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## GENERAL EDITOR'S PREFACE

The present volume concludes the Record Society's three-volume edition of the diaries of Henry Prescott. It was scheduled as the second of two volumes to be issued to subscribers to the Society for the years 1993 and 1994, but its publication has been delayed well beyond the intended date for its appearance. Apologies are offered both to members and other readers anxious to obtain the complete set of Henry's diaries and the indexes to earlier volumes, and to all those for whom any irregularity in the publication sequence of numbered volumes (Volume 134 has been available for some time) causes confusion.

There are, however, reasons why publication has taken longer than anticipated. Not only was the quantity of material consistently under-estimated even at the time of the publication of Volume 2, but it became evident that over half of this material presented formidable difficulties. Whereas Henry's forays into Latin are rare in Volume 1 and virtually non-existent in Volume 2, it is clear that his writing in English represented a lapse from his original intention of producing his diary entirely in Latin. The complete diary for 9 June 1689 to 31 July 1690 is wholly in Latin, and Latin alternates intermittently with English in the much more fragmentary texts up to the early months of 1695, when it appears to have been virtually abandoned. Moreover, Henry's aim was evidently not just to write his diary in an archaic language, but to combine the recording of daily events with a very deliberate attempt to imitate the style of the classical authors whose works he read and admired. As a consequence, a high degree of specialised expertise was needed to produce translations (and indeed accurate transcriptions) from the Latin entries. The Society has been fortunate to secure the services of John Harrop, a very experienced teacher of Classics, who has not only produced parallel texts of the highest quality, but has used his understanding of classical language and culture to annotate the text with abundant and informative footnotes. His wide knowledge has also contributed significantly to the compilation of the bibliography of Henry's reading matter.

In terms both of the sheer quantity of material and of the historical, geographical, bibliographical and practical expertise required, the indexes also presented time-consuming challenges. The subject index was certainly the most exacting technically, and the Lancashire local historian and editor Alan Crosby has succeeded in producing a formidably comprehensive text which will meet an already strongly-expressed need.

The Society's thanks are also due to Neil McNiven for many hours of painstaking work in checking and correcting earlier drafts of the name index and for preparatory work towards the index of books. His labours have probably advanced the date of publication by some three months. Finally, we are very appreciative of the continuing support and encouragement of Mr Kenrick Prescott,

owner of the original manuscripts and of the painting of the Prescott family home 'Ayrfield' which is partially reproduced on the dust jacket of this volume.

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The nature and scope of the text of this volume are described below in the *Introductory Notes* and *Notes on the Latin Diary Entries*. Apart from the provision of parallel texts for the Latin entries, the format is essentially the same as that of the two previous volumes. The pagination of the main texts is continuous through the three volumes. In the indexes, Roman numerals refer only to the introductory notes to Volume 1, and relate only to people, places and events which do not figure in the diary. The notes on editorial conventions which appeared in the first two volumes have not been repeated here, as they either state what will have become obvious to readers of Henry's diaries or are not relevant to the texts printed in the present volume. Abbreviations pertinent to this volume can be found after the *Editors' Bibliography*.

Peter McNiven (General Editor for the three volumes)  
December 1996.

## INTRODUCTORY NOTES

The text of Henry Prescott's diary reproduced in Volume 3 consists of two roughly equal elements; a diary kept in a small notebook with entries for every day from 9 June 1689 to 31 July 1690, and a collection of far more irregular entries on loose sheets of paper, all, with the exception of a page of brief entries for January 1683, from the years 1691–1707. While there is reasonable coverage of the period January 1691 – March 1695, material for the following seven years is much more fragmentary. Three undated passages have been discovered which 'belong' in Volume 1.

The most significant theme of the early entries, in the context of Henry's life and times as a whole, was the aftermath of the deposition of James II and the accession of William III and Mary II. Henry's recorded reactions to the dramatic events of 1689–90, which culminated in William's victory at the Battle of the Boyne, and then to the alleged conspiracy of Lancashire Jacobites in 1694, form the preface to the developments recounted in Volume 2 which led him to espouse, albeit discreetly, the cause of the 'king' in exile. Henry managed in his diary (which was presumably not written for public perusal) to strike a remarkably subtle balance between the Tory principle of obedience to established authority in the shape of William, and the expression of humane but not uncritical understanding of the supplanted James. Throughout William's preparations for his ultimately successful Irish expedition, which involved considerable troop movements between Chester and Hoylake, there is never a hint that the king was other than the true sovereign enforcing his legitimate authority. Henry's assessment of William as a king and as a man is minutely observed and wholly favourable:

'Beyond everyone's expectation he shows himself a spectacle. The natural and genuine complexion of his face, the sharpness and vigour of his eyes, his overall deportment and posture, show a man healthy not athletic, not warlike but energetic, not tall but active, not huge but great, and during the service [in Chester Cathedral], what is more important, not slothful but intent, not with his mind elsewhere but celebrating, not half-asleep but composed, not bustling but well-mannered, becoming, grave, pious'.<sup>1</sup>

There is no suggestion that Henry did not share in the rejoicing in Chester which followed the victory at the Boyne. The fact that James was backed by foreign troops undoubtedly helped Henry to support the king's campaign as an English

1 Below, p. 825.

patriot, and the same attitude seems implicit in the occasional later references to William's involvement in Continental campaigns. Yet Henry's assessment of James is both perceptive and sympathetic:

'... The most unfortunate of kings, a slave of papism, a hard tempter and father of his subjects, an enemy of the established religion and laws, his own worst enemy, deserted, I almost said betrayed, by his friends, kinsfolk and soldiers, committed to a foreign, even enemy bodyguard, deprived together of rule, honour and reverence, treated unworthily everywhere, driven more by warnings rather than invited by counsel to steal himself untimely away ...'<sup>2</sup>

Henry persisted in the technically correct view that James had not abdicated, even though this opinion was in direct opposition to the official line taken by William's first parliament.<sup>3</sup>

The first glimmerings of the Jacobite tendencies which became explicit in Henry's diary in 1716 perhaps appear in his account of the 'Lancashire plot' of 1694. Probably the most detailed entries in the whole of his diary recount the proceedings in the October of that year against prominent members of the Lancashire gentry who were accused of treasonable dealings with James.<sup>4</sup> After much preliminary procedure, including an argument over whether the 'decrepit' Lord Molyneux might be represented by a 'sollicitor' and protracted manoeuvring over the impannelling of an acceptable jury, the Crown prosecutor was moved to wonder:

'That any Englishmen shou'd degenerate so farr from the temper and Honour of their Ancestors as to bee willing to resign their Excellent Laws, Liberties, Government, nay their Lives and Fortunes, to the French.'

Despite the plausible testimony of a certain Lunt, who had turned King's Evidence, the defendants were acquitted to the uncontained delight of their friends and the equally evident annoyance of the chief judge, whose reported reactions suggest that he believed that the jurors had returned a perverse verdict. As 'Acclamacions and the Bells fill[ed] all eares', Henry celebrated at the Sun Inn until 3 a.m., and a predictable and particularly unpleasant hangover did not prevent him from renewing the revelry in the following evening with his friend Sir Peter Legh, one of the defendants.

Henry's partisan interest in local politics, as recorded in the previous volumes, may also be seen in these pages. In a notably lively contest for the office of mayor of Chester in 1692, the supporters of Sir Roger Whitley:

2 Below, p. 761.

3 Ibid.

4 Below, pp. 896–9.

'rake together people they have sought out all around for a long time; with money and ale they bribe urban scoundrels and rogues, the fanatics leave nothing untried. The other party act more carelessly'.<sup>5</sup>

Whitley's supporters had clearly mastered the art of effective campaigning, and their candidate not only emerged victorious on this occasion but, most exceptionally, held the office for the next four years.

In 1689 Henry was in the early years of his career as Deputy Registrar, and the arrival of Nicholas Stratford, the new bishop, was obviously a major event. The day after his installation Stratford experienced a taxing start to his incumbency when he was 'almost overwhelmed at the first meeting' by the 'tumultuous' behaviour of the parishioners of St John's Church in seeking the bishop's support for their right to choose their priest. Henry's deference to bishops throughout his diaries was unwavering, and it is therefore not surprising to find him praising Stratford as 'the mild arbiter' restraining 'immoderate altercations' and ordering 'sane and serious counsel on both parties'.<sup>6</sup>

The present diary entries also show Henry settling into his second marriage. Two years after the death of his first wife Lydia, he had married Susanna Puleston, who was eighteen years his junior. Although this was to prove a long and successful union, the diary contains hints that it may have been affected in its early years by at least two complicating factors. The first and more predictable was Henry's continuing sense of the loss of his 'dearest Lydia', a theme which was indeed to figure intermittently throughout his diary. The second, far more enigmatic, was his relationship with 'Mrs' Arabella Stephens, a lady who was apparently unattached and much closer to Henry in age. While she is represented as being on excellent terms with Susanna, Henry does not suggest that his acquaintance with her originated from that source. She certainly accompanied him on journeys in which Susanna was not involved and in which, while there is no hint of real impropriety, there were decidedly eccentric elements. On a visit to Manchester in March 1690, the two called at Altrincham where they 'indulged both inclination and friendship, pretended marriage. Hosts are in doubt about us, we left them uncertain in mind'.<sup>7</sup> Perhaps even more remarkable, on Mrs Stephens's birthday in June 1690:

'I give her a necklace made at my Susanna's inspiration in the shape of a heart, an emblem of threefold friendship, Lydia's, Susanna's and mine joining in one, as a gift or present to one who has deserved the best of us'.<sup>8</sup>

Was Mrs Stephens a friend of Lydia who formed a psychological bridge between Henry's marriages? In November 1694 Mrs Stephens died unexpectedly, and

5 Below, p. 853.

6 Below, p. 751.

7 Below, p. 785.

8 Below, p. 829.



although Henry and his family were clearly distressed at the loss of 'a woman outstanding in every virtue',<sup>9</sup> she is not mentioned directly again, and it may be that her disappearance from the scene allowed Henry to concentrate his affections more conventionally on what seems to have developed into a genuinely happy marriage and family.

Henry was actively involved in the upbringing of his children, and seems to have been especially close to his eldest son John, usually called Jack. The frequent walks on which Jack accompanied his father had evidently begun when Jack was only three years old.<sup>10</sup> However, Henry was probably at one with most of his contemporaries in maintaining a detached attitude towards the traumas of childbirth. On 22 June 1693:

'The pain grows worse. A daughter is born to me, thanks to God the best and greatest . . . I write to Mrs. Stephens. Somewhat ill I skulk at home. Mr. Hurlston restores me in the evening with noble and genuine wine'.<sup>11</sup>

As well as recording Henry's constant interest in eating and drinking (the latter activity is considered in some detail in Appendix 2), the early diary throws much light on his interest in classical antiquity, including the calendar, military organization, elections and legal system of the Romans. Roman artefacts, especially coins, were a long-term enthusiasm, and he was delighted in July 1693 when a certain Mr Heath made him a present of a Roman votive altar which had been dug up on the latter's farm. However, Mr Heath's sister was far less enthusiastic about her brother's generosity, and it is not known whether Henry managed to keep his prized treasure.<sup>12</sup>

While all the Latin diary entries are dated, this is not invariably the case with the loose English sheets. However, all but one have been dated with some confidence. This was mainly achieved by identifying the Sundays (virtually all sheets have a note of at least one month) and checking these against the Easter tables in Cheney's *Handbook of Dates*. Of course, two or more years in the period usually share the same date 'pattern', and the alternatives were eliminated by noting references to major dateable contemporary events or domestic matters such as birthdays or anniversaries. It is particularly pleasing that two fragments have been discovered which fill the 'Christmas' gaps in Volume 1's diaries for 1705/6 and 1706/7. In Volume 1, Henry records on 24 December 1705 that 'I communicate to Lady Bunbury, Mr R. Booths design on a Licence for her sister'. The meaning of this becomes very clear in the 'new' fragment when Henry produces an extra diary entry for 27 December to record the sensational news that Mr Booth and Lady Bunbury's sister had contracted a clandestine marriage that night.<sup>13</sup> Volume 1 has

9 Below, p. 903.

10 Below, p. 878.

11 Below, p. 861.

12 Below, p. 865.

13 Vol. 1, p. 82; below, p. 934.

an entry covering only the morning of 23 December 1706, while the present text supplies that for the same evening. The 'join' between the end of the new fragment on 23 January 1707 and Volume 1's text for 24 January covers an extended visit to Mr Egerton of Oulton and building work at the nearby St Peter's Well.<sup>14</sup>

While the appendices focus on specific aspects of Henry's life and career, the indexes are even more revealing. They record references to about 1,000 places and about 150 of the drinking-houses which Henry so evidently enjoyed. About 3,900 people are mentioned in the three volumes, including about 150 members of the British royal family and aristocracy and about 75 high-ranking Anglican clergy. The fact that, with the exception of the 'royalty' and the 45 or so foreign notables who also appear, the vast majority of these people were known personally to Henry or fell within the ambit of his professional duties, provides a telling indication of the extent of his friendships, acquaintances and influence. The dauntingly extensive list of Henry's reading matter which concludes this volume serves to reinforce earlier impressions of his intellectual credentials and cultural eclecticism. Above all, perhaps, this volume highlights the continuing potential of the diaries as a resource for the study of late seventeenth- and early eighteenth-century English society.

14    Vol. 1, p. 129; below, pp. 935, 937.

## NOTES ON THE LATIN DIARY ENTRIES

The diary for the month of January 1682/3 is written on one side only of a single sheet of paper used landscape fashion, each entry consisting of one line only.

The main diary from 9 June 1689 to 31 July 1690 is written in a small notebook, measuring *c.* 155 x 100 mm., on the right-hand pages only, beginning about one quarter the way down *f*4*r*, with the dates in the left-hand margins. The previous pages are taken up with tables and notes on Roman coinage and dates and other matters, together with a statement based on a quotation from Suetonius which was clearly intended as an introduction to the diary itself. Other left-hand pages are occasionally used for notes of various matters, sometimes though by no means always relating to the dated entries recorded opposite. All this material has been reproduced here in its original order. To enable the reader to appreciate its arrangement the leaf numbers have been given in the form *f*1*r*, *f*1*v*, etc., and the position of notes on the page is given. Unless otherwise indicated, verso (i.e. left-hand) pages are blank.

The remainder of the Latin diary is written on loose sheets of paper of varying size, sometimes interspersed with English, sometimes with other extraneous matter. These sheets are here presented in chronological order.

In the preparation of the Latin diary for publication the following conventions and principles have been observed:

The text and the translation have been presented on facing pages.

**In the transcript of the text** the aim has been to represent precisely everything that Henry wrote. In the body of the page is printed the text as he left it to read. Insertions, deletions and alterations (which, though frequently trivial, nevertheless provide instructive insights into the process of composition) have been shown in the footnotes.

Words abbreviated in the medieval manner have been extended when the form intended is clear; otherwise the letters written are given, and contraction or suspension indicated by a final apostrophe, or by fuller explanation in the notes.

Surnames and place-names have been reproduced as written, with marks of contraction or suspension being shown by a final apostrophe, *Cholmly'*.

Christian names contracted or suspended mediævally have been extended; those abbreviated with a full stop in a more modern manner have been reproduced as written.

It is not always possible to distinguish capital *J* from capital *T*, which gives rise to uncertainty about some initials.

Titles such as *Episcopus* and *Dominus* have been extended when contracted mediævally, but when abbreviated by the use of superscript letters, as *D<sup>o</sup>*, *Dec<sup>o</sup>*, are printed so.

Square brackets indicate [ . . . ] illegible letters or [um] uncertain readings, but

note that Henry himself occasionally used square brackets, particularly for quotations, as on *f3r*.

Henry's punctuation has been reproduced precisely.

Henry used accents on his Latin, usually circumflex or grave, especially over the long *a* of first declension ablative singulars, and the long *u* of fourth declension genitive singulars, but also in other places, and often rather imprecisely located. Since this was the way that Henry chose or had been taught to express his *latinity*, it has seemed proper to reproduce as accurately as possible what is considered to be his intention.

**In the translation** surnames and place-names have generally been reproduced as written, unless latinized, in which case they have been translated (e.g. *Vicus Borealis* Northwich).

Latin Christian names have been translated.

When Latin words have been used for military ranks (e.g. *centurio*, *structor*) in those cases in which it has not been possible to identify with certainty the contemporary rank intended, these terms have been retained. Similarly, while *cohors* may mean 'regiment', it has seemed safer to translate it generally as 'company'.

In the same way, *nummi aurei* does often mean 'guineas', but in view of Henry's interest in numismatics it has seemed preferable in some cases to be content with 'gold coins'.

*Dominus* and *Domina* normally represent 'Mr.' and 'Mrs.', but can also mean 'Lord' and 'Lady'. While the attempt has been made to distinguish these uses correctly, time has not permitted the genealogical research that would be necessary for certainty in every case, and the reader is asked to be aware of the possibility of error in this respect.

Henry makes very frequent use of the impersonal passive construction, and it has seemed proper to attempt wherever possible to represent this stylistic feature consistently in the translation by the omission of personal pronoun subjects thus: *eo*, 'I go'; *ivimus*, 'we went'; *itur*, 'went'.

Certain words and expressions have so far eluded the translator. Literal versions of some ill-understood expressions have been enclosed between asterisks; others have been left in the Latin, and hesitant suggestions as to possibilities have been made in some such cases. If any reader has good evidence of their appropriate meanings the translator will be delighted to hear of it.

It has not been considered desirable to use thoroughly modern, clear punctuation in the translation. That would sometimes have the effect of imposing a particular interpretation, or removing an ambiguity present in the Latin – not part of the translator's task.

It will be seen that Henry's Latin is very deliberately and precisely constructed and ordered, distinctly literary and sometimes rhetorical, and that in his choice of vocabulary and expression there is a consistent attempt at what Sir Ernest Gowers<sup>1</sup>

1 *The Complete Plain Words*, p. 145, quoting Fowler.

referred to as 'elegant variation'. In order to give readers unfamiliar with Latin something of the flavour of these features it has seemed proper to provide a very close translation, rather more literal than would otherwise be desirable. It is hoped that the reader will appreciate the reasons for this, and pardon the infelicities of English style and expression which result from this intention.

Finally, a necessary word of caution to those who may wish to use this Latin diary as an historical source. It is by no means clear when the majority of the text was written in its present form. On 29 August 1689 Henry records his mental difficulty in 'finishing (these) notes too long neglected' (*Commentariolis conficiendis diutius neglectui datis*). The references to Mr. Banks on 30 October 1689 and 21 January 1690 are only the most obvious of a number of hints that the diary was sometimes written up considerably later than the event. The discrepancies between his account of the voting on the Bill of Abjuration on 26–28 April 1690 and that in *Commons' Journals* suffice to indicate that when he writes of events of which he was not himself a witness he wrote on the basis of not necessarily reliable information, including the newspapers of the time (*litterae publicae*), which he on one occasion at least (15 December 1689) castigates as printing rubbish (*quisquilias*). Caveat lector.

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# THE DIARY OF HENRY PRESCOTT

Latin diary 9 June 1689–31 July 1690

Miscellaneous entries 1683, 1691–1707

1682

D. Lunae		Januarius	
	1	Kal. Jan.	Auspicato! Cic. Ep. l. 14 <sup>m</sup> . ad Ter <sup>m</sup> : scilicet perlegi. de Ric <sup>o</sup> . Pool aquis juxta Shotw <sup>ek</sup> . merso heu! nimis vere relatum est. <sup>a</sup>
	2	IV Non.	Domina Massie Geo. Atkinson tabe confecto, et a Medico derelicto primò mammam dedit.
	3	III Non.	Gilbertum Hulm cum vidulo exuvijs <sup>b</sup> pleno Holl <sup>d</sup> iae. dimisi.
	4	Prid Non.	Commissio pro inspeccione Librorum parochialium St <sup>i</sup> Olavi a Consistorio Ebor. missa tenta et prorogata
	5	Nonae	Heu! nil interdiù notâ dignum! nulla Linea! noctem vigilias Epiphaniae hilarem duximus.
	6	VIII Id.	Certum de Commissione pridie nonarum incepta, modo executâ, confeci.
	7	VII Id.	Prandium sumpsi cum Domino Episcopo, de 30 alaudarum duodenarijs per 2 scolpos una displosos, caesis, inter prandendum hilariter fabulatum <sup>c</sup>
	8	VI Id.	Ad insignia Aquilae & Infantis homo quidam circumforaneus ferrum candescens nudis calcavit pedibus, Coles voravit ardentes
	9	V Id	Tabulas rationarias quoad feoda Salaria <sup>d</sup> forensia, confeci.
	10	IV Id	In agrum Lanc <sup>m</sup> . cum D <sup>o</sup> . Wood profectus sum, apud Warr <sup>ton</sup> . pransum, apud Wigan pernoctatum.
	11	III Id.	Caelo nimbis et ventis immodico, fluvijis turgescantibus. D <sup>s</sup> . Hulton & Egomet apud Wigan hunc diem mansimus.

a (*relatum est.* interlineated at line end.

b *vestibus* first written struck through, *exuvijs* interlineated.

c (*prandendum hilariter fabulatum* interlineated at line end.

d *Salaria* interlineated above *feoda* without 'caret'.



1682/3

## JANUARY

**Monday 1** Auspiciously! I have read through Cicero, *Letters*, Bk. 14, that is to Terentia<sup>1</sup>. There is a report, alas only too true, of Richard Pool drowned in the waters by Shotwick.

**2** Mrs. Massie began breast-feeding George Atkinson, in the last stages of consumption and given up by the doctor.

**3** I sent Gilbert Hulm to Holland [Upholland] with a trunk full of cast-off clothing.

**4** The commission for the inspection of the parish books of St. Olave's sent by the York Consistory held and prorogued.

**5** Alas, nothing in the day worthy of note! Not a line!<sup>2</sup> We spent a cheerful night of Epiphany eve.

**6** I finished the certificate of the commission begun on the 4th and now completed.

**7** I took lunch with my Lord Bishop. During lunch a funny story of 30 dozen larks killed by two muskets fired at once.

**8** At the sign of the Eagle & Child a certain man who strolls from market to market walked with bare feet on red-hot iron and swallowed burning coals.

**9** I finished the schedules of court fees/salaries.

**10** I set out with Mr. Wood for Lancashire; lunched at Warrington, stayed the night at Wigan.

**11** Since the sky was unruly with clouds and wind, and the rivers were swelling, Mr. Hulton and I stayed today at Wigan.

1 Cicero, *Epistulae ad Familiares*. Terentia was Cicero's wife.

2 Cf. below, f4r, immediately before start of main diary at 9 June 1689.

10:4:4	{	12	Prid.Id	Commissionis exequendae causâ <sup>a</sup> (Robinson) Chorley Progredimur; aquarum altitudine parrumper impediti. Commissio <sup>b</sup> post meridiem executâ est. <sup>c</sup>
		13	Idus.	Wigan Revertimus comite Sam. P., Hollandiam dein cum S.P. proficiscor. G. Atkinson vita functus est.
		14	XIX Kal	T. Dod visendi causa Ormskk' proficiscor ab improviso in puteum lapsu aegrotantem, ibi pernocto.
		15	XVIII	Holland revento. D <sup>s</sup> . Lee [Cl] summa familiaritate me visere dignatus est. inter sororem et me de L. mea serò, graviter collocutum <sup>d</sup>
		16	XVII	D <sup>s</sup> . Lee grata utens collocucione iterum me visit. Wigan unâ proficiscimur. dein Winwick progredior ubi pernocto
		17	XVI	D. Sherlock libro cujus ipse author est me donat. amicissimè acceptum. <sup>e</sup> visis affinibus Warr <sup>ton</sup> . Cestriae (D.gr) revento
2:12:0		18	XV	prosperè evadet res! Togâ Bacc <sup>us</sup> . in U.I. me primò in foro, indui. caelò sereno.
0:13:0		19	XIV	Christopher Roby nomine D. Caroli Hoghton Barr <sup>ti</sup> , me, salario, conduxit. ad aedes M. Anderton satis bene potum est
4:0		20	XIII	Literas domino Hothersall, Ricardo Bouch <sup>r</sup> . apud Lond <sup>m</sup> . et E. Parr scripsi, 2 Act. Andr. legi.
		21	XII	Aliquantillum Lactantij legi. de meis et L. m[ae] rationibus ac <sup>f</sup> vita instituendis altè cogitans noctem transegi insomnam
2:0		22	XI	Casus Jenkinson et Walmsley positos D <sup>ri</sup> . Bouch <sup>r</sup> . solvendo misi. 3 Act. Andr. legi.
4:0		23	X	Epistolam ad V. Cl. D. Cor. Triglandium unum ex pastoribus Hagiensibus a Geo. Morley S.T.P. (modo Episcopo Winton) in qua agitur de Regis in Religionem reformatam affectu, legi. <sup>g</sup>

a Altered from *causae*.

b Altered from *Commissionem*.

c *ta est* interlineated at line end.

d (*collocutum* interlineated at line end.

e Altered from [...]

f Altered from [..].

g (*Religionem reformatam affectu, legi.* interlineated at line end.

**12** For the sake of finishing the commission (Robinson) we set out for Chorley. Hindered for a while by the height of the waters. The commission is completed after noon.

10:4:4<sup>1</sup> **13** We return to Wigan in the company of Sam. P[rescott], then I set out for [Up]Holland with S.P. G. Atkinson died.

**14** I set out for Ormskirk in order to visit T. Dod, who is sick from a sudden fall into a ditch, I stay the night there.

**15** I return to Holland. Mr. Lee [Cleric?] deigned to visit me with the greatest familiarity. There is a late, serious, conversation between my sister and me about my L[ydia].

