my Lord and send another scheme with variety and desire his determination. After dinner repose till prayers. After these, Mr. Thomson, since noon return'd from Oxon, my son and I take a Turn on roodee, here wee meet with Alderman Bennet, hee draws us into his House, and treats us with 2 Bottles of the different Colours. Wee come thence about 9. About 10 alarm'd by a concourse of the neighborhood, wee go out and see a light diffus'd from N.W. to the East, clouds moving before it, the appearances were various and confus'd, in the

interspaces mostly arising in bright columnes pyramidal, the scene chang'd every moment,¹ wee left the sight about 11.

APRIL 1 Easter day, a bright clear sky, but curld with clouds about 1, recovers about 4. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on [*blank*]. Wee receive the sacrament with a very frequent congregacion Det D.O.M. vitam pie, pure sobrieque agere. My son preaches at Warton. The News tells Lord Cornwallis is pardon'd, Nairn to be banish'd and confin'd to Carolina, Withrington to Minorca, Winton to perpetual Imprisonment. By Mr. Stratford going tomorrow for Oxon my son writes, I send to Ken 1^s. After a Turn in the fine Even, retire to my Book over my pint of Dyson. 4^s:6^d.

2 A sunny and warm day. At M. prayers. About 50 prisoners of the meaner Scotch go thro Wiral to Liverpool. I write to Mr. Ashton notice of my Lords design to visit Manchester about June 22 and desire to kno when hee will bee back at Deyn from Carleton. After a gross dinner, repose till prayers. After these, Mr. Thomson, Alderman Bennet, Mr. Marsden and I are at the Yacht. They drink Ale, I white wine, wee part at 9, the shot equal. (6^d).

3 A fair bright morning. At M. prayers to which the officers and soldiers come the first Time before they mount the Guards. I fall on the 1st Book of Seneca's Natural Questions. A fine soft rain falls towards night. After E. prayers in Busienes, and over my pint, my son & I compare a part of Tullys 5 Oration against Verres (de Pavio) with some of his Composicion.

4 A cool morning cheerfull from the rain last night. At M. prayers, write and inclose Barkers Administracion to Mr. Parr junior. The Fees of which (infra 20^{li}) with Requisition & portorage are 1^{li}:4^s. I desire him to pay the part of the 1st Fruits for Warton,² due the 1st of this month, vidt 5^{li}:5^s. I pay a Bill from Mr. Vaudrey of 30^{li} to Mr. Page of Warrington, borrowing it out of a deposited sum in the Registry of St. Asaph. At E. prayers, and about 7 Mr. Yates, my son and I meet Mr. Bowyer at the Talbot, drink our pints, part about 9. (1^s).

5 In a cool and pleasant day, after Tea, Mrs. Midleton, my Brother Evans, my Suzy my son, 2 children and I about 9 set out to Waverton, wee dine with good appetites on boiled Beef, roasted pullet &c prepar'd here for us, 2 Bottles of Ale, 1 of Claret with 1 pint of white make up the Entertainment. The weather & ways tempt to walking about. At 6 wee set hence, have the same favorable Ayr and way but the slow motion scarce brings us back, and that weary & thirsty, at 7.

6 Too dry still the weather. Three Scotch Gentlewomen, Mrs. Cunningham, Montgomery and Ramsden drink Tea with us, give particular Accounts of Affairs in Scotland, relate some calamities with cheerfull resignacion, and fresh Hopes of a happy Turn to the Loyal side. After E. prayers Alderman Puleston at Mr. Hollands treats Mrs. Babbington, Evans, Kendrick, my son and my self with Ale, wee part after 10. I sent Jeffry to the Chancellor of St. Asaph.

7 A soft and generous rain in frequent showrs. At M. prayers. Upon the notice of

1 The Aurora Borealis or 'Northern Lights' can be seen on occasions as far south as Chester.

2 At this date the First Fruits were paid to Queen Anne's Bounty to augment poor livings.

the death of Mr. Rowlands of Llan Asaph, a valuable Clergyman, Mr. Evans writes to Mr. Jones the Bishops chaplain and solicites for the vicarage. My son and I subscribe with him. Mr. Evans, my Suzy, my son and I dine with Alderman Partington, are generously receivd, Mr. Evans go's to Penbedw, I to E. prayers. The rest of the Even in Books & papers over a pint of Dyson.

8 Another kindly day but less of rain. Wee stay at Home, tho my son preaches at Warton. The News mentions Lord Bollingbrooks proposal to discover a design, in the late reign, to bring in the Pretender as a merit of his pardon. I read 4 excellent sermons of Dr. Tillotson. After E. prayers, Mrs. Midleton and the 2 Miss Thelwalls visit us. Conclude the Evening in a pint of Claret. Mr. Proby, Mr. Chancellors easy companion, dy'd this morning.

9 A cool dry day without Sun. I write and inclose a 3^d scheme, corrected, to my Lord. Wee drink Coffee with Lady Bunbury. After dinner about 3, my son, W. Willoughby and I go to Newton, the weather cool & pleasant. Here wee are receivd by Mr. Hurleston kindly, wee beside Mr. Massie, Mr. Wilcock, Mr. Chas. Hurleston and Mr. Geo. Warburton come about an hour after. Ale, Sider and good healths go round. A brisk spring shower falls but intermits about 7, then take wee the opportunity and return about 8.

10 After some diversion in Books, to M. prayers, after which a Turn round the Wall with Mr. Thomson, Stones and my son. I admire the instant beauty and cheerfulness risen in the Feilds & Gardens from the rain last Evening. The News recites Lord Stairs memorial to the Regent³ to remove and discourage the Pretender and his Freinds, urging the Treaty of Utrecht, and his civil and politic answer & promise. I pay Robert Hignet, Mason on Account 1^{li}:10^s. After dinner full, and short repose, wee go and attend Mr. Probys Funeral, it proceeds not till 7. Mr. Leftwich (in St. Michaels) has a sermon after his phrase and particular manner. I end the day over my Book and pint of Dyson about 10.

11 In papers and busienes till noon, pay the Collectors of the Land Tax for Warton 1^{li}:5:6^d, which with the former paid 20 Oct. last comes to 2^{li}:11^s:0 and the later ½ years Tax for Huxley 19^s. My son preaches to the prisoners in the Northgate. About 6 I call on Mr. Lambert at the Coach and Horses come from Warrington, very warm from wine and journey. Hee presents mee with a gold Augustus and silver Aurelius, the former I (near 30 years ago) saw in the hands of my old Acquaintance Mr. Guy of Water Crook, near Kendal, it being found in that his land. After a pint of French Claret wee go down to the Chancellor, drink 2 Bottles of wine beside Ale, Mr. Lambert all along talking with a free and fortunate Ayr, come thence at 11, call at his Inn and drink the other pint of French Claret which carries the night to the highest.

12 A cheerfull morning from the shows in the night. Mr. Lambert drinks Tea with us. The first Court of Easter Term, I examine 3 Wittnesses on Parks Will. After dinner indispos'd, recover by repose, finish the 3 Wittnesses on Interrogatories and examine 1 Wittness ex parte Perkin. The Chancellor, Mr. Hulton, Roberts and myself join in a Letter of request to the Warden of Manchester to intercede with the

3 The duke of Orléans, guardian to Louis XV.

officers there on behalf of Matthew Lloyd, a soldier under a military sentence for deserting from Foot to Dragoons. Refresh over my pint of Dyson.

13 After a full supply from shows in the Night, a warm genial day. I examine 2 more Witnesses ex parte Perkin. The News tells the Duke of Devon first mov'd in the Lords House with Success, an Act for Repealing the Triennial Bill.⁴ A confluence of demands are upon mee not yet supplyd by the Warton or other mony. Dull after dinner, shelter in short repose. At 5 Mr. Thompson and I take 2 Turns on roodee, where the Coursers are ayr'd; returnd to my Corner I find Mrs. Betty Carter on a visit with busienes. I am surpriz'd with the Account of my old Lanlord Alderman Ince his death about 6 this Even, and an Express to lay Embargo's on ships, on the escape of Mr. Foster out of prison, with a reward of 1000^{li} to the retaker. My son & I, over a Bottle of domestic port, read the Journal of the siege of Latham.

14 A bright and warm day, a new demand from Mr. Pickering, added to the rest. I write to John Cross to bring a Bagg against the race (the 23) and contrive to come with my cozn. Holt. Pay for a load of Coals 4^s:10^d. After noon, I go with Mr. Bunbury to St. Johns Church to see a notable grave stone which lay deep in the church yard, pointing to North and South, on which a Banner of the Crusade and a sword are cut at length, and in Saxon characters, the words (Hic Iacet Johannes Le Sentaun). About 7 I go to Dr. Holbrooks Freind Mr. Arthur, Chirurgion to Prestons regiment at Mr. Kemps, find him, his Freind and Mr. [?Borrows] of Bridghouse, the good dear Freindship and sanguin healths go round till 10. Mr. Arthur makes up the Drs. token (2^s:6^d) up to 9^s.

15 A bright and springing day. My son from an indisposicion (wherein D.G. a Fevor seems to bee happily prevented by Elixir⁵) and I from a Cold, stay at Home, have reading proper to the day. Some Freinds visit us after E. prayers. I write to Mr. Waite,⁶ Mr. Close and my cozn. Holt over my pint.

16 A most seasonable and desird rain soft and prolific last night and today. I write to my Lord (and obiter that hee will dispense with my not attending in the other ArchDeaconry), to Mr. Lambert⁶ now at Mr. Stephen Husbands in Southampton Building, Chancery Lane & to Mr. Heblethwait. I sent the 3 writ last night with them. Mr. Roberts pays mee 6^{li}. Lend and (by his man Samuel) send to Mr. Townsend, Diodorus Siculus. I pay Mr. John Burnet for Mr. Calkin, Curat 4^{li}. After E. prayers Mr. Thompson comes with mee, stays and sits with my son now in some indisposicion & symptoms of an Ague, till 10. In that time I sup on my pint of Dyson, pay R. Hignet, Mason on Account 1^{li}:10^s.

17 A delicate day cool from a Breeze. About 9 I sett out (Jeffry with mee) and (Mr. Chancellor, in the way overtaking us) come to Wrexham before prayers. A Court of considerable number of Assignations held. Dr. Davies and Mr. Price dine with us at the Sun. I examine 2 witnesses ex parte Clark pauperis. After with my Lanlord drink a pint of port and to bed about 10.

4 One result of the Jacobite Rising of 1715 was the repeal of the Triennial Act of 1689 and its replacement by the Septennial Act extending the life of a parliament to seven years.

5 This was Daffy's Elixir, a popular tonic composed of brandy, canary wine, oranges, lemons, rhubarb and some borax.

6 Waite was the commissary of Richmond, and Lambert the registrar.

18 I examine Mr. Price Attorney on Salisburys Will. After, see my cozn. Eyton at the office. Shee entertains mee with Tea and continud Account of the perplexity of Her Affairs & peevish humors of the 2 sisters. After white wine at my Inn, Mr. Moulding, Hughs & I set out and come to the Chancellor about 1. Here the Dean of St. Asaph,⁷ Dr. and Mr. Richard Davies, Mr. Price, & the Deans Lady & son. The Entertainment full and hansom, the wine & Ale very good. I receive from Mr. Moulding on Account 4^{li}:6^s. Set hence about 6 & come D.G. in a fine evening very safe before 8. I compute all the Charges of this Journy to 12^s.

19 A fair day. A Court of very few Assignacions past before Mr. Chancellor in Mr. Bouchiers Chamber. I visit Mrs. Midelton. Mr. Rosingreave arriv'd from Dublin, as hee passes by orders 6 Bottles of Wine to be left here as a present. Hee dines with us. After noon, Lady Bunburys Spinet is sent for. Hee with the musick charms my ordinary dull & adult indisposicion into ease and serenity. About 5, Capt. Tarleton, going with his Lady to the Bath &c. Hee (in an Ayr of Fortune) tells us my son Hary is safe arriv'd at Limerick, that after their return to Liverpool the ship is design'd for the golden Coast, thence to the West Indies, a voyage of 11 months. Mr. Rosingrave continues his fine Italian musick with songs till 9.

20 A fair and sunny day yet coold with a fine Breeze. My sons Indisposicion proves & names itself an intermitting Fevor. Dr. Hancock is consulted & undertakes (cum Deo) the conduct, his Fee a ½ Guinea. At the Coffee House, read Dr. Prat, provost of Dublin, his poetical Speech to the Prince of Wales upon his Election of Chancellor. Thence to M. prayers. After dinner about 3 Mr. Thomson, Mr. Rosingrave and I go, on Foot, to Warton. Wee have here (Mr. Calkin Curat calld to us) with some cold Lamb, a Bottle of Ale, wine and small Beer, return in a fine Evening, on the setting sun.

21 A fine day from pecuniary difficulty not enjoy'd. I pay Mr. Rosingrave 5^{li} received by mee for his Father, July last. I pay Betty Williams for the Mason 15^s and 1^{li} to be deliver'd according to his Note to Mr. Calkin. Warton Men call and Calkin and Hatton promise to pay their mony on Monday. After noon, to dulnes, care added, perswades to repose. After this about 6 take a Turn on roodee, return at 7 and while my son is under the operacion of his vomit, Mr. Stevenson and I take our several pints of Ale and Dyson, till 9.

22 The same weather. About 9, John Cross (who came last night on foot from Eastham Boat, late) comes hither, hee gives mee a melancholy suspicion of my too dear cozn. Holt her health, the reason hee comes not to the race. Mr. Thomson in a full Congregation, in a great part military, has a pathetic discourse. The News tells the success of the repealing Bill by a double number of the Lords, and its reading by the like number in the other House. Mr. Rosingrave dines with us. After E. prayers (J. Cross along) take a walk on roodee in which wee see the showing Candidate Horses. After, wee return to our pints of Ale & Dyson.

23 The Clouds offer, but bestow not, the desird rain. To Dr. Hancock, 10^s, whose directions in my sons intermitting Fevor D.G. appear judicious and effectual. I pay T. Roberts 1^{li} on account. I write to Mr. Hornby about the new Ereccion and

7 William Stanley, also archdeacon of London; died 1731.

Consecration of the Chapell of Pilling.⁸ The four Firmars of Waverton pay mee each 15^{li} the later payment, deducting their Quota's of the Corn to the poor about Christmas, in all 15^s.9^d. Crowds come to see the race about 3. After prayers Mr. Thomson and I go down, wee see the 2^d Heat wherein Lord Cholmleys horse is easily victor over Lord Barrymore and Mr. Warburtons. A ridiculous race of 2 women for a shift follows, the spectacles carry the day near 7. After this to our pints in my Corner.

24 Another Appearance of rain vanishes. John Cross finishes the Accounts for the last year with mee vidt from John Walmesley 16^{li}:0:4^d, which with 28^{li}.19:8 allow'd, makes 45^{li}, the late Rent from John Shaw 12^{li}:11^s:9^d, which with 31^{li}.8^s.3^d makes up 44^{li} the present Rent from Wm. Naylor his Rent due Lady day last, 1^{li}. John Cross accepts 3 Guineas for the last 2 years, and wee agree on 2 Guineas a Year for his pains for the Future. I pay Robert Hignet the Mason 15^s on Account. Before 3 John Cross and I go down to the race of the less rate of Horses. Mr. Cholmley of Vale Royal his horse victor with the same ease over Mr. Egerton & Mr. Bridges Horses. A foot race of 4 men is interpos'd. About 6 Mr. Thomson, J. Cross and I go to Mr. Hollands. Alderman Bennet and Mr. Marsden come to us. After each a Tall boy, upon a Letter from the Warden of Manchester & Ambrose Lloyd, wee go to Tom Kemps, who prepares a Horse & messenger & over a Bottle of wine inclose Letters and write to Mr. R. Mostyn about A. Lloyds case who is condemnd to bee shott for deserting from one Regiment to another. Wee dispatch the messenger about 12, to bed about 2. (2^s:6^d).

25 Indispos'd from last night to busienes. I receive Mr. Mostyns answer with thanks and Letters directed to the Bishop of St. Asaph⁹ and Sir Roger Mostyn on Ambrose Lloyds behalf. After dinner and short repose about [*sic*], I (John Cross along) go to Christleton, are civilly receivd and directed how to manage the Italian Acorns, and over 3 tankards of Ale, hee tells the several parts of the old quarrel betwixt him and Mr. Clopton, with advantage to his own side. In a sweet Evening & fine prospect wee return about 8 and refresh over our pints of Ale and Dyson.

26 A fine day, clouds and rain high and long suspended. A Court today, attendance excus'd. I visit Mrs. Middleton. After, go to Lady Bunburys where her chamber is full of 3 Scotch Ladys, Mrs. Moreton and Mrs. Jones from Havod y Wern, Jack & Dick Puleston &c. I examine 1 Wittness against Ger. Potter, another on Perkins Will. About 8 at night Mr. Joseph Dyson brings 2 Bottles of old & new white port for my Choice, wee cheerfully drink 3 pints & J. Cross his proporcion of Ale.

27 A calme and cool day without rain, not sun. I give to Jo. Cross a Cane & 5^s charges of his journey. Send Robert with him to Eastham Boat where the expences amount to 1^s.4^d. After M. prayers Mr. Tomsons comes with mee, wee take some Turns in the Garden with my son in his Attempts into the Ayr after his Favor Fitts. After dinner Mr. Clopton, who came inter prandendum,¹⁰ gos with mee into the

8 C.R.O., Bishop's Register, EDA2/4; John Anyon, deacon Ely, priest Sodor and Man, licensed to the living May 1715.

9 John Wynne, 6 February 1716; translated to Bath and Wells, 1727.

10 Trans: 'during the meal'.

Garden & in particular relacion of the untoward difference 'twixt him and Mr. Townsend, gives another veiw of it. Before 3, Mr. Tomson and I set to Warton, walk and look about the House, and while over our Bottle of Ale, Mr. Rollison with 4 yong Gentlewomen (among whom a daughter of Mr. Manwaring of Caivigam) come to see the House. I treat 'em with a pint of Mountain. Wee return in a fine Evening about 8.

28 After some rain in the night, a high wind till noon. I pay Alcock the smith 1^{li}:2^s:0^d. I pay to the Collector of the poors Lay of Huxley 5^s. I show Mr. Thomson the odd Articles betwixt Mr. Ellison of Pulford and Mr. Dennis. I write to Mr. Morrey an answer to his about his sons Ordinacion. After prayers with Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Hollands, where over pints of wine and Ale wee mencion the Quarell betwixt Mr. Clopton & Mr. Townsend, Hee hears and speakes of it with the usual Commotions of his temper. My sister Evans is here about 5 from Penbedw, with a Letter to my Lord of St. Asaph from Mr. Mostyn on my brothers behalf about Halkin, in great agitation of mind. At theirs, I take my supper a pint of Dyson. (2^s).

29 A brisk wind disperses the Clouds and Cools the day. I (at St. Peters) hear Mr. Olivers good discourse on 3 Rom. 30. My sister Evans dines with us. The papers are full of the protesting Lords reasons against the repealing Act and of its success in the House of Commons. Dulness and indisposicion stay mee at home till E. prayers. After, my sister Evans, company, supper & a pint of Dyson end the day.

30 This month ends in too fair weather & carrys clouds as well as hopes to the next. I send my Colt to Rocksavage park, write to Mr. Knipe, give him Account of her Educacion hitherto, and of the Arrival of the Lady Donegal with her daughter in the Yatch at Neston. I write to Mr. Vaudry, condole his treatment from the Government and desire his Favor in the payment of the [*illegible*] arrear. I visit Mrs. Middleton (as I tell her) on occasion of condoling the Loss of Sir Richard Middleton who dy'd about 7 in the morning, yesterday. I pay my sister Evans on Account 3^{li}:10^s. I see Mrs. B. Moreton, daughter of the late Bishop of Meath. After E. prayers, Mr. Hodson treats mee at his House civilly with a pint of white port, return at 8 to my Corner where I find my sister Evans, wee part at 10.

MAY 1 Q.F.F.E.F.S. a morning promising a glorious and too hot a day. Wee go to early prayers. Mr. Knipe calls, and kindly promises a particular Care of my Colt. Paid Mr. Pickering the remainder of his Bill (whereof 20^{li} was paid 26 Nov. last) & 5^s:4^d in consideracion of his pains about buying of Timber, 10^{li}:15^s, the whole Bill amounting to 30^{li}:9^s:6^d, paid more to Sister Evans 10^s. I write to Mr. Wells about his preaching next Visitacion. My sister Evans returns home & takes her daughter with her. My son (as Mr. Aubrey) are, since their recovery, the 1st time at Even prayers. After these & a short walk on the Wall, I over my pint bestow the rest of the Even on several parts of Cowley.

2 The morning is overcast with a thick mist which before 9 is exhal'd by the powerfull planet. I fall into Cowley (after early prayers), read his vision of O. Cromwels Government, his preface to his works and Dr. Sprats Life before them. At the Coffee house, where Dr. Norris late returnd shows not much improvement from the House of Commons. After dinner near 3, Mr. Thomson and I on foot, My

son & Mr. John Ince on Horsback, the sun bright and warm, to Warton. Wee drink 2 Bottles of old Ale, one of Claret. Robert & Thomas are allow'd a Bottle. Mr. Thomson & I return, the West glorious with the setting sun. I find my son Harry return'd hither from his late voyage to Limerick. I follow the colours and conclude the day in a pint of Claret.

3 A bright yet cool morning. At early prayers. The last Court of this Term of very little Busienes, visit and drink Coffee with Mrs. Middleton. After dinner my cozn. Prescott of Liverpool, his wife and her mother visit and drink Tea with us. Mr. Fearnhead from Mr. Vaudrey comes intemporiis & importuniis to state our Stamp Accounts upon the exchange of the Distribution. The Balance to my gratefull surprize, D.G., after I paid him this day 20^{li} amounts to 132 and the neat stock in hand 20^{li}:13^s:8^d. About 6, I meet my cozn. Prescott, Dr. Hancock & Mr. Stevenson at Mr. Kemps. Mr. Chancellor comes and stays with content, parts about an hour & ½ after, as setting out tomorrow for Speake & thence to York, in good humor, the rest stay the good Claret circulateing, and Kemp diverting the company with the acted Humors of Charles Hughes, till 11. The reckoning advances near 20^s which is paid by my cozn. Prescott, to which Dr. Hancock adds his Bottle.

4 The weather yet hott, of which from my indisposicion, I am more sensible. Nor Books nor busienes very tollerable. My cozn. Prescott and his company return. After dinner, cool by repose. In the Evening about 7 Mr. Welsh of Liverpool calls on mee, importunes to a Bottle. I go with him to the Ship, hee holds mee with Busienes of several sorts. I treat with a pint. 1^s.

5 The Sun still triumphs as in Italy. After Elixir last night, cool & easy, more in Books than Busienes. I divert in Virgils Georgics & Drydens Essay on them. In the Evening, Mr. Thomson is here. Ale with the rest and my pint conclude the Day.

6 Wee still complain of the Kindnes of the sun. After a night disturb'd by ill digestion and melancholy Dreams (particularly of my dear cozn. Holts death & Funeral), I stay and have the service read at home. The News amuses with fine and gracious reasons for a Royal progress this summer. After E. prayers, in Rapin. I read his reflections on Moral Philosophy and Phisicks. Alderman Minshall sees us. Sir Wm. Meredith and Mr. Peake come to desire my Letter to my Lord in behalf of Mr. Sherret upon the Vacancy of Bowdon,¹¹ which I promise, and end the Even over a pint of Dyson.

7 A cool day without sun or rain. I write to my Lord Bishop on Mr. Peaks Account and to Mr. Lodg of Dalton. I see Mrs. Middleton. After noon, Mr. Wells comes hither on purpose, to indevor to bee excus'd not preaching the Visitacion Sermon, advancing several reasons, on this a Letter is directed to Mr. Markham of Whitegate. I buy and pay for Miltons Paradise Regain'd 3^s. In the Even, Mr. Wells, Dr. Hancock, my son, Mr. Marshall, Hodgson and myself are together at the White Talbot. Wine of both colours go pretty freely round till 10. Mr. Wells treats.

8 A warm and sunny day. I prepare for my journy, pay my neece Birchall 2^{li}, leave a bag with my Suzy of 7^{li}. After 10, I (Jeffry with mee) sett out, and by the lower way beyond Northop a tedious one, come to Pumbedw about 2. Tho dinner

11 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/17; Peter Lancaster appointed to Bowdon.

over, a couple of cold Chickens are, before I drink, brought with a good Appetite. I make them a Feast. Mr. Mostyn entertains mee with good wine, freedom, book discourse and a sight of his delightfull Grove and plantacion. About 7 I sett hence, go about by Plase a Coad, Potvary, Pont Griffith, the [?eaven] way in a fine Evening, and come to Gwernygron about 10, quench contracted thirst with posset, and to bed about 12. (1^s).

9 A fair sunny morning. Go to St. Asaph about 10. Mr. Chancellor comes to prayers. After these, to a Court of Instance and Corrections. Mr. Chancellor and I with others, Clergy, dine with the Dean, who with cheerfull Face and voice, entertains the company. I examine 1 Wittness, Jeffry 2. After prayers, the Court of Instance proceeds, a Decree passes in the cause of Eastyn and another, it rises about 7. Mr. Babington treats Mr. Chancellor and myself with a Bottle of Bull port. About 9, I go to Gwernygron and to bed before 11, a fine rain.

10 After rain in the night, the Clouds promise more. Holy Thursday: At Morning prayers. Mr. Moulding comes and dines with us at Gwernygron. About 4, wee go to the Town, I for an hour to a Consert in the school of 4 Violins, a base violin and a Spinnet. About 7 Mr. Moulding calls, wee go to his New House, hee sends for a Bottle of French which wee drink there. I return to Gwernygron and to bed about 11. My son with his parishioners have their procession round the parish of Warton.¹²

11 A fine cool Morning. About 10 (my Brother and Sister Evans along), I go to Mr. Mouldings. Hee shows mee Accounts stated and pays mee (D.G.) 22^{li}.8^s.9. I pay my brother Evans 3^{li}.10^s, which with the 4^{li} paid my sister the last day of April and 1st of this month amount to 7^{li}.10^s, the Interest due the 17th of April for which hee gives mee his receipt. I see Mr. Wm. Hughes here who by a fall from his horse last Wedensday, broke his legg. Here wee dine, are treated with French of both Colours. At 3 I set out, come the nearest way over the Mountain betwixt that and Northop. I perceive showrs had faln in great plenty. About Bretton I enter into a thick mist, come thoro it safe D.G. home about 9. Refresh with gratitude over my pint of Dyson. The Expences of the journy computed are, inconsiderable, not surmounting 6^s.

12 A happy rain continu'd. My son Harry returns to Liverpool with his new suit of Cloaths of which hee gives mee a Bill. I write by him to Mr. Welsh to indevor to get Licences and Bonds from Mr. Richmond, now in a deplorable distraction, & dispose of em, as surrogate. I give him 10^s. After noon, repose. In the Evening, venture with Mr. Hodgson on a Tal Boy of Mr. Hollands Ale, which begettis crude humors and fantastic Dreames.

13 A genial Rain continu'd. At the Quire where yong Mr. Pool of Bebington surprizes with a good discourse of perseverance, read verbatim in an audible voice. The News takes a ship bound for Scotland with Arms for 2000 Men. After E. prayers Mr. Henchman, Robert and I (in a soft showr) go down with Mr. Sewell, who in an elegant Apartment entertains us elegantly with yong rabbits, Charr and 3 Bottles of excellent French. After (about 9) attend Mrs. Thomsons very decent and solemn Funeral.

12 The Rogation procession round the parish was already in decline in many places.

14 The weather tho not rainy not sunny. I write to my cozn. Parr junior about my son Ken and the approaching Election and to John Crosse. I pay the Washwoman 1^{li}:10^s. I visit Mrs. Middleton after 11. After E. prayers, my Suzy, Son and I visit Mr. Carter. Hence, hee and I go to visit Mr. Foulks the 1st time after his wives death. Hee receives us civilly with 2 Bottles of good French (not fine). I pay Alderman Puleston on Account 20^{li}.

15 In a fine cool morning at early prayers, in Books and busienes, tho indisposd, till dinner. After repose, my cozn. Eyton of Eyton and Mr. Kendrick discourse mee about a seat usurt in the Chapell of Overton. Wee go to the Bacchus where Alderman Partington & my son join us, Viana and strong White go round in Family Healths begun by Mr. Eyton, hee go's at 7. Coll. Proby succeeds and wee renew the diversion till 10. Sweet showsr.

16 After an uneasy night a feverish morning. I pay Mr. Chapman (to 22 Dec. last) 3^{li}. Mrs. Cross her note for litle odd work, 18^s. After dinner and repose, I write (by Mr. Roberts) to Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Jubbe, Mr. Waite and Anthony Close & conclude over my pint of Dyson. Paid Mr. Roberts for his journys to the Courts of St. Asaph in 1714 & 1715 (being 21) 22^{li}.11.6.

17 After Elixir, less feverish yet indispos'd. Before 9, Mr. Roberts after paying mee 10^{li} & leaving the Eastyn mony deposited in my hands, sets out with Mr. Chapman to meet the Chancellor at Warrington and thence proceed to York. I write to Mr. Mercer and Loxam and direct Mr. Chancellors Letters about the visitacion sermon at Blackburn. A loud ratling Thunder after noon shakes the Clouds down in showsr. After Ev. prayers my son and I visit Mr. Tomson about 7, wee walk round the Walls, admire the colour, smell and beauty fresh in the Gardens & trees wee pass. Harry is here from Liverpool. Over my pint, divert in Oisely Thesaur. Numism.

18 A mellow morning. I paid (the other day) for Linnen & for the children 14^s.4^d. Harry returns to Liverpool. I give him 5^s, paid 4^s for a Quarters Rent for the Water. Given my son the 8th current a Guinea and before that ½ a Guinea (the 3^d Fee) for Dr. Hancock. For a pair of Shoos 4^s. After E. prayers Mr. Thomson, my son and I visit Mr. Marsden Over a Tankard of Ale and Bottle of Wine, disputes are much (and sometimes syllogistically) mov'd by the 2 Mrs. of Arts, so that wee go not home before 10.

19 The promising Clouds are rarifi'd. After M. prayers, I visit Mrs. Middleton. I pay Tho. Roberts on Account 1^{li}, my man Robert 1^{li}.7.4^d laid out by him, & 1^{li} on Account. After E. prayers, Mr. Tomson, my son and I, from the Walls, turn into the Castle where wee are civilly admitted and treated by Capt. Maxwell. Wee visit Dr. Montgomery & see the plebem. The Capt. shows great humanity, which is gratefully acknowledged by the Captives. I see Lord Chas. Murray at some distance. Wee stay with the Capt. in the guard room till 8. I pay J. Davies the slater for his work on the Chancel of Warton 10^s. I conclude in Domestic Dyson.

20 Whitsunday. Mr. Oliver has a good sermon in the Quire on Eph.3.4 against schism to a full (military most) auditory, oscitantly deliver'd and infrequently hear'd. My son at Warton where hee administers the sacrament and preaches. The soldiers recede from the sacrament, in the Quire, of which wee participate, Det D.O.M. rectius vivere. After E. prayers, in Books. The 3 Scotch Ladies

(Montgomery, Cunningham and Ramsey) visit and sup with us, I recede to my pint of Dyson. (3^s.6).

21 I write to Mr. Ryley and inclose the Chancellors Letter to Mr. Mathews, to John Cross about John Walmsleys Mare. After M. prayers see the News which relates the discharg of Mr. Townley and others by a Surrey Jury suspected thence by the Ministry. After E. prayers my son and I, the weather Sunny hot, go to Mr. Townsends, where my S. din'd. Wee are treated with a Bottle of good French, Ale and a hansom supper. I venture to take part of this, & trust to the walk and Elixir. Wee return about 9.

22 I turn some Chapters in Grotius de J.B & P. Mr. Hulton comes & confesses that Mr. Townsends decreed Faculty is not yet granted under Seal. After M. prayers return to Grotius and Coffee. The day grows extremely hott and sultry. After E. prayers visit Mr. Kendric on his late Fall. Pay W. Willoughby for Horse-hire 1^{li}.6^s. After a Turn in Mr. Hodson's, Sir Tho. Brook (with Mr. Wilbraham his brother) invits mee to his House, where hee very civilly treats with 2 Bottles of good Claret, snuff & Mancks Beef. Return'd about 9, I find Mrs. Montgomery who shews great cheerfulness under her calamity now aggravated by the Drs. Irons and Coll. Vincent rigorous prohibition to see him, shee stays till 11.

23 I read the Bishop of Corks¹³ Charity sermon preacht at St. Andrews, Dublin 15 April last. Hen. Topping is here and takes the processes, Books & Forms of Thanksgiving for his and Lealand Deanery, along with him. I give my son a Guinea on occasion of his sending to Oxford. After Noon in Cujacius. After E. prayers Mr. Price of Ruthin sees and sits with mee. And near the same time Lady Meredith and Lady Grant, wife to Dr. Rutherford, a prisoner, visit us. Some fine showers fell about Noon.

24 I look in and turn Andrew Morellius his Specimen rei nummariae till M. prayers. After which go to Mrs. Middleton, where I meet with Mr. Shackerley, Mr. Price, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Townsends 4 children dine with us. A close and dull day with showrs, incline to repose. After which and prayers Mr. Watkinson calls and pays mee for 3 Licences. I deliver 4 to him. Robert went today to meet John Cross at Warrington, returns with John Walmsleys Mare and a comical Account of his Journy. Turn Spanhem de praes & Usu Num. over my pint of Dyson.

25 At Early prayers. After apply to Busienes, particularly draw the proceeding and Decree for building an Oratory on the North side of the Chancel of the Church of Christleton¹⁴ at the promociion of Mr. Townsend, thus long neglected upon some defect in the merits of that Busienes. My self & Family (servants excepted) wholly invited, dine with Mrs. Crompton. Mr. Boucher adds his 3 pints of good wine in his own Humor. After E. prayers My S. and I go, the 3^d time, to visit Mrs. Mainwaring who is again on her visits. After some Turns in the Town, in Books & busienes over my pint of Dyson.

26 Thick pregnant clouds scarce spilling a drop fly over us. Mr. Aldersey calls on mee, tells mee of his receipt of Mr. Chancellors Letter about the sermon, and gives

13 Peter Browne, bishop of Cork, 1713–35.

14 C.R.O., Court Books, EDC.1/107, Christleton faculty.

mee a melancholy Account of my Cosen Holt. I write to Mr. Lambert. I lend Mr. Cunningham Spanheim. Paid (yesterday) for Coals 8s.4^d. For Brandy 2 Bottles 4s. Mr. Tho. Kendrick sees mee about the Stamp affair. I tell him of the allowance of 6^d per paid made to mee by his predecessors. Wee come not to a certain conclusion, but part as if wee shoud before the winter Visitation. After E. prayers, Mr. Tomson and I turn in Dubartas. About 7 my son & I go to Alderman Puleston, who treats us with punch, white and red port, till 11.

27 Trinity Sunday. My son has the same sermon as at Christleton on Hebr. 1 v. 1, 2 with some alteration only in the proeme. Hee delivers it memoriter with a voice and manner approv'd and applauded. A small number, of which my S. my son and self, receive the Holy Eucharist, Deus det recte pie et solice vitam reliquam agere. After dinner a brisk showr falls. I repose in its noise. After E. prayers, my son and I go to the Castle, are, not without scruple, admitted to see Dr. Montgomery, Mr. Cunningham & Hogsdon in their Irons, wee stay till 7, the time spent on Coins and other discourse. I and my son finish the Evening, about 11, in pints of several Colours.

28 King Georg his Birth day, formally celebrated by the 2 Regiments in their appearance & volleys. I write to Mr. Armetriding, Mathews and Ryley, about the visitacion sermon at Blackburn. Mrs. Montgomery dines with us. After E. prayers in Busienes and Books over my pint of Dyson. This street has, in the Evening, some few Bonfires and Illuminations. Wee receive my Cozn. Wades Letter representing my dear Cozn. Holt as languishing in her last Moments, extremely affected I retire early, to my Chamber.

29 King Charles 2^d his birth celebrated by appearance of the Mayor (Sir Richard Grosvenor) the Aldermen in scarlet Formality and all the companies with their Ensignes at St. Oswalds where Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on Ps.76, 10. Dr. Montgomery, Mr. Hogsdon and others about 100 in number (about 9) are conducted by Capt. Maxwell and his Guard to Eastham. About 3 my son and I take Horse to Warton, wee send to the Curat & Mr. Rollinson whom wee treat with 2 Bottles of Ale. I give my old Brick Leather Gloves new washt to Mr. Rollinson, who receives with civil Sentiments. Mr. Hindley comes at the later Bottle. Wee return about 8. I sup on my pint of good Claret. About 2 this night a messenger awakes us with the unwelcom News of my dear Freind my Cozn. Holts death, which hapn'd about 10 a clock before noon.

30 A soft distilling rain falls almost without intermission all the day, which is taken up in preparation for my journy. I pay for Linnen for Crevats 1^{li}:8s. After E. prayers go with Mr. Oliver to Mr. Hollands, wee stay in mixt company till 7. Hee then, as invited, comes home with mee, where wee find Dr. Fogg and Mr. Thomson with my son. They sitt to a neat supper, 2 Bottles of Claret with the Ale carrys the Conversacion near 10. Jeffry went this day to St. Asaph.

31 After great and constant show'rs all night, a dry morning not without heavy Clouds over us. I dispatch a Licence betwixt Wilson and Warton. Write to John Cross, pay for Nicolsons Historical Library 10s, for a pen knife 1s:4^d. To Mr. Holland for a Wigg, 2 Guineas, for a Wigg last year for Harry 15s. For the poors Lays 7s. After E. prayers, Mr. Holland treats Mr. Tomson, mee and my son generously with wine of both Colours at the Ship, where the conversacion holds us past 9.

JUNE 1 The day and month are usher'd with short show'rs. I give my Suzy 3^{li}, to my son 1^{li}.1^s.6^d. After 8 my son and I set out, the weather and way cool and easy, the clouds threatning rain, fly over us. Wee pass by Warrington. The sun prevails and the dust rises. About 2 wee come to my cozn. Holts, a melancholy scene, of preparacion and company for the Funerall, wee dress and dine. I am directed to the sight of the Corps expos'd, a shocking Custom & Curiosity, a fine person and at the same time a dreadfull spectacle. About 7 the Funeral proceeds, the (8) children next the corps, Mr. Walmsley and I, next, as Mourners. The 2 brothers (Holts), Mr. Brown, Mr. Willis, my son and Mr. Kenion are Bearers, a decent and frequent attendance. Mr. Aldersey has a good discourse on (If in this life only wee have hope, wee are of all men most m[iserable]) and in a proper but short character, do's Justice to the memory of the excellent person.

2 Wee stay with my cozn. till prayers after Noon. These over wee are on the Busienes of the Mare with John Walmesley and Crosse, return to my cozn. & sit with him past 10.

3 The weather, the clouds roll on, is yet fair. On Mr. Alderseys desire, my son preaches his good discourse, on Hebr. 1.1 and assists in Administracion of the Sacrament cuius particeps sum. Det D.O. M. reliquam recte, pie at sobrie vitam agere. Mr. Robert Holt dines with us. Mr. Eden has a good discourse after noon. Wee, after service ended, go to the parsonage where for 2 hours wee sit in mixt discourse with ordinary Ale, return to my cozn. Holt.

4 The weather not discouraging. About 11 wee set out, call on Mr. Birchall in Holland and come to Ayrfeild. Here 2 geldings of age and size but not motion agreeable are shewn mee. Wee dine, relax in Mr. Dichfeilds Ale liberally. After, see the wood and Well, walk by the River and turn up to the Bank, are pleas'd with the natural scenes & prospects. My son, I and John Cross go to visit my Godmother Rigby, shee tho now 86 receives us cheerfully and decently. Return'd to Ayrfeild wee drink a reservd Bottle of good Claret, go later hence, call and pay 4^s for Ale at the Owl, return to Wigan cheerfully past 9. 6^s:6^d.

5 The weather even too fair, 'cause warm. Mr. Ashburner promises to procure mee 2 Gallons good Brandy. After 10, sett from my cozn. Holt indispos'd. Wee come to Warrington after 12. The Clergy meeting this day about 45 in number, before whom Dr. Egerton had preach't. Wee dine with them at the Eagle and Child. After the Contribucion gos on, amounts to 71^{li}.16^s. My son gives ½ a Guinea, I 5^s. Mr. Banks, Wells, Green, Aubry &c come with us to the Red Lyon, wee drink a Glass of white till 5. Then Mr. Aubry, Green, Porter and wee set out, call at Frodsham and come safe home D.G. after 9.

6 After Elixir, cool. At home in Busienes till Noon. After repose, I go into the Town, returning call on Mr. Hulton, hee treats mee with a pint of white Lisbon, over which Mr. Townsends Decree for erecting the Oratory is particularly menciond. I stay past 9.

7 This day favorable to the solennity is appointed for Thanksgiving for suppression of the Late Commotions. The Corporacion and Regiments in their several Formalities resort to St. Oswalds where Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the Duty of Thanksgiving for Gods Mercys in General. The Text, Quid retribuam

Domino pro omnibus quae mihi tribuit.¹⁵ Hee is ill us'd at the Mayors dinner by the Recorder & Alderman Manwaring for not advancing some particular panegyrick or praise of the King, Government or Army on the occasion. Mr. Townsend and Mrs. T. dine with us. After dinner and a Glass, wee go to Mr. Hollands, thence to Deeside under St. Johns, where wee expect almost till 9 the Firing of the Guns of the Castle and the hedg firing on the City Wall. Coll. Vincent as tis said out of greatnes of humor and ill manners protracting the time attended in the Recorders Garden by the officers of the regiments & a great number of Whig Ladies.

8 The morning spent in Busienes and visit of Mrs. Middleton. After dinner Mr. Tomson and I come to Mr. Townsend about 4. Here my son and about 6 more. After wine and Ale my son, Mr. Tomson and I go to Warton, Mr. Grantham with us. We drink only 1 Bottle of Ale, ride back by a pitt almost emptyd in expectacion of Fish, wee agen sit down to Mr. Townsends Ale. Fresh company Capt. Davies and Mr. Allen join the others, wee stay till 9. And after correct the crudity of Mr. Townsends Ale with a pint of Dyson. 1^s.

9 The clouds promise but pay not rain. I write to Mr. Parr senior an Account of the visitacion to Mr. Fenton about Hambleton and Mr. Kelsal about St. Ellens Chapells. My son after dinner gos to Sandbach invited by Mr. Wells, and to wait on the yong Earl of Huntington. My Birthday (which now (D.O.M.G.) I reckon the 66) is remembr'd with domestic affeccion. After Ev. prayers Mr. Tomson & I take 1 Turn on Roodee, call on Alderman Bennet, drink white port, tast Galicia, stay till 10. I pay the Assessment for the high Ways in Huxley 15^s.

10 Wee stay at home. I before noon read Milton's 4 Books on Paradise Regain'd. The News tells the Archbishop of Canterbury his Speech and Success against the Vestry Bill. At Even prayers. After these Mrs. Middleton & Mrs. Lloyd come over silently to celebrate this Birth Day of King James 3. The Health is not drunk by name, wee invent the best within the compass of Duty and manners, they sup and stay cheerfully & well pleas'd past 10.¹⁶

11 St. Barnabas, disturb'd in my stomach I rise ½ hour before 6, go to early prayers, read out Sampson Agonistes. Recollect my late journey and to this day. I write to Mr. Parr junior about the Charter-House and agreement with Mr. Haynes for the vacancy of St. Asaph.¹⁷ My Son Hary comes to us from Liverpool before dinner. I write to Mr. Chancellor of St. Asaph about our composition for the vacancy and the Cause of Llysvaen. My son returns from Sandbach about 9 and finds mee recollecting Mr. Robert Cholmsleys birth day in my pint of Dyson.

12 After an easier Night, rise to the early prayers. The News affects not but account of the allow'd Councillors their elegant Argumentacions against the Bill for registering the Estates of Papists before the Lords, and that Sir Henry Houghton and Richard Steel are made 2 of the Commissioners for enquiry into those Estates. I prepare for my Journey tomorrow. After E. prayers Mr. Boucher calls, Mr. Hulton sits with us till 8, wee drink a Bottle of French Claret and a pint of Dyson.

15 Trans: 'What shall I repay to the Lord for all that he has given me?'

16 The ill-treatment of the prisoners in the Castle after the rebellion of 1715 had made Prescott a Jacobite.

17 National Library of Wales, SA/SB/3, 1713–57, St Asaph Subscription Book.

13 Q.F.F.E.F.S. After 9 left with my Suzy and 1 Guinea to my son. After Early prayers, Tea and Coffee. About 9 I (Robert only with mee) set out, small not troublesom showrs fall. I call at Rocksavage, the Groom leads us into the park. I see Phillis improv'd by the pasture. I give the Groom 1^s and a Glass of good Ale in Halton, come to Warrington about 2, repose and dine on Salmon, meet here Coll. Grahme and his tall daughter in her masculin habit. After a Glass with the Coll. sett out about 6, come by Golborn to Wigan after 8. I met with John Chadwick the Keeper of Rocksavage park at Warrington, discours'd him over wine about his several Lords.

14 Here I am full of melancholy reflections, the memory and mention of a dear Freind. My cozn. Holt stays mee, after a very hansom dinner, in recollection, Ale and Tea, the weather hott. About 3 set hence, call on Mr. Armetriding to thank him for his promise to preach, set from Lealand about 6, and by Penwortham come to Preston about 7. I wait on my Lord at Mrs. Sudels (lately come), find Coll. Grahme, his daughter, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Gastrell, Mr. Peplow with him. Hee receives mee with Favor and Freedom. Mr. Chancellor appears in confusion from petitions and busienes. Mr. Hornby & Mr. Hesketh consult mee about Pilling Chapell. My cozn. Jeffry Prescott gives mee invitacion to his House. I gladly accept of it and about 10, drink a Glass of his wine with him & have his Preston History.

15 The vehemency of the Heat first perswades to thin my Habit. Mr. Chancellor in an earnest warm way opposes the petition for Licence to build a new Chapell in Pilling. The busienes of Antony Closes admission to bee proctor¹⁸ is menciond. About 9 my Lord and the Clergy proceed to the Church. Mr. Fenton has an ingenious smart discourse, and delivers it with emphasis and courage. My Lords Charge is good to surprize, his stile plain but proper, the sense strong and instructive set off with a grave and authoritative delivery. Mr. Chancellor surprizes mee with a warm [*?correcion*] of Mr. Gastrell, about a surrogate nam'd by Mr. Lambert and his habit and gesture all day, seems too hot and impotent for Busienes or conversacion, is too much observ'd to dissadvantage. Mr. Starkie consults mee about the passage from the Midle to the south Isle, over a Bottle at the White Bull. I take a Turn in the Town and see Lady Greenfield (while my Lord is treated by Mr. Leman), the Mayor and corporacion. Mr. Fenton pays mee 3 Guineas for registering the process of the Ius Patronatus of his vicarage of Lancaster.¹⁹ My Lord is treated by Mr. Starkie & from his home Mr. Chancellor & I go to see the place hee desires in the church.

16 The morning not so vehemently hott. I attend Mrs. Hornby and Hesketh to my Lord. Hee consents to their petition. My Lord blames Ant. Close and with warmth mentions the rude recepcion hee met with at Richmond on his Account, denies to admit him, upon which Antony gos from him in a peevish and rustick manner and resentment. My cozn. Jeff. Prescott falls feverish and ill of the Meazles. Dr. Whaley comes to him. I have the Pilling petition in his, and him in the Drs. hands. About

18 At Richmond.

19 James Fenton, LL.B., deacon Chester 1712, priest Chester 1714, presented to Lancaster by Sir Robert Gibson 1714.

10 the company sett for Blackburn and met at Moulding Water, come there about 2. Wee dine (with my Lord) at the Cross Keys, after that and a Bottle of white & red port at the vicarage with his Lordship, I come to Mr. Raph Whaleys where I, my servant & horses are civilly receivd. I receivd 10 Guineas from Mr. Waite in our composition, but return 15^s.

17 The weather continues very hott. A great concourse fill the Church, among them the Mayor and others from Preston. The Bishop was expected but Mr. Hulme rises to the pulpit and has a good sermon. On this proclamacion is made that my Lord Bishop will preach after Noon. A good dinner, Coll. Nowel, Capt. Parker, Mr. Livesey and others with my Lord and his company at the Vicarage. My Lord has an excellent discourse, and a numerous confirmation. I take a Walk about the Town, and in the Evening further with my Lord, Mr. Chancellor &c at the Vicarage past 9.

18 In the morning dispatch some Exhibicions. The Busienes of Wills and Administrations comes thick beyond expectacion, our hands are scarce equal to the work. Mr. Armetriding has the same good discourse hee had seaven Years ago. The heat of the day and Busienes end nott together, the later bring carryd to 2 next morning. I however retire to the vicarage to my Lord and a Bottle of Dyson and thence to my freindly Quarters.

19 About 9 my Lord and his company (save the Clerks left behind on busienes unfinisht) set out; hee rides Mr. Gastrell's Grizel pad. Wee come to Chorley before 12. Before dinner hee confirms about 500 of the parishioners adjacent. Mr. Pilkington and Mr. Mercer entertain him and the company with a good dinner and good wine. Mr. Warren after invites him to his pretty house adorn'd with pictures of his Family, where Tea, old Beer & Ale goe about. About 12 the weather altered to rain which improvd to a vehement showr in the beginning of the way to Wigan. I take shelter under a Bridg. About Standish the Mayor, Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Mr. Aldersey, Mr. Entwisle, my Cozn. Holt &c meet my Lord and conduct him to the parsonage. Mr. Chancellor, my cozn. Holt and I from thence go to Tootels where wee drink a Bottle with Mr. Marsden, and thence to our Lodgings.

20 The Sun recovers its power on the day. The Town fills. Before 10, the Bishop go's to the Church. Mr. Aldersey has a good discourse. After the Charg the Bishop confirms. Hee dines at the Angel, the Clergy, Mr. Chancellor and myself with him. After dinner Mr. Sumner is call'd in. My Lord reproves him for the Immoralities and Crimes confest by him in a short and grave stile, admonishes him to reform his loose conversacion to a sober & religious, and declares it part of his Decree not to dismiss him till hee has procured from the promotors, their Testimonial of his reformation.²⁰ Exhibicions go on with difficulty in the throng of the other busienes. Mr. Chancellor and I take oaths of several Wittnesses at the valu of the indowments of the Chapells of Coppul and St. Ellen. Sir Ed. Chisnal sollicites about the former. I retreat in the Even to Tootels, where I have some leasure for my busienes with John Cross over a pint of white wine. I receive from Mr. Richmond for 31 Licences and Bonds 31^{li}:5^s:4^d.

21 The weather fair not hot. My cozn. Holt discourses mee about the disposing

20 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1702) No. 3 for the origins of this case.

of his son Edward in education and the reasonable expectation of a great access of Estate to him is considird. My Lord &c go about 11, I dine with my cozn. Holt, after drink Tea with Fany Green, where the memory of my dear Freind recurrs severely on mee. I yesterday paid Fany Green for Linnen 1^{li}.8^s. About 3 I set hence, come easily alone in my melancholy reflections begun at Wigan to Manchester about 6. My Lord comes an hour before, mett and conducted by above 400 of the best rank. I wait on my Lord at Mr. Wardens. After retire to a pint of white at my Quarters.

22 After M. prayers my Lord sitts in the Chapter House, that Body is calld, appears viritim, on which in a moment, That visitacion is relax'd. The Warden invites the Company to his House where hee receives it at an elegant dinner. Mr. Ashton and Dr. Thane are here today. After E. prayers and Confirmation, Mr. Ashton, Kenyon, Copley and myself go to the Kings Head in Salford to comended wine. Wee take our pints and return to the Wardens. After this Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Thane, Mr. Gastrell, Hulton, myself &c are at the Bulls Head where Mr. Chancellor takes from a small occasion in discourse to go into his impotent petts with Mr. Gastrell which the company dislike and divert.

23 The Busienes throngs and proceeds. I to the Church, Mr. Banks has a discourse of considerable length. I stay the first time alone to call the Clergy. Our proper company dine at the Inn. A controversy about the Nominacion of a Curat to Whitworth Chapell betwixt the vicar of Rachdale and the Inhabitants of the Chapelry is mov'd before Mr. Chancellor. Mr. Hallows, a Thrasonic Lawyer and Justice, appears for the later, is presently loud, pressing, impudent, easily moves the Chancellors passions, both leave the Cause and fall to indecent language, the Chancellor threatens to suppress Hallows by Censure, this [*illegible*] by civil power. An Agreement among the Inhabitants, simple and infirm is at last produc'd and read, urged & supported by Hallows loud confidence. Mr. Chancellor rejects it as of no weight or authority against the comon Right of the Vicar. Upon account of my former indevors to serve yong Mr. Dale who in disgrace about his Order of Deacon from the Bishop of Killala, hee presents mee with a Guinea. After Busienes abated in the Evening, I follow Mr. Chancellor to Dr. Holbrooks where Lobsters are for the Supper. A pint of noble Mountain is set for mine. I over that stay longer than the rest, with the Dr. and his Lady, past 11.

24 Tho from the Fatigue of the day and late wine, I am in bed past 8, hasten to the Church. In a very great and crowded Auditory, I scarce squeeze to Mr. Yates seat. My Lord has an excellent sermon. Wee dine still more elegantly at the Wardens. Mr. Henchman preaches (as Chaplain) after noon, a showr falls. The Bishop agen confirms. I go with Mr. Pigot to his House, hear the History of his retirement before the [*damaged*] at Preston and of his Ladies confinement by Guards to her own House. After my Devoir to my Lord at the Wardens. I see Mr. Clayton, Book-seller, who promises to send mee Bacons Resuscitatio. After, wee end the day in domestic pints.

25 The morning not without Busienes. I come off from the Wardens Breakfast. Take horse at 11 before the company, come to Didsbury and over the Ford to Northenden and Dr. Thaness before 1. I find him, his Lady and Curat (Mr. Pott) at Dinner, Salmon and Beef, the wine and Ale of the mean sort. They entertain mee

with a sight of the improvement of the House and Garden, and with Arguments of the reasonableness of their Absence from Chester till Michaelmas 1717. This recess seems not happy to mee, since the same timorous temper accompany's the Dr. in it and prevails more upon him, now void of the help and Guard of conversacion. After Green Tea the Dr. equipps in mean Quirpo and comes with mee by Hanford, Mottram &c the nearest way (9 miles) to Macclesfeild. My Lord Bishop had bin receivd an Hour before by the Mayor (Mr. Bolton) and the corporacion at the end of the Town in their Formalities. The Dr. and I wait on my Lord at the Mayors (a gentile) House, stay till supper over, and a Bottle of Mountain after. Alderman Clayton & another honest one about 8 go with mee near the school to a Bottle of white port, wee part about 10.

26 The day cool and temperate. A complaint is made by petition from some of the corporacion against Mr. Denham, schoolmaster, for his neglect of the school, intemperance and sottish severity to the Boys. My Lord admonishes him privately (consulte) before Mr. Chancellor. Mr. Henchman has a good & proper discourse of the Judgment of God on the Contemners of his Ambassadors the Clergy. The Busienes of Wills and Administracions advances here too, to an uncommon degree. The Exhibicions abated, I take a thinking walk almost round the Town. Dr. Thane after appearance here below the Arch Deacon returns (mee unsaluted) rather in the Figure of a Curat than Rector. Mr. Hough brings mee a Seal of the Head of Charles the 1st, I pay him for this and that of Tully 2^{li}. Wee go to the place of port wine where hee recants to mee his behavior about the Heralds office, promises reparacion and treats mee. I after wait on my Lord at the Mayors, who tho said to bee a Whigg, continues a full Entertainment with the deportment of a Gentleman to my Lord and his Company.

27 The day desireable for Travail. About 9 the whole company set out, my Lord designing (as invited) to call on the Corporacion of Congleton and dine with Dr. Egerton of Astbury. I (venia impetrata) turn at Broken Cross towards Knutsford (a fine road), pass near Booths where Mr. Legh the late Master of it lies dead (unburyd). I come to Holford about 12, and lighting perceive I lost a sword borrowd of Mr. Roberts. My Busienes is to wait on Mrs. Cholmley, come down on private affairs. Shee receives my visit with old respect. I dine with her and Mrs. Croxton, the modern matters are more the subject of our discourse, tho the old are not unmentioned. Shee denys not a Treaty between Mr. Robert and Lord Ashburnhams Interest, but that it is finish'd. I am surprizd and shockt at the marks of Age rather adversity in her once proper person and comely mien new contracted to a low declin'd Stature and mean Appearance of an old and ordinary person. John Turner brings & talks mee the next way to Rudheath. I call and the Ale, not genuine, take a Tip of Brandy at Hulms Chapell. About a mile forward turn, on the right, thoro a Hatch which brings to Gradwall Green, thence to Sandbach. I call on Mrs. Wells and her daughter (Mr. Wells gon to Congleton). I stay and drink Green Tea. About 4 set forward by Haslington, Crew and Wistaston and about an Hour after my Lord, come to Namptwich about 7. The weather at night turns to rain. After a pint of white, to repose.

28 A brisk rain begun with the night, continues after Noon. Mr. Markham of Whitegate has an ingenious and proper discourse, deliver'd sharply and promptly,

save a few precipitations. After dinner and Exhibitions almost over, I wait on my Lord at Mr. Wilbraham's (the Towns End), walk an hour in his Gardens, stay till supper over and a Bottle afterwards, return to my company, whom I find in other places, engag'd in dispatch of Wills &c. After a pint here to bed.

29 St. Peter and St. Paul. A cool and blowing day. I wait on and drink Coffee with Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Wettenhal. My Lord go's over Beam Heath the next way, I by Acton & Tilston Heath to Oulton. Here the House, Garden and Bowling Green are improv'd to surprize. Mr. Egerton entertains with a Generosity equal to the Noble Seat. My son meets us at Dinner. About 4, wee sett hence, and betwixt Kelsal Hill and the Glass-house, fresh company meet his Lordship. At Boughton it is regulated to 4 a Breast and the whole is computed to 300, they conduct his Lordship to the palace and part in 3 affectionat Huzzas, some Gentlemen attend him into his House, congratulate and tast his Wine.

30 The weather yet delightful. The Candidates to Ordinacion to the number of 28 or thereabouts, equally Preists and Deacons, are remitted to Dr. Fogg and Mr. Henchman as Examiners. I pay Thos. Roberts on his Account 10^s to the Collector of Halton. To the Maid 1^{li}.

JULY 1 Sunday, a frequent Ordinacion. Dr. Fogg preaches in the Quire. After Noon, a fresh preist preaches in the Great Church. After prayers Mrs. Middleton visits us in the Evening, solace in my pint of Dyson.

2 A fair day tempts mee to Warton. Mr. Thompson rides along with mee. Wee solace in a Bottle and return about 7. I find Mr. Ward and Mr. Otley with my Son, my Ale, wine and the recollection of Acquaintance give spirits to the Great Mathematitian, wee multiply Loyal Healths and advance the time to 12.

3 The Deanaries of Bangor, Malpas and Frodsham are visited to Day. Mr. Leche has a good sermon. The Freedom last Night proves a severe punishment to day.

4 The Deanaries of Chester and Wirrall are calld this day. Mr. Marshall preaches. My Lord invites mee to dine with the Clergy as hee calls it, of my proper Deanery. In the Even at Mr. Thompsons Ale. After, with Mr. Jones, Aubrey & Kendrick, at the Ship, till 10.

5 A Consistory Court Day of small Busienes, tho considerable number of new Causes enterd. I write to the Chancellor of St. Asaph, Notice that my Lord of Chester has a desire to see him, and of the Court to be at Wrexham, 21 current.

6 My Lord visits the Dean and Chapter. No complaints are advanc'd. A petition is offer'd by Mr. White the late Organist acknowledging his Fault and praying to be readmitt'd. This is rejected by the Bishop, and Mr. Davies, whose name is return'd on the process, is accepted as Organist. My Lord, Mr. Chancellor, myself and the proctors dine at the Deanary. Dr. Fogg is Instituted to Dodleston. After Dinner my Lord and the Chancellor go to pay a Visit to Sir Richard Grosvenor. I pay Thos. Roberts for Mr. Calkin the Curat, 12^s.

7 At M. prayers, I attend on my Lord. Hee begins his discourse with his design to make his Nephew Mr. Gastrel Commissary according to the eldest patent hee meets with in his Leiger Book, without the Deanaries, which hee says hee will put into the same Circumstance with those of this ArchDeaconry. Hee then passes to his main design the Registry, tells mee hee has seen my Agreement with Dr. Pope

at first, with insinuation to advance my present payment of 80^{li} p.a., says the Registrar of the other ArchDeaconry pay the Principal 100^{li} p.A. That tho hee intends very kindly to mee, yet hee would not bee ignorant of the kindnes hee do's mee, therefore urges mee to make Accounts of the profitts of the Registry. I tell him how, since the Revolucion the office fell, and that thereupon my payments to the Dr. immediatly fell, and deny that Accounts were ever kept here by the Deputies of the Register & hope hee will not make mee uneasy in the Deputacion, now farr advanc't in Age & Busienes. Hee replies mildly and tho hee seems not to insist, I privatly purpose to keep distinct Accounts. I offer to pay him for the Registry 50^{li} wherein 10^{li} in consideration of the Episcopal Visitacion as was agreed with Dr. Pope is included. His Lordship inclines to receive it, and in the Evening, I pay it to him in Guineas, and hee gives mee his receipt on Mr. Smith's Account. Immediatly after the discourse, his Lordship go's to Mr. Chancellor, where Sir Wm. Meredith, Mr. Gastrel, Stratford, Dr. Norris and I dine with him. After dinner a Bottle of good wine succeeds. In the Evening, my Suzy and I agen wait on my Lord when I pay him the Guineas. I pay Hignet the Mason on Account and in full of the Wall to the Lane 5^s and 4^s for 3 days work about the Pigeon-house-Moat. My son go's to Oulton to preach at Little Budworth tomorrow.

8 After Elixir last Night I confine myself to my house and agreeable reading all Day. The Wakes are kept today at Warton. I give to my son Hary, Robert & Thomas 1^s a peece to bee bestowed merrily at it. Sir Tho. Hanmer, Sir H[enry] Bunbury and my Lady return from Oulton and give a good and kind Account of my sons sermon at Little Budworth this morning.

9 I pay Mr. Chapman upon Account 6^{li}. Upon the Applicacion of Mr. Chancellor and myself (last Night) to my Lord on Mr. Chapmans part, hee readily promises to make him Apparitor General. My Birthday (Det D.O.M. Mihimet [?conique] aetate provecto, sobrie, recte et pie, reliquam agere vitam!) is remembred in our domestic manner. After their dinner over at Sir Hen. Bunbury's My son and I attend Mr. Egerton to Alderman Bennets Cellar, thence to his horse (bound for Acton). In the Evening I wait on my Lord and the 2 different Chancellors of Chester and St. Asaph at the palace. Sir Tho. Hanmer comes (in the Evening) over to my House where he meets and discourses Mr. Ward. Wee go with him to Sir Hen. Bunburys, where, after supper, the good Claret runs round till 11. I write by my Lords direccion to Mr. Robinson of Preston under Scarr near Bedal. I give Dr. Hancock his Fee on Peggy Birchalls Account 1^{li}.

10 Indispos'd from the wine and unseasonable time, I walk in good way & weather to Christleton and Mr. Townsends where I drink Tea. My Lord in his way to Whitchurch calls and sees the controverted Chancel or Oratory, finds no damage to the church or disorder. Mr. Whishaw appears for Mr. Clopton. Mr. Chancellor attacks him with too much passion and prejudice and my Lord having heard Circumstances, upon his complaint of Mr. Townsends leaving the church and using Mr. Clopton, a grave Clergyman, ill, uses sharp correpcions to him, telling him those Faults were proper for his Examinacion, and not so to bee revengd by ejectionment, at Law. My Lord since hee woud not meet him there as hee appointed, walks in displeasure towards the parsonage. Mr. Clopton, after severall Messengers sent, meets him, they go into the House, the company follows, Mr. Clopton tells

the story of their late difference about the Summer House, as introductory to his reclaiming his Right. Hee deny's that Mr. Townsend ever had the then Bishops the patron's, or his, consent, producing Sir R. Mostyn and Mr. Rowlands Letters negatively enough writt, that way, and, with Ayr of ridicule, denys the receipt of 2 Guineas in consideracion of his consent, saying they were due for Funerals in his Chancell &c. Runs into a detail of his own behavior in his office, his sermons on the 3^d comandment and of Mr. Townsends consciuousnes, his leaving the Church before Sermon and once, of his rude behavior to him, after. Lastly adds his ready disposicion (which was alwaies so) to peace and charitable reconciliacion, humbly submitting the controversy about the Oratory to his Lordship (his diocesan) and his patron. Mr. Townsend gives another Relacion of Fact about the summer House, denys hee pulld down one brick of his Wall or invaded an inch of his Ground. Because Mr. Clopton had affirm'd what Mr. Townsend took to bee an untruth, Hee propos'd that matters shoud bee decided by his Oath. This gave Mr. Clopton occasion to reflect on him in his pulpit. This hee did in Terms so provoking and distinct and so frequently, That hee left the Church before the sermon that hee might leave the subject which was only directed against Him. Hee asserted that hee obtain'd the Bishops consent and that of Sir Roger Mostyn by his Letter, now mislayd, That hee had Mr. Cloptons express consent to build, proceeded without his least contradiccion while hee was on the place, paid him 2 Guineas for his consent (telling the manner of his maid) and enjoyd it quietly about 3 years before the Building of the sumer-House, the occasion of Reviveing the Controversy about the Chancell. Hee producd a late Letter from Sir Roger Mostyn, as not expressly giving, not denying, his consent. Mr. Chancellor attested possitively the consent of the Bishop the patron and Mr. Clopton, saying that without them hee had not past his Decree for the building of the Chapell. A personal reflection was made by Mr. Clopton against Mr. Townsend as guilty of prophane or common swearing, which was taken off by some present who had much more frequently usd his conversacion than Mr. Clopton. At last Mr. Townsends omission in not receiving the Sacrament was peevishly objected by Mr. Whishaw and in such manner that my Lord (as doubting) askt him Whether hee had ever received it. To which hee answer'd, ingeniously, Hee had not. This seemd to shock the Bishop and to give an inauspicious Turn to his Thoughts concerning Mr. Townsend. Nor did hee (tho advisd) indevor to recover his Lordships good Opinion by a cheerfull submission of the Controversy to his Lordship and Sir Roger Mostyn. The insuccess of this conference & the interrupcion of his Journy put my Lord into warmer expressions & hast to bee gon. And hee parts with Sentiments That Mr. Clopton had quitted himself decently beyond his Expectacion. And that Mr. Townsend had shewed too much obstinacy in the controversy and had surpriz'd him with a demonstracion of a principle or at least an Opinion, contrary to the Charitable Doctrine of the Church of England. And parting with mee hee said, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Townsend is not the Man you take him to bee. I pleaded his tender and scrupulous thought on that Duty, prejudice of Educacion, want of direction and, from all other his conduct in Life and religion, hopes of a speedy reconciliacion to the Holy Sacrament. The rest of the company stay at a Glass of Mr. Cloptons good Ale. Mr. Townsend, my son and I go to his house, dine with him, and return to the company where pacific Healths

are put about everybody concurring to promote a reconciliacion. And at parting (on Mr. Sudels mocion) The company agrees to meet at Mr. Townsends on Friday next after Noon. Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Townsend and I on Foot, follow my son & Mr. Hulton to Warton where the Wakes are not over. They, Mr. Henchman, Marshal and Harvey, in the parsonage, drink freindly some Bottles of Ale, 1 of wine. Wee part about 6. Mr. Townsend and I return on Foot to Christleton. The Clouds gathering, The Lightnings breaking out and Thunder ratling over our Heads, wee double our strides thither. After a refreshment of a Tankard of good Ale & Toast, the Clouds dissolve and the sky is clear. Mr. Townsend orders his Man and Horse, which bring mee to Chester before 9.

11 After Elixir last Night, I stay at home in Busienes and Books, and at night repeat (my luxurious Elixir) a pint of Dyson.

12 A Court day of easy tho many Assignacions. I write to John Cross. I draw a Monicion for the [?publicacion] of an Eleccion of one of 2 persons to bee nam'd, on Mr. Leghs part, Church warden of Warrington. I pay Mr. Dunbabin Glasier 2^{li}, the remainder of his Warton Bill. About 5, on Invitacion go to Mr. Clopton at Mr. Jo. Dysons where I find Mr. Tho. Dyson only with him. Wine of both Colours are propos'd, I chuse the White. Variety of discourse is carryd on, particularly The oath of Allegiance to the prince in possession. Mr. Clopton takes occasion to tell me, that the meeting tomorrow is only intended a neighborly return to that at his house on Tuesday, and desires that the Busienes in controversy may not bee mencioned, tho at the same time hee appears dispos'd to peace. Hee stays till 8. Mr. Dyson and I after our full Bottles part at 9.

13 I am extremely indispos'd upon the quantity doubl'd last night, & condole the Assignacion today. Mr. Eyton, Dancing Master, dines with us. I pay him for Nellys last Quarter 1^{li}. About 2, my son and I follow Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton to Christleton, wee find Mr. Clopton and Dyson under the great Ash Tree, they go in with us to Mr. Townsends, the recepcion is civil, the company falls on general discourse, some start construccions on the News. Mr. Chancellor, Sudel and Dyson divert to the Tables. To procure some effect to this Meeting I consult apart Mr. Hulton and Mr. Townsend. The first seems desireous to wave debate, to put the Tryal of Mr. Cloptons inclinacion on mee, & then recedes. The later insists on a particular acknowledgment to bee made by Mr. Clopton to his Lady, preferring that even to the Oratory; but shee, with generous and Christian temper, forgives the words and drops the recantacion, desireing peace & quiet possession of the Chancel for the future. Mr. Chancellor, call'd aside & consulted, comends the tryal of Mr. Clopton to mee. I then desire him into the Court, tell him of the good inclinacion hee has shew'd to accomodacion, and that upon such an approach towards, I hope hee will perform his part in it. That the Oratory was built by regular process and Decree, upon consent of the 3 necessary persons, Bishop, patron, Rector. It was true no Confirmacion was granted (that was not necessary) but the Exemplificacion of the Decree (the same in effect) might, at any time, bee taken under seal by Mr. Townsend. That his fixing Boards as hee had, to prevent his going to the Chancel was a contempt of the Decree and the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. That my Lord and Mr. Chancellor took it so, and wou'd not think fit to desire him to remove those Barrs, but would look upon his doing so to bee real

proof of his expressions towards peace. And I therefore advis'd and desir'd hee woud presently remove them. Hee then, as before, deny'd the 3 Consents, or that the 2 Guineas was on that consideracion, said hee had paid at London and Chester about 5^{li} in Law which Mr. Townsend had occasion'd, and if hee woud refund that, General Acquittances shou'd bee mutually given and a final End made.

I told him the unreasonablnes of that proposal and how, in such cases promoted by litigious persons, they woud have the comand of other mens purses. Not to advance the matter further, Wee agreed that Mr. Wishaw, Mr. Hulton and myself shou'd consider on that [?Article]. Wee return'd to the company, where pacific healths were promoted. Reconciliacion and lasting peace, and the takeing the Barrs out of the way to them were, in general Terms, recomended by Mr. Chancellor, the two parties took each others hands, saluted, and thus, in hopes & expectacion of sincere performances, the company parted. Mr. Chancellor and I return Home about 7.

14 After repetition of Elixir last night, cool, this hot day. Jeffry, from Carduus Posset seems releivd and delivered from a delirious Fever begun yesterday. I pay on my sister Browns Account for Landscapes on Linnen 1^{li}.5^s. To Margaret Davies for Mr. Calkin, Curat, 1^{li}. To Alderman Sayer for lead work at Warton 3^{li}.9^s. After dinner, repose, read &c, in the Even solace in Dyson.

15 The day fair and very hott. Mr. Hulton, my son and myself ride to Warton. The Curat has a good discourse on the Forgiveness and mercy of God. Wee dine on Beans & Bacon and Beef roasted. My son reads the prayers and preaches after noon, takes an easy occasion of mentioning the Consecracion & Dedicacion of the Church, directing their behavior & devocion in it. This discourse was intended for Sunday last as the Wakes sermon. After this, some of the parish Wilding and J. Calkin come in and drink a Bottle of Ale, wee return to Chester before 7. I treat my son with a Bottle of French for his Sermon. At the end of this, Sir Hen. Bunbury rather Sir T[homas] Hanmer draws my S., Son and self over. Sir H[enry] and his cozn. Jo. are advanc'd high in their wine, Yet set it about and entertain with comical and inconsistent Harangues till 11.

16 The morning begins with soft Showrs. Sir Tho. Hanmer and Sir Hen. Bunbury after a Tour to Oulton and Penbedw, return to Bettisfeild. I pay to my great surprize my Lay double, to the poor of St. Oswald's, 14^s. After dinner take an easy repose in the rainy Change. In the Evening, apply to my Ephemeris beginning the 13 June, and solace in a pint of Dyson.

17 I divert in Dr. Burnets reformation and proceed in my Ephemeris. After dinner Mr. Townsend calls on mee and about 5 I follow him to the Bacchus, where Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Kendrick & Alderman Partington are of his company. The Controversy about the Oratory takes up too much of the time, with an Ay of uneasines kept up by Mr. Townsend. I deliver to him an attested Copy of the Decree on his Behalf. Wee part after 8.

18 The weather still showry. Mr. Wishaw, Hulton and myself appointed to meet at 6 at the Ship. The first is diverted by earnest domestic busienes. I carry on my Ephemeris over my pint to 11 at night.

19 A fairer scheme of weather arises. A Court day of easy Assignacions and dispatch. After dinner see Mr. Marsden and Alderman Bennet, who treats mee with a Tast of fine white port & new Hock. After E. prayers Mr. Henchman shews mee

and my son his House with its conveniences. At 6 I go to the Ship where I meet Mr. Whishaw and Mr. Hulton. Wee discourse on the Affair of the Controversy between Mr. Clopton and Mr. Townsend. Mr. Whishaw seems fairly disposd to advise his Client to pursue the proposal of peace, is yet tenacious of the Opinion that Mr. Clopton was justly provok'd to redemand his right to the passage & Oratory, having given his consent only so as to revoke it, at pleasure. Wee are instant with him to prevail with his Client to remove the Barrs and wee undertake that Mr. Townsend shall behave himself, in the Church and to him, his Rector as hee ought to do. Hee promises to represent our desires and offers, and to add his own influence in order to a peaceable end of the Controversy. Wee of the Conference drink 4 pints of port and Mr. Whishaw paying 1^s.1^d and wee each 1^s.6^d, wee part about 9.

20 A fine bright and cool day. Mr. P. Ashton calls on mee, enquires after a civil Family for himself and family to board in. Wee recommend and my son and I bring him to Mrs. Newton. Hee sees Hers and Dr. Thanes Houses, likes their situation and promises (after his Lady consulted) to write to Mrs. Newton. Mr. Roberts pays mee from Mr. Lambert his composicion 10^{li} out of which 3^s only deducted for a Quarter of Barcelona Mirtle Snuff. I give my son 1^{li} for his expences. About 7 at night Mr. W. Massie of Codington (in Equo) calls on mee and desires mee to bee Trustee for him in his Estate of Codington now in Mortgage to Mrs. Eliz. Booth for 1500^{li}. I promise my service. I turn Brisson his 1. Book de Formulis. After 8, step to Mr. Hulton, who tells mee Mr. Townsend is pleas'd with our discourse with Mr. Whishaw, will wait the Event, & if the Barricade bee not removd, will apply to Chancery.

21 After preparacion, Tea and Coffee, in a fine morning about 8, Mr. Str. and I set our course to Wrexham about 8, come there about 10, the Court held and adjourn'd. After dinner wee are [at] the Vicarage. After the Chancellor gon to Pennilan, I examine a Witnes in a pauper Cause, then visit Mr. Eyton, lastly drink my supper with Mr. Pennant and Moulding. I give my S. [blank], my Son 1^{li}, Harry 5^s, the rest 2^s.6.

22 Mr. Appleton the school Master preaches, I dine with a full relacion at Havod y Wern, loyter there till Evening about 7 with the company, some from Chester dissolve, end in a pint, weather fair.

23 After Tea with the 2 sisters and their company about 10 set out with Mr. Price, the morning tollerably cool. By the new & old Sauntry wee pass near 5 miles in all to Pennilan. Here is Capt. Wynn, 2 Oxonians &c, a good dinner and recepcion. About 4 Mr. Chancellor, Str. and I set hence, thoro Chirk, Salatin, Clouth [?Offa] on the Mountain, Llansyllin, by Plase Newith, Llangueddwin to Llanvyllin (I reckon 20 Miles) where wee come about 1 hour after the Bishop about 9.

24 Mr. Chancellor and I after Tea visit my Lord at Mrs. Kinastons (Mr. Fr. Evans along), his Lordship receives us civilly. The 2 Bayliffs of the Town attend his Lordship here. About 10 hee gos to the church (Llanvyllin). Mr. Hunphreys has a good discourse chiefly on the Liturgy. A numerous Clergy calld, my Lord has a long and affectionat Charg on the 3 Heads of the present Kings right, of Obedience by virtue of the oaths to him, and the Clergys duty to teach and inculcate these to their people. A crowded dinner, extravagant ordinary Exhibicions go on after noon,

many omitt. In the Even take a solitary walk, end in a pint of wine with Mr. Stratford.

25 In the night part disturb'd by the loud and wild voice and humors of Mr. Price, a popish Gentleman lately, from his dissatisfaction in his Ladys porcion, and the late Act of Enquiry &c, distracted. The Bishop confirms those of the parish. About 11 wee set out and over the Mountain come (3 miles) to Llangueddin. Here wee find a noble Entertainment, a hospitable Gentleman, a convenient house, finely furnishd, the Gardens great and beautifull. About 7 by Pen a Pont &c (a severe 5 miles) come late (about 9) to Oswestry. My Lord is receivd by Mr. Morrice at his house, in his fine night gown, but with good wine and Cider. I lodg at Mrs. Pooles.

26 I attend my Lord, discourse with Mr. J. Davies about the Consecration of Trevor Chapell, find the Ground in which it is built, not given by lawfull Deed, of which I acquaint his Lordship and divert the Consecration, at present. Mr. Powel has the sermon here, carrys it on decently, till, towards the End, falls on the Rebellion & its adherents. The Dinner and exhibicion are at the Queens Head. I treat Mr. Powel & Langford with a Glass of wine. About 12 to my Lodging where I observe R's very foolish humors with the Maid.

27 After Tea, with Mrs. Pool, and discourse on Mr. Pools Will and Epitaph, to the Bore's Head. My Lord confirms. About 11, the weather hott, wee set out, come over the New Bridg to the park of Watstay, ride on the West side toward Rhuabon, then enter the noble Avenue, which leads to the House. Sir J. Wynn lead and directed by Sir Wm. Williams & others, receives the company (viritim) near the Stables. Hee is in a strait & short Coat with larg plate Buttons, his breeches tufted below the knees. His appearance spectral, his humor brisk after the French. Hee leads thoro his Gardens with an Ay of Monstracion of the rarities, tho hee sees no objects, and walks boldly as a Guide, with a servant at his elbow directing him in his way and Turns. Wee have a good dinner and excellent wine, Hermitage and white Burgundy. Sir John names & urges, the Healths round, speaks to all, as their voices direct, falls on his French and Italian Storys, relates 'em with great brisknes and habitual oaths mixt, & moves the company and even the Bishop to laughter. About 7 wee set hence. About a Mile from Wrexham Mr. Chancellor carrys his Lordship to his Vicarage. I come about 9 to the Red Lyon.

28 I find out Mr. Price and advise him to appear at the Church and Charge, and to answer to his Name; hee seems Chagrin, but dos all but the last. My Nephew Puleston and I drink Tea with the 2 sister Eytons in their chamber filld with company. About 10, the Bishop comes in the Chancellors coach, which drives to the Church. Mr. Jones (Chaplain) has a good discourse. After the Charg, a Court adjourn'd to 4 after E. prayers, with likewise several Assignacions made. I examine another pauper Witnes, write to my S.

29 Repose till 9 and recover the Fatigues. Mr. Jones (Curate) has a good discourse meanly deliverd. My Nephew Puleston and I come to the Vicarage (Chancellors) before 1. Here is Mr. Brereton, Wynne, Yonge &c, a full Table. Mr. Brereton with his usual pertness and satyr, moves discourse, is (or seems) honestly sharp on the Whigs, whom his Lordship defends, as good subjects. In other matters his Lordships Gravity & Decorum expose and correct his Levity. Mr. Jones preaches and the Bishop confirms at Gresford. About 6, I call with design to visit Mr.

Egerton at Acton, meet only Lady Jeffrys, she entertains mee an hour. Thence to Wrexham and the office. After take Mr. Jones the Curat to my Quarters where over a pint & ½ his difficult Cure, Mr. Foulk's insincerity, and Greivances, are rehearsed.

30 I visit Mrs. Eyton and Thelwal, am fully entertained with the little neat and full Garden and, over Tea, a full Account of the peevish and unjust behavior of the Eyton and Puleston Families to them. About 11 I set out and return to the Vicarage. Mr. Chancellor desires mee to accelerate not only a process against the persons presented in the Visitation, but the ordinary proceedings of the Consistory. My son (on my Letter to my S.) meets mee here. Wee drink and are entertained decently and fully. About 5 wee take our Congé and in a sweet Evening (after a hot yet not unpleasant Journey) return D.O.M.G. safe to my Corner where I rejoice over my pint of Dyson.

31 The weather (as when the late Journey began) continues fair and auspicious to the Harvest. About 11, I wait on Mrs. Alicea Oldfeild returned from Mr. Ashtons, shee gives mee a full Account of the Family at Deyn, and in it, of Mrs. Barlows death. Mr. Hulton tells mee that the Barricade being not remov'd, Mr. Townsend had consulted Mr. Williams in order to draw a Bill in this Chancery against Mr. Clopton. After dinner and repose, I go into the Town, meet with an invitacion to Mr. Dods Funeral and return to my Corner and pint of Dyson.