**16** Mr. Lee visits me again, making welcome conversation. We set out for Wigan together. Then I go on to Winwick, where I spend the night.

**17** Mr. Sherlock presents me with a book of which he is the author.<sup>2</sup> Most friendly received. After visiting relations at Warrington, I return to Chester (thank God).

2:12:0 **18** Business will turn out well! For the first time I put on in court the gown of Bachelor in U. I.<sup>3</sup> Clear sky.

0:13:0 **19** Christopher Roby in the name of Mr. Charles Hoghton, Bart., hired me at a fee. Drank well enough at the home of M. Anderton.

4:0 **20** I wrote letters to Mr. Hothersall, Richard Bouch<sup>r</sup>. at London, and E. Parr. I read 2 acts of *Andria*.<sup>4</sup>

**21** I read a little bit of Lactantius.<sup>5</sup> I spent a sleepless night thinking deeply about my and my L[ydia's] affairs and life to be arranged.

2:0 **22** I sent to Dr. Boucher for payment the Jenkinson and Walmsley cases which have been set aside. I read the 3rd act of *Andria*.

4:0 **23** I read the letter to the very famous man Mr. Cornelius Triglandius one of the pastors of the Hague by Geo. Morley, S.T.P. (now Bishop of Winchester)<sup>6</sup> in which there is discussion of the King's love of the reformed religion.

1 These figures to the left of the dates in the original are clearly sums of money in £:s:d, which relate to the dates in question, though in what way is not stated. The first figure is bracketed with 12th, 13th & 14th.

2 For Richard Sherlock's writings see *DNB*, LII, pp. 92–3.

3 Henry graduated as LL.B. at Trinity College Dublin in the summer of 1682. See Introduction to Vol. I, p.viii.

4 Or: 'the 2nd Act of *Andria*'. *Andria* was Terence's first play.

5 Lactantius, 'the Christian Cicero'.

6 *Epistola ad Virum Clarissimum D. Cornelium Triglandium* ..., Londini, 1683, included in *Several Treatises* by George Morley, London, 1683. This appears to have been hot off the press. The letter had been written by Morley in exile at Breda on 7 June 1659, and was now being printed in London as part of the current debate.

2:0	<b>24 IX</b>	Requisionem Wright E. parr misi. multi Cestrienses (inter quos Olton Ald <sup>us</sup> . eius uxor et Domina Smith) e vivis excedunt.
2:0	<b>25 VIII</b>	Libris <sup>a</sup> T. Minshall nomina mea expediti.
8:0	<b>26 VII</b>	Sepelitur D <sup>a</sup> . Smith in vesperijs Curia corpus ad sepulchrum comitante.
5:0	<b>27 VI</b>	Corpus R. pool in litore inventum sepulturae traditur. 4 <sup>m</sup> . Act. Andr. legi.
2:0	<b>28 V</b>	Grotium de Ver. Rel. Chr. incepti.
4:6	<b>29 IV</b>	Symbolum ad aedem Ald <sup>ni</sup> . Wilcock institutum est. Cic. de Orat. l.i. incepti.
	<b>30 III</b>	Salmasij def. regiae <sup>b</sup> et Miltoni pro populo Anglicano defensionis partes aequales legi.
4:0	<b>31 Prid.Kal.</b>	perrexi in Cic. de O. l.i. rationes cum Cancellario perputavi. Andriam perlegi.

15:6:10

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Hen: Prescott.

[f/r]

Tabulae Nummorum.<sup>c</sup>

Uncia	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Sextans	6		5		4		3		2		1
Quadrans	4			3			2			1	
Triens	3				2				1		
Quincunx			2					1			
Semis	2						1				
Septunx						1					
Bes					1						
Dodrans				1							
Dextans			1								
Deunx		1									
AS	1										

Vid. XVI. Cal. Maij.<sup>d</sup>  
& Alex. ab. Alex. l. i. c. i.<sup>e</sup>a Altered from *Libro*.b Altered from *regia[m]*.c These tables may be compared with those in Kennedy, *Revised Latin Primer*, App. II, Para. 493, p.214, and various Latin dictionaries.

d I.e. See 16 April (1690, below).

e Alex. ab Alex. Book 1 Chap. 1. Alexandri ab Alexandro, *Geniales Dies*, Vol. 1, pp. 3-4.

2:0 **24** I sent the Wright requisition to E. Parr. Many Chester people (among them Alderman Olton, his wife and Mrs. Smith) depart from the living.

2:0 **25** In books. I cleared my debts to T. Minshall.

8:0 **26** Mrs. Smith is buried at evening prayer, the court attending her body to the grave.

5:0 **27** The body of R. Pool found on the shore is consigned to burial.<sup>1</sup> I read the 4th act of *Andria*.

2:0 **28** I began Grotius *On the Truth of the Christian Religion*.<sup>2</sup>

4:6 **29** The 'shott'<sup>3</sup> is arranged at the home of Alderman Wilcock. I began Cicero's *De Oratore*, Bk. 1.

**30** I read equal portions of Salmasius's *Royal Defence*<sup>4</sup> and Milton's *Defence of the English People*.<sup>5</sup>

4:0 **31** I made progress in Cicero's *De Oratore* Bk. 1. I settled accounts with the Chancellor. I finished reading *Andria*.

15:6:10

1 See above, 1 Jan.

2 For all books referred to, see Bibliographical Index.

3 A 'shott' was a drinking ceremony held on a regular or occasional basis. In Chester since Tudor times it had been the custom every Sunday morning for the Mayor and Assembly to attend a shott (usually at the Pentice which served as Mayor's parlour) before processing to Church in full ceremonial dress. See below, 22 Aug. 1689 and C.C.R.O., *From Moot Hall to Town Hall*, pp. 9, 17. In 1682 (old style) 29 January was a Sunday.

4 Claudius Salmasius, *Defensio Regia pro Carolo I*, which appeared in November 1649, and provoked the reply from Milton referred to next.

5 John Milton, *Pro Populo Anglicano Defensio*, 1651.

Sextula	1/8 c	72	36	24	18	12	[6]	3
Semuncia	½ c	24	12	8	6	4	2	1
Uncia	c.	12	6	4	3	2	1	
Sextans	q.	6	3	2	1½	1		
Quadrans	q.c.	4	2	1½	1			
Triens	q <sup>a</sup> .	3	1½	1				
Semis	q <sup>a</sup> .q	2	1					
AS	ob.q <sup>a</sup>	1						

Teruncius	q.c.	40	20	10	6½	4	2
Sembella	q <sup>a</sup> . q.	20	10	5	3½	2	1
Libella	ob. q <sup>a</sup> .	10	5	2½	1½	1	
Obolus	1 <sup>d</sup> . q <sup>a</sup>	6	3	1½	1		
Sestertius	1 <sup>d</sup> .ob.q <sup>a</sup> .q.	4	2	1			
Victoriatus	3 <sup>d</sup> .ob.q <sup>a</sup> .	2	1				
Denarius	7 <sup>d</sup> . ob.	1					

[f1v]

Proportio Auri ad Argentum apud Nos duodecupla apud veteres decupla tantum. Itaque Argenti Libra apud Nos valet 3<sup>l</sup>. Auri autem 36<sup>l</sup>. Uncia Argenti 5<sup>s</sup>. Auri 3<sup>l</sup>. Drachma Argenti, 7<sup>d</sup>. Auri, 7<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup>

As quasi Æs quia primò erat aeris Libra, tandem Lege papyria ad semunciam redactus est, ita tamen ut idem valor maneret.

[Names of coins in left margin, explanations in Latin and English in body of page].

As

in nostrâ pecuniâ valebat ob. q<sup>a</sup>. A half penny farthing.

Semis

i.e. Semias, dimidium Assis. a farthing & a qu. q<sup>a</sup>.q.

Triens

Tertia pars Assis. a Farthing. q<sup>a</sup>

Quadrans

Quarta pars Assis, qui et Teruncius, i.e. trium unciarum Nummus dictus, Three fourth parts of a Farthing. q.c.

Sextans

Sexta pars Assis. A q. half a Farthing.

Uncia

Assis Gravis 12<sup>a</sup> pars One fourth part of a Farth. c.

Semuncia Dimidium tanti, An 8<sup>th</sup> part of a Farthing.

Sextula

Sexta pars Unciae, the 24<sup>th</sup> part of a Farthing – Nummulorum Romanorum minimus.

[f1v]

The proportion of gold to silver with us is twelvefold, with the ancients tenfold only. Thus with us a pound of silver is worth £3, but of gold £36. An ounce of silver 5s., of gold £3. A drachm of silver 7d., of gold 7s.6d.

The *As* as it were *Æs* because at first it was a pound of copper was at length reduced by the *Lex Papyria* to a half-ounce, so however that the same value should remain.

*As*

in our money was worth  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. A half penny farthing.<sup>1</sup>

*Semis*,

i.e. *semias*, half of an *As*, a farthing and a quarter.

*Triens*

The third part of an *As*, a Farthing.  $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

*Quadrans*

The fourth part of an *As*, which is also a coin called *Teruncius*, i.e. of three *unciae*, Three fourth parts of a farthing.

*Sextans*

The sixth part of an *As*, a *q*, half a farthing.

*Uncia*

The twelfth part of a *Heavy As*, One fourth part of a farthing, *c*.

*Semuncia*

Half of that amount, An 8th part of a farthing.

*Sextula*

The sixth part of an *uncia*, the 24th part of a farthing – the smallest of Roman coins.

<sup>1</sup> In the section which follows it is not always possible to represent meaningfully the abbreviations Henry uses.

Nummi aenei

Decussis

i.e. 10 Asses, 1 Denarium 7<sup>d</sup>. ob. valebat.

Vicessis

15<sup>d</sup>. Tricessis 1<sup>s</sup>: 10<sup>d</sup>. ob. Centussis 6<sup>s</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>.

Nummi Argentei

Denarius

quòd denos aeris, i.e. decem Asses valeret (y<sup>e</sup> Roman peny) Idem Bigatus & quadrigatus dictus quod Bigam et quadrigam impressam haberet.

Quinarius

Quinque Asses valebat, dimidium denarij, 3<sup>d</sup>.ob.q<sup>a</sup>.

Victoriatius

idem cum Quinario.

Sestertius

Qui et Nummus, LLS. i.e. duo Asses cum semisse, pars quarta Denarij 1<sup>d</sup>. ob. q<sup>a</sup>. q.  
Obolus<sup>a</sup>

[f2r]

Prima dies Mensis cujusque est dicta Calendae

Sex Maius, Nonas October, Julius et Mars,

Quatuor at Reliqui; dabit Idus quilibet octo,

Quas Retrò incipiens, numeres a mense sequenti.

v. VII. Id. Maias.

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Obolus

Sexta pars Denarij. 1<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>a</sup>.

Libella

idem quod As, decima pars denarij. ob. q<sup>a</sup>.

Sembella

Vicesima pars denarij. q<sup>a</sup>. q.

Teruncius

Quadragesima pars denarij q.c. Argenteorum minimus.

Sestertium

in Nominativo sing. vel, ut aliqui volunt, in Gen: plurali Mille sestertij, in Nummo

a This catchword is taken up halfway down f2r, see below.



Copper Coins

*Decussis*

i.e. 10 Asses was worth 1 *Denarius*, 7½d.

*Vicessis* 15d. *Tricessis* 1s.10½d. *Centussis* 6s:3d.

Silver Coins

*Denarius*

because it was worth tens of copper, i.e. ten *Asses* (the Roman penny). The same is called *Bigatus* & *quadrigatus* because it had impressed upon it a two-horse and four-horse chariot.

*Quinarius*

was worth five *Asses*, half a *denarius*, 3¾d.

*Victoriatius*

the same as *Quinarius*.

*Sestertius* (Sesterce)

which is also *Nummus*, *LLS*, i.e. two and a half *Asses*, a fourth part of a *Denarius*, 1½d.

[f2r]

The first day of each month is called the Calends. May, July, October and March will give six Nones, but the rest four; each will give eight Ides, which you are to start and count backwards from the next month.

See 9 May.<sup>1</sup>

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*Obolus*

The sixth part of a *denarius*, 1¼d.

*Libella*

The same as *As*, a twelfth part of a *denarius*, ⅓d.

*Sembella*

The twentieth part of a *denarius*, ⅕d.

*Teruncius*

The fortieth part of a *denarius*, [q.c.] Smallest of the silver coins.

*Sestertium*

in the nominative singular, or as some wish, in the genitive plural, a thousand

<sup>1</sup> See below, f66v. This section is clearly intended as a mnemonic to help the writer remember the rules for dates in Latin. (Cf. Kennedy, *op.cit.* para. 498, with its rhyme).

nostrati 7<sup>£</sup>: 16<sup>s</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>.

Libra vel pondo

duodecim Unciae Argenti, hoc est 96 Denarij, quolibet Denario Drachmam

Nummo nostrati valenti 3<sup>l</sup>.

Talentum

Romanum, idem quod Atticum continet 24 Sestertia in Nummo Nostrati 187<sup>l</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>.

Sportula

Clientibus, Rectae Caenae loco data, continet 100 Quadrantes, i.e. 10 sestertios, in Nummo Nostrati 6<sup>d</sup>.ob. q<sup>a</sup>.

[f2v]

Julium Caesarem, (praeter Commentarios, 2 libros de Analogiâ, Anticationem, Epistolas &c etiâ) Dicta Collectanea scripsisse memorat Suet. c. 56 aliqui 'Ὑπομνήματα των σοποράδην λεγομένων dicunt.

[f3r]

I.N.P.F.E.S.S.A.<sup>a</sup>

Inter aegrotandum, Suetonium mihi cursim volutanti occurrebat hic Locus in Augusto, Cap. 78.

[A caenâ lucubratoriam se in lectulam recipiebat, ubi donec residua diurni actûs, aut omnia magnâ ex parte conficeret permanebat]<sup>b</sup> Undè ferebat mihi opinio Imperatorem summum non solum concilia et Imperij arcana sed etiam privata & domûs Augustae domestica (si haec dicere fas sit) qualia sacrarum aedium consecrationes Rivorum aquaeductuum refectiones, Fororum aedificationes Familiae suae Aug. conjugia, Copiarum impensas et caet. rationibus concepisse<sup>c</sup> Sed rem etiam ad mores privatos censendos perduxisse, quo facilius tantam Negotiorum molem, manu prius Suâ sub oculis Redactam, subiret, se semel allucinantem reciperet, erratum corrigeret, acta cum agendis componeret, et sana ac tuta deinceps statueret; Unde optimi maximique Imperatoris non solum defunctum esse muneribus sed virum integerrimum castissimum et Ethnicorum pijssimum evasisse, probabile est. Neque temerarium duxi aut insolens, mihi Fortunae

a *In Nomine Patris, Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen.*

b Double inverted commas in left margin against the three lines of this quotation.

c *rationibus concepisse* interlineated.

sesterces, in our native money £7:16s:3d.

*Libra* or *pondo* (Pound)

twelve *unciae*<sup>1</sup> of silver, this is 96 *denarii*, each *denarius* being worth a drachm in our native money, £3.

*Talentum* (Talent)

The Roman, the same as the Attic, contains 24 *sestertia*, in our native money £187.10s.

*Sportula*

given to clients in place of a proper dinner, contains 100 *Quadrantes*, i.e. 10 sesterces, in our native money 6¾d.

[f2v]

Suetonius, c. 56,<sup>2</sup> recalls that Julius Caesar (besides *Commentaries*, 2 books *de Analogia*, *Anticatonem*, *Letters* &c. also) is said to have written *Collected Sayings*. Others call them *Notes of things said here and there*.

[f3r]

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

While I was ill, quickly turning over Suetonius, I came across this passage in *Augustus* Ch. 78.

'He used to take himself from dinner to a couch for working in at night, where he used to stay until he finished the remainder of his daily business, or everything for the most part.'<sup>3</sup> Hence the opinion came to me that the greatest Emperor took into account not only councils and the secrets of State, but also private matters and the domestic concerns (if one may express it so) of the Imperial household, such as the consecrations of sacred buildings, rebuilding of aqueducts of streams, building of forums, marriages of his Imperial family, expenses of supplies, etc.; but that he also extended the practice to the judgement of private morals, so that he might the more readily undertake such a great mass of business brought before his view first by his own hand, might recover himself as soon as his attention wandered, correct what was amiss, compare what had been done with what should be done, and in short establish what was sound and safe. Hence it is likely that he not only discharged the duties of the best and greatest Emperor, but turned out to be the man most virtuous, chaste and righteous of the Gentiles. Nor have I thought it rash or excessive to set before myself, a man of such tiny fortune, a most outstanding

1 Or 'ounces'.

2 Suetonius, *De Vita Caesarum*, I (Divus Iulius), 56.

3 Suetonius, *op. cit.*, II (Divus Augustus), 78.

tantillulae Homini, exemplum praeclarissimum proponere imitandum Spartam ornandam cuicumque a Deo omnium Largitore demandatam, Sortem infimam minime neglectui habendam, Otij uti Negotij rationem reddendam in animo mecum reputanti, Cum porro

ludicris<sup>a</sup>

[f3v]

pacta inter Hierapytnios (Cretensem populum in orâ Australi) et priansios sic incipiunt Θεὸς ἀγαθός

Ἀγαθαὶ τύχαι καὶ ἐπισωτηρίαι quae doctissimus pricaeus (Domini pricaei Ecclesiae de Blackb<sup>n</sup>. viri integerrimi et inter Amicos meos summè colendi, Avunculus paternus) latinè reddidit. v. Marmora Arund' et ejusdem pricaei in Apulei Apologiam notas.

[f4r]

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ludicris aliquando feriarum inutile non sit, Seria, jocosa, res momenti magni, ridicula, levia, ἀδιάφορα, nugatoria in diurnos meos referam Commentariolos, Et si lineam modo duxero<sup>b</sup> Latinam, mihi et instituto meo, non omnino defuisse pronuncio.

a This catchword is taken up at the top of f4r, see below.

b Altered from *duxere*[.].

example to imitate, Sparta to be adorned<sup>1</sup> by whomsoever it has been entrusted to by God the bestower of all, my lowly lot in no way to be neglected, account to be rendered of leisure as well as business when I turn things over in my mind. Since moreover

[Continued at the top of *f4r*, below].

[*f3v*]

Treaties between the Hierapytnians (a Cretan people on the south coast) and the Priansians, which the most learned Pricaeus (the paternal uncle of Mr. Price of Blackburn Church, a most virtuous man and most highly honourable among my friends) has translated into Latin, begin as follows: The Good God, Good and saving fortune. See the Arundel Marbles<sup>2</sup> and the same Price's notes on Apuleius' *Apology*.<sup>3</sup>

[*f4r*]

[Continuing from *f3r*]

it is not useless to rest sometimes in playful things, I shall inscribe in my daily little commentaries serious and humorous things, matters of great importance, laughable things, light things, things indifferent and trifles. And if I only write a line of Latin I declare that I have not altogether failed myself and my purpose.

- 1 An allusion to a proverbial expression used in Greek by Cicero (*Att.* 1,20,3 & 4,6,20) quoting Euripides fragm. 722 ed. Nauck & *Telephus* – Σπάρταν 'ελαχες ταύταν κόσμει, 'Sparta is your lot, adorn it.' An edition of Cicero's letters to Atticus had been printed in Amsterdam in 1684. See Bibliographical Index.
- 2 John Price (Pricaeus) (1600–76) accompanied James Howard, eldest son of Thomas Earl of Arundel, on his travels. See DNB, XLVI, pp. 330–1. Arundel Marbles: *Marmora Arundelliana* (London, 1628).
- 3 This edition of Apuleius' *Apologia* (Paris, 1625) established Price's reputation. On pp.59ff. of the (separately paginated) Notes is published (presumably as a supplement to the work mentioned above) the text of this treaty on a marble then recently brought to Britain under the auspices of the Earl of Arundel. It begins .ΕΟΣ ΑΓΑΘ. / ΑΓΑΘΑΙΤΥΚΑΙΚΑΙΕΠΙΣΩΤΗΡΙΑΙ transcribed by Price in ordinary print in the words quoted here by Henry. The translation into Latin begins: *Bonus Genius. Cum bona Fortuna, & salute ...* 'The Good Deity. With good Fortune and safety ...' In his notes on this beginning (p.67) Price comments *Potui speciosius vertere, Dis bonis faventibus. Et continuo, Quod faustum, faelix sit, ac salutare. Volui simplicius autem, idque ob 'αγαθοῦ Δαίμονος (heic sub θεοῦ nomine expressi) & 'αγαθῆς τύχης contubernium ...* 'I could have translated more splendidly *With the good gods' favour* and then *Let what is favourable, fortunate and advantageous occur*. But I wanted to translate more directly, and that on account of the *good Deity*, (here expressed under the name of *God*) and usually associated with *good fortune*. In *Arundel Marbles*, p.55 and in the *Addenda*, p. 181 are texts of inscriptions beginning ΑΓΑΘΗ ΤΥΧΗ, translated as *Cum Bona Fortuna*. Henry thus records here the sources of inspiration not only for the formula with which he commences the regular diary on *f4r* opposite, but also for the variety of phrases with which he is accustomed to commence the entries for each month.

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Θεὸς ἁγαθός.

**Junij IX V Idus.** die Solis<sup>a</sup> Faelicitèr! Dies mihi natalis, ex quo natus sum – Annus jam XL<sup>us</sup>. Janum benè & prudentèr agam Christianum! ab utraque enim spectat Æternitas; Anteactae Vitae, peccatis admissis, ineptijs, erroribus et nugis<sup>b</sup> – ignoscat, insequentem puram & felicem, Deus optimus maximus impertiat et dignetur. Aetas enim hucùsque provecta vitam aliam, alios mores postulat. Vitam Christianam (per J. Scotum S.T.P. librum pie doctèque scriptum) Susanna mea et Ego aggredimur legendo; det Deus exercere. Literas D. Dod de Facultate pro Matrimonio inter Eum & D<sup>am</sup> Entwisle celebrando, sibi actutùm mittendâ recipio, rescribo.

De Morbo Febrili (quae me 5 plus minus ante septimanas <sup>c</sup> corripuerat), annuente Deo, convalescens, Strenam gratus Viro humanissimo et colendissimo Johanni Madden M.D. erudito Æsculapio meo, tantis curae et beneficio multùm disparem, reddendam statuo. Nuncium amandaturus, Scribo Sorori, W.

**X IV I[dus]** D<sup>s</sup>. Fogg me inter Commissarios pro piis nummis, inter Hibernico-protestantes, ad Curas nostras, demigratos, distribuendis, nominatum mihi Renunciat. De Re publicâ & bellicâ, nova incerta.

[f5r]

**XI III I[dus]** Morbum istum Febrilem latiùs serpsisse in Urbe, multos demessuisse, fama est. Literas sororis W. recipio, bene se res habere referunt. ξένιον μικρὸν ἑυχαρίστιον, domesticum vesperi, D<sup>o</sup> Madden mitto.

**XII II I[dus]** Aetas beatior (quam concedat Deus!) in somnio promissa. D<sup>is</sup> Francis et Wright scribo. Convalesco sed tardiùs.

**XIII <sup>d</sup> Id[us]** Hibernicum planè, caelum, dies intempestiva. ni Morbo Serpenti occursura, caelitùs demissa.

**XIII <sup>e</sup> XVIII** Potionem haureo, summam (si Deo placuerit) pharmacis daturam.

**XIV<sup>f</sup> XVII.<sup>g</sup>** Vena S. meae incisa, morbi occurrendi ergo. E dolore Capitis Stupefio, penè inter lentè incedendum deficio. Literas D. Cholmly' de pecunijs mutuò sumendis recipio.

a Solis altered from Iovis.

b Altered from *peccata admissa, ineptias, errores et nugae*.

c erat first written struck through.

d prid first written struck through. Next sc. (a.d.) XVIII (Kal. Jul.).

e Id. first written struck through.

f Middle letter of this number partly scratched out, no doubt for XV.

g Altered from XVIII.

1689

Good God

**JUNE 9** Sunday Good luck! My birthday, now the 40th year since I was born. Let me open the Christian door well and prudently! for Eternity watches on either hand; may God the best and greatest pardon the sins committed, the fooleries, errors and trifles of my former life, and bestow and grant a pure & happy future. For the time spent hitherto demands another life, other morals.

My Susanna and I are beginning to read *The Christian Life* (a book piously and learnedly written by J. Scot S.T.P.);<sup>1</sup> God grant to practise it. I receive a letter from Mr. Dod about a licence for a marriage to be celebrated between him & Mrs. Entwisle, to be sent to him instantly, I write back.

Recovering, with God's approval, from the feverish sickness (which had laid hold of me more or less 5 weeks ago), in gratitude I resolve on an earnest to be given to the kindest and most honourable man, John Madden M.D., my learned Æsculapius, as a very unequal return for his great care and benefit. About to send a messenger I write to Sister W[instanley?].

**10** Mr. Fogg announces to me that I have been named as one of the Commissioners for the distribution of alms among the Irish-protestants, who have been removed to our Cures. Uncertain news of affairs of state & war.

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**11** There is a report that that feverish illness has spread more widely in the city, has mown down many. I receive a letter from sister W[instanley?]. It brings news that all is well. In the evening I send a little thanksgiving gift from the family to Mr. Madden.

**12** A happier life (which God grant!) promised in a dream. I write to Messrs. Francis and Wright. I convalesce, but rather slowly.

**13** Plainly an Irish sky, the day unseasonable, unless it has been sent down from heaven to oppose the spreading sickness.

**14** I drink a potion to give (if it please God) the culmination to treatment.

**15** My S's vein cut, in order to oppose the sickness. I am benumbed with headache, I almost faint while going gently. I receive a letter from Mr. Cholmley concerning money to be borrowed.

<sup>1</sup> John Scott, 1639–95, D.D. 1685, *The Christian Life from its Beginning to its Consummation in Glory* ... (London, 1681), 2nd edn, 1683–6. See DNB, LI, p. 41.

**XVI**    **XVI.<sup>a</sup>**    Vitae Christianae legendae S. mea et Ego damus. E vescicâ<sup>b</sup> in occipitio excitatâ dolor levatur capitis.

**XVII**    **XV<sup>c</sup>**    Formulas Supplicationis Regijs Edictis jussas<sup>d</sup> seriùs quam oportuit per Tabellarium Recipio. Ipse cunctationis accusatus, coram praetore se jurejurando Criminis purgare paratus, Suspensionem a se amolitur.

**XVIII**    **XIV**    Formulas istas quam late possim emitto. Urbanis affatim.

**XIX**    **XIII**    Supplicatio, Ut Arma et Classis regia in Regem Francicum suscepta prospero fruuntur eventu, celebrata. D<sup>o</sup> Cartwright Scribo. Adest D<sup>s</sup> Scravenmore praefectus Contuberniorum.

**XX**    **XII**    Nuncium Vinviciae<sup>e</sup> de salute D.D. Sherlock sciscitandâ ablego. circa horam 10 vespertinam vir sanctissimus e vitâ hac recedit.

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[f5v]

P.M.S.,<sup>f</sup>

Reverendi admodùm viri Richardi Sherlock,  
 Sacrosanctae Theologiae Professoris,  
 Cujus Ortum, Wirral, vindicat meritò et jactitat,  
 Qui, ex Ephebis, in Academiam Dublinensem, ingressus,  
 Per gradus disciplinae legitimos, ad summum,  
 (Doctoratûs Scilicet) ascendit.  
 Hiberniâ miseris temeratâ caedibus  
 Modò in eodem non versatum malo,  
 Trajecit Oxonium,  
 Quem ibi in Collegium Novum laetè ascitum,  
 Irae Civiles et Fanaticae funditùs omnia miscentes,  
 Insequuntur mōx et depellunt,  
 Invictus verò adversa tulit,  
 In Ecclesiam, pietatis, In Regem, Fidei, integerrimus,  
 Illis, Σὺν Θεῷ, restitutis,  
 In Ecclesiae Vinvicensis hujusce Rectorem,  
 Per Illustrissimum Carolum Comitem Derbiae  
 Ejusdem Patronum, cooptatus,  
 Immò Θειαστικῶς potius missus,  
 Ubi Populi Pastoris et Patris Piissimi,

a    Altered from XVII.

b    *Sic*, for *vessica* or more properly *vesica*.

c    Altered from XIV.

d    Altered from *jussis*.

e    Altered from *W...*

f    *Sc. Piae Memoriae Sanctum*.



**16** My S. and I give ourselves to reading *The Christian Life*. From a blister<sup>1</sup> raised on the back of my head my headache is relieved.

**17** I receive Forms of Prayer ordered by Royal Edicts by the courier rather later than was fitting. He, being accused of delay, but ready to clear himself of the charge on oath before the Mayor, removes suspicion from himself.

**18** I send out those Forms as widely as I may, to those in the City abundantly.

**19** Prayer held, That the royal arms and fleet raised against the French King, may enjoy a prosperous outcome. I write to Mr. Cartwright.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Scravenmore, commander of the squads is here.

**20** I send a messenger away to Winwick to enquire about the health of D.D. Sherlock. About 10 in the evening this most holy man departed from this life.<sup>3</sup>

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[f5v]

Sacred to the dutiful memory of the very reverend man Richard Sherlock, Professor of Sacred Theology, whose origin Wirral claims and justifiably boasts, who having as a youth entered Dublin Academy climbed the regular steps of the discipline to the top (that is the Doctorate). From Ireland violated by wretched killings he crossed over to Oxford, not at that time agitated in the same evil; but when he had been gladly admitted to New College civil and fanatical wrath throwing everything completely into confusion soon followed him and drove him away. Unconquered, however, he bore his adversities most irreproachable in his devotion to the Church and his loyalty to the King, and when they had with God's help been restored he was elected as Rector of this Church of Winwick by the most illustrious Charles Earl of Derby its Patron, or indeed rather divinely sent, where he performed the offices of a most dutiful shepherd and father of his people by

1 Henry's spelling of *vesica* was influenced by medieval practice.

2 Perhaps one of the sons of Thomas Cartwright the recently deceased Bishop of Chester, who had gone to Ireland with King James. His eldest son John was in holy orders. See *DNB*, IX, p. 232.

3 At St. Oswald's, Winwick are preserved a portrait of Dr Sherlock and a copy of the third edition of his book *The Practical Christian*, as well as a small memorial brass. See f6v below.

Docendo, fovendo, scribendo, defunctus est muneribus,  
 Cumque Annos XXX plùs minùs,  
 Sanctimoniae admirandae,  
 Liberalitatis eximiae Suavi Urbanitati, Sociatae,  
 Beneficiorum erga Amicos affatim,  
 Largitionum erga pauperes, usque ad Fundum,  
 Collatarum,  
 Vitae denique Sanctissimae et Apostolicae  
 Inimitabile Se praeuisset Exemplum,  
 Vitam potiùs ad summum perduxit,  
 Quam moriendo commutavit,  
 XX die Junij, Anno Salutis, MDCLXXXIX.  
 Ætatis Suae LXXV  
 Cultor Ejus 'ευχάριστος,

[Continued in left margin]

Pietatis suae, Erga Eum testificandae Gratiâ.  
 H.M.L.M.P.<sup>a</sup>  
 H.P.<sup>b</sup>

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De Edwardo Osbaldeston de Osbaldeston Armigero viro Suae patriae charissimo, mihi nominibusque multis colendo, Febri fatali Calendis Junijs sublato Literae Domini Pricaei triste et ingratum mihi afferunt Nuncium.

**XXI XI** D<sup>o</sup> pricaeo Literas de novis deque iusjurando<sup>c</sup> isto statuto prolixas do, et de L. Aureis apud eum pignerandis Scribo

**XXII X** Gruterum et Reinesium volvendo diem sumo.. Accedunt Lumley' et Wharton. Exercitus spectandi lustrandi et censendi autoritate fulciti.

**XXIII IX** Commisionarij isti magnificè se dant, productae recipiuntur Cohortes.

**XXIV VIII** Nundinae aestivae habitae, quas e pestis Rumore passim Vagato pauciores frequentant. XL<sup>li</sup> Thomae Barton partem XC dissolvo. Apocham in dorso Caucionis scribit De Nic. Stratford S.T.P. in Episcopum Cestriae cooptando ex Literis publicis, iterùm Renovata fama fidesque Q.B.Fque.E.<sup>d</sup>

a Sc. Hoc Monumentum L[ucidiae?] Memoriae Posuit.

b Sc. Henricus Prescott.

c Sic.

d Sc. Quod Bene Feliciterque Eveniat.

teaching, encouraging and writing. And when he had for 30 years, more or less, shown himself an inimitable example of admirable sanctity, of outstanding liberality associated with pleasant politeness, of abundant favours towards his friends, of generosity to the very limit conferred on the poor, in short of a most holy and apostolic life, he brought his life to its summit rather than changed it by dying on the 20th day of June in the year of our salvation 1689, of his age 75. One who thankfully revered him, H.P., placed this monument to his [bright] memory for the sake of testifying to his own gratitude towards him.<sup>1</sup>

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A letter from Mr. Price brings to me the sad and unwelcome news of Edward Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Esquire, a man most dear to his country and most honourable to me and many names, carried off by a fatal fever on the first of June.

**21** I send a long letter to Mr. Price about the news and about that appointed oath,<sup>2</sup> and I write about 50 guineas<sup>3</sup> to be pledged with him.

**22** I spend the day turning over Gruter<sup>4</sup> and Reinesius.<sup>5</sup> Lumley and Wharton<sup>6</sup> arrive, supported with authority to inspect, review and count the army.

**23** Those Commissioners perform magnificently, the companies are led out and approved.

**24** The summer fair is held, which fewer attend from the rumour of pestilence that has spread in all directions. I pay £40 to Thomas Barton part of 90. He writes the receipt on the back of the bond. From the newspapers there is renewed rumour and belief about Nicholas Stratford S.T.P.<sup>7</sup> to be appointed as Bishop of Chester. May it turn out well & happily.

1 Cf. the very interesting appreciation in *DNB*, LII, pp. 92–3.

2 See below, 5 July 1689, with note *ad. loc.*

3 Or 'gold coins'.

4 Janus Gruter, who edited Pliny's *Panegyric*, Livy and Aurelius Victor, but the work meant here is more likely to have been his *Inscriptiones Antiquae Totius Orbis Romani in Corpus Redactae*, 1602–3.

5 Thomas Reinesius, *Syntagma Inscriptionum Antiquarum* ..., 1682, which was intended as a supplement to Gruter's work.

6 Col. Richard Lumley, created Viscount Lumley 10 Apr. 1689, and presumably Thomas Wharton, 1st Marquis of Wharton. See *DNB*, XXXIV, pp. 275–6, and LX, pp. 418–19.

7 Nicholas Stratford, 1633–1707, Warden of Manchester 1667–84, D.D. 1673. See *DNB*, LV, pp. 33–4.

**XXV VII** DD. Sherlock Sepulturae traditur. Viro optimo sanctissimo de me optime merito Supremum praestare officium (quod mihi etiam dolendum est) negavit adversa valetudo.

**XXVI VI** D<sup>o</sup> Parre scribo, D<sup>ae</sup> Seele Tesseram nummariam pro XXX<sup>s</sup> inclusam mitto.

**XXVII V** Preces primò itum, Ciceroni parùm datum, Foro primò a valetudine inceptâ descensum. Literas D. pope de D Stratford in Episcopum Cestriae per Regem dicto laetas, laetus Recipio.

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P.M.<sup>a</sup>  
 Reverendi Richardi Sherlock S.T.P.  
 Hujusce Ecclesiae nuper Rectoris,  
 Viri Deo et Ecclesiae devotissimi.  
 Erga Regem Fidei integerrimae,  
 Erga omnes, piissimi,  
 Cujus vita suis erat Praeceptum,  
 Et Mors sibi Faelicitas,  
 Quam laetus *est ingressus*<sup>b</sup>  
 XX Junij, A<sup>o</sup>.D. MDCLXXXIX, aetat LXXV  
 Ἑυσεβείας Χάρτιν  
 H. M. P.<sup>c</sup>  
 H. P.

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**XXVIII IV** In Urbem convalescens evolo. Tanaquil. Fabri<sup>d</sup> praefationem in Longinum lego.

**XXIX III** D<sup>o</sup> pope Rescribo et D<sup>o</sup> parre. S. mea et Ego valetudinem affectam recreandi, et purum caelum causa hauriendi nos Stretton<sup>e</sup> conferimus Vesperi. de viâ solvitur imber. inopinatò accedentes amicè et liberè excipiunt D<sup>s</sup> et D<sup>a</sup> Wright.<sup>f</sup> [O l]ex ista memoriae altae mandanda. Q.B.F.E.F.E.<sup>g</sup>

**XXX pridie** Aer rusticus mihi gratus & benignus, Stretton moram facimus.

<sup>a</sup> *Sc. Piae Memoriae.*

<sup>b</sup> *est ingressus* underlined, with marginal correction or alternative *obivit*.

<sup>c</sup> *Sc. Hoc Monumentum Posuit.*

<sup>d</sup> Altered from *Fabrum*.

<sup>e</sup> *Stretton* interlineated.

<sup>f</sup> *D<sup>s</sup>. et D<sup>a</sup>. Wright* interlineated.

<sup>g</sup> *Sc. Quod Bene Fauste Et Feliciter Eveniat.*

25 DD. Sherlock is consigned to burial. Adverse health prevented me from paying my last respects to an excellent and most holy man who deserved the best of me (a circumstance which also caused me grief).

26 I write to Mr. Parre, I enclose a money token for 30s. for Mrs. Seele.

27 Went to prayers for the first time, applied too little to Cicero, went down to the court for the first time since my illness began. I receive gladly a glad letter from Mr. Pope about Mr. Stratford appointed by the King as Bishop of Chester.

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To the sacred memory of the Reverend Richard Sherlock S.T.P. recently Rector of this Church, of most irreproachable loyalty towards the King, most dutiful towards all, whose life was a precept to his own and his death a happiness for himself, how gladly he passed away on the 20th June A.D. 1689 in his 75th year. Out of respect H. P. placed this monument.<sup>1</sup>

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28 Gaining strength I fly off into the City. I read Tanaquil Faber's preface to Longinus.<sup>2</sup>

29 I write back to Mr. Pope & Mr. Parre. My S. and I, for the sake of restoring our affected health and drinking in the pure air, betake ourselves at evening to Stretton. On the way a shower pours down. Mr. & Mrs. Wright receive us kindly and freely when we appear unexpectedly. [O] that [law] is to be committed deep in our memory. May it turn out well, favourably and happily.

30 The country air is pleasing to me and kindly. We make a delay at Stretton.

1 Neither this draft nor the longer one on f5v was used. The small brass now on the South wall of the chancel in Winwick Church, which appears originally (until Pugin's restoration) to have lain on Dr Sherlock's grave in the chancel, reads:

*Exuviae RICHARDI SHERLOCK D.D. indignissimi hujus Ecclesiae Rectoris obiit XX<sup>o</sup> die Junij A<sup>o</sup> Aetatis 76 Anno Domini 1689 Sal infatuatum Conculcate [Skull] En Viri Sanctissimi modestia! qui Epitaphium se indignum inscribi volebat, cum vita & merita ejus laudes omnes longé superarent. 'The slough of Richard Sherlock D.D. the most unworthy Rector of this Church. He died on the 20th day of June in the 76th year of his age, A.D. 1689. Tread under foot the salt that has lost its savour. \* See the modesty of a most holy man! who willed that an epitaph unworthy of himself be inscribed, when his life and merits far excelled all praises.'*

The first part of this inscription, as far as the skull, conforms with the wording prescribed in Dr Sherlock's will. See Piccope, *Lancashire & Cheshire Wills & Inventories at Chester*, pp.173-7. Clearly those responsible for the monument attempted to satisfy not only the terms of the will but also their own consciences in relation to his memory.

2 Tanaquillus Faber (Tannegui LeFèvre). This edition of Longinus *On the Sublime* was printed at Saumur in 1663.

## M[ensis] Julij

**1 Cal.** Faeliciter et prosperè! Ætherem haurimus, purum, dulcem sed sole tepentem. Anguis inter ambulandum in horto, visus modò elabitur. pransi Ego et S. mea Boras pergimus loco S. meae natali vota ex animo fundimus. Epoto Coffeo quod Fontis purissimi aquâ coctum erat Havod-y-wern pergimus, prima nocte accedimus, hic inter D<sup>m</sup> Pul' meque acris de re Regiâ contentio.

**2 VI** Wrexham mane adimus, Hibernicos et populares passim Visum. D<sup>s</sup> & D<sup>a</sup> Eyton nos Eyton mox euntes praevertunt.

**3 V** Dubium nos tenet caelum, evadimus tandem. D<sup>as</sup> Eyton et Plat redeuntes visimus, Cestriae vesperi Revertitur.

**4 IV** Rebus me do Forensibus.

**5 III** De Juramento isto stabilito prout cujusque fert Ingenium disceptatur, incertior animi pendo, lego et audio.

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**6 Pridie N[onas]** Literas Domini Pope alteras de Literis Regijs in E[li]e Electionem Episcopi emissis, et ejus amicâ & benignâ Episcopo eligendo, mei commendacione, docentes recipio.

**7 Nonae.** Domi haereo ad meridiem, Post ad D<sup>m</sup>. Br. Rem Domini Wright muneris secretarij candidati, Domino Cancellario aperio; perplacet. D<sup>m</sup>. Anderton Calumnijs & podagrâ impetum viso, causam suam bene et navitè defendit innocentem. se iniquè coram Comitijs parlamenti postulatum ostendit, difficillimè evasurum.

**8 VIII** Literis D<sup>ni</sup>. pope largiùs do Responsa, D<sup>a</sup> A. Eyton de Re matrimoniali gravissimâ, cruciata, sollicitudine; Susannam meam, Amicam, consilio opitulaturam, per Literas requirit. Curia civilis praetoria, in Juramenta nova ministranda, primo celebrata, in 22<sup>m</sup> instantis prorogata

**9 VII** Stretton Animi causâ D<sup>ni</sup> Cancellarius Ford et Ego nos Conferimus. vivitur sat bene, Sole inclinante revertitur.

**10 VI** Domi de itinere hesterno, sublassus, me contineo D<sup>ae</sup>. Hulton xl<sup>s</sup>. pro Equili redditum solvo annum.

**11 V** Foro & prandio ad D<sup>m</sup>. Br. datur. Literae Regiae de Episcopo eligendo per Rhedam publicam descendunt, D<sup>o</sup>. Decano directae. D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens scribo.

**12 IV** Nuntius cum Literis R. D<sup>o</sup>. Dec<sup>o</sup>. ablegatus. Negotium eligendi transfert Decanus in 19<sup>m</sup>. instantis.

**13 III** D<sup>m</sup>. pope de Literis certum facio. et D<sup>o</sup>. Huntington T. Bullen, studiose comendo, ut in curam Recipiat, oro.

**JULY 1** Good luck and prosperity! We drink air that is pure and sweet but warm in the sun. While we walk in the garden a snake is seen and immediately slips away. After lunch I and my S. go on to Boras. In my S's birth-place we pour out our prayers from the heart. After drinking Coffee which had been made with water from a very pure spring we go on to Havod-y-wern, we arrive at night-fall, here there is a sharp dispute between Mr. Pul[eston] and me about royal business.

**2** We reach Wrexham in the morning, visited the Irish and the common people here and there. As we are soon going to Eyton Mr. & Mrs. Eyton outstrip us.

**3** A doubtful sky detains us, we leave at length. Returning we visit Mdmes. Eyton and Plat, return to Chester in the evening.

**4** I apply myself to court matters.

**5** Debate about the oath that has been established, just as each one's inclination takes him; somewhat uncertain in mind I consider, read and hear.<sup>1</sup>

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**6** I receive a second letter of Mr. Pope instructing me about the royal letter that has been sent out for the [ecclesiastical] election of the Bishop, and his friendly and kindly commendation of me in the election of the Bishop.

**7** I stick at home until midday, after to Mr. Br. I open to Mr. Chancellor the matter of Mr. Wright a candidate for the office of secretary; he likes it very much. I visit Mr. Anderton assailed by false accusations and gout, he well and completely defends his innocent cause, shows that he has been unjustly summoned before the committees of parliament, will escape with great difficulty.

**8** I give fairly lengthy replies to Mr. Pope's letter, Mrs. A. Eyton, tormented with worry about a very serious marital matter, asks by letter that my Susanna her friend will assist with her advice. The Mayor's civil court held for the first time for the administration of new oaths is adjourned to the 22nd of this month.

**9** Messrs. Chancellor, Ford and I betake ourselves to Stretton for amusement. Fare well enough, return when the sun is going down.

**10** I keep myself at home, somewhat tired from yesterday's journey. I pay Mrs. Hulton 40s. annual rent for a stable.

**11** Is given over to court and lunch at Mr. Br. The royal letter concerning the election of the Bishop comes down by public carriage, addressed to Mr. Dean. I write to Mrs. Stephens.

**12** A messenger sent away with the royal letter to Mr. Dean. The Dean transfers the business of the election to the 19th of this month.

**13** I inform Mr. Pope about the letter and warmly commend T. Bullen<sup>2</sup> to Mr. Huntington and ask him to receive him into his care.

1 Much concern is evident here and in the following pages about 'the oath', presumably the Oath of Allegiance, I Will. & Mar., c.8. See *Statutes at Large*, Vol. 3, pp. 417–20.

2 Apothecary, later physician, see below, 14 Apr. 1690, 27 May 1690, 9 July 1690.

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**14 Pridie I[dus]** Caenam Dominicam impertior. Vitam reliquam piè honestèque agam! absolvam! G. Feilding ebrium, immodestum, petulantem valdè se dat.

**15 Idus.** Commissioni isti pro pijs pecunijs inter Hibernico-protestantes afflictos, distribuendis, primò, me do. Epistolam Domini Pope amicissimam, et de Juramentis novis suscipiendis 7 Argumentis fultam, Recipio. D<sup>o</sup> Wright de Officio Ejus qui ab Epistolis sive Secretis Episcopi est, scribo.

**16 XVII.** Valetudo mihi labascere iterùm videtur, unde huic indultum, consultum.

**17 XVI.** D<sup>o</sup> Pope scribo. Capitis censum 1<sup>li</sup>: Muneris 2<sup>li</sup>:10<sup>s</sup>. solvo. Annum abhinc puer mihi natus, Sex menses post. (γεννηθῆτω τό θέλημα Θεοῦ), Nobis ereptus, Receptus.

**18 XV** Rebus me do Forensibus, de valetudine cura sollicita, Morbo isti Febrili, Tabes mihi succrescere videtur. Scravenmore Comes uti dicunt Batavus, adest Castrorum praefectus.

**19 XIV** D<sup>s</sup> Nicolaus Stratford (Q.B.E.)<sup>a</sup> in Episcopum Cestriae more suo per Capitulum electus est, ritu capitulorum ex scribae inscitia et obstinatione omisso Decano aliud, (Vel nugas) agente: caeteris solennitatem solitam susque deque habentibus. Comes Solmes Germanus quidem princeps Exercitus vice Legatus huc appellit.

**20 XIII.** Agmen Batavum per urbem incedunt, compositum. Tentoria juxta Hanbridg ponunt. Structor Cohortis (Conningham) mihi sorte obtigit; Vesperi tenebricante intrat Schonberg Dux & legatus magnâ Civium

expectacione

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expectacione Receptus. Interulam laneam levidensem ex consilio D<sup>ae</sup> Eyton salubri, primùm induo.

**21 XII** D<sup>s</sup> Wroe concionatur, precans Episcopum electum Deo primum habet commendatum. posicionibus 7 D<sup>i</sup> Pope Juramenti praestandi προτρέπτικαις do responsa.

a *Sc. Quod Bene Eveniat.*



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**14** I communicate the Lord's Supper. May I lead and complete the rest of my life piously and honestly! G. Feilding shows himself very drunk, immoderate and petulant.

**15** I attend for the first time the Commission for the distribution of alms among the afflicted Irish-protestants. I receive a letter of Mr. Pope very friendly and supported by 7 arguments concerning the new oaths that are to be taken. I write to Mr. Wright about the secretaryship to the Bishop.

**16** My health seems to be tottering again, hence indulged here on purpose.

**17** I write to Mr. Pope. I pay £1 poll tax: £2:10s. for the office. It is now a year since my boy was born, six months after (God's will be done) he was taken away from us and received.

**18** I apply myself to court cases. Care aroused about my health. From that feverish sickness, wasting seems to be increasing in me. Scravenmore, the Dutch Count as they call him is here as commander of the camp.<sup>1</sup>

**19** Mr. Nicholas Stratford (May it turn out well) is elected as Bishop of Chester according to its custom by the Chapter, the rite of the chapters being omitted through the inexperience and obstinacy of the clerk, the Dean doing something else (viz. trifles) while the rest held their accustomed solemnity of no consequence. Count Solmes, a German prince indeed, Lieutenant-General of the army puts in here.<sup>2</sup>

**20** A column of Batavians processes through the city and is drawn up. They pitch their tents next to Hanbridg. The captain of a company (Conningham) was allotted to me. As evening grows dark Schonberg the Duke and commander<sup>3</sup> enters and is received with great expectation of the citizens.

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I put on for the first time a thin woollen vest following Mrs. Eyton's healthy advice.

**21** Mr. Wroe preaches.<sup>4</sup> In the prayers he has the Bishop elect first commended to God. I make responses to Mr. Pope's 7 positions in support of the oath to be administered.

1 Cf. 19 June above.

2 Heinrich Maastricht Solms, 1636–93, Count of Solms-Braunfels, was put in command of the famous regiment of blue guards in August 1674, made General in 1680, and on 27 Dec. 1688 led three battalions down the Mall to occupy Whitehall. See *DNB*, LIII, pp. 215–17.

3 Friedrich Hermann, Duke of Schomberg (1615–90). After a long military career he joined William's expedition to England in 1688, and in 1689 was made Knight of the Garter, was naturalized and created baron, earl, marquess and duke in the English peerage, and appointed master-general of the ordnance. He was now on his way to take command of the expedition to Ireland. See below, f80v, and *DNB*, L, pp. 424–32.

4 Richard Wroe, 1641–1717, Warden of Manchester. See *DNB*, LXIII, pp. 160–1.

**22 XI** Septimos<sup>a</sup> de hac Annos, Lydiae meae uxori, dulcissimae carissimae, de me optimè meritaе, in Ecclesia Cathedrali Sancti Patricij Dublinensis, Matrimonio junctus fui. Curia praetoria habita frequens. Muneris cujuscunque Ecclesiastici Civilis, Militaris, Candidati et Ministri Juramenta Suscipiunt Transubstantiationem abrenunciant. Inter Illos Ego etiam. Quae Res mihi benè faeliciterque eveniat. D<sup>o</sup>. Pope Rescribo. Epistolam D<sup>i</sup> Episcopi electi de Decimis Regijs recipio.

**23 X** Curiae habendae (quae ultima hujusce Terminii putanda) datur.

**24 IX** D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo electo de Decimis Regijs rescribo; Vires et valetudinem (D.O.M.<sup>b</sup> Gratae!) Recolligo.