AUGUST 1 I prepare for Malpas. Give my son 10^s to defray his charges at the privy Sessions at Eyton Boat on Thursday. I pay Betty Williams for Mr. Calkin (Curat) 1^{li}:10^s. About 10, Mr. Stones, Walley & I set out, come to Edge before 1 with prepad stomachs, dine on Cold roastd Beef and other meat, expos'd: here I meet with old Freinds, and with very sensible concern remember those of that neighborhood, some years ago, gon into Eternity before mee; particularly John Ollerherhead (now 74) recalls & revives the great Freindship and value I had for that excellent person, Mrs. Catharin Alport (afterwards Wright). The company and corps set out past 4, and come to Malpas Church after 5. After I attended both into the Church (where a sermon was to bee had by Dr. More). I take horse and come the nearest way over Threap-wood, and thoro narrow roads (at other seasons scarce passable), thoro Emral Park to Halghton (4 miles) before 7. Here I am civilly received. After the Family supper over, Mrs. Mary Lloyd (to whom I with distinct esteeme pay this visit) with great and engaging behavior brings and setts before mee a Bottle of white port with Bread on the plate, and tells mee, that is my supper. Her Father, Mr. Lloyd & I, with cheer & freedom, end the Bottle, after this (about 11) shee brings a liquid disert to my chamber.

2 After Tea and Coffee (a strong and shakeing Quantity) with the Ladies, I take a walk with Mr. Lloyd in a pleasant Feild near the House. The long dry weather gives advantage to this situacion, surrounded with Oaks at their perfection in Growth. After dinner, and the civil sayings of the worthy Matron, I take leave and come to Bettisfeild, about 5. I find it empty'd this day, of a numerous company, Mr. Richard Mostyn only left. Sir Tho[mas] Hanmer, Mr. Mostyn and I walk to the other Bettisfeild and with concern see the ruines and neglect of a stately House (of Italian model) and a fine Garden. After a late supper, Sir Tho., Mr. Mostyn, Sir Hen. Bunbury and I continue a mixt discourse, over very good Claret, till 11.

3 After sage Tea with Mrs. Pye and Mr. Bryan, I take some Turns with Mr.

Mostyn in the Close Walk. The Bishop of St. Asaph his Charg is the subject of the discourse. After this, Sir Thomas brings us to his Library, and shows us his Catalogue of it. Thence to a fine dinner where very fine and tender boyl'd beef disputes the preference with a Hanch of Venison rosted. After, wine, in good Healths. After 5, I set hence, the way, tho dusty, cool with wind; passing Broughton, 2 yong Ladies appear in the walk near the road, they urg mee in, but I plead the time and desire they will excuse my not waiting on Mr. Whitehall. At a good rate, pass Shocklach, Crew, Churton and come (D.O.M.G.) well to my Corner about 8, and refresh in a pint of Dyson.

4 The weather still fair hott and kindly. I write to Mr. Ed. Smith of the Commons and direct him to pay to either of the Mr. Parrs, for the Copy of Abel Ashworths Will, inclos'd, 12s:8d. I pay to Tho. Wally 1^{li} and to T. Roberts 10s for Mr. Calkin, Curat. After dinner repose, after that, and diversion in the Garden with Mr. Ince, on the subject of his building projects, I retreat to my Ephemeris, since July 21 inclusive, over my pint of Dyson. I give Harry (going into the company of (as hee says) fellow sailors, 2s:6d.

5 After Elixir, cool in an extreme hot day. I stay within at convenient reading till E. prayers. After these, retire home and write (to bee sent tomorrow) a full Answer to Mr. Vaudrey and Jeffry Prescott over my pint of Dyson.

6 The day rises hott and glowing. I prepare for my Journy. I receive on Account from Mr. Roberts 3^{li}. I pay the Washwoman 1^{li}.10s. I write to Mr. Ashton, & send the Letters to Mr. Vaudry and Jeffry Prescott. I leave with my S.2^{li}:10s. After dinner and 4 a clock the extreme heat abated, my son with mee, I set out, wee pass by Broughton and about 2 miles thence, turn on the Mountain to the right leaving Argold on the left, come to the end of Mold, call on the fatt deform'd Hostess Powell, thence proceed 4 miles, come to Penbedw about 8. My son has a short supper made. Mr. Mostyn very kindly receiving us, wee stay up on Books and agreeable conversacion, over 2 Bottles of red, till 12.

7 About 9 ready. Mr. Mostyn leads us thoro his delightfull Grove, shews us his fine Chamber in it where are Books of the most agreeable entertainment to the retreat. Hee leads us thoro the most amuseing walks and into the best prospects. Our Horses are orderd to attend us at the end. At the moment wee mount, the Chancellor of St. Asaph passes, wee join him and thoro the road full of water and Foam from the showsr faln in these parts, wee come above 4 miles to Carwys. The Bishop who had bin in the showr was before us. Wee go to the Church about 11. Mr. Babington has a sermon industrious, long and temporizing. The charg the same, the dinner late, homely and dear. A numerous confirmacion gives time to the Exhibicions. Robert Orrell comeing to the Inn now kept by Mr. Walters, I take a dram with him. The Bishop and company mount about 7. Wee come at a great rate, part with his Lordship and the Chancellor near the palace and come to Gwernygron about 9.

8 A Court day, a sentence for Salusburys Will. Wee dine with the Bishop, return to Court adjourn'd, thence Mr. Chancellor to the office where for want of my key wee drink Ale till 7, thence to Gwernygron and my pint of Dyson.

9 A fair and temperate day. At 9 at the palace with my Lord. The Chancellor and company set out, my Lord leading his pads full trott, wee come to Denbigh in 3 Quarters of an hour. The Marquess Lord Linsey going to Gwyddir calls at the same

Inn, 3 Boars Heads, before 11, wee climb up to the Chapell. Mr. Wynn of [blank] a relacion has a dull discourse, bringing in policy abruptly. Mr. Williams the Rector here pays my orderly 4^s. Mr. Morrice Jones for my son, which I forget not in the Exhibicions. Seeing a throng Confirmacion and small exhibicions, I after 4 takeing an ignorant Guide, go to the Native House of Mrs. Jane Dolben (after Lady Shakerley) Segruid, with reflection on the vanity of my Youth, observe the situacion, return the other way and by a Well under the Wall and rock of the Castle, reckning the walk 4 miles. The Confirmacion not yet over, my son and I from the site of the Castle observe the plenty and Beauty of the Vale of Lluid. After a Glass of white wine with Mr. Meldington, about 7 my Lord and his company mount, come at a lesser rate, in a very fine Even, home about 9.

10 This day cool and blowing. I bestow on rest, retreat and private reading. I turn most in Tully and read part of Cato Major or de Senect. Suzy Partington and Mrs. Urian come to us. Ellis Jones a fam'd Merioneth Harper, on his three strung Harp, fills the house with good Music till 10.

11 A fair cool day. Wee are at morning prayers and after these, go to Mr. Mouldings invited to dinner, a full company from Gwernygryn. Mr. Jones with his Harp, Mr. Lloyd of Wickwar joins us. Mr. Moulding (D.O.M.G.) pays mee on Account to this day 33^{li}.2^s.4^d. The dinner good Beef and Mutton more decently don, the wine good French in which mine and my S.'s marriage Anniversary day (the 29) is remember'd with civil respect by the company. Wee return to E. prayers, thence to Gwernygryn where in a Bottle of Dyson good wishes to the day are repeated.

12 The weather fair but blowing. My son had invitacion & intencion to preach but the Bishop, as the manner is here, without notice to the Vicars, has a sermon, an excellent discourse on the Omnipresence of God. Dr. Foulk is here from Llanbader, wee dine with the Bishop. After dinner a discourse on Fatalities from the biteing of mad dogs is mostly kept up till E. prayers. After these, I with Mr. Lloyds, Lewis, Babington, Moulding, Dr. Foulks, go to Betty Barn's her Ale for 2 hours, thence to Gwernygryn, where Mr. Moulding lets mee kno that Jeffry returning to Chester near Brick-hill had from a stumble of my gelding faln and broken his shoulder Bone.

13 All the company at Gwernygryn, Harp not excepted (After M. prayers) dine with my Lord, is treated with a good dinner and gentile welcom. My Br. Evans adds his violin to the Lute. About 3 I drink green Tea with Mrs. Wynn and her company. About 4 Mr. Lewis, my br. Evans & I set on Foot to Keavn. Mr. Lloyd gives hansom welcome in good Claret and good old Beer. Mr. Evans applys to the Harp. As the Glasses pass, the weather alters and the rain falls in severe showrs. Till 12 I remit not my resolution to return, am prevaild with to stay, and over finishing Glasses turn our misfortune in the weather to mirth and cheerfull Banter till 1.

14 Soft showrs fly thoro the Dale till 11. Here is Mrs. Wynn wife of the Chancellor of Hereford,²¹ Heiress of Place Anyon, a yong and cheerfull person free to surprize, promises to accompany us to Gwernygryn, is diverted by old Mr.

21 Thomas Billse 1716; died 22 April 1731.

Lloyd. Wee go up to the Hill from the House whence a large prospect. About 1 Mr. Lloyd and wee come to Gwernygron. After a good dinner, good musick by Mr. Gerard fill'd to a Consort and the running Glasses advance the humor of the company. Mr. Moulding tells the News of the Victory of Prince Eugene over the Turks (5 instant new stile, near Carlowitz), on that occasion, many healths in Terms of Warr are invented with the most pompous praises of the victorious General. Mr. Moulding is transported to dancing Lancashire Hornpipes and the musick and mirth is carryd high by circling the Ale till 10.

15 After Elixir last night, I stay at home, end Cato Major and read *Somnium Scipionis*. About 5 my brother Evans and I go to Mr. Lewis, where wee meet Mr. Lloyd of Kevn, they drink Ale & strong Beer, I my pint of white port. Wee return well tho in blowing weather to Gwernygron about 9.

16 The morning cool and fair, resolve and equip for Chester. After Tea &c I set out, call on and receive the Bishops comands. The company, in their rustic Chariot follow mee to Mr. Mouldings where wee part in Drams and Claret. About ½ hour after 12, wee set out, the day cool and the way fine, dry without dust, wee come by Calkin and Sir Richard Grosvenor his rich mines, pass Northop and come safe D.O.M.G. to Chester before 5. After an easy supper I end the day and journey in a pint of Dyson & Elixir.

17 The weather fair and cool. I stay at home on my Elixir and in Books, busienes & repose.

18 At home for the greater part in Books. My Aunt Peck and Mrs. Rollinson dine with us. I pay Tho. Roberts for Mr. Calkin Curat 1^{li}. To Robert Nicols Overseer of the Highway of Warton 8^s:4^d. After Ev. prayers I see Mr. Hulton who tells mee the matter proceeds at Law and Equity betwixt Mr. Clopton and Mr. Townsend. I conclude the day over Books in a pint of Dyson.

19 The weather still propitious to the Harvest. Mr. Oliver has an excellent discourse on (What profiteth a Man if hee gain the whole world and loose his own soul &c). Mr. Bayley dines and diverts with the morose and good humors of the family at Halghton. After E. prayers and a walk towards Beach pool, My son and myself dispose of a Bottle of old Claret given by Sir H. B.

20 After Books, busienes and dinner, the weather fair and cool, after 3 I ride to Waverton, see the hay and Grass grown since returning, call on Mr. Townsend, who treats mee with a Bottle of good Claret, over which the Cause betwixt him and Mr. Clopton is menciond and part of the Turkish History turnd. I set hence about 8. Mr. Townsend brings mee ½ way, I come home at 9.

21 Mr. Holmshead of Wigan and Mr. John Heyes are with me on Busienes. I pay Mr. Tho. Calkin for his brother the Curat, 1^{li}:10^s. Give my son 10^s, to Harry 2^s. After E. prayers Mr. [?Moland], Mr. Stratford, my son and I, about 7, meet at the Ship Tavern, the Conversacion is various and vamt up into Cheerfull, wee drink 4 pints and part about 10. Mr. Richard Tootell of Wigan presented us this day a Load of Haigh Canal Coale. Disturb'd this night by gloomy and melancholy dreams and thoughts.

22 By help of my comon Opiat Snail-water, I recover some sleep and refreshment. Go to Morning (not early) prayers. Mr. Roberts delivers to mee the Account of the late Visitacion, whereof the Balance after payment of 11^{li}:2:5 Expences for Horse

hire, 3^{li}.5^s:7^d. of 21^{li}10^s. to Mr. Vaudrey, of 190^{li} to Mr. Foulks, of 48^{li}.14^s.1^d to Mr. Chancellor and 5^l to Mr. Boucher, amounts only to the sum of 15^s.2^d, this strikes surprize and reflection. Mr. Penant of LlanArmon dines with us. I order Mr. Richardson to deliver to him Mr. Jones the Chaplains Box, mended, for which I pay 1^s.6^d. I write to Mr. Moulding by him. I pay Tho. Whitehead Gardiner 1^s:4. for 2 Crevats for Ken 4^s. Mr. Spring, a Clergyman going for London, calls and brings a Letter from Mr. Moreton requesting his plate deposited in my S.'s hands to bee deliverd to Mr. Spring. Wee deliberate of it, till, and expect more satisfaction that the 10^{li} was really never lent to Mr. Moreton by Mr. Cartwright against his (Mr. Springs) return (about 3 weeks hence). Mr. Richardson valu'd the plate to 15^{li}.15^s. I recollect Accounts of the late journys over a pint of Dyson till 9.

23 The weather continues fair and cool. At M. prayers. I pay Mr. Stratford for the procuracions this year for Warton 14^s.10^d, for Acquits 8^d. About 2 my S. and son on horsback, myself and Mr. Holland on Foot, set to Warton. Hee by way tells mee of Mr. Cowpers freindly proposal of my son to Mr. Marbury, who propos'd to give his unmarried daughter the Advowson of Davenham beside a sum of mony at his death. I receive this with esteem from them, desire to deliberate on a matter of so great moment to mee & my family. Wee attend at the House on the funeral of Mr. Calkins wife, which proceeds not to the church till 4. Mr. Barns has a good and ingenious discourse on Death and the Gain of it. About 6 my S., Son, Mr. Holland & I go to the parsonage where wee have 2 Bottles of Ale, 1 of smal Beer and a pint of wine. Wee call at the Funeral house and stay near 2 Bottles of good port. Mr. Holland & I under a bright prolific Moon and glorious canopy of Starrs, come in a quiet air and silence about 9. Hee treats mee at his house with 2 tipps of excellent Brandy. I after recurr to Elixir.

24 St. Bartholomew. Mr.[?Moland] is here at Tea, delivers some Arabic MSS to my [son] for the University of Oxon and diverts us. After dinner, repose. At E. prayers, after which in the Town, return to my Corner where, over a pint of Dyson, the speeches against the Septennial Act are read. Receive from my Cozn. Sale 117^l weight in 6 cheeses which shee charges at 1^{li}:13^s, vidlt 3^¼d per pound and paid 3^s for carriage.

25 After Elixir repeated last night, at home till 12 when with Mr. Pennant of Llan Armon wee go to see his [?Chaire] which wee find meaner than expectacion had made it. Hee dines with us. I send Nicksons Prophetesies to Mr. Knipe. After E. prayers, in Books over my pint of Dyson. In this posture Mr. Parre Junior his Letter of the 23^d finds and surprizes mee with the shocking and sensible News that on Munday night last (at Staines, Middlesex), after hee had as usually taken his walks, his supper and his pipe, my cozn. Parr as hee was smokeing (between 8 & 9) complaind of his head akeing and in a moment was speechless, all proper means were us'd but in vain. Hee inclosd a Copy of my Cosins Will, by which I am made Executor and Trustee as to the 150^{li} I owe him by Bond. This makes very deep impressions and interrupts my repose.

26 The season yet fair and favorable to the harvest, but dries up pitts and small Brookes. My son gos to Warton where hee preaches after noon. Wee go to the Quire where Dr. Fogg has in the Morning a good discourse on (Let us walk circumspectly not as fooles, but as wise) as in the afternoon in St. Werberge on

(Redeeming the Time). After E. prayers I apply to and read the rest of Dr. Bisse's 4 sermons on the Beauty of Holiness over my pint of Dyson.

27 After interrupted rest in the night, recover sleep by my Opiat. I read Chrystus Betuleius his prefaces before his scholia on Tullys offices. Go to M. prayers, after write to my cozn. Jeffry Prescot and John Cross, pay Mr. Dunbabin Glasier 1^{li}:10^s, paid Margaret Evans for 13 nights Grass 4^s:4^d. After E. prayers my son and I purpose to call on Alderman Bennet, take a walk on the Walls, hee not returned from Lancashire, wee return home, and over a Bottle of red Dyson, mention is made of the late and present great expences and difficulties of my circumstances, which (alta nocte) return and banish sleep.

28 A delicate bright morning rises. I dip in Aristotle's Rhetoric. Fix Mr. Pools Epitaph. After M. prayers, at the Coffee House where I see Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Jackson, Clark (return'd yesterday from Speake) and the News. Jeffry makes his Account of the Exhibicions in the visitation of the Diocese of St. Asaph, amounting to 7:10:6. Out of which deducted his & Roberts Expences 1:6:3. To which I add my own and my Horses, 5:3:6 (In all 6^{li}:9^s:9^d). About 3 Mrs. Pool calls on us. I give her the Epitaph, with a Glass of wine. Wee shew her my House in the Abby Court, which shee dissaproves and depreciates. Wee go thence to E. prayers. My Lady Bunbury from Bettisfeild sends us a Breast of Venison. I give the Keeper 2^s:6^d. I give Mr. Tootels Man who brought the Kennel 1^s. About 6 Alderman Bennet, I and my son are at Kemps cheerfull over 5 pints of several sorts, till 10. (1^s). I give Jeffry for his pains in Exhibicions, a Guinea.

29 A small rain falls in the morning, which is taken up with writeing a full answer to Mr. Ed. Parrs Letter Q.B.E. I reading its vertues begin my Mastication of Rhubarb. I pay Mr. Allen for 2 Gallons of Brandy 18^s. I give T. Roberts wife for her work in the hay, 2^s. Wee dine on the venison pasty and on this day instead of tomorrow, remember my sons Birth Day (the 26). After E. Prayers My son, Mr. Stratford, Otty and I see Mr. Vanderbruggens Landscapes and Sea-peices, very fine, very dear, I visit Mrs. Oldfeilds. After Mr. Hulton who treats mee with a pint of old port. I return to my Corner and end the day in domestic Dyson.

I receive (in order to pay Mr. Vaudrey, part of my Arrears for Stamps) from Mr. Roberts 30^{li}.

My Accounts from the beginning, with Mr. Vaudrey, stand thus, vid^t

Mr. Prescott Creditor	li	s	d	
To August 6 1705	231.	10:	9	
D., die allow'd for Sal.	5 ^{li} :	15 ^s :	9.	after the rate of 6 ^d . per L.
To July 22 nd 1706	172:	03:	0	} 2143:10:11 ^{li}
1709 To Mr. Wm. Gamuls Bill 50 ^{li}	459:	13:	0	
To July 26 1712	596:	9:	2	
To January 15 1714	381:	15:	1	
To September 1 1716	533:	10:	8	
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	2375:	1:	8	

	May 3 rd 1716	
	Due to Balance	132: 0: 0
June	received per	
31 August	J. Page 20 ^{li} . and	
& Sept ^r .	(at 2 payments)	63: 0: 0
8 1716	from Mr. Prescott 43 ^{li}	
	Due	69: 0: 0

At the said rate of Allowance of 6 ^d . per	
Pound	
I compute there is due for the	53:1:9
above 2143 ^{li} . 10 ^s	
the sum of	

29 Sept 1716 Paid Mr. Vaudrey his Bill of	10 ^{li}
18 Jan. paid Mr. Vaudrey	10 ^{li}
May 1717 paid Mr. Vaudrey	15 Then the
26 Oct paid Mr. Vaudrey	15 Balance 15:18:3

30 Prepar'd for the journey and Tea and Coffee over, I leave with my S.3 Guineas (1^{li} of which for L.). About ½ Hour after 10, in a fine season set out, come to Rocksavage in about 2 Hours. My Lord Barrymore is gon this Morn for Manchester. Wee find Mr. Aldersey, Cozn. Holt, Mr. Knipe, Lady B. and Mrs. Vernon dine with us. After dinner the fine Lady in pleasant humor, recites the Alphabet in Loyal Healths. About 4, wee set hence thoro the park. Robert distracted by the Strong Beer rides like a Fury, shouts along and puts all the park into panic Fear. Wee call on Sir T.B. and his company at Moor [blank], stay 2 Hours over tollerable Ale. Here the gold Cup won at York by Lord Barrymores Mare is produc'd to Us. Mr. Alderman Holt & I only consider the Bearer. Wee join yet in the reckoning and come about 8 to the Red Lyon, Warrington. After their supper and base wine, late to borrowd lodging. 3^s.

31 A fair warm morning. I pay Mr. Fearnhead for Mr. Vaudrey 20 Guineas which are receivd as opportune. Wee equip and proceed calling at the Coffee house, seeing Mr. Blackburns new House at Orford, drinking 2 pints of Wine at Newton with leasure, and to Wigan about 3. John Cross comes to mee at my Cozn. Holts, tells mee Sir Ed. Chisnall desires to see mee at Randle Crooks, Wee go thither and remove to wine at the Cross Keys. Sir Ed. after the matter of Coppul menciond, treats generously, gos about 7. After his recess Mr. Hornby succeeds, detains mee with another pint over his own Busienes, presentacion of his son to the Rectory of Whittington,²² hee is tedious till 10. I recur to Elixir. (6).

22 George Hornby, M.A., deacon Peterborough July 1712, priest Ely May 1714, presented to Whittington 17 September 1716 by Sir Edmund Hornby.

SEPTEMBER 1 Mr. Hornby is with mee about 9, persists and is importunate. His presentation is drawn & hee executes it in my presence. I write to Mr. Roberts about that and a sequestracion. Hee deposits 5 Guineas with mee for his son when hee comes to bee instituted. In the Even Mr. Holt, Mr. Leigh, my son and I drink our pints of Alderman Bennetts white port. (1^s).

2 About 9 My son and I go to Holland. Mr. Birchall has a good discourse in the Morning on (Bee not deceivd, God is not tempted n.t.h.a). Sir Ed. Chisnal comes favorably. Hee, Mr. Markland and Mr. Birchall dine with us at the Owl. My cozn. Holt and part of his Family come after dinner. My son after noon preaches his sermon on Heb.1.v.1.2 to a full & very attentive congregacion. Hee is well approvd of and comended. Our Freinds, among whom Mr. Owen thrusts himself, see and treat us with Ale at the Owl, that gos round till 6 when wee set out and come to Walthew House, Woodhouses & the Meadows after 7, finish the day it being Ned Holts (now the 17th) birth-day, in a pint of Noble Mountain 3^s.6.

3 I begin on Tullys Consolatio and proceed many pages. After dinner my Cozn. Holt and my son go with mee in a brisk Ayr to Mrs. Haydock at Standish. I discourse her about the Arrear due for Licences and desire to see what Bonds and what Blanks were left. Shee pretends Ignorance and produces neither, but a few Licences, some old, filld up. I charg her tenderly with 12, as by my Letter of 3^d of Nov. last, shee, tho with some reluctance, says then shee must (and promises to) pay mee. Wee return in the fine Ayr. And about 6 wee go up to the Cross Keys, talk out our pints, in which Capt. Sinclair of the Cameronian regiment comes in, uses Civility, but lapses into Obscenity, which parts us about 9. (1^s). I pay my Cosen Holt 2^{li}:10, Interest due about the 8 March & 2^{li}:10 due the 24 August last, 5^{li}.

4 About 10 after Tea with Fanny Green, taking provision along. My cozn. Holt, Mr. Levered, Ellen, my son and I set out, by way of the Woodhouses, to Holland. I order 2 Gallons of Richfeilds Ale to follow us to Ayrfeild, where after a walk, wee go to dinner. After with the Ale and 4 Bottles of wine, part of 8 sent by Mr. Mercer, go cheerfully round, in these Mr. Walmesley surprizes us, falls freely into our method. About 4 the weather alters, and in a moment a severe showr with a storm comes from the West, dureing its rage my cozn. Holt makes up the bargain between John Walmesley and mee for his Mare. I am to allow him 8^{li} for her, which, with 10^{li} hee now pays mee, is 18^{li} towards the rent. The showr over wee mount, I call at the Owl and pay for the Ale 2^s:6^d. Wee come on easily to Wigan after 7. Mr. Walmesley draws and treats my cozn. Holt and mee at Mr. Tootells (who was with us). Here the wine as the ascendant over the Justice and makes my Lanlord Tootel prefer the Trade of the Usurers to any other, to the 2 Guests of great Experience. Wee come home about 10. The Clouds break into heavy showrs, which continue all night. 3^s:6.

5 The rain and high winds not intermitting, raise the Floods high beyond the memory of Men. I confine myself some hours in my Chamber, and with pleasure read out the Consolatio. About 6 my Cosn. Holt, my son and I go, the wind high (rain intermitted) to Mr. Walmesley. Hee receives in his hamsom parlor, civilly and freely, with a Tankard of better Ale and 3 pints of Claret. My son (whom hee seems to value) diverts him with recitation of Addisons poem on the Kings Picture, and Satans Address to Eve out of Milton. Wee part about 10. (1^s).

6 Storms all the Night, yet the Water faln here about 2 Yards perpendicular. Wee conclude the river impassible at Warrington, acquiesce and indulge. I read the six paradoxes of Tully and his Laetius or admirable Dialogue de Amicitia. I give my son 10^s. About 6 wee go to the parsonage, are entertained freely with Ale, wine & supper. Mr. Langton from Preston and his son from Chester come to us. Wee stay past 9, are merry with Roberts music an hour, conclude the day with veiw to part tomorrow, in a pint of the noble Mountain to bed about 12. (1^s).

7 The doubtfulness of the weather and my cozn. Holts importunity divert us from Going. Wee are at M. prayers. Mr. Aldersey, Mat. Page and J. Cross dine with us. I pay F. Green for a Quarter of Snuff 2^s:6^d. After dinner return to the Town. Wee visit Alderman Markland. Wee go about 6 to the X Keys, where Mr. Walmsley, Holt, 2 Marklands, myself and son, Sherlock the dancing Master who diverts us with his musick, humor and Nonsense till 9, when it rains. Wee returnd home, and resolvd on our Journy, finish our visit in another pint of Mountain. (1^s).

8 The weather tollerable but dull. John Cross brings hither my Black horse to bee kept, work'd and sold, by my Cosen Holt at discretion. After discharg of Quarters, My cozn. Holt and Town Clark along, wee set out after 9, near Ashton wee meet with about 30 prisoners under Guard from Chester going to there Tryal at Preston. Wee come to Warrington about 12, see Matt. Pages comended black horse which wee do not approve. A dinner of Mutton and Beef-Stakes is provided. I treat my Freinds from Wigan. I call my Cosen Holt a part, and give my reasons for not mencioning yet my dear Cosn., hee is tender & kind. I pay Mr. Fearnhead for Mr. Vaudrey other 20 Guineas. Wee part and set out about 3. At Preston on the Hill, wee overtake Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Bennets (mother & daughter). Wee quicken their rate and under a doubtfull dull sky, come D.O.M.G. safe home about 7. I find contrary to expectation my Suzy return'd from Oulton. I recreate in a pint of Dyson. I gave Mr. Fearnhead 2^s:6^d, spent at Warrington 6^s, My Horses at Wigan 1^{li}:2^s, To my cosen Holts servants 4^s:6^d. I compute all my Expences of this Journy to 3^{li}:2^s:10.

9 After Elixir last night I stay at home. The weather dull not very rainy. I have proper psalms and Lessons read, and divert in the philosophical Books of Tully. In the Evening consider my late Expences in Lancashire over a pint of Dyson.

10 The weather promises more rain. After M. prayers I wait on Mr. Chancellor who discourses to mee on Letters from my Lord about a Commission to institute Mr. Bruce²³ to Wath. I draw a Licence special for Joseph Bevand ad practicandum Artem Chirurgicam et sanguinem mittendum [*illegible*] ad luxatorum Ossium in Articulos suos restitutionem et sanacionem attineat et non aliter.²⁴ I consider a Commission for building and disposing of Seats in the Church of Llanvyllin and draw for my S. a Letter to Mr. Holland to discourse the Master of the Charter House (Dr. King now at Erthyg) in favor of my son Ken. After E. prayers at Alderman Hodgsons Shop, returnd I find Mrs. Birchall of Holland and others with her paying us a visit. I draw Q.B.E. a scheme for the next visitacion over my pint of Dyson.

23 George Bruce, presented to Wath by Robert and James Bruce 1716.

24 Extract from the licence of a physician or surgeon issued by the bishop.

11 After a melancholy Night, an easier tho dull and cloudy day. After some Busienes in Accounts, I see Mr. Chancellor, hee receives mee vultu porrecto and Coffee, promises mee a share of a Bottle of rich wine. Wee go to M. prayers. I dip in Boetius de Consolacione. After dinner (about 2) the Town is alarm'd by a fire broke out some say unaccountably, some by a pipe of Tobacco in a Bark house (Bostock a Tanners) in the Forest Street, the Bark and Hides in a House adjoining make the loss considerable. Mr. Str. and another are with mee about the mony deposited in Eastyn Cause (76^{li}). I desire to discourse Mr. Chancellor (Wynn) about the Form of the Bond to save harmless. After E. prayers, I draw the Decree in that Cause. And divert more in Books over my pint of Dyson till 10.

12 After a Night melancholy beyond description, to divert its influence the weather fair and cool, I resolve and after 9 set out alone to Waverton, my Suzy & Son follow on Horsback. Wee with care inquire after T. Roberts, sick of a delirious Fevor. Wee drink Tea. The Calkins and T. Lightfoot are on Busienes of Overseers Accounts. I give the Clerk in Consideracion of his Care of T. Roberts 1^s. The Curate bears mee company back to the Glass-house, where hee, Witter the Landlord and I in a Tankard and ½ of good Ale remember loyal Healths. Wee dine on a larg Mullet and veal about 4. After at Alderman Hodgsons Shop whence I take Christianus Huygon's Celestial World discover'd, and Dr. Higdens Veiw for which I am to pay 3 & 4 shillings. After retreat to my Corner & domestic pint. I pay Mr. Wm. Bennet Barber, for Mr. Calkin Curat, 2^{li}:10^s.

13 The weather fair, I equip, give my Suzy a Guinea, my son 10^s, the children 2^s:6. After 9 Mr. Stratford and I mount, come easily to Gresford about 11. Mr. Lloyd the intended Surrogate & witnesses not come. After dinner I examine 1 Wittness (Rowland) on the Matter exceptive against Tho. Bostocks Will. Mr. Chancellor comes to us (at the Clerks) about 4, swears and repeats the witnes. Mr. Stratford is in some difficulty to provide Wittnesses proper to his pleading. About 7 the weather changes to rain and a vehement storm, which continue all night. I sup on a pint of red port and after 10 go to my decent, warm and snug retreat, where I am about 3 awakd by the influence of the bad weather or domestic concern.

14 The rain and storm continue, deprive us of our Prospect and the excellent Ayr of this Situacion. Mr. Stratford despairing of sufficient evidence desires Mee to move for accomodation and some Allowance to his Client Bambury, Aunt to Bostock. Mr. Hugh Lloyd the Curate comes & assists in the Applicacion, the other side is obstinate, yet agree to referr it to Mr. Chancellor. Wee in a tollerable interval see the church, admire the proporcion of it and the painted Glass preserv'd. Wee dine and the rain and wind continuing, go to the Chancellors (vicarage), Mr. Lloyd with us. Wee lay the meritts and infirmities of the matter before him and desire his private decision of it. Hee receives us with candor & promises to propose the Aunts case to widow Bostock, and move her to some Gift (wee hint 5^{li}) in consideration of her charges & the Circumstances of the Will. Tis agreed that the Cause depending cease, no Expences to bee tax'd, and the probat proceed under Seal. Tho the rain continue, I can't prevail with Mr. Stratford, as Mr. Chancellor with mee, to stay all night. Hee treats mee with great Civility, a Bottle of good Claret before and another after supper, then after 10 to my very good lodging where yet my sleep is interrupted about 3. I receive from Mr.

Bambury as my Due for Attendance 1^{li}. I give the servants at Gresford 1^s.6^d.

15 After a melancholy night, I rise at 7. The wind is high and frequent showrs prevent mee. I stay with Mr. Chancellor, our discourse is full and free on the great unhappy Case of the Kingdom. I communicate to him my busines of the Charterhouse, and hee promises to mencion it to Dr. King the Master now at Erthig. About 10, in a fair intervall, I set hence, and come safe D.G. to my Corner about 12, & to dinner. After E. prayers, while walking in the broad Ile (when Mr. Dennis complains to my son of the despotic behavior and neglect of Mr. [?Horn] in the school), a vehement showr falls. About 6 Mr. Hornby brings his presentacion to Whittington and Fiat for Institucion from my Lord. I finish the E. over my pint of Dyson. At Mr. Chancellors 2^s. In hopes to releive my indisposicion I recur to Elixir.

16 At 5 the pain in my stomack awakes mee, humors rise into my Head, a dismal scene comes on, a confusion of pain, Horror, Fear, my private difficulties, hurry in a rude array, are aggravated by the common disorder and seem insuperable, under exquisite torments from the pain of the stomack and sultry ideas of the mind (with the sense remaining) I address to the Almighty Phisitian, and in less than an hour D.G. am releivd. I stay at home and have proper reading both parts of the day. Wee advise my son Hary to prepare himself for the Sacrament and have and direct him to reading to that purpose. At night I send for Mr. Stevenson, hee advises mee to Sal Volatile Oleosum. I take about 100 drops in my pint of Dyson, and D.G. sleep well till 5.

17 I answer Mr. Kendricks Letter and desire him to forbear the 20^{li}:13^s.8^d for the quick Stock on the Stamp Account till the visitacion over. Dr. Hancock comes, inquires after my Case and directs to bleeding. Mr. Wilkinson draws about 10 Ounces. Mr. Bunbury drinks Tea with us, as Mr. Hornby, who is today instituted by the Chancellor to Whittington. The weather tho not rainy, dull. I write to Mr. Moulding to accomodate Matters and adjourn the Court intended Thursday next to Thursday the 27th. At 6, invited by Mr. Hornby, I, my son and Mr. Roberts go to him at the Coach & Horses. Hee entertains mee with a pint of white port and the rest with 5 pints of French Claret till 10. I give Dr. Hancock 10^s, Mr. Wilkinson 2^s, to Hary going to his Club 1^s:6^d.

18 I send Robert with my Letter to Mr. Chancellor of St. Asaph to let him kno I writ to Mr. Moulding to adjourn the Court to the 27th. I read Dr. Higdens veiw of the English Constitution, In the Evening (after 6) Mr. Thompson, my son and I go to Mr. Hollands where I send for a pint of white port, they drink Ale, while here a severe showr falls. I am under the effects of that & concern within. Take Elixir. 1^s. Mr. Tho. Calkin stated his Account today about the Glebe & charges of his Carting.

19 After a rainy night, a very dull and gloomy Morning, from that my Elixir, & cause of it. Mr. Hary Bunbury and his 2 sisters drink Tea with us. I read some Chapters of the Defence of the Veiw. I pay for a load of Coals 5^s and to my Suzy 5^s. Mr. Glover is by Mr. Chancellor instituted to the Vicarage of Knaresbrough upon the death of Mr. Ash.²⁵ John Cross comes for a Copy of Mr. Ashton of Fairhurst his Will. I read 40 pages in the Hereditary Right, part of it over my pint of Dyson.

20 After rain in the Night the weather appears doubtfull, in which J. Cross returns, following a considerable number (58) of the prisoners sent under Guard to bee try'd at Preston. After M. prayers my Suzy, son and I go to see the prebendal House. I proceed in the Hereditary Right. After E. prayers about 6, Mr. Thompson, my son and I go to Alderman Bennets, who treats us generously with Graves, Claret and white Port, which wee choose out of 20 sorts namd to us. Mr. Aldcroft Curat joins us, the agreeableness of the company staies us to 12, I drink above my pint of white port. (1^s).

21 Tho the weather is fair, yet not without its influence on an unhappy Constitution. St. Mathews day. Harry gos to Liverpool, I give him 7^s:6^d. Mr. Harry Bunbury and his sisters dine with us. After Even prayers my son repeats his sermon on Nehem. 9 part of 5 & 6 v. to Mr. Thompson and myself. Both the Composicion and repetition are uncommon and comended. Wee pass the Evening, they over a Bottle of Ale, I over my pint of Dyson, till 10.

22 After interrupted sleep a very uneasy morning. After a turn with Mr. Thomson on the Walls, at M. prayers. I give Mr. Holt schoolMaster of Goosgreen toward building the school 2^s. Upon a Letter from Mr. Meredith, I send a Copy of Mr. Arthur Fyttons Will to Robert Myddelton Esq. at Chirk; Search and Copy 5^s:6. I proceed in the Hereditary Right asserted. About 6 my son and I invited by Mr. Tomson go to Mrs. Newtons, where Alderman Bennet, Mr. Marsden, Mr. Calkin Curat and at last Mr. Stones are of the company, they have a hansom dish of meat and Ale, I my pinte of white port to supper.

23 This day dull and bright by Turns. My son has his sermon on 9 Nehem. part of 5 & 6 v. in the Quire and a full auditory, hee delivers it memoriter, The matter & manner are much comended. After dinner Mr. Tho. Wainwright and T. Foulks, as on their return for Oxon tomorrow, take leave with us. I send Ken 1^s by the former. After prayers my S. and I see the prebendal House. I proceed in the Hereditary Right on the Arguments drawn from the Holy Scriptures, read H[enry] 8 his Will over my pint of Dyson.

24 After a dull Night, a very melancholy day. After M. prayers Mr. Tho. Kendrick calls on mee about the Stamps and the 20^{li}:13:8 for the quick stock which I promise to pay at Ormskirk 3 Nov. I pay for butter 10^s, Alderman Hodson for Higdens View and Huygens Celestial Worlds, 10^s. My son tells mee Dr. Fogg remitts him to mee for 2 or 3 years arrear of my rent for his payment & Jeffry tells mee Mr. Foulks expects his arrears of the stamp Account. Fluctus, fluctum sequitur, and almost overwhelm mee, Mrs. Beech and Alderman Partington dine with us. After E. prayers, I promote with designe ease my mind & elude my Troubles, a walk with Mr. Thomson to Hool Heath. I perform it under a dismal weight. After about 7 Mr. Thomson, my son & self join our several 1^s.8 for a Gallon of Mr. Dysons port of both colours, wee over the ½ of it pass the Evening agreeably and with some releif to myself.

25 At 3 awakd into melancholy thoughts, I am torturd under them till 7. I get up into the Light of the day and am a little releiv'd. I draw the condicion of a Bond to save harmles from the payment of the mony 76.4:2½ in the Cause of Eastyn. I pay Mr. Potter his Note 10^s. At the Coffee house where the News gives Account of raising the seige of Corfu, and investing of Temeswaer. The day passes very dully

and especially some moments in the prebendal House. After E. prayers Mr. Thompson and I with the same purpose as last Night to divert pressing Cares, in a brisk Ayr go to Hool Heath, return about 6 and call up the other half of our red and white port purchas'd last night.

26 The weather has a doubtfull Aspect. I leave with my Suzy 4 Guineas and 2^s among the children. About 9 my son and I set hence, pass Northop about 12, proceed the tedious 4 Miles in a deep and rude road and severe rain to Holywel. Wee come there about 1, wee see the Well and are teazd by its Beggars, Wee have a sordid dinner of suspicious Mutton in a cold room at the Starr, which yet costs mee 4^s.2. Wee go for and find releif at the Crown, Mr. Yongs in a Bottle of excellent Claret. After 4 set hence and on the Mountain meet a severe storm & rain, are in the dark in bad way, call on Mr. Moulding and his Tip, come drencht thoro to Gwernygron ½ h. after 7, find welcom free & refresh in Wine.

27 Frequent shows fall and my dull indisposicion sitts close. About 10 I wait on the Bishop and Chancellor. After prayers the Court, where in many Assignacions, small busienes. Wee dine with my Lord when my complaints D.G. vanish to my admiration. After E. prayers at B. Barns. I examine 2 Wittnesses in a Cause of Nannerch (Diff). Come thence to Gwernygron about 7. I find here a consort of Music & sup on a pint of my good port. 4^d.

28 Cloudy, rainy and fair by Turns. About 9 I step to the Chancellor at the palace, wee agree about the process of Llandyssell. I desire him to lay my son Kens case about Eleccion to the Charter House before my Lord. Hee dos with freedom and Favor. I return to Gwernygron and begin the 3^d Tuscul. Q. After dinner and a Glass my Bro. Evans, my son and I go to E. prayers. After these wee wait on the Bishop and Chancellor to the palace. Wee drink Tea, over which I move Kens Case and desire my Lords favor which hee promises mee, to the ArchBishop of Canterbury, wee part about 6, and in a fair interval, come to Gwernygron, where the Harp entertains the rest while I recreate over another pint of my old port. 6^d.

29 After early Rhubarb an easy sleep. The weather cloudy and clear by Turns perswades our stay from M. prayers. I read out the 3^d Tuscul Q., take a short walk about the House. After dinner and Healths, wee go to the Church and prayers. These over, Mr. Evans, my son & I, invited, go to Mr. Mouldings. Hee pays mee on Account 8^{li}:4:10 and treats with 2 Bottles and ½ of good Claret. Mr. Edwards the Stamp Inspector sends to mee here, I call on him in his retirement at B. Barns. Hee says hee will see mee in a few days at Chester. Wee come by Lanthorns about 8 to Gwernygron. The rest to pigeon pye, I in Mr. Mouldings wine, to bed. 1^s:6.

30 The weather cloudy without rain. After Tea and 9, wee go to the Church. The Bishop had all the week kept the sermon in suspence, but at prayers tells my son hee is to preach which hee do's on his chosen text 1 Heb.1.2. My Lord invites mee and my son to dinner, Mr. Carter and his Lady and Mr. Howell Lloyd are neighborly Guests. After dinner, wine, philosophy & policy about the Table. After E. prayers my son invites Mr. Jones who sung his desird Anthem (Psalm 89). Mr. Evans & Gerard to my office, where hee treats them with 2 Bottles of port. I go with Mr. Jones (Chaplain) and others to Mr. Babingtons, where new Ale & old wine are mixt. Wee come to Gwernygron about 6, go to our several suppers, mine a pint of my office Claret. 2^s 3^d.

OCTOBER 1 The season calme yet rainy clouds. I begin on the 4th Tuscul. Q., go to the office where I receive 5^{li} from Mr. Hughs, part of his Arrears of Office Fees and Acts. After M. prayers Mr. Moulding and Hughs come with us home where wee dine plentifully and after, sit down to good Ale and wine till 6. I give to my poor woman recomended by my sister Evans 2^s:6^d. I draw a process in Llandysseil by their supper and write to my Suzy.

2 Tho a dull morning and the East wind drives the clouds vehemently, my daughter and Neece Peggys prepare early. I give 5^s to bear their charges. They sett out after 8, an hour after the Clouds break on the Mountains in their way, this makes mee repent their going. About 10, my Brother Evans and I, in the rain extended, go to prayers with difficulty. The Bishops invitacion prevents not our return to our private Mutton Dinner. Tho wee solace under a warm Cover, wee lament the Case of the Travellers. Wee draw out the hours with reading and musick. I end the 4 Tuscul Q. This place is now full of Expectacion of the Event of a bold pretender to prophecy his prediction who according to it, dy'd and was put in a Coffin at 7 in the Morning yesterday and was to rise at 9 to morrow. In their supper I take mine, a pint of white port.

3 Black clouds still hover about confin'd by the mountains and showrs constantly fall. I begin in the 2 Tuscul. Q. After 11 Mr. Evans, my son and I go to Mr. Mouldings, dine treated with pulletts, Bacon, mutton, Ale, good wine of both colours and brandy. Wee return darkling about 6, are entertaind by Foulk the pretended prophets brother with Circumstances of the Cheat, That about 7 on Munday hee was upon his sickly departure, lockt in the Coffin about 1 Tuesday Morning, upon his motion and notice the Coffin was open'd, hee pretended to tell of visions of persons lately dead in the neighborhood, said the Lords Prayer and returnd to rest. About 1 yesterday, hee was taken out of his Coffin by the servants of Mr. Mostyn of Read, Justice, laid some hours on a Bed and restord to his Coffin. That this morning hee was brought by the Constable before Mr. Mostyn, made confession of the imposture which was taken in writing by the Curat of Dysert. (2^s).

4 This morning rises with a cheerfull Aspect. I read the 2^d Tuscul. Q. Mr. Evans, my son & I go to prayers. My Lord is gon to Read (Mr. Mostyns). Mr. Moulding going to Chester to attest at a Commission there, delivers to mee the Keys of the Office. The weather alters. About 2 Mr. Evans and I go to E. prayers read by Mr. Maurice. After these, Mr. Maurice, Evans, Gerard and I drink our pints at B. Barnes. Maurice impudently maintains corrupt opinions, in the Church and State Affairs, while here the 2 North Wales Judges, Jessop and Cumberbach pass in hansom equipage, they proposd to stay, but B. Barns conscious advises them to proceed (now past 4) to Holywell, a tedious Step in the dirt and dark. Wee come to Gwernygryn about 5. I proceed, over Music, Supper & my pint, ½ way in the 5 Tuscul. Q.

5 The clouds fall to the midle of the Mountains, a doubtfull prognostic. I proceed with industry in the 5 Tuscul. Q. I pay my brother Evans, takeing the time as seasonable, 5^{li} part of this years Interest. After Tea and Coffee, to the Town, full of the Fair, Cattle and dirt, wee go to prayers. After these a fresh rain. Mr. Evans, my son and I dine at the palace. After E. prayers, wee call at the office and take 2

Bottles of my old port along with us, come home in Clear Ayr. I begin the 5th Tuscul. Q. and begin a Sermon of Mr. Norris on (Our Conversacion is in Heaven). Robert returns from Chester with an Account from my Suzy how the removal of my Family proceeds at Chester. Wee remember our Freinds over a Bottle of Claret and my pint of white wine. 2^s:6.

6 After a starry Night, a cheerfull and sunny day. I end Mr. Norris his sermon and begin the 1st Tuscul. Q. The day invites to recreacion, some, my Lord to Lleneny, my self twice with Mr. Evans to the Town and Church. After E. prayers wee go to see Mr. Gerard, where Mr. Babington makes too much discourse on the Organ betw. the Dean & Chapter and Mr. Hollister. After 6 wee return and agree to sup on a Bottle of old red port.

7 After a stormy night, a blowing day without rain. I begin and end a sermon of Bishop Beveridge on Fasting, and read part of his sermon on happines of Saints. I give my Son 5^s. Wee go to Church where Mr. Jones (Chaplain) fills the Quire too full on 1 Tim. 1.15. My son stays at the Sacrament and dines with my Lord. Mr. Evans and I in a brisk Ayr return to Gwernygron. After dinner, to prayers, which over, a company fills a room at B. Barn's. Mr. Moulding returnd from Chester tells mee my family was well there yesterday. About 6 wee come home. My son (without his M.S.) repeats very readily his Sermon on Nehemiah 9.5.6. They at their supper have a Bottle of red, I a pint of white port.

8 The Clouds driven by the S. wind make a doubtfull sky in the morning. I read Bishop Beveridge X sermon vol. iv of the Comunion of Saints and finish the 1 Tusc. Q. Wee dine at home and solace. About a close of Land my sister Evans with too much height of Spirit and passion attacks Mr. Foulks her Landlord who hears and answers with patience and decency. About 3 to the Town. After prayers wee at Mr. Mouldings settle the daies of Correccion and process of Llandyssell. After Ale and 2 Tipps, Mr. Evans & I in deep dirt and darkling under a rainy sky come home about 7, they to their supper, I to my pint, turning Seneca. To a poor Neighbor of Sister Evans 1^s.

9 Early rain under a black Hemisphere, Jeffry Williams brings mee a Copy of the Citacion of Llandyssell which I examine with the original. Speak to him of his Study, busienes, inclinacion and find the last to our practice, injoin him silence. Turn Seneca de ira et Clementia, the rain continuing confines us home all day to our several Books. I read Senecas Consol. ad Helviam & the 1st B. of Tullys offices, begin the 2^d over their supper & my pint.

10 The weather not rainy but clouds and wind threaten. I begin the 3 B. of Offices omitting the 2^d imperfect. Wee go to prayers and with Mr. Mostyn of Read, Wynn of Gop, Williams of Denbigh &c dine with my Lord, have discourse with him about Llandyssell and consent to return home. After E. prayers with Mr. Jones, Chaplain, at B. Barns, where Mr. Moulding is in a mellow humour. Wee bring a Bottle of Claret from the office, they drink that, I my pint of white port. 2^s.

11 The morning black and stormy easily perswades us, tho prepar'd, to stay and tho every hour improves the weather and clears the skies, wee defer our journey. Wee go to Tea, Coffee and Bookes. I finish the 3^d B. of the Offices. After dinner and a bottle, the weather inviting, Mr. Evans, my son & I walk the length of the Row, beyond Mr. Salisburys, returning call on Mr. Moulding at the office, go with

him thence to his house. Hee treats us with 2 Bottles of excellent Claret and a Tip, wee come home by a bright moon, after 7, they sup. After over a pint wee sit till 12. To the first Maid 2^s:6, to John Spen 2^s:6, to his wife 1^s.

12 The sun rises glorious, but is quickly coverd with clouds which spread over the hemisphere. I give my son 5^s. Wee dispatch in preparacion. I give the maid and man each 2^s, to Suzy Evans 2^s:6, to two poor women 1^s:6. After Tea and Coffee my brother & sister Evans bring us to Mr. Mouldings who treats with Claret & Brandy, wee set out about 11. Before Brickhill the rain begins and grows upon us, wee take the middle of the Mountain, pass rich mines out of which heaps of Ore glitter on the Bank, on the Mountain near Mole a Gair wee meet Simonds a Messenger from the Dean & Chapter to my son. The rain continuing wee call at Northop where the impotent Hostess calls to her Assistance, a neighbor to cook up a mean dinner of Stakes which with the Ale & Horses amounts to 4^s.6^d. Wee remount about 4 in a shower which grows feirce & continues so all the way. On this side Hawarden $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile, my Mare, on a narrow causway, has a dangerous stumble on both sides. I am only sensible of the good providence that preserv'd mee in the danger. The Mare recovers with strength & spirit. I suspected my right leg, feel (D.G.) the bones whole, but my foot hurt. About 6, wee enter Chester in a steeping rain, ride thoro the Abby Court, find the prebendal House unready, a dull scene on all sides assaulted by storms & showrs. My Suzy entertains my son in his own house with a Bottle of Claret, mee with a pint of Dyson. Q.B.E. to bed the 1st time here about 11. My good Freind Alderman Bennet chosen Mayor this day.

13 The weather fair but languid, indispos'd of my Fall, I stay at home, takeing only a Turn to the office, Abby Court, Norgate Street. Mr. Allen tells mee the sad story of Mr. Denham his Killing a Man in Macclesfield for which hee is now a prisoner in the Castle. I pay Platt the Taylor 1^{li}.4^s, Tho. Roberts on Account 1^{li}. After dinner I repose an hour. Mrs. Midyletons servant come to us with her Complement. I recover spirits over my pint of Dyson. I compute the Charges of my Journy to 2^{li}:12^s:11^d.

14 The weather takes a fair and propitious aspect. The Cathedral with patience and respect stay almost an Hour of the Solemnity of the City. Alderman H. Bennet the Mayor enters after 10 with Sir Richard Grosvenor the last Mayor and a full attendance. Dr. Fogg and my son read the prayers. Mr. Aubrey has not a Discourse up to the Audience. I salute and congratulate my Freind the Mayor, my son invited dines with him. After E. prayers retire to Busienes, and the Decree of Llandyssell. I pay (to night) John Duckworth for a Tun of Coals sent to Warton, 4^s. End in a pint of Dyson.

15 The sky yet clear and cheerfull. I write to Mr. Babington by Jeffry who gos on the business of Llandyssell to St. Asaph. About 11 Sir Hen. Bunbury and Mr. Chancellor see us. Sir Henry leaves with mee 5^{li} for Dr. Thane. Mr. Roberts pays mee for Decrees, Copy's &c 1^{li}.7.5. I pay Mr. Bennet Collector of the Land Tax for $\frac{1}{2}$ year payment for the prebendal 12^s, for Abby Court house 4^s. I write to Mr. Jones, Chaplain in behalf of Mr. Tho. Jones about Letters dimissory. Mr. Thomson comes to us in the Evening, and over their Ale and my pint of Dyson, I dispatch some Busienes.

16 After a stormy night which occasions some interupcion of our sleep, a fair but

windy morning. I go the 1st Time, hence, to early prayers. Mr. Thomson calls, wee go to the Coffee House where the papers are full of a Treaty of Alliance advanc't betwixt England, France and the Dutch. My son and Mr. Tomson go to Warton. After noon several persons, Mr. Hultons Family visit us. At night Mr. Tomson, Mr. Stones and his wife, they sitt till 10. I am at my Desk and go on with the company in my pint of Dyson.

17 The sun makes a glorious return to the East and the bright and golden Canopy presently alters to a sky of colors and strokes inimitable and admirable. I go to early prayers & apply the psalms for this morning to my present case. I write to my Lord of Chester about Letter dimissary for Mr. Tho. Jones. I pay 2 payments of the Tax to the poor at Warton, 16^s.8^d, for a load of Coals 4^s. A Court of Visitacion is held for the Deaneries of Chester & Wirrall. I write (and send Mrs. Williams of Stainsty her Will) to Mr. Hen. Fisher, upon his Letter by the Wrexham post (Samuel). I apply to Busienes before & over my pint of Dyson.

18 St. Lukes day. My S. and I to early prayers from whence Mr. Morrey comes and stays with and dines with. I wait on Lord Barrymore to the Coffee House. Mr. Roberts brings mee 40 Guineas seasonable D.G. to make up a sum borrow'd out of the Eastyn mony. After E. prayers my son and I follow Lord Barrymore to Mr. Mayor's, whence hee is gon to Mr. Sewell, here wee find him, his Lady and others, Music, Wine, supper danceing draw the time (very dully to myself alone) till 10 when my Lord and Lady recede. Mr. Jo. Bunbury, my son, Mr. Jones Organist and I stay and the wine and conversacion pass cheerfully till 2 when wee return by the Moon.

19 Indispos'd from last night and more from private affairs. Mr. Roberts and Jeffry go to a Court of Visitacion at Frodsham. I see Mr. Boucher who shows mee a Letter from Sir J. Vanbrugh in a dictateing and triumphant Stile. I pay John Kemp his Note 14^s paid to a long Labour for 2 daies work in the Garden 1^s.8^d. Mr. Starkie Vice Chamberlain comes to mee on a visit. To Harry 2^s. My Suzy gives mee Account that shee paid about Michaelmasday to Alderman Partington 10^{li}.15^s, to my daughter Lydia, 2^{li}.3^s. I write to John Crosse and in the Evening over a parting Bottle and pint with my Suzy and son, prepare for my journey tomorrow.

20 The uneasiness of the Night influences the morning. Upon the present difficulties which surround mee, I intimate my mind, and my son determines not to go (as hee intended) on Munday. I refresh with Tea and Coffee. After 9 Mr. Stratford and I set out at Marford, a black cloud with a storm falls on us. I refresh with a Tip of Brandy which has good effect on my hand. I come to the Court sitting, that over, to the Sun where 3 Causes determind, the 4th, Llansanfrayd, heard. The Chancellor go's about 7 by the Moon. Mr. Moulding, Str., Hughs & I go to my Lodging the Lyon, wee cheerfully drink 2 Bottles & a pint of good French Claret. I pay the Eastyn mony, deposited 76^{li}.4^s, & take for poundage 1^{li}. Expence today 3^s.6.

21 The weather high to a storm. About 9 I go to my cozn. Eyton at the office and her Tea, and after Church, with Will. Eyton, dine there. Mr. Holland tells mee his discourse with Dr. King. After the 2^d sermon (both by the Curat Mr. Jones) Will. Eyton and I go to Mr. Fishers. After a pint of decayd port, wee go to the Vicarage where Mr. Price entertains us freely with Ale and a Bottle of good Viana. About 8 to my Inn where ½ pint of port with my Lanlord. 1^s.

22 The morning bright, I design a visit and past 8, set out and come to Gwersilt about 9, am told that Mrs. Middleton had that moment, taken horse for Chester. Mr. Shakerley receives mee with great Civility, good Coffee, brandy and forces on mee a colourd Cutt of Mr. Hearn of the pavement discover'd at Stansfeild. Hee going to Borrass parts with mee at the Chancellors where I dine, and after generously treated with a Bottle of good French & free policy, I leave with him 2 Significavits.²⁶ My Lord Bishop is minutely expected. Therefore tho in a dull & rainy Evening, I set hence about 4 and come very wett, but D.G. very safe, to my yet uneasier retreat about 6. I recreate in part of a pint of white Lisbon. The Charges at my Inn, 8s:11, by the way 1s:6, the days before 4s:6, in all 14s:11.

23 Wee rise to early prayers where wee meet Mrs. Middleton. About 8 wee observe an unusual appearance of the body of the sun, thoro a[?spin] medium contracted to an orb less than 2 Foot Diameter, its coulour deep red as blood for about 2 Minuits, it brightens by slow degrees, bad weather, at least, is prognosticated. About 9 Mr. Hesketh of Meols and Mr. Thomson drink Tea with us. After 10 I visit Mrs. Middleton, shee treats mee with Coffee. I pay ½ years Land Tax for Warton 2li:11s, for a load of Coals 5s:7d. After dinner very dull repose an hour. After step to Mr. Hodsons, and sit an hour with Mrs. Alicea Oldfeld. In the Evening, over my pint of Dyson, the Bishop of Ely's Charge is read.

24 After a rainy and melancholy night, a bright sunny Morning. I yesterday gave 10s to my Son a Fee for Dr. Hancock. I pay ½ years Tax for the Registrars office 2li:4s. For the Dean Rurals office 1li. I write to Mr. Haynes and to Mr. Parr. After dinner and a dull refreshment in my Chair, I apply to the Acts in the Cause of Kemmies to be transmitted. I continue in them to the Sentence, vidt over my pint of Dyson to 10 a clock.

25 After 3 hours of exquisite and inexpressible pain of Mind from the Debts & difficulties I apprehend inavoidable, I get up to prayers about 7. After these and the search of a Will, I write to Mr. Hulton to excuse my Attendance (as I intended) at Manchester. The pains continue severly on my Mind. After dinner I walk, my son and Mr. Thomson ride to Christleton in a cheerfull sweet Ayr. Mr. Townsend receives us with good Ale and white wine. I return home about 6, and run thoro the rest of the Acts of Kimmies. I lay down to S. Partington to make up payment of some Notes for my Brother Evans 11s:6d. Mrs. Townsend send us a present of pork. I give her maid 1s. I make experiment of a pint of Ale about 10, sleep till 3, am then tormented with my usual pains.

26 In a fair promising Morning wee are at early prayers. Mrs. Middleton drinks Coffee & sits more than an hour with us. I finish the Certificats of Transmission. Mr. & Mrs. Townsend dine with us, wee after drink a Bottle of Claret, pint of white and Ale. After 4 Mr. Tomson, my son and I go to Ashfeild to see his Horse, come back darkling. About 6 wee go to the Mayors Club, a civil mercantile one, at the White Talbot, are cheerfull in a circle of 13 till 10. Wine is the Liquor and every one according to the rule drinks his pint. 1s:2d.

26 'Significavit' is a writ issued to the sheriff requesting him to arrest the person named in it and hold him or her in custody until the Consistory Court calls the case.

27 After a dismal Night wherein, at 3, my pains return'd, a brisk fair Morning returns. I endeavor to alleviate them by a Turn with my son round the City wall. I pay Samuel Walmesley for his work about the House 15^s. As Trustee for Mr. Massie, I execute 2 Deeds to Mr. Symond & Price of Herefordshire by which they mortgage each an Estate to pay Mr. Massie each 1000^{li}, with Interest. Urgd by my pain, I send for Mr. Wilkinson who draws from mee about 8 ounces of Blood. I am in a few hours sensible of the pain abated. I draw an Absolucion for Capt. Griff. Jones & deliver it to the Curat of Trinity. I decline going to the Mayors with my son and read & recreate over a pint of Dyson. After great hopes of an easy night, my pain awakes mee at 1. I venture on Elixir, which procures sleep till 6.

28 Sts Simon and Jude. I repeat Elixir and stay at home, have proper reading for the day. My son go's to Warton and returns about 3. Mr. Otty and his yong wife visit us. I write tonight to Capt. Griffith Jones (now at the Red Lyon at Charing Cross) and inclose the Absolucion & Certificate in it. I charg for postage of his Letter, for the Absolucion & Certificate and desire him to pay the sum (6^s:8^d) to Mr. Parr. In hope of good rest I go to bed about 10, but am awakd exactly at 1. After an opiat of Snail water I repose 2 hours, the rest of the night very Uneasy.

29 The morning dull, my pain continues severe till I rise (about 9). I get Mr. Boucher to write to Mr. Roberts the uncertain Account of my Health and comeing to Wigan. After noon Mrs. Alicea Oldfeld and her sister visit us. I pay to the Gardiner 1^s, to the tall Labourer 10^d for their work this day. I turn over most of the Narrative of the proceedings against the Bishop of St. Asaph (Bishop Jones) and in an interval of my pains venture on a pint of Dyson, which I end about 9. Having drank above 40 drops of Sal volatile in my wine I suspect it hinderd my sleep, awakd mee about 2. After my Snail water Opiate I enjoy an hours rest, after this, the sultry pain returns. I ly till 9 very uneasy.

30 The Bells chime an early compliment to the Prince of Wales his birth day. The weather fair and kindly, my pain, when up, intermits but leaves a fearfull remembrance of it. I take 41 drops of Sal volatile in my Tea before dinner. After noon, Mr. Fogg, Mrs. Bennet and her daughter visit us. About six the Guns begin to fire at the Castle and are follow'd thrice by the 2 Regiments plac'd almost round the Wall, in hedg firing. In that time, I divert in reading and by Dr. Hancocks advice, over a pint of Dyson.

31 After a painfull night, I rise before 6, prepare for my journy and leaving the necessary Expences of my Family (Q.B.E.) to be discharg'd by my son in tender resentments. I take horse about 11, the weather holds fair and the Sun shines out. About 12 I pass Warrington and call at Ashton (W. Woods) about 1. A Woodcock is hansomly don and is my dinner. Mr. Watkinson keeps mee company and pays mee for 3 Licences 3^{li}:6^s. I set hence about 4 and come to Wigan about 5. Mr. Chancellor and the company in a few Minuits after come from Chorley. About 8 I go to my Coz. Holts where in an easy lodging I meet uneasy repose. 2^s:8^d.

NOVEMBER 1 All Saints. My Coz. (german) Walthew sees mee, acknowledges my kindnes in lending her a Guinea some years ago (which I had forgot) and promises to repay it. I give her leave to sit in my seat in Wigan Church and my cozn. Loveday Holt brings her to it. I follow and sit with them. Mr. Eden reads the

prayers and a Homily. I dine with my cozn. Holt. After write, and send Robert to Mr. Haydock. After E. prayers Mr. Chancellor, Aldersey, Holt, Hilton, Stratford, Roberts & I go to Nany Tootells, find her oppress'd by number of soldiers (3 Troops of Honywoods Dragoons being since noon come hither), wee drink wine both colours and part about 8. I enjoy after Snail water a more tollerable night D.G. 1^s.

2 The weather dull without rain, till night. John Cross brings John Shaw, who pays mee 20^{li} on Account. The Busienes is very mean beside appearances on presentments. Mr. Kendrick & Fearnhead meet mee in the same juncture. I take some pills from Mr. Valentine. In the Even Mr. Chancellor, Hulton & I go to the parsonage. I am under the dull effects of my pain and am not diverted by Mr. Hiltons rude & unsavory Freedom with Mr. Aldersey. I am this night too assisted by Snail & Bryany water.

3 After a rainy night a dull morning. I am ready, but advis'd by the company, go not to Ormskirk. I pay Fanny Green for Linnen Cloth 1:12^s:6. My cozn. Kendrick (after M. prayers) tells mee hee receivd (yesterday) from Mr. Roberts for the quick stock of Blanks 20:13:8. The Clerk of Standish brings mee from Mr. Haydock 5^{li} and prevails with mee to accept of 3^{li} more to bee paid to my Cozn. Holt in full. After Ev. prayers Mr. Aldersey draws my cozn. Holt & I into Nanny Tootells. Mr. Walmesley and Alderman Markland follow as Mr. Leigh & Sherlock the Dancing Master. The three rich men talk with tast and pleasure on their estates & purchases. Mr. Walmesley seems luxurious in the words about them. Alderman Markland pays my club 8^d, Wee part about 9. My cozn. Holt last Night comunicated his purpose to purchase the Hall and Demesne of Ince, a good & larg one, that his kinsman of Shevington will Copartner with him the purchase about 4000^{li}.

4 After a severe Night a dull Morning. My thoughts throng'd with exquisite pains & reflections. Mr. Aldersey has a good discourse on the Sacrament. Mr. Ashburner dines with us, & in terms plain even to comical, tells us the substance of a discourse hee had with a papist on Transubstantiacion. After dinner, my cozn. Holt treats mee with a pint of noble Mountain wine. The weather fair and bright. I mount after 2 and come by Ashton & Newton Chapells to Warrington before 5. I expected to meet the Chancellor &c but they went to Liverpool. I send for Mr. Fearnhead, wee have a pint and ½ of white port, 8^s:4^d.

5 After a night much more favorable for sleep and ease than I have enjoyd since my pains began, I rise before 7. Go with Mr. Fearnhead to Mr. Vaudreys house, am told hee is with Mr. Ashurst at Dalton. I set out about 8, my Mare falls lame in the road, yet wee come safe home D.G. about 12. The Bells and other solemnities of this day go on. I continue at home till E. prayers. Mr. Thompson comes home with my son & myself. Dr. Stillingfleet his discourse against Resignacion Bonds is read with observacion. I sup on my pint of Dyson. My pains return severely about 2. I am reliev'd by Elderberry water. 5^s.8^d. I pay a neighbor sent to mee by my Cosen Sale for a Hundred of her Cheese 1^{li}:10^s.

6 A brisk Frost this day. I go to the office, my indisposicion is severe, a walk round the Wall with my son & Mr. Thompson do not divert it. I apply an hour to reading. After dinner my son and I go to Christleton, hee calls to see Mr. Clopton, now weak, & comes to mee at Mr. Townsends. Here wee call at the Glass-house,

where Mr. Townsend, Hulton, Middlehurst, Witter &c have a Club. I sit an hour, uneasily, in their discourse of Greyhounds. Mr. Hulton, my son and I return by the new Moon about 6. I indevor to recover my spirits by my pint of Dyson. I compute the Charges of my Journy to 17^s.

7 I am awak'd about 3 and continue in Torment till 6, after which a short repose. After Gruell in a delicate sunny morn and brisk frost, take a walk round the walls with my son. Mr. Lewis of Ruthland calls and advises with mee & my son about printing his sermon preachd upon Mr. Conways marriage. I write to Mr. Barrett of the Commons. Dr. Hancock calls, I give him his Fee 10^s. I gave last Even 7^s to Harry to buy him a Hatt. Paid for 3 Measures of wheat 15^s:3^d.

8 From 2 till 5 in a very unhappy condicion. About 7 rise in a cold frosty morning. It is a Court day of smal Busienes. My son Harry gos to Liverpool designing for St. Christophers. I give him 4 Guineas. I am servd with a proces to transmit the Decree in Llandyssell, the Mandatory leaves 20^s with mee. I examine 2 Wittnesses on Perkins Matter. I write to Mr. Legh of Lyme about the presentacion to Tarporley on my sons Account. Mr. Ashton & Mr. Thompson sit with us in the Ev. 2 hours, I have my pint in that time.

9 My pain begins at 2, improves to a deplorable degree till 6. I take with Mr. Tomson and my son 3 Turns on roodee extremely affected. I pay for 2 load of Coales 10^s:4^d. I begin and finish the Transmission of the Decrees and end the Even in my pint.

10 I count all the motions of the Clock from 1 to 6, in great pain. I take 3 Aloes pills, after take a melancholy Turn to the Office and the old house, where old objects affect mee; write to Mr. Everard Exton about Standish's Administracion. After dinner in the study where the psalm & Lessons are read to mee. In the Even over my pint I read the 3^d Tusc. Q. after I had seen Mr. Ashton. I am very easy after my pills about 10, and then go to bed in hopes of a good night, but alas! am dissappointed, For,

11 About 2 I am awak'd and continue so in torment, notwithstanding my Suzys pains and indevors, by Rosemary posset &c till 8 when wee rise. I stay at home & have the psalms and lessons read. I go to Evening prayers, after which drink the 1st glass of the Calilyate wine. An hour after, my son and I invited, go to Alderman Puleston, hee treats generously with Oisters and 2 Bottles of Claret, one of which very excellent, yet am I dull of my distemper, part about 9. I give the maid 1^s.

12 I am contrary to hopes wakd about 2, kept awake by an obstinate vigilancy tho less pain, till 8. I then take another, my 2^d Glass of steel wine, after it walk in a fair day to Mr. Townsends, sit an hour, drink a pott of Ale and return about 12. About 2 Jeffry go's for St. Asaph. I retreat to my chamber where with my Suzy and son, I discourse my Circumstance with hope to recover it. I pay for Coals 5^s:2^d. After prayers I take my third Glass. At 6 go with my son to the White Talbot, where Mr. Wilbraham, Tomson, Cheshire, Leftwich junior, wee stay till 9. I drink my pint of white wine. 1^s.

13 About 2 my pains return, about 4 I am releiv'd for a short space by Snail water, from 6 for half an hour, another Nap, rise at 8 and take my 4th Glass. Take with Mr. Tomson a turn round the Walls beside 3 Turns on the Cop. His discourse on persons refusing the Sacrament is too grave for mee at this time. I pay Mr.

Batho for his horse to my cozn. Holts funeral 6^s, to Margaret Evans for my Mares grass with her 3^s.4^d. Mr. Chancellor calls on mee with a Letter from my Lord about the rates of Livings under 80^{li} p.A. While hee is here Mr. Turner of Coverham, a most litigious Clergyman, calls here, desires his presentacion out of the Registry and a process against Mr. Thisleworth licenc'd Curat of Horsehouse Chapell in that parish by the Bishop as unlawfully admitted by his Lordship. Mr. Chancellor treats him with severe language, the Man well practiced in confidence defends himself. After dinner and E. prayers, I take my 4th Glass. Mr. Turner sees mee agen & teases mee for the presentacion. About 7 I enter on my pint of Claret with my son, to Bed about 11.

14 I am awakd at 1, and am continu'd in an invincible vigilancy and melancholy thoughts till 8, when up, take my 5th Glass of my chalybeat wine, search for and find the presentacion to Coverham, am with Mr. Chancellor about the small livings. After dinner with Mr. Hulton who with a pint of Claret gives little hopes of Mrs. Kenney. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Whitehall & her daughter visit us. I pay for a load of Coles 4^s.6^d. I drink my 6th Glass about 4. At Evening try posset instead of wine, and after, a small Tip of Brandy and to bed about 9 and awakd at 11. My son paid today to Mr. Crane, painter for his work at Warton 18^s.10^d.

15 Ly all the night under dismal Apprehensions till 5 when Elderberry wine procures a happy Nap, rise after 8. Jeffry pays mee from his Father 17:1:11. After, at the office, Mr. Bouchers chamber and the Court easy of dispatch. I take a Turn on the Walls. After dinner Mr. Turner comes & uses both importunate & scornfull behavior to have mee trust him for his Fees. I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Maddoc, take about 4 (as I did about 8 in the morning) my Glass of Calybeat. In the Even, my son, Mr. Tomson and I are at Mr. Stones, entertain'd with Ale and wine. About 9 my son Harry surprizes us. Hee comes for his Box, about 1. I send Robert with him (in the night) to the Rock, this shocks mee! I go to bed about 11.

16 And wake about 2, have till 4 a dismal time, when D.G. snail water helps mee to a sleep till 6. Up about 8, I take another Glass of Calybeat, take a walk on roodee, a dull one. After Tea to prayers, sort the pamphlets in the Study. After dinner, to the office, take my 10 Glass and to E. prayers. Mr. Ince comes about 5 to visit us, hee offers the old house with the addicion of a Closet to the Garden, but will not abate the old Value, 16^{li}.10^s. Wee drink a pint of Lisbon.

17 I am awak'd before 1 into great pains and apprehensions, indevor and about 4, procure a short sleep, by Snail water and Alderberry, rise before 8 and with Mr. Tomson take a walk by the E. and Bridg Gate and 2 Turns on roodee. I comunicate to him the nature of my disorder. Hee advises kindly as a Freind, gravely as becomes a good man and divine. After my Tea take a melancholy turn to Alderman Partingtons shop, am movd by many objects, my Suzy comes, wee return to dinner. My son paid to Mr. Burnet for Mr. Calkin Curate, 4^{li}. After E. prayers Mr. Tomson staies with mee, over Nicol's Comon Prayer. I drink ½ pint of Dyson and to bed about 11, &

18 Am awak'd about 1, and continue in severe pains till 4, am releiv'd by a sleep till 6, rise dull at 8, stay at home and my S. reads as the day directs. After E. prayers, Mr. Marsden sees us an hour. Mr. John Allen, a very good and usefull person, who dy'd on Friday, is bury'd to night, lamented. A considerable rain falls

with storm. My son at Warton today, returns in it. I took at the phisical hours today, my Chalybeat, venture on my part of a pint of Dyson. My son (first time) reads Ev. prayers to my Family. I go in good hopes to bed after 9 and am awak'd at 11.

19 Tho my Suzy uses all means, reading in the Crusade 2 hours, snail water & Elderberry to overcome my obstinate vigilancy, tis in vain, except the repose of a Quarter of an hour, so that in this night I reckon the most dismal apprehensions, rise after 8, take my Calybeat. I pay the washerwoman 1^{li}:10^s. At M. prayers, after with Mr. Dyson drink a pint of his Mumm. After dinner a short repose, take (about 4) my chalybeat, walk round the Walls, about 6 see Dr. Hancock who permitts mee to go to Mr. Hollands, where a full company. I only drink a pint of wine, and come home about 9. Mr. W. Massie on my desire calld on mee about 3. I in my present difficulty, desire his Assistance, hee with great freindship freely promises to lend mee 100^{li} upon notice of a fortnight or 3 weekes. I take 4 pills with great hopes.

20 I am too high exalted, by a thoro sleep, into false joy, grow giddy, retire on my bed till 3, eat broth, greive at my dissapointment, am visited & entertained with Accounts of the march of Fanes Regiment hence yesterday, this day & tomorrow. After my wine at night, take about 10, 4 pills more with equal hope but find my periodical pain return at 12, which adds great discouragement.

21 Save 2 short repasts, no sleep, I rise at 8, pursue my chalybeat, call on Dr. Hancock and give an Account of my insuccess. Mr. Cowper tells mee of Mr. Marbury's proposals about my son. I write to Mr. Exton. I pay my Neece Birchall 20^s to pay, as shee saies, Mr. Stephenson. I draw out, since June, some later Accounts of payments about Warton. After Chalybeat and Ev. prayers sit with Mr. Ashton who treats mee with Storys and a pint of Lisbon till 9. I take the Castor pills, wake about 1.

22 Doze without the pain and rise about 8; from a giddines return on Bed, and sleep easily, near an hour. My attendance at Court excus'd. After Noon I examine 3 Wittnesses upon Mr. Lymes Will, over my pint of Dyson, they hold mee till 8. Mr. Clopton who dy'd on Tuesday is buryd tonight at Christleton, my son with 5 others of his Function, Bearers. A storm & rain. In the strongest hope of a good night, take my Castor pills about 9, but am awak'd at 12 and

23 Ly in pain till 3, a dose of Snail water procures a sleep till 6, discouragd, rise about 8, receive my cozn. Parrs Letter with a copy of my cozn. Parr senior his Will in it, discourse Mr. Green of Prescott, now here, about the Rainford Charity. I examine agen 2 Wittnesses on Interrogatorys against Mr. Lymes Will, am extremely affected with my difficulties. After dinner repose an hour. At E. prayers and about 6, go in a storm to Mrs. Tatlock, Green & Roberts at the Coach & Horses, where, very dull, I drink above my pint of French Claret, stay past 10, take my pills and to bed about 11.

24 Awake about 3 and find my pain not so great, but the humor from the wine and pills too high to bee recompos'd to sleep. Rise about 9, omitt my Chalybeat. Go to Mr. Chancellor about 11 on busienes, his Lady very kindly tells her case formerly, in many parts parallell to my own, and cheifly advises to rideing, cheerfull company and French wine. I pay to the schoolMaster of the Blew Boys 5^s. My son pays Mr. Calkin Curat 1^{li}. About 6, I go to Mr. Hulton, hee entertains us in his manner with 3 (pints) Bottles of poor Claret, wee part about 9. I took my Chalybeat about 4. At 10 my pills and

25 D.G. sleep till 3, and thence repeat slumbers till 7, repeat my Chalybeat which perswades my stay at home. I receive an importunate Letter from Mr. Whaley. After dinner go with my son to St. Peters, where in a considerable audience of the corporacion hee has his sermon on 1 Hebr.1:2. I go into the Pentice, where a tumultuous case twixt Hockenhul, Short and John Morrey is heard. By examining wittnesses I am affected with Morreys [?part], and under my troubles, meet with a snatch of a dog in the crowd, on my left leg, this extremely affects mee and after a pint of Wine & pills, suffers mee not to sleep till 4.

26 By help of Snail water, I repose, about 4 rise and repeat my Chalybeat. At 10, on Mr. Chancellors horse, kindly lent, ride out in blowing weather to Warton, call on and drink a pott of Ale with Mr. Rollinson, make my excuse to him for not admitting his cow to the Croft, return refresht at 12. Wee hear today that my son Harry by the stormy weather is yet in High Lake. After dinner, repose $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. At 4 repeat my Chalybeat. At 6 at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor, Cooper, Partington, Crosby, I send & mixt my $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of wine with Ale. I come home about 9.

27 After a favorable night, I wake about 5. At 8, repeat my Chalybeat. At 10, in a blustering day, take horse, go by Hocknal Plat to Tarvin, call on and stay with Mr. Thomason the Scholl Master, discourse him on his comeing to Chester on Mr. Dennys recess, call at Mr. Townsends, come home to dinner about 2. After that repose an hour. In the [*illegible*] hour, repeat my Chalybeat, go about 6 to Mr. Hollands where I meet with Mr. Chancellor, Cowper, Bunbury, Foulks, Dr. Hancock. I send for $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of White wine, drink it mixt with Ale, part hence about 10.

28 After a melancholy night of short repose, I rise at 8, venture not, till 11, to repeat my Chalybeat. I set then to Warton Townfeilds, thence by Cotton Hool to Christleton where I meet Mr. Chancellor and my son. Wee dine hansomly with Mr. Townsend on Codfish and roast Beef. Wee have good Ale and wine, stay there near 4. (1^s). About 6 Mr. (Wm) Massie of Coddington (D.G.) comes to mee in the most kind and tender manner, tells mee he comes to perform part of his promise, vidt to bring mee 100^{li}, which hee deliverd in Gold. Hee very generously added that in my case, hee do's not expect Interest, only the principal Summ, further That at Lady Day hee will, if I please, help mee with 500^{li} more. With amazeing respect hee expresst his concern for my Health & my Family, his desire & great resolucion to serve them. I acknowledge this great Freindship as a particular providence of God, am gratefull to my great Creator & Supporter and next to the singular Freindship and kindnes of Mr. Massie. About 7 Gregory the Oxford Carrier calls. I send by him 14^{li} to Mr. Rawlins and a [?Hopcare] cheese of 23^d weight. I pay him 4^d per pound for the mony 4s:8^d and for carriage of the Cheese 2s:10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d. After my pills to bed, where for some hours the Medicine and my Joy at the providence of God drives sleep away from mee till

29 After sage posset, about 2, I fall into a sweat and sleep till 8. I go to the office and Mr. Bouchers and excus'd all Attendance at the Court repeat my Chalybeat and walk with Mr. Tomson till 12, eat a full dinner and grown dull, repose 'twixt 2 and 3, pay for mending our knives 2^s. Repeat my Chalybeat, take my pint of Dyson and to bed in good hopes of sleep after my pills about 10.

30 But am awak't very early with great pains, continue so maugre my snail and Alderberry. Rise about 8, repeat my Chalybeat and in the temptacion of a fine day take horse after 9, come to Gresford about 11, meet Mr. Shackerley and Mr. Chancellor at M. prayers, St. Andrews day. I drink (what I took with mee) $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Mum warmd. I go to Gwersilt with Mr. Chancellor, wee dine here and have good liquors. Mr. Shakerley talks expertly of my distemper, several Glasses of wine pass round, and one of brandy mixt with bitter snake root is my parting Glass. I set hence near 4, come back at a good rate, in the cold & dark, after 5, grow sleepy and dull, go without pills to bed at 9, am awak't with my old pains about 3, am releivd with posset, but relaps into pains and discouragment till 8.

DECEMBER 1 I repeat my Chalybeat and go to prayers. My sister Evans having call'd at Pumbedw comes hither, subscribes her Letter to the Bishop of St. Asaph for the Sine Cure of Kilkon. Shee is earnest with us to apply to Sir Roger Mostyn for Christleton, but wee despair and move not. After Chalybeat & prayers at Mr. Hodsons, thence to Mr. Hollands where Mr. Chancellor, Cowper, Foulks, Alderman Hodson, my son and I meet the Chancellor and I join in a pint of wine, wee part after 9. I repeat my pills, which perform very dully, so that,

2 I am early alarm'd, and scarce enjoy an hour of sleep. Tis a brisk Frost. I rise about 8 and repeat my Chalybeat, receive Mr. John Hardies Letter and request to pay him presently 50^{li}. At the Quire where Mr. Cowper preaches, and with force urges to Love God above our nearest relations, all things in the world. Sanctissimae Eucharistiae particeps sum, Det Deus recte et sane vivere. After E. prayers I go with Mr. Thomson on to Mr. Potters, on a Christening there, after to see Mr. Ashton, who treats mee with a pint of Lisbon, repeat my pills &

3 Am awak'd at 1, uneasy till 3, and betwixt that hour and 7, procure some repose. About 9 repeat my Chalybeat, at 10 take horse to Warton, call at 12 on Mr. Townsend who last night buryd a son of the smal pox and has yet 2 children in that danger. I come home and dine about 2. After, walk with Mr. Hulton to the Clubb at the Glasshouse, where Mr. Townsend, Mr. Dod & 3 more, above 2 hours are spent in coursing language, wee return by Lanthorns about 7. I betake myself to my Pint of Dyson, thence to my pills and to bed after 10.