**25 VIII** De D<sup>o</sup> Kirk Exercitus Instructore & Deriensibus benè, malè ambiguè. De conjuratione in Majestates Regias Nova etiam & incerta.

**26 VII** De Navibus in portu Highlake accensis, falsus terret Rumor, qui e Fragoribus Tormentorum e longinquo (Leverpool scilicet) inauditis, oriebatur. Castra juxta posita 5 Cohortes continentia inambulantes lustramus Tentoria quaedam ingredimur.

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**27 VI** D<sup>o</sup>. Thane de Ecclesia Thurstonington vacanti Scribo D<sup>m</sup>. Morrey commendo, ut humanitate et gratia suis in hac Re tueatur, oro. Literas D<sup>ae</sup>. Hamilton et D<sup>i</sup>. parr Recipio. Ab Urbano et militari Strepitu & pulvere, in Silentium Rusticanum, ego et S. mea paulùm Recedimus. Havod-y-wern, horam circa x<sup>am</sup> accedimus.

**28 V** DD. Eyton visum, Ecclesiam aditum, vesperi obambulationi datum. Torrentem molendinarium & divisum de quo inter D<sup>m</sup>. Edisbury et Puleston, actio orta est Viso.

**29 IV** Obequitatum. Watstay, ubi vivarium amoenum, nobile, augustum, prospectui commodissimum, pervium, Situ beatum, hortos latos magis quam elegantes, fructu benignos magis quam cultos, aedem potius vetustate venerabilem quam formâ laudabilem, in Viâ sedes satis amplas, D<sup>s</sup> Puleston et Ego visimus. Inter ambulandum in hortis crus mihi inopinanti in foveam perangustam, gramine Reconditam, lapsus – laesum modo non fractum; meritam ideò D.O.M.<sup>c</sup> Gratiam persolvam! Vesperi Eyton visimus, caelum purum, pratis patulis, expatiantes haurimus.

**30 III** Stretton Redeuntes, de Viâ, visimus; verba faciendo horas aliquot sumimus, vesperi Reditum, per Castra fixa (nobile spectaculum) obequitatum.

**31 Pridie** DD<sup>is</sup>. Hamilton, Midleton & Parre Rescribo.

a Sic.

b Sc. Deo Optimo Maximo.

c Sc. Deo Optimo Maximo.

**22** Seven years ago in the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick in Dublin I was joined in marriage to my sweetest and dearest wife Lydia who deserved the best of me. A crowded mayor's court is held. Candidates and ministers of every office, ecclesiastical, civil and military, take the oaths and renounce transubstantiation.<sup>1</sup> Among them I also. May this turn out well and happily for me. I write back to Mr. Pope. I receive a letter from the Lord Bishop elect about royal tithes.

**23** Given to holding court (which is to be considered the last of this term).

**24** I write back to the Lord Bishop elect about the royal tithes. I recover my strength and health (thanks to God the best and greatest!)

**25** There is good and bad news ambiguously about Mr. Kirk the Major-General of the army and the people of Derry.<sup>2</sup> There is also uncertain news of a conspiracy against Their Royal Majesties.

**26** A false rumour about ships burned in the port of Highlake<sup>3</sup> terrifies people; it arose from the crashing of cannons heard from afar (Leverpool that is). We walk up to and go round a camp pitched nearby containing 5 companies. We go into some of the tents.

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**27** I write to Mr. Thane about the vacant Church of Thurstington, commend Mr. Morrey, ask that he consider him with his kindness and favour in this matter. I receive letters of Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Parr. My S. and I withdraw a little from the urban and military noise and dust into country quiet. We reach Havod-y-wern about 10 o'clock.

**28** Visited Messrs. Eyton, went into the Church, in the evening given over to walking about. I visit the mill race and boundary about which action has arisen between Mr. Edisbury and Puleston.

**29** Rode about. Mr. Puleston and I visit Watstay, where there are a pleasant, noble, majestic park, most agreeable to the view, accessible, fortunate in its position, gardens large rather than elegant, bounteous in fruit rather than cultivated, a house venerable for age rather than praiseworthy for form, on the road generous enough seats. While walking in the gardens my leg, while I was unawares, slipped into a very narrow pit hidden in grass – injured only not broken; therefore let me pay due thanks to God the best and greatest! At evening we visit Eyton, wandering out in the broad meadows we drink in pure heaven.

**30** Returning we visit Stretton on the way; we spend several hours in conversation. Returned in the evening, rode through the fixed camp (a noble spectacle).

**31** I write back to Messrs. Hamilton, Middleton & Parre.

1 See above, 5 July. This seems to imply the declaration in the Second Test Act, 1678, 30 Car. II, St. II, c. 1. See *Statutes at Large*, Vol. 3, pp. 395–7.

2 Percy Kirke, 1646–91, had been promoted Major-General on 8 Nov. 1688, and in May 1689 had been sent with two regiments to relieve Derry. See *DNB*, XXXI, pp. 214–16.

3 I.e. Hoylelake, which served as a port of embarkation for Ireland. See below, *passim*.

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Augusti.

**1** Calendae Deus Opt. Max. Mensi exitum det felicem! Dies iste Jusjurandum istud negantibus fatalis. Campi pars dimidia movetur, 5<sup>ae</sup> Cohortes compositae Highlake portum versùs contendunt. ubi iterùm temporaria ponunt Tentoria. Ex viatici penuriâ hic vix per milites, a seditione temperatum.

**2** Sex alterae subsequuntur cohortes. Ex Re annonariâ malè gestâ, mussitant et fremunt milites, populantur rapinisque exinaniunt populares. Juxta Neston iterum castra ponunt. Dux Shonbergus insequitur. pransi Ego et S. mea D<sup>m</sup> Cancell<sup>m</sup> visimus, Flore, pomo et vino in hortis Ejus accipimur. Tabernam Solis dehinc itum, paetum primo fumatum, tento, cedit subaegre.

**3** Pluviâlis. Vesperi caelo serenante, Churchen Heath Rhedam venalem visurus cum D<sup>o</sup> Staples contendo, Hanc et Helcia sive apparatus penitus exploro, Literis D<sup>o</sup> Dod descriptum refero. In via Eaton lustramus. De pugnâ inter Mackay & Dundee, in scotia commissâ<sup>a</sup>, nescio quod certi & incerti apportant Literae publicae. Alius Exercitûs Ductor Dunbarton adest.

**4** Vice Legatus Solms agmina insequitur. Cohortis ductor Hospes meus Subrudis et moribus inconditis et Ego, serò tandem amici liquidi invicem valedicimus.

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**5** Ædem in DD<sup>arum</sup> Stephens apparamus. expectatae accedunt, excipimus ἑλευθερῶς, ἀπλῶς, veraque fronte. D. Bentine (Deliciae Regiae) Comes portland invisus merito, adest acceleratus. Testamentum Reverendi et Amici de me imprimis

a commissâ interlineated.

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**AUGUST 1** May God the Best and Greatest grant a happy end to the month! The fatal day for those who deny that oath.<sup>1</sup> Half the camp is moving, 5 companies are drawn up and march towards the port of Highlake where they again pitch temporary tents. From the poverty of the travelling money here the soldiers were scarcely restrained from mutiny.

**2** Six other companies follow. From the bad management of the supplies the soldiers are grumbling and murmuring, with their plundering they are ravaging and fleecing the common people. They pitch camp again next to Neston. General Shonberg follows. After lunch my S. and I visit Mr. Chancellor. We are received with flowers, apples and wine in his garden. From there went to the Sun Inn, \*I try a *paetum* first smoked – it doesn't go down very well.\*<sup>2</sup>

**3** Rainy. In the evening when the sky clears I hurry with Mr. Staples to Churchen Heath to see a carriage for sale, I thoroughly investigate this and the harness or equipment, and send the description back in a letter to Mr. Dod. On the way we look round Eaton. The newspapers bring I know not what definite or indefinite news about a battle that has been fought between Mackay & Dundee in Scotland. Another commander of the army, Dunbarton,<sup>3</sup> is here.

**4** Lt. General Solms<sup>4</sup> follows the columns. My guest the Captain<sup>5</sup> of the company, somewhat rough and with uncouth manners, and I at last say a late farewell to one another as liquid friends.

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**5** We prepare the house for [the arrival of] the Stephens ladies, they arrive as expected, we receive them freely, simply and with sincerity. Lord Bentine (the King's favourite) the Earl of Portland<sup>6</sup> deservedly hated, is here in haste. The will of the Reverend Sherlock, my friend who deserved especially of me and was

1 See above, 5 July & 22 July, & *Statutes at Large*, Vol. 3, p. 417.

2 Or '– he gives way somewhat disagreeably.' *Paetus* normally means 'with pink or leering eyes, blind'. Henry may perhaps refer to a smoked foodstuff he did not enjoy eating.

3 Lord George Douglas, Earl of Dumbarton, 1636–92, had been Commander-in-Chief of James II's Scottish army. Whether he was the person referred to here remains to be determined. See *DNB*, XV, p. 297.

4 See above, 19 July.

5 Here called *ductor*, but on 20 July above *structor*.

6 William Bentinck, who had been familiar with William of Orange since his youth, had played an important part in arranging both the marriage of William and Mary and William's invasion, and after the revolution of 1688 was made Groom of the Stole, First Gentleman of the Bedchamber and a Privy Councillor, and in April 1689 was created Baron Cirencester, Viscount Woodstock and Earl of Portland. See *DNB*, IV, pp. 285ff.

meriti et summo honore colendi D. Sherlock probatum. Executores mihi Legatum inde, Aureum scilicet Nummum tradunt.

**6** Navis vexillifera quae in biduo a Derriá cursum fecerat, laetum adfert nuncium Ductorem Exercitûs Kirk 31<sup>o</sup> die Julij ult. novissimè lapsi, summo Armorum navium & virium impetu per Munimentum Culmorense in Lacum Foyl contendisse, Trabes catenatas lacui transversas (Anglice Boom) Rupisse Urbi pereunti appulisse, auxilium & salutem tulisse. Oppugnantes dein tumultuario Recedisse. Urbanos ante pellibus salitis, sebo, caninâ, Felinâ & soricinâ Solùm vixisse carnibus. Tres dies vero postremos, aethereâ tantum aurâ vescitos fuisse, ad summum & extremum tandem necessitatis discrimen, inopiae ergô, fuisse Redactos, victu inhumano & corrupto V. M. Hominum, Gladio, non ultra C cecidisse. de his Kirk ad Caesarem Legatum misisse.

**7** De Derriâ ad extrema Redactâ, et obsidione liberatâ, testatum, undique laetatum, congratulatum, D<sup>is</sup> Pope & Bouch<sup>r</sup> Rem laetam scribo.

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**8** Nova aucupantur omnes. Ad portum Highlake Classis visendae causâ catervatim concursum. Cum D<sup>o</sup>. Massey de Audlem & Sale, nescio de quo Crimine laesae Majestatis indigne postulato ad Rogatum D<sup>i</sup> prescott de Liverpool D<sup>s</sup> Anderson Et Ego vadimonium coram Praetore promittimus: Reus M<sup>£</sup> praes uterque D<sup>£</sup> Regi verbis spondemus conceptis.

**9** Apparatus maximi, maximi motus bellici. Naves conscendunt Milites. C<sup>£</sup> Commissarijs sive Curatoribus piorum Nummorum Represento. Tessaram nummariam D<sup>o</sup> Firmyn ab illis directam Recipio.

**10** D<sup>o</sup> Firmyn scribo, Schedulam Summarum piarum collatarum includo. Literas D<sup>ae</sup> Hamilton Recipio, Vesperis, Havod-y-wern D<sup>s</sup> Foley, Susanna mea & Ego convolamus. Cohors D<sup>i</sup> Meath ingreditur.

**11** Annos dehinc duos Q.B.F.F.Fque S!<sup>a</sup> Susannae meae felici conjunctus eram Matrimonio. Diem celebramus, pio honore, sanctum habemus. Bangorensem Ecclesiam Matrimonij initi locum sanctum pijs adimus votis. D<sup>s</sup> Foley Concionem habet practicam luculentam, popularibus gratam maxime. Ad Eyton inde itum, hic liberrimè excepti, magnificè quidè ac elegantèr, pransi et caenati sumus. in Caelo puro

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respected in the highest honour, is proved. The executors hand over what is bequeathed to me from it, that is a guinea.<sup>1</sup>

6 A flagship which had made the crossing from Derry in two days brings the happy news that Kirk the Commander of the Army on the 31st day of July last past with a great onslaught of arms, ships and forces has fought past the fortification of Culmore into Lough Foyle, has broken the boom across the lough, has put into the perishing city and brought it aid and safety.<sup>2</sup> The opponents then withdrew in tumult. The citizens had before lived only on salted skins, tallow, and the flesh of dogs, cats and rats<sup>3</sup>. For the last three days indeed they had fed only on fresh air, and had been reduced to the uttermost hazard of necessity on account of want. By the inhuman and corrupt foodstuff 5,000 men had fallen, but by the sword not more than 100. Kirk had sent a messenger to the King about this.

7 Tale told about Derry being reduced to extremity, and relieved from siege, rejoicing everywhere and congratulation. I write the glad news to Messrs. Pope & Bouch<sup>r</sup>.

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8 All are waiting for news. People are rushing in troops to the port of Highlake to see the fleet. With Mr. Massey of Audlem & Sale, who has been unworthily summoned with some charge or other of treason, at the request of Mr. Prescott of Liverpool Mr. Anderson and I promise recognizance before the Mayor: the defendant £1000 on hand, we each as surety promise to the King £500 in formal words.

9 Very great preparations, very great warlike movements. The soldiers are boarding ship. I pay £100 in ready money to the Commissioners or Curators of alms. I receive a bill directed to Mr. Firmyn by them.

10 I write to Mr. Firmyn, enclosing a schedule of the alms collected. I receive a letter from Mrs. Hamilton. At evening Mr. Foley, my Susanna and I fly together to Havod-y-wern. Lord Meath's company enters.

11 Two years ago (May it be well, favourable, fortunate and happy!) I was joined in happy marriage to my Susanna. We celebrate the day, in pious honour we hold it sacred. We go with pious prayers to the Church of Bangor, the holy place of the beginning of our marriage. Mr. Foley preaches a practical, clear sermon, very pleasing to the ordinary people. Then went to Eyton, here we were entertained most liberally and lunched and dined magnificently indeed and elegantly. In the pure air

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1 In the will Henry was left 'a Ginney' for his pains in helping to distribute £20 to the poor of Chester. See Piccope, *op.cit.*, p.176.

2 General Schomberg had evidently given a peremptory order for this action. See above, 25 July 1689, with note *ad. loc.*

3 Or 'mice'.

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Dux et Legatus Sconbergus cum Exercitûs et Classis parte majori, secundissimis vento et tempestate usus ad Bangor promontorium in Agro Downensi in Hiberniâ appulit.<sup>a</sup>

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puro, pratis, juxta Rivum labentem, amoenis deambulatum, domesticâ in cumbâ commodissimè Remigatum, Recreatum, Sub Lunâ Reditum de Viâ D<sup>a</sup>. A. Eyton et S. mea de Amore toto pectore, (in Amicam) et constanti, D<sup>m</sup> Foley – acerrimè adoriuntur et alternis lacessunt vicibus. Laetè & faelicitè speroque auspicatum conclusum ita iri diem.

**12** Votis Res convenisse Fertur. benè manè vela & classem data a portu Highlake. ventis & secundo navigatum aethere. Wrexam et amicos visum, – Quicquid Novi auspicatum. Vesperi D<sup>s</sup>. Scroggs palans in oppido et cubili vacuus nobis obviam dat Ut nobis caenet & pernoctet Rogamus. non dedignatur.

**13** Wrexam iterum itum ad preces publicas. D<sup>s</sup>. Foley me D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Roffensi habet commendatum, Episcopus benedictione & comitate me excipit. Literas publicas Varia et incerta ferentes, legimus. De classe mari commissâ, gratum. Cestriae primâ Redimus nocte.

**14** D<sup>ae</sup>. Hamilton Rescribo et D<sup>o</sup>. Pope.

**15** De Exercitûs ad portum Carricfergi appulsum – Nuntium laetum, modò incertum. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Madden detentus prandeo. Cohors Comitum Meath Highlake contendit

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contendit. Ipse Comes in mare & Hiberniam procinctus Nostrati Familiolae amicissimè Valedicit. Solitudinem decessus pulsum bibendo, bellè satis, liberè & amicè valedictum.

**16** Cohors D<sup>i</sup>. Deering procedit. Ex hesternâ Valedictione, Helucus,<sup>b</sup> taedet.

a This entry appears to have been inserted somewhat later as an addition to the entry for the 13th, possibly after the receipt of news on the 18th.

b Presumably for *elucus* (spelling influenced by medieval practice).



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*[Three quarters down the page, opposite the entry for 13th]*

General Duke Sconberg with the greater part of the army and fleet, having had the benefit of very favourable wind and weather, has put in to Bangor promontory in County Down in Ireland.

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went for a walk in pleasant meadows by the flowing stream, rowed very agreeably in the boat belonging to the house, were refreshed, returned by moonlight. On the way Mrs. A. Eyton and my S. from whole-hearted and constant love (towards a friend) assailed Mr. Foley most sharply and provoked him by turns. Gladly and happily, and I hope auspiciously, the day will be so concluded.

**12** It is reported that our prayers have been answered, in the morning the fleet set sail well from the port of Highlake, sailed with favourable winds and sky. Visited Wrexham and friends – anticipated some news. In the evening Mr. Scroggs wandering in town and without a bed meets us. We ask him to dine and spend the night with us. He does not refuse.

**13** Went to Wrexham again to public prayers. Mr. Foley has me introduced to the Bishop of Rochester. The Bishop receives me with blessing and kindness. We read the newspapers bearing variable and uncertain news. Pleased about the fleet put to sea.<sup>1</sup> We return to Chester at nightfall.

**14** I write back to Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Pope.

**15** Glad but uncertain news of the army's arrival at the port of Carrickfergus. Being detained I lunch at Mr. Madden's. The Earl of Meath's company marches to Highlake.

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The Earl himself in readiness for the sea and Ireland takes a very friendly farewell of our little family. Drove away concerned at his departure by drinking finely enough, said a free and friendly farewell.

**16** Mr. Deering's company advances. Drowsy from yesterday's farewell, I am weary.

<sup>1</sup> Presumably the entry inserted on f14v opposite (see above) was intended to supplement this comment.

**17** CC<sup>£</sup>. Curatoribus Nummorum piorum solvo, Syngrapham Recipio. DD<sup>s</sup>. Firmyn, Bouch<sup>r</sup>. Dod & parre Scribo. de Classe nuper appulsâ, multa, conventum, gavisum, iterum dubitatum. Cohors Equitum, et peditum Comitum Roscomon, exit, Draconariorum intrat.

**18** De Classe apud Bangor appulsâ Nuncius adest expeditus, inde verò congratulatum. Draconarij nocte mediâ Highlake, naves ascensuri contendunt.

**19** D<sup>o</sup>. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. scribo; Nummis pijs erogandis datur. De viris Iniscillensibus bellicosus, magna, praeclara. Ad periscelidis cum D<sup>is</sup>. Canc<sup>o</sup>. Ford & Cuffe ampullam sumo. Cohortis Ducis Bolton, propter Stipendij Fraudationem tumultuatum inter milites.

<sup>a</sup> Cum D<sup>o</sup>. Scroggs obambulatum. De Exercitu in Agro uberrimo et cultissimo (Dounensi) ingresso, de Belfast et Carricfergo potitis, de magnâ

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Vi Frumenti et Annonae cujuslibet allatâ, laetitia popularium, Hostibus metu percussis, Iniscillensium Gestis, multa & laeta dicunt. De Classibus Anglicanâ & Gallicâ invicem sibi esse in conspectu, utramque alteri objectâ inter spem et metum suspensi confabulantur, Q.F.Fque S.<sup>b</sup> Nobis omnibus et Reipublicae precatum. Regni Comitum in xx<sup>m</sup> Septembris deferuntur, Rejiciuntur.

**21** Res Hibernicas hic narratas D<sup>o</sup>. B<sup>r</sup>. transmittit. Nova undique excogitata. Cohors pedestris Domini Thomae Gore Barr<sup>ti</sup>. accedit.

**22** D<sup>s</sup>. Georgius Walker Presbyter, Derriae Gubernator et propugnator celeberrimus, (cujus quidem in vultu tristem severitatem, et in verbis fidem inesse videtur) Caesarem contendens, iter diem hic intermittit. A Ductore Exercitûs Scravenmore Praetore Urbano, Centurionibus, omnibus denique laetantèr exceptus, charus omnibus sed inexpectatus percunctantibus curiosè comem se praebeet et ingenuum. Inambulantia latera claudunt – Globos faciunt, circumagunt, virum stipant – mirabundi, tanquam de caelo delapsus defixis intuentur oculis, verba avidis et arrectis excipiunt auribus. Vir Dijs charus, de angustis, victorijs

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discriminibus, fortunâ, inopiâ et salute, multa et miranda, de oppidanorum gestis et passis virtute et laboribus. Oppugnantium ignaviâ, animis plus quam muliebribus,

<sup>a</sup> The date 20 may be omitted in the margin here.

<sup>b</sup> Sc. *Quod Faustum Felixque Sit.*

**17** I pay £200 to the Curators of Alms and receive a bill. I write to Messrs. Firmyn, Boucher, Dod & Parre. Much about the fleet that has recently put in, met, rejoiced and again doubted. The Earl of Roscommon's company of cavalry and infantry departs and one of Dragoons enters.

**18** An express messenger is here from the fleet that has landed at Bangor, thence real congratulation. The Dragoons march at midnight for Highlake to board ship.

**19** I write to Mr. Boucher; [the day] is given to expenditure of alms. There are great and splendid reports about the warlike men of Eniskillen. I take a bottle at the Leg Iron with Messrs. Chancellor, Ford and Cuffe. There is a disturbance among the soldiers of the Duke of Bolton's company on account of cheating of their pay.

<sup>1</sup> Walked about with Mr. Scroggs. They tell many glad things of the entry of the army into a very rich and cultivated county (of Down), of the seizure of Belfast and Carrickfergus, of a great

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abundance of corn and produce of whatever kind brought in, of the rejoicing of the people, of the enemy dejected by fear, of the deeds of the people of Eniskillen. Suspended between hope and fear people are talking about the English and French fleets, that they are alternately in sight, each lying in the way of the other. Prayed that this may be lucky and fortunate for us all and the state. Parliament is adjourned and postponed to the 20th September.<sup>2</sup>

**21** I transmit to Mr. Br. the Irish affairs told here. News is sought everywhere. Sir Thomas Gore, Bart's infantry company arrives.

**22** Mr. George Walker, an old man, the most celebrated Governor and champion of Derry (in whose face there seems to be a sad severity, and in his words faith) on his way to the King breaks his journey here for a day. He is most gladly received by Scravenmore the commander of the army, by the Mayor, by the officers, in short by all. Dear to all but unexpected, he shows himself courteous and candid with those who curiously detain him. They enclose his sides as he walks, form knots, circle around him, crowd the man, they look on him with fixed eyes in wonder, as if he had fallen from heaven, and hang on his words with eager and pricked-up ears. A man dear to the gods he brings many wonderful tales of difficulties,

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victories, hazards, fortune, necessity and safety achieved and suffered by the courage and toils of the townspeople, and untold things of the baseness of the

1 The date **20** may be omitted in the margin here.

2 This adjournment took place on Tuesday 20 August; see *LJ*, XIV, p.318, & *CJ*, X, p.271.

abjectis et syderatis<sup>a</sup> inaudita refert. Narrationes multas acceptas Ratas habet. Ad compluvium sive Caenaculum Urbanum bellarijs et vino (per praetorem et Senatores Urbanos) bellè exceptus. Cohors B. Delamer Urbem intrat. D<sup>s</sup>. Johannes Bland Barr. Centurio Vice Chiliarchatum affectans et si hoc exciderit, munus suum abdicare tentans, carceri inclusus, temeritatis poenas daturus. Centuriones caeteri, in eodem luto haerentes infortunio commoniti alieno, inviti (uti fama Vagabatur) manent in Officio.

23 Agmen Bar. Delamere eductum equestre Highlake progreditur, lacrymabundi suas Aras linquunt<sup>b</sup> Tyrones Nostrates. Cohortis D. Gore milites Gregarij inter incedendum in Bridgstreet platea sistunt tumultuantur, arma deponunt, Centuriones Frauditionum postulant, hinc Turbae, difficultas. Chiliarcha Rem statim cognoscit, Criminis damnat Centuriones, Nummos Graecâ fide Representare jubet, Representant, dispudet: Arma Recipiunt milites, compositi procedunt Highlake, mare ingressuri.

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Erat, juxta Varronem, duplex Agmen. Quadratum, quod immistis etiam Jumentis incedit ut ubi vis possit considerare. Pilatum alterum quod sine Jumentis incedit, sed inter se densum est quo facilius per iniquiora loca transmittatur. Cohors a mutua cohortatione q.d. Coortes villarum unde Homines coorianur pariter.

Cohors quod ut in villâ ex pluribus tecteis conjungitur et quiddam fit unum, sic haec ex manipulis copulatur Cohors. Varro. l.4. de Ling. L.

In una Legione centuriae sexagintae, manipuli triginta, cohortes decem.

Cohors peditum est, ut et Centuria et manipulus

Turma Equitum.

a Sic, for *sideratis*.

b Sic.

opponents, of their more than feminine spirits, abject and star-struck. He has many accepted and valid stories. He is finely received at the Pentice<sup>1</sup> or City Banqueting Hall with desserts and wine (by the Mayor and Aldermen). B[aron] Delamere's company enters the city. Sir John Bland, Bart. centurion<sup>2</sup> affecting the vice-chiliarchate<sup>2</sup> and if this had fallen out, attempting to abdicate his duty, is locked up in jail, to pay the penalty of his temerity. The rest of the centurions<sup>2</sup>, sticking in the same mud, warned by another's misfortune, unwillingly (as rumour has it) stay in office.