4 I am awak'd in a dismal Dream, continue uneasy till 4, after that slumbers succeed. I rise and repeat my Chalybeat about 8. At 10, mount and by Eaton Boat in bright weather to Aldford, Jeffrey with mee. I find Mr. Leigh under a doubt in disposicion of Mind & Body. Hee rises and then the 1st time, acquainting his wife with the matter of the moment, reads & executes the Resignacion of the Rectory.²⁷ This makes a melancholy scene, and, over Tea, wee have discourse on the Resignacion. Mrs. Leigh bears the surprize with prudence & temper unexpected, telling mee their mean Circumstances. I return home $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after 2, dine, sit, at 5 take my Chalybeat, walk into Town, call at Mr. Hultons, sit and hear the success hee had today in coursing on the Forest over a pint of his red port, return home after 8. I answer Mr. Whaleys Letter, take my pills and to bed after 10, pay my sister Evans 1^{li}.

5 Excessive pain in difficulty of Urine awakes mee about 1, continue so till 3, doze rather than sleep till 8, take my chalybeat. About 11 take horse to Warton, call on Mr. Townsend, return home about 1, dine with appetite at 2. Repose an hour. In the Even Mr. Otty having sent 2 Bottles of port white and red, pays us a neighborly visit, sits past 8. I reckon with my sister Evans about the Interest thus, vidt paid May 11th 7^{li}:10^s, paid when last at St. Asaph 5^{li}, paid to make up some notes 10^s, and paid her since shee came 2^{li}, in all 15^{li}. After prayers, take my pills and in good hopes, to bed about 10.

6 I am awakd at 1, am visited with my old pains and releiv'd with short intervals of rest, rise about 8. Wee are surprized with a snow faln 2 or 3 inches deep. I repeat my Chalybeat, go to Mr. Bouchers Chamber where the matter of Mr. Allens Administracion is debated, at last determin'd to Mr. Parker. I dine with great appetite on roast Beef. After E. prayers and Chalybeat repeated, at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor and his company where I take my $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of white wine. After, Alderman Puleston, my son, Mr. Foulks and Kendric remove to Alderman Pulestons where the rest are entertaind with Ale and good Beef, I with wine, wee come home after 10.

7 D.O.M.G. I sleep D.G. till 3 and after without my pains till 7, ly past 8, repeat my Chalybeat, wait on the Mayor and Mr. Chancellor, dine with a promising stomach, pay for 2 loads of Coals 12^s. About 3 go to the Glass-house, to the company there, they drink punch, I a pint of Claret sent by Mr. Hulton. The coursing Conversacion is carryd on past 8. I come in a cold frosty night home, at 9.

8 I wake not till 3, return presently to another sleep till 6 and after 7 have a 3^d sleep. This Chang surprizes and transports mee. About 10, I repeat my Chalybeat which (very strong) affects my head. I go to Alderman Murry and procure a Bill of 50^{li} (to bee sent on Munday) from him. I deliver (in the Coffee house) Mr. Leighs Resignacion to Mr. Chancellor. I pay T. Lightfoot for oats in the sheaves 2^s:4^d, for 2 measures 2^s. After short repose and prayers, Mr. Tomson, my son and I go to Mr. Marsdens where wee find my S. treated with supper & wine, wee stay till 9. Take my pills.

9 I have D.G. repose to 4 and after a short intermission, till 8. I am in hopes of a happy recovery of my sleep. The Frost is very severe and cold. I am at the Quire where Mr. Henchman preaches. I stay at home after noon. After prayers I write to my Cosin Parr, inclose Alderman Murreys Bill of 50^{li} for Mr. Hardie in it, and to John Cross. I repeat my Chalybeat twice, and sup on my pint of Dyson, repeat pills and to bed about 10.

10 After my sleep interrupted by the excessive coldness of the night, and difficulty of Urine, I rise about 9, send my Letter to Mr. Welham, charge for Warburtons Will 4^s to be paid Mr. Parr, inclose the Bill of 50^{li} for Mr. Hardie, to Mr. Parr. I repeat Chalybeat and at 12 Mr. Hulton, my son and I go, on the fair frost, to the Glass house, where wee meet Mr. Townsend, Dod and the 2 Middlehursts. Wee have pullets, pork and roasted Surloyn of Beef, wee eat with sharp appetite in this Ayr. Mr. Chancellor comes to us, inter edendum. Wee return to Chester about 5. I betake mee to my pint of Dyson, take 3 pills & to bed at 10.

11 A tollerable night interrupted only by the excessive coldnes of it. I ly till 9. I lent my sister Evans last night 10^s, shee go's back today, and the Chancellor to

Warrington. About 9 I repeat my Chalybeat and after M. prayers take 2 Turns on roodee with Mr. Tomson, Sir Wm. Meredith enters into one of them. I pay Thos. Walley for Mr. Calkin 1^{li}. In the Even at Mr. Hollands where Mr. Hulton and I join in a pint of wine, which wee mix with Ale, 10^d. I take my 3 pills.

12 My sleep not without formal pains of my distemper. The weather is still excessive cold. After my Chalybeat and morning prayers, I take 2 Turns with Sir Wm. Meredith and Mr. Tomson on roodee. After E. prayers, Mr. Tomson, my son and I go to visit Mr. Mayor who receives us with great Friendship, freedom and excellent wine, wee stay till 10. (6^d). I repeat my pills.

13 After a disturb'd sleep I rise late at 9, repeat my Chalybeat and after 10, in a fine frost, Ayr and way, go to see Mr. Townsend. Wee drink Tea and sit an hour, return to my dinner before 2. After Ev. prayers, I go with Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Hollands and having heard from Mr. Stratford of the death of my Lord Bishops son on the 5th current, I apply to him for his Interest to my Lord about the Registry, now the 3^d time, in his hands. Hee rather advises mee to write to Dr. Stratford than promises his own industry, yet hansomly professes his Freindship. Hee advises mee to prevent my sons return to Oxon, assures mee hee will not meet with the respect of a Student, and that Dr. Terry advisd him to stay in the Country, and adds some observacion on his extemporary Sermons. Returning home I call on Mr. Hulton, Mr. Stone and his son are with him, hee treats mee with 3 Glasses of his port. I take my 3 pills.

14 After another uneasy night, releiv'd with a sleep 'twixt 6 & 8, rise and repeat my Chalybeat. A storm in the night dissolves the Frost, yet the weather very cold. After dinner Mr. Roberts sees us and entertains with an Account of Mr. Brooks Family. I write to Mr. Jubb and inclose a requisicion to the Chancellor of York to swear & take subscripcions of Mr. Foster presented to Staveley²⁸ Richmond with account of Sir Standish's Administracion (this 3^s.4^d). I repeat my Chalybeat. Mrs. Cowper is bury'd tonight. After E. prayers and a Turn at Alderman Hodsons, I turn Dawson of Forest Laws, pay for a load of Coals 5^s:6^d, take my pint of Dyson and repeat my pills.

15 After a very uneasy night, I indeavor to repose till 9, repeat then my Chalybeat and take a Turn tho in thawing weather about the Town. After E. prayers at Mr. Hollands where Ale only, return at 7 to my pint of Dyson and Origin of Laws. I pay Robert a Note of mony laid out 5^s:7. I take my 4 pills in good hopes But

16 I am awakd at 2 with my original pain and after all experiments to invite it, can't get the least sleep tho I ly till 10. I repeat my Chalybeat then & at 4. After prayers I go to the Chancellors, sit with him and his Lady till 8, am treated with 2 pints of white wine, return home to my pills. I give Tho. the Chancellors man 2^s:6^d.

17 After short interrupted sleep, rise about 6, prepare for my journey. Take my Glass of Chalybeat, give my Suzy 1^{li}. After 9, Mr. Stratford and I sett out, come to Gresford before 11. The Chancellor and wee go to prayers, after which the Court, in the place, a Sentence passes in Causa Legali Llansanfrayd. Wee have at the Clerks here a full & decent dinner (Ordinary 1^s). I examin 3 witnesses ex parte

28 John Foster, M.A., presented to Staveley by Thomas Slingsby.

Benjamin (Wrexham). About 6 go with Mr. Chancellor in his Coach to the vicarage. After the Supper hee treats Mr. Moulding & mee with 2 Bottles of good Claret, take my pills & to bed about 12.

18 My sleep and rest seem improv'd by the Ayr and Action. The weather frosty, brisk & clear. I ride out to the further Borrass, turn, call on Susan ap Robert, and by Penshookin return to the Vicarage. In the diffamatory Cause of Matthias after Sentence the parties with their Freinds appear, the defendant a most perverse woman, after impudent evasions, recants and begs pardon for the words [?articulate] & prov'd. After a good dinner, about 3, I set out, come to Cornish, find my cozn. Jasper and his sister at home (my Aunt at Wrexham) I desire (and they treat mee with) Green Tea. I return, the Frost brisk after 5 to the Vicarage, find Mr. Meyrick a Gentleman and representative of Anglesey, Mr. Chancellors kinsman. Hee is whigg but civil. After supper therefore wee drink 2 or 3 Bottles with Caution. I omitt pills and to bed past 11.

19 I found no want of pills. After Tea and Coffee Mr. Moulding and I come to the Georg at Wrexham about 12. Go to Church and open a Commission for examining Wittnesses on Ann Williams her will. After a dinner of a full company, I begin examinacion, attending the work examin 3 wittnesses on the Allegacions, Will and Interrogatorys, draw the Certificate and seal up the Commission about 11 when Mr. Shackerley, one of the Executors, treates us freely with good white wine and his cheerfull humor, past 1. About 2 to bed without regard to phisick.

20 Indisposd only from the unseasonable hours. The Funeral of Mr. Peter Davies passes, attended by 100 Horse of the best sort, and several Coaches. I go to my cozn. Moreton, then at Mr. Hughes, and am spectator of it. After dinner Mr. Fisher pays Mr. Mouldings and my Bills, mine amounts to 3:17:10. About 2 I set hence, and come D.G. safe to my Corner about 4. I venture on no phisic beside my pint of Dyson. I compute the Charges of this journey 10^s.

21 St. Thomas his day. The Dean enters on the 89 year of his Age. After the Services of the day, continue at home. I pay for a Roll of Brawne 24^{li} weight, 16^s, conclude the day with a domestick pint. My Chalybeat & pills neglected.

22 I enjoy D.G. easy sleep and good health without my phisic. I pay for a new Hat and Case from Mr. Parry 12^s:6^d. I receive the other part of what was due for the Ius Patronatus at Lancaster, 4^{li}. After E. prayers at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor.

23 Indispos'd, I stay at Home, the weather grows high and cold. I apply to proper reading and end the Evening in a pint of Dyson.

24 A very strong and vehement Storme with keen cold governs all the Day. Yet do I get a stock 6 Loads full Tonns of Coal at 10^s per Load 3^{li}, for Cart Carriage 5^s, for the other 1^s:6. Inquire into History about Elfleda Foundress of the old Chapter House and whether Maud was Empress to Henry 4 or 5th of Germany, conclude for the later over Dyson. Paid Margaret Evans for the Cows Grass 1^{li}.

25 Xtmas day. The weather abated, yet cold. My son preaches at Warton. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Quire. After which a frequent Communion. I read Dr. Nicols on the Comunion service. My son returns to dinner and reads E. prayers in the Choir. I after 3 months delay send Dr. Stratford the Dimensions of this Cathedral & take that occasion to importune his good offices on my behalf to my

Lord, on this 3^d vacancy of the Registry, adding an Account of the Chapter House & pyramid, over my Dyson.

26 I am this morning early made sensible that my indisposicion is not overcome. This a day of many complexions. After noon I venture out, ride beyond Christleton, return speedily, but in a very vehement storm part of the way. I am with Mr. Chancellor about 6 at Mr. Hollands, who tells mee hee writ this day, affectionately on my part to my Lord Bishop. The weather continues very high. About 9 Mrs. Mary Hulton our old acquaintance is bury'd, the 6 Bearers & the Clergy only invited to her Funeral. From the Hints last night, I repeat my pills. (6^d).

27 I wake not (D.G.) to my gratefull surprize till 4, vigilant without pain till 7, when I rise and go to the office. I am in Books till M. prayers. I pay James Cottingham for mending my rideing Wig 4^s. For Drums, Night Bell, to Norgate prisoners &c 4^s. After E. prayers, I apply to the drawing some Acts particularly that of Matthias contra Lewis, in the Court Book of St. Asaph over my pint.

28 After my pills last night I sleep most of the night, but am sensible of the phisic & uneasy. I rise about 8. Give Jeffry (going to St. Asaph) as a New years Gift, ½ a Guinea. After M. prayers, I see Mr. Oldfeild, who tells mee of the dangerous estate of the Warden of Manchesters health. After E. prayers with Mr. Chancellor & Mr. Grantham to Mr. Roses where wee drink artificial wine, pay each 1^s and return, not satisfyd, about 8.

29 After 3 pills last night, a sufficient sleep and rest with short intermissions. A very clear, sharp and frosty day invites Sir Wm. Meredith and myself to a walk round the Walls, after a turn on roodee. I pay Mr. Holland for my new Wigg (to which I contributed five ounces of my childrens hair) 1^l:7:6. After E. prayers, my son and I, invited, go to Mr. Ince. Hee treats us with 2 Bottles of indifferent white wine, a pint of Birch wine, Beef and pies. Wee have mencion of the old house in a general freindly manner, mutually. Hee names not nor do I offer any particular summ, wee return re infecta about 9. I give Dolly 1^s, omit my pills.

30 I sleep without any sense of my pain, rise about 8. Dr. Fogg has a good and seasonable sermon in the Quire, the weather is very cold, yet seems to relent. After E. prayers, apply to reading, over my pint of Dyson, after this, try only 2 pills.

31 My sleep, with small intervals is carry'd to 8 a clock. D.G. Mr. Thomson calls and desires my advice and Interest about the prebend in case of Dr. Wroe's death, his recovery being now publicly despair'd of.²⁹ I write to Mr. Lambert to direct a pott of Charrs to my Cozn. Parr. After M. prayers, to Busienes. I draw a form of revocation of resignacion which Mr. Leigh of Aldford betwixt 4 & 5 reads, and executes, before mee at Mr. Hollands, in the presence of Alderman Partington & Mr. Roberts. I go, thence, to Sir Henry Bunburys, where Sir Wm. Meredith, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Kendrick & myself. Wee promis'd to be gravely receivd with pints, each, of Claret, which quantity is consum'd before supper. After which fresh healths are promoted, the Quantity is carryd up to each a Bottle at the least there; the day and old Year are ended together. 1^s. to the But[ler?].

29 Dr Wroe was warden of Manchester.

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JANUARY 1 The year begins in a kindly cold temperature. I am indispos'd from the Freedom last night. Mr. Wilcock at 10, comes to mee from Mr. Massie, desires mee to meet him at the Yatcht to bee trustee, with Mr. Jones the Lawyer, for him in placeing 1200^{li} on a Mortgage of Lands in Copnall and Wisterston belonging to John Williams of [?Nerqius] Esq. The company meets, the mony 100^{li} in silver, the other 1100^{li} in Gold, is counted, the Deeds executed by Mr. Williams. This Esquire takes great delight in Coursing and today at dinner, with comical Ayrs repeated his recreation, averr'd that in 2 hours and $\frac{1}{2}$, with one Bitch, hee fairly killd 11 Brace of Hares and in one season hee killed 252. After the Busienes, Mr. Massie, Jones and I adjourn to Mr. Willoughbie's where some acceptable company come in. Wee (while I stay) empty 2 Gallons of Mr. Dysons red. I come home about 10.

2 The day rainy, stormy, black and dull finds mee thus from the last 2 nights. After a gross dinner of roast Beef take a repose for an hour, after divert in Stows Annals till Mr. Chancellor call on mee. Wee go to Mr. Hulton, find T. Midlehurst and J. Witter with him. Hee calls for a Tankard for them, a Bottle (meaning a pint) of wine for us, this is repeated. Wee stay in their discourse of Coursing till 8. I return to Stow & neglect all phisic. 6^d.

3 The weather yet rainy, I am at M. prayers, thence to Stow. After E. prayers go with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Ashton to Mr. Hollands. Alderman Partington comes, wee 3 drink Ale, Mr. Ashton Coffee, Mr. Chancellor uses his most freindly Expressions to Mr. Ashton, wee part about 7. Mrs. Entwistles, Mrs. Crompton & their company's are with us tonight. I retire to my chamber, my pint and Stow. I take 2 pills.

4 After a night wherein I am sensible of my original pains, I rise about 9. Take a walk round the Walls and to M. prayers. After dinner I ride out with Mr. Ashton to Newton Heath and turn into an Ayry feild for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; the Ayry is clear, brisk and bright. Wee return to E. prayers. After these invited, my Family go to Alderman Puleston's, hee entertains us with a good Supper, good French wine and welcom, musick and dancing. Alderman Partington and Mr. Kendric meet us here, wee part after 11. To the boys 1^s:6^d.

5 After 3 pills last night about 12, I sleep till 6, rise at 8, write to John Crosse. At 10 go to Christleton, meet Mr. Townsend in the way, therefore wait on Mr. Clopton. Lady Margaret and Mrs. Slater come in to a pott of Coffee, over which I stay till 12 and in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour return home to dinner. The Warton Firmars dine with us. I pay Mr. Dyson for wine (since April 2 1715 to Dec. 8 1716) 11^{li}:10^s. I wait on Sir Hen. Bunbury this Evening return'd for Rock-savage. I retreat to my Corner, turn Stow & take 2 pills.

6 After a dull rainy night a wett and very cold day. My son go's to Codington to preach. Dr. Fogg has in the quire a good discourse on repentance. A Communion less frequent than the last cuius sum particeps. Det D.O.M. sancte vitam agere. I receive Dr. Stratfords civil answer to mine about the Registry. After E. prayers I return to my Corner, Books and Dyson, apprehensive of pain take 4 pills.

7 Awake at 1, ly in the pains of my Distemper near 4, rise after 8, at 10 go to Mr. Chancellor, find him in the deepest concern about his daughter in Law, whose case

is still desperate since her puerpury. Hee shews mee my Lords answer wherein hee promises, when he comes to Chester, to settle the Registry to the conveniency of the Diocese and my advantage. After dinner (about 3) I go to the Glass-house, find the Club at their Ale, and the Capt. trowing over it in his Thrasonic Stile. Hee and I return by a Lantern about 6. To my Book & Dyson. I repeat 4 pills. I receive today from Mr. Roberts 20^{li}.

8 I have competent sleep yet feel distemper. The weather cold and wett, my son returns at Noon from Codington. After Ev. prayers, I go with Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Hollands, where over a pint of wine and tankard of Ale, wee indevor to alleviate his present Trouble. Hee desires mee to write to my Lord an excuse of his not writeing. About 7 I go to Mr. Parr (Hatter) where Dr. Fogg, my son and Mr. Wilcock are hansomly treated too. I drink my pint of white, come home after 10 & take my 4 pills. (6^d). I pay Ch. Bingley, Chandler 8^{li}:19^s:0.

9 After sufficient sleep a dull day, from my pills. I write to my Lord for Mr. Chancellor & my thanks for his kind intentions to mee. Mr. Rollinson dines with us. Mr. Townsend about 3 draws mee out to the Chancellors; wee drink Mountain & Ale mixt. I take a walk in the Street for an hour, return to my Book & pint.

10 After pills omitted, last night sufficient sleep. I receive Bills from Mr. Comberbach and Pickering, a civil Letter from Mr. Gelibrand, but no answer from John Crosse. Am in expectacion and difficulty, to divert these. After dinner (about 3) go to Christleton (Mr. Townsends) where I find Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton, wee stay drinking the good Xtmass Ale an hour, return under apprehensions of a shower in hast about 5. Mr. Hulton sends mee a Letter from Dr. Wroe of the 8th giving hopes of his recovery. My Lady Bunbury sees us. I go with her to Sir Henry, where I find Mrs. Gamul, Johnson, Mainwaring, Mr. Berkenhead, drink Claret past 10. (2^s).

11 Good rest, sans pills. I go about 10 with Mr. Tomson and my son to the Castle. Mr. Townsend reads the prayers with deliberate devotion. My son has a good discourse memoriter. My family invited, dine at Alderman Partingtons where a hansom dinner. About 6 Alderman Hodson, Mr. Holland & I go to the Ship, they treat mee with four pints over which, free and loyal healths and discourse. I pay Alderman Hodson for The complete Geography 20^s. Wee part at 9. (2^s).

12 After an easy sleep without phisic, I rise refresht and free of my pain. The weather bright and brisk, invites Mr. Tomson and mee to walk; about 10 wee set hence, go and drink Tea with Mr. Townsend at Christleton, return before Our relations. Aldermen Partington, Puleston and their Families dine with us and Mr. Calkin curat. Wee sit to my Ale (now good) till 5. My son & I pay Mr. Calkin 10^s. I retreat to my Chamber & Dyson and past 11, take 4 pills.

13 A successfull sleep. Dr. Fogg has a good sacramental Discourse this Morning in the parish church. The day cool and brisk not without some rain. After E. prayers my son and I wait on Mr. Chancellor now in retirement and sorrow, on the death of his daughter Wainwright who dy'd the 7th inst. The rest of the day is bestow'd in proper reading and part over a pint of Dyson. Take 4 pills.

14 After tolerable sleep interrupted and recover'd, I rise past 8 in a calm & cool Morning. I write to my Cozn. Parr that I have receivd his Letter of the 5th current and agree with the Account therein stated, which stands thus, vidt 12 March 1615

[sic] due to my late Cosen Parr 50^{li}, the Interest due at this time vidt 5 Jan. about 2^{li}.5^s & for the 2^d payment of the composicion 5.7:6–57:12:6. Out of which to bee deducted Fees receivd for mee, 3.18.5 and 50^{li} lately sent by Bill to Mr. Hardy and the remains to the Executors –3:14:1. And to the present Mr. Parr laid out for the 3^d Composicion for Warton 5:12:2. Out of which to bee deducted 4^s received from Mr. Welham & there remains 5:8:2. So that both sums 3^{li}:14^s:1 & 5^{li}:8^s:2 amount to 9:2:3. I acquaint him of a pott of Charrs directed to him by Greenhough the Kendale Carrier who will bee at the Castle Inn, Woodstreet, Thursday next. After dinner about 3, walk to the Glass-house, where the Clubb continues its conversacion till 6, when Mr. Hulton and I leave 'em and come home in fair weather under a full Moon. I find the waites here, Miss Bunburys, Mrs. Adeliza, Herbert, and my own children dancing. I give the musick 2^s: 6^d, retreat to my chamber and Dyson. Take 4 pills.

15 After a full and easy sleep, I rise about 8. The weather brisk, cold and frosty. I take some Turns on my Mare about roodee, Mr. Tomson with mee. After dinner about 3, my son and I wait on my Lord Barrymore at Sir Hen. Bunburys, where Sir Richard Grosvenor, Sir Th. Brook, Coll. Barry and about 6 more. The good wine moves quick in Ladies Healths about the Circle till 6, when my son & I invited, go to Alderman Hodsons, where I take my pint of white. Mr. Henchman & my son drink Ale. Wee part about 10. I omit the pills. (1^s).

16 My wine perswaded sleep, the weather is bright and the frost brisk. About 10 Mr. Tomson and I set on a walk to Rowton, call on Mr. Dod, drink some of his Ale & coffee. After dinner & E. prayers, into the Town, from Alderman Hodsons wee are drawn to Mr. J. Cowpers company at the Feathers, the company increases as the good wine in small Bottles till 10. (2^s).

17 No phisic but wine which succeeds. The weather is cold & keen to complaint. The 1st Court this Term easily over at Mr. Bouchers chambers and in the Court before Mr. Henchman. I have this day brought in a supply of a Tonn and ½ weight of Hay at 2^s the Tonn beside Carriage. I pay Tho. Roberts on Account 10^s. After E. prayers my son and I go to Alderman Hodsons and thence to Mr. Dyson invited, wee find Mr. Henchman & Stratford there. Hee treats frankly with 1 Bottle of port, 4 of Margoa and 1 of old Hoc, these holds us till 12.

18 Good rest and no ill Effects from the generous wine, but complain of the quantity & Time. The Frost continues very sharp & sensible. At M. prayers. After these Mr. Fernihead brings mee a demand from Mr. Vaudrey. I pay him 10^{li}. To the Collector of the Quarterly Tax for this House 6^s, that in the Abby Court 2^s. After dinner refresh by repose ½ hour. After E. prayers to Alderman Hodson's shop, thence to Mr. Hultons where, over his pint, I sit 2 hours. Thence to my Chamber, Book & ½ pint of Dyson, pay for Sacriledge arraign'd, 1^s. Take 4 pills.

19 After full sleep, very easy. I drink Bohea Tea, write the 3^d time to John Crosse, divert in the Geography complete. I pay for 3 Measures of wheat 15^s.9^d. After E. prayers go to the Chancellors, am told hee is gon out. Turn to Alderman Hodsons and divert in Books till 6. I come home to my chamber, Book and Dyson. This a cold dull, hazy day melts at night. I take 4 pills and to bed after 10.

20 Tho my old pain was felt, it did not long interrupt sleep. I rise about 8. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the Characteristics of an honest man, or an Israelite

indeed, my son preaches at Church-on-Heath. After E. prayers sensible of pain, retire to my Chamber, Book & Dyson. This is a sharp and keen day, the frost returning with fresh Force. I write to Mr. Moulding, I take 4 pills yet

21 Count all the Hours of the night, till 6, under my indisposicion, get some refreshment from thence till 8. At 10 Mr. Thomson and I in a fair day, and in brisk Ayr ride out to Waverton and thereabout with pleasure, return at 1. After dinner (about 3) I go with Mr. Hulton to the Glass-house where Mr. Hignet is added to the company. I pay Mr. Dod for a Tonn and $\frac{1}{2}$ of hay 3^{li}, to Mr. Witter for leading it 3^s, dull Ale and dull discourse go round till 6, when Mr. Hulton & I return by our Lanthorns. I apply to my Book over my domestic Dyson. I take 4 pills (6^d).

22 Successfull sleep after my exercise and pills. About 7 the Bells of the Town are in motion upon the News of the Kings return to St. James's about 5 Saturday Evening. I receive from my Cozn. Parr the very welcom News that my son Ken was elected into the Charter-House on Friday last, 18 January which is his Birth day, & when hee compleated the 14th year of his Age. D.O.M.G. About 11 I ride out (the weather fair and frosty) to Christleton, ride 3 turns round a fair feild in a delicate prospect, belonging to Mrs. Weston, call and drink Tea with Mr. Townsend, return about 1. After E. prayers, My Suzy my son and I visit Mrs. Hiccock on Account on her Sister, Matron of the Charter-House. After about 6, my son and I see Mr. Chancellor, find Mr. Egerton and his Brother, the Doctor, with him, stay above an Hour & return to my Corner. The day, upon the News of his Majestys return, is turnd to a State one, the Castle Guns and Hedg firing, fill the Town with Noise and smoak. Some Bonfires & Illuminations with Light. My Suzy, my son & myself about 9 retreat & in 1 Bottle of excellent Claret, with Gratitude, mention our great Benefactors particularly the Duke of Ormonde. (1^s).

23 On omission of pills, sensible of pain. My Suzy writes and incloses a Copy of the parish Register of Kens Age (which shows hee was born [?18] & baptised 21 Jan. 1702) to Mr. Bradshaw of the Charter-House. I write to my Cosen Parr concerning Ken. I pay my daughter Lidia on her Account of 8^{li} per Annum begun Midsummer last, 17^s which with 3^{li}:3^s paid her at several times, comes to 4^{li}. I pay a Bill of 4^{li}:8^s to Mr. Tagg, for Mr. Calkin, Curate. After E. prayers I go to Mr. Hollands, where Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Oliver, Alderman Partington, Mr. Crosby, Kendric & Parker makeing a full Table. Discourse go's on variously and severely on Dr. Egerton, wherein Mr. Oliver shews his Satyr Talent, 'tis carryd up till 10. After that, at home, a pint of Dyson. (1^s:1^d).

24 Tho sleep without pills, indisposition rises from last night. A Court day of small Busienes, wherein a Decree for erecting a seat in the church of Preston passes in behalf of Mr. Starkie. After dinner & 2, My son and I in a clear day ride to Warton, call at Mr. Townsends where wee find Mr. Chancellor & Mr. Hulton, where wee stay (after them) past 5, and return by the Starrs about 6. My son and I, in my chamber, drink our pints, to bed about 11. (1^s).

25 I have (D.G.) good sleep & repose without pills, yet rise not till 9. The temper of this seems acceptable according to the proverb of it; is clear, fair, bright and keenly cold up to any day of the winter. At M. prayers. After these, take with Mr. Tomson a Turn on roodee and round the Walls. After dinner and 3, Mr. Thomson and I ride out & for variety, fall into Feilds in Boughton, return in a keen Ayr about

5. I retire to my Chamber, Books & Dyson. I receive by Jeffry, from his Father, on Account 9^{li}.11:10.

26 Another good Night (D.G.) without pills. I rise before 8 and am at M. prayers. I visit Mrs. Oldfeilds and there drink a pott of Coffee. I pay for 5 Measures of Oates 5s.3^d. After dinner I see Mr. Stratford in his Chamber, who treats with a Dram. Thence to Ev. prayers. After these, at Mr. Stones (where (a while) Sir Hen. Bunbury) with my S. Thence to my Corner, Book and pint.

27 Since 4, no sleep. I rise at 8. My son has a Sermon in the Quire on 2 Tim. 1.10 which Sir Wm. Meredith told mee was excellent Oratory & full on the high subject. The weather still keen and severely cold. After Dinner a short repose. After E. prayers my Cozn. Marsden sits an hour with us. After I retire to my Chamber, Book & pint and take 4 pills. I write to Mr. Ashton and to Mr. Geo. Harrison of the Middle Temple on the search of Tho. Thomasons Will (not found) directing to pay Mr. Cottingham 2s:10^d.

28 I reckon as formerly the hours from 12 to 7, yet without pain. I rise not till 9, draw 2 Certificates for Dr. Egerton, in order to his plurality, write and inclose it to Mr. Henshall. After dinner about 3, I ride in several Feilds at Christleton, thence call on the Clubb at the Glass-house, where Mr. Charles Hurleston joins in the discourse of the place. I come home about 6, call at Sir Hen. Bunburys and send for my son, where Sir Henry over excellent wine in his Ayrs exalted, entertains us and Mr. Lloyd of Chirk Castle till 11.

29 After 4 pills last night a thoro sleep till 6. I rise at 7, about 8 set out with Mr. William Hulton, call at Newton on Mr. Char. Hurleston, wee by Plemstall go to Barrow Town Feilds, here a strong body of Coursers about 10 a Breast beat in keen and severe Ayr 2 Hours without success. The rest are impatient of the scarcity of Hares, & design to dine on Beef in Barrow. I meditate my return and satisfy'd with the keen Ayr leave the squadron beating, and to some surprize to my self (after such an expedition) come home before 1. With a sharp appetite eat Beef roasted. After E. prayers a Turn in Mr. Hodson shop, thence (my son with mee) to my Corner & Books over my pint. I write to my Cozn. Parr and inclose a copy of Josua Rhodes Will to bee delivered to Mr. Thompson a Mercer in Chandor's Street, for which I charg 6s:4^d. I take 4 pills.

30 After a good intire sleep till 5, am awake past 8. A great and vehement Frost surprizes. No great Auditory in the Quire, where on the occasion of the Kings Martyrdom, Mr. Oliver has an excellent discourse on Psalm 51.14. I read near 2 of the 3 Chapters of Whartons Defence of Pluralities. After E. prayers and Dinner, to my Chamber, Book and pint. I take 4 pills &

31 Have a good rest and sleep tho intermitted. I read out Whartons defence. The weather last night alterd to a thaw, continues mild. A Court of Easy dispatch. After dinner a short repose. After 5, a turn on the Walls with my son and Mr. Tomson, retreat thence to my Chamber. I over my pint of Dyson write to Mr. Knipe & to Mr. Chadwick, Keeper of the Park at Rocksavage, take 3 pills and to bed after 11.

FEBRUARY 1 A very sharp and severe Frost begins the month. I rise about 7. At 10 set out on Foot and in ½ an hour in a delicate brisk day, come to Christleton, after a walk in Mr. Townsends Garden, go to prayers in the Church. After this, Mr.

Townsend and I go to the Glass-house, where is Mr. Hulton and the rest of the coursing company, a good Dinner of Spar-ribb, roast beef, stew'd Hoggs puddings & Mince pies, well don & eaten with Keen Appetite. The Ale (now good) flows round with the discourse. About 5 Mr. Hulton & I return, the Bells ringing on the occasion of Mr. Bingley chosen Alderman. I pay Mr. Rider, Taylors Bill 2^{li}:4^s. Robert & yong Willoughby bring my Colt from Rocksavage, lean but in health. Dyson & 3 pills. 1^s.

2 After good sleep renewed Hopes. At M. prayers and a Sermon (on Mr. Vernons Charity) by Dr. Fogg, before the Recorder, 3 Aldermen and a thin Audience. The Frost go's on and the weather very sharp. After E. prayers I take a Turn on the Walls, send the Colt by Thomas to Warton. About 6 retire to my Chamber, Books & Dyson. I take 3 pills and D.G.

3 Sleep from 10 to 2 & from 3 till 7. The Frost still sharp & severe. My son to Warton. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on Math. 11.28. After which a frequent Communion. Cuius participes sumus. Det D.O.M. recte et quiete vitam agere. Mrs. Massie (from Newton) freely calls & dines with us. After E. prayers a Turn on the Walls. Mr. Ashton, his Lady & Mrs. Tildsley sit with us from prayers till 7. I then retreat to my Chamber, Book and Dyson. This my S.'s Birth day, remember'd inter Nos. I take 3 pills.

4 After a good Night of sleep, rise about 8. I pay the wash-woman her quarterage 1^{li}:10^s. I turn Grotius de Iure Legationum. After dinner about 3, the Ayr cold & serene, the Frost proceeding against the sun, I go to the Glass-House, where I find Mr. Chancellor Chagrin because Capt. Howard was admited into the company. Hee stays about ½ hour after I come, and returns alone, the rest continue in their Freedom. About 6 Capt. Howard, Hulton and I under a new, brisk, frosty Moon return. I go to my Chamber, Books and Dyson. I take 3 pills.

5 My sleep tho not without interruption, very well. The Frost and Cold continue keen. The News confirms the last of the Confinement of the Swedish Minister by a Guard, the seizing on the papers and pacquets in his Scrittore and Arrest of his secretary as in Confederacy with the Pretender. After M. prayers I examin 2 Witnesses. After 5 at night, another on Articles of Diffamacion. I turn in Stowe over my pint and, without pills, to bed about 11.

6 Tho not without sense of my old pains a tolerable nights sleep. I apply to some Busienes and write to my Cozn. Parr about Ken. The Frost continues & the weather very vehement. I after dinner examin 4 Wittnesses in Diffamacion, step to Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Hollands, wee stay not. I call at Mr. Hultons, hee treats mee with red port. I stay past 9, at 10 take 4 pills, to bed.

7 Awake at 11 and continue so in pain all the Minuits of the Night, rise at 9, go to Mr. Bouchers chamber under severe indisposicion. My attendance on the Court excus'd. Mr. Tomson and I in a cold frosty Ayr and glorious Sunshine, ride to Warton, and about, return after 1. Mr. Calkin, Curat states Accounts and dines with my son. After 4 I examin 4 Wittnesses in Diffamacion ex parte Parks contra Wilson. Recreate after in Books over Dyson. I receive an Account from Mr. Roberts, 20^{li}. I take 3 pills and

8 I succeed more tollerably in my sleep. The weather continues to freeze & is severe. Wee go to M. prayers. After which I visit Mrs. Middleton, who return'd

yesterday from Gwersylt. After Dinner, I procure (and pay 40^{li}.10^s) a Bill of 40^{li} payable to Mr. Smith at three days sight from Alderman Murrey. About 3 I ride out to Warton, about the Glebe &c and return about 5. I go to Alderman Hodgson's. Hee, Mr. Holland & I go to the Ship. I deliver to him an Epitaph on Mr. Peter Cotton, hee treats us with 3, wee him with one pint good white port. I take 3 pills. The Frost, which may be call'd a 2^d winter, breaks this night into rain.

9 After interrupcions in the Night and long sleep in the morning, I rise after 9. I write and inclose the Bill of 40^{li} to Mr. Smith. I write to Mr. Baldwyn, I pay for 3 Measures of Wheat 15^s.6. Am indispos'd from my phisic last night, and repose about an hour. About five, my son and I go to Alderman Murrey's and have a Letter of Credit from him of 30^{li}, to his Correspondents for my son when in London. After wee go to visit the Mayor, Mr. Tomson comes to us. My son and I have each a Bottle, Claret & white, wee sit freely past 10. I take 3 pills.

10 Have tolerable repose, rise too late for the Church, and retire at home in Books till 6, when my son and I go to Alderman Puleston who gives us a Bottle of excellent French Claret. Wee return home after 8 and find a company of Freinds come to take leave with my son. After their supper, wee have a pint of French in my Chamber which so near parting, holds till 11. I take 3 pills.

11 Have sleep interrupted and disturb'd by ingratefull Dreams. Rise before 7. My son equipps, is ready and takes Horse for Oxford, before 8. The weather rainy, yet in an interval Mr. Tomson & I walk round the Walls. After in Books & at M. prayers. After dinner and short repose, at E. prayers. About 6 to Alderman Hodson who go's over with mee to Mr. Hollands where Mr. Chancellor, Hulton and Alderman Puleston. Mr. Chancellor and I join in a pint of white wine, wee stay in a dull mixt discourse till 7. Mrs. Parker sees our house with pretence to bee Tenant, I ask 12, shee offers 10^{li} P.A. I retreat to my Chamber and turn there Pufendorf De Jure Naturae et Gentium. 4 Pills.

12 Sleep in my case not to bee complain'd of. I rise about 8, and in a fair brisk Morning, betwixt 10 and 12 ride on my Mare (now ill of her heels) 6 times about roodee, return to Pufendorf till dinner. After that & short repose, at E. prayers. After examin 1 Wittnes in a Wrexham Cause of Diffamacion. Apply to Books over a pint of Dyson. I gave to the Keeper of Roodee 1^s. Take 3 pills.

13 After a good rest till 4, I rise at 7, find the weather alterd to cold rain & wind. I stay at home in Books. After E. prayers, I go to Alderman Puleston where I find Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Townsend, Hulton, and Holland. Mr. Chancellor and I are treated with 2 Bottles of good Claret, the rest with Punch. Wee stay till 8. I return to my Chamber. Take 3 pills. (6^d). I write an answer to Mr. Meredith of Pentrebychan.

14 Sleep uncertain since 3, rise about 8. At Mr. Bouchers about 10, where from Mr. Chancellor (tho the Court day) have liberty to bee absent, have both his Horses and ride to Warton, call at Mr. Townsends and return to Dinner about 2. At 4 begin to examin 3 Witnesses on Lambs Will, finish about 6, go with Mr. Throp and Mr. Harding to the Ship, where Mr. Throp treats with 5 pints of White port. After 10, in the light of a full Moon, return to my Chamber; omit pills. Receivd for my son from Ben. Glover ½ years rent for the Caleyards 1^{li}.10^s.

15 A continu'd sleep till 5. I rise not till 9. About 11 begin on Roodee 6 rounds on

my Mare. After dinner and repose, turn Cambdens Queen Elizabeth and Stowe together on her reign. At 7 go to Mr. Hultons who entertains mee with 2 pints of his port, return after 9, to my Chamber and Books. Take 3 pills.

16 I wake at 1 and have short moments of sleep afterwards. At M. prayers and thence see Mrs. Middleton. The weather is turn'd to a mixture of continu'd rain and snow. I pay Thomas Roberts on Account 10^s, for a Bushel of Oats 5^s:3^d. After E. prayers at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor. Alderman Partington, Mr. Hulton, Mr. Chancellor & I join in a pint of white port. I return to my Corner and write to Mr. Moulding to excuse my Attendance at St. Asaph on Tuesday; take 3 pills. (9^d).

17 A competent but not uninterrupted sleep. The weather continues rainy & windy. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse on John 1.12. I am surprizd by Mr. Dyson with an Account of Express to the Court from Yarmouth, That a Squadron of 16 Swedish Men of War with a Fleet of Transports seen at sea there, a Council presently call'd & officers order'd to their posts. This exceedingly engages people to tell their conjectures. After dinner repose & E. prayers. I go with Sir Wm. Meredith, Mr. Hurt & Hulton to see Mr. Ashton, here the News is considerd with Caution, Hopes and Fear, wee stay till 8. I return to my chamber, Book and Dyson. Take 3 pills.

18 After a more full and natural sleep than I have had of a month, I rise at 7. The weather dull and the wind sharp. About 10 I go (the way dirty) to Christleton, drink Tea and stay above an hour with Mr. Townsend, return to dinner about 1. Jasper Peck dines with us, shows the breeding of a mannerly Whig. After E. prayers I go with Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Hollands. Alderman Partington comes to us, wee sent for a pint of White. The late News takes up all the day. About 9 I remove to Alderman Partingtons who treats mee and my S. with a Bottle of white Wine; take 3 pills.

19 Good success in sleep yet interrupted. I rise near 9. The News tells the seizing of Baron Goltz the Swedish Minister [?here], and his papers by the Dutch of a Fleet seen at sea. Imbargo laid on all ships, & all officers call'd in 15 daies to resort to their posts. I see Mrs. Middleton. Jasper Peck dines agen with us. After Books & E. prayers, to Mr. Hollands where Mr. Chancellor, Oliver, Partington, Puleston, Hulton, a pint of white is sent for. Wee part at 9. I take 3 pills. (6^d).

20 Sleep very much interrupted by my disorder. The weather dull yet not rainy. After M. prayers I go with Mr. Richmond to Mr. Chancellor, over a dish of Coffee the matter of the Curates of Liverpool discours'd. After E. prayers and a Turn to Alderman Hodsons, to my chamber & busienes over a pint of Dyson. I pay the poor tax for Huxley 5^s, to the Oxford Carrier, for carrying the Cheese to Mr. Colly, and a Letter, 3^s. Take 3 pills.

21 A sleep sufficient. I rise about 8, the weather fair and calme. I go to Mr. Bouchers Chamber, where Mr. Chancellor excusing my absence from Court, I go to Roodee and there ride my Mare till 12. After dinner about 3, walk to Christleton, at Mr. Townsends meet with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton, wee are treated with good Ale and return (all on foot) about 6. I go to Alderman Hodson who treats mee with a pint of good Claret. I come home about 9 and take 3 pills; receive my sons Letter from Oxford.

22 Another successfull night. Rise about 7. The Child Suzy Evans after a Month here, go's home. After M. prayers I am at the Coffee house, where the News tells

the Suspected Swedish Squadron, a Fleet of Dutch ships convoy'd by 3 Men of Warr for Lisbon, and that Mr. Milner, son in Law to the ArchBishop is made a Baronet. The day is dull with rainy Mist. After dinner and repose, About 6 I go to the White Talbot, where Mr. Mayor and others of the Clubb. I drink my pint of white, & take 3 pills.

23 My sleep good and uninterrupted to surprize. I write to my son and divert in Books, pay a quarterly payment of the Constables Assessments of Warton, 4s.2^d. About 3 on Mr. Chancellors horses, Mr. Tomson and I go to Warton, call on 3 pints good Ale at the Glass-house, come to Chester about 6, call at Mr. Hollands with whom is Mr. Bletchington and Kendric. Mr. Bletchington gives us a strang and a doubtfull character of Mr. Vernon & his Fortune which has the vogue of being 3300^{li} p.A. I stay here till 9. I gave to the Chancellors Man 1s; take 3 pills.

24 Still successfull sleep. The weather dry but dull. Mr. Marshal of Tarvin has a good discourse memoriter on Acts 2:37. The Kings speech on the 20 to the Houses takes Notice of the design'd Descents form'd by Swedland. After E. prayers, I go with Mr. Tomson to Mr. Mayor. I am treated with a bottle of French White, & take about 3 pints of it. Wee stay till 10. I take 3 pills.

25 After a sleep with two hours intermission, a pain sensible in my head. I rise after 7, dipp in Books, write to Dr. Henchman an Answer about Dicconson's Will. Lady Bunbury, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Manley and the yong Ladies, drink Tea with us. I finish the Decree ex parte N. Starkie Ar. pay Robert which he paid for my Sister Evans Horses 2s. About 3 I go in a calme dry day to the Glass-house, meet Mr. Townsend, Dod, J. Middlehurst & J. Witter, stay till the sun had left glowing Strokes in the West, come to my Corner and finish an Epitaph on Mr. Roger Langton over a pint of Dyson. I take 3 pills. (1s).

26 Betwixt sleep and my old pain, I rise pretty cheerfull about 7. I receive two welcom Letters from my son (now at London), hee giving mee a full Diary of his motions, tells mee Ken was admitted in the Charter-House the 21, was receivd, put on his Gown and left there (D.O.M.G.) the 23^d of this month. After 10, in a dry not bright day, Mr. Tomson & I go to Christleton, call at Mr. Townsends & return about 1. After dinner & E. prayers, I go with Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Hollands, wee join in a pint of white port. Alderman Sayer comes to us. I stay after 9. I pay today my son Wills Cock-mony 2s.6^d.

27 After tollerable dissappointment of sleep, I rise at 7. Equip for my Journy, leave with my Suzy 2^{li}. About 10 sett out go by Hockenhall to Tarvin, over take Mr. Hurleston at Kelsal Hill, go along with him to Oulton, find Mr. Egerton by plaisters on his Eyes, in the Dark. Mr. Vernon luckily with him. Wee dine and drink near our Bottles after. After 4 wee set hence & come to Midlewich about 6, where I meet Mr. Hulton. I pay a long visit to Mr. Cowper, hee first acquaints mee that the ArchBishop of York allows him 20^{li} p.A. I return to the Kings Arms and to bed about 12. (2s).

28 I rise about 8 and indispos'd, have at Mr. Vernons Harts Horn & white wine Cordial, they take the Feilds and course, I go the direct way to Sandbach, come there about 10, see and drink Tea with Mr. Wells. Mr. Vernon & Hulton, come about 12, wee dine. Wittnesses are produc'd before Mr. Welles surrogate. I examin 2 of the oldest. About 7 go with Mr. Wells, wee are entertaind with good Ale and indifferent red port.

MARCH 1 I enjoy with intermission good sleep. Am surprizd to see the snow faln deep. Wee, Mr. Hulton, Stratford and I go to Mr. Wells, are entertaind with Tea & Coffee. Mr. Vernon returns about 11. After dinner I return to Busienes & examin 5 Wittnesses on the Allegacion an [*sic*] Interrogatory's and finish the Commission about 8. After Mr. Hulton & I drink our pints of indifferent port; take 3 pills.

2 After a sufficient sleep, rise about 7. I am surprizd with a very severe Frost. I draw and receive the sum of my Bill 5^{li}.9^s:6^d. Wee call agen on Mr. Wells & drink Tea and coffee liberally. The Frost dissolves, wee part hence about 11, come back to Midlewich about 12 where wee find Mr. Vernon was too great to provide (as hee promisd) a dinner for us. Mr. Cowper and Mr. Tho. Yates dine with us on hasty Mutton Stakes. I go to Mr. Bletchington for a dram of Brandy. Wee mount about 2 & come hence easy and safe D.O.M.G. about 6 (4^s); refresh in my pint of Dyson.

3 After good rest, rise about 8. Go to Church where Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on Occasion of the Sacrament. After Dinner repose and prayers. I turn in Books, and after my pint of Dyson take my 3 pills.

4 I have an uneasy night and morning and feel my distemper riseing as I fancy with the Spring. I ride 6 times about roodee, the weather brisk, not bright. A great recourse is made to Farndon race where Mr. Leigh of High Leigh is victor today. After dinner Mr. Roberts comes to mee on Busienes. My Suzy speaks to him about the Water rate wherein hee is concernd for Mr. Huson and which they are about raising on this house from 3 to 4^s a Quarter, desires his interest. Hee speaks rather on the undertakers side, promises to say as much for her as others with a negligent Ayr. I am mov'd at his malepert behavior and with too much temper tell him I expected hee wou'd use his Interest there more for us than others. Hee briskly replys hee is not engagd to do so by any Obligation from us; this advances the debate too high in passion. My S. tells him of a former Sawcy behavior to her of this sort, hee tells her plainly, hee thought shee was sawcy then to him. I fall into a passion too impotent, and caution him not to treat my Suzy with such language. Hee keeps up his behavior with a constant Ayr of confidence, indifferency, pride & even contempt. I am amazd, admire this Man's ingratitude to mee who was a cheif and willing Instrument of secureing his cosen Will Roberts Estate to him, who chose him out of the Quire to bee my Clerk, us'd him kindly and tenderly in that service (his mother makeing easy & distant payment of 40^{li}), who procurd him to bee made a proctor here, and made him my Deputy at St. Asaph, who have constantly treated him with respect, and by comitting too much the Busienes of my office into his hands, have occasiond the reputation and Application, hee now flourishes in to my own diminution. I reflect strongly on my own remissnes as the great occasion of this insolence. I beg of God to forgive mee that remissnes, its ill consequences and my other Faults which have reduced mee to this Circumstance, and to give mee health, strength and success to emerge out of it. I call on Mr. Thompson, wee go to Mr. Hodsons, thence to prayers. After these wee go to Mr. Hollands where wee find Mr. Chancellor, Oliver & Alderman Partington. Wee stay (good discourse advanc'd most of the time) till 10. I take my 3 pills.

5 I have not the comfort of sleep till 4, rise before 8 and after prayers, Mr. Tomson and I ride 6 Times about Roodee, are refresh'd. After dinner repose and prayers. Mr. Chancellor, Thompson and myself go to Mr. Hollands, a pint of white

port is sent for. Wee part thence about 9. After I visit Mr. Ashton and take my 3 pills. I give to Mr. John Elcock going to his prentiship to a wine Merchant, London 5^s.

6 I sleep with success. Tis Ash Wedensday, Dr. Fogg has a good and proper discourse in the Quire. It is this, not yesterday, that after M. service, Mr. Tomson & I ride 6 times round roodee. Mrs. Hurleston and Mrs. Massie sitt with my Suzy betwixt the services of the day. After E. prayers and dinner, sent for, I go to the Chancellor, Mr. Hulton & Holland at the Yatcht, wee drink 2 Bottles of French Claret, each pays 1^s:3^d. I take my dose of 3 pills.

7 After competent sleep rise about 8. The day cold and sharp. I go to Mr. Bouchers Chamber and the Court. I send by the Governor going with Mr. Stratford to Oxon a Letter to my son with a Catalogue of the Dignitary's of this Cathedral, to Dr. Stratford. I examin 4 Wittnesses ex parte Drinkwater. I write to Mr. Aldersey, Mr. Birchall, my cozn. Holt and John Cross, by Mr. Walley, over my pint of Dyson; take 3 pills.

8 I have D.G. a full sleep, rise in a bright morning before 8, receive acceptable Letters from my son and Ken. I examin 4 Wittnesses ex parte Ashton contra Clayton in a Matrimonial Cause. I finish them about 7 and recreate in Books over my pint of Dyson. Take 3 pills.

9 My sleep still favorable. I rise in a cool blowing morning about 8. About 10 to roodee, ride 6 times round, refresht, recreate in Books, write and inclose a requisicion to cite Mr. Manwaring to Mr. Alexander, Registrar, write to Mr. Baldwin. I pay Samuel Walmesley for repairing the roof of the Consistory 11^s, pay for 3 Measures of wheate, 15^s.6^d. After dinner and repose, to E. prayers, thence with Mr. Tomson to Mr. Hollands where wee meet Mr. Chancellor & Hulton, send for a pint of white port, stay till 9. Three pills.

10 Succeed in sleep D.G., rise at 8. The weather turnd dull and rainy. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on (Lead us not into Temptacion, but deliver us from Evil). After a good dinner on Harslet, repose, thence to E. prayers. The News revives the Apprension of Invasion from Swedland. I divert in Books & over a pint of Dyson write to my son. 3 pills.

11 Betwixt 1 & 4, a troublesome interval. The weather blows high with rain, prevents a further journy than to the Church. After dinner (at which I leave the custom of keeping Lent admonish'd by my present indisposition) I divert in Books. After E. prayers Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Hulton & I go to the Yatcht. Wee drink 2 Bottles of good French to which Mr. Wells's his present of 2^s is contributed, wee part before 9. (1^s).

12 Better success in sleep after 3 pills, rise about 8 and tho the weather high almost to storm, Mr. Thomson and I ride 6 Times about roodee. I dip in Books before and after dinner till 4. After E. prayers to Mr. Hodson, thence with him, Mr. Morrey, Ball and Parker to the Phoenix where wee find good Ale and a fair and modest Lanlady. Tory talk runs high. Mr. Morrey to surprize, joins not in that part. Wee part about 9. I take 3 pills. (6^d).

13 A sleep with small intermission & no complaint, rise before 8 in a brisk Frost and sunny day. I ride with Mr. Mayor and Mr. Tomson 7 times round roodee. My Suzy, Alderman Partington and I dine elegantly (& indeed) luxurious on Ling,

oysters and Sturgeon with Mr. Chancellor. After dinner Mr. Woodrooffe enters, wee drink a moderate Glass. After 4 to Alderman Hodsons, pay him for Dr. Caves Ancient Church 3^s, go with him &c to the Funeral of Mr. Croxton my old Upholsterer (at St. Johns) where Mr. Oulton reads in rustic Cant. Return home to Books and Dyson. Am call'd out about 9 to see a larg Circle or Halo about the Moon, the area (of which the Moon is Centre) very clear, the rest dusky, take 3 pills. (1^s).

14 I sleep, D.G. without complaint, rise about 7 in a severe cold morning. Take a short turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson, from whence the weather beats us off. At Mr. Bouchers and the Court where few Assignacions and small busienes. After E. prayers I write to Mr. Gandy. At 6 go to the Yatcht, where Mr. Chancellor, Welles, Hulton & I meet. Wee send to Mr. Mayor who comes to us, wee drink 3 Bottles of Claret, part at 9. I divert today in Capt. Perrys Account of Russia. I pay Mr. Hatton, Chandler for my sister Evans 1^{li}:13^s.4^d. (1^s.6^d). 3 pills.

15 A sleep easy without any pain. I rise about 8 and am surpriz'd at the depth of the snow which began last night about 6 and continues with a strong cold wind. I go on in Capt. Perrys Account and finish it after dinner. After E. prayers where very few attend, I with some difficulty gott thoro the snow (driven in many places to a great height) to the Eastgate Street. At 6 meet Mr. Mayor & about 6 others of the Clubb at the White Talbot, wee reckon the snow had continu'd about 30 hours about 10, when it intermitted, wee part. (1^s). 3 pills.

16 After good sleep and a calme night I rise about 8. The snow begins again. Accounts of the difficulty and danger of the roads and scarcity of the Market is the comon discourse. After M. prayers (at which a thin congregacion) I begin in Caves Ancient Church. I receive by Jeffry from his Father on Account 12^{li}:16^s.8^d (D.G.) After dinner, short repose and E. prayers. I go to Mr. Hollands where Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Hulton, Alderman Partington & Sayer. The weather, the depth of Snow in so short a time, the riseing streames & danger from the present Thaw, is the common subject, wee part before 7. I come to my Corner & pint of Dyson. 3 pills.

17 Good sleep, I rise about 8. The weather turn'd to Frost after so great snow faln. The packet comes late (about noon) and with little News. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. After E. prayers and a Chapter or 2 in Dr. Cave, I go to Sir Hen. Bunburys, hee treats Mr. A. Meredith, Mr. Barton & myself in his study with a good Flask. About 9, wee come down to the parlor, where my S. and daughter are at supper with my Lady Bunbury, the wine gos fresh about, wee come home on Ice about 12. (1^s). 3 p[ills].

18 After a good sleep, indisposicion rises from the wine and unseasonable Time. The Ayr clear, I take a Turn round the Wall, have Mr. Mayors company to the Watergate. After E. prayers I go to Mr. Hollands, where Mr. Chancellor & I join in a pint of white port, part hence before 8, call at Mr. Hultons, sit with him and his son over a pint of red port past 9. I pay Mr. Raph Burroughs for Mr. Calkin, Curate 2^{li}. (1^s). 3 pills.

19 A sleep not without intermission. The snow melts, yet the roads difficult. I rather divert than read Books. After a short repose and E. prayers, Mr. Chancellor, Oliver, Tomson, Aldermen Partington, Puleston and I go to Mr. Hollands, wee

drink Ale and that too dull, yet stay till 9. The snow dissolves into streames. I over my pint of Dyson divert in Books till 10. My cozn. Marsden sends mee very seasonably a Tunn of Coales. (3^d). 3 pills.

20 After a sleep disturb'd, so indispos'd that after a short Turn on the Walls, I ly down 2 hours. After dinner walk round the Walls with Mr. Tomson. After E. prayers and short diversion in Books, go with Mr. Hulton and Mr. Stones to Mr. Dyson who treats us with a Bottle of good French, wee part at 8. 3.p. receive my sons Letter & Accounts in it from Oxon by the Governor.

21 Sleep not without intermission and pain. The day cool and windy, with thaw. At Mr. Bouchiers and the Court in pain, yet in Books diverting. After dinner about 3, the weather bright, Mr. Tomson & I venture first since the Extreme snow & thawing to Christleton, sitt 2 hours over 2 tankards & a Tipp of Brandy, with Mr. Townsends. I give my daughter Ellen who had bin near a Fortnight at Mr. Townsends, 1^s, wee find the way tho some drifts of snow not yet melted, fairly passable, wee return home about 7. 3 p[ills].

22 Sleep still uneasy. I rise about 7, the weather various. At M. prayers, a Hail Storm, it takes a pleasant Feature after noon. I give Sam, Mr. Townsends servant, for bringing my daughter Ellen home, 1^s. About 3 set out for Christleton, overtake Mr. Chancellor in Boughton, wee stay with Mr. Townsend over 2 other tankards parting with a Tip, come home about 7, the sun setting. I call at the Talbot where the Mayor & Mr. Tomson, the rest of the Clubb come, the discourse various. I am indispos'd, inter haec, receive an aggravating Letter from Mr. Foulks on the St. Account; this is the last night of the Clubb, wee part about 10. 3 pills. 1^s.

23 Indifferent sleep and repose. I rise about 8, am affected with the difficulties approching. The weather fair and calm. Mr. Tomson and I take 7 rounds on horsback on roodee. I refresh in Tea, write to John Cross, pay T. Roberts on his Account 1^{li}:1^s:6^d. Last Quarter for the Land Tax of Hatton 17^s.9^d, for Wills Quarterage 5^s, for a Bushel of Oates 5^s.6^d, to Samuel Walmesley 6^s. After dinner dull with reflection, take a Repose. On Wednesday last I receivd my sons Account of his and especially Kens charges thus vidt. Debitor for 30^{li}, Creditor for Journy to & from London 3.9.6. Lodgings &c at London 2:11:0, Kens books 1.17.6, Stockings, shoos &c 8^s, Charter House 4^{li}, K's Bookseller at Oxon 1:12:0, Laundress there 1^{li}.15^s, Mr. Scandret School Master 2^{li}:3^s, Barber 6^s.6^d, Shoemaker 1^{li}.5^s, Taylor, new Breeches &c 2^{li}:10^s, Hatt & trunk 11^s.6^d, Mr. Colley 1:13:3, Mr. Rawlins 4:19.4. In all 29.8.1, so there remains 11^s:11^d. About 6, I betake mee to my chamber & pint of Dyson, after 10 my 3 p[ills].

24 After tollerable repose, rise about 7, the morning dull yet cold. Lord Galway return'd from Ireland comes, a maim'd figure supported by his servants to the Quire where Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the same Text hee us'd Sunday last. [blank]. After dinner & short repose I go to St. Oswalds, where Lord Galways Chaplain has a good affectionate discourse on (Let the same mind bee in you that was in Christ Jesus) wherein hee particularly magnifyd & recomended the Humility, Charity & patience of our Lord. I apply to Books over my pint of Dyson & take 3 p[ills].

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MARCH 25 After a sleep interrupted 2 hours with pain & melancholy, I rise before 8, the day wett and stormy. I write to J. Crosse that I will send Robert to meet him at Warrington on Wedensday. After in Books till dinner. I pay Mr. Biggin's servant for three Tunns of Coals (which hee freindly sent mee) 1^{li}:11:6. I was at the Morning, and after E. prayers (tho affected with my close malady) go to the White Talbot, am introduc'd by Mr. Tomson to Lord Rochford C. Justice (in Queen Anne's time), Lord cheif Baron of Ireland, and his company, where I find the Title of Lord too industriously (as I take it) kept up. Hee is generous, free & loyal, just to the D. of Ormond, treats mee with rich French Claret. I drink near my Bottle, wee part after 10. I take after 11 3 pills.

26 Tho good sleep, the liberty of last night rebukes mee. I rise after 8. The day is wett and dull. I receive from Mr. Parr a very freindly intimacion which hee received from Sir Nathaniel Lloyd of my Lord Bishop of Chester his kind intencion to continue the Revenues of the Registry to mee without Account to Mr. Smith.¹ After M. prayers, I with my S. and Mrs. Falkner drink Tea with Lady Bunbury. After dinner, dull, betake to repose about 3. This is interrupted by Mr. Massie, who with an Ayr of Freindship above description tells mee hee (now Lady day come) is come to perfect his promise of 500^{li} more, desireing only 2 or 3 weeks notice before, when I shall want it, persists in an uncommon stile, says hee earnestly desires to serve mee, and that I may (as hee phrases it) comand the summ. I endeavor to express (but cannot) my gratitude. I return to him 3 Luid'ors which were in my Bagg above the 100^{li}, hee (to my amazement) brought mee Nov. last. Wee have some short, but affectionate, sayings about the schism lately advanc't by Dr. Hicks. I hereupon lend him Bishop Overals Canons. After E. prayers & about 6 Alderman Hodson, Mr. Holland and I go to the Shipp where I pay the Alderman for Hackluys Voyages ½ Guinea, wee drink 4 pints, I pay for 2. Take 3 p[ills].

27 Tho I have continu'd sleep till 5, am then indispos'd, but after 7 recover by a short sleep. I send Robert to meet John Cross this day, at Warrington. I am at M. prayers, the weather sunny and showry in frequent Turns. My Distemper interrupts my reading, but do's not my gratitude for the success of the 2 next preceding days. After 3, calld on the occasion, meet Mr. Chancellor, Townsend & Hulton at the Yatcht, wee drink 3 Bottles of Good French over which discourse on the present News, pay cash 2^s and with an agreeable Cargo of wine, part about 8. I write to Mr. Gandy. Take 3 pills.

28 After 2 hours interval (twixt 4 & 6) rise well refresht about 8. I receive from Robert return'd last night from John Cross, only 10^{li}:3:4½. The Account for the last year runs thus, vidlt Debtor for John Shaws rent 44^{li}, for J. Walmesley 50^{li}, Creditor, Received August last from J. Walmsley 10^{li}, for the Mare 8^{li}, from J. Shaw in Nov. 20^{li}, paid Mr. Gellibrand, Jan. 15 for interest due the 23 Nov. last, 25. By John Shaws Bill of Taxes &c 9^{li}:5:4½, John Walmesleys Bill 10:1:3, sent now in mony, 9:3:4½ & sent Wm. Naylor's rent 1^{li}. There remains unpaid by J. Walmesley

1 The bishop had appointed Mr. Smith to act as registrar for the bishop's son.

2^{li}:10^s. I am at Mr. Bouchers and the Court which rises before M. prayers ended. Mr. Tomson and I divert in Aulus Gell. After dinner of Beef and short repose, to Busienes. I receive Alderman Partingtons receipt for 10^{li}:1:6, paid on Tuesday. After E. prayers, go to Mr. Hollands, where Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington & Mr. Tomson. Here, I write to my son. Wee send for a pint of white port, part about 9, (11^d), take 3 pills.

29 Betwixt 2 and 5 an unhappy intermission of sleep. I rise about 8 indispos'd, the weather fair and cool. After M. prayers and Tea, Mr. Thomson and I (on the Chancellors horses) ride to Warton, see the Garden, Colt &c. Wee return after 2, after dinner about 6 go to Mr. Hurts in the Watergate Street where wee find the person wee look for, Mr. Markham, among the Family of the Liverpool Merchants, sitt and drink red port with them, near 9 come to my Corner. I write to Mr. Alexander about Sir John Manwarings Admonicion & to Mr. Greenly proctor of the Arches about Kingstons search & direct to pay, for his Letter and that, 3^s:8^d to my cozn. Parr. Take 3 p[ills].

30 Tho a full sleep, I rise with a giddines and pain about 8. The weather Fair & favorable. After M. prayers visit Mrs. Middleton, continue indispos'd. After E. prayers, the Evening warm and inviteing, I take a Turn on roodee with Mr. Tomson. Wee thence visit Mr. Mayor who receives us with his usual Freindship and Freedom. I have my choice, a Bottle of fine white French. Hee freely promises to make his proposal to the Council for my son Harrys Freedom (Mrs. Mayoress Lucinam² invocante). Wee part at 9 and in the street are imediately surprizd with silent volly's of Corruscations from the North, Light and clowdy smoke over spread the City. Saving the Noise, a discharge of the greatest Canons is represented, from the N. and N.E., the streets and Walls are fill'd with wondring spectators. New scenes, figures and motions, still arise above and in the Atmosphere, and some sanguine spectators will have it, that an Engagement of 2 Fleets in the North are coppyd in the Clouds. Wee stay on the Walls, in the light & variety of these phaenomena till 11. I recollect that at the same time of the Night of the same day of the week and very near the same time in the Year, vidt Saturday the 31 March last (quem vide), wee were surpriz'd with the like Sight. I take 3 p[ills].

31 Saveing an interrupcion of 2 hours, good sleep, pain and dizzines remain. I rise about 8, the sermon & sacrament being in St. Oswalds. I stay at home, have proper reading there. I turn in Lactantius. Mrs. Ann Massie dines with us. After dinner and very short repose, at E. prayers, the weather bright and warm. Mr. Tomson & I (the Walls crowded) take the Ayr towards Beachpool, return about 6. I over my pint of Dyson divert in Books & take 3 pills.

APRIL 1 Still interrupted sleep, pain and dizzines in the morning. The weather clear and brisk. After M. prayers, a Turn on the Walls. I pay the window Tax for the last year for this House 1^{li}:10^s:0. Jeffry go's to St. Asaph, where a Court tomorrow. After dinner I go to Warton, see the Brick-kiln and about 68 Acorns of

2 This was the goddess of birth.

the Italian Oak sett in the E. end of the Garden. Returning, call at the Glass-House where I find Mr. Chancellor, a subscribd member of that Clubb. I am drawn to subscribe with some aversion. I stay about an hour, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Hulton and I come together to the East Gate. Mr. Chancellor and I thence going on meet with Mr. Grantham & Holland, wee go to the Ship, drink 2 Bottles of French Claret, parting at 8. I call on Lady & Mr. W. Bunbury, where good wine comes up. I stay till 10. Take my 3 pills. (1^s:9).

2 A sleep intire till 6 & after that & snail water, a short slumber. The weather rainy. After M. prayers in Zouch and Grotius. I pay Mrs. Stringer's Note for Hatts 2^{li}:10^s:0. For the last Quarter of the Tax for the Registry and Dean Rurals offices, 1^{li}:12^s:0. To my Man Robert his Note of mony laid out by him, 1^{li}:0^s:6^d. After E. prayers Lord Charles Murray visits (I think) my daughter Lidia. Mrs. S. Bunbury & Mr. Ed. Foulks are with him. Hee is very silent, not promotes nor joins in, conversacion, a grave, not morose, yong Gentleman. About 6, take my Turn into the Town, return to my chamber & pint of Dyson. I take 3 pills.

3 I am (D.G.) surpriz'd with an entire, neatt and easy sleep till 6, and after that a short repose. I rise after 8. Go and return my thanks at M. prayers. After in Cassanaeus's Cat. Glorise Mundi. Pay to Filkin the Collector the whole Land Tax for Huxley for the last year, 3^{li}:9^s:4^d, for the last Quarterly Tax, for Warton (of the last year) 1^{li}:5^s:6. The weather dull with thick Clouds. After E. prayers Mr. Tomson and I go to Mr. Hollands, where wee find Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington and Mr. Hulton, a pint of wine is sent for, wee stay past 8. I return to my chamber & 3 pills.

4 My sleep interrupted, perhaps by the storm, high in the night, rise indisposd after 8. At Mr. Bouchers chamber and thence to a short Court, the last of this Term. Mr. Buckley, Collector of the water rate, comes and demands the Arrear of 2 Quarters, 8^s, tho this House was chargd only with 3^s a Quarter before, insists on it, I (tho ad incitas redactus), pay the 8^s. I (the wind too high) nor walk nor ride out, but indispos'd take short repose till E. prayers. After these, & a Turn into the Town, to my Chamber and Books over a pint of Dyson past 9. Take 3 pills.

5 Sleep tho interrupted, competent, rise about 8, not without my old pain affecting my head. The weather fair, drying and windy. After M. prayers visit Mrs. Martin and drink Tea with her, after 12, Mr. Roberts pays for mee the window mony for the last year for my last Corner in the Norgate Street 1^{li}, and sends by Jeffry to mee on Account 5^{li}. After dinner Mrs. Wainwright³ comes to my S. I (alone) after 3 sett out to Mr. Townsends. After a Turn in his Garden, hee produces a Bottle of white port, wee sitt, and over freindly sayings on his, and thanks on my side, drink the Bottle, which advances the time past 7. I come back in a cool Ayr, dry way & new moon, at a quick rate, to my Chamber. I take my 3 pills. I draw a scheme of the next Visitacion.

6 A continu'd sleep till 4, a short one after 6. I rise about 8, the weather cloudy & showrs frequent. After M. prayers write to J. Cross about Italian Acorns & to meet mee at Warrington on Tuesday; to the Chancellor of St. Asaph, about the next

3 Mrs Wainwright was the wife of the chancellor, John Wainwright.

Court and the visitacion. I pay the maid Ismay 20^s part of her wages, for a Bushel of Oats 5^s.6. After dinner short repose and E. prayers. I take a Turn into the Town. At 7 return to my Corner and pint of Dyson. I write to my son Ken by the Governor who go's tomorrow, send Ken 1^s, give the Governor 6^d. Take 3 p[ills].

7 A sleep interrupted several hours. I rise before 8 The weather very various, Sunshine, Rain, Hail and Cold. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on the Sacrament which wee receive. Det D.O.M. recte, pie et sobrie vivere! The Letters are full of the Whigg success in the Lords House in the matter of the Oxford riot on the Prince his Birthday, wherein they vote by a majority of 65 to 33 that the University had bin negligent in their duty, and approve the Conduct of Major Franks, the comanding Officer. After E. prayers wee visit Mrs. Middleton, shee delivers to mee a small Bottle of Mr. Whites Bitter Snake Root which cost's 1^s.6^d. I see Mr. Chancellor about 6 under apprehensions of an Ague, return thence, to my chamber and Busienes, over a pint of Dyson. Take 3 pills.

8 About 12 interrupted by Mrs. Suzy and Bell Bunbury their hasty recourse to a sanctuary here from the odd pursuit of Lord Charles Murray;⁴ they return about 2. I sleep the rest of the night. I rise about 8. The weather early this morning turn'd to rainy. I prepare for my journey to Warrington. Mr. Hulton after 9, the weather cloudy, rainy & cold, comes to mee, saies tis not fit to turn out in such weather, that hee consults my now more tender health, will therefore take opportunity by the post today to write to Mr. Plumbe, not to expect us at Warrington till Wednesday night, nor then except the weather bee more favorable. I consent to the adjournment. I write to John Cross of this dissappointment. And after dinner the rain over yet the weather cold and the ways deep, I go to the Glass-house (overtaking Mr. Hulton in the way) where the Clubb is mett, the Ale and Jocky discourse go round till 6. Mr. Hulton & I return and in the way see many Quakers of both sexes comeing to the Town, where a General Assembly of them is appointed to begin to Morrow. I come to my Corner, pint of Dyson, Book and 3 pills.

9 I enjoy D.G. good sleep and rest, with very short intervals. I rise about 8, the weather yet very cold. After M. prayers the News Letters entertain us with the Accounts of the Resolucion of a whigg Cabal of 120 Members to bring in a Bill against the Schism and Occasional Conformity Acts & other ungrateful Matters.⁵ The Town is full of the discourse and of the Quakers themselves. After dinner to Books. After E. prayers and a Turn into the Town to see the Quakers, I come to my Corner. I write to Mr. Alexander, inclose the Bill about Sir John Manwarings Administration which amounts to 4^{li}:10^s:4^d and desire him to pay it my Cozn. Parr, to whom I write my due acknowledgments and desire to receive that summ, and from Dr. Henchman on Dicconsions Caveat 6^s:4^d. All this over my pint of Dyson.

10 I have (tho to bed very late) competent sleep. I rise after 8 in a doubtfull day, the weather changing almost every hour; prepare for my journey. Leave with my S.

4 Lord Charles Murray, the 4th son of the 1st duke of Athol, a Jacobite, was taken prisoner at Preston in 1715, condemned to death as a traitor, but later pardoned.

5 The Whigs loathed the Acts of Occasional Conformity and Schism; both were repealed in 1717.

1^{li}:2^s:6 and give my daughter Lydia on her Account 1^{li}. After 2 Mr. Hulton, Roberts and I sett on, the weather dry and windy; come D.G. readily to Warrington & Red Lyon before the sun sett. I examine Mr. Tyrer on the Commission open'd before Mr. Horrobin, sup on posset and a Glass of white wine; take 3 pills and to bed about 11.

11 After a good continu'd sleep, rise well about 7, the day to amazement warm and glorious. Near 20 Witnesses are produc'd and sworn, I examine only 5. I send to Chester (which John Cross left here for mee) 2 Capons. Dr. Holbrook calls on and dines with us. Examination over, about 8, I enter on my supper; a pint of white 6^d. Take 3 pills.

12 Repose successfull. I return about 9 to my Busienes, the weather alter'd to cool. I examine 6 Witnesses, recreate with the Company in my pint at night. To bed after 3 pills.

13 The like successfull sleep repairs mee for the Busienes. I examine only 3 very tedious Witnesses, have an Assistant to write the last deposicion which carrys the Night to 12 a Clock at Night. Mr. Hayward an Atturney of my old Acquaintance, who liv'd in Warrington, was bury'd to day at Daresbury. I make my Bill which amounts to 7^{li}:18^s:2, recreate in my pint, take pills and to Bed about 1.

14 Still good repose and D.G. good health. I keep my chamber and the House till Noon, wee dine together with Mr. Plumbe, who attended all along. After dinner, drink a Glass of white wine, write to my Suzy. About 3 Mr. Hulton & Roberts return to Chester. I at 4 sett for Wigan come in a fine calm Ayr to my Cozn. Holts about 7. After a posset, a pint of Mountain, 3 pills and to bed about 11. (2^s).

15 Much happier repose than when last here. At M. prayers. After dinner about 3 my cozn. Holt, Mr. Ja. Acton and I ride out in a cool Ayr to Lightshaw in Winwick parish to see a portmanteau horse of one Corles, the horse gon to Bolton. Wee return, call at Ince, see a horse there, come to Nanny Tootells, where wee drink Ale & wine. John Cross came here today. To bed about 12, after pills. 2^s.

16 Still favorable rest. Mr. Corles brings his young tall black horse, which answers not my design, wee part in civility. After prayers and dinner my cozn. Holt and I go to Ayrfeild, the weather at first misty, after clear. Wee go to the Well about 4 where J. Cross & a planter meet us, they had markt out a circular Border of 40 yards & the planter promises to set the Ilex Acorns in it this week. My cozn. Holt, John Cross and I drink 2 Bottles of white wine, freely and freindly, go home about sun sett, call at Mr. Birchals and Dickfeilds, in both places take a dram of good Brandy, return by the light sky, fall mellow into discourse of my late dear Cozn. Holt which brings us home about 10.

17 Tho I have tollerable sleep, too much of the inconvenient heat and cold, last day. My Cozn. Holt entertain'd mee with Accounts of his advantagious purchase of his Common to lay out much more mony (now Interest faln) for his brother, how hee sold my old Black Horse for 25^s. Hee reckons with mee for interest due Nov. last (towards which hee receiv'd from Mr. Haydoc 3^{li}) 5^{li} and for the 50^{li} due March last 2^{li}:10^s. I therefore pay him 4^{li}:10^s besides on Mr. Chancellors Account on occasion of his representing him at the Xtning of Mr. Alderseys son, 2^{li}:0^s.9^d. After dinner hee applys to selling his horse to Mr. Cooper, a Jocky. I dissapointed in rideing out & dull, go to the parsonage, am entertain'd with freedom and loud

pronunciacion by Mr. & Mrs. Aldersey. My cozn. Holt comes hither to mee, wee part before 9. Go home and drink a pint of the noble Mountain wine; take 3 pills and to bed about 12.

18 After competent sleep the stormy night. I rise about 7 tho the wind high. After Coffee with Fanny Green, I sett out after 10, come to Warrington about 1, have a slender dinner, see and send to Mr. Shaw who comes and over a pint of white wine, sits an hour with mee. About 4, sett hence and the wind faln to calm, come safe (D.G.) to my Corner before 8. I reckon all Charges of this journey to 1^{li}.

19 Tho after good repose and tho Good Friday, I keep to bed near 11. Mrs. Hurleston and Massie come and sitt with us till Evening prayers. I receive today my Lord Bishops Letter about his disposicion of the Registry,⁶ am surpriz'd and mov'd, tho hee seems to have consulted my ease and advantage. My late dinner hence lies heavy. After my pint & pills, to bed about 11.

20 A night disturb'd by my pain reviv'd. I rise about 8, the weather cold & rainy. I forbear to answer my Lords Letter. Att prayers, in Busienes and Books. In the Evening at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton till 8. After a glass of wine & pills, to bed.

21 Easter day. After indifferent repose and ease, rise about 8, the morning cold and sharp. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the Sacrament and there is a full number, perhaps 200 Comunicants. After E. prayers and a solitary walk, I retire to my Chamber, think but not conclude on answer to my Lord Bishop. My S. and I visit Mr. Ashton, stay there past 9 receivd with a pint of Mountain, return, yet dull, to my Chamber and 4 pills.

22 At 2 am awakd with the pains of my distemper, recover no further sleep. I rise about 8, the weather cold and rainy. I see Mrs. Midleton after M. prayers. The Judges Jekil & Jeffrys come in conducted by Bayley the Sheriff and few of the better sort, my spirits are deprest all day, nor after E. prayers much rais'd at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor & Alderman Puleston &c over Ale and a pint of Lisbon; about 9 to my chamber & 3 pills.

23 Better success in my sleep, D.G. I rise past 8, the weather cold & rainy and fair by Turns. Dr. Holbrook sees us about 9 and drinks Tea with us. After dinner & 3 I go to roodee where a great concourse & expectacion. I am calld up by Mr. Pemberton, Sheriff, into the Chair at the End. The 3 heats are well and closely rid by Lord Barrymore, Cholmley and Mr. Henry Leigh of H[igh] Leigh. Mr. Leigh gets the 1st, Lord Barrymores Mare the 2^d and 3^d heates and the plate, a Candle Cup and Salver of about 35^{li} value. The success is very loudly congratulated. Tis past 6 before I get into the Town, seek, but find not, proper Freinds, return to my Chamber and over my pint of Dyson conclude on my Answer to my Lord Bishop; take 3 pills & late to Bed.

24 I have easier and longer sleep and rise after 9. After M. prayers, Q.B.E., send away my Letter. Dr. Holbrook dines with us, sees and commends our habitacion. Advises mee to drink Scarborough Water. Dr. Egerton⁷ is instituted to Christleton

6 Prescott was bitterly disappointed that he did not receive the job of registrar when Dr Pope died.

7 Dr Egerton was a member of the Egerton family, who were close friends of Prescott.

by Mr. Chancellor, who after 3 calls on mee and Dr. Holbrook. Wee go down to the Yatch, drink little Brimmers round freely and freindly, which make to each an equal Bottle, the wine good French Claret. Whilst here a plate of about 15^{li} is run for by Sir R. Grosvenor and Mr. Egerton, got by the later. Wee part with the setting sun. I see Mr. Tompson confind in his chamber by a hurt from a thrown stone on his Leg, retire to my chamber and without pills. 2^s 6^d.

25 Enjoy D.G. good rest and sleep, rise about 9, the weather too cold still & windy. After M. prayers I drink Tea with Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Edeling. 'Tis St. Marks day. Invited thither, about 1, I sett out and come to the parsonage house of Christleton, before which hour Dr. Egerton had bin inducted by Mr. Aubrey. Here is a full company (about 50 Gentlemen and Clergy) liberally entertain'd with plenty of provision, good wines, punch & Ale. About 6 I go to Mr. Townsends, sit there an hour, thence go to Warton, see the Colt & return in a calme Evening, about 8, home, after pills, to bed tir'd about 11. (1^s).

26 I have very good rest, yet is my head affected with pain. The weather yet cool, the Spring retarded, to a comon complaint. After M. prayers, to my Tea, as all along since the 8th current with the Royal Bitter. After dinner, grow dull and resolve to ride off the indisposicion. I ride over Hool and Sutton Heaths to Sutton, return, go over Newton Heath, call at Newton, find with Mr. Hurleston, Mr. Lau. Booth, Glasior, Wilcock the Usher, Mr. Charles. About 6 Mr. Vernon comes, I drink near my bottle of Claret. Mr. Massie (to whom my visit was chiefly design'd, gon to Codington), Mr. Vernon & I return about 9. To the Butler 1^s, Groome 6^d. After pills to bed about 11.

27 A good and uninterrupted sleep. I rise after 8, the day still cold, the weather not yet introducing the Spring. Old Wm. Calkin is troublesom about a Licence to marry a yong, untaught and ill humord person, is every where dissuaded but is obstinate. I pay R. Nichols Collector of the poors Tax for Warton 8^s.4^d, for a Bushell of Oats 7^s.6^d. At M. prayers. After the Even prayers, call on Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Hollands but stay not. After to Mr. Hultons where I have my pint of white Dyson at 9^d, hee drinks his pint of Claret. My cozn. Betty entertains us with the repeticion of several Loyal poems. I come home about 10, take 3 pills. 11^d.

28 Very competent sleep. I rise after 8, the weather yet very cold. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on (Our conversation is in Heaven). I see & speake to Mr. Massie about his design'd Favor. My Cozn. W. Eyton and Mall Partington dine with us. After E. prayers I see Mr. Tomson. About 6 go to Mr. Chancellor, impart my Lords Letter to him about the Registry. Hee considers it freindly. I drink a Glass of Claret with him, return home to my chamber, my pint of Dyson & 3 pills.

29 After good rest, I rise to E. prayers, prepare for my journey, pay my Neece M.B. 2^{li}, give my S. 1^{li}. About 10, the weather cold and doubtfull, Mr. Stratford and I sett out, the road tollerable and dry. Wee pass thro Northope and come to the Crown at Halliwell about 2. While a breast of veal is preparing, wee visit & drink Tea with Mr. & Mrs. Ellis. After dinner Mr. Ellis comes to us, wee drink 2 Bottles of good French Claret, go hence about 6, meet at the Turn of the road from Caerwys, Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Jones, go at their sharp rate, call and drink wine at Mr. Mouldings, come about 10 to Gwernygryn, where finding no recepcion for my Horses, encouragd by Mr. Lewis I send 'em to my Lord Bishops stable. 6^s.

30 After good repose and Tea, go about 10 to St. Asaph, the weather continues brisk & cold, scarcity of all provision for the Houskeeping & Cattle comonly complaind. A visitacion for the Deanery of Tegengle⁸ as well a Consistory Court held. After dinner where a circle about 11, I examine 2 Witnesses in a matrimonial Cause of Wynn. In the Even, at Mr. Mouldings with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Jones V[icar] of Wrexham. Mr. Evans and I about 8 go home, calling at the office I find 8 Bottles of Claret, take 2 along with us. 2^s.

MAY 1 After a good repose, rise about 9. The weather cold, the wind N.W. and strong. Mr. Wynn of Gop has a ship of about 70 Ton lanned at Ruthland calld the Swift, at which a great confluence of the Neighborhood. I go to M. prayers, meet there with Mr. Lloyd of Kevan, who comes and dines with us. After dinner and 4 wee go to the Town, meet with Mr. Moulding and Maurice the V[icar]. Hee not to surprize boldly begins a Discourse in Diminucion of Episcopacy, allows it very convenient, not necessary, tho all the company oppose him, hee keeps up the discourse with great confidence. Wee part about 7, return to Gwernygryn, where I end the day in a pint of my old wine.

2 After indifferent repose, indispos'd. I resolve to stay this day, which is like the former. My Brother Evans accounts and giveing mee his receipt for 7^{li}.10^s as due for ½ years Interest 17 Apr. last, hee gives mee Notes of at least that valu to pay for him in Chester. This reconing detains us till dinner. After which wee go out, meet on the [illegible] Mr. Jones & Lewis, go with them to Mr. Maurice his House and bottl'd Ale. Wee 2 proceed to Mr. Moulding, who over his Bottle of good Claret accounts and pays mee the Balance 7^{li}.15^s.6, wee part in 3 Tipps of Brandy, return about 9. (2^s).

3 Repose is not so good and cool. I rise, prepare, drink Tea and Coffee, consider the servants here and about the Bishops stable. My Brother and sister Evans go with mee to Mr. Mouldings. I part hence about 11 in warm Sunshine, ride without my Coat to Brungen where a storm of Hail begins, falls in sharp angles, and continues almost to Penbedw, where I come about 2, find them beyond expectacion at dinner, Mr. Williams of Halkin and others with Mr. Mostyn, the wine & Ale circulate till 6, I desire the interposicion of Tea, which wee have in the Ladys room. Mr. Mostyn and I after a supper (part of which I venture on) drink another Tankard & Bottle, overall the Discourse is generally Bookish, the weather turns to rain, to Bed about 11. (4^s).

4 Tho this night only I omitted pills, good rest. I rise about 7, the weather yet rainy. I am in Mr. Mostyn's Study, elegantly entertaind by him, in curious Books and pictures, as well as those of graver sort and M.S.S. About 11, the sky clear, wee go to his Garden Museum which is furnisht with Books of the most rare & elegant sort, wee turn them as hee recollects the more remarkable passages. After a walk in the wood, return to the House & dinner. This over wee and Capt. Morgan return to the Ale, wine and Healths till 5. I then desire an help from Tea, the Ladies send for us, and treat us. The day gon clear, I resolve (tho almost too late), mount

8 The deanery of Tegeingl was in Flintshire, in the diocese of St Asaph.

about 6 and turning short of Mould, am presently on the Mountain, where I find the road dry, come safe home D.O.G. at 9, go to Lady Bunburys, where my Suzy, Mrs. Wm. Bunbury and Mrs. Ed. Foulkes, wee drink good Claret, return about 11.

5 Tho I have good sleep and rest, not well recoverd of my journey. I rise not till 9, the weather is still cold and rainy. I receive my Lord Bishops Letter of the 2^d current with his severe answer to my last about the Registry; this shocks mee exceedingly. After dinner I fall into a sleep which carrys mee beyond prayers. At night over my pint of Dyson, I turn Books and suspecting disturb'd sleep, take 4 pills.

6 Awake at 2, ly in great uneasines till 8. The weather rainy but sensibly warm. I venture on an answer to my Lord Bishop and send it, the last moment of the post. Tho indispos'd, I go with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton about 3 to the Glass-house, a brisk rain falling all the way. Here is Dr. Egerton added to the Clubb, the good Ale, sub rude freedom and language go round till 6, when wee return. I pay Mr. Wilbraham, Chandler 1^{li}:13^s:6^d. I recurr to my Books, pint and 3 pills. (6^d).

7 Some hours interrupted by my indisposition. I rise about 8, the weather sensibly alter'd to warm. After M. prayers to my study and busienes. A constant warm and steeping rain falls most of the day, it gives great hopes of recovery of the Spring. After E. prayers and 5, I meet Mr. Chancellor and Hulton at the Yacht, wee drink 2 Bottles of Good Claret, part about 8. I impart to Mr. Chancellor my Lord's Letter, return to my Chamber and take 3 pills. 1^s 6^d.

8 I have D.G. good repose. About 6 dream of the D. of M . . . gh his distraction and complaint at the politicks of the Ministry. Rise after 7, go to Mr. Bouchers to Mr. Chancellor, thence to the Court of Visitation of the Deanarys of Chester and Wirral, after dinner to my study where Mr. Calkin Curate and Lightfoot call on mee. I pay Jonathan Pickering 3^{li}.4^s. About 6 Mr. Langton of Preston & Mr. Robinson call on mee, wee go to the Yacht. Mr. L[angton] treats with 2 Bottles, wee part about 9.

9 Rest very indifferent, rise about 8, the day warm and genial. At Mr. Bouchers chamber with Mr. Chancellor, my attendance excus'd at Court. I in the way visit and drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton thence meet Capt. Hurleston and Mr. Crosby at the White Lyon, Mr. Wilsons. Wee audit here the Churchwardens Accounts. After sit down to a plentiful parochial dinner at which besides Mr. Davies & Mr. Mercer, about 20 parishioners, the Fellowship after stays mee till 5. Mr. Thomson and I see some old books at Mr. Hodgsons, thence after a walk wherein hee condoles and complains of his sister Ridleys case, wee retreat to my study, where wee refresh over our pints of Dyson and Ale; take 3 pills.

10 After more kindly rest, rise about 7, the day calme, warm and delicate. About 10 Mr. Stratford, Roberts &c and I set out, come to the Church of Frodsham before 12, a visitacion held before Mr. Taylor Surrogate. I receive Certificates of the values of smal Livings under 80^{li}, the Busienes very easy & small. I send to Rocksavage and receive no encourgment from the Grass-state of the park. The sun seems first to shew the time of the year. Wee part hence at 5 & in a sweet Evening return before 7, while over my pint Lord Charles Murray calls to see my Suzy, 3 pills. 6^d.

11 Tho a full sleep, my pains threaten mee. After M. prayers, to my Study. I pay

Mr. Laurence his Note (of which my sons share, 2^{li}:17:6) 5^{li}:4:0. To Tho. Roberts on Account 1^{li}. I pay for 3 Measures of wheat 18^s. I give T. Roberts my old 2^d mourning Coat. I pay Wilding, Collector of the poors Tax of Halton 6^s:8. About 6 Mr. Chancellor, Yates, Hulton & I meet at the Yatcht. Wee drink 2 Bottles of French, part about 8. Take 3 pills.

12 Very good repose. I rise about 8. The day warm and [?natural], yet a cool Breeze. I receive my Lord Bishops answer to my last, wherein hee expresses freely his reconciliacion, intimateing that from that Time a good understanding begin, since I kindly (& gratefully) accept what hee kindly has given mee.⁹ This transports mee with joy & gratitude to my good God. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Quire (on Abstain from Lusts, which warr against the soul). I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 5^{li}:7^s:6^d. In the Evening retire to my study and over a pint of Dyson draw a Letter of Gratitude to my Lord Bishop. Take 3 pills.

13 A vigilant night even from the satisfaction of my Lords Letter. I rise about 8, the weather very warm not without a Breeze of wind. After M. prayers, Tea in my Study with busienes. Mr. Roberts, Stratford &c go to Malpas. I send my Letter to my Lord, and write to Mr. Parre. I pay Roberts, Carter, on Mr. Calkin, C[urate's] Account 5^{li}, to the washwoman her Quarterage 1^{li}:10:0. About 3 Mr. T. Yates and I sett out on foot to the Glasshous, meet with the ordinary company and conversacion, part about 7. Mr. Hulton returns with us. Mr. Yates, Holland and I advance to the Ship, stay there 3 pints, and loyal Healths, till 11. No pills. 1^s:9^d.

14 Competent sleep, rise about 8, the day warm. I part with some of my winter covering, drink Tea with, invited, yong Ladys, Bunburys and Whitehalls. Mr. Chancellor & Hulton go to Midlewich. After M. prayers I take a walk on the roodee with Mr. Tomson. About 3 Hee and I (tho the wind pretty high yet warm) ride to Waverton, see the Colt &c. Mr. Tomson, Rollison and I sit and drink 2 Bottles & a pint of the old and new Ale, return about 8. At 9 my S. and I go to Mrs. Ashton, shee treats with a pint of good white wine. I omit pills tonight.

15 A very successfull repose, tho intermitted. I rise after 8. At M. prayers & from hence, into the Town, wait on Mrs. Oldfeild and Mrs. Yates. Receive 20 printed pictars from Mr. Lea. After E. prayers and a Turn with Mr. Tomson, return to my Study, draw a Sequestracion for Pulford, and write to my son, over my pint of Dyson, omit my pills the 3^d night.

16 After successfull repose, I rise about 8. A welcom showr had faln and it rains & is fair by Turns. I prepare for my journy, drink Tea and take leave with Mrs. Midleton. I send my Letter by the Exeter post to my son and leave 16 Guineas to bee deliver'd to Mr. Huson for him. Date and deliver the Sequestracion of Pulford to Mr. Thomson. About 3, the weather cool and roads fair, set out, come to Warrington about 7. Mr. Fearnhead comes & over my pint of white port, stays too tediously with mee. (6^s).

17 I rest well. A great rain begins early and continues till 8, then intermitting I venture out. I find Edgcroft bridg down and the river high, thus diverted from Deyn

9 As compensation for his not obtaining the registry, the bishop granted the revenues of the archdeaconry of Chester to Prescott for life, but the latter died within eighteen months.

go back & come to Manchester about 12. After dinner I visit Mr. Pigot and Dr. Holbrooks Familys, drink Tea at the 1st, good Claret at the other. I return to the Inn, our company after a wett & busy day come about 7. After a glass of the indifferent wine, my port my supper, recede to our chambers about 11.

18 Good sleep D.G. Rain more or smaller begins and ends the day. I visit the Warden, find him in his chamber easy and cheerfull, conversible and in hopes of seeing Chester this summer. The busienes of Blakeley Chapell and Certificates of the small Livings are Affairs menciond. I drink with the Ladies where one of em, Mrs. Ratcliff, is remarkable for her head-dress. The busienes is better than the weather. In the Evening, Mr. Chancellor, my self and a number (of his Freinds) are hansomly and fully treated by Dr. Holbrook with Lobster, Crabb, good wine and Ale. Wee, Mr. Holland, Egerton & others about 9 return to the Bulls Head, finish the Evening and Treat in a pint of Mountain.

19 The Lobster supper succeeds. The rains continue and threaten a Flood. At the old Church,¹⁰ a sermon by one of the parochial Curates. At the new one (after noon) another by yong Sedgwick. After this Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Holbrook and I visit Mr. Warden. The Chancellor falls too severely on the matter of the late return of Certificates, the Wardens late infirmity considerd. I recede to the Ladies and Tea. After wine here, about 7 wee go to Mr. John Lees; hee receives us with welcome and wine till 10. (1^s).

20 No complaint. The day succeeds with good symptoms of fair and warm weather. Mr. Malyn is instituted to Ashton upon Mersey.¹¹ After Tea, Sack and Damm, wee (the Chancellor and myself) call at Dr. Holbrooks, see Mr. Thomsons strong Gelding. I buy Lubin on Juvenal & Persius for 3^s. The Dr. lends mee 2 Books on Hypochondriac disorders. Wee go on, come to Deyn about 1, dine on Tench, Chickens & meanly cook'd, unworthy the invitacion, wear out the Evening over dull wine and Ale. The Chancellor on my mencion of my sons appointment to preach on Holy Thursday seems to drop into Chagrin. About 12 Mr. Ashton gives mee a Dram, in my new and lesser lodging.

21 Good sleep. A fair and pleasant day. After Tea, about 10 sett from Deyne. Mr. Chancellor mentions the Entertainment as surprizd and dissappointed. Wee scarce exceed a foot pace. I send Robert before and wee follow to our appointed dinner at the Angel about 3. I examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Walton contra Drinkwater.¹² After take my supper pint at Nanny Tootels and come past 10 to my cozn. Holts. (3^s).

22 Yet good repose without pills all along. I dine with my Cozn. Holt, examine 3 more Wittnesses ex parte Walton. In the Evening, my cozn. Holt entertains Mr. Chancellor, Aldersey, Hulton and myself very liberally with good Ale and good Wine, crowning the Treat with a pint of noble Mountain.

23 Tho good sleep, indispos'd. The rest of the company go to Ormskirk. I am excus'd and gladly examine another Witnes. After dinner and a short repose, after

10 The two churches were the Collegiate Church and St Ann's.

11 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/16, 1717.

12 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1717) No. 12.

3 ride over Parbold to Newbrough. See Mr. Cranes new School, a strong and comely Fabrick with chambers for the Master, go further to the 3 Leggs, meet with Mr. Crane in a mean room, at dull ale, in a Circle of Tory neighbors, drink agreeable healths and stay with them past 7. Come back in a fine calm Evening, about 9. I find Mr. Willis and others at wine with my cozn. Holt. (1^s).

24 Continu'd good repose. Our company returnd from Ormskirk a Visitacion held here. I examine 7 Wittnesses super Testamentum Alicea Bolton.¹³ After noon in the throng of Busienes and company. Mr. Gastrel Commissary of Richmond intrudes into the place, presently grows angry and without regard to the company, in an indecent passion reproves the Chancellor for interfering in his Jurisdiction and seems to forget both their offices & characters, as our company informd mee.¹⁴ I being then employ'd in examining wittnesses. The Chancellor first setts out, the Commissary and Mr. Stratford afterward to Warrington where (tho in the same Inn) they see not, save by chance, but speak not to each other. After Examinacion over, I recreate at Nanny Tootels. (1^s).

25 Sleep without complaint. Our company about 10 return for Chester. I examine about 5 of the Wittnesses on Interrogatorys. I receive from Mr. Roberts 20 Guineas. About 4, in a soft rain set out, go thoro Holland to the Leese, wait on my Godmother who tho very old and advancing near 90 is very apprehensive and of a cheerfull humor, reads a small print with Spectacles lately us'd, speaking of her own lean hand when holding mine; without any concern, shee said Cozen, I have but a little Food for the worms. The rain increases and in it, I walk with J. Cross to see Mr. Halliwell and his wife. They receive mee civilly & with good Ale, in the silver Cup which I gave his Grandfather in 1678. Returning I part with my Godmother. By the Bank go by Ayrfeild, see the plantacion about the Well, return in a sharp continued rain to Wigan about 9.

26 No alteration in sleep. The weather turn'd fair, Mr. Pearson preaches rather reads 2 sermons this day. I deliver my watch to Mr. Ashburner, to procure it mended. After E. prayers a numerous company from Church go to Mr. Mason (the Maior) to see the News, thence my cozn. Holt, Mr. Leigh and I to Nanny Tootells, where the sun setts over our pints. (1^s).

27 Yet sleep without pills or pain. I go to the parsonage and drink Tea with Mr. Aldersey. After dinner the Curat and SchoolMaster of Rainford, by Appointment, come to mee, Wee discourse on my cozn. Parrs benefaction, they are civil and freely submit to my disposicion and the times of payment of the Interest. Wee from the Angel go to Nanny Tootels where Mr. Aldersey and Mr. Darbyshire, candidate Curate for Holland, join us, wee pass the time most on Heraldry, they of Rainford part about 7, the rest about 10. (1^s).

28 Sleep and no pain. The fair weather conducts K. Georg his birth day (57th). After Tea at M. prayers. A noble Kennel Fire kindl'd near the Cross, in the morning, kept up till 9 at night. About 3 I set to Mr. Gilibrands near Chorley (an old seat) who being absent, I go to the town, visit Mr. Ryley and his wife, thence to

13 C.R.O., Court Books, EDC.1/197.

14 Peregrine Gastrell succeeded Thomas Waite as commissary of Richmond.

the Royal Oak, where I treat Mr. Ryley with a pint of white port. I deliver in Guineas 25^{li} to him to pay Mr. Gilibrand, and write to him about accepting 3 or 400^{li} & takeing my personal security for the rest. I took out of the bag Mr. Roberts left with mee 5 Guineas. I return in a calm Evening to Wigan about 9. (2^s).

29 Calm and easy sleep. As good weather ushers in a more solemn & happy day, that of the Birth and Restoracion of K. Charles 2^d. At Morning prayers where a full service and proper Homily. The Corporacion proclaim the Fair, in Form, then dine in the Hall. I treat some Freinds (at F. Greens) with a pot of Tea. I pay Mr. Curgley for Mr. Walker's History of the sufferings of the orthodox Clergy 18^s. This day is kept with much more distinction and affections, as well persons as houses bearing oak leaves, and another noble bonfire shines under the sun. After E. prayers, Mr. Aldersey, Holt and I call on Dr. Worthington at his Coffee-house, hear his stories of his own exploits, adjourn to N. Tootel, drink our pints. My cozn. Holt and I return about 9, not forgetfull of the melancholy Alloy to this day by the death of my dear Freind, we conclude the double day in a pint of the golden Mountain wine. (1^s).

30 Sleep not without uneasines, nor rise without indisposicion. After Tea and valediction, set out about 10. I remember my Sons Honor and Injunction by the Bishop of Bristol (Dean of Christ Church¹⁵) to preach for him before the University this Holy Thursday and, in Itinere, offer up to God my best wishes for his full and laudable performance. I pass Warrington & Norton to Rocksavage Park, consult the younger keeper about the Grass and my Colt, hee advises to send her. I invite him to Frodsham (J. Websters) where wee meet with Mrs. Taylor and Wilcock, the dinner and Ale (with which I treat) amount to 4^s. Mr. Wilcock and I come to Chester, well (D.G.) about 9.

31 After good sleep, lassitude from my journey keeps mee late in Bed. I visit & drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton. I proceed in reading the Treatise on Hypo-passions by Dr. de Mandevil lent mee by Dr. Holbrook. After prayers and a Turn in the Even, Mr. Tomson and I retreat to our several pints in my Study.

JUNE 1 Still sleep without help of Pills. After M. prayers, in Busienes. Mrs. Alicea Oldfield drinks Tea with us. Wm. Dutton pays mee for my son his last payment for the last year due at Lady day 13^{li}:15^s. I pay for 2 load of Coals, 10^s:3^d, for a poors Lay for Huxley, 2^s:6, for Oats 8^s:6^d, to Wm. Dutton for Oats 3^s:6^d, to Alcock the smith, 16^s:6^d, to Samuel Walmesley 2^{li}. After E. prayers a Turn in the Town and to Mr. Hollands, where I find Mr. Chancellor ready to go thence. I recur to my Book, over my pint of Dyson, till 10. To Mr. Roberts for attendance at the Court at St. Asaph, 1^{li}.1^s.6^d.

2 My sleep yet competent, tho I am constantly sensible of my Hypo pains, but hope they will vanish by the help of the Sun and season. Mr. Tomson (in my sons Turn) has a very good and affectionate sermon in the Quire on [blank]. Hee dines with us. After dinner a severe showr falls, under which I take a short repose. Go to E. prayers and after a walk on the Walls, return to my Book and pint, till 10.

3 After a good night wherein great rain fell, the morning fair. I go to early

15 George Smalbridge was bishop of Bristol 1714–19.

prayers. After 11, Mr. Chancellor and I go to the Glass-house where a hansom and good dinner, the whole number save Dr. Egerton & Mr. Dod surround it. Tho. Midlehurst makes his Accounts and votes mee his successor in that stewardship. About 6 the company dissolves, I go with Mr. Townsend home, where my Suzy, Nelly & Neece. A pretty supper in which a Lobster is prepar'd. I venture on the Fish, which with a Bottle of white port and a walk home about Sunsett, proves successfull. (2^s).

4 The weather fair and kindly, at Early Prayers. About 10 drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton, who and her sister (Mrs. Roberts) at 2 drink Tea with us. After E. prayers Go to Mr. Hollands, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton and I mix wine with our Ale. I this day sent Robert with my Colt to Rocksavage park and pay T. Roberts 1^{li} on Account. I finish the Evening in part of a pint of Dyson. I pay my Quarter payment to the Charity schools 5^s.

5 Agreeable weather. I rise to early prayers, apply to busienes in my study most of the day. In the Evening after prayers and some time over Mr. Tomsons cloudy Ale. I take 2 Turns on roodee with him and Mr. Davenport, Atturmy. After, over my Book, a pint of Dyson.

6 The season genuine, all things rise to surprize. I am at early prayers, take a Turn, see Mr. Inces improvements and Ornaments about his House. Make some stay and reflections in the Office with the design to carry and perform my Busienes there. I pay Mr. Comberbach 1^{li}:15^s:0. Mr. Chancellor, in his concern, desires mee to write to my Lord. After dinner, repose and E. prayers, go to the Yacht where Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Mayor, Alderman Partington &c with Mr. Townsend drink a free Glass of Claret. Return'd, I receive my sons Letter and good Account of his performance before the University on Holy Thursday, for which with joy, I render D.O.M.G. (1^s.6^d).

7 The morning fine and genial, at early prayers. Take a Turn on the Walls, call at the Chancellors, take leave of him and Dr. Norris, who with their Families, go this day to Speake. Drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton. After E. prayers divert in Alderman Hodsons Shop. After 6 call on Mr. Dyson, hee entertains mee with welcome, snuff and good wine, our discourse draws on 2 Bottles of French, these animate the discourse & protract it past 12. Paid to Raph Rollinson for Mr. Calkin C[urate] 1^{li}:5^s.

8 I sleep past 7, complain on the generous entertainment and wine. The day cool & refresht with showrs. After M. prayers take a short walk with Mr. Tomson out of Norgate. Indisposd, not releiv'd by Tea. After a fine Mullet, repose & E. prayers, return to diversion in my study, where wee are surpriz'd with an Account of a formidable difference in the Town betwixt the Citizens and soldiers, Drums beating to Arms, swords drawn against naked men, in this Tumult the Recorder and Coll. Columbine said to have changd sides, the former provoking the Citizens, the other defending them & repressing the attempts of the Officers and soldiers. Alderman Partington was insulted by some of the officers and narrowly escap'd their fury and swords when doing the duty of a Magistrate. I pay the poors Lay for Warton 8^s:4^d. In my study over my Books & pint till 10.

9 I sleep easily, and rise to E. prayers. This Holy Whitsunday I hope propitious to my birthday, now (by Gods indulgent mercy) the 67. Sanctissimam recipimus

Eucharistiam Det D.O.M. [?qua provectionem] vitam, magis laetam, piam, puram. Dr. Fogg had a good discourse in the Quire. After E. prayers & a short Turn into the town, I retreat to my study, Book and pint of Dyson. 2^s:6^d.

10 The same success in sleep. At E. prayers. The weather hot but fann'd with wind. I let my son William go to Gwernygryn, Robert brings him thither. I give him 1^s, Robert 4^s. They set out about 9. I drink Tea with Mrs. Oldfeld where Mr. Markham assures us, That Governor Pitts has sold his Diamond to the French King for 2 Millions of Livres, 181,666^{li}:13:4^d. After noon about 3 go to the Glass-house, where Dr. Egerton does not advance the stile of the company. Wee part about 7. I return in a delicate, natural Evening, retire and recreate in my study over my pint of Dyson. 5^s:6^d.

11 I enjoy D.G. full sleep undisturb'd, rise to early prayers where tho the Festival is double, not so celebrated. After a Turn on the warm walls, in my study, where Mrs. Anne Massie, Mr. & Mrs. Stones drink Tea with us After E. prayers return to my study, drink Tea, my Suzy and I write to my son. I begin a Letter to my Lord Bishop over my pint of Dyson.

12 Good rest after E. prayers. I see a Gelding propos'd to mee by Mr. Ashton of Prestwich at the valu of 10^{li}, I am allowed to consider of it. The weather is extremely hot & genial. I finish my Letter to my Lord consisting of a defence of the Chancellors jurisdiction in the Archdeaconry of Richmond, the Case of Rainford Chapel and Mr. Pilkingtons desire to Lease Tenements belonging to his rectory of Croston. I include an account of the Commissary's behavior at Wigan. I write to Mr. Parr about Rainford Chapell and Haysom. After dinner short repose and E. prayers, I take 2 Turns on roodee, thence to my study, over my pint read the 1st Dialogue in Antonius Augustinus. Paid for 2 Measures of wheat 11^s, for a Constable Lay of Halton 10^d.

13 Interrupted sleep keeps mee till 8 in bed. The weather hott and almost intollerable to Travellers. At M. prayers meet with Mr. Cocks, formerly of Christ Church. Hee drinks Coffee and dines with us. After E. prayers, Hee, Alderman Hodson and I go to Mr. Hollands, fall into and agree in politics. Mr. Cocks came from, and tomorrow returns to, Mostyn. Wee drink each our Talboy and part after 9. 1^s. Turn my Mare to Margaret Evans grass at 3^s a week.

14 Competent sleep, rise to E[arly] prayers. After these, a turn on the walls with Mr. Tomson, where a cooler breeze made the Heat tollerable. Paid Mr. Glegg, Glover his Bill, 3^{li}:12:6^d. Take leave with Mrs. Middleton going with her sister Roberts near Ruthin. After noon, the weather is extremely hott. After E[vening] prayers, Tea and a Turn, I recede to my study, Book and pint of Dyson. Mr. Earl of Liverpool and Mr. Hultons see my coins.

15 Competent rest, not interrupted but by Heat. At early prayers. After a Turn on the Walls and Tea, to my study. After, great thundring rounds us, a short shower. Mr. Roberts and his Brother Roger Huson dine with us. Tho. Calkin calls, accounts & promises to call on Wedensday. After Ev. prayers, drink Tea at Mr. Ashtons with Sir Tho. Brook, his 2 sons, Aubrey and others, retreat after to my study, pint and Book. Paid for Oats 5^s:6^d.

16 Trinity Sunday. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on 1 Ep. St. John 5:7. The weather temperd by a cool breeze is tollerable. The public news tells that

the Bishop of Bristol has invited the Prince to an Entertainment at Christ Church and that lodgings are fitting for Prince Frederic in order to his education there. After Ev. prayers & Tea, I take 2 Turns on roodee. About 8 to my study, Book & pint.

17 After sleep interrupted by heat, rise to early prayers, take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson. After Tea, to my study and Books. After dinner at 3, the Sun glowing over mee, go to the Glass-house, where Mr. Dod is return'd. The Conversacion is still in the rude key. At 6, my horses comeing hither, go to Warton, see the Gardens & Croft, return in the cool sweet Ayr, the sun leaving glorious burning rays in the N. West. In my Study, divert over my pint of Dyson. Paid Mrs. Cath. Gray 1^{li}:1^s:0^d.

18 Good and uninterrupted sleep till 6 and after that another small repose, refresh mee perfectly. After M. prayers and Tea, I am ingagd in ArchBishop Bramhall against Monsieur de la Militiere till dinner. After that and Ev. prayers, Tea, a walk and thence return to my study and Books over Dyson.

19 A sleep interrupted by an exquisite pain from difficulty of Urine, rise about 3, walk about after that exercise and a dormitive dose by my Suzy; repose well till 9. After M. prayers return to my study and Books. After Ev. prayers I go to the Yatcht, where I meet Mr. Hulton and Mr. Earl of Liverpool. Wee drink 2 Bottles of good French Claret, over the public politics, part after 9.

20 I enjoy happy repose till 6. The weather alters to cool rain and brisk Ayr. After a stay at Mr. Bouchers, go to the first Court of Trinity Term, easy in assignacions. I wait on and dine with Sir Hen. Bunbury. Coll. Columbine and other Officers come in after dinner, and the good Claret is put into quick Circulacion. I stay an hour, & calld, come to Mr. Aldersey and Davie at my house. After a Glass with them and a diversion of a Walk, return to my study, Book and pint of Dyson.

21 I rise indispos'd about 7 when a very brisk showr falls and continues till 9. I prepare for my Journy and sending Jeffry before set for Wrexham with Mr. Stratford about 10, come to the Sun, the Court over after 12. A full table dine on Mutton (drest 4 ways) with Mr. Chancellor. Mr. Moulding pays mee 28^{li}:16^s. I examine 1 Witness ex parte Clerk pauper, Jeffry others in another cause. I visit Mrs. Moreton, send for a Bottle of white wine, about 9 return to the Red Lyon, where after a pint with Mr. Moulding, to bed about 11. (5^s).

22 After sleep, still indispos'd, the weather doubtfull and cool, rise about 6. I go to the Sun where Jeffry go's on with examinacion. I call on Mr. Robert Hughes, who refuses to bee a Wittnes in the paupers account. At 9 I visit (with some reluctant thoughts) Mrs. Travis (late Eyton), shee receives my visit without blush or Concern, and entertains mee with Tea. I go thence to Havodywern where 4 several sorts of liquors offer'd. I chuse a glass of Brandy with butterd Toast. I dine at the Red Lyon with Lieft. Trotter and his wife. About 5 I set hence with Mr. Moreton & Mr. Otty, come to Chester and Mr. Otty's new house about 7, home at 8. Over my Book a pint of Dyson. Charges 6^s.

23 Tho a good repose yet indispos'd. The weather turns rainy. I repose till 10, and after dinner retire to my study. After Ev. prayers return thither, chuse some parts of the excellent Mr. Hooker, admire his discourse Book 5, §67, on the Sacrament. In a very stormy rain about 7, my son Hary surprizes us from Liverpool over my pint,

tells of his voyage to St. Christophers, thence back to Scotland, hence to Leverpoole.

24 I rise to early prayers. The weather very cool and rainy. I retire to my study & Busienes, pay my Daughter Lidia 2^{li}, Mr. Holland for a Wig for Hary 1^{li}, to Mr. Ollerhead for tax to the H[igh]way in Halton 5^s. Mr. Fearnhead calls on mee, on Mr. Vaudreys Account. Paid Mr. Jackson for Wills Quarterage 7^s. After a Turn, to Mr. Hodsons where, as in the rest, the Fair not frequent, I retire to my study, Hooker & my pint.

25 The weather still cool and rainy. After M. prayers in my study and Busienes. After dinner and short repose, to my busienes, make an Index to the return of the small Liveings. After 4 Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Moreton drink Tea with us. I step into the Eastgate Street, where the Fair seems thin. Invited, go to Mr. Hultons, where with him Mr. Earl and Stone, I drink a pint of small white port. Give Jeffry for examining Wittnesses at Wrexham 5^s.¹⁶

26 The weather altered to Fair. I rise about 7. In my study, fall into Hooker 7 B[ook]. Give my son Hary 12^s, paid Betty 2^{li}, Ismay 10^s wages, to my Suzy 10^s, to the 3 servants Fairings 3^s, for mending my watch 3^s. After Ev. prayers, I drink Tea with Mrs. Moreton at Mr. Ottys, thence to the Ship where Mr. Holland treats mee with a pint (as himself with another) of good white port. After a Turn with him on the Walls, to my study after 9. I pay Alderman Partington today, on Account, 14^{li}.

27 After early prayers, I walk round the Walls with Mr. Tomson, wee write and send the Letter to my son with 12 Guineas by Mr. Stratford going to Oxford. The Assignations of the Causes are before the Chancellor dispatcht in Mr. Bouchers chamber (a few contra omnes, after calld in Court). Mr. Chancellor eats Beans & Bacon with us. After Ev. prayers & 6 I meet him, Mr. Oliver, Alderman Partington and Crosby at Mr. Hollands, wee part after 8. I return to Hooker & my pint.

28 At [?Early] prayers when a vehement showr falls, the rain continues cold but small. The News tells the Earl of Oxfords tryal begun on Munday, but on a Motion of the Lord Harcourt was adjourn'd to Wednesday. Affected extremely with the dulnes of the weather. Mr. Roberts pays mee on Account 20^{li}. I pay Mr. Plumley so, 10^{li}:15^s. Mr. Swarbreck about 6 drinks Tea with us. I pay him 10^s lent my son Hary and 7^s for Mrs. Garnet for Rumm. About 7 to Alderman Hodsons, hee invites Mr. Tomson and mee into his House, treats him with his Ale, mee with a pint of white port, wee stay past 11.

29 The weather yet rainy and cool, rise not till 8. In my study & Books sparsim. After Ev. prayers and a Turn into the Town, retreat to my study, Books & pint.

30 The weather alter'd to fair. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. The News on the difference 'twixt the 2 houses (about the manner) putts off Lord Oxfords Tryal, tho some expect to hear hee was dismist yesterday. After Ev. prayers I take a walk into the Feild where my Mare grows fatt, extend it to others. About 8 My S. and I, invited, go to Sir Hen. Bunburys, wee find him, Coll. Buller and Jo. Bunbury, after a course of severe drinking, deep immerst, the wine, banter and free language betwixt Mr. B[unbury] and the Coll. take up the discourse &

time, at length advances to pulling off wiggs and drawing swords, speedy interposicion prevents mischeif. The action condemnd, providence ador'd. Wee return after 12.

JULY 1 The month and the day begin with a propitious aspect. The sun and cool Ayr make all things cheerfull. After Tea take a walk with Mr. Tomson who dines with us. I pay the Clerk (William's) wife 1^{li} on Mr. Calkin the Curats Account 1^{li}. After a short repose and diversion in Books, on Mr. Bunburys invitacion, go to his House at Boughton, find only there, his Aunt Neal, stay an hour and return to my study & pint over which I read out (which yesterday I began) the rest of my Lord Oxfords answers to the 22 Articles of impeachment by the Commons.

2 This morning brings a new scene of weather. Sharp shows and sunshine by Turns. I go down to Mr. Chancellors after M. prayers, dureing these a brisk rain, retreat to my study, Tea and Books. The news carrys on the difference betwixt the Houses, the Lords asserting as the Judicature, the right to determin the practice, the Commons claim their own method, the Lords refuse to condescend to a Conference in the matter. The weather falling in with my infirmity strangely affect mee. After 5, I go with Mr. Chancellor to the Yatcht, Mr. Hulton follows on our message. Mr. Mayor and Mr. Tomson come to us, over 3 Bottles of good French Claret agreeable discourse is tollerably kept up, wee part about 9. 1^s.6^d.

3 From 3 a clock to 8 my melancholy pains. The weather stormy with rain. The 2 proctors, after some intervencion by mee, conclude on the time of the Commission at Prescott on Mr. Lymes Will, to begin Tuesday 30th current. I receive from Mr. Roberts on the last Visitacion Account 47:19:8. Mr. Chancellor returns to Speake. After dinner indispos'd, repose an hour, recover'd, in books & my pint till 10.

4 At E. prayers. The Weather yet rainy with wind. After Mr. Bouchers chambers. Busienes at the Court where the Assignacions are (before Mr. Henchman) easily dispatcht. Before dinner examine 3 Wittnesses on Dunbavands Will. Mr. Roberts dines with us. After repose and 5, examine 2 Wittnesses on Ashtons Will. After 7 go with Mr. Bromley (of Warrington) and Mr. Roberts to the Ship, where wee have 5 pints of good White port, part about 10, call and see the News, which tells us that after great efforts & resentments of the Comons, the Lords on Munday late at night, the Lords went to their Tribunal in Westminster Hall & (the Commons refusing to appear) acquitted the E. of Oxford of their Impeachment on which 3 Huzzas followd from the crowding Auditory. I receive a generous Letter from Mr. Smith which confirms the Grant of the Rights of the Registry of the ArchDeaconry of Chester¹⁷ to mee, which gives mee the greatest Satisfaction and Cause to render my thanks to my most high God for it.

5 Indispos'd from the unseasonable drinking and quantity ($\frac{1}{2}$ a pint too much) of the good wine. After M. prayers I take a Turn on the Wall. After dinner, repose and E. prayers, at Alderman Hodsons, who comes with mee to my study, I pay him 17^s

17 Prescott was confirmed as registrar of the archdeaconry of Chester by the registrar general, Mr. Smith.

for Books deliver'd this day. Hee choosing Ale, I my pint, stays with mee past 9. I give my daughter Ellen for Ear-rings 6s:6d.

6 The weather fair yet doubtfull. About 9 take a Turn on the Wall. I write to my Lord on the Busienes of Pilling Chapel,¹⁸ and something on the controverted Jurisdictions. Pay for 3 M[eaures] of wheat 17s. After hee had sent, I meet Lord Anglesey at prayers, ArchDeacon Neal with him. I attend him to his Inn, Mrs. Kannas. Mr. Sewel meets us, and Dr. Fogg is sent for. Good Claret and good discourse on the E. of Oxfords tryal &c circles till 11.

7 The weather fair and promising. I complain of the quantity (near a Bottle) last night. Dr. Fogg has a good sermon in the Quire. After which I attend my Lord Anglesey. Hee (on the Walls) tells mee of the Oeconomy of my Lord & Lady Ashburnham, among other matters that her Ladyship had promis'd the next presentacion to Winwick to a worthy person, Dr. Brown, a Canon of Windsor.¹⁹ I dine with his Lordship and the ArchDeacon. After sermon at St. Oswalds & an Interval, I prevail with his Lordship to go to Sir Hen. B[unbury]s, where in his absence I pretend to entertain him. Mr. Sewel is here, I send for Mr. Mayor. Wee have excellent wine very freely and decently. I promote the Circulacion of that & the Conversacion which seems acceptable, till near 12. (1s).

8 The same pain and complaint attends noble wine & company. The weather is yet favorable. I part with my Lord &c equipping for Holyhead about 10. I write to Mr. Topping (at the White Hart, King Street, Covent Garden) a full answer to his Letter about Coins. My Suzy and her 3 daughters go to the Wakes at Warton. After a short Walk, dinner and repose, ½ hour after 4 I go to the Glass House where the ordinary Conversacion keeps mee till 7. I recurr to my study & a pint. After this a sharp showr. Given to the Wakes 6s.

9 The weather dull tho not rainy. After M. prayers at short walk with Mr. [?Th]. An high sawct Ox Cheek &c inclines to repose. After that & E. prayers to my Study where I divert in Patius Giltzius till 9, the rest over my pint.

10 A sleep much interrupted. I rise about 9, the weather dull and windy without rain. I apply to my study indispos'd. I make up our Accounts about Beer and Horse-hire with W. Willoughby on the old Tally, find (and hee agrees) they amount to 16li:6s. I pay him in part (12 Guineas) 12li:18s for a Bushell of Oats, 6s:6d. I read Mr. Law's sharp Answer to the Bishop of Bangor.²⁰ After E. prayers examine Mr. Harding on Colsons Will. About 7 go with Mr. Thomson & Aldcroft to see Mr. Mayor; wee find Mr. Bolland with him, they Ale, I drink French Claret, wee part about 10.

11 The weather cool with wind tho a warm Sun. I go not to Court ingage in Examination of 2 more Wittnesses on Colsons Will. After dinner and Tea, about 4 go to Warton, call on Mr. Rollison, hear his complaints of the parishioners, slow in payment of their Taxes, over a Tankard of his Ale and Tip of Rum. I call and stay ½ hour with Mr. Townsend, come home in a fine calme Evening about 9.

18 At this period disputes were beginning to arise concerning the autonomy of the commissaries of Richmond.

19 C.R.O., Call Books, EDV2/16, 1717.

20 Samuel Hoadley was bishop of Bangor and was translated to Hereford in 1721.

12 A summer day. I (Mr. Tomson with mee) about 10 go to see Mr. Bunbury at Boughton. Hee and his sisters entertain us in a neat well furnisht house with great civillity, Chocolate and pictures. Hee bestows on mee a delicate Conche yet not so beautiful as my own. Wee return about 1. After dinner, repose and 4 a clock I (Mr. Dyson with mee) go to Warton. I treat him with a Bottle of Ale, wee return about 9. I in my study renew my treat of him with Ale, & betake myself to a pint of his wine.

13 The weather turns favorable to the harvest. After M. prayers to my study & Busienes. After dinner, Dr. Tilson brings 2 young Pupils of the University of Edinburgh to see my Coins. After E. prayers, I with Tomson and Alderman Hodson go to Mr. Hollands, return about 9 to my study and pint. I pay [illegible] Evans 12^s for 4 weeks grass for my Mare, and to Robert which he laid out 3^s.

14 Very warm and kindly weather, seems to bee settl'd, the sermon in the parish church, wee stay at home in agreeable Books & reading till E. prayers, at which the ArchBishop of Dublin. About 7 I take in a fine sun and sky a Turn on roodee. After which in Books over my pint of Dyson.

15 A delicate morning glorious sun and fanning ayr. I rise about 7 & prepare for my journey. I leave with my Suzy 6^{li}:19^s:0. About ½h after 9 (Jeffry and Robert with mee) I sett hence, go by Mold over the Mountains and down the amazeing descent where a fair and full view of the Vale of Lluid to Llanrydd, where I wait on Mrs. Middleton now with her sister Mrs. Roberts. I see the Church and 3 considerable Monuments in it of the Family of Thelwal. After dinner, walking, Tea and expectacion of a cooler Ayr, after 6 set hence & at Whitechurch perceiving the Sun sett, turn up to Denbigh and Mr. Parrys the Boars Head where detain'd by my Lanlord, Mr. Midleton of Nanclyn, over 3 pints of wine, go to bed about 12.

16 The weather is excessive hott, I feverish, wee come to St. Asaph about 10, the Chancellor about 11. A Court held, a numerous company at B. Barns at dinner. I examine 2 Wittnesses on Jone's Will, in the school, am extremely indispos'd from the heat, contracted last night, advanc't today. About 9 my brother Evans and I go to Gwernygryn, Jeffry examines other wittnesses. 10^s.

17 The heat abroad continues. I cool and solace at home, apply to Busbequius Epistles. After dinner, musick and repose. My. Brothers sister Evans and I walk to the Deanary. Mrs. Lloyd treats mee with a pint of good white wine. After a walk a pint of Dyson at home.

18 The weather continues effectual to the Hay-Harvest, in which the country is cheerfully at work. After I have delivered my Notes paid for my sister Evans which comprehend the 7^{li}:10^s for interest due April last, I return to Busbequius as after dinner. About 6, wee walk to Mr. Mouldings who treats us with 2 Bottles of good French Claret and pays mee 8^{li}:19^s:7^d. Wee return under a cooler Sky about 10. (1^s).

19 The weather burns on. I proceed in Busbequius. After dinner on true Welsh mutton (at which Mr. Moulding, refreshment and Tea) about 4 I set over the Row, Denbigh Green, cool way to LlanRhuder, meet with Mr. Wynn the Lapidary, see the Church, the window where in deep colour'd Glass is represented in glorious branches, the progeny from Jesse, who lies as the root of it. The pompous costly monument over Mr. Jones of LlanRhuder, the marble & work amounting to 360^{li}. The cold and plentifull spring form'd into a batheing Bason of about 9 yards in

length, 5 in breadth, 4 foot in height. After a pott of Ale with Mr. Wynn and the Clerk, I proceed and come to Ruthin about 8, the White Horse, Mr. Vaughans. Mr. Francis Apothecary comes to mee, wee sitt over 2 pints of dull white port till 11. (4^s).

20 Stil the weather glows. I meet with Mr. Holt an old Apothecary here, descended from that name of Ashworth in Rachdale parish, wee recount many Names & Families of Lancashire. I treat him with Ale, myself with Tea. About 10 I go to Llanrudd, where I am genteely treated. Mr. Price (I presume sent for) meets mee here, the discourse continues after noon. After Tea and 6 a Clock, I mount for Chester, advance the mountain, from hence directly, under the conduct of Griffith (Mr. Roberts servant), wee descend by Plas[?], Hendry, Bronkar. Wee part with the servant on this side Mold, past the sun and 8, having treated him with a dram of Rum & 2^s, the dust rises & is troublesom to us and our horses, in the dusky Even. Saltney is doubtfull, yet wee find the road and come safe, D.O.M.G, to my Corner, about 11. (7^s).

21 Fatigu'd with my late journey, I stay at home and there apply to proper reading. The heat of this day seems equall to the hottest Climat, & is scarce tollerable here. After dinner short repose and E. prayers. I see some Friends, retreat to my study, Book and pint. About 9, after the sun hath prov'd his strength and power the scheme of the Skies is miraculously changd, pale sheets of Lightning supply the glorious planet, but not represent it, thunder and shows roll over and terrify the City, not sleepy, under such dreadfull Appearances.

22 The Morning, after such convulsion, rises cool and calme, yet dispos'd to rain. After Busienes and Tea, in my study. About 11, Mr. T. Yates and I in a doubtfull interval betwixt sun and rain, escape dry to the Glass-house. Wee find the usual company save Mr. Hulton. A dinner today out of the Forfeitures. After that, Ale and the discourse agreeable to the majority. About 6, Mr. Yates and I return. Hee and Mr. Hodson try'd, refuse, the noble liquor, I retreat to it and my Book about 8.

23 Tho the rain falls frequently, the heat continues. The incertainty of the Act of Grace (some call it the Bill of exceptions) is the public discourse and complaint. I apply to Books and busienes. After E. prayers, Dr. Foulks of Llanbeder & Mr. Stevenson draw mee to the Yacht. Here the full glasses of 3 Bottles of good French go brisk about, the Apothecary subdues himself, the Dr. sleeps. I attend his repose near an hour, conduct him to his lodging (the Feathers) where 2 Bottles more come up. I part very willingly with him after 10.

24 The weather providentially temperate in my feverish indisposicion. I examine Dr. Foulks on Mr. Jone's Will, hee (by consent of the proctors) is sworn & repeated before Mr. Henchmen, after, drinks Tea with us. After dinner, repose & E. prayer. I take (on the Walls) a walk with Mr. Tompson, return to my study and pint. I deliver to Richard Gregory the Oxford Carrier 10 Guineas for my son with 3^s:6^d for the Carriage.

25 The weather temper'd 'twixt heat and cool. I stay at home in Books, particularly the Memoirs of Dr. Souths Life. After noon, about ½ h. after 3, set out to Thornton, see the Rectorial Manse and Appurtenances, am civilly receiv'd and inform'd of the valu of this Living (vidt 260^{li} p.A.) by Mr. Vaudry, return well recreated in a fair Evening & relax over my Book & my pint.

26 Refreshed by the riding and the temperate season. After M. prayers take a turn in the Town, see Mr. Hulton now adding phisic to the Chirurgery of his Leg. After E. prayers and a Turn on the Walls, I write to Mr. Smith (Registrar) a particular Account of the valu and situacion of the rectory of Thornton over my pint.

27 Tho pleas'd with the finishing of my Letter to Mr. Smith, wherein I express my Gratitude to him, I have uneasy sleep, rise indispos'd, write and send my Lords Fiat Commissio about Pilling to Mr. Hornby, which I inclose to Jeffry Prescott. I pay Robert Carter for Mr. Calkin Curat, 5^{li}. To Jos. Barker Overseer of the high-ways of Huxley, 15^s. After dinner and cure of indisposicion by repose, at E. prayers. I write to Mr. Gandy, see Mr. Hulton on the busienes of the Commission at Prescott, return to my study, read in Matthiae Theatro Hist. tempore Caroli V^{ti} the Horrible History of Francis Spira, and finish other busienes over my pint of Dyson.

I compute the Charges of my late journey to and from St. Asaph to 1^{li}:3^s:0. My Suzy gives mee her Account paid to Mr. Walton, Baker 3^{li}:16^s:0. Sent my son Harry 1^{li}:1.6, for cleansing the little house 1;1;0 – [sum] 2^{li} 2^s 6^d, [total] 6:1:0 [*sic*]; to the boat man for sugar 9^d, Carriage up 4^d, Oxford Carriage 6^d, – 1:7^d; [grand total] 7:4:0.

28 After a severe indisposicion, difficulty of urine, I keep in bed past 9. I stay within in Books till Ev. prayers, Mr. Massie, in the broad Isle, tells mee frankly that hee has 100^{li} ready for mee, and upon my telling him of my journey to morrow hee promises to pay it to my Suzy Tuesday next, D.O.M.G. After prayers Mr. John Ince comes with mee home, drinks Tea. After which Mr. Roberts comeing to mee, I call for a Bottle of French Claret. Mr. R. receding, Mr. Ince staies past 8. I write to Mrs. Elcock.

29 The morning fair & promising. I prepare for my journey. I leave with my Suzy 3^{li}:10^s. About 10 Mr. Roberts and I set out, wee pass in the road, on this side Frodsham, thoro a considerable number of the prisoners this morning discharg'd by virtue of the Act of Pardon, cheerfully returning towards their Country, Scotland & Northumberland. Wee dine at Frodsham, go by Rocksavage, thoro the park, see my Colt grown fatt & more intractable. Thence over Runcorn, come to Prescott in continud good weather, to Joseph Bagnals where Mr. Glover had provided a Bed for mee. (1^s).

[No entries for 30 or 31 July].

AUGUST 1:2:3 About 9 on Tuesday the Commission is opend, accepted by Mr. Markland at the instance of Mr. Roberts substitute to Mr. Boucher in presence of Mr. Plumb substitute to Mr. Hulton. Wee are directed to dine all the while at Mr. Glovers, where the dinners are full & decent, good Attendance and good Liquor along, and Mr. Plumb civilly invited, is a constant Guest. I examine 3 Wittnesses whereof Mr. Case a material one, the 1st day. After the busienes, wee go with him to Mr. Greens, who treats us with good Ale, indifferent wine. I examine 7 Wittnesses the 2^d day. My son Harry comes to see mee, stays all night. After 3 examind on Thursday, wee go to the Vicarage, are treated with wine & Ale, here I give Harry a Guinea, hee returns in a showr and the too late Evening which with his stay gives mee uneasines. I examine 2 on Friday, so many on Saturday, tedious on the pleadings & Interrogatorys. I paid on Thursday to the Curate of Rainford 3^{li}:15^s and to Mr. Sefton schoolMaster

3^{li}:15^s, vidt 7^{li}:10^s, Interest due to them the 8th of this August from my Cozn. Parrs benefaction.

4 After Tea at Mrs. Glovers, sett out, Mr. Walton being our Guide part of the way, and come to Garston Chapell about 10. Here wee meet Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Norris & Family, wee dine at Speake. After a Turn in the Garden to the Chapell. Mr. Bere preaches both parts of the day, his matter indifferent, manner plain and rustic, The Chapel is a comely pile, strong built. The Founder takes a great share of it, for his Family & servants. Wee come back over the Hill to Childwal. Mr. Markland entertains us with good Ale, wine and a cold pigs head which wee use freely. Wee call pretty late on my Cozn. Carter, who treats us with Rum, return by a bright moon to Prescott, end in a Bottle of white wine at Mrs. Glovers, Mr. Walton promoting it, a very civil nice & sober person. (2^s).

5:6 I am extremely indispos'd from the variety last night, yet finish Martha Glover and the Clerk Bannister tedious Wittnesses on Munday, and 4 on Tuesday. After the Toyl over, walk, see the Church a larg and venerable pile & observe the Towr or foundation of the Steeple, shaken into Breaches to a dangerous degree. Wee see Mr. Lawton in his new pile who treats with Ale, wee finish the day and Commission at Mrs. Glovers in white port.

7 The weather fair and cheerfull. Our Bills are drawn up, I receive from Mrs. Glover exactly 10 Guineas, from Mr. Plumb for examining 16 wittnesses on Interrogatorys 1^{li}:12^s:0. Wee drink Tea with Mr. Blundel, take leave, go to Redhazels, Mr. Green with us. Mr. Case and his Lady entertain mee freindly, and fully, wee walk about, admire the situacion of a gentile and convenient seat, in a Garden, the furniture suitable. Capt. Richard Legh & Mr. Cropper are here from Knowsley, wee drink, part about 5, come to Warrington after 7. (11^s).

8 The weather yet favorable, the roads at the best. Wee set hence about 8 and come home safe D.O.M.G. about 12. After dinner repose an hour. After a Turn in the Town, to my study, my pint and my Bed. I compute the Charges of this journey to 15^s which with the Guinea to Harry = 1^{li}:16^s:6^d.

My Suzy gives mee an Account of her paying for 4 load of Coales	1:4:0
For the Quarterly Tax for the Office	0:15:0
for the house in the Abby Court 1 ^s :6 ^d , the prebendal house 4 ^s :6	0:6:0
For the Dean Rurals Office	0:7:6
To the wash-woman her Quarterage	1:10:0
	<hr/> 4:2:6

9 The season yet fair and cheerfull. My Suzy delivers to mee 100^{li} left with her by Mr. Massie on Tuesday the 30th of July, for which and the 100^{li} he brought mee the 28 Nov. last, she deliver'd to him, my several Notes of acknowledgment promiseing to repay the sums or to give real security for them with the interest. Capt. Tarlton and my Cozn. Marsden come at Tea-time. Hee recedes, the Capt. dines with us, and in Harry's presence, gives us a shocking Account of his late behavior. I pay him 3^{li}:6^s lent Harry. I accept and promise to pay a Bill of 5^{li}.1:6 to Henry Halsal and a pistol to William Williamson. This gives mee great uneasines and distraction of mind & ruins my meditated measures, with my expectation, lays in a disorder of many daies & nights.

10 I write to Mr. Peirson, indevor but can't divert my trouble. In the Evening I with Mr. Tompson ride to Warton, do not dismount but return about 7.

11 At the Quire where Dr. Fogg has an excellent discourse on the Omniscience of God. Wee (from my son Harry's irregularity) have a duller commemoration of our marriage day, now the 30th D.O.M.G. A domestic pint at night.

12 I write to Mr. Parr about his Affair at Heasum. I go to the Glass-house in $\frac{1}{2}$ H. Sitt 2 hours without Improvement. Come to my Book and pint.

13 I indevor by the help of prayer and Busbequius to divert the sorrow my son Harry has inflicted which is not lessend by the News from John Cross, That my old Freind and kinsman Samuel Prescott of Upholland was bury'd yesterday – my Book & pint.

14 A fair day. I still indeavor by reading, not fitt to busienes, to divert my trouble. After Noon Mr. Thomson and I ride to Warton, return about 7 to my Book and pint.

15 The day fair and seasonable to the work. I have 6 loads (2 of which old) of hay from Warton, wee entertain the Farmers men. The Oxford Carrier brings my Sons Parcels, they at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d a pound amount to 7^{li}:16^s beside postage 1^s:8^d. Four Guineas fall out of the Boreau, this day adds to my trouble. Towards night the weather alters to rain. I pay the Carrier the 4 offering Guineas, the rest my own mony. I refresh in my Books and pint.

16 A rainy day. At prayers, the rest drawn out in dulnes and Books, ended in a domestic pint.

17 A rainy day. I write and inclose to Mr. Newman of Drs. Commons a Copy of Tho. Solloms Will, which amounts to 4^s to bee paid Mr. Parr. I pay Margaret Evans for 2 weeks and 3 days Grass for my Mare 7^s. To the Hay-workmen 7^s, for a Bushel of Oats 7^s, for a Lock for my Mare, 1^s. In the Even at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington & Puleston, wee have a pint of white wine here. (6^d).

18 The weather continues showry. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse in the Choir on Gen.28.12. In the Even my Suzy and I visit my Cozn. Peake macerated by his late long illness. I return to my study & pint.

19 A fair cool Morning. After prayers Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Southerne in the Chariot (Mr. Townsends) I on foot, go to Christleton. I performing the walk in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour am before them. Wee are entertain'd with a meat dinner, good Ale and wine at which Mr. Southern rises in his conversacion and fills the character of an ingenious well bred man. Wee stay till 6, walk to Chester back. Mr. Chancellor at his house treats us with wine and Ale, wee part about 10. 1^s to Mr. Townsends man.

20 Unfit to busienes, I go in Busbequius. The great Crisis at Belgrade is the common subject of discourse and Fear. After noon Mr. Tomson and I go on foot to Waverton. I send to Mr. Rollinson, wee drink 2 Bottles of Ale and 1 pint of white wine, wee return (the way very fine) home about 7.

21 A rainy day. I read till noon. Pay Alderman Murrey 30^{li} which by his Bill, hee lent mee February last, and for the Interest or Forbearance 15^s. 9^d. Mr. Henchman and I go to the Ship where, dully enough, wee while away 2 pints of white wine. 1^s.6.

22 A fair day. I am invited, but go not, to Mr. Robert Bunbury's Funeral because Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Boucher and Roberts dine with mee. After a short repose and Ev. prayers, I am with Dr. Fogg and ArchDeacon Bland at Mr. Kemps, the discourse is general. Mr. Kemp tells of his hopefull partnership in lead and Copper

Mines. Wee drink 3 Bottles. 2^s:6. Received for my son from Ben. Glover 1^{li}.10^s ½ Years rent due at Midsummer.

23 The wind detains us in uneasy Expectacion about Belgrade. Mr. Tomson subscribes and takes the oaths as to be collated to St. Bridgets before Mr. Chancellor, who about 11 returns for Speake. The weather turns rainy. I end Busbequius Consilium. After dinner I am exceedingly disturb'd in my intended repose. After Ev. prayers to Alderman Hodsons for releif, while in the midst of his treat, a pint of Claret, I am call'd home to Mr. Southern who eats, drinks and is cheerfull with us till 8. Hee desires and I promise to write to him directing to Ben Tookes on my son Kens Account.

24 I rise to early prayers, take leave of Mr. Southerne going for Shrewsbury. I write to Mr. Hornby. I lend Charles Hughs till Michaelmas 1^{li}. Pay to Samuel Davies for Mr. Calkin, 8^{li}.10^s. To Mr. Stevenson, 11^{li}.19^s, to Mr. Crosby, 7^{li}:14^s:11^d, for quilting 2 pettycoats 10^s, for Corn for the pigeons, 2^s. After E. prayers & 2 Turns on roodee, my Lord Barrymore sends. I attend him to Mr. Mayors till 9. I call at Mrs. Wally's, see the welcom & great News of Prince Eugenies breaking into the treble Intrenchment of the Turkes, overcoming, killing and pursuing them.

25 Mr. Oliver preaches my sons Turn in the Quire. The weather turns to Fair. Lord Barrymore go's to Holywell. After E. prayers, in my study, read, sup on Dyson.

26 I inclose 2 Certificates of Mr. Owen's Ordinacions to Cozn. Parr or Mr. Fox and give Capt. Lloyd (now in the Isle of Wight) an Account of it and the charg, 10^s.6^d. I am at the Glass-house and return about 6. After with Dr. Hancock and Mr. Stevenson, cheerfull at the Yatcht, where Mr. Stevenson treats to his Expence of 7^s:9^d.

27 A welcom return of fair weather. The News confirm the success against the Turks, add the surrendry of Belgrade and the success of the Venetians at sea against them. Indispos'd, take a Turn on roodee with Mr. Tomson. At M. prayers, after in the 7 Book of Caesar's Commentaries, read the prodigious work and success of Caesar at Alesia. After a short repose and E. prayers, I go to the Yatcht with Alderman Partington & Hodson and Mr. Crosby on Mr. C.'s invitacion. I expect hee should treat mee and my Freinds, hee acts himself and dissappoints mee, they pay 2^s.6^d each, Alderman Partington and hee join in the 4th.

28 A most seasonable and delicate day. I rise from the quantity & unseasonable wine, tho very good, unhappy, uneasy. At M. prayers, divert in History. After E. prayers I take 2 Turns on roodee, call on Mr. Hulton, drink 4 Glasses of his port, end in Dyson.

29 The weather grows hott to excess and great encouragment of the harvest. I engage in Books before and after M. prayers. Mrs. Frances Lloyd drinks tea and dines with us, entertains us with unintermitted History of her own misfortunes and Acquaintance, till 3. I lend Mr. Harding 10^s upon his Letter (Hee dyd, alas! quickly after). After E. prayers, Mr. Bassano is with mee for my hand to a Certificate on Alderman Hodgsons behalf in endeavor to procure a Coat of Arms of a Gentleman from the K. at Arms, which I readily subscribe. Hee stays with mee till 6. I fix on the Commission for Pilling Chapell. After a Turn on the Walls where the weather, tho the sunsett is observd to bee very warm, I retire to my study and pint.

30 The weather glows beyond memory at this time. I am in Books before & after prayers. This my son's birth day completeing the 27 year, wee commemorate our

private way. After dinner Alderman Hodgson & I see Mr. Bassano in his Lodgings where hee treats us with Tea. I give Harry to pay a Dun from Liverpool 5^s. After E. prayers, I take, the sun setting in glorious colours, 2 turns on roodee, return to my study and pint. Mr. Stones comes and staies with mee past 10.

31 In a delicate morning, rise at 7. I divert in Moniers History of painting &c, pay Mr. Fletcher for the poors Tax of Warton 8^s:4^d, paid Thomas Roberts on Account 2^{li}. After E. prayers, at Mr. Hultons at Tea with Mr. Shaw of York. Thence I take 1 Turn on roodee and at 7 meet with Mr. Shaw, Henchman, Boucher and Roberts at Mr. Stratfords room, hee treats with French of both colours, wee stay till 10.

SEPTEMBER 1 Mr. Oliver has a good discourse in the Quire. My Suzy myself My son Hary (the first time) and my daughter Lydia receive the Holy Sacrament. Det D.O.M. recte, pie et sobrie vitam agere. The News confirms the victory over the Turks and surrender of Belgrade. After dinner & repose at E. prayers, at which the church is dark with a cloud which is presently broke into a shower by Thunder. I see Mrs. Falconer and have her sayings to Mrs. Midleton. Over my pint I write to my son and to Mr. Gandy.

2 The weather altered to fair & calm. I prepare for my Journy, leave three pound with my Suzy, give Harry 2^s:6^d to the rest 1^s:6^d. About 10 I with my daughter Lydia, Jeffry and Robert, a Guide along, sett on the sands along to Bagilt, come to Hallywel before 2, meet Mr. Stratford, dine and drink a Bottle of good French, hear the story of the late riot here from Mrs. Ellis and David Lloyd. I pay the Guide 3^s:6^d, my share of Entertainment here 7^s:6^d. Wee go on about 5, come calling on Mr. Moulding to Gwernygron about 8.

3 After a Court easy of Busienes the Chancellor and I with others dine with the Bishop. Mr. Griffith of Rhual designing to offer a Certificate of his house for a religious Meeting place to my Lord. I indevor to divert him and hee generously desists on my Account. After E. prayers Mr. Chancellor hears (in the office) a difference twixt Mr. Maurice one of the vicars and a parishioner about 2 sheafs of wheat, decides tho on his part not to Mr. Morris's satisfaction, who appears confident and rude in the Argument. 2^s.

4 My Lord Bishop, Mr. Chancellor, Jones, Foulks, Evans, Lewis &c and myself invited by Mr. Carter go to his Lodg on Ruthland Marsh. Hee leads us 2 miles on a hard sand, the sea beating pleasantly on it, thence wee see Netts drawn, & hungry from the Ayr and exercise, retire to the Lodg where a good Entertainment of Mutton, Fish, Venison, Ale, wine, delicate Fruit, and Music, a volly of a Canons added. The Treat is surprizing and compleat and the ornaments of it Mr. Carters generous behavior and Conduct, wee return to Gwernygron about 6. (2^s:6^d).

5 I am at the palace about 10, drink Tea in my Lords study, and part with Mr. Chancellor. At prayers and dine with my Lord. After E. prayers drink Tea, and at Gwernygron have my pint to my supper. (2^s).

6 I apply to Conrads Quaestura. Mr. & Mrs. Foulks, my sister Evans & Lydia go to Mostyn. My brother Evans and I after dinner go to Henllan, see the place for an intended Gallery in the West end and hear some slight objections against it. Wee return about 6, I to my pint.

7 After the Quaestura and Tea, to prayers. Wee dine with my Lord and after E.

prayers return, find the company return'd from Mostyn. The story of the Entertainment is told over my pint at supper. (2^s).

8 My Lord Bishop has an excellent discourse, to a very thin auditory on (what profiteth a Man if hee gain the whole world and loose his own Soul &c). My daughter Lydia, Br. Evans and I dine with the Bishop (my sister Evans from an imprudent resentment has not yet waited on him). After Ev. prayers, at B. Barns with Mr. Jones, Chap., Lloyd of [?Keven] &c, stay not, but come to my pint. About 11, the Family is alarm'd by Mrs. Foulks flying to it as a refuge from her barbarous husband. (6^d).

9 I divert in Tully's Offices by Roger L'Strange. About 4 after noon, wee go to visit Mr. Lloyd of Penywern who treats us with Civility and good wine and promises to speak to Lord Plimouths steward on their behalf about a small Tenement in St. Asaph. After the Eclips of the moon is over, wee return home by its light. 1^s.

10 A court held on occasion of granting a Faculty to build a Gallery in the church of Henllan. After that, return home to dinner. In the Evening I walk to see Mrs. Moulding, shee treats my brother Evans and mee with wine and Ale. To the virger 1^s, poor blind man 6^d.

11 After prayers, wee dine at the palace, all along hansomly receivd. After E. prayers take leave of the Bishop. To B. Barn's with Mr. Jones Ch, Mr. Gerard, Evans &c. I give 5^s towards the new house on the Bowling green, to my Lords Cook 2^s.6^d, Butler another 1^s. I take my supper pint.

12 I am prepar'd to return homeward, but diverted by my sisters journy to Petruthan. I give my daughter Lydia 15^s.9^d. After noon my Brother Evans and I step to the Office. Mr. Lewis gives us a Bottle of good Claret. Jeffry pays mee, on his Fathers Account, 5^{li}. I return to Gwernygryn and my pint.

13 Equipp'd to go. The Affair betwixt Mr. and Mrs. Foulks intervenes. Hee coming to Gwernygryn, shee appears, the interviw is of ill malevolent aspect, the debate grows hott betwixt them (in the parler) by mutual Criminations, wherein shee is not inferior in impatience and vehemency. Shee receding, wee attempt him with all our Arts of perswasion; hee for some time defends his conduct, from her provocacions, and rambles into reflections on her Friends. On my repeating the Character which shee has obtain'd in the Neighborhood, Hee replies (that nobody understands where the shoo pinches, but hee who wears it). After his passion abated, Hee promises (instead of 7^{li}) to allow her 12^{li} p.A. to maintain herself & children with Cloaths; on condicion, shee will provide security not to sell or imbezel his Corn, butter or Goods, Or to allow her 20^{li} p.A. for her cloaths and dyet, if shee live from him, which hee rather seems to approve. Wee dissent to separacion, send for her mother & brother in Law (Foulks): they at length seem to comply. The fickle, passionate man equivocates, rambles and recedes from his promise of 12^{li} p.A. Wee confine him in the parlor, and urg him with all the Arguments wee can summ up; hee proves inflexible, and gos off in a rude discontent. After dinner & 2 a clo, I sett out, my brother Evans kindly gos along, guides mee by Llannerk, Pott vary and on that side the Vale, wee pass (after wee saw the melancholy ruins of Plase Gogh, thence by Plase a Ward) thoro Ruthin and at 6 (the sun descending) come to Llan-ruydd where Mr. Price meets us by

accident. Mrs. Roberts and Middleton ingage us to stay (tho wee designd to return to Ruthin), a decent supper is prepar'd & my proper supper of a pint of excellent white port orderd for mee by Mrs. Middleton. Gratuities today 10^s.6, on mine & the Horse account.

14 In a cool morning I rise before 7, walk in the Gardens, see the House and a small library, drink Tea with Mrs. Middleton, after prayers dinner, And after 2 set hence. Griffith (Mr. Roberts servant) conducts us near Llanverras. Mr. Evans parts with us. I call on Nurse (now Millington) at the Red Lyon in Mold where 1^s in Ale. Discharg Griffith on this side the Hollow-way, come on, the weather & way fair and ready yet darkling, and reach my Corner safe D.O.M.G. about ½ hour after 7. (5^s).

15 The weather yet fair. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. After dinner repose and prayers. I see Mr. Bunbury (tomorrow designing for the Assizes at Ruthen). Retire to my study and pint.

16 After Busienes in my study, and after prayers & dinner I go to the Glass-house where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Thomas, T. Middlehurst. The discourse dos not amount to diversion, wee come away dull, before 6. Mr. Chancellor and I call on Mr. Holland, proceed to the Ship and there advance our humors over 1 Bottle of Claret & 1 pint of Lisbon. (1^s.6^d). I reckon the travelling Expenses & Gratuities in my last journey to amount to 2^{li}.6^s.6^d.

17 The weather yet propitious to the Harvest. I rise before 7, take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Thompson, spy from the Walls a picture, supplying the busienes of a window, in a sordid house, keeping out the weather. Wee enquire after, and I buy it for 1^s. It is habited as a knight or sovereign of the Garter, is drawn in rich colours. I take it to bee Queen Elizabeth. My Suzy and I dine at Alderman Pulestons with Mr. & Mrs. Townsend & Alderman Partington, venison Convivii Caput. About 3, Mr. Chancellor sent to comes, wee pass the day with good Ale & wine, indifferent conversacion. Robert (sent thither) brings my Colt from Rocksavage, where to Mr. Chadwick 5^s.

18 Still the harvest smiles. I rise to early prayers and with Mr. Tomson take a Turn on roodee. Mr. Morrey, his wife and Mrs. Leftwich, drink Tea with us. After 11 I go to Mr. Townsends, the way fair and weather cool. Here Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Puleston & I are entertain'd at an elegant dinner, whereof New Beans and fine bacon is Caput. Wee after regale in good wine and Ale. Wee return about 6. I find my old servant Jo. Whittle at home, come from Deyn, Mr. Ashtons (his kinsman). Hee entertains with brisk & prosperous discourse, wee him with wine. My S[uzy] surprises with Civility to him, & severity to her maid. To Mr. Townsends Maid 1^s.

19 After early prayers I take a Turn on the Walls with Alderman Minshal & Mr. Tomson. After, in Books to dinner. After a short repose and Ev. prayers, Mr. Tomson go's with mee to see Alderman Minshal, who entertains us (kindly) with Roses, dull wine and Ale. Wee return at 9, and I recover my spirits faln, out of my domestic pint. 6^d.

20 Early prayers over, in a delicate morning, I with Mr. Tomson take a Turn on roodee, and see the News. The Later and S. Walmesley are imployd about the passage to the Church House and the office. Turn in Books. Mr. Knipe sends mee a

plate of venison. I give the Man (John Cross) half a Crown and 1^s. After Ev. prayers (about 6) go to Mr. Hollands, where wee find Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington, Mr. Crosby, the conversacion is carryd on over Ale by us & Mr. Crosby past 9.

21 I rise at 7, the weather alters to rainy. I write to Mr. Smith account that I have order'd the copy of the purchase of the Advowson of Thornton to bee registr'd. I pay the Land Tax for Halton 13^s.0³/₄^d, the Constables Lay 10^d, to Richmond the Laborer for 2 daies work 2^s. I speak to and show Dr. Fogg my project about the passage to the Maiden Isle which hee approves. After E. prayers, I see Mr. Hulton, thence to the post office where I receive a Letter from my son dated at Bristol, 19th, retire to my study and pint.

22 From a Cold and indisposicion I stay within, the weather showry. I apply in my study to proper reading, and towards night divert in Beverovity his Epistolica Quaestio, de Vita Termino fatali, [?an mobili]. Mr. W. Bunbury visits us. I have my pint.

23 To early prayers, the morning dull after rain. I send Robert with the Colt to Edwards of Iscoyd to bee introduc'd to the sadle. I pay Mr. Robert Lawson Chirurgion on Capt. Tarlton's Bill for Harry's debts to Halsal and Williamson 6^{li}.8^d. After 3 (the weather doubtful) I go to the Glass-house, where Mr. Chancellor, Jo. Bunbury, Townsend, Hulton, T. Midlehurst. Mr. Thomas, after 2 hours in Game discourse Mr. Chancellor and I return, come to Mr. Hollands where wee find Alderman Partington & Sayer. A pint of white wine is sent for. After 2 dull hours here wee part at 8. 1^s.3^d & 1^s.4^d.

24 I rise about 7. After Busienes, Tea and prayers, I invite Dr. Hancock, Mr. Stevenson & Mr. Tomson and about 1 they come to my Mullet and venison. The Entertainment ends about 4. In this full diversion I receive Alderman Pulestons Bill & request. To digest both, I take a Turn on roodee with Mr. Tomson. My S. receives my sons Letter from Gloster of 21 which diverts us. I recurr to my pint, Mr. Tomson to Ale, hee stays past 10.

25 Rise about 7 under my accustomed Concerns, in a fair dry morning. After M. prayers, I take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson, My cozn. Marsden brings mee his Brothers remarks on the Bishop of Bangors sermon, as a present from the Author. After E. prayers wee visit the 2 Mr. Ashtons at Mrs. Oldfelds. After, my study, Books and pint.

26 After a stormy Night, a windy morning. I rise to early prayers. I give to my son Will, his Quarterage 5^s. Retire 2 hours to my study and aggravated thoughts on my brother Partingtons unhappy Circumstances. The 1st Court of this Term Q.B.E. I draw Robinsons answer. I step to Mr. Otty's but the Christeneing being intended private, do not stay. The Chancellor and Cozn. Kendric sending, I go to them at the Yatch, wee remember & condole Alderman Partingtons Lott over 2 Bottles of good French, wee part after 8. I am surpriz'd by my sons unexpected comeing this Evening. Over a pint of Dyson, hee recounts parts of his jouny.

27 The weather turns to rain which hurrys on the Church at Early prayers. I pay Mr. Jackson for Wills Quarterage 7^s, to the Laborer 2^s.6^d, give the Church masons 1^s. Mr. Nowel my sons Fellow Travailer dines with us. About 4 I go to Mr. Chancellor, where Mr. Townsend and Grantham. After Ale here, Mr. Chancellor,

Grantham, Holland & I drink our pints at the Ship, part about 8. I find Mr. Nowel at Supper here, and take a share of a Glass of Mountain. 1^s.

28 Indispos'd from the variety of liquors, ly unhappy til 9, pay the Constables Tax for Warton 8^s.4^d, Samuel Walmesleys Note 1^{li}.2^s. For the ½ year Land Tax for Huxley, 1^{li}:6^s:0. My Brother Partington comes to see us, seems grave, not dejected. After E. prayers I take a Turn on roodee with Mr. Tomson. In the Evening, over my pint begin in Mr. Marsdens remarks. I receive from John Cross 213 pound wt of Cheese, pay the Carrier 2^s:6^d.

29 St. Michael. The weather turns to rain. Mr. Nowel drinks Tea and dines with us. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse: the Quire is fill'd rather with Trade than Gentlemen. Wee stay within till E. prayers, after, a walk. Return to Mr. Marsdens remarks over my pint.

30 At early prayers. The weather rainy. Fanny Green is here from Wigan. Mr. Nowel dines with us. I pay Mr. Jo. Bristow for Mr. Calkin Curat 1^{li}.10^s. Capt. Tarlton calls on us. After E. prayers & 2 Turns on roodee, I am at home and my pint with Mr. Nowel, my son & F. Green supping. At which I am affected with very unhappy & ingratfull infirmity too visible.

OCTOBER 1 The weather rainy, I dull from it and the accident last night. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 20^{li}. After M. prayers endeavor a releif by a Turn on the Walls. I pay to Mr. Tarlton to discharg Harry's Creditors 5^{li}:13^s, to Alderman Puleston on Account 10^{li}. Mr. Nowel and Tarlton dine with us. After repose and E. prayers, I meet with Mr. Lloyd of Keven, hee treats mee with 2 pints at the Ship. The first Judg Spencer Cowper, with his Colleague Jeffrys, come to Church this M. Mr. Offley of Barthomley has a Historical discourse before a proper Auditory, very vehement and satyrical upon the subject of ingratitude, which hee lays on the Church & Nonjurors.

2 I am at early prayers, the weather dull only not rainy. I prepare and expect Mr. Lloyd to Tea but hee fails mee. My son, his Curat and I pass the time in my study. After dinner John Turner gives us no gratefull Account of Mr. Cholmley now at Mr. Smart's house in Wolverhampton. I pay the Quarterly Tax for Warton 19^s:1½^d. About 5 go to Alderman Hodgsons, who invites and treats mee in his house with a pint of Claret over which mencion of the approaching Honor of the Mayoralty, part about 9.

3 After sleep interrupted, rise to early prayers. After which go round the Walls with Mr. Thomson. After Tea and dull diversion in my Study, to Mr. Bouchers and the Court where the Busienes is easy. After dinner short repose and prayers, I go to the Assize Hall where, in an Action of [?Case] or Quantum Meruit for Boarding &c, I see the Behavior of the new Judg, Lawyers and Jury bringing in for damages 13^{li} when the proof amounted to 26^{li}. I pay Mr. Massie Grocer on Account 10^{li} in part of his Note 21^{li}. I return to my study about 8 and recreate over my pint. Given in Fairings 7^s:6^d.

4 To early prayers. After which a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Thomson. Thence to my Tea and Study, the weather still rainy. After dinner Mr. Elcock and his eldest son and Jasper Peck sees us. After Ev. prayers return to my study. My cozn. Holt & his son Ned come about 7.

5 I rise to early prayers, the weather yet dispos'd to wind and rain. I write fully to my Lord Bishop as I can, the state of the Registry as to the Churches and Chapells, and send him transcrib'd Certificates of 8 Chapels and 1 Church (Swettenham). I step into the Fair about 12 with Mr. Holt. After dinner I write to Ellis Jones, Clerk of Gresford about the next Court. After E. prayers my Cozn. Holt, my son and I are a while with Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington and Puleston at Mr. Hollands, thence home and have a Bottle of white and red port from Mr. Dyson over which I receive a Note from Dr. Fogg that Jeffry M[oulding] had taken the usual oath and procur'd his hand to a Licence, yet blank, for the marriage of himself and my Neice tomorrow at Codington. Since Jeffry has of late, particularly this week, evidently alterd, had addicted himself to ill company, idlenes, sottishnes, I industriously oppose this design, order a Letter to bee writ to my neece by Mr. Stones, and the doors in the morning to bee shutt against Jeffry. This and Harry's ill behavior arrest my sleep.

6 The weather stormy with rain, Jeffry attempts to go, comes up call'd and tells us his design to marry my N[eice]. I oppose it and reprehend, hee delivers up the sign'd blank Licence to mee. After the news, a short Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson, my son to Warton, wee to the Quire, Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on preparacion for Sacrament. I am so disturb'd by domestic trouble, I suspect mee too much discompos'd to approach the Holy Table. The weather is high and rainy. After dinner dull & dejected, repose. After at E. prayers (at which the Church involv'd in a thick cloud and threatening storm), candles are lighted, thunder dissipates the Cloud in a few minuits, and the Glory of the Sun returning fills the Quire and overwhelms the borrowd light. After these and a Turn on the Walls, my Cozn. Holt, my son and I go to the Chancellor, hee entertains us with a Bottle of white Lisbon, another of good French Claret. Wee part about 9. After supper, prayers and short sleep a vehement storm rises, but shakes into sleep.

7 The weather calmer and the sky more cheerfull, I rise to early prayers, thence to my study. I write to and desire Mr. Parr to pay my son Ken what hee owes to the Matron, and give him the Rota of our approaching visitacion. I call on Mr. Hulton, who as the Chancellor not going, I forbear the Glass-house to dine at home with Cosen Holt. The diversion of the Bull bait takes up the Town. After E. prayers, invited go about 6 to Mr. Roberts on the Christening of his son Ed., where Mr. Pence Griffith, Mr. Stratford God-fathers, Dr. Fogg, Mr. Boucher, the good Claret go's briskly round & holds with variety of discourse togeather till 11. (2^s).

8 After rain in the night a fair morning. My cozn. Holt and his son, myself, Mr. Stratford and Jeffry equipp for our several Journys. Wee part at Mr. Kemps in 2 Jills of Brandy att about ½ hour after 9, the road is full of water and at Bellgrave, over the Causey. I come to and find the Chancellor at Gresford about 11. The petitioners arrivd, a Court sate of considerable dispatch 4 or 5 sentences and final Decrees. After dinner tho indisposd and dull I examine 5, Jeffry 3 witnesses. Mr. Chancellor and company being gon, I sup on my pint of White Wine, part over the examinacion, the rest with Mr. Hugh's, and to bed about 10.

9 After storm and rain all night wee compare this to the stormy weather in this place 13 Sept. 1716, the meadows are coverd with water, to a great breadth. At 9 I go to the Vicarage and drink Tea with the Chancellor and his brother, thence to

Rafty Castle where I dine with Mr. Davies, on his invitacion yesterday, admire the situacion. Mr. Cowper is here and entertains mee too much, with the difference 'twixt him and his Brother. The dinner and entertainment, after, very generous. I sett hence after 4, return D.G. safe home about 7 and recreate in my pint of Dyson. (6^s). I receivd today on account from Mr. Moulding 5^{li}. A Court held for the Deaneries of Chester and Wirral.