23 Baron Delamere's cavalry column is led out and advances towards Highlake. Our new recruits tearfully leave their altars. The private soldiers of Mr. Gore's company, while marching in Bridgstreet, stop in the broad place, make a disturbance, lay down their arms, accuse the centurions of frauds, hence crowds, difficulty. The colonel immediately investigates the matter, condemns the centurions of the charge, orders them to pay the money immediately with Greek faith, they pay it, they are greatly ashamed: the soldiers take up their arms again, are formed up and march to Highlake, to put to sea,

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The Column was, according to Varro, twofold. Foursquare, which marches with baggage animals also in its midst so that the force may be able to encamp wherever you wish. The other one javelin-shaped which marches without baggage animals, but is close together so that it may more easily be sent across uneven places.<sup>3</sup>

'Cohort' from mutual encouragement, i.e. *coortes* of villas from which men arise equally.

*Cohort* which just as in a villa it is joined together from many buildings and becomes a unity, so this Cohort is joined together from maniples. Varro: Book 4 *de Ling. L.*<sup>4</sup>

In one Legion sixty centuries, thirty maniples, ten cohorts.

A Cohort is of infantry, as also a Century and a maniple.

Squadron of cavalry.

1 Until 1803 the south side of St Peter's Church was covered by a lean-to structure called the Pentice in which courts were held, and which served as the Mayor's Parlour. See C.C.R.O., *From Moot Hall to Town Hall*, p. 16.

2 Ranks uncertain, perhaps 'major' and 'lieutenant-colonelcy'.

3 Quoted (with slight adaptation) from Servius's Commentary on Vergil, *Aeneid* XII, 121 (in Thilo & Hagen's edn, Teubner, Leipzig, 1884, Vol. II, p. 590) but not in what survives of Varro (nor in Gothofredius *ALL*).

4 M. Terentius Varro, *De Lingua Latina* V, xvi, 88, in *ALL* (1585), col.16, lines 24-6. See next note.

Agmen proprie dicitur cum Exercitus iter facit, ab agendo id est eundo vocatum. Isid.

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pijs datur nummis distribuendis. Syngrapham D<sup>o</sup>. Firmyn alteram pro C<sup>l</sup>. scriptam accipio.

**24** Raciones Nummorum piorum compono, Syngraphos tres nummarios D<sup>o</sup>. Firmyn Literis inclusos pro CCCC<sup>£</sup> mitto. De Gestis Inniscillensium, Subducti Di. G. Wolseley Chiliarchae, praeclara ferunt Literae. Iis parvulo impendio ingentem stetisse victoriam Vice-L. Macarty istâ pugnâ captivum cessisse. Benè juvante Deo faelicitèr et prosperè omnia Armis protestantium evenisse. Miles hic caedis temerae<sup>a</sup> et cruentae damnatus patibulo suffigitur, facti paenitens. Cohors, Shonbergi Fil., equestris Franco-protestantium vix Hospitijs excipitur. Literas DD. parr & Francis Recipio.

**25** Agmen sive cohors ista Francorum procedit Devonensis Comitum Filij primogeniti cohors succedit.

**26** Cohors ista procedit. pugnam inter Batavos & Gallos juxta Till oppidum esse commissum. illos, ope Anglorum inter quos Ducem Ormondiae praeclarè se gessisse) victoriam reportasse; papam Romanum Innocentium xi<sup>m</sup> effoetâ<sup>b</sup> octogenarium scilicet 2<sup>o</sup> hujusce mensis, (S.n.) summum obijsse diem ferunt Literae. de Re Hungaricâ, Moguntiâ per Copias Foederatos obsessâ, frigidiuscula, de adversis Classibus incerta. Faeno datur emendo & percipiendo.

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**27** Agmen Boltonensis Ducis procedit tandem. D. Scravenmore Highlake contendit, mare ingressurus.

**28** D<sup>o</sup>. Francis scribo Epitaphia memoriae D. Sherlocke inscripta illi castiganda Submitto. Ferrarij Cohors adest equestris. Scravenmore Navem conscendit –

a Sic, presumably for *temerariae*.

b Sic.

A Column is properly so called when the army is on the march, it is named from doing, that is going. Isid.<sup>1</sup>

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[Time] is given to the distribution of alms. I receive for Mr. Firmyn a second bill written for £100.

**24** I make up the accounts of Alms and send to Mr. Firmyn three money bills for £400 enclosed in a letter. The papers bring splendid news of the achievements of the men of Enniskillen, of Colonel W. Wolseley, who had been detached. They gained a huge victory with very little loss, [Lt. Gen.] Macarty went as a prisoner in that battle.<sup>2</sup> With God's good help everything turned out luckily and prosperously for the arms of the protestants. Here a soldier condemned of an audacious and bloody murder is fastened to the gibbet, repenting of his deed. A cavalry company of Shonberg's son, of French-protestants, is received with difficulty in the billets. I receive letters of Messrs. Parr & Francis.

**25** That column or company of French marches out and the company of the firstborn son of the Earl of Devon comes in its place.

**26** That company marches off. The papers report that battle was joined between the Dutch and the French next to the town of Till, that the former, with the help of the English (among whom the Duke of Ormonde conducted himself splendidly) gained the victory; that the Pope of Rome Innocent 11th, a worn out octogenarian, passed away, that is to say on the 2nd of this month (New Style?) Somewhat chilly news about the Hungarian business, of Mainz besieged by allied forces, uncertainty about the opposing fleets. [Time] is given to buying and taking in hay.

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**27** The Duke of Bolton's column marches at last. Mr. Scravenmore hastens to Highlake, to put to sea.

**28** I write to Mr. Francis and submit to his correction the epitaphs written to the memory of Mr. Sherlocke.<sup>3</sup> The Ferrars cavalry company is here. Scravenmore

1 Isidorus Hispalensis, *Etymologiarum sive Originum*, IX,iii,50–2;64, in *ALL*, col.1049, line 60. This juxtaposition of Varro and Isidore suggests that Henry was using Gothofredius's *Auctores Latinae Linguae in Unum Redacti Corpus*, the most convenient seventeenth-century source of both works.

2 The decisive battle of Newtown Butler when the 'Inniskilling Horse' under Col. William Wolseley (who had been detached from Kirke's forces to take their command) overcame larger forces under Justin MacCarthy, Viscount Mountcashel. See *DNB*, LXII, pp. 323–4 & XXXIV, pp. 439–41.

3 See f5v & f6v above.

Hiberniam petentes ventis utuntur secundissimis.

**29** Comentarioris<sup>a</sup> conficiendis diutius neglectui datis me daturus haeret et allucinatur Animus, aggredior Rem tandem. R. Williams (Lydiae meae dulcissimae cultor quondam cordatus) vir antiquis moribus, ductor quondam ordinis pedestris, modo pedestris, in Ferrarij cohorte, me in processu Salutatur, valedicit. D<sup>s</sup>. Legh Bowden, miras D<sup>i</sup>. Herle in dicâ contra eum per D<sup>m</sup>. Legh de Lyme, dictâ procrastinandâ & fallendâ refert technas. Literas D<sup>i</sup>. Firmin cum Acceptatione CCCC<sup>i</sup> inclusa, Recipio.

**30** Cohors ped[estris] Gustavi Hamilton procedit. Literas in Crastinum per publicum Nuncium DD. Hamilton, Squire & Parre mittendas conficio. Milites processuri equos quo Jure quâve injuriâ cogunt. D<sup>s</sup>. Ben. Brown Aenei Nasi Socius, me Stretton comitatur, ubi amicè receptit (ut mos) Edg inde proceditur. D<sup>m</sup>. Dod & uxorem primò ad penates suos adductam viso, horas aliquas et Cerevisiae generosae cantharos, belle sumimus, vesperi Stretton reversum.

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**31** Caelum Nubibus obtectum et pluviale ab Itinere Wrexham, insituto, nos detinet. D<sup>o</sup>. Wright Formulas Secretariorum do, usum doceo. D<sup>a</sup>. Wright praeclara quidem Faemina, animi e domesticis molestijs, scrutata, mihi tantae Faem[inae] integerrimae & opt[imae] Cultori Summè cordato & amico, amicissimè dolores aperit, Consilium et opem ferendi det Deus potestatem! Cestriae sole descendente Reditum.

#### Septembris

**1** Auspicatò! Cohors D. Villers educta non progressa. Caeli intemperies progressionem impedito est. De Carricfergi expugnato obsessos sub conditione honestâ deditionem fecisse fertur publicè. D<sup>s</sup>. Brown Contionem in Choro de Resurrectione, habet. De defectione Copiarum Hibernicarum a Rege Jacobo, fama audax satis et incerta. Funus Filiae minoris natu D. Callis (Chirothecis et surculis Rosmarinis, Bellarijs nequicquam distributis) solenni satis more peractum. Inter Structorem et Vexilliferum Cohortis Villers Lis derepentè accidit, ad Vice Comitem Urbanum Golborn inter pocula, gladiatoria, hic in occurso gravi Saucius est vulnere – aufugit ille facti Sceleris conscius.

<sup>a</sup> Altered from A..



boards ship – those making for Ireland have the advantage of very favourable winds.

**29** As I am about to apply myself to finishing [these] notes too long neglected, my mind sticks and wanders. I start on the task at last. R. Williams (once my sweetest Lydia's wise tutor) a man of old fashioned manners, once a captain of the infantry line, now a footsoldier in the Ferrars company, greets me as they march and says farewell. Mr. Legh Bowden mentions the wonderful tricks of Mr. Herle in procrastinating and disappointing a lawsuit brought against him by Mr. Legh of Lyme. I receive a letter of Mr. Firmin with a receipt enclosed for £400.

**30** The infantry company of Gustavus Hamilton<sup>1</sup> marches. I finish letters to be sent tomorrow by the postman to Messrs. Hamilton, Squire & Parre. Soldiers about to set off commandeering horses, by what right or with what injury. Mr. Ben. Brown, Fellow of Brazenose, accompanies me to Stretton, where he receives me again in friendly fashion (as usual). Then go to Edg. I visit Mr. Dod & his wife brought home for the first time. We take up finely several hours and tankards of excellent ale. Returned at evening to Stretton.

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**31** A cloud-covered and rainy sky keeps us back from our planned journey to Wrexham. I give Mr. Wright the secretaries' formulas and teach him their use. Mrs. Wright, an excellent woman indeed, tormented in mind from domestic troubles, in very friendly fashion opens to me as a very wise and friendly adviser the sorrows of such a great and very upright and good woman. God grant wisdom and the power to bring help! Returned to Chester as the sun was setting.

**SEPTEMBER 1** Good luck! Lord Villers' company after being led out does not advance, the inclemency of the weather hinders its advance. There is public talk about the siege of Carrickfergus that the besieged have made a surrender on honourable conditions. Mr. Brown preaches in the Choir about the Resurrection. There is a rumour – sufficiently audacious and uncertain – of the defection of Irish forces from King James. The funeral of the younger daughter of Mr. Callis is conducted in sufficiently solemn fashion (gloves and rosemary shoots and confectionery distributed to no purpose<sup>2</sup>). A duel of a sudden broke out at City Sheriff Golborn's between the *Structor* and an Ensign of the Villers company in their cups. In the onslaught the latter sustained a serious wound, the former fled aware that he had committed a crime.

1 Gustavus Hamilton, 1639–1723, a companion of the Duke of Ormonde, had in 1688 been appointed by the protestants as the Governor of Enniskillen, and was to command a regiment, presumably the one referred to here, at the Boyne. See *DNB*, XXIV, pp. 159f.

2 Or 'gloves and rosemary shoots and confectionery not at all distributed'.

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2 Obambulatum manè. Cohors Villers procedit. Cohors D. Hewit (cujus Scutum Tignum inter Noctuas tres (colores memoriâ exciderunt) insignivit) accedit. In iter Lanc<sup>se</sup>, apparatum. Literas Comitum Medensis de Obsidione Caricfergi (nondum deditâ) recipio laetus, Bellicosa, seria et jocosa Refert.

3 D<sup>s</sup>. Bennett ut intersim<sup>a</sup> sui<sup>b</sup> Induccioni Vinviciae Die Jovis accedente maximoperè Rogat, promitto. Iter circa horam x<sup>am</sup>. Ego et Susanna mea, iter aggredimur, in viâ ad Sandywayhead parùm intermissum, Holford dein circa horam 5 accessum, liberè recipimur.

4 Requiei datum

5 Vinviciae manè contendo. in viâ D<sup>s</sup>. Green de sorore affine Baxter tabe miserè consumptâ, morti proximâ, mihi Refert ingratum Lydiae meae Charissimae non immemori, visere statuo. Inductio Domini Bennett (praesentibus sortis honestae viris parochianis et me) per D<sup>m</sup>. Christopherum Marsden presbyterum, Capellae Farnworth Ministrum solennitèr satis habita est. post, liberali, opiparo, magnifico, liberè Recepti Sumus prandio. Latere Ferino me donat benignissimè. Wigan dein prospero Sororem Baxter fermè morientem viso. Bono quidem officium hoc ac grato accipit animo. Corpore labefactae, et spiritu exhaustae volenti verba facere morbus vires Negavit imbecillus, tanquam nunquam hac vitâ Revisurus, Redeo.

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6 Satis malè ex hesterna vitâ. De sorore Baxter animo percontor suspensio non viso, modo non inter mortuos refertur. Gately Lane diverto, hic per horas 4 requiei datum, refectum. Tempestate pluviosâ non impediante Holford circa h. 5, reditum.

7 Vallem Regalem imus. Susannam meam Dominae istae benigno quidem vultu. D<sup>s</sup>. Fr. Ch. me novo et insolito, excepit. Rationes perputamus. de Jurejurando isto novo et id praestantibus acerba quaedam obiter sed ex composito, acri acumine incitatus profert. Ego Verò Conscientiae laesae aut Fidei collapsae (Deo Gr.) nequicquam<sup>c</sup> conscius de Civis, publico officio functo, minimè erubescendum, Statuo. Vesperâ Redeunti mihi excidit Gladius.

8 Holford cum D<sup>o</sup>. Dod (cujus uxor primò illuc<sup>d</sup> accessit) commoratum parum Rei divinae datum.

a *essem* first written struck through, *sim* interlineated.

b Altered from *suae*.

c *nequicquam* interlineated.

d *illuc* interlineated.

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2 Walked round in the morning. The Villers company sets out. The company of Lord Hewit (whose shield is distinguished by a bar between three owls (the colours have escaped my memory)) arrives. Prepared for tomorrow's Lancashire journey. I gladly receive a letter of the Earl of Meath about the siege of Carrickfergus (not yet surrendered); he tells warlike serious and humorous things.

3 Mr. Bennett asks most earnestly that I attend his induction at Winwick next Thursday, I promise. My Susanna and I begin our journey about 10 o'clock, on the way paused for a little at Sandywayhead, then arrived at Holford about 5; we are received generously.

4 Given to rest.

5 In the morning I set off to Winwick, on the way Mr. Green brings to me, not unmindful of my dearest Lydia, the unwelcome news of my sister-in-law Baxter wretchedly wasted with consumption, close to death; I decide to visit. Mr. Bennett's induction (in the presence of parishioners of honourable sort and myself) is conducted solemnly enough by Mr. Christopher Marsden, an old man, Minister of Farnworth Chapel. Afterwards we are liberally entertained with a generous, sumptuous, magnificent lunch. He very kindly presents me with a side of venison. Then I hurry to Wigan and visit sister Baxter almost dying. She however accepts this duty in a good and thankful mind. Weakened in body and exhausted in spirit, she wanted to speak, but the debilitating illness denied her the strength. As never to see her again in this life I return.

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6 Ill enough from yesterday's life. In suspense of mind I enquire after sister Baxter but do not visit; she is reported still not to be among the dead. I turn aside to Gately Lane, here rested for 4 hours and refreshed. Rainy weather not hindering, returned to Holford about 5 o'clock.

7 We go to Vale Royal. Those ladies receive my Susanna with kindly countenance indeed, Mr. Fr. Ch. receives me with a new and unaccustomed one. We state accounts. Stirred up by keen acumen he utters in passing but deliberately some harsh things about that new oath and those who maintain it.<sup>1</sup> But I not in the least guilty of injured conscience or ruined loyalty (thank God) decide that there is nothing to be ashamed of in having performed a citizen's public duty. Returning at eventide my sword fell out.

8 Stayed at Holford with Mr. Dod (whose wife has arrived there for the first time), too little given to divinity.

1 See above, 5 & 22 July, and below, 14 Jan. 1690, with notes *ad. loc.*

**9** Valedicenti mihi D<sup>s</sup>. Cholmondeley Amicorum benignorum liberalissimus Chirothecas mihi donat bellè fimbriatas. valedicunt Nobis tam amicè tam aegre quam receperunt liberalitè. Susanna e via Hospitem Corles Salutat v<sup>s</sup>. propter ipsius erga me amicitiam & benevolentiam donat. Newton ventum, ubi DD. Crane, Byrom & Boardman, Symbolâ viaticâ benevolentia summâ, vino generoso, Cerevisiâ generosissimâ Nos excipiunt. Gatley Lane tandèm nocte terram ac Caelum occupante tutò accedimus.

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**10** Tempestas imbris foeda domi Nos continet.

**11** Pransi Green-House evolumus. hic Coffaeum, Cerevisiam ad Roziners potum, de Re Rusticâ, cum agricolis verba facta. E Gulielmo Corles<sup>a</sup> recipio 3<sup>li</sup>. Solvo Johanni Crosse Ferrifabro, 18<sup>s</sup>.

**12** D<sup>s</sup>. Crane et S. Prescott Nobis prandium et ferinae aliquantulum sumunt. D<sup>am</sup>. Bispham Salutatum imus accipit benignè.

**13** Wigan, Lydiae meae charissimae Necessarios Salutatum imus ad D<sup>am</sup>. Cason pransum. Affines Nos liberali vultu excipiunt. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Green (eo quod aedes D<sup>i</sup>. Herle (in quibus Mulierum optima de me optime merita Supremum efflavit spiritum die scilicet xvij Maij 1685) mihi infaustiores semper Reputandae sint) pernoctatum.

**14** D<sup>am</sup>. Halliwell et maritum ejus Salutamus. Mulierem ad dissimulandum & simulandum naturâ factam, subdolè aliquos collaudantem, plurimos clàm lacescentem, Res aliorum satagentem, ingenij dubij, acerrimi. in Re publicâ, multam, procacem, petulantem. Suâ Fronte, haec Nos, recipit, ille Suo. prandio eleganti nos Recipit D<sup>a</sup>. Green: Affines vocati unâ, comitèr et peramicè se dant Susannae, tanquàm personam et indolem (ut locum et vicem) Lydiae meae, indutae et susceptae. Gateley-Lane Redimus.

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**14<sup>b</sup>** Malè se (forsân ex itinere) habenti Susannae meae (abortum evitandi ergò) incisa vena est. stillantis vix sanguinis 4 emittit uncias. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Bolton pransum. post divina, cum popularibus ad vesperam moratum, potum.

**15** Amici Tribulares Nobiscum prandium sumunt Artocrea ferinâ vescitur, Cerevisia Newtonensi madefactâ. Cantherium D. Nelson ab Edicto publico fugitivum et praedij mei latebris conditum. (Judice compromissario Sam. Prescott, valorem dicente) VIII<sup>l</sup>. emo, Equissoni do 2<sup>s</sup>.6<sup>d</sup>. Gilb. Hulm solvit Redditûs dimidium 10<sup>li</sup>. madidam et hilarem diem ducimus.

a [N....] first written, *Corles* rather illegibly overwritten, *Corles* interlineated.

b Here Henry appears to have duplicated the date. The error continues to the bottom of f25r.

9 When I am saying farewell Mr. Cholmondeley the most generous of my kind friends gives me finely fringed gloves. They say farewell to us as friendlily and as sadly as they received us generously. On the way Susanna greets our host Corles and gives him 5s. on account of his friendship and kindness towards me. Came to Newton, where Messrs. Crane, Byrom, & Boardman receive us as a contribution to our journey with the greatest goodwill, with fine wine and very splendid ale. At last we safely reach Gatley Lane when night holds both earth and heaven.

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10 Weather foul with showers keeps us at home.

11 After lunch we fly off to Green-House, here drank coffee and ale at Roziners. Conversation with farmers about country matters & I receive £3 from William Corles and pay 18s. to John Crosse the blacksmith.

12 Mr. Crane and S. Prescott take lunch and a little of the venison with us. We go to greet Mrs. Bispham, she receives us kindly.

13 We go to Wigan to greet my dearest Lydia's kinsfolk, lunched at Mrs. Cason's. The in-laws entertain us with generous expression. Spent the night at Mr. Green's (for the reason that Mr. Herle's house (in which the best of women who deserved the best of me breathed her last, that is on the 17th May 1685) is always to be considered too unlucky for me).

14 We greet Mrs. Halliwell and her husband, a woman made by nature for dissimulation and pretence, extolling some people deceitfully, secretly injuring most, busying herself in others' affairs, of doubtful character, very sharp – prolix, forward and petulant in politics. She receives us in her style, he in his. Mrs. Green receives us with an elegant lunch: the in-laws called together present themselves courteously and very friendlily to Susanna as the one who has assumed and undertaken the person and quality (as the place and office) of my Lydia. We return to Gateley-Lane.

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14 [*probably in error for 15*] Since she is unwell (perhaps from the journey) my Susanna's vein is cut (to avoid abortion) and produces scarcely 4 ounces of dripping blood. Lunched with Mr. Bolton. After service delayed and drank with the people till evening.

15 [*probably in error for 16*] Friends & kinsfolk take lunch with us, enjoy game pie washed down with Newton ale. I buy a gelding of D. Nelson which is a fugitive from the public edict and concealed in the hiding-place of my land (Sam. Prescott as the arbitrating judge stating the value) for £8. I give the groom 2s.6d. Gilbert Hulm pays half his rent £10. We spend a drunken and cheerful day.

**16** In iter paramus. Cum sorore Winstanley Raciones computo. perputatae sunt. dono M. Birchall 1<sup>li</sup>. Circa x. profectum, apud cum D<sup>o</sup>. Banks, Kenion, Ratcliff, Widowes prandium de viâ sumimus.<sup>a</sup> Warr<sup>ton</sup>. deventum. Susanna mea in morbum de improvise ad diversorium incidit. Matronae ad D<sup>m</sup>. Mollineux cubitum ducunt.

**17** Res miserabilis in Familia istâ manè evenit, Soror D. Mollineux vim cultro sibi infert. Ex animi sententiâ non succedendo (aderat nam Deus) prosperè evenit. – Vulnus, non Mors illata. Medici opifices & vicini involant. Horridum clamorem edit Mater familias, Timor cubiculum nostrum invadit. Turbae sunt. tandem spes Redit Salutis. Ego & Susanna mea invitî invicem valedicimus. Cestriam contendo circa horam 6<sup>am</sup> Salvus (Deo Gloria) accedo. Literas DD. Pope & Francis Recipio.

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[*Opposite entry for 20th*]

XII. C.O. Romuli Natalis

[*Opposite entry for 22nd*]

X Cal. O. Vergilij Mors.

IX Natalis Augusti. Suet.

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**19** D<sup>s</sup>. Midleton et Ego primas Franco-protestantium Rationes perputamus. VIII<sup>l</sup>. ultra VI<sup>l</sup>. antehac mihi permittit. Homo minimè mutus, multa verborum de se, Cerevisiae Sandvicensis satis sumit. Adest D<sup>s</sup>. Fr. Rem promovet potitoriam.

**20** D<sup>s</sup>. Eyton ad Nos pransus, Gallicae levitatis quidem potius quam morum Urbanitatis peregrinando auctae, dat specimina. Post praetorium Castrense descendimus, quod Negotij Forensis, virorum antiquis fide & moribus prorsus vacuum. Hîc (proh Jupiter!) J. Trenchard proditiōis Monmothiae<sup>b</sup> reus, capitis

a *sum<sup>us</sup>*, presumably for *sumimus*.

b Corrected from *Momothiae* by interlineation of n.

**16** [*probably in error for 17*] We prepare for the journey. I reckon up accounts with sister Winstanley, they are settled. I give M. Birchall £1. Set out about 10, on the way at <sup>1</sup> we take lunch with Mr. Banks, Kenion, Ratcliff, Widowes. Reached Warrington. My Susanna unexpectedly falls sick at the inn. The matrons take her to lie down at Mr. Mollineux's.

**17** [*probably in error for 18*] In the morning a wretched thing happened in that household, Mr. Mollineux's sister does herself an injury with a knife. As a result of her not succeeding in her mind's intention (for God was present) it turned out favourably – a wound, not death being inflicted. First aid assistants and neighbours rush in. The mother of the household gives out a horrible cry, fear invades our bedroom. There are crowds, at last hope of safety returns. My Susanna and I unwillingly say farewell to one another. I set off for Chester and arrive safe about 6 o'clock (thank God). I receive letters of Messrs. Pope & Francis.

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[*Opposite 20th*]

20 September Romulus's Birthday

[*Opposite 22nd*]

22 September Virgil's Death.

23 Augustus's Birthday. Suet[onius]

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**19**<sup>2</sup> Mr. Middleton and I settle the first accounts of the French-protestants. He allows me £8 beyond the previous £5. A man by no means silent, many words about himself, he consumes enough Sandwich ale. Mr. Fr. is present – he advances the drinking business.