10 The weather still wett to discouragement. A Court easy in Busienes. After dinner dull and indispos'd, a short repose refitts mee to busienes. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Whittacres Will, and go on in my pint and supper, both end about 9.

11 After so long continu'd rains, fresh streams last night from the skyes. Mr. Leftwich comes, imploy'd by Jeffry Moulding, to acquaint mee of his marriage to my Neece at Coddington on Munday last and to intercede for my Favor to him. Mr. Roberts and Jeffry go to Frodsham. I retire to my study and divercion in Books. The Town is busy but unanimous in Election of Alderman Hodgson Mayor, Trafford Massie and Geo. Johnson Sheriffs. I pay [blank] Dale for 9 loads of Coals 2^{li}:14^s. For the Quarter Tax for the Office, this house and that in the Abby Court, 1^{li}.1^s. After dinner and dull recess, about 6 go to see Mr. Jackson at the Chancellors, my son with mee. Wee are treated with a Bottle of Claret. At parting (about 8) Mr. Chancellor imparts to mee the great Beneficence of the Bishop of Bristol in bestowing that Registry in a most generous manner, on his son John, enjoins mee silence, which I promise him. I return to my study and over my pint, write my thanks to Mr. Gandy for his present to mee and kindness to my son when at Exeter.

12 The rain continu'd most of the Night which and other influences break my Sleep. I rise to prayers. I finish that to Mr. Gandy, and write to Mr. Topping my Thanks for his Favors to Ken, and give him an Account of my confus'd Collection. Mr. Chancellor calls and shews mee the Bishop of Bristol his very full and generous Letter to his son. I pay for 3 Measures of wheat 16^s:6^d. After prayers I visit Mr. Mayor, present Mrs. Mayoress with a Guinea, give my son a Guinea. About 6 my son and I go to the Yacht, meet Mr. Chancellor, his brother & Nephew Jackson, the discourse runs much on Holland over 3 Bottles of French Claret each. 1^s:6^d.

13 Tho the West was hung with thick Clouds last night a delightfull morning arises. The Quire is fill'd with the Corporacion in their formalities and Mr. Henchman has a good discourse. My son and I dine at the new Mayors at a Table (Men and women) of 18. This Table is twice well spread with dinner and Desert. Wee attend about 4 to the Pentice where after a Glass of Sack, to St. Peters, where the Curat has a good discourse, thence bring the Mayor back. After attend the old Mayor (Alderman Bennet) home, where a company of 20 in number are entertain'd with Claret till 7. Returning, call on Mr. Hornby at Mr. Kemps where by accident wee meet with Mr. Fazakerley, wee stay there till 10.

14 A thick mist, indispos'd, ly till 8. I receive 2 Guineas from Mr. Roberts on Account. Hee, Mr. Stratford and yong Mr. Falkner go for Malpas. Mr. Tomson and I take a Turn round the Walls while the sun discusses the Fogg. I write to Mr. Marsden congratulacion about his sons remarks on the Bishop of Bangor.²¹ Alderman Partington

21 Hoadley aroused a great deal of controversy concerning his theology of baptism.

and his daughter Betty dine with us. I make preparacion for my Journy to morrow,

15 The weather appears propitious. Equip for our Journy, leave with my Suzy 5^{li}, to H. and the Children 4^s. I set out about 9, overtake Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton on Tilston Heath. Wee call at Acton, where Mr. Chancellor veiws the place and hears the Arguments for and against an intended Gallery, wee walk to Namptwich. After dinner and busienes the Chancellor go's into the Church, and in a throng, veiws the propos'd place on the North side & with his patience hears reasons on both sides, resolv's to have the Gallery or Orrel erected in the rebellion taken down. I go with Mr. Gibbons the Curat to his House, drink his good Ale, return to our Inn with Mr. Hulton, take a supper pint.

16 Indisposd by noise since 3 a clock under my room, rise about 6, wee call on and drink Tea with Mr. Elcock, wee admire the happy situacion and commend the plantation about the place. Hence by the other pool, Minshal and Lea Hall, yong Mr. Elcock conducts us to Midlewich (about 1). After dinner I wait on Lord Huntingdon, Mr. and Dr. Egerton at Mr. Vernons. I stay in the sport[ing?] company, the wine going round past 8. I go to Mr. Peter Yates who entertains mee with an amazing History of Mr. Vernons Estate approaching near 3000^{li} p.A. (1^s).

17 I rise early in my cleanly retreat, drink Coffee here, Tea with Mrs. Yates (Oldfeld) at 9, Mrs. Hulton, Roberts and I calling on Mr. Cowper and takeing his Tip there. Mrs. Cowper proposes her son to bee my Clerk. I desire (which is agreeable) time to deliberate. Wee proceed in a fair day and continu'd intire causway to Macclesfield (about 1). The busienes smal, I wait (at Mr. Thornicrofts) on Sir William Merediths daughter. The weather threatening alteracion & storm, wee send for 2 pints and with the 2 schoolMasters Mrs. Hammond & Ashworth end the day.

18 A fair morning succeeds a stormy night. After Coffee and News, about 9 sett out and come to Stockport, here meet Dr. Thane, Mr. Styles the Rector of St[ockport] and his Curate dine with us. Mr. Davenport exhibits an Inventory of his Fathers estate. I indevor to reconcile him, who shows desultory incertainty, with Mr. Bamford his brother in law. Mr. Ardern, pale macerate and mortify'd by abstemious life and devocion, calls almost as a Spectre on mee with great civility. About 4 all sett out, I go with Dr. Thane thoro a delicate prospect & over the easy boat to Northenden. His Lady and I sup on a pint of Claret.

19 Rise out of my easy repose about 7. Divert in Books, Tea, Coffee and walk till the decent dinner. After that over a Bottle of white wine free and freindly discourse. They resolve to return to Chester in May, both tir'd with the obscurity and immorality of the place.²² About 4 set hence and come to Manchester about 5. I find the busienes easy, step to Mr. Claytons. After drink with Mr. Hulton, as my supper a pint of good white port, thence, invited, go to Dr. Holbrooks and hee absent at Lady Blands, to bed about 10. (2^s).

20 The weather threatens and brings rain. At the old Church, where Mr. King, Rector of Radcliffe (both in the morning and after noon) has a very good discourse

²² Northenden was being steadily encroached upon by an expanding Manchester, and the gentry were moving out.

(on 2 verses; Strive to enter in at the Straight Gate &c). Dr. Holbrook, Mr. Hulton and I dine with the Warden and after E. service drink a Bottle of wine with him. I see Mrs. Sara Townsend with Mrs. Hide her Governess. Darknes coming on, Illuminations injoin'd by the Officers of the Regiment (Genl. Wills) are officiously, but generally involuntarily sett up. I walk by the fair light from the wardens to Dr. Holbrooks, a retreat to a few Freinds. About 7, White a Leiftenant with soldiers along in his round observing one window (the rest were) not illumin'd, falls on it with his sword. The soldiers batter with stones the upper windows, this putts our company into some terror, The arbitrary execucion is carryd with an Ayr of Authority thoro the Town of which drawn swords are the Signal of it. This Insolence they carry thro the Town and Salford without distinction Saveing 2 Quakers houses and 1 of a dissenter about which a Quarrel rises betwixt the Agitant and the present Capt. of the Guard. I receive my Lord Bishops Letter about Chapells &c.

21 The weather recovers to fair. I rise about 7, equip, the discourse is on the insults of the soldiers, the demolisht windows are a melancholy sight. Dr. Holbrook resolves to join in representation of the riot or insult last night. After Tea with him, wee set hence about 10, come to Bolton about 12, dine with Mr. Haddon & Mr. Hulton (now in their busienes) about 2, proceed and at a good rate (the road consider'd) come to Blackburn about 5. Mr. Hulm comes to us (at the Cross Keys), invites us to his house and a good supper. After which, hee communicates to mee an Infelicity hee had heard of (from a neighboring Gentleman) in the Archbishop of York's family. 2^s.

22 The weather yet fair, the busienes here small. Young Mr. Nowel comes to see mee, dines with us and after, pays mee 8 Guineas which hee said was part of 10 borrowd of my son. In the Evening wee a company of which R. Whaley go to the Curates house, drink his very good Ale freely till 11. I sup on a pint of hott (not pleasant) Mountain sent from the Vicarage.

23 I rise not till 8 and then dull from last night. After Tea &c with Mr. Hulm I follow the company after 9. Come to Chorley under a severe showr before twelve. Here is a great dinner, little busienes. I pay Mr. Mercer what hee laid out for 2 Gallons of wine, 13^s. Wee go to a private fountain of better Ale, where Mr. Mercer treats, thence take Horse and come to Wigan about 5. I meet with my son at my Cozn. Holts, where wee are receivd very freindly in warm and decent Quarters.

24 About 9 refresht by Tea and Coffee, wee set out and come to Ormskirk about 11. Here the busienes agrees with the rest. I receive Mr. Marsdens thanks for my Letter to him. After our plentiful dinner in the new built Inn, I visit and drink Tea with Mr. Ollerhead. In the Evening Mr. Roberts, Brownsword, Brownel and I are hansomly treated with punch and Ale (in a hansom room) by Mr. Tyrer, wee stay near 11.

25 The weather grown dull and threatning, Mr. Tyrer after about 12 years accompts to mee about a debt of 6^{li} and upwards which hee receivd from my old Tenant, hee pays mee 9^{li}. I return him back 1^{li} for his pains. Hee acquaints of Lord Ashburnhams Commission now imploy'd to veiw, valu and sell his Derby Lands, particularly the Lordship of UpHolland and advises mee to buy it.²³ Alas! &c.

23 The manor of Upholland had been the site of Prescott's family home; he was anxious to buy it, but failed.

After white wine at the Inn and Tea and Brandy with Mr. Brownsword, armd, wee mount in a dull sky & beginning rain. At [Up]Holland thoughts recurr with force. I wish I hope without Fault a Circumstance equal to the purchase. After wee pass Holland, the rain aggravates or rather a cloud big of water breaks upon us, continues to Wigan where wee find it had prevented the market. I meet with John Cross, J. Walmesley who pays mee 13^{li}, John Shaw who pays mee 20^{li}. Here too a dinner disproportioned to the busienes. I refresh with Tea at Fanny Greenes, in the Even after Busienes, a full company sitts round, the wine and Ale go in the Figure. I write to my Suzy, wee part about 10. Sir Roger Bradshaigh & Sir Edward Chisnal with us.

26 Tho the waters rise and threaten, the company gos. I direct Mr. Roberts, and hee pays Mr. Vaudrey 15^{li}, Which I take to reduce the summ due to 19^{li}. I buy Sosimus the Heathen Historian for 1^s. Wee retreat to dinner and ease till the Evening, when on Invitacion wee go to Alderman John Markland his lustral Feast upon the Christening of his son Robert, the supper and company full and numerous, and the After Entertainment of wine and Ale is carry'd past 10.

27 My son has a sermon in the Forenoon which hee had before in the Quire, wherein by sublime Oratory hee indeavors to describe the Felicities of an happy Eternity. It is generally applauded, as his reading of the prayers in the After noon when Mr. Lever has a good discourse, is much comended. Wee dine with Mr. Aldersey where the amphibious Duck has a mean relish. After E. prayers Sir Roger Bradshaigh invites us to Mr. Masons where dull ale and base wine which are corrected at my Cosen Holts.

28 St. Simon & St. Jude, a calm fair day. I meet Mr. Leigh and Tatlock and hear the Busienes 'twixt Swift and Topping. After which wee go to prayers, where an Homily (the 3d) is read against Adultry. About 12 Mr. Aldersey, Holt, my son & myself go to Haigh, where Sir Roger receives us very elegantly and generously, curiously with the sight of pictures of the first rate and valu, and above all with the politenes of his conversacion wherein hee discovers a laudable skil in painting and Architecture, of the later of which the new addicion to his House is a plain demonstracion. Sir Tho[mas] Standish and Mr. Alanson come in after dinner, and excellent wine and Ale flow, freely, round till 9 when, in a thick darknes, Sir Roger secures our safe return thoro the broken difficult way, by the Light of his artificial Moon. The Busienes of the Galery on Mr. Shakerley's Letter was debated, the sum of 100^{li} demanded for it and Sir Roger promises to represent it to Mr. Shakerley. 2^s.

29 The weather is tollerable. I begin to bee uneasy at our Stay. I pay my cozn. Holt Interest of 50^{li} due 24th of August last and of 100^{li} due 1st Nov. approaching, in all 7^{li}.10^s. To my Cosen F. Green for Linnen 1^{li}:18^s:6. In the Evening with a company at Tootells, where an Account of Mr. Owens design to purchase the Lordship of Holland, tho oppos'd with good white port, affects mee too deep. My son comends (The Silent Woman) to Mr. Ashburner to bee acted at Christmas by his Scholars, this diverts the company and turns the conversacion almost to a Comedy, but has no effect on mee to prevent the counting all the hours of the night.

30 The day doubtfull. About 9, Wee set out, begin on Coursing near J. Cross, beat the Bank and Ayrfeild Grounds, see 2 Hares which presently reach their shelter the Woods. Wee, my Cozn. Holt, Mr. Leigh, my son &c dine on Eggs, bacon and cold

meat brought along. I treat with Ale and wine till 5, go back in the dusk, wee are surpriz'd by the Wigan Bonfires & illuminacions at Wigan on Account of the Prince's Birthday.

31 Wee are too easily prevaild upon to Stay. The Humor of the play go's on and parts are adapted to the scholars. After dinner, prayers and ordinary Turns, a Company gathers at Tootels. Mr. Aldersey, Holt, Leigh, Alderman Markland, my son, Mr. Ashburner &c; the wine, Ale and conversacion mixt with the play holds till 10. (1^s).

NOVEMBER 1 All Saints day, fair and favorable. Wee in the morning drink Tea with Mr. Leigh. I desire him to apply to Mr. Ashurst about the state of the Mannor of Upholland, the valu when setld and to signify it to mee, which hee promises, hence to M. prayers at which, rather than on the 28th October as is noted, the Homily against Adultry is read. After dinner Sir Roger Bradshaigh comes, and quickly after Mr. Aldersey, to my Cozn. Holts. The matter of the Galery is more fully debated and Sir Roger eo instanti hansomly writes the result of it. After his recess, contracted to a small number, a Pint of the noble old Mountain seems to conclude the generous Entertainment of our Quarters. I order a pott of Woodcocks to bee sent hence to my Cozn. Parr, & pay for 12 Cocks, 6^s.

2 I rise before 7 and prepare for our journey. After Tea at my cozn. Holts and Brandy at the Inn (where I pay for the 3 horses &c 1^{li}.5.3), wee mount about ½ hour after 9, pass Warrington, come to Frodsham about 2, stay here & refresh near 2 hours, pay for the refreshment 2^s, proceed, meet the returning market people, and comonly a woman at the Front of each particular Squadron. (I reckon in the whole above 100), this gives interrupcion, but wee return safe D.O.M.G. to our Corner about 5, recreate in posset, secure in Elixir.

3 The weather returns to rain. I stay at home in proper reading & Books. In the Evening recreate in my domestic pint.

4 The rains give me occasion to rejoice at our return before them. After M. prayers, visit Mr. Hulton. At Ev. prayers meet Mr. Chancellor, go with him to Mr. Hollands where with Alderman Partington and Mr. Oliver over Wine and Ale mixt, till 9.

5 Indispos'd from the mixture last night. This day is solemnly kept. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse before the Corporacion (in St. Oswalds) on that part of our Saviours sermon (I say unto you; forgive your Enemy's). I pay for the portmanteau Horse, 19^s, for my son Wills school fire mony 2^s.6^d. In the Evening take a melancholy Turn thoro a few parts lightn'd with solitary Bonfires and return to my Corner and pint of Dyson.

6 After early prayers I am intent on makeing returns of Certificates of Chapels and answering my Lords Letter receivd at Manchester, but too sensibly interrupted in my study, recede thence under perhaps erroneous apprehensions. I go to visit and drink Tea with Mrs. Oldfeild and the 2 Miss Ashtons. The melancholy humor continuing, I indevor to divert it in the Mayors Shop. Here I meet Mrs. Cowper, Bletchingdon and my name-sake Prescott. Mr. Mayor invites us into his house, treats us liberally with Sturgeon, wine & Ale. The conversacion is cheerfull till 10, the porporcion about a Bottle of Claret each.

7 The weather fair and cool. I take a Turn in the Town and at Alderman Pulestons, fix on a Winter Coat. Mr. Thomson subscribes (the 2^d time) & is instituted by the Chancellor to St. Bridgets, rather collated by the Bishops Conferimus, attested under the Chancellors seal. A Court is had easy of dispatch. After it (about 12) I am with the Mayor, Mr. Oliver and some parishioners at the Ship where white wine is briskly mov'd, at a Whett, on the choice of Mr. Heyes for Churchwarden. After dinner & short repose and E. prayers, proceed in my Certificates over my domestic pint. Paid Margaret Evans for Grass 9^s.6. Mr. Billing, for Glovs 5^s.

8 The weather returnd rainy. After prayers, in the office where I am conscious of, as well as observe, great neglect even to stupidity & osistancy. After dinner, the Certificates finisht, I write, I hope, a full answer to my Lord Bishop, another to Mr. Shakerley about the Galery in Wigan Church with other matters over my domestic pint ending about 11.

9 I rise to early prayers, the morning (after a very vehement storm with rain continu'd from 9 last night till 4 this morning) dull with heavy Clouds. I am at the Office and meet repeated Complaints of Jeffrys idlenes and total neglect. I write to Mr. Parr notice of my present of a pott of Woodcocks and of the Excommunication against Mr. Roberts in not transmitting the Cause of Hughs. I give Mr. Hulton's little John 1^s, pay Ben. Davies for Mr. Calkin, 1^{li}.10^s, to the washwoman 1^{li}.10^s. After dinner repose and prayers. To the Mayor's, who comes with mee to Mr. Hollands, where wee join Mr. Chancellor, Oliver, Alderman Puleston, Mr. Billings, drink 4^d in Ale, stay past 8, apply 2 hours to busienes and break into a domestic pint.

10 After a warm and uneasy morning, dull and indispos'd, stay at home in proper Books and reading, particularly the ArchBishop of Cambray's Demonstracion of the Existence of God. I admonish Jeffry of his idlenes, ill conversacion and neglect of the Office, which hee promises (by Gods help) to reform. Mrs. Bayley dines with us (a wild Duck head of the Feast). After E. prayers I retreat to my Chamber and Books and venture on my domestic pint.

11 After good repose, I rise about 7. I write (by Jeffry going to St. Asaph) to Mr. Babington about Miltons Address to have a Copy of it, and to Mr. Moulding about Hughs appeal and the rash marriage of his son. After M. prayers I lend Mr. Stones *Antiquitates Britannia[e]* by ArchBishop Parker. I see Mr. Hulton before dinner, and decline going to the Glass-House. After dinner, dull from the weather and within, repose. After which, return to the ArchBishop of Cambray. Mr. Tomson desires the Liberty of our parlor. At and after 6 Mr. Chancellor, Boucher, Hulton, Stratford and Roberts, beside my son and self, invited, are there. The Table surrounded. 6 Bottles of excellent Margoa from Alderman Bennet gos round in mixt humor, past 9.

12 Successfull sleep, and even after Gruel which I attribute to my proper Bottle. I rise not till 9. At M. prayers. The weather yet dull and rainy. I proceed in Cambray and divert an hour in Grotius. After dinner short repose and Books, at 6 meet Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, my son and Mr. Thomson, on Mr. Tomsons 2^d Treat with 2 Bottles of Margoa in our parlor. The Bottles out and Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Townsend receded, my son and I send for 3 Bottles of the same wine, drink 1 pint of it.

13 Whether from the fine spirits of the wine, or alteration of the weather to a sharp Frost, reflections or other Cause, I sleep not after $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after 3, but ly unhappy till 9, when Robert alarms mee with the news of my Mare suddenly sick. I receive, by John the Apparitor, Mr. Mouldings Letter of Yesterday with an Account so far and 26^{li}.11^s.11^d. which with [?what] at 2 several times makes 36^{li}.11^s.11. since 12th of July. I write and send by the Apparitor a Book for Entry of Confirmacions &c. After dinner and a short repose, I begin in the Certificate of the Acts in Hughes Cause, and continue in them till 10 at Night, over a pint of Claret. I pay my son the 8 Guineas sent him by Mr. Nowel.

14 The severe coldnes of the Night affects mee the most of it. I rise yet at 8 well reliev'd by sleep. After meeting at Mr. Bouchers at the Court easy in the Busienes, I receive from Mr. Roberts for Copy's of Lymes Deposicions &c 6^{li}.1^s.0. I pay Mr. Chapman on Account 4^{li}.6s. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Sandifords Will. After, divert in Books, over my pint of Dyson till 10.

15 I have the same uneasines from the coldnes of the weather, that over, I have good repose, I rise about 8. At M. prayers, tho the Frost dissolv'd, the cold remains. I pay Mr. Wilbraham, Chandler, for Candles since 8 May, 2^{li}.3:0. To Samuel Walmesley for his work on the little House &c 4^s. I rather divert in than apply to Books till E. prayers and a Turn into the Town. I apply to the Acts in Hughs Cause and advance them considerably over my pint of Dyson till 10.

16 I enjoy and praise God for my happy sleep and rest so contrary to those of this time twelve months. The weather is extremely cold and sharp without Frost. I write as I promis'd in August to Mr. Southerne about my son Ken. My Mare is faln into a doubtfull and dangerous distemper. I pay T. Roberts what hee saies only finishes his wages for the last year 13^s, for three Measures of Wheat 16^s.6^d, a Bushel of Oats the other day 6^s.6^d. After Ev. prayers, I go with my son to see Mr. Davies with whom wee find Mr. Rigby of Lancaster. I desire, and hee grants mee Liberty, to take a Copy of Miltons Address to the Parliament of England, the Foundation of the Bishop of Bangors late writeing. About 8 wee go home and at the Coach and Horses, his Quarters, drink a Quart of excellent Claret with him, about 10 to my room where for several hours, I am exercis'd with one of the greatest Calamities.

17 After an unhappy Night a more hopefull morning even in success. The weather grown milder. My son has a sermon in the Quire on wherein the Jewish and Christian sacrifices are compar'd & consider'd. After E. prayers wee (the Family) are in my room. I betake mee to my pint of Dyson, over which my son reads part of Dr. Goodmans first winter Evening Conference.

18 My better rest tonight calls to memory the melancholy hours of last November and fills my mind with much Gratitude to God, as these did with Horror. After M. prayers Mrs. Alice Oldfeld and the young (Miss Dorothy) Ashton drink Tea with us. After dinner (about 2) I go to the Glass-house, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Midlehurst, Witter, after mixt talk, The Forfeitures are cast up, in which my share is 3^s; near 5 wee return to the Town and darknes together: I proceed in expediting the Acts in Hughs Cause over my pint, till 10.

19 After an happy repose till 6, with after a short interval another short repose, rise at 8. I receive answers from my Lord Bishop and Mr. Shakerley. At M. Prayers. After dinner in Grotius, call'd to Ev. prayers, go thence with Mr.

Townsend to Mr. Kemps where Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Hulton and my son upon appointment meet, wee drink our pints of true Claret out of the Hogshead over discourse not worthy of it, and part after 8. 1^s.6^d.

20 My rest the reverse D.G. to that this night 12 month. The weather calm and foggy. I answer Mr. Shakerleys Letter. After dinner Mr. Hiccock sees us. In Books till E. prayers. After those about 6, Mr. Tomson, my son and I go down to Alderman Bennet, hee treats us with a Bottle of Margoa, wee stay in easy conversacion near 10.

21 My rest and health D.G. return'd with great advantage. The weather calm and bright. I rise before 8. At Mr. Bouchers Chamber, where Mr. Chancellor &c, thence to Court where the busienes is quickly and easily over. I pay Mary Sherman 1^{li}.5^s.2^d, recreate in Books, see the vault for a drain or recetacle of water made. After E. prayers and about 6, go with Mr. Hulton to the Coach & Horses. My son and Mr. Stones follow. Wee over indifferent conversacion drink 4 pints of good wine and part about 9. (1^s.6^d).

22 My sleep is interrupted by a new indisposicion on my thoughts. I rise about 8, the weather is thick and unwholmson. After dinner and a short repose, at E. prayers which over, Mr. Chancellor draws mee and wee call on Mr. Hulton, who follows to the Coach & Horses. The generous wine itself perswades to 4 pints over which as well as the State of our Court, as the public Affairs are mencion'd in a more brisk and tolerable stile, wee part about 9. (1^s.6^d). I pay Andrew Midleton his Bill for Elixir, 1^{li}:10:0.

23 After a continu'd sleep till 5, uneasy, rise after 8. I apply to the Acts in Hughs cause, transmitted and finish them not till 6 at night. The weather today wett and stormy. I divert in Books and Busienes over my pint till 9. The Transmission of Hughs contra Hughes contains 100 Folio or page 200 (save 1 page).

24 After a stormy night a rainy and stormy day. Mr. Tomson has a good and pathetic discourse in the Quire on (work out your salvation with fear & trembling), they mutually changing, my son preaches for him at St. Bridgets. The News rejoices in the Kings Speech before the 2 Houses meeting Thursday last, wherein hee owns the Church of England to bee the security or Bulwork of the Protestant Interest, tells of his reduccion of the Forces and a reserve of the last year's supplys. After E. prayers retreat to my room, where over a domestic pint wee have proper reading till 10.

25 I have tollerable rest and rise about 7. The weather advances high in storms and hail showsrs. About 12, in these, sett out on foot, Mr. Parry the Hatter with mee. Wee go to the Glass-house, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Dod, T. Midlehurst, Witter, a full company, meal a leg of Mutton & noble Sir Loyn of Beef, well & decently don turn us to Epicures, the Ale tollerable so the discourse. I part with my stewardship to Mr. Chancellor. The weather rages on Yet I return on foot as the Chancellor and Mr. Hulton, as they went, return on Horsback. I come, in good time, to Ev. prayers. After which, the Town full of yong Poole's discharg from the dangerous Informacion and oaths of soldiers. I go to Mr. Mayors shop who kindly invites mee to his little warm parlor, where a Bottle of port is set by mee, over this, and a tankard, wee pass the Evening in easy and free discourse and healths. Mr. Mayor shows mee his new acquir'd Coat of Arms (to which myself, in a Certificate, contributed). His Maid Lumley brings mee home about 10. (1:6).

26 A sleep interrupted about 3. I rise about 8, at the Coffee house, see the Addresses of each House to the King on histh speech, keeping dull pace with it. At M. prayers and from them invite the 2 Ashtons and 2 Oldfelds to Tea in the study. After dinner, Book and Ev. prayers, I meet (as appointed) Mr. Chancellor and Townsend at the Coach and Horses where over 3 pints of generous wine (Mr. Hulton sent for & odly declineing) wee, in good humor, wear the time to 9. Then Home where diverted by a play of Shakespear, read by my son. (1^s.6^d).

27 Still a mixt repose, happy in comparison with the anniversary one, D.O.M.G. The weather continues wett and stormy. At M. prayers, the company thin from the weather. I write to Mr. Parr about Hughs Transmission, desire him to procure it to be tax't. After dinner, short repose, E. prayers, a Turn into the Town, in my room, where over my pint and Busienes, am diverted by one of Steels plays, read by my son. (1^s).

28 A more happy repose than last night. I rise before 8 and find a scene of Frost and Ice. I read Conradus Lagus de Testibus. After Tea, to Mr. Bouchers Chamber whence the persons who compose it, remove to the Court which is easy indeed & conclude this Term. Yong Tom Gorst dines with us & improves the History of Mrs. Vernon of Midlewich. At E. prayers, from thence a Turn to the Mayors shop, return to my room where Mall Partington & Mrs. Leftwich. I solace in my pint of Dyson. I pay to my daughter Lydia what she saies was due at Michaelmas, 2^{li}. To Mrs. Newton for Tea, 1^{li}. 2^s.

29 A cold night, competent sleep. The weather alterd to rain & heavy Clouds. I see the News. Tis said a Bill is forming against the occasional one and other rights of the Church to bee brought in by Mr. Lechmore. After M. prayers, I apply to Busienes. After E. prayers Mr. Ashton come in and sitts with us till 8. This is Sir Hen. Bunbury's birthday (wee reckon the 41 year), wee celebrate it in a Bottle & pint of Claret in my Chamber.

30 A milder night, good sleep and fair morning. I rise about 8, give Mr. Stratford an Account of the presentation of Midleton Tyas.²⁴ St. Andrews day, call to remembrance at dinner Lady Charlot Cornwallis now as I take it 39 years old. I pay Quarterage due the 1st instant, to the Charity school 5^s. After good dinner (Loyn of Beef stewd) I go to Mr. Massie at W. Willoughbys, offer to pay him 5^{li} the interest of the 100^{li} due Thursday last. Hee kindly and generously refuses to receive it, takes mee into the room where Mr. Hurleston, Capts. Maynard and Gee, Dr. Griffith, Mr. Whitby and Doe. Mr. Massie appoints a Bottle of Claret to bee set by mee, which I drink, the rest Ale in High Tory Healths. The company dissolves about 6. Mr. Massie discharges my shot. I find Ald. Benet, Mr. Thomson and Marsden over Ale with my son in his study.

DECEMBER 1 A sleep interrupted by unhappy dreams, good and uneasy thoughts blended in a stormy night. I rise, yet refresht, before 8. At the Quire, where Dr. Fogg has a very good discourse on the H. Sacrament, of which I am a grateful & humble partaker. My son gos and preaches at Warton. The News

24 L.D.A., Middleton Parish Papers, CP/PB/3.

improves about the Attacks on the security's of the Church; to defend these Sir Richard Grosvenor & Sir Hen. Bunbury are posted to parliament. After E. prayers to my Chamber. Over my pint of Dyson part of Dr. Goodman's E. Conference is read. 1^s.

2 Indifferent repose in a night warm to surprize. I rise before 8. Wee write and I send 1^s, by the Governor, to Ken. I write to Harry now ready bound for Virginia. I pay for Brushes 5^s, I read in the Bishop of Cambray his Demonstration. After dinner, I go (walk) with Mr. Chancellor to the Glass-house where the full company falls into the Staple discourse of the place. Mr. Chancellor and I return about 5. I betake mee to a pint.

3 Sleep interrupted but D.G. without the dreadfull pain. I rise before 8, the day mild and clear. I and my son wait on Mr. Ashton (who came last night) at Mrs. Oldfields. Here is tea and Chocolate. Hee overcomes all intreaty and takes back his two daughters, not paying or all owing them after 3 months stay here, to pay Compliments to their Friends. The News gives hopes of the insuccess of the Attempts against the Church. I pay Mr. Mayor for Dr. Mandevill's hypochondriac Treatise 3^s.8^d. After E. prayers, with Mr. Chancellor, Townsend & Grantham at Mrs. Kemps. Wee find the wine alter'd, after 3 pints remove to the Ship, where wee find tho a dull & warm, yet better wine. (2^s). Mr. Hulton & Mr. Dod, from the Glass house send mee a Hare. (6^d).

4 I have some uneasy hours which I attribute to the wine. I rise before 8, and the morning bright and delicate take a Turn with Tomson on the Walls. After M. prayers, I write to Mr. Fox, Mr. Roberts pays mee on Account of the Visitation 17^{li}.17^s.10. I pay several Family summs 4^s.6^d. To my daughter Lydia her Quarterage as she saies due at Michaelmas last 2^{li}, to her for my sister Evans 1^{li} as my Suzy lately paid for her 1^{li}. After noon I examine 1 Wittness for Mr. Massie. About 6 go with Mr. Ward and my son to Mr. Mayors. Mr. Robinson Merchant falls in with us, the Mayor entertains liberally with wine, over which the loyal Alphabet²⁵ in full glasses is repeated, wee part past 10.

5 The wine at least a Bottle ingages in sleep but layd in, for an unhappy morning. The weather agen rainy and stormy most of the day. Indispos'd yet examine before dinner another witnes on Mr. Massies part. I pay Mr. Manning shoemaker his Bill, 16^s. After a short repose and E. prayers, take a Turn to Mr. Mayors shop, thence to my domestic pint, and dispatch some Busienes over it.

6 Sleep, not without Interruptions. After a stormy night, a temparate morning. The News gives in private (what it hints, in public Letters) an account of the Arrest & confinement of the Prince, by the Kings warrant writ by his own hand, & servd by the Lord Chancellor on Tuesday, from this and other hints wee hope the attempts against the securities of the Church, cool and dissolve. I examin another witnes, on Mr. Massies part, who I do not finish till 5. I then go to Mr. Hollands where I meet with Mr. Chancellor, hee stays about an hour. Mr. Holland and I (grown warm in the public Cause) send for a pint & ½ of white wine and drink it in affectionate humor & chosen healths. I pay Jeffry on Account of Horse Hire to St. Asaph a Guinea. Give my son Will his Quarterage 10^s. (1^s.3^d).

25 This was an alphabet used by the Jacobites.

7 My sleep tho interrupted at the usual hour, 3, yet is recover'd before 8, when I rise and find and feel a very severe Frost. I apply to busienes till 10, when another witnes for Mr. Massie comes from Farndon, whom I examine before dinner. I pay for 3 Measures of Wheat 16^s.6^d. I met last night with a note in Mr. Hollands hands, thus (Thomas Damme of Leighton aged 154 years buryd in the Church of Minshal, 20 Febr. 1648, taken out of the Register Book of Church Minshall). In the Evening, my son trys a Bottle of Mr. Dysons old red port, which proves good and over it, wee diverted by Falstaff's humors in Shakespear.

8 Tho the night was cold, after a full repose, I am surpriz'd with a thaw & rain. Mr. Henchman has an excellent discourse in the Quire against the pretenders to the extraordinary Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The News tells that Mr. Shippen boldly reflecting on the 2nd paragraph of the Kings speech, and saying the King neither understood the Laws or Constitution, was by a great majority voted guilty of that misdemeanor and sent to the Tower the 3^d instant. That the difference betwixt the Courts yet magnifies. Yong Will Elcock dines with us (my son at Warton today). After E. prayers to my Chamber where my son reads Mr. Sudels sermon of 13 Nov. 1715. I over my pint of Dyson write to my Lord Bishop and return Certificates of Plemstall, Taxall and schools of Great Budworth parish.

9 After a stormy night and in it, sleep interrupted, I rise before 7, make ready for my journey and Busienes of it. Leave with my Suzy 4^{li}.5^s, give my daughter Lydia 5^s, to Peggy and Nelly each 2^s.6^d, to Will 1^s. Mr. Hulton, Roberts and I sett out ½ hour after 9, the day cloudy and blowing we go easily on, call and drink a pint of white wine with Mary at Sandiway, come to the Red Lyon in Northwich about 1. Here the Lanlady a Butchers wife with expedicion prepares us a good dinner of a Hare stewd, a fine pullet and a Woodcock roasted. The Ale is good & helps to comend the rare decent dinner, at length the Brandy helps to remount ½ hour after 3. The road near the Town is broken and tedious, when over against Holford, 'tis dusky and the sun not seen today thoro black Clouds at Meir. Wee do not, if our horses, see the way, wee with suspicion of deep steps move on & come D.G. safe to the King's Head, John Bufton's house, in Altrincham where wee find good Entertainment, Ale, a posset and decent lodging. (At Northwich 3^s).

10 I am unhappy in an uneasy and sleepless night since 2, tho I take Elixir and other helps. I rise not till 9. The winds and the dull weather continue. About 11 our Busienes begins. Mr. Wright Curate of Bowden is Commissioner. About 8 Wittnesses are produc'd on Mr. Claytons part. I examine 5 of them. About 7 try a pint of very mean white wine, which I turn to a posset & after a dram with my company to Bed about 10.

11 I enjoy D.G. more happy repose, rise about 8 and find the Clouds discust a serene sky, horizon enlarg'd and a glorious sun, the wind N., weather cool. In these I take a short Turn. I send Robert with my service to (Dr. Thane and his Lady) Northenden. I examine 3 Wittnesses before, and 4 after dinner, end about 6 when a Bottle of better wine (had from Manchester) is brought mee. I finish this days work. After wee (the company) sit and converse over the Bottle till 10.

12 I am awakt by pain in my head about 2, try my Bottle but retrieve not an hour of sleep, but ly, complain and think unhappily, till 8, then rise & find the weather alterd agen, to wett, cold and cloudy. I struggle this day with my disorder, examine

6 more witnesses (in all 18) and over another Glass of the same Lisbon, draw my Bill which Mr. Clayton discharges, it amounting to 7^{li}:3^s.

13 The rain and storms are more great and vehement, shake and invade the House, disturbe the closest sleeper. I rise before 7, so the rest, the storm rages on, wee deliberate with fear & suspition, till after 10, the rain abated, wee take horse & with difficulty keep our saddles over the Downs. Wee come to Northwich about 1, to Sandiway about 2. Here the new house is fill'd with refugees from the storm. It is not furnisht with beds, nor has Mary any hott dinner. Cold beef is sett which I meet with double Appetite. Wee are in doubts about our Journy, I determin for Oulton, Mr. Hulton & Roberts for Chester till they see storms rolling over the Forest. They divert with mee to Olton where Mr. Egerton receives us in his noble refuge, with a cheerfull brew, an elegant Supper, excellent wine, the News & free conversacion. 3^s.

14 From a fine lodging and good repose, I rise refresht about 8. The storms come on in quick vicissitudes, tho not so high. I see the Garden and stables. Mr. Egerton invites us to dine at his new Apartments, near his Coursers stables. I go with him in his Chariot which is sent for Mr. Hulton & Mr. Roberts. Wee dine and are fully entertain'd in a convenient House built on a dry site in pure Air. I call it the Escorial. After 3, when the storm seems critically to ease, wee mount and come by Utkinton & at a rate sharp enough about 5 D.G. safe to Chester. I solace in my pint. (5^s).

15 After good repose, About 8, I rise & in pain from my journy & the wine. My son has a 2^d good Discourse on the H. Sacrament in the Quire. The weather continues dark and frowning. After dinner, short repose and prayers, I return to my chamber where Dr. Goodmans Conference is read. I sup on my pint of Dyson.

16 The weather yet high, not rainy. After M. prayers, I take a Turn into the Town. After some busienes, dinner and E. prayers (at which I see Mr. Ed. Berrisford), My son and I visit yong Mr. Whitehal, hee entertains us with Ale & 1 Bottle & ½ of White port and, after jocky discourse, that of public kind holds after 10.

17 After good repose I rise indispos'd from the wine last night. I go to Mr. Hollands, send for the News, yet of smal moment. After dinner, short repose & prayers. I go with Mr. Chancellor and Townsend to the Yatcht. Wee send for Alderman Bennet, hee comes, and over 2 Bottles of Claret and Ale, wee have free & agreeable conversacion. Wee part before 9. I return to my Chamber and busienes. Take Elixir. (1^s.8^d).

18 After sleep interrupted and recover'd, rise about 8. I go on in Dirham's Phisico Theology. To my Suzy 5^s. After dinner, Mr. Tomson & I, tempted by the soft mild temper of the weather, go to Christleton, wee find there My son with Mr. Townsend, stay above an hour over a Tankard of good Ale, return by a rich gilded sky. I betake mee to my Chamber and my pint = supper. My son & Mr. Tomson to their Ale.

19 I have competent repose, rise after 8, am detain'd by company and Tea, from M. prayers. I take a Turn on the Walls, the weather fair yet dull. After E. prayers I go with Mr. Tomson to Mr. Hollands, where wee find Mr. Chancellor, Oliver & Alderman Partington. Mr. Chancellor and I join in a pint of white port beside the Ale. I find at home good musick in the parlor perform'd by Mr. Davies, the young Rosingrave, Walstof, Mr. Stones, they part about 10. (10^d).

20 Good repose. I rise before 8. Take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson, lend Mr. Rosengrave who with an Irish Address, applys to mee, 4^{li}. 15^s. After M. prayers Mr. Walthof sings an Anthem out of ps. 89. After E. prayers out of 116 ps. I go to the Mayors shop, buy Mr. Laws second Letter. (1^s). Go with him into his House to see his son Joseph and his bride (marry'd the 11th of this month). I stay with the Mayor, who treats with Lisbon till 9. Mr. Daniel of Daresbury came in with his plate desireing the Mayor to take it into his custody, who did so, with reserve, not to secure it against the common danger of thieves. Mr. Daniel entertains us with Accounts of several Attacks on his house by numbers in the night, and of attempts & Robbery's in the roads about him. (2^s).

21 Good repose to night. I rise before 8. The morning cool and delicate. I write to Mr. Parr to help Ken with convenient rigging, and to John Cross about the rents &c. After M. prayers, a short Turn in which I meet Dr. Griffith, hee dines with us. I give to the Market today 1^{li}:10^s, For Corn 1^{li}:3^s, pay Mr. Lawrence all charges about my [?Camlet] Coat 2^{li} and for makeing my new [?Frize] coat 7^s, To Whicktead 1^s. At E. prayers where Sir Tho. Brook tells mee, That the light, or Fire, of a Flint struck with a steel, in the Night, will fright a feirce Mastiffe. I draw out the Certificate of Chapel of Clithero Castle over my pint of Dyson, to bed after 10.²⁶

22 After a good repose, the night very cold, I rise late. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on (Let your Moderation bee known to all men). The news tells the Prince and Princess not yet return'd to St. James's, & the parliament adjourn'd to 9th January. After E. prayers Mrs. Crompton sits with us. I read over my pint after 10.

23 A good repose but a mixt morning. I rise about 8. I give my daughter Lidia (last night) part of what shee calls her Quarterage, 1^{li}. She go's on my Mare to Bettisfeild. I give Robert 1^s, to my Suzy 5^s. After Morning prayers I take a Turn with Mr. Thompson on the Walls. I write to my Lord Bishop and return the Certificate of the Chapell of Clitheroe Castle. After dinner I go with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton (the weather fair & the way dry) to the Glass-house. The company intire and the discourse staple. Wee stay till 6, and come back by a Lanthorne. I call and am treated with a dram of Citron wine at Mr. Hultons, thence to my room, my pint and my Books. (8^d).

24 I enjoy good repose with small Interrupcions. Rise before 8 in a cold & kindly day. The News surprizes with an Account of Guineas lessn'd in valu to 1^{li}. 1^s. each by proclamation. This presently spreads about and affect the town & market. After M. prayers I receive and answer Mr. Massie of Farndon his Letter. I take a Turn to Mr. Hultons. After dinner a short repose & E. prayers, return to my room, I go on in Dr Goodmans second Conference over my pint, when Mr. Holland comes with my [?new] wigg & sits with us till 9. To the market which is held today.

25 I have still good repose D.G. The morning is stormy with rain. Dr. Fogg reads the prayers, preaches and administers the Sacrament to a very numerous appearance of Communicants in the Quire. My son is at Warton, falls from my Mare into a ditch, yet D.G. returns safe to dinner. After E. prayers Mr. Hesketh and

Mr. Ashton come in and sitt with us. Upon this occasion, a pint of port red and after in my Chamber another over part of the 2^d E. Conference. (1^s.6^d).

26 Repose yet favorable. I rise about 8, the weather stormy and cold. After M. prayers I proceed in the 3^d Ev. Conference. After dinner Mr. Roberts brings mee 5^s upon Account. Mr. Hesketh comes after noon, and looks on my shells. After E. prayers return to my Chamber and 3^d Conference over my pint, am well entertaind by it till 10. To Drums, Watchmen, Music &c 5^s.

27 From an inquietude taken from John Cross's Letter about the Mannor of UpHolland I have little repose till 6, thence past 8. A considerable snow faln in the night, surprizes. After M. prayers, return to the 3^d admirable conference. After dinner in the Town, I pay for a larg Cutt of the Triumph of Death for Mr. Topping 2^s.6^d, for Tea 1^s. After E. prayers I proceed in the 3^d Conference and, at 6, go with my son to Mr. Dyson who entertains us with 2 Bottles of good French Claret, roast Beef welcom and, at last, a Flasque of Champaign which hee calls Burgundy. Wee part with him after 10. To his Maid 1^s.

28 Maugre my bold beef supper, I have full sleep till 8. It is a brisk Frost. After M. prayers I pay Mr. Dyson his Bill for wine from June 10th 1716 to Dec. 28 this day, the summ 7^{li}, To Hugh Jordan the Bricklayer, 3^s.4^d, To Mr. Hodson for straw, 5^s. Tho. Roberts tells mee there was due to him at Christmas Day a full year's wages 10^{li}.8^s, Gives mee an Account of small tiths & Flax receivd by him amounting to 16^s.9^d & of mony laid out for oats &c 11^s.5^d. I pay (what hee desires) on Account 1^{li}.1^s which with the 4^s.4^d in his hands is 1^{li}.5^s.4^d. After E. prayers and a short Turn in the Town, I return to my Chamber where over my supper pint, I read out the 3^d Evening Conference with satisfaction.

29 Rest interrupted and uneasy continues in a vain expectacion of sleep, till 9. The frost is alter'd to sleet & Thaw. I stay at home in agreeable reading. The very prints give Account of an Edict, at Court, to the peerage not to appear there if they visit the Prince & Princess. Mrs. Bayley and Mrs. Mideltons maid dine here. After E. prayers I see Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton, return to my Chamber, my Supper, pint and preparacion for my journey.

30 After better rest, rise at 6. Equipt at 8, leave with my Suzy 4^{li}.13^s. For my Neece 1^{li}.1^s, give my daughter Peggy a Guinea, to Nelly & Will 1^s.6, to the 3 servants 3^s. My son & I set hence, the weather blowing, after 9. Come to Warrington about 2, meet here Mr. Lownds, the weather turns to stormy, rain and snow. Wee ride in a continu'd tempest and come wett and batterd to my Cozn. Holt about 6. Exp. at Warrington 5^s.

31 A great snow falls and sharp Frost succeeds. I read in the Archbishop of Cambray. At E. prayers. After which the Comedy (Silent Woman) is repeated in the Hall by the scholars. In that time Mr. Lownds and I retreat and talk free and full over a Bottle of wine, with which hee treats, the company return from the Hall, wee part about 11.

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JANUARY 1 Q.F.F.F.Q.S. I enjoy good repose in a warm retreat. The Frost grows very severe and the streets slipry. I continue in Cambray. At M. prayers where an

excellent Homily preparatory to the Sacrament is read. After dinner Sir Roger Bradshaigh sends, wee go to him at Mr. Masons, where (with wine) hee treats the mixt company. About 5 remove to the play, to the box 2^s:6^d, by some faintly, others laudably performd before an unskilfull company, Sir Roger and some others excepted. After that a throng recourse to N. Tootels, Mr. Turton one of the company till 11. (4^s). Dr. Wroe Warden of Manchester & laudably 33 years, dies this day.

2 The Frost vehement, I am in reading and at M. & E. prayers. J. Cross comes, dines, but declines the play. I bring him about a Mile and engage him to purchase for mee the small Tenement pendent on the Bank, the revercion being valued at 3^{li}.10^s. I return to my Cozn. Holts, read Cambray till the play over, then to a mixt company at Tootels, wee part about 12. (1^s.6^d).

3 The Weather continues. John Cross (with the occasion of attending a Funeral) comes and pays mee from J. Walmesley 20^{li}, J. Shaw 5^{li}. After dinner I give him a Tip of Brandy and a pair of Gloves (1^s.1^d). After E. prayers Alderman Markland and I go to Mr. Masons, read the News and drink the indifferent Tea. 6^d. Thence, wee remove to his house, where hee and his Lady treat mee with civil welcom, ale & wine. After the play my cozn. Holt and son come hungry, fall on the cold Xmas Fare, wee stay till 11.

4 I & my son (as all along) at the stated prayers. The weather constant to Frost, the Town and talk to the play which today is acted for the Interest of Mr. Sherlock the Danceing Master. Hee adds comical and diverting interludes of his own Art and performance. I am (among 120) a spectator pleas'd and not pleas'd with the Action. A company adjourns to Tootels where Mr. Ashburner is pleas'd with thanks. They reckon about 4^{li}.10^s to the box to night, about 16^{li}, the 3 nights before, wee part about 12. (4^s).

5 At the Church where Mr. Aldersey has a good discourse of Forgiveness (on the sacrament day) in the Morning. Mr. Wally, a sermon after noon. In the Even a mixt company recurs to N. Tootels where my cozn. Markland treats mee with a pint of white port. Part, the 1st time, hence, in good season about 7 & end in a Bottle at home, so as to bed about 10. (1^s).

6 The keen weather continues, I reflect on and grow uneasy at my idle stay. This, the Epiphany, another Homily at M. prayers. I give my Godson H. Holt his New years Gift 2^s:6^d. After E. prayers My cozn. Holt, Mr. Ashburner, my son & self are entertaind with indifferent Ale by Robert Orrel in his cleanly sleek house. Wee thence retire home to another domestic Bottle. The Warden of Manchester bury'd.

7 I rise at 7, prepare for my journy, pay Fanny Green for my velvet cap 7^s. For 2 handkerchers and Linnen for my Suzy 9^s, lend my son 2 Guineas, give to Ellen 2^s:6^d, her sister 1^s, the boy 1^s, To Mr. Finch for my horses 1^{li}. About 10 after Tea and Coffee, set out, my son and cozn. Holt bring mee 2 miles on foot. I dine at Newton where Mr. Smith the Curat and Mr. Smith Chirurgurgeon are with mee. 2^s:6^d. I go on with the later Smith about 5, call on Mr. Ward at Winwick, stay above an hour and then proceed and betwixt the Lanthorn and a riseing Moon, come on the slipry way to Warrington and the Red Lyon after 8. After discourse with Mr. Smith and a sack posset about 11, to bed.

8 I set hence displeased at the delay of the Inn after the charges (5^s) about 9.

Walk about two miles in Boots, find the road very icy. About Frodsham, the weather with a storm, alters to rain and thaw, yet troublesom. I come safe D.G. to Chester about 1, find my S. at Mr. Bouchers where I dine on Lukewarm Meat with them. After that retire, repose and recreate over my domestic supper, a pint of Dyson. All expences of the journey 3.7.1 and 2 Guineas to my son, amount to 5.9.2.

9 The Thaw continues. I am at M. Prayers. After Busienes dinner, repose & E. prayers with Alderman Puleston and Mr. Holland at the Ship, where wee have 1 Bottle French Claret and 1 Pint of Lisbon. (1^s.6^d). The Duke (rather Marquess) of Wharton in his usual Air and humors passes for London.

10 The weather cold yet thaws. The Duke of Bolton with his retinue (who as the other Duke evades Dr. Foggs applicacion in behalf of the Cathedral) proceeds for London. After M. prayers drink Tea with Mrs. A[lice] Oldfeild and Mrs. Yates. After dinner repose & E. prayers at the Ship with Mr. Holland & Sir Laur. Esmond, Irish Baronet & his son, hee is free in politics. I discover him to have bin the owner of my gray Mare, hee comends her and her Blood, wee cheerfully drink our Bottles, the Baronet pays for 3, I for 1 Bottle. 2^s.6^d.

11 After an irregular and unhappy night, a dull distemper'd morning & day. The Thaw easy. I pay Mr. Jones, Mason 1^l.7^s.7^d. After E. prayers I meet with Mr. Jo. Temple who tells mee his unfortunate case, That hee was Registrar of Salisbury, gave 1200^l for the office in Bishop Burnets time, became surety for some revenue to the Crown, that his office was seiz'd, himself imprizond and in [?duris] resign'd it to the present Bishop for Liberty. That hee, since, has bin in France and now is going to his Freinds in Ireland. I take him to Mr. Hollands where hee treats us with many acceptable relations about the Chevalier and Duke of Ormond. I pay Mr. Holt for my new wig 2 Guineas, and hee desiring mee to help him with a little Viaticum to Dublin, I give him (Mr. Temple) a Guinea. (1^s).

12 After imperfect rest and sleep, stay at home, have proper reading. Mr. W. Massie and his Lady dine with us. I divert them with Mr. Temples History. After E. prayers I visit Mr. Ashton (now in the Gout) till 9. I give [?Bob] Foulks returning to Westminster 2^s.6^d and the same summ for his Freind, my son Ken.

13 Good sleep, a soft foggy day. I go before 10 to Mr. Chancellor, drink Tea with his Lady, acquaint him of my Cozn. Holts design to send (by my sons advice) his son Ned to Christ Church, to his son Mr. T. Wainwrights Tuicion. This is acceptable to him. About 2 I set to the Glass-house, stay with the company in the ordinary conversacion past 4. Mr. Chancellor and I walk thence to Mr. Hollands, where wee have a Tall Boy and send for a Bottle of Claret, over which hee pleases to mention the marriage affair and, in it, the ill treatment of his son by Mr. Clark; wee part after 8. (2^s.7).

14 After a rainy night a fair yet sharp day. I see the News which gives expectacion of the King's speech yesterday to the Houses and of the Event of the continu'd royal difference. After M. prayers in reading. About 1 my invited company Aldermen Partington, Puleston, their Families, Mr. Townsend and his Lady fill our Table. After Ale & wine, wee go to a Club at the Ship, where a larg Circle is made, the wine fails. The Chancellor communicates to mee a melancholy Letter of continu'd thoughts from his son, wherein hee promises his design'd Epitaph on his wife. After I go with Mr. Hulton, sit near an hour and drink 3

Glasses of his red port. To my S. to day 10^s, To my 2 daughters 2^s. Given and at the Tavern 2^s. Receive from Mr. Roberts 4^{li}:5^s.1^d.

15 Easy repose tho affected with cold and pain about my ears and throat, rise about 8 in a dull not rainy morning, write to Mr. Shakerley, but fall short of the post. Turn over Mr. Roberts Accounts and find payments to mee agreeable, to my [?own] and what I did not expect that hee is paid to the 1st June last for all his attendance on the Courts of St. Asaph 22 in Number, 22 Guineas. Mrs. Middeltons Man John calls with her service to us. I keep close at home in busienes and Books carryd over my pint of Dyson, till 10.

16 Good sleep for the greater part. I rise after 8, write to Mr. Mathews about Mr. Longfeild Candidate for Deacon's Orders. At Mr. Bouchers with Mr. Chancellor & company, thence to the 1st Court this Term of numerous Assignations and 2 sentences. I pay Mr. Jones, Sadler 1.7.6, examine 2 Witnesses ex parte Marbury. At E. Prayers. After, retire to my Chamber, busienes, Books and pint supper.

17 After a cold night and interrupted sleep, rise at 8. The news adjourns the Kings speech to Thursday and recites a vote in the H[ouse] of Commons That the Guineas shall not bee reduc'd lower than 1^{li}.1^s each and the silver, not at all. After M. prayers, read Speeds Life of Henry 5. I pay Mr. Alcock Smith 1^{li}.3.6. After E. prayers go with Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Hollands. Mr. Oliver and Alderman Partington join us, a pint of Lisbon is sent for, part at 8.

18 Better success in sleep. Some snow is faln with a sharp frost. I write to my son at Wigan, and to my Lord about the Dean, To Mr. Shakerley about the Galery and to Mr. Topping about the Charity Banner &c. Wee understand from our nephew Ken. Pulestons Letter that my Brother, his Father, dy'd 9 December. I pay T. Roberts for peas for the pigeons 2^s:6^d. To Mr. Fletcher for the poors Tax of Warton, 8^s.4^d. I write to Mr. Gundy and to Mr. Babington, over my supper pint, in which my sister Evans comes to us.

19 A cold night succeeded by a frosty day. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse in the Quire. Jeffry M[oulding] gos today to St. Asaph. I send my Letter to Mr. Babington by him. The News still promises the Kings comeing, and speech, to the Houses. At E. prayers, Alderman Puleston comes, invites mee to his house and there treats mee with a Bottle of what hee calls Manley Claret. I return to my chamber at 9, wee sit till 11. I speak to Mr. Meredith on Thomas Jones my brother Evans Freinds behalf, hee promises to receive as his Gentleman and Butler about 2 months hence.

20 Sleep repeated keep mee till 9. I write to my son and to my S., dictate a Letter to yong Ken Puleston. After dinner & at 2 set out in fair frosted way toward the Glass-house, overtake Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Hulton, Mr. Townsend, Dod and Witter are present. Sir T[homas] Brook and Mr. Thomas call on us. The Ale and discourse on the Coin circulate till 5, wee return on foot. I retire to my Chamber where over my pint supper I divert in my Books.

21 The weather yet very severe in frost and cold. The news yet dissappointing in the Kings speech & affairs of the divided Court. At M. prayers when Mr. Henchman²⁷ is installd prebendary by the Vice Dean Fogg. After dinner my cozn.

27 Charles Henchman, vicar of Budworth Magna 1700, rector of Alderley 1714, prebend of Chester Cathedral 1717.

Peak and his Lady sitt with us till E. prayers. After them and diversion to Widow Smiths Coffee house. Mr. Townsend and I go to the Yatcht. Mr. Hulton is there, Mr. Kemp invades us but attones the freedom by his proper relacion and Action of Coll. Vincents Barbarity in putting the miserable prisoners into chains which oblig'd all to the same mocion & posture. That Capt. Boyl son to the Lord Blessington inform'd of this, resents the Inhumanity with tender compassion to the prisoners and most exalted provocation and gallantry to the wretched Coll. in Kemps House. Wee have only 2 Bottles of French & part before 9. 1^s.6. I receive from Mr. Roberts a short bill of 1^{li}.2^s:8^d.

22 The weather still keen and frizing. After M. prayers I take a walk round the Walls with Mr. Tomson and Mr. Ravenscroft, procure by Mrs. Mideltons maid a Bottle of the Royal Bitter, 1^s.6^d. Pay Mr. Okel for the Constable's Tax of Warton 4^s:2^d, To my sister Evans 3 Guineas vidt 3^{li}.3^s. After E. prayers at Mr. Mayors shop. Thence to my Chamber where over my pint I proceed in my Busienes.

23 A gentle Thaw last night which yet continues, wholly dissolves the sharp Frost. The busienes of the Court is mostly dispatcht at Mr. Bouchers Chambers, the rest in Court. I write to my son to pay our Compliments to the Commissary of Richmond at Wigan. After dinner and easy repose an hour, I go to the Mayors shop, borrow Pufendorf translated, return home to my pint, supper and Books.

24 Interrupted sleep recoverd about 6. Apply an hour to Pufendorf. After Tea about 11 set out in a cool clear Ayr with Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Townsends where Mr. Hulton & Dod meet us. Wee are receivd with genteel welcom, a good dinner of pork and pullets, good wine and mellow Ale which go's round till 5. I give the 2 servants 2^s. Wee walk back about 6. After a turn at the Mayors Shop, to my chamber, Pufendorf and my pint. My daughter Lydia return'd today with Lady Bunbury. I pay Mr. Plumley on the Account of Malt 10 Guineas, 10^{li}:10^s.

25 Snow in the night returns with a milder Frost. St. Pauls day. At M. prayers. After, I examine a 5th Witnes for Mr. Massie. After dinner I pay Mr. Stringer for a Beaver 1^{li}:10^s. After E. prayers my Nephews Dick & Ned Puleston visit us. I retire to my pint & my Books.

26 The Frost continues and the weather cold. Dr. Fogg in the Quire has a good 2^d discourse on (Let your moderacion bee known unto all men). The News runs still on the Coin. After E. prayers and a Turn on the Wall, I call on Mr. Dyson and his Lady (Mrs. Peggy Massie) the 1st time. Hee treats mee with a Bottle of Graves. I stay till 9.

27 After good repose, rise about 8. I draw a Decree in causa sedilis ex parte Drinkwater. After, am with Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Bouchers about it, where hee shows mee his sons very affectionat Epitaph on his Lady. After dinner and 2, I go, the weather cold and the way frosty, to the Glass-house, where the discourse in full company turns much to Husbandry. Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington, Mr. Hulton & I return against a sharp wind, about 5, call on Mr. Mayor in his shop, where hee tells of the violent & dangerous effects Mr. Hollands Ale had lately on himself & others. Thence, to my retreat, my pint supper and my Books. (6^d).

28 A cold night succeeded by a vehement cold day. The News and votes diminish the half-pay Officers. The M. prayers are invad'd & disturbd by a frequent crowd, some say above 1000, expecting a marriage betwixt one Montgomery and a mean

person formerly a poor child and Bone-lace weaver of this place, & tho twice marryd in Ireland hee being a Churchman & in good Circumstance, they are marry'd in St. Oswalds by Dr. Fogg brought in Coaches with great attendance & formality. I divert in Pufendorf. After E. prayers Mr. Lawson, Chirurgeon, brings his wife hither from Manchester with a numerous attendance. Mr. Chancellor, Townsend & I go to the Yatcht, where over 2 Bottles variety of conversacion till 8. I return to my retreat and Books. (1^s.6^d).

29 The weather still vehemently cold. After M. prayers at Mrs. Newtons treated with Tea by my sister Evans. After dinner short repose and E. prayers, to the Mayors Shop. Mr. Stratford acquaints mee with the Bishops proposal about the Wardenship and of a discovery of 50^{li} per A. due to him, as Archdeacon out of the Rectory of Whaley. My son returns, about 5. I return to my chamber and my pint of red port, the 1st of that colour. To my Cozn. Holts servant James, who came with my son, 1^s.

30 An interrupted rest made up by a morning sleep. The weather continues very sharp & severe. The Anniversary of the Martyrdom of King Charles. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. After that, return to my chamber, Tea and agreeable reading. After E. prayers to dinner, thence about 7 to my chamber, red pint & Books.

31 The weather tho turn'd to a Thaw is exceeding cold. The News continues on the half-pay Officers and the Coin. After M. prayers a Turn with Tomson into the Town (Mr. Mayors Shop). After E. prayers I go with Mr. Chancellor to the Yatcht. Mr. Penant & Alderman Bennet, sent to, come to us, wee drink 4 pints of Claret & part about 8. (1^s). I pay Robert mony laid out for Horsehire, Oats &c, 1^{li}, contribution to the Churchwardens 3^s.

FEBRUARY 1 Ingratefull Omens begin this month, Complaints of Jeffry M[ouldings] neglect and sottish expence of time and my sister Evans indisposicion. The thaw continues with the Cold. After a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson, at M. prayers. After Tea, I examine a sixt witnes on Mr. Massies part. Give to my S. 10^s for Dr. Hancocks visit of my Sister Evans. To Betty Partington going for London ½ Guinea, to my S. for her 5^s. About 6, retreat to my chamber, my Dyson pint of red and my Books.

2 Sleep interrupted, gives mee uneasy thoughts, which (D.G.) are compos'd by the Duty of the day. The Thaw and cold continue togeather. The news gives Account of Dr. Hoadleys sermon on Thursday as makeing the Martyrs Government a just cause of his murther. Dr. Fog has a good perswasive discourse of frequent receiving of the sacrament. I am partaker of it this day Deus O.M. det vivere recte. Mr. Massie, his Lady & her kinswoman (Mrs. Freestone) dine (not inelegantly) with us. After E. prayers I take a solitary Turn on roodee. After with sister Evans (better today) my S. & my son. I pay my sister Evans (which shee intends a present to Betty Partington) 10^s.6^d. I venture on my pint of red port.

3 The weather fair and brisk. After a Turn on the Walls, at M. prayers, after Tea at Mr. Chancellors, after dinner and ½ hour after 2, I go, in a delicate Ayr to the Glass-house where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Partington, Hulton, Middlehurst. Wee stay, but (only) tast the Ale till 5. Mr. Chancellor and I invited, call on Capt. Pennant. Mr.

Davies, Kendrick and my son follows. Hee treats with an elegant supper (a couple of pullets, oysters) and good Claret. The Conversacion keeps intire till 11. The Capt., Mr. Kendric and I remaining, drink 2 bottles more. These move & inspire the Usurer to a long satyirical Harangue on Sir John Wynn, his [?parsimony], his scandalous use and disposal of his vast Estate. Wee part after 1. (1^s.6^d).

4 I find great pain and disorder from the unseasonableness than quantity of the wine. I step into the Town and pay 2^s.4^d for Prideaux Life of Mahomet, walk after round the Walls. I discharge Conley a Liverpool Boy out of the House of Correction without the punishment hee deserv's. Pay the Mr. of the House 3^s.6^d, to himself 6^d. After dinner and repose (About 5) go to the Yacht where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Grantham and I, over indifferent conversacion, drink our pints of Claret, and part at 8. (1^s).

5 Tollerably recoverd the indisposicion from wine, rise well about 8. I draw a special Administracion in behalf of the poor of Tarvin, read part of Mahomets Life. I take a Turn on Wall in brisk Ayr, and sight of a full Tide. Give my S. 5^s, paid for Tea 1^s. After dinner and E. prayers, and a Turn into the Town, retreat to my chamber, Book & pint.

6 A very severe Frost. The Assignacions are dispatcht at Mr. Bouchers chambers before Mr. Chancellor, the rest in the Court, easy without Wittnesses. After noon, Mr. Stone's son Christened, namd James by Mr. Massie one of the Godfathers. At 6 my son & I go to Mr. Davie's on Assignacion. Here Mr. Chancellor is, Capt. Penant and Mr. Kendric come. A hansom supper, Hare and Scotch'd veal, appears & tempts. The too strong wine Bar a Bar and Mountain circle round till 12, when I part. I confess my indiscretion and submit to its strength. (1^s).

7 Extremely indispos'd ly past 11, dine with false Appetite, stay within till 5, then at the Mayors shop. I pay for a Dogs Collar, 2^s.6, for a Bushel of Beans 3^s. I retreat to my Chamber, divert in Shakespear Henry 8, take my posset & Elixir.

8 The weather alterd to snow and rain. My S. writes to Mr. Parr about my son Ken. My sister Evans reckons what summs shee has of late receivd from mee thus, vidt Given to Lydia for her use 2^{li}, paid her since shee came 3^{li}:3^s, To Dr. Hancock and for Betty Partington 1^{li}:0^s:6^d paid her this day 3^{li}, which summs make 9^{li}:3^s:6. I pay the washwoman 1^{li}.10^s.0. I stay at home and divert in Shakespears life of Richard 3^d. At night venture on my pint & Elixir.

9 After dull interrupted rest, a dull day succeeds, my Elixir confines mee, wee have proper reading. My son gos to Warton. In the Even, Mrs. Crompton visits us. Books help to pass the day which is finisht by them over my supper-pint.

10 Sleep interrupted by unhappy Intervals. I write to Mr. Moulding by Jeffry going to attend the Court tomorrow at St. Asaph. Mr. Roberts brought his Book of Accounts to mee the 28 Dec., deposited that and the then Balance in my hands. I sign the Accounts and redeliver the Book. At M. prayers. After them & Tea, I see the News which tells of the death of the Czar at Moscow. I pay my daughter Lydia on her Account 1^{li}. I come to the Glass-house after 3. Dr. Egerton makes the number full. The Chancellor and I walk back about 6. I call at Mr. Mayors shop, pay for Laws second Letter to the Bishop of Bangor 1^s, return to my Chamber & pint, read part of Fleury's Account of the manners and behaviors of Christians thoro several ages of the Church. (6^d).

11 After sleep improv'd, I rise at 7. The News contradicts that of the Czars death but tells with certainty that the yong prince (William George) the Prince's son dyd Thursday 6th current. I receive my Cozn. Parrs Letter with an Acquittance inclos'd from Mr. Smith to Christmas last. After M. prayers, I take round the Walls, in a high wind, a walk with Mr. Tomson. After dinner in Accounts till E. prayers. At 6, go the Yacht, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Kendrick, over our pints, thin, mixt discourse, return to my Chamber, read out Ben Johnsons Fox. (1^s). The Dean first menciond in the prayers.

12 I enjoy little true repose, rise therefore, much indispos'd. After a short crooked Turn in the Town (and on the Walls with Mr. Tomson) at M. prayers. After which our Family invited, drink Tea with Mr. Dyson, dine late and in pain. I pay my Sister Evans (who go's to Havod y Wern) this afternoon, more, 1^{li}.10^s. I take a short repose before E. prayers. After which, take a solitary Turn on roodee, thence to my Chamber and Pint supper.

13 Sleep improv'd. I rise before 8, divert in the Account of the Christianity of several Ages. After Mr. Bouchers Chamber to the Court where many Assignacions and little Busienes. I examin 1 Witnes in 2 Causes²⁸ (Diff) of Heyes. After fall on Accounts thoro 3 months, which carry mee, over my pint, to 10.

14 Less interrupted sleep. The weather continues windy and sharp. But at M. prayers a storm begins, is vehement on the Church, shakes the Houses, and covers the streets and Courts with spoils of the roofs. It continues near 3 hours, frighted from busienes, people turn Spectators, particularly the doubtfull Event of St. Peter's Tour. Wee dine in the calmest place, the Nursery. After a Capon to dinner, I retreat to my chair. After 5 take a short turn on the Wall, and into the Town, thence to my room & pint. I pay the charges of my sister Evans man and 2 horses sent for her, 12^s.4^d. I receive today by Jeffry, from his Father, an Account with 6^{li}.9^s.5^d Balance.

15 Recover interrupted sleep. I rise before 8 and in a clear pure Aether after the storm, walk round the Walls but see not such ruins as on 1st Feb. 1714. I am at M. prayers. After Tea and a Turn into the Town. The country people magnify the ruins of the storm. Mr. Rosingrave, who on the 20 of Dec. borrow'd of mee 4^{li}.15^s, pays mee 2^s.6^d for the exchange with the summ. Wee dine on 2 more of my sister Evans Capons luxuriously. After, apply to Accounts till E. prayers. After which and a Turn into the Town, return to my Chamber & Accounts over my Supper pint. I pay for 3 M. of wheat 16^s, for a M. of Oates 6^s.6^d.

16 I enjoy good sleep, rise before 8. Mr. Crosby has a sermon in the Quire on the unjust Steward, dividing the Text into what was to bee imitated, what condemn'd in him. My son go's to Warton. After a full dinner and short repose, to E. prayers. Mr. Henchman reads the prayers on occasion of his prebend, 'tis remarkable, that after both the first Lessons hee staid at the Eagle, till the second, and by that omitted the 2 Hymns, Te Deum and the Magnificat. The weather is cold & rainy with snow. I divert in Books, along, over my supper pint.

17 Tollerable sleep. I rise, the weather cold and frosty, to Early prayers. After, in

pure Ayr, take 2 Turns (with Mr. Thomson) on roodee, write to my Lord Bishop and Mr. Jubbe about the presentacion to the Wardenship of Manchester. About ½ hour after 2 go alone, the way fair and weather clear, to the Glass-house, the company full, the conversacion indifferent, higher healths than Mr. Kendric, now in the Club, uses or ought to hear, are promoted. Wee return about 6. I call on Mr. Mayor, find Pufendorf and Tyrrils Comberland come this Carrier, pay for the first 1^{li}.6^s, the other 4^s.6^d. I return to my room, my pint over which my son diverts mee with reading his new sermon on the Beatitude of purity of Heart & a play, the Orphans.

18 Good repose permitts mee to rise to E[arly] prayers, the weather sharp & clear till noon. The News affords nothing acceptable. The Convocation no sooner mett than prorogud to August. The neighborhood is surprizd and diverted with one weeks acquaintance, 3 or 4 Interveiws, and sudden marriage today, betwixt Julius Caesar and Mr. Herberts sister Nichols. Mr. Roberts brings mee the Account of the last month and leavs, in my hands, as the balance of it, 27^{li}.14.4½. After dinner, the weather turns to rain and snow together. After E. prayers and a turn into the Town, I return to my Books & Accounts over my Pint. I give Will. for his Cock-mony 5^s. (6^d).

19 The like repose and to E. prayers. The weather harsh, thence to my Chamber, Books and Busienes, so after dinner till Ev. prayers. After which I go with Mr. Mayor to see Mr. Bassano, the Mayor treats here with Wine, at convenient Interval, the Instrument of the Mayors Coat, under the hands & seals of the two Kings of Arms, Clarenceux and Norroy, Vanbrugh and LeNeve, finely writ, and splendidly adorn'd, is produc'd, solemn respect is paid to it tho little regard is had to the Heralds. The wine passes about in good Healths and wee recede after 9. To my S. 2^s 6^d.

20 Good rest, rise to Early prayers, in Books till 10, then to Mr. Bouchiers chamber, whence to the Court where Sentence passes for the validity of Mrs. Lyme's Will. After dinner examine another witnes in the 2 Causes of Heys. At E. prayers, thence into the Town. My son and I about 7 wait on Lady Bunbury. Shee treats us with a hansom Flasque of Margoa, and her own gentile conversacion, wee stay after 10.

21 The like success in repose. At Early prayers vidt ½ hour after 6. I intend for Farndon to Mr. Massie, but Mr. Chancellor being indisposd, the busienes is putt off. I take a walk rather in the Town, than on the Walls, the W. Wind blowing high. After dinner and 2, Mr. Stratford, my son & I ride to Warton. The Colt seems improv'd. Wee send for Mr. Rollinson, drink 2 Bottles of good Ale, return in a cool, clear Ayr about 6. I retreat to my room, my Book & Pint. (3^s).

22 More sound tho shorter sleep. At E. prayers before 7. The wind high, the weather moist and cold. I sett to Books, Tyrrells Cumberland and Accounts till Dinner. Squire Dutton dines with my son. I pay Tho. Roberts on his Account 1^{li}. After Busienes and E. prayers and a Turn, I come to Tyrrells Cumberland and my pint supper.

23 I rise about 7, the weather rainy and cool. My son has a good discourse in the Quire on Math. 5.8 not without comendacion. After dinner repose and E. prayer, my S., son and I visit old Mr. Eyton and Alderman Puleston, return about 7 to my chamber, Tyrrel and several pints.

24 St. Matthias, at Early prayers, after which I take 1 Turn in good Ayr on roodee with Mr. Tomson, return to Tea & Tyrrel. I write to Thomas Jones to come to Mr. Meredith. I read part of Pufendorf. After dinner and 2 a clock, tho dull, I go to the Glass-house, find a full room, they fall upon the ordinary Topics of Husbandry & recreations. About 5 Mr. Chancellor, Dod and I come easily back. I come to my chamber, finish the 1st part of Tyrrels Cumberland, over my red domestick pint. I pay Ben. Glover for seeds, roots &c 4^s.4^d. (1^s).

25 I rise, after good repose, to early prayers. I design'd but do not go to Farndon, the wind being very high and rain with it. I read after the little news, the Defection, a severe pamphlet against Mr. Walpole. I take a Turn & see in the Eastgate street the barbarous diversion of throwing at a Cock notwithstanding my application to the Mayor to prevent it. I read the preface to Dr. Cumberland. After dinner, repose & prayers, I meet Mr. Chancellor & Mr. Townsend at the Bacchus, wee drink our pints of Claret, easily, & part about 9. (1^s).

26 Ash Wedensdy. I rise at 7. Mr. Henchman has a good seasonable sermon in the Quire on Fasting, not as a positive Injunction but as an Instrument in religion. I write to Mr. White of the Commons. After sermon, Mrs. Hurleston, Massie & their relacion Mrs. Freestone, come and sitt with us till E. prayers. The Dean is despair'd of today even in the prayers. On Mr. Shaws resigning his presentacion, another is granted to Mr. Oliver in a Chapter at the Deanary, to West Kirby. Wee dine at 6, sit the rest of the Evening over Books & domestic Pint. (4^s).

27 To early prayers in a dull windy morning. Return to Books till the Court which is easily over. After dinner when Mr. Rollinson is with us, a short repose and E. prayers. I finish the Accounts for my son. At 6, Mr. Stratford, my son & self go to the Yatcht where I pay Mr. Biggins for 6 Tuns of Cannal, 1 of Coales 4^{li}.3^s.0. Hee gives mee a Bottle, wee like the Claret and make it up 6 pints and in a dram of good Brandy, part about 11. Returning, wee meet Alderman Bennet, who acquaints us That the Dean dy'd betwixt the hour of 8 & 9 this night.²⁹ (1^s).

28 Indispos'd by the wine and more by a peevish difference twixt my S. and Robert, last night. I ly in pain till 9, the weather is variable, stormy, fair and cold. After M. prayers in some busienes, uneasy & books. Mr. Calkin, Curate dines with us. My son forms his way to address my Lord for Walezey (now lately void) for him. I at the same time receive Mr. Morey's Letter on his sons Account. After a short repose, coold and reliev'd, go to Ev. prayers. About 5 wait on Mrs. Midleton (after absence 8 months) return'd. Her relations flock in. I return to my chamber where I find with my son Mr. Stones, Calkin & Francis Elcock where over my separate pint the time is taken up in mathematical discourse till 10.

MARCH 1 At early prayers where about 100 are the Congregation. The weather continu's cold and windy. I write to the Master of the Charity school, to let his Boys celebrate this day to the Honor of the Saint. To my Lord Bishop about Mr. Jubbs answer as to the search of the presentacion of the late Warden Dr. Wroe, and

29 Dean Fogg died at the age of 89. He had been dean since 1692.

presentation of Mr. Oliver to West Kirby³⁰ by the sub Dean and Chapter. I go on in Books, pay Samuel Walmesley for repairs since the storm 1^{li}.4^s.0. To my daughter Lydia, mony lent my Suzy 7^s. I pay for a load of Coals, 5^s.10. After E. prayers I take a Turn on the Walls, and about 6 go with Mr. Hulton to Mrs. Mather about the Anniversary Feast. Wee tell that already 3^{li} and tomorrow another pound will be due. Shee insists on Abatement because the mony was not demanded in Time, wee tell her, the forbearance was in respect to her & in expectation of his company. Shee promises to speake to him & to send the mony to mee on Munday. I return to my Chamber & pint. My son reads some parts of Clarendons History.

2 I rise not till 7. The weather is extremely cold & complain'd of. Mr. Oliver has a good preparatory Discourse for the recepcion of the Sacrament. My son & Mr. Henchman read the 2^d service. After sermon administer the sacrament to a frequent congregation, I am one of it. Det D.O.M. recte vivere. After E. prayers I return to my Chamber & over my Pint supper turn The Church of England Man's Companion, by Wheatley. (1^s).

3 The cold weather keeps mee in bed past 7. I divert mee in Books till M. prayers. After these, Tea, a walk and dinner, I go after 2 in cool Ayr & fair way to the Glass-house where (Mr. Dod absent) wee continue mean discourse past 5. Returning Mr. Chancellor gives mee an Account of my strangenes & parsimony to Mr. Roberts as hee complaind, and of Jeffry's forgetfulnes and neglect, and desires, what Mr. Roberts did, that I wou'd speak & drink a Glass of wine with him, which I promise. I recurr to my chamber, Books & pint. (6^d).

4 At early prayers, the weather yet cold the wind high, yet great recourse to Farndon. I labor under indisposicion of mind. I wait on Mrs. Midleton who treats mee with Tea & great Civility. I scarce read or do busines. After short repose & E. prayers, I go to Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Kendric and Mr. Holland at the Ship. Wee easily drink our pints and part at 9. (1^s 6^d). I find Mr. Henchman with my son in his study, and take part of 2 pints with them.

5 A refreshing sleep in the morning after an uneasy night. The weather yet high and cold. After M. prayers to Books and Tea. I pay Mr. Platt the Taylor 1^{li}.5^s.0. I take a Turn on the Walls and observe the Equinoctial Tide. After dinner, at 3, wee attend the Deanary, the Deans Obsequies, the company consists of the Clergy, the neighbors of the Abby Court and the members of the Consistory, they proceed at 4 as hee had appointed, the private way, they are receivd in the Church by a very great Mobb. My son reads the prayers, Mr. Henchman the Funeral office. Affected with this solennity, I take 2 Turns on roodee. After those go to Mr. Dyson who treats mee and my son with 2 Bottles of very good port, very freely.

6 After an unhappy night, I rise indispos'd about 8. The weather yet cool and blowing. I meet Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Bouchers chamber, to the Court of a few assignacions. After dinner by the help of a short repose (D.G.) my indisposicion vanishes. I examine 1 Wittness on Mr. Wrights Will. I receive my Lord Bishops Letter about 6 wherein hee gives mee an Account that Mr. Offley got a Warrant for

30 John Oliver, formerly vicar of Acton, then of St Peter, Chester, then prebend of the Cathedral and finally vicar of West Kirby 1717-30.

the Deanary before the news of the old Deans death³¹ arriv'd by the post. This day being appointed by Mrs. Mather for Mr. Russels anniversary Feast, I go to the Chancellor, Surrogates, Mr. Mather and the rest of the Company (about 7) at the Yacht, a dish of meat is prepar'd and the smaller French runs round. I surprize the company with the News of the new Dean, various sentiments are exprest on the occasion. The expences amount to night to 21^s & is paid. And tis agreed that the 3^{li} in arrear bee dispos'd to the advantage of some Youth in Boughton (the place whence the Legacy is paid). Wee part after 10.

7 I enjoy D.G. better sleep this night, rise at 7, see what is of the public News, that more private of the Disposicion of the Deanary prevails and affects many with inexpressible admiration. I examine 2 more Wittnesses on Mr. Wrights Will and deliver to one of them, Mr. Williamson, my Watch to reduce to order. After dinner, short repose and E. prayers, I am with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Oliver at Mr. Hollands, where wee advise him to take a new presentacion to West Kirby. Wee have a pint & ½ of Lisbon and part after 9. (9^d). I pay Mr. Wilbraham the Chandlers Note 2^{li}.

8 After a dull night I rise after 8. To M. prayers, after which Mr. Oliver is presented (Decanatu vacante) to West Kirby. I take a Turn on the Walls (the weather mild, genial & springing) with Mr. Tomson, am yet indispos'd. After dinner my son go's to Wrexham. After E. prayers I walk to Beachpool in a fine calme Ayr, return to my chamber, Book and pint at 6. I pay T. Roberts for pease for the pigeons 2^s.

9 I rise yet indispos'd after 7. I call on Mr. Tomson and, with him, see the public papers. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on the words of Ely (It is the Lord, let him do what to him seemeth good). In his prayers omitting (the Dean) hee is mov'd with pious affection into Tears, & with difficulty proceeds thoro the sermon tho apposite Instruction to himself, in his present Circumstances. The 2 young Elcocks dine with us. After a short repose to E. prayers. At 6 on my direction, Mr. Roberts comes to mee, I discourse to him with concern on the state of the Office. Hee acquaints mee with Jeffrys great neglect and Sottish infirmity, and that hee proposes to leave it and apply to his practice as a proctor, yet promises to assist mee in anything hee can (not in the office but) in his own house. Wee drink a Bottle of port, & part about 9.

10 I sleep till 3 and, maugre Rum and Snail, wake, the rest, rise at 7 and a fine genial morning take a walk round the Town Walls with Mr. Tomson. After at the Office, thence, divert my pains in Grotius & Zouch till dinner. After which a short repose 1 Quarter of an Hour refreshes mee for a Walk. I come to the Glass-house 1 Quarter after, Here is Dr. Egerton making up a full house. I return with Mr. Tomson accidentally here in a sweet Evening the sun about 10 Minuits above the Horizon. I return to my chamber, Books and supper. Mr. Chancellor institutes Mr. Oliver to West Kirby. (6^d).

11 After good repose, at Early prayers. Mr. Tomson and I see the News, observe

31 Walter Offley, the new dean. Ordained at Lichfield, and in 1704 presented to the living of Barthomley; prebend of Lichfield 1713, dean of Chester 1718–22.

with regret the Account of the succession of Mr. Offley & Peploe into our Deanery & Wardenship in the same Evening Post. I give my S. 5^s, Equip and set out about 9, come in a delicate day to Gresford about 11, where our company. After prayers a short Court is held. I after dinner examine 5 Witnesses ex parte Rogers contra Lloyd, some of these over my pint of white wine I finish after 8, and to bed after 10.

12 After competent sleep, I rise about 6. I walk with Mr. Rogers, Attorney (who tells mee of his performances in Walking near incredible) to the Chancellors, where Mr. Moulding gives his Account since 13 Febr. & pays mee 5^{li}.13^s.3. I acquaint him of Jeffry's great neglect and ill habits. Hee admonishes him & gets the Chancellor to do so. I return to Gresford, whither Mr. Moulding follows. Wee set hence about 9 to Wrexham. I scarce press thoro the throngs of men and Oxen to Havodwyern. The weather, season and place agree in a healthy Entertainment. After Tea & diversion, my son who preacht at Wrexham on Sunday returns with mee by Borrass to the Chancellors about 2. Mr. Evans now high Sheriff of Montgomery comes & dines with us. After, wee drink 2 Bottles of good Claret and come D.G. safe home about 7. I compute all Expences to 13^s.

13 I rise after competent rest, about 8. At Mr. Bouchers Chambers, thence to the Court of quick dispatch. After dinner Mrs. Faulkner and her son see us. After prayers Mr. Ashton. At 6, My son and I go to Sir Henry Bunbury return'd last Night. Mr. Jo. Bunbury, Morgan & Townsend quickly recede and leave us and my cozn. Kendrick with him, Hee seems to surprize, advanc'd in Toryism, and talks more unguarded. Wee drink 2 Flasques of good Margoa & part after 10.

14 I rise to early prayers. After which Mr. Tomson and I see the News and take a Turn on the Walls. About 10 I wait on Mrs. Middleton, shee treats mee with Tea & Toryisme. I pay to Mrs. Cotting, Drawer 9^s.3^d. My son and I dine on fine Ling at the Chancellors. In the Evening 2 ingenuous Germans Musitians with Mr. Davies, Organist, are with my son in the study. I join them and drink my pint supper with them.

15 I enjoy sleep beyond Expectacion, rise to early prayers. The weather is fair and cold. The Masons begin to take down the Garden Wall to the Churchyard. My son, about 9, sets out for Wigan, Robert attending him to Warrington. I write to Mrs. Parre & Topping about my son Ken, inclose a Copy of Hodgson's Will for Mr. Trigg 5^s. I pay Betty the maid part of her wages, 10^s, For 3 Measures of wheat 15^s, to Laborers in the Garden 1^s.6^d. After E. prayers with the Masons. I retreat to my Chamber, Book and pint.

16 After sleep interrupted, and recoverd at 6, I rise about 8. I see (with Mr. Tomson) the little News. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on Matt 20.26 and humility. The weather cold & offering rain. After Dinner and repose, to Ev. prayers. After these, to my chamber, Books & pint supper.

17 I rise to Early prayers. I write to Dr. Thane and bestow the rest of the Time on Books and Busienes. Near 12, go to the Glass-house, where the full company dine they on pullets, bacon & Surloin, I on picklet and pudding. Mr. Cha. Hurlston is here. The discourse turns on the comon subjects & hunting. Mr. Hulton is chosen Steward. Mr. Chancellor and I return in a smal cool rain, about 5. I pay for a spade & Garden rake 4^s. I retire to my Chamber, Busienes and supper. (4^s).

18 Tollerable sleep helps to Early prayers. The morning cold and dispos'd to rain.

I see the News, not a gratefull Article in it. I apply till noon to monthly Accounts and Books. The work of the Wall in the Garden go's on. After E. prayers, I meet Mr. Chancellor and Townsend at the Yatcht, here wee calmly converse over 2 Bottles of Claret, and part about 8. (1^s.2^d).

19 Indispos'd by the wine last night, rise not till 7. The weather continues cold and windy. Jeffry goes call'd to his Father at St. Asaph, apply to Books, & see my Wall work go slowly on. After dinner a very short repose cures my indisposicion. After Ev. prayers, the weather go's into Storm. Mrs. Middelton sees, drinks Tea and sits 2 hours with us. I betake mee to my room & pint. To Jeffry on Account of Horse-hire 5^s.

20 To early prayers, tho much indispos'd. At 9 I go to Mrs. Middelton, find her room full of Mr. White's Family and the 2 Misses Thelwals. I stay and drink Tea with them. After a Turn into the Town, and at Mr. Hultons, to my Book. After dinner Indisposicion compells mee to my chair, an hour. After Ev. prayers, Mr. Tomson & I in a high wind take a walk to Beach, return to my chamber, busienes & supper. To my S. 3^s.

21 To early prayers, the weather yet cold and clowdy. I read the papers full of ill portents: the Charity Bristol Bill carry'd in favor of the Dissenters. The Commons promise to supply the King with what his wisdom shall think necessary to maintain a Fleet, in the Mediterranean, in favor of the Emperor. The Prince and his party withdrawing them selves on partial Bills. I drink Coffee at Mr. Hultons, see the wall-work go on, apply to Busienes. After dinner a sharp cold showr falls here, the mountains are cover'd with snow. After E. prayers and a Turn on the Walls, I return to my Chamber, my Busienes and pint supper. Mr. Tomson comes and sits with us.

22 At early prayers. The weather cold yet agreeable. After 8 Mr. Tomson go's with mee to Mr. Prescott at his Warehouse. Wee are liberally entertain'd with strong Tea. I desire and hee promises to procure me at London a Cheshire Cheese of about 80 pound weight. I pay for a small load of Coals 4^s.9^d, for a Bushel of oats 7^s, for the Divine Dialogues, to Mr. Moyer (who says 'tis the last (perhaps) hee shall sell mee) 2^s.6^d. After Ev. prayers a Turn to the Mayors shop, thence to my chamber, book & pint supper.

23 I rise about 7, the weather cold, rainy. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse in the Quire. The News has nothing gratefull, promocion of warmer, whiggs and glareing suspicion of a Warr with Spain. After E. prayers, in Books. About 7, I go to see Mr. Bunbury, Sir Henry treats the 2 brothers Foulks with 3 Flasks of excellent wine. My Suzy sups here, wee return home after 10.

24 Unhappily discompos'd by the good wine last night, tho I reckon not a pint too much. I rise about 7. The Bricklayers come to finish the stone wall, I over see them. I, uneasy at my desk, take a Turn into the Town to divert indisposicion. After dinner I am refresht by a short repose. The weather is moist, harsh & cold. After E. prayers, I read part of More's Divine Dialogues over my pint supper.

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MARCH 25 To early prayers when the sky very clear. After these over a short, but surprizing Fall of Snow and Hail. Mr. Tomson and I see the Letters. The King ends

the Session in gracious thanks, promises and direction, to the Parliament on Friday last when it is adjourn'd to the 20 of May. This day gives great variety of weather, warm sun, hail and snow, under this yet the brick work go's on. I apply to busienes & Books. After E. prayers I attend on (& am a Bearer at) Mrs. Walleys Funeral. After that, to my chamber & pint supper, where Mr. Tomson & Mrs. Newton sit with us near 10.

26 At early prayers. After these, the weather alters to severe cold, snow & hail which drive the men from their work. I apply to reading and busienes. The Judges (one of which is represented by Mr. Hu. Foulks) and the Sheriff (Mr. Bromhall) come to the Quire. Mr. Gibbons of Namptwich is the Chaplain and has (which with surprize I hear) a good discourse on Gen. 13:8. After dinner Mr. Chancellor Wynn sees mee, I entertain him with Books, wine & Ale in the study. I send to Mr. Tomson who comes and stays with us till 4. After E. prayers I go with the other Mr. Chancellor to Mr. Hollands, wee send for a pint of Lisbon. Here Aldermen Partington and Puleston come to us, wee part after 9. (6).

27 Indispos'd by the heat of the Lisbon, I rise not till 7. The weather fair yet doubtfull, the 2 men (Mr. Jordan absent) go on. I pay Mr. James Comberbach the Bill charg'd on mee by Mr. Tarlton on my son Harys Account, 32^{li}.3^s. I pay the Tax for the Office 15^s, for this House 4^s.6^d, for that in the Abby Court 1^s.6^d. Go to Mr. Bouchers Chambers, thence to the Court. After dinner I divert the time & indisposicion in overseeing the Bricklayers, save a Turn into the Town and on the Walls. I pay my S. 2^s.6^d and return to my Book & pint supper.

28 After Early prayers I take a walk and see the News with Mr. Tomson. The work gos on with three hands. I take up more time in seeing that, than in my own. I pay Mr. Halton the window Tax 1^{li}.10^s. After dinner (saveing Ev. prayers) I attend the workmen till 6. I retreat to my Chamber, Books and pint supper. To my S. 5^s.

29 I am at early prayers, the morning cold and poynant. I pay the Quarterly Tax for the Dean Rurals Office 7^s.6^d, To Ismay the Maid, 1^{li}, To the Laborers for emptying the little House, 5^s.4^d, For 20 Yards of Linnen Cloath, 1^{li}.5^s. I write to Mr. Shaw about his adjoining Wall. I pay Thomas Roberts on Account 1^{li}, hee saies hee has now (since wee setld the Account) had 3^{li}.5^s.7^d. To Tho[mas] Filkin, the poors Lay for Huxley 11^s.3^d. Indispos'd after dinner, my repose carrys mee beyond E. prayers. After a Turn into the Town, I call on Mr. Tomson, hee comes with mee to my room, wee sup on our several liquors, part about 10.

30 I rise not till 7. The weather dull and dispos'd to rain. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the Sacrament in St. Oswalds Church where, today, the sacrament is administerd. After Ev. prayers I go to Newton to see Mr. Massie and wish him prosperity in his journey which hee is to begin to morrow to the Bath with his Lady. I find Mr. Massie, his father, with him. I stay near 7 with them & return to my Chamber and Pint supper.

31 After uneasy rest & sleep interrupted, I rise to early prayers. I write & send Robert to meet my son at Warrington. Jeffry go's to keep a Court tomorrow at St. Asaph. I write by him to his Father. To Mr. Parr I give an Account of a Cheshire Cheese directed to Mr. Smith. I give Will his Quarterage for Mr. Henchman 10^s. The work today gos on with 2 hands beside 2 Laborers. After dinner and short

repose in a sharp shower, I go after 3 to the Glass-house, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton & myself pass 2 hours, on conversacion unusual in the place. The Chancellor & I divert to see a Feild hee had taken condicionally from Mr. Dod, the way deep & tedious, wee walk a Circle and come to town after 7. I find my son return'd from Lancashire. Wee have a larger pint of red Dyson, & part about 10. (6^d).

APRIL 1 My walk do's not improve my sleep, but yet to early prayers. After which Mr. Tomson and I see the News, which from Lord Stairs says the Emperor under his hand to a formal Instrument has acknowledgd Philip 5 his Title to Spain, and to join in the Peace of Utrecht. On Mr. Shaws Letter last night, the Masons begin to pull down the Wall next the little-house. I pay Mrs. Willoughbys Drawer for Ale shee reckons sent hither last summer, 1^{li}.16^s. A Quarters rent for the Cock-[?Water] 4^s. I drink Tea about 10 with Mrs. Middleton. After dinner and repose, I am in Books till 6, then go to Mr. Chancellor and Townsend at the Ship. Mr. Hulton comes, over 2 Bottles the discourse is carry'd more agreeable than usual till 9. (1^s.6).

2 An unhappy rest which I charg on the Lisbon last night, keeps mee in bed till 8, when under great indisposicion, I rise into a delicate warm day. I take a Turn into the Town, call on Mr. Holland make my complaint to him as a phisitian. Hee go's with mee to the Yatcht, where with Mr. Biggins wee drink 2 pints of Tent, to good Healths and part in a Tip of good Brandy. I pay for a Bushel of Oats 6^s.6^d. After dinner to my Chair for an hour. Lady Bunbury visits and stays some hours with us. I end the dull day with my pint supper. (1^s.6^d).

3 With the help of Snail water, competent sleep. I am at Early prayers. The weather fair and cool. The Wall gos steadily on with 2 hands. I go to Mr. Bouchiers where the Chancellor excuses my going into Court, the last of this Term & of very few assignacions. After dinner I begin on the Acts to bee transmitted in Lymes Cause, and save E. prayers proceed on them till night. In this time, Mrs. Venables of Agden visits my S. I pass to my Supper pint. I writt to Mr. Shaw about the Loss of his Son, and about the Wall. (1^s.6^d).

4 After an uneasy sleep, rise to early prayers. The weather had bin rainy, now cold and raw. After turn to the News, I apply to the Acts in Lyme's Cause. I draw a scheme for the next visitacion, which Mr. Chancellor approves. Mr. Roberts comes to mee with the Account for the last two months, and the Balance of it, 10^{li}.13^s. Hee complains of the pains hee has taken, and wearing the best of his days, in the Office, and the smal consideracion hee has had for it, of my S.'s ill usage of him and Jeffry's infirmities, resolves to betake himself to his practice, as proctor, and tenders to mee His Key of the Office. This hee do's with tendernes, and expressions of his respect to mee, promising to assist mee in any thing or busienes, of the office, well consistent with his own. I tell him, this his determinacion finds mee in difficulties, as to the office, and is too short & surprizeing. I desire him to continue his assistance and promise, for his incouragment, to allow him 4^d out of every Will, Administracion and presentment to bee paid or deducted, every month or week, and to take care that a just respect bee paid him, both in my office, and Family. I add Mr. Bouchiers circumstance not now to bee deserted, as another

Argument. Hee continues under a tenderness, yet (as hee said, from the desire of his wife & advice of Freinds) appears inclin'd much to practice on his own bottom. I indevor to dissuade him at least for a year or 2 and desire (what hee promises) that hee will indeavor to find out a proper & assiduous Writer for the Office. I present him with a Guinea, & send by him, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Guinea to my Godson. Return to him the Key of the office, and deliver to him the scheme of the visitacion, wherein hee promises to assist, and to consider of my proposal. I dine with Mr. Hulton on a Carp well cook'd, good Ale and Civility make up the Feast. I return to a short Nap in my Chair. After E. prayers, a short walk. About 7, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Hulton, my son & I are at the Yatcht, wee drink 2 Bottles of good smal French, part after 9. (1^s).

5 I have more favorable rest, by which better dispos'd to Early prayers. After those Mr. Tomson and I take 2 Turns on roodee now pleasant from the verdure and other sweet variety of the spring. I after take a short Turn on the Wall with Mr. Bunbury, who trusts mee with a discovery of a Warrant found in Lord Torringtons papers directed to Him by King William and undersign'd Nottingham S. (writ by the E.'s own hand) when hee, as Admiral, was to attack the French Fleet in Bantry Bay, of most barbarous contents, ordering how to dispose of the abdicated King James, if, in the Engagement, hee shou'd fall into his hands. That this discovery brings a black Cloud, as well as Chagrin, on the Nottingham name & Family. I pay Mr. Manning for a pair of Shoos 4^s. Before and after E. prayers, I proceed in Lymes Acts (as the 2 Men on the Wall) very slowly. After 6 to my diverting reading over my pint.

6 After more successful repose, I rise at 7. The weather as in the night high & stormy. I call on Mr. Tomson, wee go (the 1st time) to the Coffee house at the Chang, in Mrs. Ridleys management. The News contradicts the former and turns the prospect to a War with Spain on Alliance with the Emperor. After 9 my son and I call at Mrs. Kanay's, understand that the Primat of Ireland (Lindsey¹) came thither about 10 last night. Wee go to Church where Dr. Fogg has a sermon on Job 22. 1. After dinner wee agen go & wait on the primat who receives us with grave freedom, 2 Chaplains, Dr. Waley & Mr. Cairny are with him (as Sir Robert Mawd), wee attend him to St. Oswalds where Dr. Fogg has another sermon. After prayers, His Grace invites mee & my son to dine with him to morrow. I return to my chamber, Book & pint of Dyson.

7 Tollerable sleep. I am at E. prayers where a frequent congregacion, 'tis guest 200. The weather calmer yet showry. My son pays mee 5^s on his Account. I pay Mrs. Plumley 10^{li} upon Hers. To Mr. Robinson a Bill from Mr. Tarlton & Harry 1^{li}:12.6. The design of the little-house begins. Lady Bunbury, her 2 daughters & Mrs. Whitehalls family drink Tea. Wee dine with the primat, a good dish of Fish (Salmon) being got on my Account. After a Glass of excellent Claret circulates till 4 when my son & I take leave & go to Ev. prayers. After these, I proceed in the Acts of Lymes Commission over my pint supper till 9. (2^s).

8 I, after imperfect rest, rise to Early prayers. The weather is cold without rain. I

1 Thomas Lindsey, translated from Raphoe (1713) to be archbishop of Armagh; died in 1724.

go with Mr. Tomson to see the News. After 9, I go and drink Tea with Mrs. Middleton. The primate of Ireland sett's hence for the Bath. After dinner & a short repose, I proceed on, and finish, the Acts in Lymes Transmission over my port pint of Dyson.

9 Still sleep interrupted. Wee are at Early prayers. After these apply to mine as the Bricklayer and Mason to their Busienes. To my Suzy 5^s. The weather alters to cold and constant rain. After dinner short repose under the dull weather. After E. prayers I return to my chamber, Book and supper-pint.

10 After a rainy night & broken sleep, Wee rise to Early prayers. The weather continues very windy and cold, threatn's but sends not rain. I proceed in More's divine Dialogues. At Noon the weather is fair, the wind high. After E. prayers I (after observing the Carpenter & Bricklayer) apply to my Books over my pint supper.

11 More successfull sleep. I rise to early prayers, at which a frequent congregacion. After with Mr. Tomson at the Coffee-house, where (in the Gazet) The News (by Expres from Lord Stairs) is that the Emperor acknowledges King Philips Title to the Crown of Spain. The weather continues cold and the wind high. I proceed in the divine Dialogues till 9, then to the Quire where Mr. Stones has a mean discourse, oscitantly deliver'd, on Isaiah 53.9. To my chamber & Books till E. prayers. After these and dinner, I take a walk (with Mr. Tomson) more in the shelter to Beachpool. I return to my Chamber, Book and pint. My son preacht to day at Warton.

12 Tho indisposd by my late dinner, I rise to Early prayers. The weather yet rainy & cold. To Margaret Evans for Butter 5^s. I proceed in More's Dialogues. I pay for a small load of Coals, 4^s.6^d. To the Man at Newton for several loads of Coals 1^{li}. 5^s. For 3 Measures of Wheat, 15^s. The Firmers of Warton (Dutton and Halton) dine with us. The weather continues rainy. After Ev. prayers I return to my Chamber, Books & pint.

13 Easter Day. I rise to early prayers. The night had bin, as the morning and day till after noon, very rainy and windy. I see the News, which expects an Answer from Madrid to the Emperors proposals. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on Col.3.1 in the Quire where there is an extraordinary Number at the Sacrament. My son is at Warton. After E. prayers and short retreat, My son & I about 7 go to Sir Henry Bunbury's, on his Invitacion. Here is a full company and plenty of Obrion wine, which circulates past 10. In Gifts today 4^s.6^d.

14 An unhappy and fevorish repose. I rise not till 8. At M. Prayers. The Bricklayer gos on today, tho rainy. I give my S. 5^s. At 12 I set for Christleton, Mr. Townsends where my Brother Partington, Brother & Sister Puleston, My S., my son and I are generously treated with a good dinner, Graves wine, velvet Ale. After 7, my Brother Partington and I walk, the rest in the Coach, and on Horseback. To bed after 10.

15 I attribute my fuller sleep to my walk. I rise to Early prayers. After with Mr. Tomson, see the News, yet not express whether Spain accepts the proposals of the Emperor. The weather yet cold and dispos'd to rain. The Carpenter only proceed on the little House. I goe on in the Dialogues. After dinner Dr. Fogg and his 2 sons designing for London and thence to Cambridg, call on us. I give the yong

Gentlemen (Robert & John) each 2^s.6^d and send by them 1^s to my son Ken. After E. prayers and a short Turn to my Chamber where over my pint I begin the Hereditary right asserted. Give the Lifters today 1^s.

16 An unhappy Night. I rise at 7, the weather still cold and great shows fall. I receive a Letter from Mr. Ed[ward] Roberts of very peevish and perverse Contents. The Carpenter and Laborer with the Carter with whom I agree to carry the rubbish at 4^d the load, go on with their work. Invited my S., son & I drink Tea at Mr. Davies in a concourse of Ladies from several related families, wee stay past 12. I give my S. 2^s.6^d. Jeffry gos today to a Commission at Llansanfraid.² After short repose to Ev. prayers, after which Mr. Oliver, his son & Mr. Crosby are with my son in the study. At 7 in hope to ease my thoughts I go with my son to the Yatcht, where a concert of 5 excellent bands, 1 English, 1 German, 3 of Ireland. I tast not the pleasure of it. One Mr. Rice a too forward Jacobite. Mr. Daniel & Hurt here, wee have 5 Bottles French. I pay 3^s.6^d. Wee come home after 10.

17 I have a very unhappy Night, count all the notices of the Clock, sleep not till 4 & awake before 6. I rise at 7. The Carpenter and Slater finish their work about the little House. After M. prayers, at Mr. Hultons. After a short repose and Ev. prayers dureing which a vehement thunder showr falls about 6, I go to the Mayors shop. Hee invites mee to his House, treats mee with a Bottle of good port over which easy Conversacion lasts till 9. I pay Mrs. Wrench her Bill 3^{li}.5^s.

18 Very uneasy repose. The weather still high and rainy. At M. prayers. I borrow of Lady Bunbury and read the 3 printed speeches about and against the Mutiny Bill. Wee sollicite Sir Hen. Bunbury for his Interest and Letter to Lord Barrymore in behalf of my son for the next presentacion to Barrow,³ which hee kindly promises. Hee invites mee and my son to dinner. After which with Mr. Jos. Bunbury & Mr. Kendrick, wee stay treated with excellent wine and generous welcom till 7. (1^s).

19 Hott and indispos'd from the wine, the Weather still rainy. I apply to busienes and reading tho indispos'd. At M. prayers and take a Turn. The Carpenter ends his work, the Laborers not theirs. My son pays mee 10^{li} in his Account. After dinner I have Notice that Lord Anglesey is come to Town & according to it go to him, to Sir Hen. Bunburys with my son. Here the good wine circulates over gratefull healths and conversacion, to a trespas on the Sacred Day, for wee part about 2.

20 Tho I sleep till 8, I rise feverish and very indispos'd. The weather seems changing to fair and warm. My son in a full auditory has a good sermon on [blank]. It is worthily comended & congratulated. After sermon I take a Turn on the Wall with Lord Anglesey and Sir Hen. Bunbury. After E. prayers I desire Sir Hen. to intreat my Lord Angleseys Interest in my Lord Barrymore, on my sons Account. I take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Campion, a Clergyman who attended my Lord Anglesey hither. About 6 My son, Mr. Campion & I, as appointed, meet my Lord, Sir Henry Bunbury, Mr. Jos. Bunbury and Mr. Henchman, at Mrs. Kannays. Here a pretty supper is provided. The wine of the house, good but dear, circulates at my

2 The Consistory Court Books for the diocese of St Asaph between 1710 and 1758 have been lost.

3 C.R.O., Parish Papers, PP/EDP/1, Barrow.

Lords charg till 12. Wee then take leave, & parting, his Lordship assures mee of his Interest on my sons behalf.

21 My sleep interrupted, my complaints increase with my indisposicion. I indevor to divert them by reading. I go to M. prayers. Lord Anglesey went for Park Yate about 9. The weather is turn'd very warm and genial. To my Suzy 5^s. After dinner & short repose, I go to the Glass-House, where Mr. Hulton, Dod, Midlehurst, Mr. Townsend comes before 5. The whole conference is on running horses, wee part about 6 when Mr. Dod and I return in a delicate Evening. After a pint supper and cool posset to bed after 10. (6^d).

22 Still sleep interrupted by my fevorish unhappy indisposicion. A delicate springing morning invites to a short walk. The News makes the Treaty hopefull twixt the Emperor and the Sultan, as betwixt him and Spain. I call at Mr. Hultons and am supply'd with Snuff. I pay Mr. Prescott for a Cheshire Cheese of 88 pound weight which hee order'd to bee delivered at Doctors Commons for Mr. Smith, at 6^d the pound, 2^l.4^s. I send (as my son do's, by Wm. Banks son to Ned Holt, on his going to Oxford, half a Guinea. I under my pains see the Laborers go easily on. After E. prayers my son & I take a Turn round the Walls, in the way see a soldiers plan (drawn on Roodee) of the Fortificacion of Tournay, frequent spectators come. I retreat to my Chamber and pint supper. (6^d).

23 Another uneasy night, the pain and indisposicion continuig. I am at Early prayers. After them with Mr. Tomson in a blooming morning, all Nature in full beauty. I walk round the Walls, takeing in the way two Turns on the Cop. I write to Mr. Parr to procure a search of Deans and to receive from Mr. Peirson 2^s.6^d for search for Norris Will. After Ev. prayers Mr. Tomson and I hast to Roodee. Lord Cholmleys and Mr. Metford of Yorkshire, their Horses imediately start on the 1st Heat, which seems to decide as it do's, the other two, for the Yorkshire horse plays with but suffers not the other to come near him. The full Feild is not diverted by the disparity. I find Mr. Massie senior, Mr. Ward & Mr. Barns with my son at home. Wee drink 2 Bottles of Margoa & a pint of white port. After this my son go's to attend Lord Huntingdon then at a Consort for Mrs. Davies advantage. To my daughter Lydia 2^s, to Peggy 1^s on the diversions of the Day. I pay Tho. Roberts on his Account 1^{li}.

24 Mauge all attempts to bring sleep, very unhappy repose. I rise not till 9. In pain go to Mr. Bouchers Chamber where the Chancellor and Proctors excuse my absence from the Court first of the Term, of small busienes. The weather very warm under the glorious planet. After dinner and a very short repose, invited, my son & I go with Sir Hen. Bunbury to Stanny, hee treats us at the Tenement lately faln, with punch & good Claret till 8. And at home with supper and a Flasque past 10. (1^s).

25 I have (D.G.) good repose and attribute it to my rideing to Stanny. I see the News which yet notwithstanding preparacions holds Warr in suspense. Tis another glowing Day. From Wallezy that the race yesterday twixt Lord Huntingdon & Mr. Egertons horses is to bee controverted at Law. At M. & Ev. prayers this (St. Marks) day. About 5 my son & I go to take Ayr at Warton, mix with it 3 best liquors, Claret, Lisbon, good Ale. Mr. Rollinson comes to us. I chuse the pint of Lisbon, wee stay till 8, return under the sweet roof of Moon & Starrs.

26 My rest perhaps from the heat of the Lisbon takes another Turn, unhappily interrupted. I rise at 8, the weather still, as in summer, glowing. I meet with Mr. Roberts and wee talk of the Contents of his Letter the 16 current, wee reduce matters to a better posture. I promise him all reasonable consideracion for his Assistance in the Office with respect. Hee appears (as I desire him) to bee easy. By Wm. Wareing here on Busienes with Wm. Naylor his father in law, I send 2s:6^d to Mr. Chancellor and his Club at Newbrough. After E. prayers wee go to the Galloway Race at Roodee, where Mr. Snead against Sir Richard Grosvenors Mare is Victor, after a notable dispute. I return about 7 to my pint supper. I pay to the Garden Laborers 10s. (1s:7^d).

27 Much longer and easy repose. I rise before 8. The weather yet fair and warm. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse in the Quire on the infinite Advantages of our Saviours Resurrection and triumph over death. My son preaches at Warton. After Ev. prayers Sir Henry Bunbury invites Mr. Chancellor, my son and myself to his House. At 6 wee meet there, Capt. Pennant comes to us. Wee are entertain'd with 4 Flasques of good Margoa, free welcom and a supper, wee part about 11. (2s).

28 After so much and late, wine, tollerable sleep. I rise after 7, prepare for my journey. I give my daughter Lydia 2^{li}, to Peggy 1^{li}, part of their Allowance, to Nelly 1s. After Tea and 9 set out in a fine morning, come to Wrexham & M. prayers there. The Correccion and Consistory are held, several Wittnesses produc'd. Wee dine at the Sun, where Mr. Price, Mr. Jones & a full table. After Mr. Chancellor had heard other busienes I (about 7) examine 1 Wittness on Foulks Will. Mr. Moulding, Hughs & Lewis enlarge my Pint supper and the time to 11. (1s).

29 After good rest, rise before 7. I examine Mr. Robert Hughs before 11, drink Tea with my Cozn. Moreton, examine 3 more Wittnesses on Foulks Will, the weather turning suddainly to rain & storm. I am pleas'd with my stay here. I give my Goddaughter Jane Waite 2s. I visit Mrs. Travis (now big) and about 7 take my Bottle of white to Mrs. Moretons, & there sup with her and Mrs. Ellen Lloyd. Walter Offley A M. install'd Deane.

30 I rise about 7, write to my Suzy, pay my Expenses in the Inn 12s:4^d. About 9 Mr. Lewis and I set hence. In the way to Ruabon, observe an amazeing scene of snow on the Mountains & bright genial sunshine on the pleasant green pastures of the valleys. Some snow falls in our road. Wee come to Oswestry before 1. I observe the inscripcion on Mr. Pools Grave (which I compos'd) injur'd. Mr. Francis Evans now H. Sheriff of Montgomery (whom I treat) dines with us. I go with Mr. Rogers, the peripatetic Atturney, to his house, hee shows mee his little Garden, treats mee with Tea & variety of his humors. I retreat to my Chamber where (thirsty) turn my pint to posset. I receive from Mr. Moulding for Hughs Transmission, 4 Guineas.

MAY 1 An irregular company (amongst whom 2 Kinastons) keep mee awake, in pain numbring all the Quarters of the night, till 6 in the morning, when the hurry of the Fair entices. The weather is fair, yet cool. About 12 Mr. Lewis and I set hence & come to Llanymonac as they set down to dinner. Mr. Powel & his Lady entertain us hansomly. After dinner Sir John Bridgman comes. About 5 go hence, call on & meet Mrs. Moulding & Hughes, stay with Mr. Humphreys at Llanvechine. I comply with invitacion & stay, the rest go. I venture on Chicken & Asparagus. (5s).

2 Yet indispos'd from want of sleep and my free supper, I rise about 9. After Tea go to Llanvyllin, find the busienes coming on & assist in it. After 11 to Church. Three Deanarys are calld. Mr. Kinaston is Surrogate. Mr. Mostyn, Dervis and Davies dine beside others with us. The Busienes grows. The Attempt of widow Price for a Licence to marry her former husbands nephew affords some diversion. I stay in Busienes past 8, return in a fair Evening to Llanvechin. 4^s.

3 I rise D.G. very much refresht, by happy repose in a snug retreat. Mr. Humphreys and I divert the time at Tea and in the Garden till 12, when Mr. Moulding calls. Wee dine and (after) stay till 5. Mr. Humphreys repeats his invitacion to mee to make his house my lodging. This is the anniversary day of his & his Ladys marriage, and remembr'd. Wee halt with Mr. Mostyn (Junior) in Llansanfrayd & after with Mr. Reynolds. Go the higher way and come in a sweet Evening to Oswestry with the sun. 2^s:6^d.

4 After indifferent repose, I rise about 6. Mr. Moulding pays mee in the Office Account 23^{li}:01^s:4^d. Mr. Thomas, a rude suspended Curat,⁴ insults us, irreverently exclaims and rails against my Lord Bishop and the Chancellor. Wee mount before 9, come in favorable weather about 12 to Wrexham. After dinner and repose, I remount at 6 and come D.G. safe home about 8, refresh in a pint of port. Expences today 7^s.

5 After good repose, I rise at 8. The weather still fine and cool. In Busienes till dinner. After which and short repose and after 3 to the Glass-house. Here Mr. Hulton, Dod, Townsend, Midlehurst. The time passes dully. I return in a fine Evening about 7 to my Chamber and pint supper. I receive ingratfull and concerning Informacion that my old kind Freind Mr. Crane was buryd at Winwick the 29 of the last month, and that Mr. Kippax of Ormskirk dyd on Saturday last in the Evening.

6 Indispos'd from the News, have unhappy rest. I rise about 8, the weather still cool & pleasant. The work gos on in the Abby Court where an old water-Course is discover'd. I see the news and, after, drink Tea with Mrs. Midleton. After dinner, repose and Ev. prayers, I meet Mr. Townsend, Hulton, Dod at the Yacht, where over indifferent discourse 2 Bottles of Claret. Wee part before 8. I give my daughter Peggy in part of her Allowance 1^{li}. (Exp. 2^s.3^d).

7 By assistance of Snail-water, successfull sleep. I rise after 8, see no good success in the Abby Court. I write to Mr. Ed Wade about the search of Mr. Breres Will, & to my cozn. Parr that I have directed to pay him 2^s.10^d for it, as about my son Kens coming down. I examine 1 Wittness and Jeffry another (Welsh one) on Edwards Will. Mr. Roberts pays mee on Account of the last month 22^{li}:7^s:4^d. I over see the dull work in the Abby Court. In the Even, visit Mr. Chancellor return'd from Speake. In my chamber apply to Busienes over my pint supper.

8 I after tollerable sleep rise to early prayers. The weather very fair, very warm. A Court the last of Easter Term of more Assignacions than Busienes. Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Aldersey and his Lady dine with us, the dinner elegant in mutton & capon. After Ev. prayers I see the work proceed in the Abby Court. Mr. Leftwitch treats

4 No court books and no consistory cause papers, 1710-58.

mee with port & a Tip of Brandy. I give my Suzy 5^s. I draw the Certificate of Lymes Transmission⁵ and turning my Pint into posset, to bed after 10. (1^s).

9 I am successfull in repose, yet rise not to early prayers, but about 8. I see the News with Mr. Thomson, and after that to busienes. I see the work on the Abby Court and find the Drain under my House runs towards the Abby Court. After Ev. prayers I sett on examining the process of Lymes Cause till 7. After, in the Garden and on the Walls, take the Ayr &, in the time, go on with my pint supper.

10 I rise about 8. I find the work in the Abby Court hindr'd by Cock-water run in the night. The weather in the morning, cloudy, clears up to bright sunshine. I pay Samuel Walmsley his Bill about the little House, 17^s. Mr. Jordan, his, for brick and work about the Garden-Wall and little house, 7^{li}.10^s. To Thos. Roberts, what hee computes remaining of his wages, last year, ending at Xtmas last, 6^{li}.3^s.8^d, To the Garden Laborer for the last week, and this, 10^s, To Robert, as Gratuity for his pains in the Garden, 5^s. After Even prayers I apply further to the Examination of Lymes Commission & take my Pint supper along with it. I pay Ed. Davison for carrying 48 loads of rubbish 16^s.

11 The weather yet hott and kindly. Mr. Crosby has a good discourse in the Quire meanly deliver'd on (redeem the Time, because the daies are evill). The news papers are yet very ambiguous about peace or War. After Ev. prayers I go on with the Examination of Lymes Transmission and end it. After, take my ambulatory supper, my pint, in my Garden.

12 I rise at 6, see the work go dully on in the vault hindr'd by water. I give to Robert 4^s.6^d to buy ½ measure of Oates. My Colt is measur'd and is 14 hands & 1 Inch. Robert brings her to Rock-Savage Park. A Court of Visitation at Malpas, to which our company repair. I write to John Cross about paying 25^s to Mr. Gelibrand. I finish the Transmission and find it contains 242 Folios. After Ev. prayers Mr. Tomson, my son & I go out and about 7, go to Alderman Bennet, who entertains us with 2 Bottles good yet too old Graves Wine, good humor and conversacion till 11.

13 Indispos'd from the Heat and Quantity of the wine, and the weather, my work in the Abby Court again interrupted by water. I am an uneasy spectator of it. The News yet uncertain. I give my S., going to Christleton, 5^s, pay J. Jones the Maison his Bill about the Garden Wall, 2^{li}.16^s.0^d, Mr. Alcock the Smith his Note 13^s. After dinner an hours repose and Ev. prayers, I see the work measurd and that they have only gon 8 yds into the decending vault, return to my Chamber and over my pint supper proceed in the Hereditary Right.

14 After early prayers, see the vault-work go dully on. A sharp refreshing shower falls. I pay Mr. Potter for binding a Book (Fleetwood) for St. Asaph Registry 3^s, for stitching the Transmission 2^s. I proceed in reading the Hereditary Right. At Ev. prayers loud peals of Thunder shake down violent showers, these are very welcome. I go to Mr. Henchman who kindly treats mee with a Bottle of white from Roses. I stay there till 9. (1^s).

15 Interrupted unhappy rest detains mee till 8. I see the work creep on. At 10 visit

5 See Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York, Chancery Court Act Books, for Lymes's cause appeal.

Mrs. Middleton, stay over Tea and Tory-talk till 12. The weather is cool, showry, kindly. After a short repose and Ev. prayers proceed in the Hereditary Right. Begin my pint supper in my chamber, carry it on to Mr. Stone's where in his, my son, Mr. Vadre & Mr. Alderseys company, I end it. Here I am told my Lord Bishop prevented by a Fitt of Gravel has deferred his journey a week longer hee was expected this day.

16 Much more successfull repose yet rise not till 7. I see the News which tells Lord Parker made Lord Chancellor, Munday last. Mr. Tomson & I call on Mr. Boucher. After M. prayers, see my work proceed with 3 hands, as yesterday. After dinner Mrs. Alicea Oldfeild sees us. I pay my Quarterage due the 1st to the Charity-school 5^s. The weather is rainy up to desire. After Ev. prayers and Town to my Chamber, book & red pint supper.

17 Sleep more than every half hour interrupted by difficulty, & pains, of Urine. I ly unhappily till 8. The weather cool, cloudy, not rainy. I see the slow process in the vault. After proceed in Hereditary Right. I pay for 3 measures of Wheat 15^s.6^d, for Oates 3^s.6^d. After dinner and repose and prayers I see the progress in the vault measur'd and computed to 16 yards and upwards. I repair to my Chamber and pint supper and then read out the Hereditary Right.

18 Good and less interrupted sleep, yet rise not till 8. The weather yet genial & springing. Mr. Oliver has a good discourse in the Quire on (It is good for mee that I have bin afflicted &c). After dinner on a noble pike given by Mr. Stevenson, a short repose and Ev. prayers. My Suzy, son and I go to Mr. Marsdens where a company of particular Freinds are together upon the Christning of their son. I am desir'd to represent the Grandfather Marsden for Godfather, Alderman Benet is the other Godfather, old Mrs. Dod, Godmother. The solennity proceeds to St. Bridget. My son baptizes the Child. The Name Thomas, return'd, and the Gossip Cup circl'd, the men only 5. Mr. Marsden, Bennet, Boroughs, my son and my self sit down to a cold supper which is after carry'd to the Ladies. White Gloves are dealt. I give Mr. Anderson from my principal $\frac{1}{2}$ Guinea, his 5^s to the Nurse, which I double to her, his 5^s to 2 maids my 1^s to a 3rd, My S. gives 4^s. Wee join in discourse agreeable, and New port of both colour go about till 9.

19 From the new wine, hott indisposicion and an unhappy night. The weather cool, clear and a high wind. I see the vault and the 4th hand added to it. I wait on Mrs. Middleton and drink Tea with her genialiter. Apply not even to a Book. After dinner, repose & prayers, to my sons study, where hee with Cutts diverts my Lady Bunbury. About 7 begin on my ambulatory white pint which lasts till 10.

20 After a more successfull sleep, refresht. I see the work still in 4 hands. After News, at Mr. Hultons, and visit Mr. Tomson, indispos'd, rather frighted by a temperate Fever. I pay Mr. Jos. Jordan on Account of the Vault 2^{li}, To a Breif recomendatary from Bickley 1^s. The progress of the Vault about 3 this afternoon measur'd to 20yds. A Treatise of Civil Power in Ecclesiastical Causes, shewing that it is not lawfull for any power on Earth to compel in matters of Religion, address'd to the parliament of the Comon wealth of England with the Dominions thereof. The Author J.M. printed by Tho. Newcomb Anno 1659. After Ev. prayers I prepare for my journey tomorrow, retreat to my Chamber & supper pint. I pay Isaac the Garden Laborer for 7 daies at 10^d the day 5^s.10^d.

21 I rise to early prayers. After which equip, leave with my Suzy 5 Guineas, with the children 3^s.6^d. Set out in a cool day under staunch clouds at 9, come to Rocksavage about 11. My Lord Barrymore receives mee with generous Freedom. I mention with acknowledgments the Applicacions made to him on my sons Account about Barrow,⁶ he answers with great Civility, Acquaints mee with the management on Lord Ashburnhams Account by Mr. Ashurst &c. After a walk in the Gardens, hee diverts mee with satyirical papers on the Government. At 2 to dinner, Mr. Davies, Organist comes. After it his Lordship, my Lady, Mr. Knipe, Davies & myself, more healths about in Claret untowardly prict. Robert sees the Colt well in the park. After 5 wee set out, come to Wigan after 8. I find our company at the Angel, wee try a pint of white wine. After I go to cozn. Holts, hee not returnd from Oxford, to bed about 12. (3).

22 Holy Thursday and the Fair here. I go to the company about 10. 5 witnesses which I after examine are produc'd in a Cause about Byrom seat in Leigh Church.⁷ Mr. Chancellor dines at Haigh. After busienes over, I with Mr. Eden and Stratford take my pint of old port, and part of another about 9 with Mr. Chancellor.

23 Better than last night refresht. John Walmesley brings mee his Account paid Oct. 25 last, 13^{li}, since to John Cross 25^{li}.16^s. A Note of Expenses 8^{li}.8.11, paid today 3^{li}.5^s, in all 50^{li}. I give back 1^{li}. Jo. Cross brings Jo. Shaws Account paid 25 Oct. 20^{li}, since that 17^{li}. A note of Charges 7^{li}, in all 44^{li}. Wm. Naylors rent 1^{li}. A receipt from Mr. Gilibrand of 25^{li}, 9^{li} of which hee himself lays down for mee. The Busienes begins. Mr. Crane (whom I last saw this day of the month last year, at Newborough) his Executors pay mee his Legacy left to mee a Scepter Jacobus and ½ of one to my Suzy, [?thoro] busienes, company of Sir Roger Bradshaigh and others at N. Tootells, arrive pretty easy at my cozn. Holts where I end the day in a Tip of Brandy with Mr. Ashburner about 11. I give Mr. Wally my Contribucion to Billing Chapell, 10^s.9^d.

24 Rise easy in a cool Morning. The company gon, Mr. Stratford and I follow, call and with Mr. Smith, take a Tip with Mrs. Brown & Birchall. Wee come to Ormskirk at 12. I meet with my Watch from Mr. Williamson, pay for its repairs 16^s. After dinner Mr. Chancellor go's to Speake. The Busienes grows. About 4 I go down to Mr. Tyrers to pay a visit to whom I never before saw, Mr. Scarisbrick. Hee receives it as magnifyd by his Circumstance with very hansom Expressions and genteel manner. Mr. Tyrer forces glasses of punch about, a Free Freindship some time on Grave, other on cheerfull subjects, runs along till 3 Bottles are run out, and the sun faln under the sea. Mr. Tyrer with too humble sayings desires a relacion maybee acknowledgd, on Account of his Wife (of the late Samuel Prescot of Holland his family). This Agreement is seal'd in the punch. I find the company at our Inn over their port, to bed about 11. I pay to Mr. Hodges for 3 Quarters 2.16.3, to him for Mr. Sefton late SchoolMaster of Rainford, 2^{li}.6.10½, part of my Cozn. Parrs Interest.

25 I rise indispos'd and hott from the punch. Jeffry returns today. I am both ends

6 C.R.O., Parish Papers, PP/EDP/1, Barrow.

7 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1718) No. 16, Leigh.

of the day (tho dull) at Church. Yong Mr. Brownel reads and has good discourses, meanly and unskillfully deliverd. After Ev. service, I see Mr. Heyes, hee treats mee with Rhenish and Claret. I, in the Ev. about 7, take a walk to Grippy well, the place appears now to advantage; return'd, I take (with the rest) about my pint of port, and with walk & indisposicion fatigu'd, go to bed about 10.

26 After uncommon repose, rise about 7. Mr. Stratford produces 6 Witnesses before Mr. Brownly as Commissioner in the Cause of Hesketh contra Hesketh,⁸ of separacion, Mr. Hulton present consenting. I examine 4 of them, am surpriz'd, almost to impatience, by a most acute & sensible pain of the Tooth-ach, with difficulty I perform. I receive my Suzys Letter today, telling mee of my son Kens coming, Thursday last &c. I with my Lanlord Watson conclude the Day with a pint of port.

27 Still good repose. About 9 begin on the 2 remaining Wittnesses. Mr. Brownell, Hesketh, Plumbe, Wiswal, odd company (as yesterday they did) dine with us. Mr. Stratford, and afterward, Mr. Hulton, leave mee here. About 5 I finish the last Witnes. After resolve, equip, and about ½ hour after 7, set hence, come readily on, in a fine Evening, call and take a pint at the Owl, come on at the same rate to Wigan at 9. Mr. Ashburner treats mee with Ale in his room. After which a Tip of Brandy. 5^s.

28 I rise at 6 hott and indispos'd. After Tea, set out from my Cozn. Holts about 9 with Mr. Ashburner & Acton, in hopes to meet him at Warrington, where wee come ½ h. after 11. Wee expect till 1, then dine meanly in promiscuous company, dull here to a Nap at the Table after dinner which and its Appurtenances here Surmount 5^s. I mount at 4 and come D.G. in a fine Evening, safe to my Corner before 8. This day is all along very dully celebrated. 7^s.

29 I enjoy full repose yet recover not the lassitude of my Journy. The corporacion and the whole City resort to the parish church where Mr. Daniel has on the occasion and [blank] a bold imprudent discourse, his present Bishop now Dr. Nicolson of Londonderry⁹ is (among many others) his offended Auditor. After dinner repose and Ev. prayers, take a Turn. Over my pint supper, proper parts are read, by my son, in Clarendon.

30 Yet have I hot remains of my journy on mee. The news affords no News. After M. prayers I wait on Mrs. Middleton for 2 hours. After dinner repose and prayers, in Books till 7 when I go to Mr. Dyson, where my Suzy on a visit. Mr. Dyson treats mee with a Bottle of his new French Claret, strong and promising, wee come home about 10.

31 The weather fair and kindly with some shows. My work ceas'd in the Vault wherein they proceeded 39 yards, gos well on in the repair of the House. I am at M. prayers and after turn Michael Draytons poems and read thoro Queen Margarets Troubles, a life unhappy to prodigy. I pay [blank] our Coal Carter 3 Guineas in part of 11 load which at 6^s.6^d. amount to 3^{li}.11.6. About 7, I go to the Mayors shop, thence with him to Mr. Winstanleys where Mr. Rhodes, Liverpool Merchant, high Tory expectation over wine of both Colors (gratis) till 9.

8 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1718) Nos. 5 and 12, Ormskirk & Aughton.

9 William Nicolson, translated from Carlisle, 2 May 1718.

JUNE 1 Whitsunday. Mr. Henchman has a very proper and good discourse. My son from Warton returns to dinner. The weather is genuine with showers. A numerous Communion today. Det D.O.M. rectius vivere. The News yet trifles. Mr. Vader dines with us. After Ev. prayers I apply to Books over my supper pint. I give to Mally Peck going for London 5^s. To the Virgers &c 2^s.6^d.

2 The weather cool and pleasant. After M. prayers I write to my Cozn. Parre about Ken, Haysam and search of Wilks Will (not found), apply after to Busienes. The 2 Elder Mrs. Bunburys, Nelly & Betty Eyton dine with us. In the Ev. to Busienes, later to my ambulatory pint.

3 A warmer sun takes place. My son go's to the meeting of the Clergy, this day, at Warrington. After M. prayers I drink Tea with Lady Bunbury, the 2 sisters Eytons &c here I begin to read the Barons Warrs by Drayton, and after Ev. prayers read out 5 Books over my Dyson supper pint.

4 The weather very hott and temperatly cool by Turns. About 8 I attend the Funeral of Mr. Domville of Lymm, which proceeds from the Eastgate street about 9. I attend it to Trafford and return home with Mr. Ashton and my son Ken. After Ev. prayers I wait on Lord Barrymore at Sir Hen. Bunburys, thence about 6 go with my Lord, Lady & company, to hear the new great Harpsichord made by Mr. Vader, it generally pleases. About 8 after a Turn with Mr. Tomson, hee takes his Ale, I my pint supper in my Chamber.

5 The variety in the weather continues. About 10 wait on Lord Barrymore to the Coffee House and thence to Mr. Ottys room. I dine at Sir Hen. Bunbury with my Lord and Lady Barrimore and after, the good wine circles round in good Healths till 7, when they take Coach for Rocksavage. I mention here, a design of Contribucion to a Trumpet stop in the Organ, which meets with encouragment. After some Turns in the fine Evening, to bed about 10. Paid Mr. Walton the Baker his Note, 3^{li}.15^s.

6 In a doubtfull morning, my son Ken go's to Mold. I give him 3^s paid yesterday to Mr. Walton the Baker, 3^{li}.15. I send a Copy of Mr. Pecks Will to his son, my cozn. Jasper, it amounts to 5^s. After Ev. prayers in some busienes till my pint per ambulatory supper dureing which I take a Walk round the Walls with my Suzy betwixt 8 & 9.

7 After a very successfull repose, I rise before 8. At the Office & after at M. Prayers. Receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 5^{li}, From him on Account of Pilling &c 3^{li}.1^s, From Mr. Stratford on Account of Heskeths Commission 3^{li}:19^s:6. My Cozn. Will. Eyton dines with us. I pay T. Roberts for Corn for the pigeons 3^s. After Ev. prayers the weather turns to showry. After 6, I meet Mr. Stratford and Roberts at the Coach and Horses, here wee have 2 Quarts of good French Claret but dear, I because of the summs above treat, at 6^s. My son Ken returns from his full visit.

8 With too warm remembrances of the wine last night, I rise about 8. Mr. Woods has a good discourse (not very elegantly deliverd) on (Remember thy Creator in the days of thy Youth). Welcom heavy shows fall frequently. The News yet advances not into Action or Certainty. After E. prayers take (while the rain permits) a Turn, & at 7 retreat to my Chamber & pint supper some part of which is ambulatory.

9 A sound repose tho mixt with some melancholy dreames, introduce me Q.B.E. to the beginning of the 69 year of my Age. The weather continues dispos'd to rain.

After M. prayers I (Ken with mee) drink Tea with Mrs. Alicea Oldfeld. Here the Clouds pregnant and dark are broke with long vollys of Thunder, a most remarkable Clap, which in the midst of comon thunder, distinguishes itself and makes all things tremble, happens about 12. After dinner the Climate clear, I go to the Glass House where Mr. Hulton, Townsend, Midlehurst, Thomas. The Clouds agen are rally'd, fill the Horizon with gloomy terror, the lightning and thunder complete the scene above the shocks of human imitation. Seas break down on these parts and turn the roads to lakes, the streets to rivers. After 6 in a kind interval, I set hence, the storm & thunder at a distance in the [?Horizon]. About 8 myself and family in 2 pints pay a grateful remembrance of a day so often repeated D.O.M.G.A. Dr. Thane after about 3 years absence, returns. (6^d).

10 My repose less successfull. I rise after 8, see the public News yet in suspence, but am affected with that from Oxford of the dangerous aggravation of my Lord Bishop's distemper which postpones Ordination possitively. I drink Tea with Lady Bunbury and her 2 daughters here invited. After dinner the weather inviteing, repose. Another [*illegible*] of thunder and sea of rain break over our heads. After Ev. prayers Mr. Tomson & I take a Turn on roodee. This day is privately celebrated by the Jacobites and Tories, observ'd with Cudgels in their hands, but not much interrupted by the soldiers. At 7 I retreat to my Chamber, solitary Celebracion over my single Pint. Exp. 2^s.6^d.

11 St. Barnabas, introduc't by fine and calme weather. After M. prayers I drink Tea with Mrs. Middleton. After dinner about 3, go to Sir Henry Bunburys where Dr. Thane, Mr. Morgan, young Mr. Whitley and Capt. Lawson. Here the Clouds grown heavy, the Thunder breaks them into a very great & vehement showr, for an hour. The good Claret gos round in a stream. About 5 Sir Henry, my Lady and 2 daughters take Coach for Bettisfeild. I stay to see 2 Bottles more, lost on the mellow company. My son returns from Wigan with Loveday Holt.

12 Very much indispos'd from the wine last night and the pains of my Teeth. I forbear going to the first Court this Term. After dinner and repose, refresht, I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Wise contra Dawson,¹⁰ and 3 on Aughtons Will. I betake mee to my supper pint over which, take a Turn on the Walls with my Suzy and son Ken.

13 Recover by Time and sleep. The weather temperate. About 10 Mrs. Middeton and Mrs. Edeling go with my family down to Mrs. Baylies where I treat them with Tea & Coffee at the rate of 3^s.6^d. After dinner my son with his brothers and sisters go to Warton. After Ev. prayers Mr. Tomson and I walk to Mr. Townsend, who entertains us with 3 Tankards of good Ale. Wee return after 8. I finish the day in my supper pint. I begin my new drain in the A[rchdeacon's] Court.

14 Indispos'd, read and overlook my workmen, most of the day. After dinner repose. After Ev. prayers and 6, go to Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Hollands, stay an hour in his usual society, while a few Tall-boys go about. Return home to my ambulatory pint supper. Given Ken to buy a handkercher 2^s.3^d. Paid Isaac Beech the Gardner for 17 daies, 16^s, and to Robert for mony laid out, a Guinea.

15 My pains about my Teeth severe upon mee. Mr. Crosby has in the Quire [*sic*] (for Mr. Oliver) meanly deliver'd. I repose after dinner. Mrs. Middleton and other Freinds (on Account of my son Kens return) see us in the Evening. Freinds receded wee drink 3 pints of wine, mostly manag'd by Ken with cheerfulness, who at the conclusion about 11, dissolves into Tears. I pay the Coach-hire 2^{li}, give him for his viaticum & pocket 2^{li}.12^s, out of which hee is to pay Mr. Holland for paper, Books &c 18^s.9^d.

16 Wee are alarm'd about 4 upon Kens going. Hee takes leave in his tender manner with us, and takes Coach about 5. After I recover a refreshing sleep & rise about 8. The weather is cool with a brisk breeze. I see the work go on in the Abby Court. After M. prayers to Tea and reading. The Chancellor and Dr. Thane dine with us on Mackril & the 1st Beans & Bacon. After 3 I go to the Glass-house where Mr. Chancellor, Aldermen Partington & Puleston, Mr. Hulton, Townsend, Middlehurst. Wee return about 6. Dr. Thane & I try 1 pint of Kemps wine, it is new & not fine. Exp. 3^s. I pay Mr. Calkin for 1 load of Coals 7^s.6^d.

17 The weather cool with a brisk wind. The news tells that on Sat. last Lord Stanhope went for France to finish the Alliance with that Court and the Emperor. My work creeps dully and displeases mee. Mr. Chancellor, having instituted Mr. Robert Jones to Worthenbury, go's to Speake. After Ev. prayers to my Busienes and Books over my Pint, which is in the later part ambulatory.

18 After 3, uneasy and unhappy in attempts to sleep. The weather grows stormy. Mr. Morrey, about 9, drinks Tea with us. After that, I finish my Tea breakfast with Mrs. Middleton. See the work in the Abby Court, improve. After Ev. prayers and 7, go to Mr. Hultons, hee entertains with 2 pints of port, Mr. Stones & I, [entertain] him, with discourse on Books and English History. I writ to Mr. Parr. To my S. 3^s.

19 The weather turn'd Stormy with rain. I see the work proceed and the new drain ended. I write, answering, to Mr. Hornby about the Kings preachers place. To Mr. Case about Heasom, & to Mr. Tollet about an Extract of Sir Jo. Crews Will (for which 6^s.8^d). After dinner the weather inclining, repose. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account, 50^{li}. After 6, go to the Yatcht where Mr. Morrey and I with our Clergy sons, drink 2 Bottles of good Claret. I pay 2^s.6^d. To my S. today 3^s.

20 I rise to Early prayers. The weather rainy. I receive for copy of Massies Depositions from Mr. Stratford 14^s.7^d. Pay Alderman Partington 25^{li}.5^s, To Alderman Puleston, 9^{li}. I drink Tea with the later and fix on a Cloath for a new suit. Paid Wilbraham, Chandler 1^{li}.4^s, To Mr. Hinchman, Wills Quarterage 10^s. About 6, Mr. Hulton, Roberts and I go to Mr. Lees. Hee treats us with punch and good new wine of which above a Bottle to my share; inoffensive and mostly female Healths are promoted which circulate till 10.

21 Hot and unhappy from the new wine, I rise about 8. I pay Jonathan Pickering his 2 Notes 5^{li}.15^s.0, To Massie of Upton (for the 1st load of Coals to this House) 9^s, To Mrs. Cottinghams Drawer for Ale to the Laborers in the vault 11^s, To Coulson for cleansing the roof of the Consistory, 6^s. In the Evening, take my ambulatory Pint supper.

22 Not yet recoverd of my new wine. I rise about 8. The wind high with showers. The new Dean Walter Offley A.M. in a full Quire reads the Morning & Ev. prayers and has a good discourse on [*blank*]. After Ev. prayers I with 3 others [?attest] it. I

divert the Evening with Books, yong Ken Puleston (the son of Ken) first sees us. Take a Turn on the Walls in a brisk Ayr, in my Pint supper.

23 After a dull night, repose after 6, rise at 8; the wind high after a shower in the night. I give Lory Fogg, going to London, 2^s.6^d. Apply to busienes and write to Mr. Knipe about Spenithorne. Young Ken & Ned Puleston dine with us. After dinner repose detains mee from the Glass-house. At 6 my son and I go to the Deanery where with the Dean, Dr. Fogg, ArchDeacon Thane, Mr. Hurleston, Thomson, Coker. The Dean receives very civilly, promotes healths domestic and obliging, Mentions the discovery of a Legacy to the Cathedral by Dean Arderne with satisfaction and resolucion to pursue it, promises vindicacion of the Churches rights and Liberties, with sense and courage. My son & I part not till 10.

24 Repose interrupted and recover'd. I rise about 8. The weather cool and my winter Cloaths still tollerable. I pay Samuel Walmesley his Note 9^s, To Tho. Roberts in part of his wages, 1^{li}, To Mr. Newton for Tea 1^{li}.5^s.6, To Mrs. Richardson for Tea 5^s, To Mall Partington for the Lineing my new Coat 13^s.9^d. I step into the Town to see the Features of the Fair, which appear brown. After Ev. prayers and a short Turn, retire to my Chamber, read the Comedy of Errors over my Pint supper.

25 I rise to early prayers, the weather yet cool and windy. At the Coffee House with Mr. Thomson. I write to Mr. Plumbe about Lymes Transmission, which I charg as containing 242 Folios at 6d p.Fol. att 6^{li}.1^s and for the Certificate and Stamp 14^s.4^d. I pay Alderman Sayer for Lead work about the brewing pan, 12^s, about the little House 16^s, To Mr. Hodgson for Straw, 5^s. After Ev. prayers wee go and invite to Mrs. Blackburns Funeral, the Corps at Mr. Roberts House where a decent short Recepcion to a hansom company. Shee was sister to Mr. Gerard of St. Asaph & drownd on the sands on Munday. I divert in Shakespear over my supper ambulatory pint. I receive on Account from Mr. Roberts, 20^{li}.

26 I rise, tho indispos'd, to Early prayers. The weather cool with a brisk wind. At the 1st Court this Trinity Term, I take a Turn into the Town, but divert not pain. After dinner and repose, I find releif. I examine 3 Wittnesses on Jacksons Will. After 8 begin on my Pint supper, make it ambulatory till 10.

27 I rise not till 8. The weather yet cool. I see the News with Mr. Tomson, yet very lean. After M. prayers, take a Turn in Eastgate street. After dinner another. Give my S. to dispose in the Fair, 1^{li}.5^s, To Peggy, part of her Allowance 1^{li}, to the three servants 3^s. After dinner, another Turn to Mr. Hollands. After E. prayers, Mr. Clayton (now) of Liverpool calls on mee, I betake mee to Books and my Pint supper, take a Turn on the Wall in a delicate Evening till past 9.

28 After better rest, I rise at 7. The weather fair, calm and warm, in Busienes till prayers. I pay my daughter Lydia part of her allowance, 1^{li}, To Tho. Dale for Coals, 3^{li}.7^s, This and the last reckoning makeing up 20 loads at 6^s.6^d a load. To Ken Puleston 2^s.6^d, To my Suzy and M. Bunbury's Fairings, 5^s. Mrs. Middleton going Munday next into Wales takes leave of us. I after E. prayers divert in Books and in my Pint supper. See the walk-work go on in the Garden past 9.

29 St. Peters day. My Family, 8 in number, go to Warton, the Church there dedicated to that Saint. My son has a good discourse on the Duty and necessity of prayer in the Morning and his Curat another against profane swearing. The weather

is excessive hott, and affects with dulness. Wee dine on Beans, Bacon and Mutton sent from home. In the Ev. Mr. Rollinson & his wife are added to our company. The yonger people regale in the Country supper, My son and I in 2 pints white and red, the greater number set hence on foot about 8 and come exceedingly tir'd about 10.

30 I rise well refresht about 8. Sir William Fownes calls on us, wee after drink Tea with him at Alderman Puleston where a full parlor. I write to the Churchwardens of Liverpool to caution them not to give opposition to the Chancellors Decrees about seats in that Church. About 12 Mr. Chancellor and I walk under cool clouds to the Glass-house. Here a good dinner well don. The company, the Chancellor, Mr. Hulton, Townsend, Midlehurst, Witter and myself, my Forfeitures amount to 3^s.6. Mr. Townsend is chosen Steward. Wee return under the like clouds. I make my supper ambulatory.

JULY 1 I rise about 8, call on Mr. Tomson, and see the News which gives Account of the Isle of St. Vincent, in a most astonishing tho natural way destroy'd. After M. prayers I with my S. go and chuse cloath &c for a second Coat, pay for its Lining 10^s. After Ev. prayers I examine 2 Wittnesses on Articles ex parte Parry contra Sylvester. I recreate in my pint ambulatory Supper. The Town is full of the News of ½ a Troop of Dragoons, who, from Lancashire, under the Comand of Hichmore a popish preist converted, went yesterday and plunder'd the 2 popish Chapels there, of their plate, amounting as the report in value to 100^{li}.

2 A hott day succeeds a sultry Night. I rise about 8. After M. prayers, in Books and busienes. Mr. Ashton applys to Mr. Stratford (I with him) in behalf of Mr. Kippax. Hee demanded 6 Guineas, but takes 5^{li}.10^s. for the mortuary. After dinner my S., my son and I, go to Mr. Brock's to chuse an example out of his rooms, for Wainscot. About 6 I go into the Town, pay Mr. Nathaniel Wright, Grocer his Note, 2^{li}:19.6. After this Mr. Grantham, Mr. Laurence and I go to the Ship, wee drink 4 pints of good Lisbon, in peculiar healths, and warm'd part near 9. I give my S. 5^s. (2^s).

3 The weather very hott and I indispos'd by the wine last night, rise at 8. After meeting in Mr. Bouchiers Chamber at the Court where Assignacions are presently dispatcht, I take a Turn, in pain, into the town. After dinner, my son and I meet Mr. Wright of Cronton at Mr. Kemps, here the wine circles in both colours. I deliver my Watch to him to bee the second time comitted to his uncle Williamson's Care. Hee acquaints mee of Lady Ashburnhams death on the 26th of the last month. Hee treats and go's home to Night. In the Even I turn my pint into cool posset. Mrs. Thane returnd today sees us, wee bring her to her own parlor where shee treats with a pint of good port.

4 I rise about 7, the weather severely hott. I with Mr. Tomson see the News which concludes on a peace at the Treaty of Passarowitz. The Taylor brings mee a full new suit besides a second Coat. After dinner, my son and I set out (as many others) to meet the Bishop, wee call at Warton, set the Bells a ringing, wee meet and are favorably receivd by him on this side Halton Heath, when at the Glass house the whole company is involv'd in a cloud of dust. It is rankt in order, proceeds so to the palace, where the company salute him with 3 Huzzas; they are

reckond about 200. About 20 wait on him into the palace & are receivd with wine. About 8, sent for, I attend his Lordship, hee treats the smal number with good wine & alacrity & talks with great freedom on Busienes, till 10.

5 The weather colour'd with Clouds some hours, recovers to Sun in full glory. My Lord comes to M. prayers. I am there in my new Buff colourd Coat the first time, after Tea take a Turn into the Town, pay Mall Partington 1^{li}.9^s.6^d, Mr. Laurence the Taylor a Guinea, To Alderman Puleston Account 5^{li}, To Mr. Tho. Brook 6^{li}.16.6. In the Evening, I go with Mr. Mayor to his new house, where hee treats mee with a Bottle of port. The work in the Abby Court and Garden is carryd on late till 10. I pay Isaac Beech the Laborer 7^s.6^d, pay to Margaret Evans for 4 weeks Grass for my Mare 12^s, for butter 7^s.

6 The weather warm tho fann'd with a brisk wind. I rise at 8, see with Mr. Tomson the incertain papers. Dr. Thane after absence 3 years, has before the Bishop and throng auditory a good and grave discourse deliverd voce querula et fictitia. My son at his Church wake. After Ev. prayers I attend Mr. Egerton and Mr. Darcy to my Lord Bishop, where a glass of port. I acquaint my Lord with my design'd journey tomorrow; hee orders mee to enquire after the Chapells in the parish of Stockport. About 6 to Dr. Thanes, his Lady treats with a pint of white port. Here for an hour, the great and shocking variety of Lightning, Thunder and rain, yet welcome. After, at home, end the Evening in a domestic pint yet going to bed, on an express from Sir H[enry] B[unbury] my son and I go to him, drink good wine, till 12.

7 Our Family with the company collected go in my Lord and Sir Hen. Bunburys coaches, as many going on foot to the Wakes at Warton. I equip for my journey, indispos'd, leave with my Suzy 5^{li}. After 9 Mr. Hulton, Roberts and I sett out, the day cool & favorable, the Country pleasant and so in my indisposicion vexatious. Wee come to Northwich about ½ hour after 12. Here Mr. Middlehurst joins us, wee have a sordid dinner. Jeffry's the Landlord talks a high Jacobate stile. Wee mount about 5 and come thoro acquainted prospects, to the sign of King George head after 7. After posset to bed. 2^s.6^d.

8 Recover'd in a good Ayr and cleanly lodging. Wee proceed about 8 and at an easy rate, the weather still favorable, and the natural delight of the country more sensibly enjoyd, wee come to Stockport, Mrs. Eaton's (the White Lyon) before 10. After dinner about 1, calling on Tabitha Ardern (Mrs. Thanes Freind, by the way) I go to Mr. Davenports. After a glass of wine & dish of Tea, wee begin the Busienes. Mr. Nicolson produces the Bonds and Books of Account. Mr. Parker is my writeing Assistant, wee go readily on to about 70 Names in Number and 8 a Clock. Wee recreate in good Claret and other Liquors till 10.

9 About 9 I return to Mr. Davenports, proceed an hour, perceive the Error of our Method and alter it, takeing an Account not of Interest paid, but of what is due to the Intestates death, this occasions an Interval to mee and Mr. Nicolson, not Mr. Parker. I divert in the pretty Garden well laid out, in a happy situacion. This is a Bowling day of considerable confluence of Gentlemen. I go to the Green to see Mr. Legh, hee kindly receives & invites mee to Lyme. After complements to others, and a Glass of wine, return to my Busienes, proceed a while, recreate in the same good wine, till 10. (1^s).

10 About 10 wee proceed on the Inventory and finish that Busienes about 12. I dine with Mr. Davenport (the 2nd time). After, I go to the Inn, where the Commission for examining Wittnesses is opend before Mr. Dale. 3 Wittnesses are produced, whom I examine. Dr. Holbrook is here from Manchester to see us. My busienes prevents conversacion with him. After a glass of indifferent wine, to bed about 11.

11 Two wittnesses more are produc'd and examined on Mrs. Bamfords part, and the Commission ended about 11. I draw my Bill for Mr. Davenport wherein attendance 3 daies & Execucion 4^{li}, the rest advance it to 6^{li}.1.8, hee pays mee 6 Guineas. That for Bamford amounts to 4^{li}.8^s.0. After dinner I attend Mr. Davenport, hee treats us as all along with great generosity & good wine. After too many brimmers wee part with him about 5. I call on Mrs. Tabitha, shee gives mee another Tipp. Wee equip and mount about 6 and come in a favorable cool Evening to Altrincham before 8. Exp. (4^s).

12 Indispos'd from the wine and heat yesterday, wee set not hence till 8. Wee come to Dunham Hall and passing are amazd at the suddain Improvements, long and pleasant visto's of Lyme, & in one the Solitary Master; other matters strike our eyes and Fancy. Wee pass to Bollington thence in veiw of Agden to Heatley, thence under [?Outerton] to Lyme, thence thoro Thelwal over Lachford and Stockenheath into the road to Frodsham, where wee dine and fatigu'd with heat and lassitude, I repose some hours. Here I accidentally understand that Mr. Taylor has a fair prospect of a better Benefice and preferment in Ireland, than promis'd Barrow. Wee set hence after 4, and come safe home D.O.M.G. about 6. I refresh in sage posset.

13 This day is remarkably hott. I stay at home till Ev. prayers, at which my Lord Bishop. About 6, My son and I take a Turn on Roodee, I divert in Books and with the family sup only on my pint.

14 The weather cooler, I put Davenports Inquiry into better Form. At M. prayers I procure 2 ounces of Barley sugar to allay my excessive troublesom thirst. I neglect the Glass-house. After dinner am refresht by repose, for Busienes. In the Ev. begin my pint supper, end it about 10.

15 The weather alterd to a dry Storm. I rise before 8. The News concludes a peace betwixt the Turk and the Emperor, and the treaty concerning the Quadruple Alliance 'twixt England and France, tho the Dutch and even the Emperor himself are suspected tardy. My son and I dine at the palace, where wee meet the Chancellor of St. Asaph, Mr. Davie of Tattenhal, Mr. Marshal. After 4 Mr. Chancellor comes with mee, sits an hour. At 6 I return to my Lord ingag'd in fresh company. Mr. Legh of Booths and Mr. Allen give Account of Mr. Robinson of Knutsford his furious irregularity. After this, my Lord with great freedom shews mee the method of his Notitia of the Diocese and desires my assistance, and gives mee improv'd Catalogues of the Churches and Chapells in the diocese to bee enter'd in the registry. I return cheerfully to my ambulatory pint supper. (2^s).

16 I apply to the perfecting the Inventory of Davenport and the return of the Commission for Examinacions. After E. prayers, in the office on Busienes. My Cosen Holt comes & surprizes, tho not unexpectd. After 6, I go to Alderman Pulestons, where Mr. Jones of Bangor, Alderman Partington, Mr. Kenric are join'd in a Gallon of French from Mr. Dyson, which easily circulates till 9, when I leave them.

17 At 9 I attend my Lord when Mr. Robinson of Knutsford and his wife appear (on Mr. Stratfords Letter) before him. My Lord with short preface enters on the Facts delated against them, which they generally deny, defend themselves with some succes, and strongly recriminate. Her mein and person exceedingly differ, from Affidavits, even to distrust. His natural roughness, ready relation of his behavior, simple confession of some, and bold contradiction to other Facts, seem to balance the complaint. My Lord requires that they represent their part of the Action with such sincerity as they will, if requird, confirm it by oath, That they will, by Letter, propose their desire of reconciliacion to Mr. Legh, and that hee in a sermon directly take notice of the Matter which has given so public offence, and express his being sorry in case hee, or his wife, gave any occasion of it. Then dismiss them. My Lord lends mee his Case about denying Mr. Peplos Qualificacion. A Court is held before Dr. Thane in Mr. Bouchers chamber by consent. I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Sherwin. In the Ev. at the White Lyon with Mr. Fleetwood of Huyton &c, wee drink wine 3 pints, the rest Ale, part about 12. The weather to rain.

18 Indispos'd from the sharpnes and quantity of the wine last night, I rise after 7. The News gives Account that King Philip of Spain was proclaimd in Palermo, King of Sicily. Upon which the (Savoyarde) King applys to England & France for 1800 Men according to Treaty for Assistance. A constant welcom rain falls almost all day. Mr. Jones of Bangor dines with us. I give my daughter Lydia part of her Allowance, 1^{li}. About 7 my cozn. Holt, my son and I take a Turn in the Town. Try Mr. Dysons Cellar, order thence and join for a Gallon of old port, 3 Bottles of which wee solace over in my Kitchin, till 12. (1^s.8).

19 Too hot from the wine last night. I rise about 8. The rains continue. I bring back my Lords case about Mr. Peplo's Qualificacion, to him, before M. prayers. I pay Mr. Jordan for the work about the drain in the Abby Court 4^{li}.15^s. (the 40^s I paid him before included). For three Measures of wheat 15^s.3^d. About 6 my Lord Bishop and Mrs. Gastrel visit us, wee treat them with a Bottle of old French, the rest of which makes my ambulatory Supper.

20 The weather still disposd to rain. I rise about 7, see litle of the News added to the last. I first put on my better new suit. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse on the seeing & knowing of God, not as in a Glass, but Face to Face. My son at Warton. After E. prayers my cozn. Holt, son and I take a walk by my Lord Derby's House, to the Hadlands. After, invited, my whole Family go and sup with Sir Hen. Bunbury, where Sir Tho. Hanmer the cheif Guest, Capt Pennant, Jos. Bunbury and Mr. Kendric make up the company. Sir Hen. in elevated temper promotes healths & hastens the excellent O'Bryan. Sir Tho. shares more in the conversacion than wine, which is carryd to 1 a clock. (1^s).

21 My wine and indisposicion keep mee in pain and bed past 9. I indevor in books in vain, to divert. I pay 1 Quarters Tax for the Dean Rurals office 7^s.6^d, receive from Mr. Tolley of Worcestre 6^s.8^d. It continues rainy. I omitt my going to the Glass-House and after repose, apply to busienes. About 6 my cozn. Holt, my son and I go down to Alderman Bennet, hee entertains us civilly with 2 Bottles of new French of either Colour, wee part about 10.

22 My indisposicion continu'd by the new wine. The news still in the Clouds, nor

busienes nor Books are acceptable. I introduce my Cozn. Holt to my Lord, and dine with him. Mr. Wilbraham of the Townsend, Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Low & Dr. Hancock are there. I retreat about 3 to my Chamber, endeavor at repose, but can't compas the fugitive happines. I divert the Evening in Books and with my cozn. Holt & family, take my pint Supper. (1^s).

23 Refresh't by competent sleep, rise at 7. I give my Suzy 7^s. At M. prayers where I deliver to my Lord an Abstract about Disley, Hambleton and Farnworth Chapells. After Tea, step into the Town, with Cozn. Holt. After 4 my cozn. Holt, my son and I walk to Newton, see Dr. Griffiths plan risen above Ground. The Dr. go's with us and in Mr. Hurstons absence entertains us at his House, wee drink the Family and other good Healths in 2 Bottles of good Claret, come home, in a fair Evening, and half the Moon, about 10.

24 From unhappy indevor to repose, I rise indispos'd about 8. At the Court Dr. Thane Surrogate, many Assignacions and little Busienes. After it, in the Town. I pay Mr. Laurence for makeing my Wastcoat 4^s. Give my Neece Moulding at her desire by Peggy 1^{li}, to my Suzy going to Christleton, 7^s.6^d. After dinner refresh by repose. And after a Turn on the Walls with my Cozn. Holt and my son, wee go to the Coach and Horses where Mr. Roberts comes to us, wee call in Mr. Kemp who assists in 3 Bottles, and diverts with his History of Capt. Boyls exploits, over them till 11. (2^s:6^d).

25 St. James day. From the quantity and newnes of the wine last night I am exceedingly inflam'd and disorderd, divert as much as I can in Books. After dinner & repose, refresh't to a great degree. In the Ev. begin my ambulatory supper in a pint of Dyson, to which my son adds a Bottle of Margoa as treat to my cozn. Holt, which wee finish about 11.

26 I rise about 7, not yet perfectly recover'd. After M. prayers into the Town, pay Mall Partington 2^{li}.1^s, Mr. R. Massie 9^s.6 for the Materials of my silk wastcoat. Mr. Aldersey having sent yong Mr. Allen without Title or Testimonial for Deacons Orders, in his difficulty I draw the later for him. Sir William Meredith and my cozn. Holt (with others) subscribe it, in compassion. Hee dines with us. After dinner, repose. Sir Tho. Hanmer at 6, sees us. At 7, I go with him to Dr. Thane where Sir Hen. Bunbury, my Lady and two daughters meet him. A hansom supper about 9 and 2 Flasks of Sir Henry's good Claret carry the treat to 11.

27 The indisposition from wine continues. I rise about 8. Dr. Thane has his good old discourse on the subject of their ordination and office in the full Quire to Candidates for Orders. I invite Mr. Brook and hee drinks Tea with mee, after the sermon. The weather after noon go's extremely hott. I retire till prayers. After which with his son Thomas, wait on the Bishop. The Case of Mr. Peploe is mostly mencion'd. About 8 Sir Tho. Hanmer and Sir Henry Bunbury, in different Ayrs come in. Sir Henry promotes discourse about the [?72] Translators with adicional Spirit to his own, from wine. Wee part after 10. After with my son & Cozn. Holt, [in] Margoa.

28 Awak'd from the spirits of wine and suggestions of busienes, very early. I rise about 5. Write to Sir Roger Bradshaigh direccions about the Deeds concerning the Galery for the Corporacion.¹¹ To Mr. Aldersey about the Moot-Hall and to Mr.

11 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1718) No. 17, Wigan.

Knife about Spenithorn.¹² I give my daughter Eleanor 5s. After Tea, my Cozn. Holt and his daughter Loveday takeing Nelly with them, return for Wigan. To Robert attending on them, 5s. The weather excessive hott, perswades rather to retreat than the Glass-house. In the Evening my S. and I wait on my Lord. Stay supper, are treated with free Civility and good wine till 10.

29 After more successful rest, rise before 7. After, the News which confirms the promise of a Peace betwixt the Emperor and Grand-Signior for 25 years. I see the Bishop and his Lady take Coach. His Lordship designing to confirm, this day, at Frodsham, tomorrow at Warrington, Thursday at Liverpool and, by Speake and Norton, to return on Saturday. Miss Gastrel dines with us and (about 13 years of Age) shews proof of the memory, spirit and precoccy. The weather after dinner hott & perswadeing, I retire. After (with great complacent pleasure) read Nepos his Life of Atticus. After that and 9, recreate over my equal ambulatory & sedentary pint, till 11.

30 I rise after 7, the weather very hott. I drink Tea at Alderman Partingtons with Mrs. Beech about 11. Robert returns in the night about 12 from Wigan & comes hither about 7. Hee brings from Mr. Ashburner 6 Bottles and a pint of Brandy with him. I see Mrs. Thane and the Dr. before dinner, shee gives some hopes of removing the obstacle in the passage. Miss Gastrel dines today agen with us. After dinner, I recurr to repose. After E. prayers and some busienes, I take my pint supper with yong Mr. Payn & Leftwich, they drinking Ale, in my son's study.

31 Not successfull in sleep. About 6 terrible Thunder and violent rain affright us, our Court and Gardens about are turnd to Canals. Yet, but with diffidence, prepare for my journey to St. Asaph. The last Court of this Term before Dr. Thane has many Assignacions, but 3 Decrees, 1 of Wigan, 2 of Liverpool, about Seats. The weather still rainy, easily dissuades my journey, & turns to stay & repose. After E. prayers Dr. Thane & his Lady drink Tea with us. After I commence my pint supper, pay James Cottingham for a new Wig and box to put it in, 1^{li}.18s.

AUGUST 1 I rise after better sleep about 7, see the News with Mr. Thomson, with little Satisfaction. On this Auguracion Anniversary, Dr. Fogg has a sermon on 'Lord give the King thy judgment and thy righteousness to the Kings son', a good discourse, artificial, and yet in some parts plainly applys the words to the King and the Prince. I divert in Books, receive and sign Mr. Roberts Accounts of the last Visitation for the Busienes of it, remarkable and great, the balance of the Account beside 80^{li} receivd in and since the Visitation amounts to 86^{li}:16s:2^d which I receive mostly in Gold. After dinner short repose & prayers to bee free from the noise & engagements of the Town on the days occasion. I walk towards Christleton, am at the Glass-house, by my Freind Witter diverted into the Barn, where the 2 Hurlestons, Mr. Townsend, Ward, Maynard & others making a Circle of 24. I quickly leaving my 6^d withdraw, retreat in a fine Evening to my Book & pint supper.

2 Rise before 8, the weather doubtfull. Apply to Books and Busienes. At M.

12 L.D.A., Spennithorne Parish Papers, CD/PB/8.

prayers, pay Margaret Evans for Butter 6^s. Miss Gastrel dines with us the third time. I recede to repose. In the Evening go, my son with mee, to Alderman Bennets & Mr. Dysons to inquire after Burgundy, with design to make a present of that sort to my Lord Bishop, but in vain. Return at 9 to my Chamber & pint supper.

3 About 9 in a fair morning, my son and I set out, come to Eaton, are civilly receivd by Sir Richard and my Lady Grosvenor. After Tea wee go to the Chapel where Mr. Dennis, who assumes a Master of Arts Gown, reads the prayers, my son preaches on [*blank*] the Congregation is domestic only. After a good dinner wee recede to the smoaking room. Here liquor of all sorts load the Table and circulate, the company about 8. Alderman Sayer enters, takes his seat, says a few words of Mr. Wilson as proper to succeed Alderman Hoghton. Mr. Pigot takes up the corporacion busienes with assumeing, as all along a free one. After prayers, about 5 to supper, that late over, Sir Richard maugre all advice, calls fresh for Hermitage, which is disposd of too familiarly. I reckon 5 Bottles of that 1 of Burgundy, beside Graves, port, strong Beer and Ale. After a showr, and the Moon advanct, Wee tho very kindly presst to stay, take hors about 11 and, leaving my daughter Lydia (who had bin a week at Eaton) come safe in a delicate night about 12. (2^s).