**20** After lunching with us Mr. Eyton gives specimens of Gallic levity indeed rather than urbanity of manners increased by travel. After, we go down to the castle court,<sup>3</sup> which is absolutely devoid of court business and of men of old-fashioned faith and morals. Here (by Jupiter!) J. Trenchard who was accused of the Monmouth rebellion and condemned to death, is Judge at the tribunal.<sup>4</sup> But 'The

<sup>1</sup> No name or space after *apud*.

<sup>2</sup> At this point Henry seems to have returned to the correct date.

<sup>3</sup> Presumably the Shire Hall or Common Hall of Pleas in the castle. See *VCH*, II, p. 71.

<sup>4</sup> Sir John Trenchard, 1640–95, Secretary of State, about this time received the lucrative post of Chief Justice of Chester. See *DNB*, LVII, pp. 196–8; *VCH*, II, p. 57. For interesting light on this post in the C17th, see Powell, *THSLC*, 143, pp. 1–34.

damnatus, Judex pro Tribunali. Sed ludit in humanis divina potentia Rebus. Imago Regis infaelicissimi in Curiâ positi Capsae damnatur.

21 Pluviola admodum tempestas. domi me contineo. Literas Susannae meae Recipio laetus. D<sup>i</sup>. Episcopi Literas & auctoritatem ad Ejus Redditus colligendum recipio. Filij D<sup>o</sup>. Cancell<sup>o</sup>. et D<sup>o</sup>. Ince (Q.B.E.F.E.)<sup>a</sup> nati sunt.

22 Res novae pro referentium captu in Coronis agitatae Ad D. Canc<sup>m</sup>. cum D<sup>o</sup>. Eyton caenam sumo lautam.

23 DD. Episcopo & parre Rescribo. pransus Warr<sup>ton</sup>. contendo. Susannam meam de morbo comperio revalentem (D.G)

24 D<sup>m</sup>. Bennet visum eo. liberè receptus sum. Cervinâ victum Artocreâ. De Rectoriâ Vinicensi multa Vesperi Reditum.

25 Amicos (praesertim qui suis benignitate & beneficijs Gratiam a Susannâ meâ inierunt) circueo,<sup>b</sup> gratias ago.

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26 Die serenâ, puroque caelo, salvo (D.O.M.G) reditum.

27 De Exercitus trajecti Fide aut Fortunâ, incerta orta est suspitio. D<sup>s</sup>. Tootell papista astutus sed moratus, inter istius Religionis homines versatissimus, mihi Cantharium praecipuum conducere promisit. pro pulli pastione solvo Phil. Bateman xx<sup>s</sup>.

28 Minime bene est ex hesternâ Cerevisiâ. D<sup>o</sup>. Parre de Administracione D<sup>o</sup>. Wroe S.T.P. committenda scribo, scripta mitto.

29 Dies Dominica Nundinas rejicit. Juri Canonico volvendo datur, domi. Amici Negotiatores nos visitant.

30 Nundinae habentur. L<sup>li</sup>. supream Thomae Barton dissolvo Nomen libero. D<sup>o</sup>. Firmyn tesseram Nummariam LX<sup>li</sup>. mitto

#### Octobris

1 De prodizione per Gallicos quosdam conscriptos in exercitum tentatâ, Nuncia, Rumores passim. Literas alteras D. Medensis Comitibus Recipio.

2 DD. parr & Fr. Cholmondeley scribo. cum D. Eyton ad Solis vini ampullam et pomeridianum consumo.

3 Curiae et pecunijs pijs erogandis datur. Canc<sup>rij</sup>. Filioli lustrica dies. apud illum vini adusti, aquâ coctâ et Limonum succo temperati) Rogati amphoram exaurimus. inter conbibium de obedientia Regi debitâ, de Liturgiâ Ecclesiae mutandâ verba facta infinita.

a *Sc. Quod Bene Et Feliciter Eveniat.*

b Altered from *circueo*.



divine power makes sport in human affairs.’<sup>1</sup> The portrait of the most unfortunate King placed in the court is condemned to a chest.

21 Very rainy weather. I keep myself at home. I gladly receive a letter of my Susanna. I receive a letter of my Lord Bishop and authority for collecting his rents. Sons are born to Mr. Chancellor and Mr. Ince (May it turn out well and happily).

22 New system devised in the Crowns for \*taking those on credit\*. I take an elegant dinner at Mr. Chancellor’s with Mr. Eyton.

23 I write back to the Lord Bishop & Mr. Parre. After lunch I set out for Warrington and find my Susanna recovering from her illness (thank God).

24 I go to visit Mr. Bennett, am received freely. Fed on venison pie. Much about the Rectory of Winwick. Returned at evening.

25 I go round friends especially those who by their kindness and benefits have gained thanks from my Susanna, and thank them.

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26 Returned safely (thanks to God the best and greatest) on a calm day with a clear sky.

27 An uncertain suspicion has arisen about the loyalty or fortune of the army that has been transported across. Mr. Tootell an astute but mannered papist, one of the busiest among the men of that religion, promised to sell me an excellent gelding. I pay Philip Bateman 20s. for chicken feed.

28 I am not at all well from yesterday’s ale. I write to Mr. Parre about the Administration to be entrusted to Mr. Wroe S.T.P., and send the bonds.

29 The Lord’s Day postpones the fair. Given to turning canon law at home. Friendly tradesmen visit us.

30 The Fair is held. I pay the last £50 to Thomas Barton and clear my name. I send a money bill for £60 to Mr. Firmyn.

**OCTOBER 1** News of a betrayal attempted against the army by some French conscripts,<sup>2</sup> rumours in all directions. I receive a second letter of my Lord Earl of Meath.

2 I write to Messrs. Parr & Fr. Cholmondeley. At the Sun with Mr. Eyton I consume a bottle of wine and the afternoon.

3 Given to Court and disbursing alms. The Chancellor’s little son’s christening day. Invited to his house we drink a flagon of punch.<sup>3</sup> Amidst the drinking together there is infinite conversation about the obedience due to the King, and about the need to change the Church’s liturgy.<sup>4</sup>

1 Ovid, *Ex Ponto*, IV, iii, 49.

2 For treason among La Melonnière’s troops see *DNB*, L, p. 430.

3 Literally ‘mulled wine tempered with boiled water and lemon juice’.

4 The new Bishop of Chester was put in charge of abortive discussions on making the liturgy more acceptable to dissenters which with King William’s encouragement took place briefly in a royal commission set up in September 1689 and in Convocation. See *DNB*, LV, pp. 33–4 and Lathbury, *History of the Convocation*, pp. 320–7.

4 D<sup>s</sup>. Wright ab Episcopo et Mancunio redit. Itineris successus & munus sibi datum arrident imprimis. pransi ad Solis sumus.

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5 D<sup>ae</sup>. Coote Rescribo. Praebitorem ago aliquantùm Episcopi. Post prandium ad Solis de die et vino iterum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Morrey sumo. hic Matrimonij per se clandestine celebrati, culpaе conscius, Rem subfatetur, non aperit Sibi proximus. domi D. A. Stephens, Susanna mea et Ego Summâ amicitîa & benignitate, diem altâ nocte productam concludimus.

6 E vino hesterno, aeger Animo, corpore aegrotus, domi per diem contineo. vesperi Canc<sup>m</sup>. viso, de itinere Crastino Statutum.

7 Scripta ista circulatoria brevi parata sunt. DD. Canc. Fogg et Ego iter aggredimur, Warrington recreatum, Vinviciae invitò, iterùm. D<sup>s</sup>. Bennet inde Viganiae, comes itineris. Episcopus Nos summa comitate facilitate Nos Recipit. Caena Sordida et Episcopo indigna omnino apposita est. Consedemus Rogati. De Decano, Severa, Sed vera. De Jurejurando isto, multa, insolentia, ingrata. D<sup>s</sup>. Gee vir doctrinâ insignis, docta sâtis haud sana de Re Monarchicâ profert.

8 Literis scribendis, et circulatorijs emittendis manè datum. Ad Episcopum descendo, de redditu Episcopali facta verba. XVI<sup>l</sup>. a P. Winstanley Recipio. Praegressos sequor, Vinviciae assequor. hic ad D. Bennet lautè & liberè pransum. Cestriae circa horam 6 Reversum.

<sup>a</sup> De fastidio, itineris conquiescendo, refectum.

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10 Curiae operam do. Episcopo primò advenienti honoris causâ civium Frequentia obviam procedunt etiam invito.

11 Mandatum Archiepiscopale in Convocationem Recipio de quo Episcopum certum facio, inde Mandatum Com<sup>rio</sup> Richmondiae, et Citaciones Cleri hujusce Archidiaconatus in 17<sup>m</sup>. diem currentis, quantùm potuit, emissae. Episcopus inter horas X & XII antemeridiem solenniter installatus. Ad quem pransum est. gravem se praebet & perhospitalem.

<sup>a</sup> This line may refer to 9 October, though the date is not entered.

**4** Mr. Wright returns from the Bishop and Manchester. The success of his journey and the office given to him are especially pleasing. After lunch we are at the Sun.

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**5** I write back to Mrs. Coote. I act somewhat as the Bishop's purveyor. After lunch at the Sun I again take some of the day and wine with Mr. Morrey. He, aware of blame, hints at but very like himself does not open, the matter of a marriage secretly celebrated by him.<sup>1</sup> At home Mrs. A. Stephens, my Susanna and I in supreme friendship and kindness conclude the day drawn out deep in the night.

**6** Sick in mind and sickly in body from yesterday's wine I keep myself at home through the day. In the evening I visit the Chancellor, decided about tomorrow's journey.

**7** Those circular letters were prepared in a short time. Messrs. Chancellor, Fogg and I set out on our journey, refreshed at Warrington, then again unwillingly at Winwick. Mr. Bennet from there to Wigan a companion of our journey. The Bishop receives us with the greatest courtesy and affability. A mean dinner, altogether unworthy of a bishop, is placed before him. By invitation we sit down with him. About the Dean severe but true things [are said], about that oath, much that was insolent and unwelcome. Mr. Gee, a man distinguished for learning,<sup>2</sup> utters things that are sufficiently learned but not wise about the matter of the monarchy.

**8** In the morning given to writing letters and sending out circulars. I go down to the Bishop, there is discussion about Episcopal rent. I receive £16 from P. Winstanley. I follow those who have gone before and catch them up at Winwick. Here lunched lavishly and generously at Mr. Bennet's. Returned to Chester about 6 o'clock.

<sup>3</sup> Revived from the nausea of the journey by resting.

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**10** I pay attention to the Court. On the Bishop's first arrival, to honour him a crowd of citizens go out to meet him, even against his will.

**11** I receive an Archiepiscopal Mandate for Convocation, of which I inform the Bishop, thence the mandate is sent to the Commissary of Richmond, and citations are sent out to the Clergy of this Archdeaconry for the 17th of this month, as far as possible. Between 10 and 12 in the morning the Bishop is solemnly installed. Lunched with him, he shows himself grave and very hospitable.

<sup>1</sup> See Addy, *Sin and Society*, Ch.12.

<sup>2</sup> Possibly Edward Gee of Manchester, 1657–1730, a protestant writer of many publications 1687–92. See *DNB*, XXI, p.107.

<sup>3</sup> This line may refer to 9 October, though the date is not entered.

**12** Laborum quidem molem Episcopus<sup>a</sup> adoritur,<sup>b</sup> horum insolens<sup>c</sup>, prima coitione paenè oppressus est. D<sup>m</sup>. Wright Sigilla sua mandando recipit e<sup>d</sup> Secretis. parochianorum Sancti Johannis Fanaticismi aestro perciti, parocho orbat, aliqui ad Episcopum se conferunt. D<sup>m</sup>. Woods Libello supplici màle tractant. Symbolas retrahere minantur, jus jactant, tumultuantur, aliqui (inter quos D<sup>s</sup>. Spark princeps) D. Woods in parochum Nominant, admittendum petunt (D<sup>o</sup>. Spark Jus suum in hac Re Scripo<sup>e</sup> Regio probante.) Episcopus mitem se dat arbitrum altercationes compescuit immodicas. D<sup>m</sup>. Wood in parochum admisit. Consilium sanum, graveque utrisque impertit. D<sup>m</sup>. Woods de munere sacro summâ humilitate & diligentia defungendo, parochianos Summâ erga parochum & Ecclesiam charitate et affectu, Se gerendo, monuit et edocuit.

**13** Episcopus in Basilica Concionem habet gravem et eruditam.

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**14** D. Fogg D<sup>m</sup>. Robinson capellae Knutsford aemulum adducat Episcopo, qui amplius de re deliberandum censuit, duxit, de Jure Ædis Christ Oxonij allucinans. Ex parte D. Cholmondeley de Holford, ut Capellanum domesticum<sup>f</sup> preces publicas celebrare et conciones habere (uti praedecessores<sup>g</sup> sui antehac) pro Familiâ permittere dignaretur (Re gravitèr et ritè gestâ) sollicitanti mihi<sup>h</sup> promisit. Ego porro homo audaculus in prandium ad me die Mercurij invito. Renuit.

**15** Res Jurisjurandi per Episcopum et D<sup>m</sup>. Fogg docta exposita 6 Presbyteris hoc praestare renuentibus saltem differentibus tractata haeret in dubio. DD. Murrey & Armstead in Rectoriam de Thurstington et Vicariam de Melling (Q.B.E.)<sup>i</sup> primo instituit, formulâ usus piâ, paternâ, gravi.

**16** D. Swinton quoad Jusjurandum animi incertum Episcopo adduco, Argumentis vincit Episcopus, dubijs explicatus, Swinton recedit. Clerus in Urbem convolat.

**17** Curia et procuratoris Cleri Electio habita, D<sup>s</sup>. Wroe in Capituli, D. Fogg in Archidiaconatus procuratorem, electus. Vesperi ad periscelidis Comitatus electus coijmus.

**18** D. Episcopus quo syderei<sup>j</sup> mutatus nescio D<sup>o</sup>. Wright novi Vultûs se praestat, hunc vilipendio, D. Wait laudibus proseguendo, Sigilla detrahit; mordet res. DD. Wright Canc. et Ego moti vehementer et incitati.

a Corrected from *Episcopum*.

b One letter deleted before *t*.

c Corrected from *insolentem*.

d Corrected from *in*.

e *Sic*.

f *um* interlineated above last two letters struck out.

g *Sic*, the first *r* is interlineated.

h *sollicitanti mihi* interlineated.

i *Sc. Quod Bene Eveniat*.

j *Sic* for *sidere*.

**12** The Bishop sets about a mass of tasks. Being unaccustomed to them he is almost overwhelmed at the first meeting. He receives Mr. Wright handing over his seals as secretary. Some of the parishioners of St. John's excited by the frenzy of fanaticism, deprived of their parish priest, betake themselves to the Bishop. They maltreat Mr. Woods in a humble petition. They threaten to withdraw their contributions, vaunt their right and are tumultuous. Some (among whom Mr. Spark the leader) nominate Mr. Woods as their parish priest and ask for him to be admitted (Mr. Spark proving his right in this by a Royal deed). The Bishop behaves as the mild arbiter and restrained their immoderate altercations. He admitted Mr. Wood as the parish priest, ordered sane and serious counsel on both parties. He warned and instructed Mr. Woods that his sacred duty was to be performed with the greatest humility and diligence, and the parishioners that they should conduct themselves with the greatest charity and sympathy towards their parish priest and the Church.

**13** The Bishop preaches a grave and learned sermon in the Cathedral.

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**14** Mr. Fogg introduces Mr. Robinson as a candidate for Knutsford Chapel to the Bishop who determined and considered that he must deliberate further of the matter, talking idly of the right of Christ Church Oxford. At my urging on behalf of Mr. Cholmondeley of Holford that he deign to allow the domestic chaplain to celebrate public prayers and preach sermons (as his predecessors before) for the family, (the matter being gravely and duly transacted) he promised. Then I, a somewhat bold man, invite him to lunch with me on Wednesday, he declines.

**15** The matter of the oath taught and expounded by the Bishop and Mr. Fogg, since 6 priests are refusing or at least deferring to take it,<sup>1</sup> though treated it hangs in doubt. He instituted for the first time Messrs. Murrey & Armstead as Rector of Thurstington and Vicar of Melling (May it turn out well) using a pious, paternal and grave form of service.

**16** I bring to the Bishop Mr. Swinton who is uncertain in mind with regard to the oath. The Bishop conquers by his arguments, freed from his doubts Swinton withdraws. Clergy fly into the city.

**17** Court and election of proctor of Clergy held. Mr. Wroe elected as Chapter proctor, Mr. Fogg as proctor of the Archdeaconry. In the evening we go together as an elect company to the Leg-Iron.

**18** My Lord Bishop, moved by what constellation I do not know, presents himself to Mr. Wright with a different countenance, bestowing him with scant regard and Mr. Wait with praise, he takes away the seals. This matter gnaws. Messrs. Wright, Chancellor and I vehemently moved and stirred up.

1 Or 'to 6 priests who are refusing or at least deferring to take it'.

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**19** Noctem traduxi animi discruciatu insonnem. Casum Apparitoris Generalis compono. hunc et Rationes meas D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo manè Reddo, de Officio Secretarij et D<sup>o</sup>. Wright multa verba facimus. Colloquium in horam perductum Recipit D<sup>s</sup>. Cancell<sup>us</sup>. Episcopus mitis aequus & docilis. Opertunitas<sup>a</sup> molestijs vacua, ad mentem bonam et frugem quoad D. Wright Reducimus. Sigilla benigno retradit Ore. Circa Ordinationem crastinam occupatus.

**20** In Instrumentis ordinationis multus sum. 7 in presbyteros 1 in Diaconum ordinati. Ad solis vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Wright nimium vini nobilis Hispanici.

**21** Instrumentis istis Subscribit Episcopus sigillatim perlectis. D<sup>m</sup>. Armetriding<sup>b</sup> in Vicarium Lealand, D<sup>m</sup>. Gregory in Curatum Penwortham admisit. D. Callis et Wait in Rem actam adsunt Speculatores invidi, clàm, callidè consultò se tradunt, uti monstri aliquid alentes. Episcopus iterum, in D<sup>m</sup>. Wright vultus mutati et supercilij alienati est. nescio quorsum tendat haec vicissitudo – Stretton de viâ pransurus circa horam 9<sup>m</sup> proficiscitur. Quieti frustra do operam & somno capite dolens. Circa hor. 1 Warr<sup>ton</sup>. versus cum D<sup>o</sup>. Golborn profectum, circa 6 Wilderspool ventum, copiae pluviarum decidunt, prae aquarum altitudine pontes trajicere nequimus. ad Stockton-heath divertimus. hic ad Guil. Bate liberè quidem Recepti. D<sup>s</sup>. Bennett in eodem haesitat luto, Infortunium grato feremus Animo, sortes collaudamus invicem, in lucro ponimus.

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**22** Epoto Coffaeo, pavementum hic illic inundatum (D.G.) Trajecimus incolumes circa h. 9. in Warr<sup>ton</sup>. circa h. 2. cessatum Wigan deventum ubi Negotij parum. P. Winstanley me visit, vesperam cum eo sumo.

**23** Affines saluto. Chorley progressum. Negotium in meliori habendum. Blackburn atra et pluviosa pergimus die. D<sup>s</sup>. Price vultu sereno (suo more) me Recipit.

**24** Res vix serpit. Requei et Jurijurando antemeridianum datur. D<sup>s</sup>. White de Chippin benevolentiae ergò huc mihi obviam procedit (magna ejus in me merita, ut rependam aliquatèus concedat Deus!) Juvenem Literis versatum, primae Classis authoribus exercitatum et laudabiliter doctum meo commendat favori, nomen huic Æscombe est officium meum promitto.

**25** proficiscitur. Bolton circa h. xii. ventum, expeditum aliquid. pransum Affines salutatum. inde Manch<sup>r</sup>. acceleratum modo ante pluviae vim emissam, ventum.

**26** Res circa 30 expeditus. amicos viso. vesperam vinum Escuritanum, Liberi florem, potitando vires conjunctas in Decanorum Ruralium Jurisdictionem usurpatam. rem apud Episcopum athleticè agere, pollicendo, spondendo ad altam noctem D<sup>s</sup>. Hulton et Ego producimus.

<sup>a</sup> Sic.

<sup>b</sup> Armstrong first written deleted, Armetriding interlineated.

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**19** I spent a sleepless night tormented in mind. I put together the case of the Apparitor General, and hand this and my accounts to my lord Bishop in the morning, we speak much of the office of Secretary and Mr. Wright. When the conversation has gone on for an hour Mr. Chancellor takes it up. The Bishop mild and fair and docile. The opportunity is free from annoyance, we bring him to a good mind and result for Mr. Wright. He hands over the seals again with kindly countenance. Busy about tomorrow's ordination.

**20** I am much in the instruments of ordination. 7 ordained as priests, 1 as deacon. At the Sun in the evening excess of noble Spanish wine.

**21** The Bishop subscribes those instruments with his seal after reading them through. He admits Mr. Armetriding as Vicar of Lealand, Mr. Gregory as Curate of Penwortham. Messrs. Callis and Wait are present spying jealously on the transaction, they betray themselves as secretly, cleverly and deliberately nourishing something of omen. The Bishop again has a changed countenance and estranged superciliousness towards Mr. Wright. I do not know whither this vicissitude tends. Set out about 9 o'clock for Stretton, intending to lunch on the way. In vain I give pains to rest and sleep with headache. About 1 o'clock set out towards Warrington with Mr. Golborn, about 6 come to Wilderspool. Multitudes of showers fall; on account of the height of the waters we are unable to cross the bridges, we divert to Stockton-heath. Here freely received at William Bate's. Mr. Bennett is stuck in the same mire. We shall bear our misfortune with thankful mind, we extol our lot in turn and count it as gain.

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**22** After drinking coffee, about 9 o'clock safely (Thank God) we cross over the causeway flooded here and there to Warrington. Delayed about 2 hours. Reached Wigan where little business. P. Winstanley visits me, I spend the evening with him.

**23** I greet relations. Progressed to Chorley. Business to be considered as better. We continue to Blackburn on a black and rainy day. Mr. Price receives me with calm countenance (after his manner).

**24** Business scarcely creeps. The morning is given to rest and the oath. Mr. White of Chippin out of kindness comes out here to meet me (God grant that I may repay in some measure his great deserts of me!) He commends to my favour a young man versed in letters, trained and laudably taught in authors of the first class, his name is Æscombe. I promise my service.

**25** Set out. Came to Bolton about 12 o'clock, hurried somewhat. Lunched, greeted relations. From there sped to Manchester. Arrived just before an abundance of rain fell.

**26** We clear about 30 cases. I visit friends. Mr. Hulton and I extend the evening far into the night in drinking Escuritan wine, the flower of Bacchus, promising and pledging our combined forces against the usurped jurisdiction of the rural deans, and to deal with the matter energetically before the Bishop.

27 E vitâ intempesta male est. Diversorij me contineo, fluctus fluctum sequitur hesternum ulterius<sup>a</sup> trahit <sup>b</sup> Saluti incommodum. DD<sup>as</sup>. Pigot et Burrell viso.

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28 Reliqui Warr<sup>ton</sup>. contendunt, iter ego paulùm Supprimo. D. Wroe Juramentum de administrando Chattalla Quaedam fiduciaria D. Thomae Turner virtute Commissionis e praerog. Cantuar. praestat. D<sup>a</sup>. parsons cum suis mecum ad Regia insignia lautum accipit prandium.

29 E vitâ madidâ, insolenti habitus, valetudinis infelix Febricitans, post prandium Holford contendo, temperanter temporius decubitus.

30 Circa hor. 9<sup>am</sup>. Vallem Regalem contendo, D<sup>s</sup>. Fr. Ch. modo, modo, evasit. D<sup>s</sup>. Banks Equum incensurus quem tunc postremum video, hinc Cestriae pergo, D<sup>o</sup>. G. Holland Comite,) circa hor. 2<sup>am</sup>. reversum. Rem omnem in tuto invenio. (D.O.M.L.Gque)<sup>c</sup>

31 Curiae et Negotijs parùm. Fama loquax, incerta. D<sup>s</sup>. Canc. cum Familiâ ad nos caenam sumit, Noctem producunt.

Novembris.

1 Faelix sit et prosperum! e taedio nocturno domi haereo.

2 Dis. Episcopo Asaphensi, Midleton et Parre, scribo.

3 Domi mecum. Post Meridiem D<sup>m</sup>. pallizer de Restitucione doctè, gravitèr elegantèr.

4 Natalitia Regis Gulielmi celebrata. Familia nostra ad Isaacum Warmingham, liberè caenata.

5 proditioni Sulphureae, Appulsio Regis juncta diem Gaudio, strepitu, sonitu onerat, noctem luminibus ornat.

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6 D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildarensi scribo et D<sup>o</sup>. pigot.

7 Curia tenuis et infrequens habita.

8 De Danis in Auxilium missis Rumor Recens, incertus.

a orem first written struck out, *us* interlineated.

b info (perhaps the start of *infortunium*) first written struck through.

c Sc. Deo Optimo Maximo Laus Gloriaque.



27 Am ill from unseasonable life. I remain in the inn, wave follows wave, drags out further yesterday's inconvenience to health. I visit Mesdames Pigot and Burrell.<sup>1</sup>

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28 The rest set out for Warrington, I suppress my journey a little. Mr. Wroe takes the oath about the administration of certain chattels of Mr. Thomas Turner held in trust by virtue of a commission from the Prerogative of Canterbury. Mrs. Parsons with her folk accepts a lavish lunch with me at the King's Arms.

29 The condition of my health is wretched and feverish from my besotted and immoderate life; after lunch I hasten to Holford, go to bed temperately in better time.