4 Indispos'd from the rich wines, the quantity and late season of the night. I complain & creeping in Books, while away the hours at home. In the Even, venture on a pint supper.

5 Not yet recover'd, bestow this day as the last in reading and complaint. I pay Alderman Minshal my Exhibicion to the Charity school, keep up the Flame with my pint supper. 5^s.

6 Mr. Boucher and Roberts go for Oxford. I send by the later to Ned Holt 2^s. 6. At Ev. prayers, invited, I go to my Lord about 7, hee receives mee with great freedom & candor.

7 I am very much recreated with my Entertainment last night, and pass the day in joy. My Lord confirms, in the morning, some of the Youth from Wirral, rejoice over my pint.

8 Wee invite my Lord to Warton, on Munday. I send him my Monasticon Anglican[?]. I pay the milk woman 1^{li}:2^s, to my S. towards the Treat at Warton, 1^{li}:1^s. In the Evening Mr. Holland and I drink a Bottle of good old Claret, at the Ship. (1^s.6).

9 The weather, as all the week, warm and kindly. I give my daughter Lydia (going to Broughton with Mrs. Phil Whiteal, who had bin here a week) 5^s. I with Mr. Tomson go to Alderman Bennet, try his wine and Mum. Sir T. Hanmer sends us a Hanch of venison. I give his Keeper 3^s.6^d. In the Even, my pint supper.

10 My Lord has an excellent and metaphisical discourse on the last clause of 23v. of the 23 Chapter of St. Matthew. My son preaches at Eaton, where Lord Gower, Mr. Corbet, Kinaston, Mr. Watkin, Williams. I with my Suzy, Peggy and Son Will, dine at the palace. I recede at 2, refresh to Ev. prayers, and in the Ev. invited, wee attend my Lord and his Lady, at Mrs. Thanes neat entertainment, and 1 Flask. Mrs. Thane pretty freely mentions Mr. Henchmans entertainment of her in the language & air hee uses in his school. (1^s).

11 After Morning prayers wee (my S. in My Lords coach) set out and come to Warton. Here is all the Apparatus wee coud make. The dinner, of which the Hanch

roasted is chief, is full and decent attended with good Beer, Ale and Wine, the Entertainment seems very acceptable. The mention of Mrs. Gastrels Birth-day & that of our Marriag (this the 31 anniversary) gives an Ayr to it and Circulacion to the Glasses. After dinner his Lordship sees the Church, takes a Turn about the Garden, Orchard, & Croft, After which a fresh Bottle brings the sun Norward. After Mr. Stratford had distributed my Lords Gifts to the Ringers and servants (11^s) they take Coach. The Neighbours come & share the remainder of the Entertainment. I return on foot at a good rate (about an hour), come warm in a sweat to the palace, where wee invited, stay supper and in good wine, repeat happines to the double Anniversary, stay till the News comes & is read and return thoro the Broad Isle about 11.

12 I am very sensible of cold contracted in the larg dineing room after my walk last night, and indispos'd ly in and upon my bed most of the day, fevorish & fasting. The Firmars bring 3 larg Loads of good hay from Warton & are well entertaind. I pay the Laborers for carrying and houseing the Hay 3^s.6^d.

13 After a remarkable Dream of Apparitions of the better sort and good rest, I rise D.G. well recover'd. After 7 my Lord go's for Malpas to confirm, from thence to Bettisfeild with purpose to confirm at Hanmer. After 9 begins Thunder and lightning, attended with great showers all which continue 2 Hours. After M. prayers and Tea, in a clear Interval, I take a Turn on the Walls. After E. prayers and Busienes, meeting Mr. Henchman on the Walls, wee go, calling on Mr. Holland, to the Ship, where have only 1 Bottle old Claret and here about ½ hour after 8, wee are told that my old Freind Mr. Tho. Cowper was a few minuits before departed. *Det Deus rectius vivere.* (1^s).

14 After an unhappy Night without sleep, hott and indispos'd, rise about 9. Mrs. Middeltons Maid and Griffith from Llanryd call on mee, the weather very hott. About 11 passing by, Dr. Fogg gives mee a glass of Mum-like Beer. I receive a Letter from Mr. Lloyd of Gwernhalyd, about Broughton Commission and after repose & E. prayers answer it. After, betake mee to my ambulatory supper.

15 Much more refresht by sleep and a Loosenes which I hope proceeds only from Rhabarbarus taken some daies ago. Peggy receives Kens Letter showing his great Fears of the plague in London, to disperse the infeccion, Guns from the Towr are fir'd and Nellys giving a particular Account of Roberts rude behavior to my cozn. Holt, and very contemptuous of myself when last at Wigan. Hence I resolve as soon as I can meet with another Servant to part with him. After M. prayers, Tea. After dinner and Ev. prayers, apply to read part of Dr. Hicks Constitution of the Catholic Church over my pint supper.

16 After 9 Mr. Stratford and I rise in a favorable morning, set out, and calling at the Vicarage of Gr[esford] where wee are told Mr. Chancellor is at Garthewen, wee come to Wrexham before 12, order a Dinner for my Lord in his return from Bettisfeild. I go to my Cozn. Moreton, by whose lodging the Coach passes after 12. I attend him and Mr. Gastrel to the Church, they like it and its prospects. After dinner, I send for Mr. Price and Mr. Jones, the late and present Vicars, they are cheerfully received by my Lord and stay about an hour with him. Mr. Lloyd of Gwern-haylid meets mee & Mr. Stringer here about Broughton Commission and tis agreed to meet there on Wedensday in order to adjourn it a week longer. After 4

wee set hence, the coach is driven at a great rate thro the prospects. Wee come by Gresford and to Chester D.G. safely about 7. I write to Mr. Moulding about the adjournment of the Commission, pay the Washwoman 1^{li}.10^s.

17 The weather hott and sultry. I see the News, wherein Sicily the subject of the politic discourse. My son has the same Sermon in the Quire as at Eaton. After Ev. prayers I proceed in Dr. Hicks till when upon my Lords invitacion (in the Church) my son and I go to the palace, where my S. before us. His Lordship and Mr. Gastrel entertain us with kind freedom at Supper and wine till 10. (1^s).

18 From a sharp and severe pain in my Teeth, I sleep not till 4, after with intermissions. I prepare for my journey but am diffident about it upon my pain continu'd. After dinner I sitt but do not repose. At 5 my son & I with others attend at Alderman Partingtons on Mr. Cowpers Obsequies, they are decent, the Corps born by Sir [R.] Grosvenor, Mr. Hurleston, Shakerley, Langford, Blackburn, Cottingham, interr'd in St. Peters after 6. I after recurr to my chamber & pint supper.

19 More successful in sleep, I rise about 7. The weather hot and sultry. I with Mr. Tomson see the News, yet misterious in the Mediterranean & Baltick. I yet defer my journey (on Account of my pains) to St. Asaph. I see my Lord at M. prayers, deliver my draught of a Monicion about Mr. T. Kenyon his seat in Hanmer Church,¹³ which hee approves. I read further in Dr. Hickes and divert in Lealand, prepare still for my journey. About 5, invited by Mr. Hall and Bryars, Vicars of Poolton & Bolton iuxta Arenas, go with them and Mr. Stratford to the Ship, where wee have 2 Bottles of good Claret, part at 8. I write and inclose the Monicion to Mr. Pemberton, receive from Jeffry 3^{li}.3^s.

20 The morning fair & favorable. I rise at 6, equip. Give my Suzy 1^{li}.10^s, to the 2 children at home 1^s.4. I set out about 9 at an easy and constant rate, come to Llanrydd at 1, find Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Middelton at dinner, stay with them till 5, thence cross the Vale to Bohumbet Park, thence by Llanryder, Whitach, Llanerch to St. Asaph at 8. I come thirsty to Gwernygryn and solace in posset. I observe all along, even in the mountains, people cheerfully busy in a most plentiful harvest. (1^s). Pay Robert laid out 5^s.

21 After Tea, about 10, I go to St. Asaph, attend the Bishop and Chancellor at the palace, thence to the prayers and Court, wee dine at the palace. I examine 3 Wittnesses against Hughes. After at Mr. Mouldings new house, where (Llewis) his Tenant has a glass of good Claret. My Brother Evans, Mr. Moulding and I, are in a mixt company, drink our pints and to Gwernygryn about 9. (3^s).

22 Divert in Books and Tea till prayers, return to dinner, after that relax in Ale and old Beer till 5. My brother Evans and I take a cool walk to the Town. Mr. Gerard acknowledges my freindly offices to his unfortunate Sister. Invites us to his House and there treats us with a Bottle of Llewis's Claret.

23 The weather still favorable, about 9 my Brother Evans and I set out and by Llan Ivi and Pont Quithi come to Garthewin, Mr. Chancellors house, after 11. Here hee builds a new range or Front of 3 stories to a part of the Ould house, in an

13 C.R.O., Court Books, 1718, EDC.1/107-8.

unhappy situation & prospect, scarce extending beyond his own property. Mr. Shackerley and Mr. Lloyd of Mould interlope in our dinner, after which wee are cheerfull over the Bottld Ale. Mr. Robert of Bettus (now Major Domus) is part of the diversion. I give the workmen (in sixpences) 5^s, to other servants 1^s.6. Wee come back over the mountains in a fine & fanciful prospect of the Sea.

24 About 10 wee come to the Church after prayers begun. Mr. Richards the Bishops new Chaplain has a good and grave discourse on religious conduct of and prayers in a Family. Wee all (save sister Evans) dine with My Lord Bishop. After Ev. prayers to the New house & good wine with Mr. Ed. Mostyn, Howel, Loyd &c who almost treat us. My pain of Gums all along continu'd, but is this night excessive. (3^s).

25 The weather continues happily to the Reaper. Alderman Puleston returns (after 3 days) to Chester. Mr. Moulding comes accounts and pays mee the Balance (since 3^d of May) 30^{li}.4^s.4^d. Wee have discourse on his son Jeffrey and promise mutual help to him & his wife. He dines and after in good Beer and Ale relaxes with us. About 6 my Bro. Evans & I go to the good wine. Mr. Babington and Moulding meet us here. I treat them with 2 Bottles they return it in 1.

26 I rise before 7, make ready. Give Mr. Evans an Account of the 10^{li}.13.6 I paid my sister in Febr. last. Hee gives mee a receipt only for 5^{li}.13.6^d. as paid 17 Apr. last & Account that so there remains of the last years interest 1:16:6. I give John Spann 2^s.6, to the servants 3^s, to the poor 2^s.4^d. I wait on my Lord Bishop, find him reading the Account of the Engagement and Action betwixt the British and Spanish Fleets near Syracuse, transported with success. I take my leave, mount at 11, come to Mould (by Mole a gair) about 1, dine on rashers at the Red Lyon, part in a pint of good Claret, pay 2^s.6, proceed after 6, return D.G. safe home after 8. I refresh in posset, and take Elixir. My son informs mee that on the 21 the Square or Area betwixt this house and the Cloister were confirmd to him in Chapter while hee continues Prebendary.

27 Indispos'd by my journey and phisic, rise not till 9. I pay Mr. Parry for a Hatt 10^s, Mr. Manning for a pair of shoos 4^s, stay at home retir'd in repose and Books all day. In the Evening I recreate in the decem Scriptoros over my pint of white port.

28 The weather excessive hott. I see Mr. Gastrell Commissary before prayers. Mr. Chancellor, who returnd last night, meets the Bishop and Commissary¹⁴ there. Mr. Hurlestons daughter Jane is declar'd Christened and received into the Church, after 11. We are invited, my Suzy and son go to Newton, my self at Mr. Chancellors desire, dine with my Lord where Mr. Commissary his fair spruce Lady and Mr. Cowper. My Lord is generous and diverting, and (at which I do not alone rejoice) not a word spoken of the warm controversy. Wee recede after 3, I to my Chamber, my Busienes and my pint of white. (2^s).

29 I prepare for my journey, leave a Guinea with my Suzy and pay Peggy part of her Allowance 10^s. Mr. Stratford and I set out after 9, come to Wrexham about 12, where, at Mr. William Collins (the sign of the Georg) wee meet with the

14 Letters Patent appointing Peregrine Gastrell as commissary of Richmond, C.R.O., Bishop's Register, EDA2/4.

Comissioners vidt Mr. Jones, Rector of Bangor, Mr. Jones, Vicar and Mr. Jones Curat at Wrexham, wee dine. Mr. Lloyd of Gwernhaylid is here on Mrs. Broughtons Account, Mr. Geo. Carleton & himself on Mr. Aquila Wyke's part. About 2 Mr. Stratford as Substitute to Mr. Geo. Sayer produces 7 Wittnesses in the presence of Mr. Carleton Substitute to Mr. Mark Holman. I examine 2 Wittnesses, Alice Rowland an impatient old woman and Arthur Sandiland, in whose Examinacion about 7 the Moon is almost totally eclips'd. I after in company relax over my distinct pint of white port & to bed about 11.

30 After Tea begin on Rose Parry and examin her and Kenrick Povah, indispos'd from the constant ingrateful noise of Carts and Dogs all the last night beside the heat of the day. I recreate in my pint in the same company.

31 Not recover'd tho less disturb'd. I see the news wherein Secretary Craggs Letter and the Spanish resident his answer, about the defeat of the Spanish Fleet, are printed. Mr. Appleton, the schoolMaster here, has a Sermon deliver'd with a prompt voice. Invited by my sister & Nephew Puleston, I dine at Havod y wern, where the Entertainment is frugal & mean. My Nephew walks with mee (tho the weather hot) to Marchweil where Mr. Jones Vicar of Wrexham reads the prayers (only) in Welsh. I see the Monument of Ed. Broughton father of the Minors in the Cause. Wee call with Mr. Jones at Mr. Griffiths. After proceed by Marchweil hall and take notice of its fine retir'd situacion. My Nephew gives mee an Account of the controversy between Mr. Meller and him about the Miln. I go to the Red Lyon and drink my pint with Mr. Carlton, who discovers, in his liquor, a peevish humor & pett against Mr. Lloyd, but at my request, represses it. I chang my Lodging for a more quiet one at Mr. Midletons the Apothecary.

SEPTEMBER 1 I am (D.G.) well refresht. About 9 begin on Mrs. Wright. Dinner (now at the Red Lyon) intervenes. I examin her and Henry Dunbavand, a duller Witnes about 9, relax as above.

2 After successfull sleep, easy. The weather (tho September begun) schorching. I examine Mary Worrall. Wee dine at the Georg. After after dinner the Commissioners adjourn the Commission at the desire of both Substitutes (tho Mr. Stratford return'd this morning) to this place Friday next afternoon. Mr. Carleton for examining the Wittnesses on Interrogatorys pays mee 2 Guineas. Wee drink a Glass after dinner. Equipt and returning, Mr. Jones, Rector and I drink Tea with Mrs. Travis, mount there near 6, come at a good rate, the Even cool, safe D.G. before 8. I go to Mr. Kemps, find Dr. Phipps, my cozn. Parr & my son togeather. Sitt (after salutacions over) and drink French Claret and part after 10. (2^s).

3 After Tea Dr. Phipps, my Cozn. Parr, my son and I take a Turn into the Town. Wee go to Alderman Bennets Cellar, and tast several Wines. I order John, his Cooper, to send 6 Gallons of Pontac and 6 Gallons of Margoa in the Evening (which hee did) to the palace & Lord Bishops Cellar. They dine with us. After that they are diverted over wine, with my Coins. Att 6, wee meet Mr. Chancellor at the Ship, here matter of Jurisdiccion and the Profession are with various temper handled. Mr. Roberts comes to us. My cozn. Parr, as by present from Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, pays 10^s for the 4 Bottles of old Claret. Wee part after 10. Given my Suzy 7^s. Paid Tho. Roberts on Account 1^{li}.1:0^d.

4 My cozn. Parr and my son go to Warton and Eaton. I am at M. prayers. After these over, my Lord (in the Broad Isle) tells mee hee is in doubt whether hee should thank or chide mee for my present, I answer 'twas a small expression of my gratitude and beg his Acceptance of it. He reply'd There was another, than the chargable way, more acceptable to him. I return to my Chamber and Busienes. About 3 a vehement showr falls, in an hour, makes a Canal in the Garden. About 5 Dr. Phipps comes, wee on the Walls and the dinner spoyle, expect the return of my Cozn. Parr and my son. At 6, impatient, set down to dinner, they having din'd at Eaton, return. Wee drink 2 Bottles of wine, and after 8, Dr. Phipps, having taken the Coach, for the morning, takes leave with us. I after apply to the drawing of a Certificate of the Execution of the Commission.

5 A favorable and cool Morning. The papers confirm the News of the defeat of the Spanish Fleet. My Cozn. Parr and my son go towards Warton on Coursing. I go on with my Certificate and after dinner about 3 Mr. Stringer, Jeffry and I set out & come to Wrexham about 5. Before Mr. Jones the Curat, the Commission is adjourn'd in Crastinum. The Judges & Sherif come in about 8. I see Mr. Bunbury at his Chamber, drink my pint and go Mrs. Becches at 10.

6 After extraordinary repose in a decent cleanly retreat, I rise refresht about 7 in a delicate morning. The sermon and Assizes retard our busienes. My cozn. Parr and my son come hither. The Commissioners come and the Sherif (Jones) and his Deputy (Parry) dine with us. I examine Thory the Judges Clerk on an exhibition, the Copy of an Act of Parliament, proceed in dispatch of this Commission and another to take Mr. Wykes answer. About 6 my son returns to Chester, my Cozn. Parr and I hasten to March weil, examin a Copy with the original of the Coat of Arms & Inscripton on the Tomb of Ed. Broughton, Father of the Minors in the Cause, return about 7. Close and superscribe the Commissions. Mr. Carleton gives mee a Guinea for that about the Answer, Mr. Lloyd 8 Guineas for that for examining Wittnesses. Wee drink a free & cheerful Glass after, and to bed after 11.

7 I rise about 6 hott and indispos'd in a charming morning yet troublesom to mee. After preparacion Tea and ratiphea in my decent Quarters. My cozn. Parr calls. I mount about 9, wee come home [?thro] a delicate prospect & weather safe D.G. to my Corner about 11. Wee dine, I stay at home and repose. My Coz. Parr drinks after supper a Bottle with us in the Evening, when I take my pint. (2^s).

8 Recoverd of the Fatigue, rise about 8. At M. prayers, after which Dr. Fogg speaks with some warmth to mee about carrying Coals thoro the Entry to our house. Hee denies not the right, but insists on the Omission as a neighborly kindnes. I call on my Coz. Parr at the Coffee house. Invited, my cozn. Parr, my son, Mr. Str., Roberts & I dine with Mr. Henchman, after dinner drink Pontac. After Ev. prayers, My son and I wait on my Lord where my Suzy subscribes twenty shillings per A. to a charitable maintenance of Girles at the scool and pays twenty shillings in hand toward choathing [sic]. This Charity is propos'd by Mrs. Gastrel and promoted by other Ladies. After a Turn on the Bowlinggreen my son & I come thence with my Cozn. Parr to his Inn (Mr. Kemps) where hee treats us with 2 Bottles of Pontac which cost him 7^s. Wee part after 10. I give Jeffry ½ a Guinea.

9 I go about 8 to my Cozn. Parr, wee read the News papers. I (after) with my S. & son wait on my Lord ready to take coach. My Lord takes Mr. Hulton and mee

aside, complains of our remissnes in proceeding against persons presented. Hee hears not what wee say of the Charges of such proces, and aversnes of the wardens to undertake it but still presses it, with more zeal, to have them condignly punish'd, than consideracion how the Expences are to bee supported. Hee takes Coach about 9. My Cozn. Parr drinks Tea with us, produces his Accounts of Expences on Kens account and of the 2 last payments of the First Fruits of Warton to mee and my son, amounting to 21^{li}.7.7. My son pays his part 10^{li}.19:8. On mine 10^{li}.7:11 is deducted for smal sums, 1^{li}.11s.2 received by him for mee. I pay on an older Account of my late Cozn. Parr 1^{li}.9.1. Hee then pays mee 2 Guineas, Legacies left by my said Cozn. Parr to mee & Harry. Hee (with Mr. Millet his companion) in Boots and spurs, dines with us, but, by importunity, is prevaild with to stay till tomorrow. About ½ hour after 3 wee take horse, ride to Mr. Townsends, who absent, wee extend the Ayring to Newton, find a promiscuous company with Mr. Hurleston. My son & I see Mr. Massie, now recovering, in his chamber. Wee return about 7. At supper 3 pints of old port. After as parting in more polite and freindly manner my son adds a Bottle of Margoa, this ends about 11.

10 Wee rise early and equip. And after a Candle of Brandy & Eggs beat together, my cozn. Parr, my son & I about ½ hour after 8 in fine cool weather mount, and keeping a sharp rate, come to Northwich (after a pint of white wine at Sandyway) before 12. Here, wee find Mr. Ashton (of Prestwich) and his daughter Dolly returning from Chester dissappointed of her Confirmacion. Wee dine of good things, meanly orderd. Wee go to see the place of the rock-salt belonging to the Baron of Kinderton. My son go's down into the great Vault, and gives an Account of it. My Cozn. Parr treats us here at a considerable Charge. Wee take leave & commend him to Mr. Ashtons conduct and part (too late) about 5. My son & I maintain a very sharp rate, and return, tho without starrs (D.G.) safe about 8. (1s.6d).

11 At home in Busienes and Books till Evening prayers. After which, I return to my Chamber and Busienes over my domestic pint.

12 I have unhappy hours this night, rise about 8. My son Harry, who came from Leverpool on Wedensday morning, to see us, returns today. I am very much indispos'd and wear out the time in Books and repose till 5. After a Turn into the Town and on the Walls, in my chamber where Mrs. Thane visits us, over my pint. Mr. Griffith, the stamp Inspector, did his Office, in mine, today.

13 In a delicate Morning, I rise more happily recover'd. Apply to Busienes, call at Mr. Hultons where Mrs. Betty entertains mee with a History of Mr. Vernons Great Hospitality and Furniture of his House. After Tea at home, take a walk almost about the Walls, meet with Mr. Gamul who tells mee Mr. Scarisbrick was, with difficulty acquitted upon his Trial Tuesday last. About 4, sent for, see Mr. Egerton, who kindly repeats his invitacion of mee to Oulton. I pay for 3 M. of wheat at 4s.9d the M. 14s:3d. To Robert for Expenses by him, 3s:4d. At 6, retire to my room & pint. For a pair of Gloves 2s.

14 The weather yet fair and turning cool. I with my Suzy stay at home. My son returns from Warton to dinner, yong Raph Gorst dines with us. After Ev. prayers and a short Turn of Walk, my son and I go to Alderman Puleston. Hee treats us with 2 Bottles of good (Fownds) French in which comes Capt. Mackay of the

pacquet Boats. Hee, tho a Whig, appears a well travail'd and bred Tarr, talks of Rome, Italy & Vienna not as Travailer Only (having seen the places) but a Scholar; wee part after 9.

15 I rise well refresht with sleep into a fine day. Apply to busienes before & after M. prayers. Give my daughter Lydia, going to Halghton, 5^s. About 12, my son and I walk (invited by him) to Dr. Griffiths new House, at Newton (the Rearing). A dinner of several Tables is prepar'd, over against it, at the 1st, Capt. Hurleston, Mr. Massie, the Dr., Mr. Daniel, my son and self, where much (and 2 Flasks good) wine, at the rest the workmen, about whom a larg Copper of Ale circulates, in the Din and confusion of Builders language. Mr. Hurleston and Massie give each 5^s, my son and I each 2^s. 6. About 5 wee remove to (as they call it) the Hall, where 2 Bottles of wine and Sider, go round (after a grateful repast of cold roast Beef) till 7, when, with Mr. Rimmer and Carrington, wee return, darkling, to Chester.

16 After good (tho interrupted sleep), rise about 7. The Carpenter begins in the 2 little Garretts. I drink Coffee at Mr. Hultons. After M. prayers apply to Busienes, walk thoro the Deans House. After Dinner Mrs. Wainwright is here endeavoring to divert her Indisposicion. After Ev. prayers I with more earnestnes, than at 2 other Times, apply to Alderman Minshal to be reconcil'd to the blind old Man (Mercer) and to revoke the order to send him to Clithero. Hee parts with mee as obstinate. After a Turn, in vain, to Alderman Bennets with my son, to my chamber, my Books & pint. (2^s). I send (by his own servant) an old Lancashire Cheese to Mr. Massie at Newton.

17 I rise well refresht tho my sleep interrupted, about 7, apply to Busienes. Mr. Tomson acquaints mee from him of Alderman Minshals reconciliation with the old Man and recalling the prosecution, for my sake. I acquaint Mr. Hulton's family with it. The Dean is at M. & Ev. prayers. After these and another vain step to Alderman Bennets, I return to my chamber, my Books and pint, pay a Laborer 10^d, give 1^s.

18 The weather still delicate. The Judges (Cowper and Jeffrys) who came yesterday to Town come long expected, to prayers. Mr. Gibbons of Namptwich preaches (the 2nd time) before them 1 Ep. St. Peter 2.13, well proves the necessity of the Magistrates authority & obedience to it, proves all Government from God, but denys that hereditary succession has any foundation in Scripture, magnifies the virtues and late successes of the King. The quarrel last night twixt Mr. Dockeril and Francis is the discourse and concern of the neighbors. After dinner and 3 a Clock, Mr. Tomson and I walk (the ayr fine, the way dusty) to Christleton. Mr. Townsend entertains us with welcom and 3 Tankards of good Ale, wee return in a sweet Even, under a new moon about 7. I recreate in my domestic pint.

19 Good repose and good weather. Before and after M. prayers in Busienes and Books. Go down to the Hall where small Actions are then before the Judges. Here I see yong Mr. Wainwright and Hulton, in their Gowns, at the Barr. After Ev. prayers and a Turn in the Town and over the Walls, to my Corner where supper is ready. My son, Dr. Thane and Mr. Henchman expect the Dean, who comes after 7. The supper (tho decent and mostly Fish) is rather tasted than eat. 3 Bottles of my sons Margoa circulate. The Dean shews a generous temper towards Charles Hughs and for reforming the nuisance on Dr. Thanes house tho the Dr. is

still slow. The Dr. shows us an unmannerly Letter to him with reflections on his Sermon (1 Oct. last) and sense, variety of discourse, brings up the Time to 12. This afternoon the Area between this house and the Maidens Isle (the passage excepted) was more formally (in Chapter) assign'd to my Son while he continues Prebendary. (6^s).

20 Continu'd good repose, with continu'd delicate weather. After M. prayers and Tea, I take a Turn round the Walls and admire the Glory of the season. I give my Contribucion to Charles Hughs (now in the Northgate) 2^s.6^d, pay Tho. Calkin his Note for Corn and Coal 2^{li}:19^s. After Ev. prayers and a short walk, I return to my Chamber, Dugdales Warwick and my domestic pint.

21 The weather still clear but cold. The Dean has a good discourse in the Quire on the 3 verse of the Ep. of St. Jude in a full auditory, upon the Great Bell, and seems not to offend, save by the use of the word Protestant join'd to the royal Family. The pain in my Jaws attacks mee severely, keeps mee from Ev. prayers. I use the ordinary Means with very warm applicacion & care, and to bed about 10. My daughter Lydia returns late from Halghton.

22 After good repose my pain is abated. I yet, keep a warm regimen & my Chamber. I write to Mr. Moulding about the mistaken Time for the Court at St. Asaph (expected the 19th). My son go's, for mee, to the Glass-house where a dinner is appointed. I reckon my Forfeitures since the last dinner (vidt 17 March) to number of 12, they accept 5^s. I send by Mr. Banks to my daughter Nelly 2^s:6^d, pay for turning my Summer into Winter shoos 1^s.6^d. I draw a form of Certificate with the Transmission of the original exhibits in Llansanfraid Cause in the Arches. My pain increasing in my Gums, I on Mrs. Thanes advice apply Garlic made hott, to the soals of my Feet.

23 My Applicacion succeeds, lessens the pain. I keep warm at home and in Books. After dinner My Suzy and son (in fine weather) go (with Mrs. Wainwright) to Warton. I after a short repose, apply to Busienes. They return after 6. Mr. Chancellor, his son John and Mrs. Goodwyn meet them where a hansom supper whereof a shoulder of Venison not the Cheif dish, 2 Bottles and ½ good port, pass in tollerable humor till they part about 11. After which, I write to Sir Roger Bradshaigh, send the Faculty for the Gallery granted to Mr. Shackerley with a note of the Charges inclos'd of 3^{li}:17^s:10 which are deliver'd to Mr. Banks, Town Clerk.¹⁵ The charges today (5^s).

24 After a sleep, of 6 Hours length, rise well refresht in a delicate day, divert till dinner in Tea, News and Books, and particularly Zouch and his quotacions.

I pay the Collector of the Land Tax for the Office 15^s, this house 4^s.6^d, that in the A.C^{ts} 1^s.6^d. Apply to turning over Decretum Gratiani. Thus imploy'd and muffl'd warm I receive a summons from Lord Anglesey about 4, find him and Mr. Nutley (late a Judg) today arriv'd. I give notice to my son and Mr. Prescott of the warehouse (on occasion of a Bill for 200 Guineas), the Collector and Capt. Lawson are added presently to the Company. Mr. Rook a Quaker, after, makes it 8. The Table set and surrounded, my Lord calls freely, a cheerfull Ayr rises and improves,

15 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1718) No. 17, Wigan.

as the wine circulates, in our own and fanciful femal Healths. His Lordship, with excellent temper, true ingenuity and good language, delights the company and concludes the Time past 12.

25 Tho after good repose very much indispos'd by my pain and unseasonable recreation, I (tho this the 1st Court day of this Term) keep warm at home. After dinner indeavor at but can't take a Minuit of true repose. After 4 I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Ridgway contra Boardman. After this relax with a pint of white Dyson. (2^s).

26 After Elixir last night, retire in Books and warmth. Pay Mr. Wilbraham the Chandler 1:0:7, Wills Quarterage to Mr. Henchman 10^s. After a long and kindly summer and season, as the memory of Men can recollect, after rivulets dry, our Dee sunk below the Engine, now near the full Moon, welcom showrs begin to fall. After a short repose and divercion in the Corpus Canonici Iuris, I visit Mrs. Thane under the Operation of a vomit. Begin there on a pint of white port and after finish my own at home.

27 Indifferent repose. I rise at 7. I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Massie. We are informed that my good Freind Mr. Cowper of Midlewich died there Thursday last. Robert, sent this Morning, brings back my Colt from Rocksavage with the surprizing News that Mr. Shaw of Warrington & one of the prebendarys (having taught scool yesterday) dy'd this morning.¹⁶ I finish my Certificate, the original Exhibits in Hughs Cause, appeal'd. Wee receive from John Walmsley 207^l wt in thick and from John Shaw, 202 wt in thin Cheeses. I apply to my Book and pint of White port. To Mr. Chadwick the Keeper at Rock savage 5^s.

28 After a larger dose of Elixir last night and this morning, I keep warm at home, and have proper reading. The wind is high today, yet some rain. The public News is very barren. Fanny Green is here from Wigan. My paines diminish'd, I am easy over my Book, and my pint of white port.

29 I rise D.G. easy and insensible of the pains of my Teeth. Tho. Naylor Carrier of Holland in his deep rustic stile, tells his melancholy History of the Fate and present State of Upholland,¹⁷ which affects mee. I am at M. prayers and after Tea take a dull Turn thoro the Fair. Mrs. Ann Jones (of Bangor) comes to us. After dinner I recover by repose. In the Even, Mr. Kimberley, Foulks, Wainwright take a Glass of wine with my son. I am with them till (they go) 8. After retire to my chamber and pint. I pay Tho. Roberts on account of his Salary 1^{li}:1^s, And to Tho. Naylor Carrier of the Cheese 5^s.

30 I rise at 7, the weather turn'd fair and calm. I with Tomson, see the News which with further Circumstances tells of a peace between the Czar and Swede. Fanny Green returns. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 10^{li}, write to John Cross. After dinner the weather with myself grows dull. After I examine 1 Wittness ex parte Thomas contra Partington.¹⁸ At 4 it begins to rain & continues till 10, dureing this over my Book & pint.

16 R.V.H. Burne, *Chester Cathedral* (London, 1958), p. 177.

17 Col. C.P. Prescott, *The Chronicles of the Prescott Family* (privately printed), p. 75.

18 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1718) No. 3, Chester.

OCTOBER 1 Fair weather returns with this month. I rise about 7. Give my Suzy 1^{li}.10^s.0. Examine Mr. Stringer ex parte Thomas and 2 more ex parte Bowers contra Massie. In the Evening, my brother Evans comes and supps here. I apply mee to my particular pint supper. I reckon given to the servants and others, Fairings, 5^s.

2 After Extraordinary length of sleep, rise about 7. The weather alter'd to Stormy with rain. I go hence directly to Court where (before the Chancellor) many Assignations, not much busienes. I examine 3 Wittnesses ex parte Ridgway contra Boardman.¹⁹ I pay Mr. Cotton Collector of the Land Tax, for the 2^d Quarter for the Dean Rurals office 7^s.6^d. Brother Evans supps with us, I then in my chamber recreate in 2 pints of port. I pay for an Ounce of Tea 4^s. Receive for Ridgways Wittnesses & [illegible] 1^{li}.4^s.8^d.

3 After rain in the Night, a fair Morning. I see the News with Mr. Tomson, which asserts from a proclamation that the Parliament is to meet 11 November. I drink fine Tea with Mrs. Thane, after meaner at home. In Books till dinner. After repose and Evening prayers, I examine 2 Wittnesses ex parte Silvester contra Parry. In the Evening recreate over my pint and Books 2 hours in my Chamber, the rest with my brother Evans and my son in the parlor, past 10. I sent yesterday (by his servant) an old Hopcare Cheese to Mr. Shakerley.

4 I rise, after good sleep, before 7. The weather is stormy with rain. I examine one Wittnes ex parte Sylvester and 2 ex parte Bowers, in the interspaces in Bookes. After Ev. prayers, I write to Mr. Moulding and send him Forms of a Licence for a parish Clerk and of a Monicion against Mr. Baxter of New-Town. I give my Suzy for the Fair 10^s, pay Mr. Jones, Mason, 19^s. After 6 I go to the Ship where Mr. Chancellor, Kendric, Holland, my son and self drink 2 Bottles of French and part before 9. (2^s).

5 I rise at 7, the ayr brisk and frosty. I see the news which almost recovers Sicily to Spain, marrys the Pretender to a Granddaughter of Sobieski King of Poland, and promises a reduction of the Army to 1200 before Parliament. I stay at home, and have proper reading. After Ev. prayers return to my chamber and over my pint of Dyson read Derhams Phisico-theology.

6 After some intervals, unpleasant, I rise after 7. The weather then fair. I finish the Certificate and return of the originals in Hughs Llansanfrayd. I am at Tea with Mrs. Betty Dod with us. The weather, about 11, turns to rain and storm and continues to 11 at night. After dinner and a very short repose, I apply to Gibsons Codex, and with great pleasure, turn it over in my pint of Dyson, past 9.

7 A cool, fair and delicate day rises. I see the News wherein Spains great success in Sicily, and their Reprisals on our Merchants. I give my S. 10^s, drink Tea with Nany Jones, now sent for, back to Bangor. About 12 Mr. Hulton, his sister Plumley and their Families, 8 in number, dine with us and in musick and other diversions, delude the Day. After 6, invited, go to Sir Henry Bunburys. Hee complains of Indisposicion. Mr. Kendric, Jos. Bunbury, Townsend and Birket make up the company. Sir Henry calls for variety of good and noble wine which circulates briskly, the indisposicion presently vanishes. Wee part about 11. I pay the water Quarterly rent 4^s.

8 Feverish and indispos'd from the quantity and unseasonableness of the good wine, I apply not to busienes, but divert in Books. At Mr. Hultons to condole the loss of his horse stoln last night. The weather rainy and dull. After dinner recreated by repose, I apply to Busienes and Books over my pint of red Dyson.

9 Well recover'd after my indisposicion. After an interval in Mr. Bouchiers chamber to the Court where, before Mr. Chancellor, not much busienes tho many causes. I receive Mr. Jones of Bangor his Letter about the vacant prebend²⁰ which a few hours after wee hear my Lord in his Letter to Mr. Stratford says hee has given it to his Chaplain. This is a surprize to Mr. Tomsons Freinds tho (as hee affirms) not to himself. I examine 2 Wittnesses on Grimsditch's Will & 1 ex parte Ashton contra Clayton.²¹ After about 7 go to Sir Henry Bunbury, where Mr. Jos. Bunbury, my brother Evans, my son and I are cheerfully entertain'd with good wine & punch past 10. A rainy day. (2^s).

10 I rise about 7. Call on Mr. Tomson, see the News wherein the marriage of the Pretender and Princess Sobiesky proceeds and Spain proclaims warr against England. I give my Suzy 1^{li} to buy Linnen and 5^s. I examine 4 more wittnesses ex parte Ashton. The rains still continue and the day dull. I retire at 6 to my Book and pint.

11 Successful repose helps to rise without complaint at 7. After a Turn to Books and Busienes. I pay Tho. Roberts on Account a Guinea. My Brother Evans dines with us. After this, wee have discourse with him about the 12^{li} Interest for the 200^{li} in Mr. Jones's hand. After Ev. prayers to Mr. Hollands where Mr. Chancellor, Alderman Partington & Mr. Hulton. I show 'em my draught of Hesther Minshalls Declaracion in reparacion of her scandalous Reflection on Suzy Partington which is approv'd. Wee part about 7. I recurr to my Book & pint.

12 I rise at 7 and see the News, which is yet confus'd and incertain. The new Mayor, Alderman Denton, Mr. Williams and Ellam, sheriffs and the Formality fill the Quire. Dr. Thane has a good and grave discourse on the proverb 'If thou bee wise, bee wise unto thy self'. I meet with Mr. Bootle & Mr. Greene in the Church, my son at Warton, wee dine alone. It is a dull and rainy day. After Ev. prayers I go to Mr. Williams and see my relacion Mrs. Martha (daughter of Jeffry) Fleetwood who now lives with Mrs. Brereton of Borrass. About 6, invited, go to Dr. Thanes, sit with him and his Lady drinking (myself) the single pint, past 10.

13 Rise at 6, equip, drink Tea and leave with my Suzy 2^{li}:2^s:0 and pay my Brother Evans upon Account of the Interest due this month 7^{li}:7^s:0. Mr. Str. and I set out about 9, & under a cloudy sky, come to Wrexham and into the Court there about 12. Wee dine and dispatch busienes at the Sun. The Chancellor receded, I go to see and drink Tea with the 2 sisters Eytons. The Clouds break into heavy showers. About 6 to the Red Lyon, and at 7 send to Mr. Moulding and Stratford. Wee freely drink 2 Bottles of Pontac and part before 10. (2^s).

14 I rise early well pleas'd with the effects of the wine, apply an hour to Books, drink Tea and set out in fair weather about 11, come to Oswestry before 3. Mr.

20 Burne, *Chester Cathedral*, p. 177 *et seq.*

21 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1719) No. 8, Bowdon.

Moulding and Hughs quickly following, my true appetite is exceedingly dissatisfied by my Landlady's provision of a sordid Wrack of Mutton, even to discomposure, which a pint of White do's not recover with the help of my Book. I go to bed about 10. For Charges to day 12^s.

15 Rise at 7. Mr. Moody walks with mee up thoro Rows of Trees to Llanvawdr, a magnificent Building in an unhappy Situation, a boundles [*illegible*], to the East opposd is a near mountain, on the west, a garden [*?forct*] at a vast labor and expence, on the North, all Avenues narrow and difficult. A Court here for 2 Deaneries. After dinner, I drink Tea with Mr. Parry the Vicar & Surrogate. Return to my Company, my Chamber & pint. I write to Mr. Powel an answer to his Letter. (2^s).

16 From the intemperate drinking, horrible oaths and Curses of three of the Churchwardens of this place, Kinaston, Brown and Price, continu'd under my room past 5 this morning, I enjoy only short sleeps, and rise about 8. Mr. Moulding pays mee 15^l.13^s.1. After Tea and Coffee agen with Mr. Parry, I mount about 11. Mr. Moulding and Hughs going on to Llanvyllin, I come easily to Wrexham about 2, dine well on a Chicken roasted. I visit Mrs. Beech and hear the false behavior of Mr. Puleston of [*illegible*] and his revolt to Mrs. Broughton. I return to my chamber and after a pint of Pontac, to bed about 10. (6^s).

17 About 8 set hence, come to Gwersilt and drink Tea with Mrs. Shakerley and Mrs. Middleton. Mr. Shakerley, equipt, prevails with mee to a Hunting, wee meet the pack (Beagles) near the Vicarage, the Hare is found in the middle of the Morass under it. Wee pursue the Game, even thoro a pack of Fox-dogs, and recovering continue the chace 2 larg rings, in a fine Ayr and variety of prospects observe the doubling whether Art or confusion of the Animal, shee at last returns to her Morass and falls, lamented by mee, very near it. The Sportsmen about [*?ten*] crowd about her. A collation of sixpences is given the Huntsman, and Mr. Shakerley presents the Hare to mee. I waited on the Chancellor, ready for Brynyalkin. My nephew Puleston, Mr. Ellis and I return with Mr. Shackerley to Gwersilt where a noble peice of Beef equal to our Appetites is presently before us. After dinner a Bottle of White Wine is set by mee, the rest chuse Ale & chosen and comical Healths circulate cheerfully till 10. (5^s).

18 I rise about 7 and in a delicate morning walk about this (and in a pleasant prospect, to the other) Gwersilt. I surround the venerable Oake, the Ornament of the Court but (tho Mr. Dolben with mee) approach not nearer to the House, return, drink Tea with the Ladies, walk with Mr. Shakerley to his eminent prospect, mount about 11 and come home (D.G.) well about 1 to dinner. After a refreshing repose, My S. and Son (invited) and I go to Dr. Thanes. I bestow my purchasd Snuff Box on his Lady. Wee are treated by her with a single pint and add another at home. (4^s). I pay for three Measures of wheat 14^s.

19 Indisposd by my Journy, I stay at home in proper reading. My Cozn. Fleetwood (as my brother Evans) dines with us. At Ev. prayers, where I see Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Roberts. My son & Mr. Evans go to Mr. Davies, I to my chamber, Book & pint.

20 I rise before 7. The weather is yet very fair and propitious to the Husbandman. The Bells about proclaim this the anniversary day of King George, his Coronacion.

Mr. Roberts and Jeffry, only, go to Malpas, where a Court this day. I recreate in Books till dinner. After walk to the Glass-house, where Capt. Maynard, Mr. Townsend, Dod and T. Midlehurst, the conversacion passes without noise. I after 6 am lighted home, and in the way observe a Conical Illuminacion in Capt. Howards Garden House. I retreat to my chamber, Book and pint. (8^d). Given to Robert going to Bettisfeild for my daughter Peggy, 5^s.

21 I rise at 7. See Mr. Stratford equipt for Namptwich where a Court today. After at the Coffee-house (where the news improves) with Mr. Tomson. I give my S. for Harry which hee paid for Rumm, 5^s. I pay Thomas Dale for 20 loads of Coals at 6^s.6^d the Load 6^{li}:10^s:0. After M. prayers I see Mr. Hulton equipt for Midlewich where a Court to bee held to morrow. After dinner and Ev. prayers, some Experiments are made by voices in the high walk above the Altar in the Quire, the Organ directing at the other end. I receiv'd from my son Mr. Jos. Hodsons Note and Acquittance for 4^{li}:15^s paid him for Books. My daughter Peggy returns from Bettisfeild. In my chamber warm, the 1st day with a winter fire. I recreate, over my Book, in my pint.

22 I rise at 7. My brother Evans bustles in equipping for his return with his daughter Suzy for St. Asaph. After M. prayers, I take a Turn into the Town. I paid my Brother Evans a Guinea more which with the 7 Guineas paid him the 13th current, makes up 8^{li}.8^s. After dinner, a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson, and after Ev. prayers, I and my son go to Alderman Bennets. I now pay him for my present to my Lord Bishop vidt for 6 Gallons Pontac 3^{li}, 6 Gallons Margoa 3^{li}, 4 dozen & ½ of Bottles 9^s, in all 6^{li}.9^s. Hee treats us with a Bottle of French, wee return about 6, and over my Book add a pint of my sons French. I saw Mrs. Middelton about 3, who returnd yesterday.

23 The weather alters to rainy which prevents my walk to Warton. I divert in Books. After dinner Mr. Townsend & others come to cards in my chamber which I quit. About 6 my son and I go and visit Mr. Massie lately come to table with Mr. Hurt in the Watergate street. Hee and his Lady receive us civilly. Hee too much presses his Bottles and perswades our stay so that 6, if not 7, Bottles of indifferent port are empty'd in Tory healths by 4 hands, my son, Mr. Massie, Mr. Hurt & myself, and the night worn to 2. (1^s).

24 The weather yet dull and heavy and myself extremely indispos'd from the quantity, quality and unseasonableness of the sultry wine. I read diverting & repose. In the Evening, my son and I visit Mr. Oldfeld and Yates in their solemn retreat, on Mrs. Oldfeilds death. After, Mrs. Thane sees us, stays past 9. I treat her and myself with my pint of Dyson. I pay horse hire for my late journey 6^s.

25 After sleep interrupted, and unhappy night, I rise at 8, the weather still dull. I indevor to divert my indisposicion by the help of Valerius Maximus. I pay Margaret Evans for Grass, for 2 Mares, about 1^{li}.10^s, For Butter &c 12^s:9^d. After dinner (at which Mr. Rollinson) a short successfull repose. After it, drink Tea here with my Cozn. Fleetwood. Recurr to my Book and pint.

26 I rise, yet, in a dull morning, indispos'd. See the news with little satisfaccion. Stay at home, have, and apply to, proper reading, till 12. After dinner, I repose a few Minuits. After Ev. prayers my son and I see Mr. Bouchier, hee treats and detains us with a Bottle of white wine and repeticion of old Stories, till 9.

27 Tho the repose indifferent after the strong white, I rise to early prayers. I write to my son Ken and to my Cosin Holt. I take a Turn, in which, call on Mrs. Hultons, on Mr. Hodson, about Gibson's Codex and Harris's Lexicon, & pay Alderman Edwards his too old Bill, of 10^{li}:9^s. The wainscoat of the parlor is measur'd by Walton & is computed to [blank] yards. About 5 Justice Nutley calls and brings from Lord Anglesey requests to Sir H. Bunbury to hasten to parliament. I sit with him till 10 & in the best healths drink near my Bottle of good wine, one Rathborn a Timber merchant is with him.

28 Rise early indisposd. Equipp. I leave with my Suzy 2 Guineas, with my daughter Lydia 1^{li}, and with Peggy a Guinea, Will. 6d. Mount about 9 in a calm fair day and by a constant rate come to Ashton about ½ hour after 2, dissappointed in a dinner and company come to Wigan about 5. I follow Mr. Chancellor, Aldersey and Hulton to Nanny Tootels where after 9 part and down to my cozn. Holts. (4^s.6^d).

29 Refresht after Tea, go to the Angel, examine 3 Witnesses on Hollands Will, and in the Evening with the same Company at Nanny Tootells till 10. (1^s:6^d).

30 After 9 indispos'd, set out with Mr. Chancellor, Stratford and Roberts in fair calme weather, the way even dusty in some places, wee come to Ormskirk after 11. The new Vicar, Mr. Gibson, meets us dismounting, I pay Mr. Hodges Curat 18^s:9^d and to Richard Hooton SchoolMaster of Rainford 1^{li}:8^s.1½. My cozen Parrs Interest due to August 8 last. I wait on Mrs. Brooks to swear her Executrix. Here is considerable busines. In the Ev. Mr. Chancellor and I sitt an hour over wine with Mr. Case who sits on all night. I gave my daughter Nelly this morn 5^s, shee returning to morrow to Chester.

31 I see Mr. Fazakerleys very mean addicion to the school here. I order a pott of Woodcocks to my cozn. Parr. After Coffee, about 9, wee set out, Mr. Chancellor for Warrington, the rest for Wigan, the weather and way pleasant. The Busienes here not mean. My Cosn. Sale comes here to discourse mee about her Accounts. In the Evening at N. Tootels where a full Table diverted by Mr. Sherlock. 1^s.6^d.

NOVEMBER 1 I expect Busienes of examinacion of Wittnesses ex parte Banks, but 'tis diverted to my satisfaction. John Cross brings mee 40^{li} vidt 20^{li} from either Tenant. I pay him what hee laid down vidt 9^{li} to Mr. Gelybrand and 2 Guineas for the last years Salary. Mr. Stratford and Roberts dine with mee at Cozn. Holts. At 5 go to the Mayor (Ford) Sir Roger Bradshaigh and company at Mr. Masons. After Sir Roger receded My cozn. Holt & I treat the Mayor with another Bottle, the wine preferable to Nanny Tootels. 2^s.

2 In the morning visit Cozn. Markland, in the Evening, Mrs. Aldersey with thanks for the Favors to my daughter Nelly. Mr. Leaver preaches twice and well. In the Even I send for a Bottle of Mr. Mason's to Cozn. Holts, we drink and divert till 10. (2^s:6^d).

3 I rise about 8 and equipp, pay my Cozn. Holt all Interest for the last year to this time 10^{li}. To Fanny Green 1^{li}.19^s, To Mr. Ashburner for Brandy 1^{li}.12^s:6^d, To Ellen and Servants 4^s:6^d. Mr. Str., Roberts and I set out, the weather yet fair, and come to Leigh about 12. Mr. Greaves and Bland expect us. Mr. Barret Curate of Astley (after dinner) is in the Church as Surrogate. Some Wittnesses are produced by Mr. Str., Mr. Roberts Substitute on the other Side, the rest of the Execucion

adjourn'd to Wm. Boltons, the sign of [blank]. I examine 2 Witnesses ex parte Greaves and about 8 for want of wine refresh in posset. The fine scene of weather alters about noon to rain.

4 The rain constant all night, abates. I examine 7 witnesses this day. About 7, go over the way to visit my cozn. Will Sale and his wife, they entertain Mr. Greaves and myself liberally with tollerable white wine till 10. The Bells then tell the next day.

5 Indispos'd by the wine and noise; I in pain, examine the last Witness. Mr. Str. & Roberts return to Chester, receive 6^{li}:18.8 from Mr. Greaves (my Bill). After dinner & healths about 2 part with Mr. Greaves and Bland and go to Hopcare, my cozn. leads mee out and round about the House. Will. Sale (as hee promis'd) follows mee, Freedom & Banter is renew'd in the little parlor, where a graver sort of a hail person come in. Will pointing towards him saies to mee (Cozn. there's your Man). I having, in jest, threatned to take him. Wee drink a Bottle of white in pickt healths. The preist whom they, speaking to him, call'd Mr. Richardson, Cosen and Sir, nameing some of them. After that, some discourse on her Accounts & to bed at 10. (3^s:6).

6 I rise about 7, the weather turn'd fair and calme. After rich Gruel & Tea, I mount about 9, come by the Worlds End in Culcheth, of which Richard Gregory Tenant, past Hurst, Lightoaks, Culcheth, Newchurch, the Risley and Poolton [?cum] Fearnhead, six long miles to Warrington about 11. Send to Mr. Bromleys, hee out on Hunting. I write, order to him to pay 6^{li}.13^s:4 to Mr. Fearnhead, who takes the note & promises to Dunn. I sett hence about 1 and come D.G. safe to my Corner before 5. I refresh with my son in a Bottle of Lord Anglesey. 4^s:6^d.

7 Repose till 9. Tho the weather fair yet hazy, stay at home in papers till Ev. prayers. After which and a Turn with Mr. Tomson, find my Cozn. Fleetwood come to take leave with us. I have my pint supper and with her name heaths [sic] to the Bishop of Ely²² and his Lady, To Mr. Charles Fleetwood and his Bride, Dr. Weston (of Eaton school 2^d Master) his daughter. I pay to my daughter Lydia 1^{li} which with the 1^{li} of 28 October, as shee calls it, makes up the last Quarter.

8 From unhappy rest, or indevor, indispos'd. I receive from Clark of Wrexham 1^{li}. After M. prayers Tea and short Turn, see Mrs. Midelton, but do not stay. I pay Tho. Roberts for what hee paid for Oats 3^s:3^d, To a Man for sawing Deal 3^s.3^d. Mr. & Mrs. Rollinson dine with us. After Ev. prayers my son & I walk round the Walls in dusky. I return to my Chamber and over my pint read 1st Chapter 1 Book of Pufendorf.

9 I stay at home in proper reading. At Ev. prayers. After which find my parlor fill'd with Mrs. Cholmley, Sir William and Lady Meredith, their daughters Meredith and Townsend, Misses Soame and Legh, Mrs. Ashton and Tildesley. After their complement and my acknowledgment in a Glass of wine, to my chamber and Book till 10.

10 After intermitted sleep, rise before 8. By Jeffry (going to St. Asaph & Court there tomorrow) write to Mr. Moulding. The weather fair and foggy by Turns. My

22 William Fleetwood, translated from St Asaph 1714, died 1723.

S. and I (after I had taken a turn round the Walls with Mr. Tomson) drink Tea with Mrs. Thane. After this Mrs. Peel late of Oswestry calls on mee. Mr. Pennant of Llanarmon dines with us. Hee informs us with too much certainty That about a fortnight ago, my good and reverend Friend Mr. Tho. Humphreys Rector of Llanvechin dy'd of an Apoplexy. After Ev. prayers to my chamber & pint supper. (1^s).

11 After long interrupcion, recover sleep, rise after 7. The Fogg falls into gentle showers and the day clears up. I see the news with Mr. Tomson & find (tho doubtfull) the parliament meets this day on Busienes. After M. prayers I drink Tea with Mrs. Middleton. Young Chadwick, the Keeper, brings mee half a Doe by order of Lord Barrymore and direction of Mr. Knipe, from Rocksavage. Hee dines with us. I give him his Fee, 5^s. After Ev. prayers into the Town. I buy (the first Book) The Law Dictionary of young Page for 11^s, for which young Hodgson demanded 13^s. I return to my chamber, Book and pint.

12 I rise after frequent Interruptions of sleep about 7. The weather yet dull but dry. I am at M. prayers, After which I oversee the Busienes of the passage to the little house. Mr. and Mrs. Dyson dine with us on a Hanch of the Doe elegant. Wee drink a Glass of wine and Ale afterwards. After Ev. prayers return to my chamber, Book and another pint.

13 I rise about 8. The weather, after Fogs and wind, grown clear and cold. At Mr. Bouchers chamber, most of the Assignacions pass'd (Mr. Stratford being booted for Oxford), the rest in Court. Mr. Massie, his Lady & 2 Nephews Elcock, dine with us. They are treated with rarities of the 3 Elements, Venison, fine Fish and Wild-duck. The good Ale and port move till prayers. After that interval, Mr. Massie, my son and I return to the place and Healths proceed. About 7 I call for a Bottle of Lord Angleseys wine, over this I acknowledge Mr. Massies great Favors to mee on the 19th Nov. 1716 and 9 August 1717. Hee confirms them with the free Generosity hee did them. The Bottle runs after 9. To my Suzy on Account of the 2 last dinners, 12^s:6^d.

14 I rise after tollerable rest about 8. My Suzy acquaints mee of my Cozn. Eyton of Eyton his death in Warwickshire this day seavenight and that he is to be interr'd tomorrow at Bangor. I see the News with Tomson, which gives clauses of the King's speech on Tuesday and Account that both Houses by great majority agree to address him on the victory of his Fleet and to support him in his further Expeditions against Spain. The weather is rare, cold & windy. I pay Dr. Fogg for 2 years Rent of the House in the Abby Court due on Michaelmas last, 7^{li}, John Cross his Bill about the parlor 98 Yards and odd works 9^{li}:11^s, To Mr. Bagnal for Nayls, 8^s. After dinner, by consent of Mr. Boucher, Mrs. Buckley ex parte Bower²³ (Mr. Str. the producents proctor absent) is produc'd before my son and I examine her. About 5 Mr. Meredith, Whitehal and Mr. Ashton come to visit mee and my son. Wee entertain them with 2 Bottles of port and Ale, they sit past 8.

15 Sleep disturb'd by dreadfull dreams. The weather turn'd, in the night, to loud bellowing storms and rain, deter or divert my son from going to my Cozn. Eytons

23 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1719) No. 11, Farndon.

Funeral at Bangor this day. After M. prayers and Tea, I take a Turn into the Town. After dinner I examine 1 Witness ex parte Bowers. Mrs. Midelton & Edeling come and drink Tea with us and stay till 6. Jeffry returns this Even from St. Asaph and brings mee from his Father on Account since 15 Oct. last, 17th:6:9. I write to Mr. Chancellor of St. Asaph over my pint supper on behalf of my Brother to succeed Mr. Babington in the Surrogacion at St. Asaph.

16 I rise about 8, the weather return'd to clear and plesant. I see the King's speech and Account of the Addresses of both Houses complying to assist him against Spain accordingly. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire (on 3 Phil. 20 – For our Conversacion is in heaven). My son returns from Warton to dinner. Mr. Ottey praecentor, my cotemporary here above 50 years, dies today about 10. After Ev. prayers Mr. Davies the Organist sits 2 hours with my son. I have my pint supper.

17 The weather fair and pleasant. I oversee the Men about the Ante little house. I call at Mr. Hultons. My son in my stead go's to dinner at the Glass-house. I examine 1 Wittnes ex parte Bowers. After dinner Mr. Aldersey and my Cozn. Markland call on Us. After 5 I go to them and Mr. Ja. Egerton at the Royal Oake where my son comes to us. The wine here is doubtfull and from French and port, of each 2 Bottles, wee return to a Bottle of French worth all the rest, and about 10 wee part in a showr. (2^s).

18 I rise indisposd from the wine and unhappy interrupcions of sleep. I see the news, the success of the Ministry in both Houses, and his Majesties answers adapted to their addresses. The weather continues rainy, and inclines Mr. Aldersey and my Cozn. Markland to stay and dine with us. Extemporary & decent provision is made into ample Entertainment. After which my son treats them with a Bottle in the study. From whence wee go with them to the Royal Oak. My cozn. Markland pressing, they resolve, mount after 4, depending on the Moon, now 7 days old, for Warrington or Frodsham. After a Turn in the Town I betake mee to my pint with my son and Mr. Leftwich, where diverted by Books in the study. I give my daughter Margaret 9^s which makes up the Guinea of Oct. 28, 1th:10^s.

19 I am yet uneasy from the Wine. I take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Tomson. After M. prayers and Tea, divert in reading. I pay to the Charity school 5^s, due the 1st. After dinner, short repose and Ev. prayers, my S. and I visit Mrs. Oldfeilds (3 sisters) where wee meet with Mr. Yates. I thence return to my Chamber, Book & pint.

20 I rise before 8, the weather wett and dull. I divert in Horace 1 & 2 Epistles. I pay Mr. Davies for his Horse, 10 days in the visitacion, 10^s, To the Laborers in the Garden, 2^s. At Mr. Bouchers Chamber and from thence to Court where easy and few Assignacions. After dinner and very short repose, I attend Mr. Otty's Exequies, the[n] proceed to Ev. prayers, the prebendary's bearing, and the Quire in a solemn manner conducting, the Corps to his Grave near the West door, on the left hand. I after go to Mr. Kemps where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric and Hulton, wee have 3 Bottles of good French and part at 8. 1st:6^d.

21 The weather returnd to Fair and cool. After M. prayers, I examine 1 and after dinner 2 Witnesses against Avern. I draw a Form of Citacion contra [?Omnes] on the part of Sir Roger Bradshaigh about his Chancel and Galery in the Church of Wigan, over my pint supper.

22 After more easy rest, I rise before 7. The weather fair not frosty. I draw a Monicion to the Rector and Curates of Winwick²⁴ upon Testimonials from the Bishop of Man against Catharine Gaskil. I divert in Horace's Epistles. I pay Isaac the Gardiner 4^s:6^d, To Wm. Dutton for 3 Bushel of Oats, 19^s, to Mr. Jones the sadlers man 1^s. My sons 4 Firmers dine with us. After Ev. prayers (where Hill, a yong man from Lichfield sung a part and was comended) I return to my Chamber, busienes and pint. My son Accounts to mee about 14^{li}:14^s long due to mee, brings mee a Note of 6^{li}:9^s.10^d lent to my S. and laid out, and pays mee the remaining summ 8^{li}:4^s:2^d.

23 The weather dull not rainy. I see the News where the Court majority carrys the Vote for the Warr, and supplies of men and mony, prevented. I stay at home in proper reading. I take a Turn round the Walls. After Ev. prayers to my Chamber & over my pint finish my reading the 3 first Books of Grotius De Veritate R.C. about 10.

24 The weather continues. After M. prayers I pay Mr. Plumley on Account of Malt 10^{li}:10^s:0. I write and inclose a Requisition to swear Lord Brereton, Baron of Laughlin, to my Cozn. Parr. I take a Turn before Dinner (at which Mr. Bassano, Davies, Hill) who after make good musick. After E. prayers and a short Turn, I retreat to my room, my Busienes & pint supper. About 4 the Dean comes with his Lady and Family. I write to Mr. Moulding.

25 A fair morning succeeds a rainy night. I see the News which brings in Spain offering to treat and comply. At M. prayers where the Dean and 4 prebendaries. I visit and drink Tea with Mrs. Middleton, shee lends mee a M.S. answering the Argument of the Jacobite-schism. In the Chapter (and Audit) Dr. Thane is made Subdean, Mr. Oliver, Treasurer, my son Receiver, Mr. [?Dockirish] precentor, Mr. Stones petty [?Canon]. After dinner, I examine 1 Wittness contra Avern. About 6 take (with Tomson) a Turn to the Water Tower. Wee are surprizd, in the way, by riseing Coruscant-Columns. Norward (the Moon bright in the S.E.) return'd to the Phenix Towr, an amazing Appeareance as of Curtains of divers, delightfull (green, red, white and blue) colours, immensely spread and foulding and unfoulding every moment, for several minuits together. Wee gaz'd on the stupendious scene with Astonishment and devotion, pleasure and Admiracion, till it vanisht.²⁵ I call at Dr. Thanes to congratulate his new dignity, his Lady, in his absence, entertains mee with a pint of Pontac and generous temper. About 7, I am calld, and too abruptly, go, hence, to Alderman Pulestons where I find the Dean and my son. The Alderman treats with 2 Bottles of good French. The Dean returns after 8, wee after 10.

26 A dull and cloudy day. I expect more, yet examine only 1 wittness, contra Avern. After dinner I yeild to, and take very short, repose in the dulnes of the day. I hear the Anthem Psalm 96, supported by Hill of Lichfeild. After, retreat to my Chamber, recreate in Valerius Maximus over my pint. I writ to my son Ken.

27 The weather grows high and threatning. I take a Turn (with Mr. Tomson) to the

24 C.R.O., Court Books, EDC.1/107-8.

25 The Aurora Borealis.

water Towr. Expect Wittnesses and divert in Valerius Maximus. I write & inclose to Mr. Ward as Curat of Winwick, a Monicion against Catherine Gaskil upon a Testimonial from the Bishop of Man. After dinner I examine one Wittnes ex parte Bowers. After E. prayers (the weather growing stormy with rain), I retreat to my Chamber and Books over my supper pint. I pay 2^s:8^d for 2 winter Capps.

28 I rise before 7, the weather still loud, not rainy. I begin on the M.S. lent mee by Mrs. Middleton, an examinacion and answer to the Book, said to bee writt by Dr. Hicks against Men joining in immoral prayers. I guess the M.S. to bee writ by Mr. Price of Ruthin, it contains 32 Folio pages, writt in a smal Character. I finish reading about 2. I examine Mr. Oulton Vicar of St. Johns against Avern. I receive from Mr. Roberts on an Account of Depositions, Decrees and sentences, the 2 last Terms, 7th.1st.10^d. After Ev. prayers and a Turn with my son into the Town, I come to my chamber where over my Book, my son & I have a Bottle of good port. Exp. 2^s.

29 The weather high and rainy yet warm. I rise about 7, see the News and Votes for a supply by 3^d in the pound Tax. After M. prayers to my Chamber and Books. I pay for 3 M. of Wheat at 14^s. After dinner examine the 11th Wittness produc'd before my son by consent by Jeffry Moulding, Substitute of Mr. Stratford ex parte Bowers. I pay for 2 pair of Stockings 4^s:6^d for my son William, and over my pint supper in Books after 9.

30 St. Andrew. The weather cloudy and warm in so much That the summer or a temperature of its nature seems, a very few days excepted, thus far to have invaded the Winter Quarter. The News tells of Mr. Constable a proctor find in 200 and Mr. Byssie a Clergyman 300^{li}, beside imprisonment, for calling the King an Usurper. Mr. Henchman unreadily delivers a very good discourse in the Quire on Matt 5.3. After Ev. prayers I write to Mr. Roby and Mr. Moulding. Yong Ralph Gorst sees us. In my Chamber My S., Son and myself in 2 pints of Claret, on this her birthday (the 40th) remember Lady Charlot Cornwallis.

DECEMBER 1 The morning of this month begins auspiciously, the weather bright, cool and genuine. Jeffry go's to St. Asaph, a Court being appointed there tomorro. I give as hee desires, 5^s. After M. prayers, I attend the Carpenter about the little ante place. After, step to Mr. Hultons. William Edwards from Iscoyd brings the Colt, Phillis, shews her reduc'd to submission and the rider, the manner hee has given her, gives good expectacion: hee takes her back to Iscoyd. I pay Mr. Cottingham for 2 years rent of the stable loft, ending August last, 1^{li}.10^s. After Ev. prayers my son and I call on Alderman Edwards who treats us with 2 Bottles of Claret at the Bacchus. After the 1st (to my concern) a sleepy dulnes creeps on and alters the Conversacion of my son, the Alderman is civil & sensible; wee part about 9.

2 A stormy night is succeeded by a stormy morning. I go to the News with some difficulty. The case of Sicily doubtfull, & rising of Vagabonds in France. After M. prayers I see Mrs. Middleton, present her with an Oxford Almanac & leave another with her for her sister Roberts. I pay the washing-woman 1^{li}:10^s, to my S. 4^s on Mrs. Foggs puerpery, to Alderman Chadwic 1^s. I after E. prayers retire to my Chamber and pint supper over my busienes.

3 The weather calm and cold seems to take its natural post. I take a Turn on the Walls. After Ev. prayers attend the Mason. After dinner Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Whitehal visit, and I drink Tea with them. I examine 1 Wittness on Interrogatorys contra Thomas. I pay for a pair of winter shoos 4^s.6^d. To my Suzy 6^s.6^d. After 6, to my Chamber & pint supper.

4 The weather relapses into stormy winds and rain. After Mr. Bouchers Chamber, Mr. Chancellor and the rest go to Court, the last of this term where only Assignacions. I examine 2 Wittnesses on Mr. Levers Will. After 4, go to Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton and Kendrick, at the Coach & Horses, where wee pass the time with 3 Bottles of good French in pretty easy conversacion, till 8. (2^s.8^d).

5 Stormy yet and cold. I find the quantity last night too much. Samuel Walmesley dos his part on the little Antipass. I divert my pain in Geography, pay for Tea 1^s. After dinner, the day dull, dark and short, I repose, but after prayers begun hasten to them, here an Anthem, Psalm 116 is perform'd by Quant and Hill a Base & [?Countertenor] from Lichfeild, going to Dublin, with masterly skill to perfection. I take a Turn and call on Mr. Holland. After a showr over wee go to the Ship, where over 2 pints of good Lisbon, wee condole the punishment of Mr. Bisse twice in his canonical habit on the pillory, in particular, but submit all Changes & surprizing Events to Gods providence. Wee part about 9. (1^s.6).

6 Cold not stormy. I divert the pain of the warm Lisbon in Books. After M. prayers take a Turn in the Town. After, dinner and Ev. prayers, at which the 2 Lichfeild voices perform to great satisfaction 4 last verses of Psalm 21. I call on Mrs. Midelton, see her in the 3^d story of her house, a quiet recess, go into & stay not in, the Town, return to my chamber, and over my pint supper recreate in the Compleat Geographer. I pay for 3 Measures of wheat for Christmas bread 14^s.6^d, An Oxford Almanac 8^d, To my S. 4^s.

7 I have unhappy hours this night. I rise after 7, the weather still stormy (with rain). I stay at home in agreeable Books. At Ev. prayers where in a crowded auditory, the 2 Lichfeild voices perform Psalm 116 to great satisfaccion. Mr. Seymor Chomley visits my son. I read the 3 rem. Books of Grotius de veritate, sup on my sons Bottle to Mr. S. Chomley.

8 The weather in the morning (after rain) serene and very sharp. I see the incertain papers and, after, take a Turn (on the Walls) with Mr. Tomson. After M. prayers call on Mr. Hulton, where I see Avern and his wife (as paying some acknowledgment). I go on a short Turn, And return to dinner at which Mr. Hu. Foulks on Busienes with my son. The weather returns to Stormy & rain. After Ev. prayers return to my chamber and white port over my Books.

9 A storm and rain begins, continues and ends the day sometimes they are vehement. The waters about rise. I with Mr. Tomson see the News where in a Bill in behalf of corporacions, where the Declaracion has bin omitted, mov'd in the House of Lords. After prayers to reading. I pay for Gloves and give my S. 4^s.6. After Ev. prayers I take a short Turn to Mr. Hodsons shop. The weather very high and rainy. I call on Dr. Thane, sit ½ hour with him, retreat to my Chamber, Books & red pint.

10 I rise after good rest (D.G.) about 7, the storms more vehement, and the rain

greater. I apply with ease, to Books, both before and after M. prayers. I give my S. 5^s and to Will. for his quarterage 10^s. After Ev. prayers I go to Mr. Pages, find there Harris his Lexicon Technicum, arrivd thoro the rising waters. I receive a Letter from the Chancellor of St. Asaph upon which Jeffry go's to him in the Storm, to be present at the Institucion of Mr. Kinaston to Llanvechin. About 6, from Mr. Pages, Mr. Aldcroft and I take shelter at Mr. Hollands where, over 5 pints, wee and Mr. Holland pass the time agreeable till 10. (10^d).

11 Rest unexpected after Ale. I rise, not without complaint, after 8. The weather now another scene, clear, purg'd and cool. I divert in Books. After dinner and short repose to Ev. prayers. After these to Mr. Kemps where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend Kendric and Hulton. The discourse is a little advanc't, wee empty 3 Bottles of good Claret over it, & part about 7. (1^s.6^d). I step after to Alderman Partington's (where my S.), wee return home before 9.

12 Still good repose, tho some indisposicion from the Ale. I apply to Books before & after M. Prayers. The winter now with violence takes its post. A thick snow falls most of the day, in an interval about 12, I walk round the Walls, see the waters spread. I send Robert to Farndon to Mr. Massie, who brings back a melancholy Account of his indisposicion. I procure & lend Mr. Price his answer to Dr. Hicks. At 6 my son and I go to Mr. Dyson who entertains us with 3 Bottles of Pontac. Wee part after 10; it freezes severely.

13 I rise not till 9, indispos'd from the Quantity last night. I write & inclose Lord Breretons Administracion to my Cozn. Parr, the charges of which and the requisicion, 2^{li}:2^s:6. William Edwards the Horse rider, who had kept and manag'd her 4 weeks & 3 days, brings home my yong Mare Phillis. I pay to him at the rate of 4^s:6 per week for keeping and 10^s for management, 3^{li}:11^s:6, To his man 1^s. After Ev. prayers I pay Mr. Page for Harris Lexicon, 2^{li}:11^s:8, for 2 Oxford Almanacs 1^s.4^d. I give Mr. Tomson for the unfortunate son of Mr. Davies late of Dodleston, 2^s. It thaws after sharp frost. I read part of 3 Treatises publisht by Dr. Hicks in defence of the Preisthood.

14 The weather truly winterly. I see the papers, but little News. Dr. Thane with great dissadvantage delivers his sermon on Matth. 6.3. A thick fogg falls towards Evening. After Ev. prayers, I apply to reading a modest plea for the Clergy over my pint supper.

15 The Fogg and Cold continues. After M. prayers I return to Dr. Hicks, read out Gibsons sermon on the Sacerdotal Benediction. I attend the 3 sisters Mrs. Oldfeild at Mrs. Thanes, they and their 2 Neeces dine with us. Inter prandendum Mrs. Offley, the Dean's Lady pays her visit, shee stays till 4, the rest, now more freely, till 6. I return to my chamber, Books and (to extinguish Tea) my pint of port.

16 After a melancholy night, releiv'd by snail water about 5, I rise about 8. I see the News with Mr. Tomson wherein Lord Stanhope on Friday brought in a dreaded Bill to repeal the Occasional Bill and other securities of the Church. After M. prayers to my Chamber and Book. After dinner I examine Mr. Legh of Booths his Will, upon the delivery of it to Richard Legh Esq. After this about 5 see Mrs. Middleton, with whom Mrs. Edelin. They acquaint of the marriage between Mr. Puleston and Mrs. Thelwal to bee celebrated this day.

17 The weather still variable turns to thawing, yet snows on most of the day. After M. prayers my S. and I go to the now but 2 sisters Oldfeilds. I pay them for window curtains 1^{li}.10^s, for a tin roaster 1^s, they treat us with Tea. When at dinner my son Harry comes (on foot) from Leverpool. After Ev. prayers about 6 I call on Mr. Holland, wee go to the Ship and are grave over a pint and ½ of Lisbon. I call returning at the Hall where my 2 daughters are among Mr. Eytons scholars, the Cheif dancers, My S. and 3 sons Spectators. Wee come thence home after 9. I give my S. 7^s.6. Exp. 1^s.

18 After a painfull unhappy night from the Lisbon and ingratfull impressions, I rise after 9. A Court is held today at Mould whither Jeffry went yesterday. I write to John Cross about the late Floods and Arrears of rent. The weather (as yesterday) relents. After Ev. prayers I meet Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hulton at Mr. Kemps, where (on the prospect of Thursday next, Xtmass day, preventing our weekly meeting), wee advance to the 4th Bottle over tollerable discourse (mostly on the lawfulness of usury) till 8. After to my Chamber and by Letter to Mr. Michael Sampson Merchant of Dublin, advise him of 3 Casks of Acorns directed to him by Lord Angleseys order. (2^s).

19 I enjoy good repose, and rise not till 9. The Frost agen takes possession. After M. prayers go with Mr. Tomson to the Coffee house. The Bill to revoke the Occasional and Schism Acts expect their success in the 2^d reading yesterday. I turn Books concerning Usury. After Ev. prayers, in the broad Isle, Mr. Hurt acquaints mee of the ingratful news which I suspected, That my good old Freind Mr. Massie dyd about 6 this morning at Farndon. I retreat to my Chamber, Books & pint supper. Exp. (4^s).

20 A feirce Frost and keen wind. I rise about 8, take a Turn into the Town, call on, condole and drink Tea with Massie and his Lady. Hee tells mee his Father order'd his Funeral to bee private, and that it is intended to bee so, on Munday night. I give my S. (on Account of the Market near Xtmass) 1^{li}.15^s.0. I pay J. Jones, Mason his Bill, about the Anti-little-House, 15^s. Mrs. Rollinson dines with us. After Ev. prayers I with alacrity betake mee to my Chamber and over a pint of white port with pleasure read Freigius his Ep. nuncupatoria before [?that] History of Paulus Aemilius.

21 My sleep interrupted even from gratefull impressions, receivd about 6. I rise about 8. See in the News the success of the Repealing Bill, on the 2 reading, tho the 2 ArchBishops, Rochester and Chester against it, are oppos'd by those of Lincoln, Gloster, Bangor & Peterborough. Mr. Henchman has a good discourse, in the Quire, on Heb. 2 v.1.2. The weather (tho after Snow in the night) is very sharp. Mrs. Baily dines with us. After Ev. prayers, Miss Legh & Mrs. Tildesley sit an hour with us. I return to my Chamber and over my pint of white port I finish the reading of the 7th added to the 6 Books of [?Grotius] Veritate by Dr. [?Pati].

22 I after some interrupcions in sleep, rise not till 9. The weather is still very cold, yet kindly. I write to my Cozn. Parr Notice of my present, a pott of Woodcocks sent by Wm. Knowles on the 18, to bee at London the 25th, & about Ken and to Ken also. I pay for Horse-hire to Mold 3^s, For Bacon 3^s.6. After dinner and 2 a clock, I walk, the snow well tract, to the Glass-house, where I find Capt. Maynard, Mr.

Townsend, Hulton, Dod, Middlehurst, Witter. Wee pass the Ale and I in better variety, till 6. Mr. Hulton, Dod and I return together. I retreat to my chamber, Book and pint of white port. (6^d).

23 I rise refresht by my short walk. The weather still cold with snow. I see (with Mr. Tomson) the News that the repealing Bill is carryd and comitted by the House of Lords by a majority of 11 voices. Mr. Roberts pays mee on Account 40^{li}. After M. prayers I fall into Matthias his Theatrum and especially the Lives of Maximilian I and Charles V. And after dinner, Ev. prayers and a Turn in the Town (wherein I see Mrs. Roberts, come today over the Mountains, to Mrs. Middeltons) I return to my chamber and Matthias over my pint of red Dyson.

24 Tho tollerable sleep, indispos'd, after which rise not till 9. The weather cold till noon, but the wind altering to the West, it begins to rebut. I stay at home till Ev. prayers, save 2 Turns into the Town. I pay the Notes following. To Mr. Page, Smith, 6^{li}:12:6. To Alcock, smith, 2^{li}:4^s:0. To Will. Willoughby, for 12 Gallons of Brandy at 7^s per Gallon, 2^{li}:2^s. To Mr. Chapman for 2y. 8^{li}:8:0. To Mr. Jones Sadler, 3^{li}:3^s:0. To Wilbraham, Chandler, 2^{li}:5^s; and given my Suzy on Account of this market day 15^s. I retreat, at 6, to my Chamber and red pint. I pay Robert a Note of mony laid out 18^s. 11^d & make it up 1^{li}.

25 Xtmas Day. Mr. Dean has a good and not short discourse, in a full Quire, on 2 Luke v 10.11:12. After which a frequent Comunion. My son go's to Waverton and returns to dinner. The weather cold and frosty before noon, dissolves quickly after. A throng'd Quire at Ev. prayers. After which, my Suzy and I go and sitt an hour with Mrs. Thane, who, at parting, tells mee That the workmen having told the Dr. that the removal of the irregular Timber in the passage will hazard that Corner of his house, hee is unwilling to alter it. I take this as a mean evasion, and more unkindly, from her delivery of it. And find it too much affects mee. Wee return to my Chamber and I recurr to my pint of red port. 3^s. 6^d.

26 I from the resentment sleep not till 2, when Snail water helps to some rest. Rise about 8 and with Mr. Tomson see the News which from several places reverberates the melancholy catastrophe of the heroick King of Sweden who in Battell, near Frederickstadt, is said to be shot thoro the Head, and there is little room left to suspect the truth of this tragedy. The weather and wind concurr in a Thaw. After M. prayers I by Mr. Hultons, take a short Turn into the Town. I give to my S. 3^s, For Drums and the Watchmen 2^s:6. The 2 yong Pulestons, Ned and Ken, dine with us, my indisposicion releiv'd by a short repose. I go to Ev. prayers. After these, take a solitary Meander walk thoro the streets and Lanes of the Town, and return to my room, my book and pint of white port about 7.

27 After more comfortable rest, I rise about 8, And finding the frost wholly dissolv'd, and a delicate Ayr and glorious Sun succeeding, I walk & come to Christleton before 10, am refresht by the Ayr and exercise. I walk with Mr. Townsend in his pleasant garden. After, drink Tea and sit an hour with him & his Lady, I pay Mrs. Sparke her Note, 2^{li}:6^s. Go to Church and prayers. After, return to dinner at which Mr. Davies, Organist. After Ev. prayers, Hee in the parlor entertains us with the Spinnet and his hopefull pupils, Cotton & Carter, till 6 when I return to my Chamber, Books & pint of white port. To my Suzy today 10^s. To the 2 boys 1^s.

28 I rise before 8, the weather is dull and rainy. I see the News with Mr. Tomson That the repealing Bill was received and read by the Comons the 1st time on Wedensday, and that that House adjourned to the 7th of Jan. The M. sermon being in the parish Church, I stay at home in proper reading to the day. In the Morning I read one sermon of Dr. Tillotson and after Ev. prayers, another of his, on Xtnas day. I see at Ev. prayers Sir John Bridgman who (as at all times) greets mee civilly, and now gives mee invitacion to his house (Blodwell) when I am in that way. I return to my Chamber and my Book. My son treats mee with a pint of his old port, and now lends mee in order to discharg my Debt to Robert, 15^{li}.

29 Very imperfect rest this Night. My son designing for Wigan, I rise at 7. Hee setts out at 8. John my candidate Man attends and hee rides my Mare and takes my Colt (Phillis) along with him. The weather, tho dull, not rainy. I call and drink Tea at Mr. Hultons with Mrs. Oldfelds. About 11 Mr. Witter brings Mr. Townsends Chariot and drives, in it, Mr. Chancellor and myself to his (Glass)house, Where an hearty and full Entertainment is given at his expence chiefly a roasted Surloyn and fine smooth Ale. The company, Capt. Maynard, Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Thomas, J. Middleton, the Founder and myself, wee pass the time smoothly as the Ale till 4, when Mr. Witter is agen our Coachman to the Barrs. I call at Mr. Hodsons shop & return to my Chamber, Book and pint. I give my S. 5^s, pay Mrs. Barkley for my sister Evans 3^s.3^d. (1^s).

30 The weather return'd to brisk and fair. I see the News wherein the News of the death of the King of Sweden by a Falconet musket-bullet before a fortress near Frederickshall 11th of this month, is confirm'd. After M. prayers & Tea, I take a walk round the Walls. I pay the Quarterly Tax for the Office, 15^s, for this House 4^s.6^d, for that in the Abby Court, 1^s.6^d, in all 1^{li}:1^s. Mr. Boucher and Mr. Crompton dine with us. Coll. Leighs Steward (in my sons absence) pays mee half a years rent to the Dean and Chapter 48^{li}.12.1. I go with him to see the Dean, who receives us with what hee takes to bee (tho I do not) good French. About 8 I return to my chamber & white pint.

31 The weather a little frosty and fair till noon, after, dull and thawing. After Tea, at Mr. Hultons, I gave Harry, yesterday, 2^s.6 and to Nelly today 2^s:6. I order an Account of what I owe to my Man Robert for wages and 21^{li} left with mee the Interest, amounts to, & find all the sums amount to 47^{li}:2:0. John Weaver (Ismay the Maids Brother) who went with my son to Wigan and who was engag'd by him to bee my servant succeeding Robert, returns with a Letter from him, and tonight enters on his service upon consideracion of the wages I paid Robert (4^{li} per Annum). Robert expresses great concern for his ill behaviors, begs pardon & to bee continu'd. I retire to my Chamber, Book & white pint.

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JANUARY 1 Q.F.F.E.F.S. The weather continues cold without Frost. The Corporacion comes to the Quire. Dr. Fogg has a discourse on the Circumcision. After the sermon I pay Coll. Leighs rent. After dinner I pay Robert 47^{li}.2^s and 5^s, layd out by him for Oats. Hee appears at first penitent, offers and promises to bee a comfortable servant for the future, but presently turns his stile to confidence. After

Ev. prayers I call at Mr. Hollands, find Mr. Chancellor chagrin over his sent for pint of port, hee yet recovers upon Mr. Hollands anniversary Treat of his good Ale and upon a Hen, elegantly don. Hee recedes about 9. I stay an hour longer and lighted (first time by John) return.

2 The weather yet dull. I see the News bringing fresh advices of the King of Swedens death with a description of the manner of the shot thro his left Temple, right cheek, shoulder and right arm, to the elbow where the bullet dropt out. After M. prayers, I drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton and her sister Roberts. After dinner & very short repose, to Ev. prayers. At Mr. Hodgsons Shop, buy Dr. Felton his Dissertation on the Classics for 2^s:6^d, thence return to my Chamber, Books and pint. I give the virgers their New Years Gift 2^s, and to others 2^s, pay the Quarterly tax for the Dean Rurals Office, 7^s.6^d.

3 A bright frosty and delicate morning invites to a Turn on the Walls. After M. prayers and Tea, I call at Mr. Hultons (where a fatt Goose appears from [?Urms] mother of the incestuous Mann) and thence to Mr. Chancellor, where sitt an hour. The yong Bunburys dine with us. I give my S. today 2^{li}. After E. prayers another Turn into the Town, darkling. And retire at 6 to my Book and white port.

4 After a little rain, a fair mild day. I see the News which still confirms that of the death of the King of Sweden, tho in different Circumstances, and yet some are incredulous. Dr. Thane has a good old discourse in the Quire on 1 Ep. John 4 v.9.10:11. After Ev. prayers I return to my chamber, Book and pint of white port.

5 After snow faln, it relents and is yet cold. After M. prayers and Tea, at Mr. Hultons. After dinner and 2 a clock, I walk to the Glass-house, the way and weather well. I find Capt. Maynard, Mr. Townsend, T. Midlehurst, J. Witter, Mr. Stevenson & Mr. Wilbraham Chirurgion. The discourse most on SpermaCeta. I return darkling about 5. Give my Suzy 10^s. I return to my Chamber, Book and pint of red port. (6^d).

6 A bright, cool morning. I see the News with Mr. Tomson, which still continues the confirmacion of the King of Swedlands death. I pay Mr. Dyson his Note for the last year's wine (as yesterday) 10^{li}:16^s. I give Harry 2^s:6^d. After Tea I am at Mr. Hultons. The 2 Miss Entwistles dine with us, the elder diverts us very much with Mr. Bouchers morose and arbitrary humors. After E. prayers return to my chamber, my Book and pint of white port.

7 A brisk frost and bright forenoon. I stay at home in Books. After dinner My Suzy and I pay an old debt, a visit to Mrs. Cholmley and Meredith, at the Bar, Mr. Lee of Darnal now (by purchase) Coll. comes in, our time is civil & [?morigerous]. Here a snow begins. Wee return in it about 6. I retreat to my Book & pint of white port.

8 The snow melted in rain, the weather dull and heavy, yet about 9 I take a walk round the Walls. After M. prayers to my Tea and Books. I pay widow Wilcock our Cooper her Bill 2^{li}:6^s. After E. prayers and a warm pursuit after company, I return to my Chamber, Books and white pint. I write as I did the 18 of November, to Mr. Samson of Dublin Merchant about the 3 casks of Acorns by my Lord Angleseys order. Paid Warton Land Tax 19^s:1½ [?Halton] Tax 13^s.3½^d.

9 I see the papers at the Coffee house, with Mr. Tomson, they recite the proclamacion of Warr against Spain. At ½ hour after 9, I sett out and come to Mr.

Townsend at Christleton, walk there in pure Ayr, and drink Tea freely. After 12 set thence and come to dinner about 1. After a short and warm repose, I go to Mr. Hollands, where Mr. Chancellor (Chagrin) stays till 7 only. Mr. Holland and I over another Tall Boy, and free (tho solemn) discourse, deceive the time till 10.

10 Unhappily indispos'd from the Ale last night. I stay at home and bestow the Forenoon in ordering Books in the study. I pay for 3 measures of wheat 14s:6d. After dinner I, at Mr. Calkins desire, go to mediate for him at Mr. Massie, on a trespass he did on the Common at Warton. I find him in a larg Circle at Will. Willoughbys very warm against T. Calkin. I stay some few Glasses & return to my Chamber.

11 A mild day. I see the ill news of the Bill, and dissappointed by my Barber, I stay at home in proper reading. After Ev. prayers, I go to see Mr. Massie, meet only and drink 2 Glasses of port with his Lady; from thence (about 6) go to Lady Bunbury with my S., wee stay supper and till 10.

12 A fair warm morning rises, gives resolucion, and therefore, at 9, my son Harry following mee, I set out on foot to Warton, see the controverted place. Mr. Massie & Mr. Wilcock come. Swindel and Dutton altercate. It appears Tho. Calkin was rather unneighborly than presumeing. Hee begs Mr. Massies pardon which seems with difficulty, and on condicion, granted. Wee dine at Squire Duttons on boyld plain variety. Hee is comical and joins honestly with mee in address to Mr. Massie on Tho. Calkins behalf. I call on Mr. Rollinson and Th. Calkin, tast their Ale and after under the doubtfull light of a very new moon, and in deep way, wee return about 6. I refresh in posset. (6d).

13 The mist almost palpable. I see the News of the Bill on the 3^d reading Saturday last carryd (as the Letter) by 98 votes. After M. prayers I call at Mr. Hultons. Mrs. Midelton, Mrs. Roberts and her 3 dine, stay and sup with us (tho visits to my S. intervene). They seem pleas'd, as diverted several waies, till 10. I give Harry to play 2s:6d, to my S. 3s.

14 A deep mist still keeps possession. After M. prayers I take a Turn into the Town, am mortify'd in it by several Accounts (given in several Ayrs) of Sir Henry Bunburys voting [*illegible*] with the Court for the repealing Bill. After E. prayers find the Town more surpriz'd and express retreat therefore dull to my Chamber, Book and pint. About 2 I sent for Lydia from Eaton (2s:6d by John). Shee comes about 6. About 9 Miss Suzy and Bell Bunbury come on the alarm. I go to my Lady Bunbury, see her Letter from Sir Henry with his full description of the conduct of the Bill and his and Sir Tho. Hammers avercion to it. I bring that part with mee. I receive this day on the Visitation Account 37^{li}.15^s from Mr. Roberts.

15 Still involv'd in thick mist. I early carry Sir Henry Bunburys Letter about shewing it to those who had taken offence. The 1st Court numerous rather in causes than Busienes. After Ev. prayers at the Yatch with our Club at wine, thence remove to the Ship, this as well as the other Meetings is fill'd with the matter of Sir Richard Grosvenors and Sir Henry Bunburys differing Letters. Wee part about 8. I return to my retreat. (1s:6).

16 In a bright cool morning, to the Coffee-house, where in the papers an artfull Declaracion of the King of Spain. The suspicion runs peevish and high against Sir Henry Bunbury. I call at Mr. Hultons and after M. prayers, drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton. After dinner the weather fair. I dull from domestic as well as public

matters, take a melancholy walk to Christleton, am drawn into Tho. Middlehursts where Capt. Maynard, Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton. Mr. Chancellor (apart) shews mee his older sons cautious Letter to him about Mr. Stratford, Mr. Hulton, his son's about Sir Henry Bunbury both affect mee already affected too much. The Chancellor returns on his new black pad. I alone in the mist suddenly risen. Entering the passage Dr. Foggs great Bitch attacks and rises at mee with violence, but hurts mee not. I return to my Book and pint. I pay the Water Quarterage, 4^s.

17 The weather yet dull of Mist, yet I take a Turn on the Walls with Mr. Grantham. After M. prayers to Busienes and Books. I pay Tho. Roberts on Account a Guinea. To Alderman Sayers for lead on the Anti Little house 9^s. To S. Walmsley for his work there 6^s. After a short repose to E. prayers and from thence After a short diversion, to Mr. Dysons where with Mr. Massie, Mr. Stone, Wilcock, T. Dyson and myself are entertain'd with good wine and Ale till 9.

18 I rise at 7, the mist yet rises. The news intimates the Kings design this Spring for Hanover. I stay at home in reading agreeable. After dinner refresht by a short repose. After E. prayers I take leave with Mrs. Midelton and Roberts, call on Mr. Chancellor and at Mr. Massies, and return to my Chamber about 8.

19 After an uneasy and unhappy Night, I rise before 7. Equip for my journey. I leave with my Suzy 5^{li}, give to my son Hary 3 Guineas. After 9, Mr. Hulton, Mr. Roberts and I, in a fair moderate day, sett out. Wee come to Warrington about 2, dine and proceed after 4, come, under the Moon, leaving Mr. Hulton at Warrington, about 7. My son meets mee at the Angel. Thence to Tootels, where wee in a full company stay till 10. (2^s).

20 The weather fair and promising. About 10 to the Angel. Mr. Hulton comes, the Commission on Mr. Banke's part against John Winstanley, before Mr. Aldersey and my son as Commissioners,²⁶ is open'd. Some witnesses are produc'd and sworn. After 2, I examine two of them. John Cross sees mee and I promise to see him at Ayrfeild on Friday (but am hindr'd by the weather). Wee recreate in a Bottle of wine in the Evening.

21 I return about 9 to my Busienes before dinner. I examine 1 and after, 3 Witnesses, about 6 recurr to my pint supper with the company and thence to my Cozn. Holts about 9.

22 The weather is alter'd to dull and rainy. After Tea and 10 I begin on the last Wittnes, Alderman Baldwin, finish him on the Allegacion before and on the Articles, after, dinner. Thus is the Commission ended, the Bills drawn, and wee recurr to our refreshment in a Bottle of wine at Tootels. (1^s).

23 About 9, I part with Mr. Hulton and Roberts returning. The day very dull and rainy. I keep most at home till Ev. prayers. After these at Mr. Curgheys shop. Thence to Tootels and wine. (1^s).

24 The weather still dull and rainy. I stay (after Elixir too) most at home save to Evening prayers. After which I return and finish the day in a pint of Margeaux. Mr. Alex. Leigh, for Mr. Banks, pays my Bill of Fees 6^{li}.8^s of which I return a Guinea to Mr. Banks. Hee gives my son a Guinea as Commissioner.

26 C.R.O., Court Books, EDC. 1/107-8.

25 St. Pauls day, inauspiciously dull. Mr. Aldersey preaches in the Morning, Mr. Eden after Noon. After Ev. prayers, My son, Cozn. Loveday and I visit my kinsman Alderman Markland, where wee are civilly received, wee thence return home and to a Bottle of good wine.

26 The weather still heavy, not very rainy. About 9 I go to the parsonage, drink Tea (ordinary) with Mr. and Mrs. Aldersey, thence to M. prayers. I pay Mr. Curghey for snuff and Canister 2s:2d, To Fanny Green her Note, 2^{li}:18s. After dinner at Ev. prayers. I discover to Burdekin a Witnes, his mistake about the marks on the controverted seats, and correct it. I pay for shoohing the Colt, 1s.4d. Wee about 7, begin and solace, in my Cozn. Holts good wine past 10.

27 Wee designd to sett early for Chester but are dissuaded by a rainy morning, stay at home in Tea. Tho the society of Tradesmen (of which Mr. Hilton of Park, this year is president) expect my Cozn. Holt, at the Wool Pack, hee stays to dine with us. About 2 in a doubtfull sky wee sett hence, and come to Warrington after 4. I send to Mr. Fearnhead who comes and diverts mee and my son with comical attempts to, and opinion of his own, poetry, confus'd with ridiculous Nonsense, till 10. I give Ellen 2s:6d, the other servants 2s, pay at Mrs. Finches for my horses, 8s.

28 I wake about 2, and continue without sleep, rise and equip about 7. Wee after bad Gruel and a Tipp of good Brandy, mount about 8, come safe (my son rideing the Colt Phillis) D.G. to Chester and home at 12, dine and repose about an hour, take a short turn on the Walls and into the Town, after examine 1 Wittnes (Sherley) on Interrogatorys contra Thomas. Recreate in my domestic pint of white port. My Charges today paid at Warrington 9s.

29 After full and successfull sleep, I rise about 8. After meeting in Mr. Bouchers Chamber, wee go to Court, where many Assignacions, some procuratorial Conflicts. I examine 2 Witnesses (1 of which not 15 years old) ex parte Yells. After 6 I go to Kemps, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hilton. I shew Sir Henry Bunburys Letters here and defend them, but with no great success. After 3 Quarts of good wine wee part before 9. (1s:6).

30 After good repose, I rise about 7. See the News and in it a proclamacion of the Lords Justices and Council of Ireland against the (late) Duke of Ormond, taking him to bee arrivd in that Kingdom from Spain, offring 10,000^{li} for his apprehension, alive or dead. This being the Anniversary of King Charles 1st his Martyrdom. Mr. Wilcock (for Mr. Henchman) has a very good and well managd discourse in the Quire on Matth. 5 v. 10. After which my S. and I drink Coffee and Tea with Lady Bunbury over which full discourse on the city censures of Sir Harys votes against the Trinity Clause. I apply to the History of the Day. After prayers and dinner continue it, over my white pint of port, till 10. (1s).

31 Tho tollerable sleep, yet indispos'd. I take a short Turn into the Town and call at Mr. Hultons where I find the Account of Mr. Earl's Failing and recess agravated by the like misfortune of the younger Willis and Mollineux. After M. prayers, Tea and dinner, I draw directions for 2 Monicions to Mrs. Bowers and the Church wardens of Farndon to bee serv'd there by Mr. Chapman tomorrow. I see Mr. Massie on this occasion. I pay my Quarterage to the Charity School, 5s. the weather dull and rainy. I retire to my Chamber, book & pint.

FEBRUARY 1 I after 7 see the News confirming the inauguration of the Princes Ulrica of Sweden, the weather very rainy. My son go's to Warton. For want of James Cottinghams help (who dy'd this day 7 [n]ight) I stay at home in proper readings, go thoro some Chapters of Bishop Overals Convocation Book. The rain and dull weather perswade a short repose. After Ev. prayers to my Book. After 6 my Suzy, son and I, invited, go, and are treated neatly by Mrs. Thane with a pint of hotter white, a pint of good Pontac and Oysters till 10. To Peter, 1^s.

2 I rise about 7 and am at early prayers. After these, call at Mr. Hultons, where I shew them the substance of the Archbishop of Yorks and Earl of Oxfords speeches against the Bill. I retire and write to my Cozn. Parr, about Ken, enquiring after his late journey to Mr. Topping, and for a Tarpolin. The weather continuing rainy, I balk the Glass-house. After E. prayers and a short walk, return to my room, my Books and pint of red port.

3 I rise after disturb'd repose about 7, see the News not much improv'd. Give my S. 6^s:6^d. The weather rainy and cold. I wait on, drink Tea and stay almost 3 hours with Mrs. Midelton. Lady Bunbury, her 5 daughters, 2 sons, and Mrs. Thane dine & sup with us. They seem, pleas'd with the Entertainment. About 6 I go into the Town, diverting. Mr. Richardson (Goldsmith) and I go to Mr. Hollands, where over 2 Talboys, wee 3 pass the time past 8. I find the Ladys at their supper, they return to cards, till 11. (8^d).

4 After a stormy Night with some snow, a bright and melting morning. My son gos to Farndon to administer the Oaths of Executrix and Curatrix to Mrs. Massie. I am extremely indispos'd, I conclude, from the Ale last night. Call at Mr. Bouchers, Mr. Stratfords, and returning see Mrs. Thane in her chamber, with whom discourse, serious, about her health. After Mum and dinner, short repose, refresht, to Ev. prayers, which and short walk over, return to my chamber, Book and white pint of port. I send to my son Harry for Rum & 3 dozen of Bottles 17^s:6^d, To Mary Sharman 1^l:8^s, To my son William his Cock-mony, 5^s.

5 I rise about 7 to my Books. About 10, to Mr. Bouchers Chamber where Mr. Chancellor and proctors, thence to the Court, where easy Assignacions and no Wittnesses sworn. I receive today, for Sentences and Decrees this Term, 2^l:8^s:6^d. The weather bright and Ayr cheerfull. I solace, by a Turn on the Walls. After dinner short repose & Ev. prayers, to Mr. Kemps, where only Mr. Chancellor, Hulton and myself meet. The Fraudulent recess of Mr. Erle of Liverpool and hard Fate of others falling and suffring on his Account and stratagems, take up most of the time, and good Healths, 3 pints of strong (not pleasant) French. Wee part before 8. I return to my Chamber. (1^s:6). Paid Mr. Stratford my S.'s Quarterage, to the Charity school for Girls 5^s.

6 I rise to early prayers, see the News with Tomson & Aldcroft, it mencions Mr. Peplos complaint of my Lord Bishop for not instituteing to the wardenship of Manchester and that the King will controvert the matter against the Bishop.²⁷ At Mr. Hultons where Mr. Erles melancholy Account and Apology is read, but hee and

27 F.R. Raines, *The Rectors of Manchester and the Wardens of the Collegiate Church* (Chetham Society, New Series, V, VI, 1885).

they condemn'd. The weather changing to fair, I set out about 11, come to the vicarage and Mr. Chancellor of St. Asaph before 1, dine about 2. A bottle of good French is produc'd, over this, The present politics fully, the affairs of Llangyniew, and the Licence solicited unfairly by Mr. Hughs & irregularly trusted by Mr. Moulding, granted by Mr. Babington and executed by Mr. Humphreys of Comb. These matters and Mr. Chancellors favors stay mee till the sun is sett. I urg a travelling rate, the clouds thick'n in the west, where only a long light sky gives light to the road, which by concourse of thick Clouds is totally obscur'd when wee enter Hanbridge about 6. I come safe D.G. home and recreate in a pint of white port. Give my S. 3^s. At the vicarage (1^s).

7 My sleep unhappily interrupted, I rise not till 8. The morning as, all along, the day, windy and rainy. After M. prayers, go out about Mr. Massies new process and give direccions for its publicacion to morrow in Farndon Church. I pay for the Tipping of Mr. Cholmleys stick (which Mr. Tho. Yates gave mee) vidt for the material silver 3^s, for the work 2^s, for a silver Trajan 6^d, to Mr. Richardson. To Tho. Roberts on Account 1^{li}.1^s which hee says makes up 5^{li}.5^s. Indisposicion and dull weather perswade to short repose. After which and short walk (for its rainy) I write to Mr. Mostyn of Castle, Mr. Chancellor and my result, about his case of Llangyniew. And then to my pint of red port and my Book.

8 I rise about 7, see the News Letter, filld with a Catalogue return'd by the Commissioners of Papists estate, according to the Counties amounting above 350000^{li} per Annum whereof Lancashire above 27000.²⁸ My son has a very good discourse in the Quire on Ps. 90 v. 12, attentively heard, and much comended. The weather wett and stormy. After Ev. prayers my son and I, the 1st time, visit Dr. Fogg indispos'd, hee receives us with Civility, proper discourse, old Beer, good Claret, wee stay past 9.

9 I rise to Early prayers and after them read some the beginning Chapters of the Origin of Laws, by Dawson. I write to Jeffry going to St. Asaph, where a Court to bee held tomorrow, to Mr. Moulding about Mr. Mostyns Case at Llangyniew. I take a step to Mr. Hultons and after pay a short visit to Mrs. Thane. I pay the Wash-woman her Quarterage 1^{li}:10^s. After Ev. prayers and short Turn, to my room, Book and pint of white port.

10 I rise to early prayers, see the News (such as it is) with Mr. Tomson, dispatch as Infr. 20 [?Administracions] at Mr. Bouchers. After turn in Masons Vindiciae Ecclesiae Anglicanae. After dinner Mr. Stanley of Hooton takes out the original Will of Mrs. Mary Standish. After the Busienes over, wee drink a Tankard of my Ale. After this a pint of white wine at Kemps whence thoro the Town, offending this Shrovetuesday in the barbarous cruelty to Cocks. I return to my Chamber and Books.

11 Ashwednesday. After good sleep refresht, I rise before 8. I examine with Mr. Hulton, Mr. Levers Will, prepare the Copy and Bond. Dr. Fogg has a discourse in the Quire on Jobs words (I abhor myself and repent in dust and Ashes) in which as a year ago hee expresses his mean opinions on the Lent Fast, and seems to make it indifferent as to the use of meats, abstinence or keeping of it. I apply myself close

28 R. Sharpe France, *The Registers of Estates of Lancashire Papists, Vol. I, 1717* (Record Soc. of Lancs. & Cheshire, XCVIII, 1945).

to proper reading, till Ev. prayer. After which to dinner from whence to my chamber after 8. I receive by Jeffry from Mr. Moulding 12^{li}:18.2^d, on account and towards Stamps 6^{li}.

12 I rise to early prayers and after walk round the Walls with Mr. Tomson. After some pages in *Masons Vindiciae*, to Mr. Bouchers, where Mr. Chancellor & proctors. Thence to Court, no Wittnes produc'd. I give my daughter Nelly 10^s, which with 10^s paid her by my S. makes 1^{li}, the beginning of her Allowance of 6^{li} per Annum. I pay Mr. Davies for my portmantle horse to Wigan, 10^s. After Ev. prayers to Mr. Kemps, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Kendric, wee carry the matter (the wine good) up to a Frolick, 3 Quarts & a pint which makes each share 2^s:2^d.

13 I rise about 8. See very little of News, with Mr. Tomson. The cold, harsh weather prevents my intended journey to Christleton. After M. prayers, I drink Tea with Mrs. Midelton, shee reads to mee some Clauses in a Letter in behalf of the Test Clause. My son and Mr. Dockril return from Warton to dinner. After which a short repose. About 5 I take a short Turn into the Town, thence back to my Chamber, Mason and pint of white port. To my S. 1^s:6^d.

14 I rise after a dull night, not till 8. After that ingag'd in drawing up Partingtons Decrees of 29 January. I miss M. prayers. I draw 3 special Articles in Mr. Massies new Allegacion²⁹ and after dinner send in my Letter a Copy of the Oath of a Proctor to the Chancellor of St. Asaph. Ned Puleston returnd this day from Liverpool, brings us the ingratfull News that Mr. Swerbeck is sent to Lancaster for Debt on Mr. Earls Account. After a short walk into the Town, return to my chamber, Book and pint of red port.

15 I rise about 7, go to the Coffee house, where all the papers are barren. The weather sharp, and other accidents stay mee at home, where beside the proper reading, I read Bishop Sanderson his 5 prael. de Obligatione Conscienti[?ae]. After Ev. prayers return to my chamber till 7, when my S., son and I wait on Lady Bunbury while the rest at supper in the place, a Bottle of Pontac is sett before mee apart. After supper the property is common, usual Healths circulate, easy. Wee return after 10, the weather cold & freezing.

16 Success after the Pontac. The weather alters to cold showers. After M. prayers at Mr. Hultons where I hear a notable Account from Mrs. Willis of the behavior of Mr. Earl a few days before and after his Concussion, and of his wife's very laudable, just & Christian behavior. Mr. Calkin my sons Curat dines with us. Wee discourse him about his many Debts and difficult Circumstances. After 3 I sett out, overtake Mr. Chancellor, wee find Dr. Egerton, Capt. Maynard, Mr. Townsend, Hulton, Middlehurst. The discourse runs very low. Wee return in a calme Evening before 6. Mr. Massie the Grocer sends his long Note amounting to 28:13:3 of which I pay him in Gold 21^{li}. I recreate over my Book and a pint of red port. (6^d).

17 Indifferent rest. I rise to M. prayers before 7. After with Mr. Tomson see the empty Letters. The weather brisk and fair, my Son and I set out ½ hour after 9 and come to Christleton after 10. Wee drink Tea. Mr. Townsend and his wife take

29 C.R.O., Consistory Court Files, EDC.5 (1719) No. 11, Farndon.

Coach, wee, passibus aequis, come to Chester about 12. After dinner short recess. After Ev. prayers into the Town, thence return by Mr. Hultons to my chamber, Book (vidt Sanderson 6 prael.) and pint of white port, over which wee celebrate Mrs. S. Bunbury her (19th) Birthday.

18 I rise to early prayers, after which with Mr. Tomson and Stratford, see the next adjoining prebendal House now empty, and in repairing. I return to my Chamber and Books, indispos'd. I give my S. 5^s, shee writes to my son Ken. After dinner and short repose, to Ev. prayers. I take a walk mixt with Busienes. About 6 return to my Chamber, read with care Lynd his Gloss on [*illegible*] Author. Dei Omnipotentis over my pint of red port till 10.

19 The weather stormy, dull and rainy. I rise not till 8. The Chancellor & Proctors (Mr. Hulton absent) I meet at Mr. Bouchers, thence to the Court, short and too easy in Busienes. After apply to Gails Obs. 99 par. 2. After dinner comply with the dull soporiferous season. At 5, I go to Mr. Chancellor, Townsend and Kendric at Mr. Kemps, the good wine, discourse and improv'd disposicion draw on three Bottles. Wee part near 9. (2^s.3^d).

20 Tho indispos'd even by the good wine, I rise to early prayers. I see the News where E. [?Stairs] his dull Harangue to the Regent of France. At 11, I wait on Mrs. Middelton, bring her her own box fill'd with my good snuff, drink Tea. The weather after 12 grows cheerfull. At E. prayers I meet Dr. Thane, to a surprize, improv'd and rais'd in his humor. At his monicion, go down with him to Mr. Davies's but are told there, hee is engag'd with his new Relaciones, at Mr. William's house in Bridg-Street. I meet Will. Gorst (my old Freinds son) and drink his Fathers health with him in a pint of white port at the Feathers. Hence home about 7. I pay W. Willoughbys Drawer for Ale 5^s.10^d, To my S. 2^s.6. I retreat to my Chamber and Books. (1^s).

21 I rise (the morning dull and moist) to early prayers. After, some time in Books. After 9, I drink Tea with Mrs. B. Hulton, an ungratefull wager won, on the King of Swedens death. I write to Mr. Alex. Leigh, John Winstanleys proposal to Mr. Banks to accept the 5th, instead of the 2^d, Seat in Controversy. Wee receive the usual Compliments from the Family at Halghton. After E. prayers (tho tis rainy) I take a short walk in the Town, return about 7 to my Book, and white port. (1^s).

22 After repose not very happy, I rise before 8, See with Tomson, the News telling of the Kings comeing, after long expectacion, to the House, and giving the royal assent to the repealing Bill with other public and private. My son go's to Warton. Mr. Marshal has a good discourse in the Quire memoriter, easy and bold, on Mark 4.40. After Ev. prayers and a short Turn on the Walls, I retreat to my Chamber, Book and pint.

23 At early prayers. After these, the weather improving. My son and I set out before 9, come to the Vicarage of Gresford before 11, are told That the Chancellor this day 7 [n]ight, went to Garthewin, wee go to the Town, see the Church, situation & prospect, dine at the Clerks, the dinner mean and Fish salt. Wee drink my pint of white wine, left here, above a Year, in reserve. Wee return to Chester about 4. Having received a Funeral Ticket (after Tea to quench my Fish-thirst) I go to attend the Corps of Sir Laurence Esmond at the Glass-house, the House with company and the road near it, with company, Horse and Coaches crowded. Gloves

are distributed, and tho I see Mr. Bassano, Holland, Rymmer &c I escape that obligacion, and therefore retire about 6 (an hour before the solennity) to my Chamber and cool posset. The Corps are interr'd without prayers, hee being a papist in St. Oswalds, torches attending from the Glass-house. (2^s:6).

24 St. Matthias, a delicate day. Upon appointment my Suzy, Son and I, about 9, set out, shee and I in Mr. Townsends Coach to Christleton, thence (after Tea) hee and I on Foot, to Warton. My son reads the prayers for the day. Wee have a full and decent dinner, good Ale and wine. After, wee take a Turn in the Glebe. Mr. Rollinson and Mr. Calkin join and drink Ale with us till 5. Mr. Townsend and I return over the Feilds, the Coach with Mrs. T.^d & my Suzy to his House, where, in a dark interval, wee drink a Bottle of good Claret. They pleas'd with their entertainment, wee with their generous behavior, wee part about 9 and the Moon recovering strength over Clouds, return in their Coach about 10. To Mr. Townsends Coachman (Samuel) 2^s:6^d.

25 I rise after help (of Snail-water) to sleep, about 8. At M. prayers, I write to my Cozn. Parr, acquaint him of Turners Search for Mr. Richard Cheslin of D.D.C. and the Charg, 2^s.10^d. I give my S. 5^s, pay Mr. Platts Note, 16^s. After dinner retreat an hour. After E. prayers return to my room, Pufendorf & my white pint. Give a Seaman 1^s.

26 After Early prayers, to Busienes. I write to Mr. Moulding by Jeffry, who go's today to St. Asaph, where a Court is appointed to bee to morrow. After some preludes in Mr. Bouchers Chamber, to the Court, where easy Assignacions, no Wittnesses. After Court I take a walk in good Ayr round the Walls. I send to my son Harry by the Liverpool woman two Guineas, Give my Suzy 7^s. About 1 I and my Family formally invited, go to the Deanary, where wee are civilly entertained with a very dissagreeable dinner to us and the season. Manners make us dispose with involuntary Breach of Lent – good liquors go along with gentile Civility, till the Bell to prayers end the Entertainment. After these, to Mr. Kemps, where the stated 5, Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hulton and myself drink 5 pints over tollerable discourse and part before 8. The Deans servant 1^s. (1^s:6^d).

27 I rise to early prayers. After, see the News, and the day bright but cool, walk round the Walls, with Mr. Tomson. I after fall immersd into Harris's Lexicon almost all the day. After Ev. prayers I take a short Turn into the Town (Alderman Minshal with mee) to Tilston the Carver. I return to my chamber, Harris, & pint supper.

28 After an unhappy night, sleep and rest recoverable by no help. I rise about 8 under severe indisposicion. The weather warm, the Ayr pure & delicate. About ½ hour after 9, I set out, in it, to Christleton. Mr. Townsend entertains mee with Tea (as I think too often). I return at the same rate to Chester about 12. After dinner and short recess, to Ev. prayers. After which round the Walls, takeing (what I had long neglected) two Turns on the Cop of roodee, return to my chamber, Book and pint of white port after 6.

MARCH 1 I rise before 7, the weather cool and rainy. I am surpriz'd at the Coffee House by an Account by way of Express, That the Pretender on the 8th going from Rome with design to take ship at Genoa and pass thence to Spain was intercepted

in the Milanese by a party of German Horse and carryd to the Citadel of Milan as prisoner. The Dean has an excellent discourse in the Quire on (Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation). After which a Sacrament celebrated Det D.O.M. vivere recte. After E. prayers, I take a walk round the Walls, return to my chamber, book and pint. Mrs. Thane gives a visit, when as everywhere the misfortunes of the Pretender is the chief subject.

2 I rise not till 8, indispos'd. I call and drink 1 dish of Coffee at Mr. Hultons. I go to the Great Church where prayers are this day and Mr. Russells anniversary, a good sermon on Religion by Dr. Fogg in a thin audience. After Tea, my son and I about 12 set in a cool Ayr and brisk wind, to the Glass-house where Capt. Maynard, Townsend, Hulton, Dod, Middlehurst are entertain'd at a plentiful dinner, Turnips, saltfish and pudding falling to my share. The Forfeitures of the last 3 months are reckon'd, mine to 3^s. Mr. Chancellor comes inter haec and pays with chagrin his 3^s.6^d. After mixt matters (Pretender, policy, Horses) Mr. Hulton, my son and I return, and after 6, the same persons (Mr. Dod and Middlehurst excepted) meet Mr. Mather at Mr. Kemps on the proper anniversary Chad day. Mr. Archdeacon Thane, Mr. Leftwich, Boucher, Stratford, Roberts make up a Circle of 11. The Collacion is turn'd to 9 Quarts of good genuine Claret, the conversacion is improv'd by Capt. Maynards affectionate concern at the depravity of our late and present Ministers of State. The charms of the wine and Healths along make cheerfull Ayrs in the company & detains us past 11. (5^s.6).

3 Indispos'd because too warm from the day and the late good wine. I see at the Coffee house the story of the Pretenders apprehension, contradicted to my satisfaction. After M. prayers to my chamber, Tea and Book. After dinner repose and Ev. prayers, the sun tinging the mountains. I take a Turn on roodee. I pay Tilston for cutting the Owl on my slender hazel 1^s, return to my chamber, book & 2^d pint. (1^s).

4 After some uneasy hours I recover, repose and rise about 8. The weather yet sharp. I give my S. 5^s. Both before and after M. prayers in Cassanaeus. I pay Mr. Hodgson for a Littletons Dictionary, 17^s, For the heathen Gods and other Books for my son Will. 3^s. After Ev. prayers and a Turn into the Town, to my chamber, Book and pint supper. (6^d).

5 I rise about 8. The weather cool and kindly. I write and inclose to Mr. Jo. Edwards at Ness, near Salop, late Inspector of Stamps, a copy of Griffiths Will, direct him to pay 4^s.6^d. to Mr. Moody of Oswestry, the charg. After Mr. Bouchers chamber to the Court, where yet no Wittnesses. I take a Turn into the Town, thence return to my Ling and short repose. To Lydia & Peggy for a raffling each 1^s. After repose and Ev. prayers, To the wine Club at Kemps, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hulton and I over 3 Quarts of good Claret and mixt discourse (chosen Healths along) carry on the Time past 8 (each 2^s).

6 The weather rainy and cool. Indispos'd from the good wine, take a Turn into the Town. The News is on the peerages by makeing more Scotch Lords hereditary, to violate a branch of the Union. I visit Mrs. Midelton, drink Tea and stay with her above 2 hours. I pay the Mason for altering the seller stairs 2^s.6^d. After dinner, short repose and Ev. prayers at home, where Lady Bunbury in her visit here is entertain'd by Mr. Davies on the Spinnet with his 2 Boys.

7 Insuccessfull sleep, gives pain and complaint. I indeavor to divert it by Pufendorf and Montaigne. I pay Mr. Robinson, Taylor, 6^{li}.6^s. for a pair of Stockings for Ken. 3^s.6. After dinner to my refuge, repose. After Ev. prayers Mrs. Midelton pays her promis'd visit. Mrs. Venables shee finds, and Mr. Edelin follows her. Mrs. Venables gon, I treat them (if 2 glasses each deserve so much) with good port, they recede at 8. After to another glass over my book in my chamber.

8 I rise after 7. The News turns the apprehension of King James to a danger of an invasion into England. Dr. Thane has a good and seasonable discourse on (and (Speaking of Dives) hee faired sumptuously every day). The weather brisk and threatning rain. After Ev. prayers Mrs. Cholmley and her daughter Meredith visit us. After I retire to my Chamber, and over my pint divert in Montaignes Essays.

9 Sleep interrupted, rise indispos'd about 8. The weather return'd clear & bright many, among whom my son, go to Farndon race. After dinner, short refreshment and ½ hour after 3 I go to the Glass-house, where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Hulton, Middlehurst, Jo. Bunbury. After 6 Mr. Chancellor and I return leaving Freind Witter mellow, to bee finisht by the rest. From my slender dinner and walk, grown hungry. I venture on potcht Eggs and my pint. 3^s.6^d.

10 I am tollerably successfull after a supper. The News takes fantastic Features, affirms imbarcation of Troops under the Duke of Ormond at Cadiz, that the Consternacion of the Ministry increases, yet that the Pretender is confin'd in the Castle of Milan, That the Regent of France is assassinated. About 9 Mr. Stevenson & I walk to Upton and visit Dr. Hancock there, return and drink Tea at home about 11. After Ev. prayers I go with Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Oliver to Mr. Hollands, where Alderman Partington, Crosby, Ball and Lawrence join us. Wee stay in odd storys till 8. I return to my chamber, book & pint. (4^d).

11 I rise after good repose to early prayers. The day cool and serene, tempts mee to a walk to Christleton, I come in a sweet air to Mr. Townsends about 9, drink Tea over civil recepcion and return home before 12. Pay Mr. Rider, Taylor, 1^{li}, to my S. 3^s. After dinner short repose and Ev. prayers in the Town. I meet Mr. Moss of Manchester, wee go to Mr. Kemps and over a Bottle of good Claret have discourse according to the latitude and surprize of the present Rumors. Hee pays 2^s.6^d, I, only (6^d).

12 To early prayers and after [?] short Turns on the Walls, book and Tea, to Mr. Bouchers chamber, thence to the Court where the Busienes too easy. I pay Mr. Richardson for the 4 marks cutt on Mr. Cholmleys stick, 1^s. Indispos'd drink a glass of Mum. Mrs. Rollinson dines with us, and shows mee her father Pawldens Deeds. I recede till Ev. prayers. After which go to Mr. Kemps to Mr. Chancellor, Kendric, Hulton, wee have the present amuseing policy's over 2 Quarts good wine and part before 8. (1^s.6^d).

13 I rise to early prayers. I see the News with the Kings speech telling of the Notice hee had from his Brother of France, of a Descent on England by the Pretender and desiring supplies from the Commons. The weather tempting, I set out after 9, come to the Vicarage of Gresford about 11, find Mr. Chancellor, his brother and son, booted for Wrexham. I show him the draught of Articles against Mr. Hughs proctor and leave the Books in a Cause of Tiths (Llansanfraid) with him. I take this opportunity and passing Borrass am diverted, by a woman too much

on the left, thoro deep lanes to Bangor, where about 2, a short Lent dinner is sett. After stay with Mr. Jones till 5. I proceed to Halghton, where kindly received by the whole Family especially Mrs. Mary who officiously setts before mee my pint supper of white port which draws out the discourse 'twixt Mr. Lloyd and myself to 11.

14 I rise about 7, and after a short Turn am entertain'd by the Ladies with Tea & Coffee, the cheif subject is on Sir Hen. Bunburys unhappy vote against the clause Test and other his conduct and free conversacion with the officers, all which this Family condoles with tender freindly concern. After Oysters to dinner on pease soup, salted whittings & herrings. Ceremonies over and favors repeated, I take leave about 2, call on and take a Tip of Brandy, my stomach discompos'd, with Mr. Jones, return thoro the 5 Fords by Clunon over the fair prospect under Acton, home ½ hour after 6. I refresh in a pint of white port and indevor to help my stomach by Elixir. (4s).

15 My sleep improv'd by Elixir. I stay at home, send for the papers which magnifies the design of Invasion and fixes the time to sail from Cadiz on the 8th of March N.S. I have agreeable reading, continu'd. And in the Ev. refresh in my pint of white. My S & I about 10 (preparing to bed) are surpriz'd by a noise as of a smart stroke on a wall or wainscoat tho there is none such in [illegible] Room.

16 The weather turnd severely cold with snow. I keep warm in doors in Busienes and Books. One Mr. Sanders, an unfortunate yong man, offers to write for mee, I taught by such another, to suspect strangers, civilly dismiss him with 1s. I write to Mr. Moulding about the Articles against Mr. Hughs and to Mr. Hughs, my advice to confess & submitt. After 5 I take a Turn into the Town and thence back to my chamber, Book & pint.

17 After a cold and pinching night perceivd in the most warm retreat, I rise about 8. The News of a descent is variously told and affirmd and by Mists paper only contradicted, this adjourns common expectacion to the next post. Lady Bunbury and Mr. (Atturney) Bunbury drink Tea here. I settle the order of the Articles against Mr. Hughs and give them to bee copyd. The brisk frost, in rare Ayr, makes devastacion on the forward beautiful Buds. After dinner, from a short repose, into the Town, every place full of the incertainty of the descent. I return to my chamber, Book & pint.

18 Not successfull in sleep. I indevor to recover my complaint by a walk in the cool and delicate Ayr and Sun to Christleton, come to Mr. Townsends before 11, after a Turn in the Garden, drink Tea, thence to M. prayers in the Church and return home about 12. I send to my son Harry a Guinea, pay Wilbraham, Chandler, 1.9.10, For the Poors Tax of Huxley 8s:9d. About 4 Dr. Griffith, returnd from the Bath, calls on mee, hee is in the common incertainty of the descent, but beleives it. In the fine cool Even, I walk with him to Newton Town, return about 6 to my chamber, Book & pint.

19 An unhappy repose makes mee incapable of the comfort & pleasure of a most delicate morning and day. My son pays mee back the 8s:9d I paid yesterday. I go to Mr. Bouchers Chamber where Mr. Chancellor and proctors, thence to the last Court of this Term, smal busienes, no Witnes. I write to John Cross about Mr. Gelibrands Interest. After dinner and short retreat & prayers I go to Mr. Chancellor, Mr.

Hulton, Kendric, Townsend & Holland at Mr. Kemps, wee over 3 Bottles divert on the incertain rumors & part about 7. I go with Mr. Kendric to Alderman Partington, while there (about 8), the people on the Streets and the rooms convenient are surprizd by a sudden Corruscacion representing the light of the Sun, but vanishing in $\frac{1}{2}$ a minuit. I return home about 8. (2^s:3).

20 I rise, not fully refresht by sleep, to early prayers. I see the News, which represents the Government calling in to their assistance their Allyes. After Tea and Equipment, Mr. Stratford and I in a fair cool day sett hence $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after 9, come to Gresford after 11 to prayers in that Church. These ended the Court sittings. Articles are ministr'd against Mr. Hughs proctor and deliver'd to him, which hee receives with an Ayr of inconcern or stupidity. After a mean dinner for the season, the company staies at Ale. Jeffry examines 5 Welsh wittnesses. Mr. Chancellor engages mee and Mr. Moulding to the Vicarage, whither wee go by the Moon about 8. After the supper wee drink a Bottle of good Claret, a pint of white French and in a Tip of good Brandy, part about 11. (3:6).

21 I rise about 7 and tho sensible of the advantage of the excellent air, am under pains from the Ale and Wine. Mr. Moulding pays mee on Account of my office, since the 11th of Feb. last, 6^{li}:15^s:7^d. Hee go's to Wrexham, I stay with Mr. Chancellor diverting the time in politics and Consistory busienes. Dinner is protracted till 2, at which Mr. Lloyd his Son in Law, now High Sheriff of Denbyshire, wee drink a Bottle after in good domestic Healths. After the generous recepcion I mount after 5. I call on Mr. Davies at [?Reft] Castle, hee receives mee civilly, wee drink 3 glasses each of excellent Brandy in affectionate stile. The evening bright, I return easily, save an accident to my Man, John from the Entertainment hee (not able to bear drink) mett with, D.O.M.G. safe about 7. (4^s).

22 I rise about 7, the morning shar[p] and fair. The News yet continues the preparacions against the Invasion, however suspected. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire. My son returns from Warton to dinner. After which and prayers I take 2 Turns on Roodee, return after 6 to my chamber, book and pint.

23 After Elixir last night, a longer but uneasy sleep. I rise about 7, the weather keen with cold. I give Will his Quarterage 10^s. To my S. 11^s. I write to my son Ken, venture not to the Glass-house nor to prayers. I take a short Turn in the Evening into Town. See at the Bull and Dog a Worcestershire Ox of extraordinary magnitude, return to my chamber, and over my pint of white port divert in Pufendorf.

24 I, in a delicate cool morning, rise to Early prayers at which a great congregacion. The News entertains with incertainty still about the descent, yet the Government as France also are or pretend to bee under Apprehensions. I call and drink Coffee at Mr. Hultons. About 11 go down to Roodee tempted with the weather, calm and cool and a high Tide smoothly flowing and returning. I take 6 Turns on the Cop. After dinner, retire. After Ev. prayers and 6, go to Mr. Shaw proctor of York at the Yacht. Mr. Houghton junior his brother in law is with him. Mr. Boucher, Stratford, Roberts come invited, after a supper for them, the good French circulates in good healths and brisk enough discourse, wee empty 6 Bottles, Mr. Shaw treats, wee part not before 12. I pay my contribucion to the vicar of St. Oswald 3^s.

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MARCH 25 After an unhappy Night, a feverish Morning. I write to my Cozn. Parr about my son Ken. I give my S. 5^{li}. A fine soft rain falls, yet the weather cool. After M. prayers over, I give to Mr. Massie characters of the 2 Competitors John and Robert my late servants and prefer the former as more steady, to his service. After dinner, cool by retreat. After Ev. prayers turn'd, by the rain, from the Walls to my chamber, Book and supper of 2.3^{ds} of a Quart of white Dyson.

26 A more easy repose brings more cheerfull recruits of spirits. After my Book, Morning Prayers and Tea, I take 2 Turns on roodee on the Cop with Mr. Holland where a high tide, advanc'd by the West wind, beats near our path a great, formidable sight. My late servant Robert follows mee hither, tells mee of his going, with aversion, to serve Mr. Legh of Booths. I give him 1^s. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account 10 Guineas. I pay these to Alderman Partington, on Account. I give my S. 1 Guinea, besides 3^s [note says 2^{li}:4^s:0]. I am inform'd of and heartily condole the death of my old good Freind Mr. Morrey, Vicar of Neston¹ which hapn'd this morning. After Ev. prayers I meet the Chancellor, Mr. Townsend, Kendric, Hulton. Here I write to Mr. Gandy on Mr. Starkie of Cockshall's Account. Wee in good humor drink 3 Bottles, good wine & part about 7. (1^s:6^d).

27 After indifferent repose, I rise about 8. See the News which continues the preparacions, at home and with the Allies, against an Invasion yet in the Clouds. Dr. Fogg has a good discourse in the Quire on our Saviours words (Let this Cup pass from mee yet not as I will, but as thou wilt). Mr. Tea was prepar'd to preach this day pursuant to Mrs. Barbara Dods great and pious Legacy. About 12 the Duke of Bolton comes to Town (Mr. Kemps) going to his Leiftenancy of Ireland. My son preaches at Warton. After Ev. prayers and supper, I take 2 Turns on roodee, the weather sharp, Wind N.W. I return at 7 to my chamber, Book and smal Bottle. (1^s:6).

28 The weather yet wett and cold. I take a short Turn and call at Mr. Hultons, thence to M. prayers. I receive from Mr. Roberts on Account, 26^{li}:5^s. I pay Mr. Crosby shoemaker 4^{li}.12:8, To Alderman Partington on Account 10^{li}:10^s, To William Dutton for Oats 2^{li}:11^s, To Tho. Roberts 5^{li}:4^s (which with the like summ paid at several times, makes up 10^{li}:8^s.) his wages the last year, due at Xtnas last, To my daughter Peggy, on her Allowance, 1^{li}:10^s, To my daughter Nelly, her allowance, 2^{li}. The 4 Warton Firmars dine with us today, among whom Dutton distinguishes himself by rude rusticity. After Ev. prayers and a short Turn into the Town, I retreat to my room, Book and small Bottle of White port.

29 Easter Day. I see the News which yet keeps up the suspicion of a descent, and in different manner especially from Paris and Exeter describe the appearance of the Meteor (which hapnd at the same time with that, here, on the 19) as not only extraordinary, but dreadfull. The Dean has, in the Quire, an excellent discourse on John 20.20, Then were the D[isciples] glad when they saw the Lord. My son returns from Warton about 2. After dinner a short retreat, And after Ev. prayers Mr.

Tomson and I (in a cool Ayr thoro dry Feilds) take a Walk to Hool Heath. I return after 6 to my Chamber, Book and 1 Bottle of White port. (3:6).

30 I rise to early prayers, at which a great number. The weather is cold and wett. After 10 I visit Mrs. Middelton and over her Tea, in free and freindly discourse, stay past 12. My son returning late from Warton, wee dine after 2. I omitt the Glass-House. After Ev. prayers, I take 2 Turns on roodee, about 6. Return to my Chamber, Book & Bottle.

31 At early prayers, not so well attended. The weather severely sharp. I see the public papers which now almost drop the danger of the descent. I return indispos'd to my chamber, and turn in Dr. Field his 5 Book of the Church. I pay to the Collector of the Land Tax, for my office, this and the House in Abby Court 1^{li}:1^s & to those of the Window Tax 1^{li}:10^s. After dinner, lapse into repose till 5. About 6 go with Mr. Holland to the Ship whither Mr. Grantham follows us. Wee cheerfully in chosen hea[l]ths and exerted affections on the present Times, over 3 pints of white wine, draw up the time to 10. (1^s.6^d).

APRIL 1 I Q.B.E. begin this month with the early prayers. The weather now warm & genuine. I after 8 sett out to Mr. Townsends, drink Coffee with Mrs. T. and, after walk in his fine garden and Ayr, with Mr. Townsend, returning, at the Glass, fall in with the Sheriff, Mr. Barrow (of a rustic character but good estate) few, save his men, are with him. They proceed, I follow and return about 12. After dinner Mr. Price of Ruthin and the 2 (Jack and Dick) Pulestons call on us. After E. prayers Mr. Price, Alderman and I (after I had treated him with the sight of the great Ox) go to the Yatcht, where over Ale wee have some discourse on His M.S. remarks on Dr. Hick's Book. Hee treats us here. I return about 7. To my S. 5^s.

2 After interrupcions ingratefull, my sleep (by snail water) recoverd. I rise before 7. After 8 drink Tea with Mr. Price at Mrs. Mideltons. At M. prayers where the Judges and sheriff, Mr. Newnam Curate of Wrenbury has an ingenious discourse on Peace and Holines without which etc. After a Beef-dinner, I incline to retreat. After Ev. prayers I go to the Yatcht where Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hulton, dissappointed in the wine, wee have only 2 Bottles and part at 7. (1^s).

3 I wake about 2 and (maugre my usuall helps) scarce recover any further sleep. I rise to Early prayers and see the dreaded descent vanishing in the News papers. At 8 I wait on Mr. Egerton, now with his Lady at the White Talbot. I promise to see him at Olton, return, indisposd, to my chamber and Tea. I pay the Water [?rents] 4^s, Dean Rurals Tax 7^s:6^d. Give my S. 2^s. After dinner young Mr. Morrey calls on my son & gives some Account of the Vicar of Neston, under aggravated indisposicion, retreat till prayers. After 5 my son and I, invited, attend on the Funeral of my old Freind, my Dear Lydias relacion, Mr. Peake, who dy'd on Wednesday, on a long and lingring distemper, the Gout, the Clergy among whom my Son, Bearers, the rest, select, not great company, bringing him to his Grave in the Chancel of St. Mary's, this day ending the 66 and beginning the 67 year since his Birth. Returning about 8 on appointment, wee call at the Ship, where Mr. Wyke and Carlton presently come to us. After some mencion of Broughtons busienes comes up the public, on which the highest Healths are invented, these circulate in 4 Bottles of good Claret past 11, their generous Treat.

4 The quantity and unseasonable time of the good wine extremely indispose. At 7 my old Freind T. Gorst calls. I rise and take a short Turn in the Town (& on the Walls) with him. Wee agree to meet some convenient time at Sandyway. After Tea, Books and dinner, at which Mr. Rolinson, by repose, relief. After E. prayers and Books about 7 my S. and I go to Lady Bunburys where the yong Ladies of that and Mrs. Venables Family and my own 3 daughters act the Indian Emperor, tis laudably perform'd and by 2 of my daughters with distinction. Mr. Attorney Bunbury with a few more are Spectators. Wee stay and drink a Bottle of good wine and come home about 11.

5 I rise at 7. After a frosty night, the weather yet sharp. The News reviving the imagination of a descent. Dr. Thane has in the Quire a good discourse. My son returns from Warton to dinner. After which, retreat till E. prayers. In the Broad Isle Mr. Charles Bunbury tells mee my Lord Derby had on some pretence of invading his Royalty orderd the Bishop of Man to bee confin'd, and that the Bishop now free, upon Bail, was preparing to come over with his Complaint.² About 6 I take a walk up to Hool-heath, and return the Boughton way. I over my Book and pint of red port recreate till 9.

6 I rise to early prayers and after take a Turn into the Town calling at Mr. Hultons. Indisposd, retire and am refresh'd without sleep. The weather is cold to surprize and after dinner turns rainy. I write to Mr. Chancellor Wynne about the disposicion of his Drawer for Coins. Jeffry, detain'd by attendance at the Hall in the Wallesey Cause,³ gos not till 4 part of the way to St. Asaph, where a Court tomorrow. After a short Turn I retreat to my chamber, Book and Bottle of white Dyson.

7 After uneasy interrupcions, I rise at 7. The weather cool, but more temperate than yesterday. I see the papers, which yet keep up the shadow of an Invasion, by a rumor that the Spanish Fleet and Transports were seen in the Bay of Biscay. Mr. Tomson, Aldcroft and I take a walk round the Walls, and observe round the Town a cheerfull appeareance (maugre the cold weather) of the Spring. The Judges Cowper & Winnington sett hence about 8. After M. prayers to my chamber and Book. After dinner indispos'd retire. About 4, Mr. Fazakerley calls on and drinks Tea with my son and myself in the study. I entertain him with the Memoirs I have of the House of Derby, coins and Books. About 6 wee bring him on the Walls past the Castle, thence continue on the Walls home, where to my Book over my sons Bottle of red port.

8 I rise to early prayers, write to Mr. Plumbe about the Charg of Limes Transmission which is 6^{li}:13^s (or really 6^{li}:15^s.)^{4d} My S. going to pay a visit to her Kinsman Mr. Powel of Govynnis, I give her 1^{li}. After a Turn in the Town with Alderman Partington, about 9, I visit Mrs. Midelton, drink Tea, over free discourse, 2 hours. I pay the Laborers 2^s. After Dinner yong Mr. Morrey brings Account of the Tiths and Glebe of Neston surmounting 140^{li} p.A. beside Easter dues. I retire

2 The earls of Derby were the rulers of the Isle of Man at this date, for the island was part of the patrimony of the Derby family; hence the control exercised by the earls over the Church.

3 C.R.O., Court Books, EDC.1/107-8.

past 4. John returns from my S. After a Turn in the Town retreat to my chamber, Book and smal Bottle.

9 After Early prayers to the News, which yet, tho languidly, keeps the descending Fleet at Corunna. I take a walk on the Walls and returning, near the Phoenix Towr, see Dr. Thane coming on at some distance, who seeing, makes a short Turn & manifestly avoids mee. After meeting in Mr. Bouchers chamber, wee go to the Court which is the 1st of this Term. I examin 1 Wittness ex parte Yells before dinner.⁴ After that, urgd by my son, I go with him to Dr. Thane, desire his Favor on my sons behalf in the matter of Neston pursuant to the Act of Chapter 10 April 1716. Hee with heat & prejudice contradicts the plain Tenor of it, and maintains Seniority to signify superiority on the Dean's part, raises his voice to squailing indecent, saies hee has so often said, hee woud not appear in Chapter on that Account, that hee cant in conscience break his word. Tho on my asking, hee confesst no one desird his absence, then reflects on pluralities. My son shows him a Copy of the Act, calmly answers his objections, voce submissa, intimates my services and his own pains and journys in London, when the ArchDeaconry was solicited for him. I, on this occasion, assur'd him I had with great satisfaccion as well as industry don him all service in my power and now the matter of this Applicacion to him. Hee plainly appear'd conscious, and tho hee had not the gratitude & courage to say hee woud appear and give his vote for my son, hee promisd to do him no harm. Thus wee parted. I uneasy, retir'd till E. prayers. About 5 go down with my son to Mr. Dyson's Cellar, to make choice of port there. Call at the Ship where I am told those of our wine Club were gon. I then, the Evening mild, go down, take 4 Turns on roodee, and on curiosity, calling at Mr. Kemps, find there Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hulton in the midle of the last Bottle; part after 7. House Exp. and Tea 3^s:6(6^d).

10 After early prayers, I see the News which by mistake is told as yesterday. At 9 Mrs. Midelton with her Neice comes, drinks Tea and stays 2 hours with us. Yong Mr. Moreton the good Bishops son, now (by his elder brothers full resignacion, in which hee tells mee upon passing a Fine here, my Name was us'd as Demandant) Master hereditary of Moreton, dines with us. After dinner, recess, And after prayers, I take 3 Turns on roodee. Then to my Chamber, book and Bottle in which, about 8, my S. returns from Govynnis. On House Exp. 2^s:6(6^d).

11 The weather soft and genial (at early prayers) is ruffld by a brisk wind about 9. I call on Mr. Moreton at his Lodging, Mr. Cottons, drink Tea with him. Hee with great Civility makes a present to mee of a golden Pen, which was, and because it was the good Bishops his Father. My son accompany's him in a Calash, and 2, to Moreton. Upon my Man John his claucular way of ingageing himself to Mr. Brookes, 4 several men offer themselves. I see Dr. Hancock, whose case I hope is not yet desperate. After dinner, short repose & prayers. I see the News which yet holds on the design of a descent & prepares against it. I walk with Dr. Griffith towards Newton, hee despairs not of Dr. Hancock. I return after 7 to my Book & Bottle.

12 The weather fair and cool. After 7 I see the News, yet incertain, about the less

suspected descent. M. prayers are had in the parish Church, After which a son of Dr. Hancock has a sermon wherein he describes our Saviors Life, and exhorts to the imitation of it. A Communion is celebrated by the parishioners, Cuius particeps Ego D.O.M. precor vitam dare magis rectam. After Ev. prayers about 6, I attend as a Bearer on old Mrs. Foulks Funeral, the rest are Mr. Meredith, Townsend, Hulton, Cottingham, Boucher, Kendric, Bell, it proceeds not to the Church of St. Marys till after 7; return home about 8.

13 I rise after uneasy hours, indispos'd, about 8, evade even Books, and Saunter. I take it a favor in Mr. Tomson, to walk of, if it may bee, the infirmity, in 3 Turns on roodee, whence return warm and thirsty, drink a full Glass of sleepy Mum, after venture on a dinner epicurean of Ox-cheek. Retreat, yet hott and dull. I receive from Mr. Roberts, 40^{li}:13^s on Account, go about 6 into Town with my S., pay (all Accounts sum'd up with both) to Alderman Partington, 8^{li}, to Alderman Puleston, 12^{li}:2^s, To Mr. Massie, for Linnen, 8^s:6^d. Alderman Puleston gives mee 3 Glasses of Manley Claret. Wee come back about 8, find Mr. Moreton, my son and yong Tom Gorst return'd from Moreton. They sup and drink a glass of old Ale, I wine, till 10.

14 After Elixir last night, more cool and easy at home strict. The weather changd to very cool. Mr. Moreton and T. Gorst dine with us, on the 2 Carps they brought from Moreton. Upon a Chapter today, in the Case of Neston, I with my son go to Dr. Thane & desire his favor there, hee assures us hee can't vote for plurality of Livings, & has writ to the Dean that hee will not bee there, still averse to the offices of Friendship. In the Ev. the parlor is prepar'd for the Theatre and our particular invited Friends come. The play Indian Emperor introduc'd by a prologue spoke by my daughter Peggy, begins about 7, ends after 9, perform'd to great satisfaction and surprize. The company after is treated with sweet Cakes and white wine. This advances the night past 11. I execute a Deed as Demandant upon a Fine and comon recovery, [passt] on the Estate of Moreton.

15 After repeated Elixir, more cool and easy, the weather still cool and windy. I stay at home save a short Turn to Mr. Hultons. I give my S. 5^s. The Matter of the play much talkt of and applauded. In testimony of my approbacion of their good performance I give to each of my daughters 3^s:6^d, my son to each 1^s. After dinner I retire. After 6 I take a Turn into the Town and on the Walls, retire to my Book & Bottle.

16 After experiment by Snail water to perswade sleep, rise about 8, indispos'd. About 10 to Mr. Bouchers chamber where most of the Court assignacions dispatcht. Here I pay Mr. Chancellor on Account of Repetitions from 16 January 1704/5 to this day 6 Guineas, 6^{li}:6^s. The rest of the busienes dispatcht in Court. A Chapter is held after M. prayers to which Mr. Oliver on my sons part is carryd in a Chair. Tis agreed to refer the intention of the Chapter's Option Act of 10 April 1715 to my Lord Bishop. Mr. Moreton dines with us, after, my son gos with him to Eaton. The weather wett inclines to recess. About 5 I go to Mr. Chancellor, Townsend, Kendric, Hulton now at the Kings Head (Alderman Wilsons) where after 2 Bottles & a pint of good wine, calmly wee part about 7. I wrote, after, an Order to the Churchwardens of Midlewich about permitting 2 Curates alternatly dureing the vacancy. Mr. Moreton supps & then takes leave, setting out for London to morrow. To my S. 5^s, Exp. 2^s. To my S. to buy a pair of silk stockings, 10^s.

17 The weather yet cool, windy and rainy. I rise more refresht about 7. I see the News with Mr. Tomson and am diverted with his passions on the Ministry. Kettle, the Mason, repairs the wall in which the Hall door to the Garden hangs, and deservedly has 1^s.6^d. After M. prayers I visit Mrs. Middleton, drink Tea and stay with her till 1. After dinner a very short recess. After E. prayers to my chamber, Busienes and Bottle. To my S. 2^s.

18 I rise after tollerable sleep about 8, the weather still cool, not rainy. After M. prayers I write to my Cozn. Parr about my sons Tenth, about Ken and account of our visitacion. After dinner (at which Mr. Rollinson) short recess and E. prayers. My Lord Anglesey comes in his mourning Coach and 4, Mr. Chester and Mr. Brooks of Castle Brimage, Clergymen, with him. Hee is affected with the Gout, and almost carry'd up stairs. I stay ½ hour, and after direct my son to them. After a Turn on roodee, and some busienes, return to them (at the Falcon) about 7. Mr. Sewel is added, wee stay over indifferent wine and conversacion past 9. Pay Mrs. Hughs, Milliner, her Note 1^{li}:14^s.

19 I rise about 7, the weather grown calmer, my son go's to Warton. Yong Mr. Hancock the Drs. son has a sermon on Gods providence on our Saviors Argument of 2 sparrows sold for a Farthing. My Lord Anglesey resolving for Park-yate at 2, I dine with him. Hee pays mee all the Charges of his Acorns sent last December, amounting to 1^{li}:14^s:6. I move him for his Qualificacion to my son, hee saies his number is full. Hee takes Coach 'fore 2. I return and retire. After E. prayers, To my Chamber, preparacion for my Journy tomorrow and my smal Bottle.

20 I rise to early prayers and sending Jeffry before, more deliberately equip. I pay my daughter Lydia 4^{li}, leave with my Suzy 4^{li}:6^s.0, To the children 2^s:6^d. About ½ hour after 9, Mr. Stratford and I, after Tea, in fair weather set out, come to Wrexham after prayers begun. Mr. Lewis comes in to our butterd Tost and pint of Sack. To the Court before 12. Mr. Jones, Vicar is Surrogate, wee dine, and do little Busienes at the Sun, 2 Wittnesses examined. In the Ev. I wait on and treat my cozn. Moreton with Mrs. Ellen Lloyd with a Bottle of good white. This is cheerfully and equally exhausted in highest Healths. I return to my Chamber in the Red Lyon about 10, where Mr. Moulding, Hughes & Lewis comeing to mee, I treat them with another Bottle, wee part about 12.

21 The weather alterd to stormy and Hail. After I with Mr. Moulding have drunk Tea with Mr. Jones the vicar, I, in a fair interval, step to Havod y wern where my Sister Puleston and Dolly treat mee with Coffee. I return after 12 to the Red Lyon, where a decent dinner. After 2 wee, Mr. Stratford, return'd from Chester, sett out vidt myself & the 4 proctors together, call on Mr. Davies at Rhuabon, stay entertaind with a smaller sort of Ale but generous welcom, till 6. This stay brings us under the Moon (Mr. Lewis meeting in the way the News of his brother Jones's death) to Oswestry at 9. Broth is prepard for the company, to which I add a pint of white wine.

22 I rise D.G. extremely refresht. I go to Mr. Parrys the Vicar, who entertains mee kindly with Tea. Thence to prayers and to Court. After dinner Mr. Edwards, late Stamp Inspector, calls on mee in great Civility, treats with a Bottle of white wine & pays mee for a Copy of a Will sent him 4^s:6^d. I examine a Welsh Wittness with the help of Mr. Parry. After this, draw a Commission for the Uniformity and

disposition of the seats of Llanvyllin Church, which with a glass of wine draws the time up with Mr. Parry and Stratford to 11, When the Churchwardens of this place, Kynaston, Price, Brown &c begin their anniversary rudenes & intemperance in the next room and carry it on high and provoking till 3.

23 Interrupted by the Noise of the Company and the Bells, I enjoy not above 3 hours sleep. I rise about 6, Mr. Moulding pays mee on Account 6 Guineas. About 7 in a cool bright day, Mr. Stratford and I sett out, come readily on to Wrexham about 11, refresh in a pint of sack and butter'd Toast, call on Cozn. Moreton and find Mrs. Beech with her. Wee mount after 12 and reach Chester after 2. After dinner I come to the 2^d Heat on roodee, find Mr. Egerton, tho hee has 2 Horses on his side, is insuccessfull in the Course; returning in the Crowd, I meet with my old relacian Mr. Woodward (now of Pudington). I go with him and his Nephew (Corles) to W. Willoughby, treat them with 2 pints of Ale, my kinsman humorous & in Ale drops a sleep, the other is obstreperous and nonsensical, parting in the street, I give the yong man a charg of his uncle. I return home about 8, drink 2 Glasses of white wine, & to bed at 9.

24 Succeed in sleep but labor under a lassitude from my journey, therefore ly till 9. After M. prayers my S. and I wait on Mrs. Mary Lloyd at Lady Bunbury's, drink Tea. I write to the Lord Bishop of Man (now at Warrington), inclose a Copy of the Act of Henry 8 which dissevers the Bishopricks of Chester and Man from Canterbury & subjects them to York, with a Copy of a Monicion against Gaskel. After dinner and short repose, I go after 4 to roodee where Mr. Egerton is insuccessfull in another race, but more unhappy, as yesterday, so this in the free popular reflections, on the Feild. I return to my Chamber and over my smal Bottle of Claret, reckon up the Expences of my late journys which I find amount to 1^{li}.7^s.0.

25 St. Mark, still under uneasines from my journey. After some busienes, I wait on Mrs. Middelton, drink not Tea but a Glass of Mum with her. I pay Mrs. Stringer 19^s.6, For 3 Measures of wheat 14^s. After dinner and short repose, agen to the roodee, where two Matches of less moment which long detain, but little divert the company, after 7. Mrs. Mary Lloyd directly invited, My Lady Bunbury and her daughters accompanying sup with us, and part about 11. I receive from Mr. Roberts, on Account, 20^{li}.

26 Still indispos'd I stay at home in proper reading. A rumor revives that 2000 are with Lord Marshal, Seaforth, Tullibardin landed in Scotland. After E. prayers I take a walk into the Feilds towards Beach, return'd write, rather transcribe a Letter to his Grace of York to admit my son his Chaplain, this over my smal pint of white Dyson.

27 I rise about 7, the morning Fair, the other part of our company equip for Malpas, I for St. Asaph. I pay the Maid Ismay, now silently and sullenly leaving us, 2^{li}.3.6, give her 1^s. I give my S. 10^s, to the Children 5^s. Set out about 9, resolve in the way and come to Penbedw about 12 where the domestic Capt. receives with comical rudenes, Mr. Mostyn & the ladys with great Civility, at & after a good dinner, wee draw out in Books and discourse, 2 Bottles of old French. I passing thoro his Groves see new improvements & some new plantacions blasted, sett out about 6, mistake my way to Carwys, am struck with cold in my neck, come to Gwernigrion after the sun set, about 9.

28 After Tea to the Town. The Church Consistory and (for Teagangle) Correccion held before Mr. Babington. A full company at dinner where Mr. Babington is Chagrin, the rest cheerfull. About 6, Mr. Evans, the proctors and I remove to the White Lyon where wee are free over 2 Bottles of good and return to Gwernigrön about 9.

29 After Tea and 9, in a fair day, my Brother Evans and I set out, come to Denbigh before 11. A Correccion Court for the Deanery of Rhose⁵ held before Mr. Williams who is recovered in his health & head beyond all expectacion. I divert in the prospects from the Castle, part with Mr. Williams in his own Tip of Brandy, go to a mean dinner at the 3 Bores Heads. Returning on the Wroe, Mr. Lewis of Ruthland joins us, comes along and consults in a Case of Scandal of the Diocese of Bangor. I enter on my pint of white wine. In the E. Sir H. Bunbury is our Subject. I indeavor to remove the common prejudice. Mrs. Penant my sisters companion pertly opposes mee, tells mee hee is turn'd Socinian, and further, who Socinus was.⁶

30 Better repose recovers ease & pleasure. After Tea to the Church. Mr. Moulding at the office settles Accounts, pays mee upon them, since April 23, 14^{li}:9:3 and for stamps borrowd 3^{li}, this brings too late to a dinner of good mutton well orderd, good Ale after inclines mee to short repose. About 6 Mr. Evans and I meet Mr. Moulding at the Lyon, I treat them with a Bottle of good wine & Ale.

MAY 1 I am early entertain'd with Carrols of the day well sung by the 3 Choristers. After to M. prayers, returning from them, visit Mrs. Lloyd at the Deanary. The dinner over, the matter of my sister Evans difference with Mr. Babington comes up. Shee rises to excess of her passion, is confus'd in her complaints, but settles no just cause, is exorbitant, hears no advice but suspects all who with reason endeavor to bring the matter to a point, and stop the Carrier [*i.e.* Career] of her Anger; this discomposes mee & permitts not repose. Yet I write for her a Letter to her sister Edwards which pleases her better than my attempts to reduce her to reason. About 7 I walk to the palace, and am told Mrs. Wynn is at Ruthin, recreated thus, solace in my pint.

2 In a fine cool morning, I rise about 7, am presently shockt with the stormy passions of my sister Evans filling the House accompany'd with irregular gestures, & compelling Tears. This makes deep impressions, and form dismal ideas, of her furious temper in mee. I fancy nothing but the ratling of a Chain is wanting to represent a Bedlam, to mee, tho no voice is heard but hers. Good God! by thy Grace, give her a happy chang & tranquillity of mind, and renew a right spirit within her! After a viaticum of Tea & Coffee, my Brother Evans states his Account by which it appears all Interest was paid, to 17 October last, save 18^s:6^d which I now pay him, and that there remains due, 17 April last, 7^{li}.10^s which I am to pay

5 National Library of Wales, St Asaph Register of Faculties from 1713.

6 Socinus was the Latinized name of Lelio Sozini (1525–62) and his nephew Fausto (1539–1604), who developed a type of Christian thought which rejected the doctrines of the Trinity and of the divine nature of Christ. Socinian tendencies were found in the eighteenth century amongst the Congregationalists in Liverpool, Manchester and elsewhere.

her (as shee says) at Chester. They both bring mee to the Office, where Mr. Moulding (to divert mee from his own house) meets mee with a Tip of Brandy. I lament the absence of the Chancellor tho now at Garthewen, the late Court. I meet with Mr. Hughs and repeat my advice about submission, to him. I call on Mrs. Moulding, my Brother Evans go's in, tells her, shee sends answer (greatly) shee's not at home. About 12 now, proceed, deviate towards Carwys, on the mountain, recover in ½ hour the road, come constantly on, the weather cool. I only in thoughts influenc't this morning uneasy, come safe D.G. to my Corner about 5. I am easily perswaded to a supper rack of mutton readily and well don. Refresh in good Ale (my family present) And after Elixir, to bed about 9.

3 Fatigue from the journey, supper and Elixir stay mee at home all day, in reading proper and various. Lady Bunbury and Mrs. Mary Lloyd see us at Night, which I conclude (rather begin) with a pint white port & to bed at 10.

4 The weather yet very warm. After M. prayers to Tea over which tell the Case of my sister Evans which affects mee. Go with my S. to Alderman Partingtons about a dust Coat. After Ev. prayers return to my chamber, Book and small pint.

5 I see the News which mentions little, tho this Town as from private hands whisper desird attempts in Scotland. About 10 go to Mrs. Middleton, sit and drink Tea & Coffee after 12. After dinner Mrs. Falconer sees us with her Scotch intimacions. After E. prayers agen to the Town. Thence to my chamber, Book and small pint, over these Mrs. Mary Lloyd comes and takes leave with us.

6 In the Night a welcom rain falls, which makes a cheerful morning. I rise about 7. After M. prayers, Mrs. Thane comes in and drinks Tea with us. I pay for a Bushel of Oates 7s:6, To Alderman Minshal my Quarterage to the Boys charitable school, 5s. After Ev. prayers I go to Mr. Boucher. I stay above 2 hours, and hee treats mee with a pint of warm white wine. I write or rather transcribe a Letter drawn by my son to Dr. Stratford, in behalf of my son Ken. After I step to Sir Hen. Bunbury returnd from London & after 2, other, Glasses with my son and Mr. Henchman in the parlor, to bed about 11.

7 Holy Thursday. I am at Early prayers, accomodate for my journey. I leave with my S. 2^{li}, with the children 2s:6. About ½ hour after 9 set out, my Mare from broken wind carrys mee in pain, the way and weather exceeding fair and cool. I come to Warrington before 2, dine on a pigeon & Asparagus. I wait on the Bishop of Man, who entertains mee with his Case, the arbitrary humor & irregularity of the Scotch Governor supported by the Earl of Derby. Hee walks with mee out of the Town and promises mee a Copy of the Diary of the loyal Earl of Derby. I part with him about 5 and come to Wigan (the Fair there) about 8, find the Chancellor, Mr. Aldersey and the rest of our company at Tootels indifferent French, go thence with my Cozn. Holt to his house after 9.

8 After a welcom rain in the night, a fine day. John Cross brings mee the Accounts of the last year and remainder of the rent of Ayrfeild (which was this year 50^{li}) 1^{li}.14:8, and of the Bank (the rent being 44^{li}) 7^{li}.02:11½ with Mr. Gillibrands receipt of 25^{li} Interest, and 1^{li} for William Naylor's rent. I go to the Angel, where the busienes is considerable of several kinds. After this over, wee refresh in a Bottle of Tootel, Mr. Chancellor and Hulton being gon to Ormskirk, to bed after 10. I pay Cuddy Finch for a pair of strong single soald shoos, 4s:6d.

9 Another happy shower falls in the Night. I follow my company about 9, and come in a cool drying day before 12 to Ormskirk. I pay Mr. Hodges Curat and Richard Hooton schoolMaster of Rainford each 1^{li}.17^s.6 (in all 3^{li}.15^s), one half years Interest of my cozn. Parrs Legacy. I send by the Chapel wardens of Farnworth, my watch to Mr. Williamson. Here too competent Busienes and several Aldermen in it from Liverpool. Mr. Tatlock of Prescott astonishes mee with an Account of the prosperity of Mr. Isaac Greene, hee being new Lord of 5 Mannors, whereof West Derby one. I pay our Lanlady for a pott of Woodcocks sent my Cozn. Parr, 1^{li}.2^s.6^d. I return after 5 to Wigan about 8, drink a pint of my Cozn. Holts Margoux, not very fine.

10 The welcom rain repeated in the Night. I put on Hen. Unsworths new Wig. Mr. Aldersey has a good discourse on the Ascention. Indisposd, after dinner I retreat till 4. After Tea, my Cozn. Holt and I take a walk into his Fox bank. Wee go about 8 to my supper of duller Margoux. I add Elixir to secure my sleep.

11 Successfull rest under another nocturnal rain. After M. prayers Wittnesses are produc'd by Mr. Roberts in presence of Mr. [?Stringer] ex parte Richardson et Hilton contra Greaves⁷ before Mr. Aldersey Surrogate at the Angel. I examine 4 of them. About 7 relax with the Company in fine wine and good Ale till 9. After find Mr. Leigh with my cozn. Holt and Mr. Ashburner over a pint.

12 I attribute a painfull difficulty of Urine, in the night, to the gay French white wine, rise at 3 to cool and help it. I go to the Angel at 8, write to my Suzy. Receive on Account from Mr. Roberts 5 Guineas, as on Saturday at Ormskirk 1^{li} (6^{li}.5^s). I examine a 5th Witness. After M. prayers go to see my Mare (turn'd to Grass on Friday). After dinner to the parsonage where Mr. A (shee absent) treats mee with sad Tea. After Ev. prayers pay Mr. Curghey for a pound of snuff, sent to Chester, 7^s.6^d. I stay at home, my Cozn. Holt returns from Chorley about 8, wee drink a pint of his indifferent Margoux.

13 The weather very high and rainy diverts my designd Journy to the Ayrfeild. After Tea, to M. prayers. I pay Fanny Green her Note 1^{li}.4^s.10. After dinner the weather rises to a perfect storm with rain, this influences Mr. Holt, Acton and myself to repose. About 6, wee with Mr. Ashburner go to Nanny Tootels Ale and wine. James Acton treats mee, in consideracion of my permitting him to sit in my Seat, with 2 pints, wee part after 10.

14 The weather recovers a calm and fair temper. I write to John Cross, propose a consideracion of the Arrears of 4 years rent, the standing Goods beside the 14 years upon the Lease for his part of the Wood. I leave 2 Guineas in my Cozn. Holts hands, as for the last years Stewardship, for J. Cross. I pay Hen. Unsworth for my new Wig, 1^{li}.10^s. About 12 my Cozn. and I set out, come to Haydock, find a full company with Mr. Legh. After dinner Mr. Leigh of High Leigh, Mr. R. Brookes, Capt. Brooks, Sil. Richmond, Sir William Gerard, Mr. Holt and I go with Mr. Legh to his Garden-house, where fair drinking is promoted, all sorts of liquors call'd up. After its Circulacion 3 hours, the company dissolves, I come with the Cheshire Gentlemen to Warrington, they proceed, I to bed about 10.

15 After great shows in the Night, a morning threatening more rain and Storms. I see the News, which gives Account after the King had left the Regency to 13 Commissioners (the Prince not namd), hee imbarqu'd in a fair wind, for Holland, on Munday. I set hence after 8 and hott and unhappy, from the Treat yesterday, come safe in blustering weather (D.G.) to my Corner ½ hour after 12. After dinner and repose I take a short Turn in the Town, retreat about 7 to my chamber and pint of white port. 3^s.

16 The weather still high. Fatigue confines mee to my bed till 10. I visit Mrs. Thane. After dinner short repose and Ev. prayers. I take a Walk towards Beach, return to my roome, Book and smal Bottle. My sister Evans comes to us.

17 Whitsunday. Mr. Medlicot (of Ireland) has a good & proper discourse, a frequent Communion, Det D.O.M. recte vivere. My son returns to dinner from Warton. After Ev. prayers Mrs. Midelton and her sister Roberts visit us. About 7, on invitacion, go to Sir Hen. Bunburys, Mr. Medlicot, Daniel, Hulton, Surgeon of the Yatch, my son & I are the company. Good wine in double fanciful Healths go's profusely round. Sir Henry justifies his vote against the famous Clause; Wee carry the Time, with the wine, to an excess, and part at 12.

18 Extremely indispos'd & fevorish from the wine last night, stay at home in pain and complaints. The weather yet cool and windy. I evade the Glass-house. After dinner short recess and Ev. prayers, I go to Mr. Pages shop, see Echards Roman History, fix on that and Dr. Nicols Defence of the Church, retreat to my chamber, Book & pint.

19 Releiv'd by Elixir enjoy better repose. I stay at home in reading. After 3 step and take leave with Mrs. Middelton going to Blithfeild. After Ev. prayers into the Town, the weather high, almost to storm with some rain. Given Harry yesterday 2^s:6^d. I, at 6, come to my shelter, Books and pint.

20 After a Night unhappy enough, I rise at 8, pay my sister Evans (due April 17) 7^{li}:10^s:0, To the washwoman her Quarterage due 1 May, 1^{li}:10^s, To my Suzy, 10^s. After M. prayers, to my Tea and Roman History. After E. prayers Mr. Medlicot is with us in the study, I entertain him with my Coins, and Books of Antiquity, myself supping on my smal pint.

21 I rise about 8, the weather yet windy. After M. prayers to Books & Tea. Invited by him on Sunday, I dine with Sir Hen. Bunbury, Dean Booth of Bristol, Sir Tho. Brooks, Mr. Davies, Jo. Bunbury and myself, fill his Table. After dinner the good wine O Bryan and at last Pontac circulate in high Glasses and chosen Healths till 6. Sir Henry mentions and I promote his arguments for the famous Clause and the company seems convinc'd as well as civil. I retreat to my room, write to Mr. Lloyd of Halghton and Mr. Moulding, go to Mr. Pages shop, borrow the Life of Robinson Crusoe, divert in it. 1^s.

22 Successful sleep which I attribute to my first Gruel last night, my stomach easy. After M. prayers to my History of Crusoe, entertaining, but from the meanes of his educacion and dissadvantage of his Life and the stile, the genuiness may bee justly suspected. After dinner short recess and Ev. prayers. I proceed and run thoro the History. At 6, begin my smal pint, go into the Town, pay Mr. Page for Echards Roman History 1.2:6, for three others, 10^s. Return after 8, invited over drink a pint of port with Mrs. Thane, try Gruel the 2^d time and to bed after 11. I send Phillis to the Croft at Warton.

23 After a hott night a scorching morning. I rise about 8. After M. prayers I write to my son Ken, pay Squire Dutton, for Oats, 15^s, Margaret Evans for Bacon. After dinner recess very short and Ev. prayers make up and send my PortManteau to Wrexham. I betake mee to a small pint of good Claret and a Walk round the Walls, end the Ev. stil thirsty, in half a pint of Gruel.

24 From the Gruel and excessive heat very indifferent rest. I rise at 8, see the News which makes the Princess Sobiesky miraculously escapd from Inspruck to Rome in her way to Madrid, dissappointed by the Barber, stay at home in proper reding.

[This is the last entry in the Diary, for Henry died at Wrexham on 9 June 1719].

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