30 Hasten about 9 o'clock to Vale Royal, Mr. Fr. Ch. has only just left. Mr. Banks is about to mount his horse when I see him for the last time.<sup>2</sup> From here I go on to Chester with Mr. G. Holland as companion, returned about 2 o'clock. I find everything in safety. (Thanks and praise to God the best and greatest).

31 Too little to Court and business. Rumour talkative but uncertain. Mr. Chancellor with his family takes dinner with us, they draw out the night.

**NOVEMBER 1** May it be lucky and prosperous! I stick at home from the night's weariness.

2 I write to the Lord Bishop of St Asaph, Messrs. Midleton and Parre.

3 At home with myself. After noon [I hear] Mr. Pallizer<sup>3</sup> [preach] learnedly, gravely, elegantly about the Restoration.

4 King William's birthday celebrated. Our family dined liberally at Isaac Warmingham's.

5 The King's landing, joined to the Gunpowder Plot, burdens the day with joy, din, noise, and adorns the night with lights.

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6 I write to the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Mr. Pigot.

7 A thin and badly attended court held.

8 A recent but uncertain rumour about Danes sent as auxiliaries.

1 See below, 7 Jan. 1690.

2 See below, 21 Jan. 1690. This clause incorporated in the body of this entry implies that it was not written up until after that date.

3 Possibly William Palliser, 1646–1726, former fellow of Trinity College Dublin, later to become Bishop of Cloyne and Archbishop of Cashel. See *DNB*, XLIII, p. 117. See below, 13 Dec. 1689 & 2 Mar. 1690.

- 9 D<sup>m</sup>. Elsley ut Referat mihi de officio Decanorum Ruralium, in Literis oro.  
 10 D<sup>s</sup>. Thane concionatur.  
 11 DD. Episcopo Kildare et D<sup>o</sup>. Pope scribo, huic Rem Decanorum Ruralium describo (quod certius vide diem 30<sup>m</sup>.)  
 12 D<sup>s</sup>. Canc<sup>s</sup>. et Ego pedes Stretton imus in via Eaton pransum hic domus magnifica, augusta, sed a quo Domino<sup>a</sup> ista et domina dominatae?  
 13 E potu vespertino male est. D. Wright Raciones Secretarij putamus. post prandium reditum. Nuncium ab Hibernia infaustum.  
 14 Forensi re occupatus. D. Davis Miles, Ex secretarius Hiberniae principalis (e summo discrimine carcereque Dublinio evasus et emersus nuper) Nos visit.  
 15 Comitium parlamentale, Exercitum trajectum morae graviter postulare, Referunt Literae.  
 16 Domi in libris haesitum.  
 17 Reges volvo Feudales. DD. Brown & Lloyd ad Nos sunt. de Danis ad<sup>b</sup> oras Boreales appulsis fama.  
 18 Libris incumbitur. D<sup>a</sup>. A. Stephens et Susanna mea ad Rudimenta Linguae Latina discenda summo se conferunt studio.

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- 19 De Graecâ linguâ iterum q F. Fque sit<sup>c</sup> in animo constituo, et ad Isocratem abdicatum Redeo.  
 20 E Cerevisiâ absynthiacâ malè est.  
 21 Rei parum forensi datum. D. Scravenmore ab Hibernia redux et orco. D. Johannes Davies miles nuper e tantis molestijs et discrimine hodie e vitâ evasit.  
 22 Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Partington Vice Comitem Urbanum bellè pransum.  
 23 De Convocatione celebratâ, Episcopo Londinensi in domo praelatorum de D. Jane Theologo Oxonij professore in domo inferiori in Prolocutorem sive Oratorem, electo publicae Referunt Literae.  
 24 Ad D. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. antemeridianum consumo diem. Literis Graecis divinis datum. Vesperam ad D. Hulton cum DD. Fowk et Thane sumo (ampullis consumtis)  
 25 G. Feilding potitationi<sup>d</sup> et levitati deditum verbis quibus necesse erat increpo. Afflictorum Nummis erogandis datur. D<sup>s</sup>. Cancel<sup>s</sup>. Episcopi Literas de Juribus Decanorum Ruralium Decretales, mihi innuit. Comes Roscomon fato tandem cedit. Vidulum Com. Meath illi dirigo<sup>e</sup>

a *Dno*<sup>r</sup> interlineated.

b *ad* interlineated.

c *Sc. quod Faustum Felixque sit.*

d *Sic.*

e *Decretales ... illi dirigo* interlineated later.

- 9 In a letter I beg Mr. Elsley to refer to me about the duty of Rural Deans.
- 10 Mr. Thane preaches.
- 11 I write to the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Mr. Pope, I describe to the latter the business of the Rural Deans (which see more certainly on the 30th).<sup>1</sup>
- 12 Mr. Chancellor and I go on foot to Stretton, on the way lunched at Eaton. Here a magnificent, august house, but by what a master are it and its mistress mastered?<sup>2</sup>
- 13 Am ill from the evening drink. We settle Mr. Wright's secretary's accounts. After lunch returned. Inauspicious news from Ireland.
- 14 Busy with court business. Sir [John] Davis,<sup>3</sup> principal ex-secretary of Ireland (having recently escaped and emerged from the highest danger and Dublin prison) visits us.
- 15 The papers report that Parliament is seriously accusing the army that has gone over of delay.
- 16 Stuck at home in books.
- 17 I consider feudal kings. Messrs. Brown & Lloyd are with us. A rumour about the Danes landed on the north coast.
- 18 Attention is paid to books. Mrs. A. Stephens and my Susanna apply themselves with the greatest zeal to learning the Latin rudiments of language.

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- 19 I determine in my mind about the Greek language again (may it be auspicious and lucky) and I return to Isocrates whom I had renounced.
- 20 I am ill from wormwood ale.
- 21 Too little given to court work. Mr. Scravenmore back from Ireland and death. Sir John Davies, recently out of such great troubles and dangers, departed life.
- 22 Finely lunched at Mr. Partington the City Sheriff's.
- 23 The newspapers report of Convocation being held, of the Bishop of London in the House of Bishops, of Mr. Jane, Theologian, professor at Oxford, elected in the Lower House as Prolocutor.<sup>4</sup>
- 24 I take up the morning at Mr. Boucher's. Applied to Greek divinity. I spend the evening at Mr. Hulton's with Messrs. Fowk and Thane (bottles consumed).
- 25 I rebuke in the words that were necessary G. Feilding who is devoted to drinking and levity. Applied to distribution of money of [*sic*] the afflicted. Mr. Chancellor intimates the Bishop's Decretal Letter about the rights of Rural Deans. The Earl of Roscomon finally yields to fate. I direct the Earl of Meath's portmanteau to him.

1 Parenthesis clearly written after the end of the month.

2 N.B. paronomasia beginning with *domus*.

3 See below, 21 Nov.

4 On 21 Nov. William Jane (1645–1707), Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford, was elected Prolocutor of the lower house of Convocation in a concerted effort by the high-church party to forestall the attempts at the revision of the liturgy referred to on 3 Oct. above. See Lathbury, *History of the Convocation*, p. 328. For a brief assessment of his character and contribution at this period see *DNB*, XXIX, pp. 244–6.

26 Ad me Nummorum charitivorum procuratores de erogandis his satagunt. hesterna & ista die erogatae 195

27 Raciones cum D<sup>o</sup>. Wroe puto. pro D<sup>o</sup>. parr 6<sup>li</sup>:3<sup>s</sup>:3<sup>d</sup> Recipio. Funus Comitis Roscomon solennitèr (pro Re) celebratum. D<sup>s</sup>. Foley gravem habet Concionem super Commate per ipsum Comitem designato.

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28 Datur Rei Forensi.

29 Ad solis diem ampullis levandis D. Bate, Byron et Ego terimus. Miror doleoque viri sortem, qui postquam Annos XXX et ultra Literis operam summâ navarit industriâ Oxonij tam sordidum et malè sanum tandem evasisse.

30 D<sup>o</sup>. parr Com<sup>nem</sup>. Clows mitto. Natalem D<sup>ac</sup>. Carolettæ Butler (Lydiae meae dulcissimæ Curarum quondam et deliciarum) Florem Liberi libando, D. Stephens, Susanna mea et Ego celebramus. Rem Decanorum Ruralium diu ventilatam D<sup>o</sup>. Pope scriptis deduco.

#### Decembris

1 Θεός αγαθός. Rodigini capita aliquot lego. D<sup>s</sup>. Hewit vice Comes, e morbo Hibernico, ad plures excedit. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Francis cum D<sup>o</sup>. Brown L.D. vespertinas 3, sumo, h.

2 Litteris mittendis, studijs parùm, et pecunijs pijs distribuendis<sup>a</sup> datum. vesperam cum D<sup>o</sup>. Josuâ Allen et caeteris Hib[ernicis] consumptum.

3 Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Partington cum Praetore & Senatu Urbano prandium opiparum, consulare Sumtum. Caena ibidem belle et lautè parata sumta est.

4 E saturitate hesternâ vix benè. Feretrum D. Hewitt solenne nec magnificum satis Londinum versus procedit.

5 Terminus Forensis nostras exit. D<sup>s</sup>. Wright de Brewers-hall Capitaneus, aegritudine diu dolosâ detentus, postquam ad sanitatem (ut apparebat) Redisset, morti cedit.

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[Opposite the entries for 8 & 9 December]

D<sup>s</sup>. Richardus Acton in peover juxta Knutsford natus, Sacrae Theol. professor, Collegij Trinitatis juxta Dublinium, Vice-praepositus, Vir omnis Eruditionis et Linguarum copiâ instructissimus, Dublin[i] VIII<sup>o</sup> die hujus mensis [o]bit, postero inhumatus est.

a is interlineated at line end.

26 At my house the proctors of charitable moneys are busy with their expenditure. Yesterday & today 195 expended.

27 I reckon up accounts with Mr. Wroe. I receive £6:3s:3d. for Mr. Parr. The Earl of Roscommon's funeral solemnly celebrated (according to the circumstances), Mr. Foley has a serious sermon on a text appointed by the Earl himself.

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28 Applied to Court business.

29 Messrs. Bate, Byrom and I spend the day at the Sun emptying bottles. I wonder and grieve that the destiny of a man who for 30 years and beyond has accomplished his work in letters with the greatest diligence at Oxford has at last turned out so base and scarcely sound.

30 I send the Clows commission to Mr. Parr. Mrs. Stephens, my Susanna and I celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Charlotte Butler (once my sweetest Lydia's care and delight)<sup>1</sup> in tasting the flower of Bacchus. I bring home in writing to Mr. Pope the matter of the Rural Deans which has been aired for a long time.

**DECEMBER 1** Good God. I read several chapters of Rodiginus.<sup>2</sup> Viscount Lord Hewitt,<sup>3</sup> from the Irish disease, has passed away to the majority. I spend 3 evening hours at Mr. Francis's with Mr. Brown L.D.

2 Given to sending letters, studies (too little), and distributing charity money. Spent the evening with Mr. Joshua Allen and the rest of the Irish.

3 At Mr. Partington's with the Mayor and city aldermen, a sumptuous official lunch taken. Dinner finely and lavishly prepared is consumed at the same place.

4 From yesterday's repletion scarcely well. Lord Hewitt's bier, solemn but not sufficiently magnificent, sets off towards London.

5 Our Court term runs out. Mr. Wright, Principal of Brewers Hall, held for a long time by a pitiful illness, after he had (as it appeared) returned to health, yielded to death.

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[*Opposite the entries for 8 & 9 December*]

Mr. Richard Acton, born in Peover by Knutsford, Professor of Sacred Theology, Vice-Principal of Trinity College by Dublin, a man of all learning and very well furnished with a wealth of languages, died on the 8th of this month at Dublin, was buried the next day.

1 See below, 30 Nov. 1694, when she was 16.

2 Ludovici Coelii Rhodigini, *Lectionum Antiquarum Libri Triginta*.

3 See above, 2 Sept. 1689.

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6 Studijs operam pono.

7 D<sup>s</sup>. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. et Ego Raciones de Cautionibus hucusque interpositis perputamus. Ad Fontis cum DDD. Brown, Madden, Jones multum et Noctis et Vini consumtum.

8 Egerrimè me habeo. Nuncia undique auspitiosa.

9 D. Parr Administracionem Clowes (pro quâ 16<sup>s</sup>.6<sup>d</sup>. recipio) mitto D<sup>o</sup>. Walmsley Lichensi de Dec. Ruralibus Litteras do. Fasciculum Rerum cum Appendice et 2 Tom. Historiae Anglicanae, Recipio. D<sup>s</sup>. Thane caenâ Nostratem excipit eleganti.

10 In libris sum. Literas D. Midleton Recipio, ad D<sup>am</sup>. Francis cum D<sup>o</sup>. Thane vesperam produco.

11 Annus exactis completur Mensibus orbis, Ex quo Rex Jacobus 2 Regum infaelicissimus, papismi mancipium<sup>a</sup> Subditorum durus tentator, pater, Religionis stabilitae et Legum Inimicus, Sui inimicissimus, Amicis, Necessarijs, Militibus desertus. paene dixeram proditus, exotico immo inimico comissus satellitio, Regimine, honore et Reverentiâ Simul privatus, indignè undique tractatus, ad se subducendum intempòrius,<sup>b</sup> monitis compulsus, potius quàm Consilij invitatus. (Rebus prorsùs lapsis, desperatis) ad haec, papisticae Insaniae Fautoribus, secessionem immo fugam suadentibus, evanuit, secessit, evasit (non pronuncio) se Regno (uti vulgo est)<sup>c</sup>abdicavit.

Coronatum dimidiatum D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens do in antecessum, ea conditione, ut 2 aureos nummos, cum de proprijs suis praedijs Hibernicis, vixerit, mihi Rependerit.

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12 Census publici aestimatoribus per Tribulares plateae nostratis appellatum. D<sup>s</sup>. Ince dux querelae, docti et moti de summis impositis, detrahunt.

13 pransi DD. Harvey, Minshall et Ego D. Pallizer in Hospitijs ejus visimus. post ad plumarum vespera absumta.

14 Mediocritèr de vitâ hesternâ. D<sup>s</sup>. Harvy Castanaei Distinctiones mihi donat. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Partington cum DD. puleston & Hancock pransum. post cum his, ad Periscelidis potum.

15 De Statu Galliae misera, Referunt Literae, de Comitij publicis quisquilias. Domi multum sum.

16 D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildarensi de D<sup>a</sup>. Watson Rescribo. datur Legendo.

a *papismi mancipium* interlineated.

b Perhaps *intemporiùs* is intended.

c (*uti vulgo est*) interlineated.

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6 I put effort into studies.

7 Mr Bouchr. and I settle the accounts of cautions interposed hitherto. At the Fountain with Messrs. Brown, Madden, Jones consumed much of both night and wine.

8 I am very ill. Auspicious news from all sides.

9 I send to Mr. Parr the Clowes Administration (for which I receive 16s.6d.). I send Mr. Walmsley of Lich.... a letter about the Rural Deans. I receive a bundle of cases with an appendix and 2 tomes of English History. Mr. Thane entertains our family with an elegant dinner.

10 I am in books. I receive a letter of Mr. Midleton, I prolong the evening at Mrs. Francis's with Mr. Thane.

11 A year is filled with completed months of the world since King James 2, the most unfortunate of kings, a slave of papism, a hard tempter and father of his subjects, an enemy of the established religion and laws, his own worst enemy, deserted, almost said betrayed, by his friends, kinsfolk and soldiers, committed to a foreign, even enemy bodyguard, deprived together of rule, honour and reverence, treated unworthily everywhere, driven more by warnings rather than invited by counsel to steal himself untimely away (when the situation had utterly collapsed and was despaired of), and when in response to this those who favoured the papistic madness were urging secession, flight even, vanished, seceded, escaped (I do not say, as is commonly said) abdicated himself from the Kingdom.

I give Mrs. Stephens a half-crown in advance, on this condition that she will repay me 2 guineas when she lives on her own Irish properties.

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12 There is an appeal to the estimators of public tax by the common people of our street. Mr. Ince the leader of the complaint; instructed and troubled they reduce the sums imposed.

13 Having lunched Messrs. Harvey, Minshall and I visit Mr. Pallizer<sup>1</sup> in his lodgings. After, the evening spent at the Feathers.

14 Indisposed from yesterday's life. Mr. Harvy gives me Castanaeus's *Distinctions*.<sup>2</sup> Lunched at Mr. Partington's with Messrs. Puleston & Hancock. After drank with these at the Leg-Iron.

15 The papers tell wretched things of the state of France, rubbish about Parliament. I am much at home.

16 I write back to the Lord Bishop of Kildare about Mrs. Watson. Applied to reading.

1 See above, 3 Nov. 1689, and below, 2 Mar. 1690.

2 A philosophical and theological work first published Paris 1612, reprinted London 1617, Oxford 1657 as well as several times on the Continent.

17 Post prandium Susanna mea et Ego per caenum contendimus Backford. D. Cotterel in suis penatibus primo visimus amicè accepti, vesperi, itinere satiati per Lunam Revertitur.

18 Valetudo domi cessando, sedendo labescit, pransus iterum foras proripio, in Brevijs juxta Blakon abambulo.

19 Jus Civile de patronis et Libertis volvo. Cantharius ictu pedis sui male tractatus, laesus.

20 Domi in Libris contineo. D. Humphreys tabe consumptus e medio excedit.

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21 D<sup>o</sup>. Midleton Rescribo, perendinacionem Rogo. A sorore Winstanley Literas habeo, apud Cujatem bene esse. Jac. Williamson apud me Ferias Natalitias celebraturus adest.

22 Concionem ad Funus D. Sherlock per D. Crane habitam, lego Rogatus.

23 Diei multum, in Nummis afflictorum distribuendis D<sup>o</sup>. Parre scribo.

24 Literas D. Episcopi de Capella Haslington in Religionis Cultum per phanaticos loci istius designata,<sup>a</sup> in Tabulas Referendâ, recipio, magis deliberandum puto.

25 Christi Natalem et caenam sacram Celebamus Det Deus Opt. max. ut in vitam novam & aeternam Renascamur!

26 Festum Sancti Protomartyris \*ειδικῶς celebratum Amicorum Hib[ernicorum] convivium electum Rem ornant.

27 Ab hesterno malè sat. proripio me foras. obambulando deferbet taedium.

28 Literis D. Episcopi morem gero, D<sup>o</sup>. Shaw de Barthomley Scribo. Libris haereo et Racionibus privatis putandis.

29 Domi haeretur. Post preces D<sup>am</sup>. Hulton puerperam Visimis.<sup>b</sup>

30 Nummis pijs applicatum. Procuratoribus istorum 250 numero in antecessum. Ad Br. Throp cum DD. Madden et A[sh] sum

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[Opposite 1 January]

1690<sup>c</sup>

Januarium a Jano qui Latinorum primus Rex fuerat, tanquam bicipitis diei mensem, ut qui transacti Anni finem ac principium futuri prospiceret, nominavit Numa. Nam

a Altered from *designatae*.

b Sic.

c 1690 may be in a later hand.



17 After lunch my Susanna and I hasten through mud to Backford. We visit Mr. Cotterel in his home for the first time and are friendly received. In the evening, satisfied by our journey return by the moon.

18 My health declines through staying at home, sitting. After lunch I rush out of doors again, I walk away in the flats by Blacon.

19 I turn the civil law about patrons and freedmen. My gelding is hurt by a blow of his foot, and injured.

20 I keep at home in books. Mr. Humphreys wasted by consumption departed from our midst.

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21 I write back to Mr. Midleton, ask for postponement. I have a letter from sister Winstanley, with whose folk<sup>1</sup> it is well. James Williamson is with me to celebrate Christmas.<sup>2</sup>

22 I read by invitation a sermon given at Mr. Sherlock's funeral by Mr. Crane.

23 Much of the day in distributing charity money. I write to Mr. Parre.

24 I receive a letter of my Lord Bishop about Haslington Chapel designated for a cult of religion by fanatics of that place, to be referred to the records. I think it must be further deliberated.

25 We celebrate Christmas and the holy supper. May God the best and greatest grant that we be reborn to new and eternal life!

26 Feast of St. Protomartyr specially celebrated. An elect feast of Irish friends, they grace the event.

27 Ill enough from yesterday, I rush myself outside. By walking about the irksomeness cools.

28 I follow custom in a letter of my Lord Bishop, I write to Mr. Shaw of Barthomley. I stick in books and in reckoning my private accounts.

29 Stick at home. After prayers we visit Mrs. Hulton in child-bed.

30 Applied to charity money. I count to the proctors of it 250 in advance. I am at Br. Throp with Messrs. Madden and Ash.

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[Opposite 1 January]

1690

Numa named January from Janus who had been the first King of the Latins, as it were the month of the two-headed day, as the one which looked out on the end of the past year and the beginning of the one to be. For since Janus was a man both

1 A strange use of *cujas*, normally interrogative.

2 See below, 1 Feb. 1690, 26 Jan. 1694 and 21 Dec. 1694.

Janus cùm vir esset aequè prudens atque Solers dictus est habere geminam faciem, ut una quae antè, altera quae post tergum forent, intueretur.

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**31** Regem et Statum Galliae in maximis undique periculis esse versatos, Res Germanos compositas (in Regem Romanorum Matthiam Ungariae Regem uno ex Electoribus tantum dissentiente, esse electum. Inter Imperatorem et Sultanum, Foedus orbi Christiano Faustum iri, Litterae tradunt publicae. DD. Madden et Foley ad nos prandent. Ad D. Hulton vesperam Cerevisiam et vinum Lustricum consumimus Rogati.

Januarij.

**1** Deus<sup>a</sup> Opt. max<sup>us</sup>. Caeli Terraeque Conditor Annum det Faelicem. A Deo celebrato, supplicato principium. Janus quidè foedâ horret tempestate. Ad D<sup>am</sup>. Crompton pransi Nostrates.

**2** Caelum saevissimae occupant Tempestates. Domi ad Noctem continetur. Vesperi ad D. Sparke esum, potum liberè.

**3** Nuntia publica Naufragijs undique boant. Tempestatis nondum sopitus furor. de Itinere Crastino suscipiendo, allucinatum<sup>b</sup> nilhominus<sup>c</sup> paratum.

**4** Syngraphum pro 70<sup>li</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. Firmin directa<sup>d</sup> a Curatoribus Nummorum piorum recipio, quod Domino Middleton perputandarum Rationum Franco-protestantium  
ergô

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ergô transmitto. D<sup>o</sup>. Cartwright de Decimis Episcopalibus Anno 1687<sup>o</sup> tantum solutis, et D<sup>o</sup>. Walmsley de Decanis Ruralibus iterum, scribo. D<sup>s</sup>. Robinson Annonae praepositus de Commissione sive Rescripto Regio pro Racionibus inspiciendis, Frauditionibus expediendis et in lucem proferendis) mihi inter alios emisso, accersito mihi oggannit. Iter inde refero in Crastinum.

**5** Manè, Choavâ epotâ, proficiscor, itèr sanè gratum tempestate placidum. Holford circa horam 12. ventum antiquo Hospitio exceptus. <sup>e</sup> Susannae meae Literas do, per servum Remissum.

a Altered from *Deo*.

b *Sic*.

c *Sic* for *nihilominus*.

d *Sic*.

e *Scribo* first written struck through.

prudent and ingenious he was said to have a double face, so that he looked with one that was in front, with the other behind his back.<sup>1</sup>

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**31** The newspapers recount that the King and state of France are disturbed by the greatest dangers on all sides, that German affairs have been settled, Matthias King of Hungary has been elected King of the Romans with only one of the Electors disagreeing, that a treaty between the Emperor and the Sultan will be auspicious for the Christian world. Messrs. Madden and Foley lunch with us. By invitation we take the evening, ale and lustral wine at Mr. Hulton's.

## 1689/90

**JANUARY 1** May God the best and greatest, maker of heaven and earth, grant a propitious year. The beginning is from God who has been celebrated and entreated. Janus indeed shivers in a foul storm. Our family lunched at Mrs. Crompton's.

**2** Very wild storms occupy the sky. Kept at home until night. In the evening ate and drank freely at Mr. Sparke's.

**3** The public news is roaring about shipwrecks everywhere. The fury of the storm not yet lulled. In doubtful mind about the journey to be undertaken tomorrow but prepared nevertheless.

**4** I receive a bill for £70 directed to Mr. Firmin by the Curators of Charity Moneys, which I send on to Mr. Middleton on account of rendering the Irish-protestant accounts.

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I write to Mr. Cartwright<sup>2</sup> about the Episcopal Tithes paid only for the year 1687, and to Mr. Walmsley about the Rural Deans again. Mr. Robinson, overseer of the supply from the Commission or Royal Rescript for the inspection of accounts and the riddance and revelation of frauds, sent to me among others, sends for me and growls at me. Thence I put off my journey to tomorrow.

**5** In the morning after drinking coffee, I set out, the journey truly welcome and calm in weather. Came to Holford about 12 o'clock, received with old-fashioned hospitality. I write a letter to my Susanna, sent it back by a servant.

1 Quoted from Polydore Vergil, *De Rerum Inventoribus Libri Octo*, II, 4 (in the version printed by Bernard Gualther, Cologne, 1626, p. 107).

2 See above, 19 June 1689.

6 Post prandium horam circa 2. DD. Hulton, Swarbreck et Ego Mancestriam contendimus, circa 6<sup>am</sup> adventum, Refectum, temporiùs accubitum.

7 Natalem D<sup>ac</sup>. Stephens ex promisso, cum DD. pigot & Burrill celebratum, vinum generosum libando, hic diutius quam Res patiebatur dilatum. Circa hor. 12 Oldham versus contendimus. Adventi, opperientes Testes Invenimus. Ad Rem progreditur. Commissio aperta est. D<sup>s</sup>. Harpur Execucionem Inscipit, 16 Testes jurati sunt. Examinacionem summopere aggredior. 10 ista vesperâ expedio caput vehementer dolens.

8 Emenso monte animj Causa 7. alios examino, 3<sup>s</sup>. ultiores producti in Chamber post prandium examinandi ergo, Rejecti. illuc descendimus Spatiamur in loco et animo & saluti satis grato pransus tres alteros expedio Remque et Cert<sup>m</sup> Com<sup>o</sup>. clausa est. Post Chaderton progressi ubi libere accepti.

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[Opposite a mark inserted after 'multiplices' near the end of the entry for 9 January]

Ἐνθυμήματα quaedam lepida et minuta et florentem vino animum lacescentia. Gell. 1.6.c.13.

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9 Oldham iterùm ante prandium Nos Recipimus, in Clivis, juxtà, appetitùs causa deambulatum. Hic specula admodùm eminens et excelsa, e quâ visus in peramplum et apertum procurrit. Cum Eirenarchis DDD. Ashton Holt et Horton (qui privatum hodie conventum egêrunt) pransum.

pòst Rem aggressi, Libellos Recipiunt accusatorios, Liberis populi patres et alimenta adjudicant. Cohors sordida circumstat, Meretrices, suae Turpitudinis Testes vagientes miserulos ulnis gestant ostentant. Res tandem varia, misera, sordida, novitate verò jud[ic]anda.<sup>a</sup> Missâ re ad cominùs bibendum, ventum, sermones caesum multiplices.<sup>b</sup> Rebus serijs in transcurso tactis. ad Noctem altam <sup>c</sup> commoratum Chaderton descensum circa horam 2<sup>m</sup> matutinam decubitum.

a Or *juranda* altered from *judanda*. No mark of contraction.

b A mark is inserted here to draw attention to the note on f41v.

c *descensum* first written struck out.

6 After lunch about 2 o'clock Messrs. Hulton, Swarbreck and I set out for Manchester, arrive about 6. Refreshed, to bed earlier.

7 Celebrated Mrs. Stephens's birthday as promised with Mmes. Pigot & Burrill,<sup>1</sup> tasting splendid wine. Here delayed rather longer than the matter allowed. About 12 o'clock we set off towards Oldham. When we arrived we found witnesses waiting. Progress to the business. The Commission is opened. Mr. Harpur begins the execution, 16 witnesses are sworn. I start the examination mightily. I clear 10 that evening with a splitting headache.

8 Having crossed the hill, for conscience's sake I examine 7 others. 3 more produced in Chamber after lunch for examination rejected. We descend from there, walk about in a place sufficiently pleasing to both mind and health. After lunch I clear the three others and the business, and the certificate. The Commission is closed. After we went on to Chadderton, where freely received.

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[*Opposite a mark inserted near the end of the entry for 9 January*]

'Arguments' certain light and minute things that damage the mind flourishing with wine. Gell. Bk.6, Ch.13.<sup>2</sup>

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9 We take ourselves back to Oldham before lunch, and walk about on the hills nearby for the sake of our appetite. Here there is a very high and lofty look-out,<sup>3</sup> from which the view extends to a very large and open prospect. Lunched with Justices Messrs. Ashton, Holt and Horton (who held a lower court today).

Afterwards, setting to the business they receive the written accusations, and adjudicate fathers and maintenance to the people's children. A slovenly crowd stands around, whores, as witnesses to their own shame they carry and show in their arms their wailing and wretched children. Various wretched mean business at last, to be decided by novelty indeed.<sup>4</sup> When the business is finished, came to drinking presently, chopped numerous conversations.<sup>5</sup> After touching on serious matters in passing, delayed long into the night, went down to Chadderton, went to bed about 2 o'clock in the morning.

1 See above, 27 Oct. 1689.

2 Aulus Gellius, *Noctes Atticae*, VII, 13.

3 Possibly Hartshead Pike, 2½ miles SE of Oldham, Grid Ref. 960025.

4 Perhaps 'without the benefit of precedent'.

5 A mark is inserted here to draw attention to the note on f41v.

**10** E vitâ hesternâ ἀλγε' ἔχω ἀφραδίαις. His Oris Valedictum. Mancestriam solus contendo. D. parsons viso. D. Holland viso, Excusationem domûs praeteritae Rogo. D. Shelmerdine, antiquis moribus virum advoco. Cum D<sup>o</sup>. parsons ampullam sumo. Literas Susannae meae Recipio. Somno vinum trado.

**11** Lecto haereo ex hesternis pessundatus. Ad D. Finch amice exceptus prandio, hic de Nostratibus, Lydiâ meâ charissimâ praesertim verba proluxa. Post ad Capitis Taurini Negotijs datur expediendis. Hic cum D<sup>o</sup>. Newton veteri amico quem e medio exivisse dolens Reputaram, Cerevisiae nobilitatae satis, laetenter sumo. Vesperi Nix 6 pollices, in planum, alta cadit.

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ἄνευ τοῦ πράττειν, μέχρι του λέγειν. Epict. Gell. I.17.c.19.

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**12** Ego Erroris Censor in eundem relapsus. Cubiculo me contineo. haustu vini Hispan-absynthiaci me Reficio Stomacho placet. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Guardianum prandio – Post de Aedituo multa refert et consentanea. Diversorium me confero, cubiculo & cubando datur. DD. Parsons et Osborn iterum viso, lautè caenâ acceptus Sum. Cum D<sup>a</sup>. Percival, Colloquium prolixum haec nil nisi<sup>a</sup> genus suum loquitur, de quo multa magna splendida.

**13** dies Itineri faciendo, prae Nive incongrua, moram <sup>b</sup> statuo. Susannae meae DD<sup>s</sup>. parr et Walmsley do literas, Libris tandem Redeo, valetudini Reditus. In Bibliothecâ publicâ horas aliquot in lucro ponendas, Sumo. Tempestivus Cubiculo Redeo, Res in iter Crastinum pedes conficiendum apparo. Vinum emo 1<sup>li</sup>:12:6

**14** Nix alta Geluque omnia occupant circa horam nonam iter molior. D<sup>s</sup>. Swerbreck comitem se dat Itineris principio Oppido vix egressis Lepus territus Nobis praecurrit. nix alta et timor praeceps (nam e tritâ per Nos occupatâ deflexit) fugientem impediunt, in altâ contendens miser, Globos exitat, suo obstaculo pène coopertus, Canis mox Gallicus, insequitur infelicem tritam occupat, gressus

a nisi interlineated.

b hodie first written struck through.

**10** From yesterday's life 'I have a pain through folly.'<sup>1</sup> Said farewell to these parts. I go alone to Manchester. I visit Mr. Parsons. I visit Mr. Holland, ask excuse for having passed his house. I call to my aid Mr. Shelmerdine, a man of old-fashioned manners. I take a bottle with Mr. Parsons. I receive a letter of my Susanna. I exchange wine for sleep.

**11** I stay in bed in a state of ruin from yesterday. Entertained friendlily to lunch at Mr. Finch's, here long conversation about our people, especially my dearest Lydia. Afterwards at the Bull's Head given to clearing business. Here I joyfully take sufficient of renowned ale with Mr. Newton, an old friend, whom I had sadly thought to have departed this life. In the evening snow falls, 6 inches deep on the level.

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'Without action, just as far as speech' Epictetus, Gellius Bk.17,Ch.19.<sup>2</sup>

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**12** I the critic of error have relapsed into the same. I keep myself in my room. Refresh myself with a draught of Spanish-wormwood wine, it satisfies the stomach. I lunch at Mr. Guardian's – after he mentions many agreeable things about the Sacristan. I betake myself to an inn, given to my room & lying down. I visit Messrs. Parsons and Osborn again, am generously received at dinner. Long conversation with Mrs. Percival: she speaks of nothing but her descent, of which many great and splendid things.

**13** Day for travelling, unsuitable because of snow; I decide on delay. I send letters to my Susanna, Messrs. Parr and Walmsley. Restored to health I return at last to books. I spend a few profitable hours in the public library.<sup>3</sup> I return in good time to my bedroom and prepare things for the journey to be completed on foot tomorrow. I buy wine £1:12s:6d.

**14** Deep snow and frost are in possession of everything. About nine o'clock I attempt my journey. Mr. Swerbreck gives himself as companion on the beginning of the journey. When we have scarcely left the town a terrified hare runs in front of us. Deep snow and sheer terror (for he turned aside from the beaten path occupied by us) hinder him as he flees, rushing unluckily into the deep snow he stirs up snowballs, almost overwhelmed by his own obstacle. Soon a French hound follows

1 Cf. Hesiod, *Works and Days*, 133–4.

2 Aulus Gellius, *Noctes Atticae*, XVII, xix, 1.

3 Chetham's Library. Humphrey Chetham in his will dated 16 Dec. 1651 left £1000 and the residue of his estate for the purchase of books which he wished to be lodged in the same building as the Hospital, 'there to remaine as a publick librarie for ever'. See the copy of the will and the royal charter of 1665 (printed in Manchester) kept at the library.

glomerat Cursu Leporem superat, praevertit; in agrum divertit victus, gressibus Hosti insequenti inaequalis, adeptus occidit. Sors D<sup>o</sup>. Swerbreck evenit. D<sup>m</sup>. Newton in Stretford de viâ saluto,

Altringham

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Altringham per Nives contendo, Ad Aliceam Bent Cerevisiâ famosâ generosâ recreatum. Hospes ista me Maritum D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens judicat, agnosco, in meque Recipio et minimè deceptam corrigo. Holford progredior circa hor. 4 (Solis occasum) ventum. De D<sup>o</sup>. Franc<sup>o</sup> Cholmondeley Turri incluso quasi per Nebulam oggannitum.

**15** Iterum alta Nix cadit. in portum Receptus Salutarem Requiesco. oscitatum, lectum, quâ per nivem licuit ambulatum.

**16** Plinij panegiricum dimidiatum D<sup>s</sup>. Woods et Ego Simul legimus, perplacet.<sup>a</sup> Post prandium in via publicâ deambulatum. ad Joan Warburton usque profectum. Hic, anus in Re angustâ sed eleganti, moribus antiquis fide erga Regem et Cerevisiâ nobili, insignis, Inter Supellectilem, scyphos, calices vitreos argento circumdatos, carmine obscaeno ad ingenium donatoris, insignitos, praecipuè ostentat. Placet Farrago ista comica et festivum Aniculae ingenium. computando parùm indulsi sub Stellis Redimus.

**17** Caelum inclementius domi nos continet. Adest Decanus Ardern inopinantibus hospes quidem ingratus, quippè qui pittissando, sorbillando, fumitando, nugando tempus terere Solet. D<sup>a</sup>. Cholmondeley senior Testamentum suum obsignat Cui Rogatus sum Testis.

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**18** Nix altera 6. pollices alta cecidit. Vis inde Nivis magna temporibus demandanda futuris. Avium quidè Jumentorum, Ferarum vicem, non possum quìn doleam. de Hominibus quibusdam in Nivium Agminibus, perditis, fama est. Nuncius publicus impeditus. Decanus ad Familiam concionatur. 17 Cap. S<sup>ti</sup>. Joannis Comma 3 illi thema est.

a placet first written, per inserted before it as an afterthought.



the poor thing, picks up the track, gathers his steps, overcomes the hare by his speed, heads him off; he conquered turns aside into a field, unequal in pace to the pursuing enemy he is caught and killed. The lot falls to Mr. Swerbreck. On the way I greet Mr. Newton in Stretford.

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I make for Altringham through the snow. At Alice Bent's refreshed with famous noble ale. That Landlady deems me to be Mrs. Stephens' husband. I recognise it, take it upon myself and correct her trifling error. I set out for Holford, arrived about 4 o'clock (sunset). Growled as if through a fog about Mr. Francis Cholmondeley confined in the Tower.<sup>1</sup>

**15** Deep snow falls again. Received into a safe harbour I rest. Yawned, read, walked where one could through the snow.

**16** Mr. Woods and I read together Pliny's Panegyric halved.<sup>2</sup> We like it very much. After lunch take a walk on the public road, set out as far as Joan Warburton's. Here the old woman, in straitened but elegant circumstances, of old-fashioned manners, distinguished by faith towards the King and noble ale, among her household effects showed especially cups, glass goblets with silver mounts, inscribed with an obscene song to the donor's inclination. We like that medley and the lively character of the little old woman.<sup>3</sup> Having indulged a little in drinking together we return under the stars.

**17** A rather inclement sky keeps us at home. Dean Arden is here unexpectedly as a guest unwelcome indeed in as much as he is accustomed to spend his time in bibbing,<sup>4</sup> sipping, smoking and trifling. Mrs. Cholmondeley senior seals her will, which I am invited to witness.

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**18** More snow 6 inches deep fell. As a result a great quantity of snow is to be left to the future. Indeed I cannot but grieve for the lot of birds, beasts of burden and wild animals. There is a rumour about certain men being lost in snow-drifts. The postman is held up. The Dean preaches to the family; his text is St. John Chapter 17 verse 3.

1 Francis Cholmley, Esq., M.P., was committed to the Tower of London on 9 Jan. 'for his contempt in refusing to take the oaths'. See *CJ*, X, pp. 325–6, 328.

2 C. Plinius Caecilius Secundus (minor), *Panegyricus* (Pliny the younger's Panegyric on Trajan). An edition with notes by Jan Gruter (see above, 22 June 1689) and others had been published at Leiden in 1675.

3 Joan Warburton: see below 24 Jan., 25 May, 31 July 1690.

4 For *pittissando*, see below 26 Jan. 1693/4 with note *ad. loc.*

**19** De Navibus praesidiarijs onerarijsque fractis, alijs vi eadem procellarum, tractis Anchoris ad Oras Gallicas coactis, Navibus alijs discussis et Hominibus 200 ad minus demersis ad littora juxtà appulsis miserè laceratis mercatoriâ Re indè concussa, horrenda afferunt Literae publicae.

Ἄλλα δὲ μυρία λυτρά<sup>a</sup> κατ' ἀνθρώπους ἀλλάτται<sup>b</sup>

πλείη μὲν γὰρ γαῖα κακῶν πλείη δὲ θαλάσσα.

De Rege Gallico in Bellum summis apparitibus<sup>c</sup> et tribus Exercitibus instructo. de Rege Gulielmo in Expeditionem Hibernicam & Scoticam accingente.

**20** D<sup>s</sup>. Decanus (uti moris sui) viros doctos, primarios et extra aleam dubitandi orthodoxos, huc illuc Sublaudans, frigidam suffundens, Suis Salvis iterùm deturbat. Pransi D<sup>s</sup>. Wood et Ego animi et Exercitandi Ergô, Peover per Nivem altam Vixdum vestigijs impressam contendimus.

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**21** Manè Vallem Regalem D<sup>s</sup>. Wood et Ego pedes contendimus. Vix per Nives Altiores purasque evadimus. Hic amicè excepti. D<sup>s</sup>. Cholmondeley Rationem valetudinis meae habet. Circitèr prandendum Cadaver D<sup>i</sup>. Banks per saltum prae nivibus paenè invium, transvectum in patrum sepulchro Viganiae Sepultum iri, de illo Omnes omnia bona dicere et patriae et popularium qui talem intempòrius virum amiserunt lugère. Huic Valli Regalis<sup>d</sup> me novissimè benedictum, et de Cadavere ejus transvecto, loci eodem cognovisse (O quam incèrtae Nobis quam divinitùs, comparatae Res sunt humanae!) et doluit et placuit memoria revocare. de D<sup>o</sup>. Fr. Cholmondeley et re publicâ, multa. pernoctatum hic.

**22** DD<sup>s</sup>. Cholm. et Johannes Egerton dilucùlo funus sequuntur Regelat<sup>e</sup> unde in equis Redimus. Ad Vicum Borealem moram trahimus, cum oppidanis bellè satis compotatum Caelum in pluvias solvitur, Amnis exundationem minatur. Animi oppidanorum in spe & timore versati G. Willoughby inopinatus ad Holford reperio

**23** Nive Redeunti turgescunt aquae, iter meum impediunt Varie legitur. tempus quodamòdo sumitur.

**24** Lapsu mitissimo Remeant Nives, intument nihilòminus Rivi, lectum parùm in Cubiculo, post viam evolutum, per viam lutescentem ad Joan Warburton, iterum Recreatum. Mayre vir quidem Thrasonicus ingentia de D<sup>o</sup>. suo Delamer jactitat, Aniculae constanti pro ludibrio sunt.

a Sic, for λυτρά. One letter deleted before κατ'.

b ἀλλάτται interlineated.

c Sic.

d Sic.

e Sc. Regelatio or Regelata.

19 The newspapers bring horrible reports of warships and merchantmen wrecked, of others that had dragged their anchors in the same violent tempests being driven to French shores, of other ships being dashed to pieces and 200 men at least drowned and washed up on nearby shores wretchedly mangled, and commerce thereby shaken.

'A myriad other baneful things wander among men,

for the earth is full of evils, and so is the sea.'<sup>1</sup>

Of the French King drawn up for war with utmost preparations and three armies. Of King William girding himself for an Irish and Scottish expedition.

20 Mr. Dean (as of his custom) again casts down learned men, of the first rank and without a chance of doubt orthodox, damning with faint praise here and there, pouring cold water, except on his own. After lunch Mr. Wood and I, for the sake of pleasure and exercise, hasten over to Peover through deep snow scarcely marked with our footsteps.

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21 In the morning Mr. Wood and I go to Vale Royal on foot. We scarcely pass the deeper pure snow. Here friendly received. Mr. Cholmondeley has an account of my health. Over lunch [told that] the body of Mr. Banks, which had been borne through the forest almost impassable on account of the snow, would be buried in his forefathers' grave at Wigan. Everyone spoke every good thing of him, and those of both his country and people who had untimely lost such a man mourned. It both grieved and pleased me to recall to memory that I had last said goodbye to him at Vale Royal<sup>2</sup> and that I had learned about his body's progress in the same place (O how uncertain to us, how divinely ordained are human affairs!) Much about Mr. Fr. Cholmondeley and politics.<sup>3</sup> Spent the night here.

22 Messrs. Cholm[ondeley] and John Egerton follow the funeral at break of day. A thaw, therefore we return on horseback. We delay at Northwich, drank finely enough with the townspeople. The sky turns to rain, the river threatens an overflow. The minds of the townspeople are exercised in hope and fear. At Holford I unexpectedly find G. Willoughby.

23 The waters are swelling with the receding snow, and impede my journey. Read variously. Time is spent somehow or other.

24 The snows recede with a very gentle decrease,<sup>4</sup> the rivers swell nevertheless. Read a little in my bedroom, after flew out to the road, by a muddy road to Joan Warburton, again refreshed. Mayre, a braggart indeed, boasts enormously about his Lord Delamere. They are a constant sport to the little old woman.

1 Hesiod, *Works and Days*, 100f.

2 See above, 30 Oct. 1689.

3 See above, 14 Jan. 1690.

4 Or perhaps 'return with a very gentle fall'.

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**25** De Cerevisiâ hesternâ doleo caput. Syngraphum D. Cholmondeley udo corruptum paeneque deletum eisdem Literarum vestigijs haerendo ut pictor potius quam scriptor Reficio.

**26** Tabulis D. Cave Ecclesiasticis, precibus, Lecturae Ambulationi datum.

**27** Panegyricum Plinij ad Principem opt. Trajanum, consummatissimum habitum, finio legendo. D<sup>o</sup>. Woods commendo, accomodo, in iter crastinum me paro.

**28** Circa horam 8. Equum inscendo, saltus Delamerensis nivosus adhuc, via interrupta non interclusa, Circa xii<sup>am</sup> domi (D.O.M.G.) salvus Redeo, ubi omnia ex sententiâ recta, Charus Ego et expectatus fronte genuinâ exceptus.

**29** DD. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. et Parry, Oxonij, scribo. Epistolas me absente receptas volvo expendo. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Partington cum DD. Canc. et puleston, veterem sumo Cerev.

**30** Martyrium Caroli primi XLI Annos dehinc extincti Regis sanctissimi celebratum. D. Morrey Concionem habet Rei natae congruam nervosam, quod ad tempus praesens ambiguo similem, censoriam sed docentem, ubique gravem. D<sup>s</sup>. Cuff rem in Comissione Regia designatam, mihi auctoritatem defugienti, innuit. Evitandî mihi locum suggere benevôle pollicetur. Magna et egregia afferunt Literae. Comitia ista publica die Lunae ult. in 2. diem Apr. prorogata Regi deliberatum et de Expeditione Hibernicâ firmissimè

constitutum. [Continued on f48r]

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[Opposite February]

Februarium Numa vocavit <sup>a</sup> Deoque Februo dedicavit qui creditur praeesse lustrationibus, quia tum extremo anni mense populus Februabatur, hoc est, purgabatur.

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constitutum. Oratione habitâ hoc publicis Comitijis decrevisse. Animumque Expeditionis instruendae totum applicatum iri.

a quod first written struck through.

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25 I have headache from yesterday's ale. I repair a bill of Mr. Cholmondeley spoiled and almost destroyed by damp, by sticking to the same outlines of letters, as an artist rather than writer.

26 Given to Mr. Cave's Ecclesiastical Tables,<sup>1</sup> prayers, reading, walking.

27 I finish reading Pliny's most accomplished Panegyric, made for the best emperor Trajan. I commend it to Mr. Woods and lend it to him, and prepare myself for tomorrow's journey.

28 I mount horse about 8 o'clock. Delamere forest still snowy, the way interrupted but not blocked. About 12 o'clock (Thanks to God the best and greatest) I return safe home, where everything right to my mind, and I am dear and awaited and received with sincerity.

29 I write to Messrs. Boucher, and Parry, of Oxford. I turn and weigh letters received during my absence. At Mr. Partington's with Messrs. Chancellor and Puleston I take old ale.

30 Martyrdom of the most sacred King Charles the First, who died 41 years ago, celebrated. Mr. Morrey preaches a sermon suited to the circumstances, pithy, as far as the present time similar in uncertainty, reproving but instructive, everywhere grave. Mr. Cuff intimates to me the business designated in the Royal Commission, as I am declining responsibility. He kindly promises to furnish me with the opportunity of avoiding it. The papers bring great and outstanding things: that the meeting of Parliament on Monday last was prorogued to the 2nd of April;<sup>2</sup> that the King has resolved and most firmly determined concerning the Irish expedition;

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[Opposite February]

Numa named February and dedicated it to the god Februus who is believed to have overseen purifications, because then, in the last month of the year, the people was expiated, that is cleansed.<sup>3</sup>

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that he had made a speech and decreed this in Parliament;<sup>4</sup> that his mind would be totally applied to the preparation of the expedition.

1 William Cave's *Tabulae Ecclesiasticae* of 1674.

2 See *CJ*, X, p. 345.

3 Quoted from Polydore Vergil, *op. cit.*, II, 4, pp. 107–8.

4 See *LJ*, XIV, p. 428.

31 Ds. Thane Jusjurandum in Camerâ Archidiaconi coram D<sup>o</sup>. Canc<sup>o</sup> suscipit. Novorum aucupio datum Regia Expeditio et inde Gaudium in omni ore est populo. Deambulatum, post cum<sup>a</sup> DD. Pullen, Rotten &c ad Rosae & C<sup>b</sup> sum.

Februarij

1 Faelix faustumque sit! Epistolis DD. Midleton, Elsley et Holmes de 31<sup>li</sup>. pecuniarum charit. mihi remittendis Parr et Bullen gratulatorijs, me do. J. Williamson Scholae remitto. Nuncium Sorori W. et D<sup>o</sup>. Crane cum Epitaphio inciso, expedio. pomeridianum Rebus DD. Davies datur, ubi de Administratione suscipiendâ multa, importuna; diuque curâ ancipiti versati, nihil Agimus.

2 Muneribus ornati Bellicis ad Exercitum morbo fractum citò Reficiendum, ab Hiberniâ, in partes quascunque accelerantes accedunt.

3 Syngrapham pro summâ L<sup>1</sup> a D<sup>o</sup>. Cuffe mutuâtâ accipio, D<sup>o</sup>. Pope transmitto. DD<sup>s</sup>. Gandy & Walmsley Scribo. A Natali Susannae meae XXIII jam vertitur Annus, Natalem nostris Penatibus celebramus.

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4 XXX<sup>1</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. Cuffe numeravi, pro XX Residuis syngrapham dedi. D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens et Ego pransi Wrexham tandèm contendimus ad D<sup>m</sup>. Lloyd illa hospitio, ego Cerere liberè exceptus, Havod y wern hospitaturus pergo.

5 Divina celebratum, ad D. Lloyd pransum, D<sup>am</sup>. Eyton caenatum.

6 Havodywern prandio D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens cum Hibernicis bellè quidem et liberalitèr excepta, diem egregiè producimus.

7 Bangor pedes eundo taedium de hesterno evanescit, Equites sequuntur. hìc patinis uberrimis, Urbanitate comi veteri Cerevisiâ, Sene servo, Davo vafro, moroso vultu, ad jocum, moribus ad Risum compositis, ursinâ porro pugna, excepti et delectati. Ego Eyton diverto.

8 Manè Curiosus et locorum (Quieti & silentio congruorum Cultor, Erbistock cum F. Puleston)<sup>c</sup> viso, locum ex Naturâ sacrum, e Templo, Religiosum, et situ (cum inter ripas altas arboribus umbrosas, ac juxta Fluvium Devam, murmure gratissimo praecipitem) jacet lateat<sup>d</sup>,) gravem & amoenum. Arboreto vetustissimo et Templo ipsi coaevo, et facie usquequâque antiquâ, Reverendum. Consortes dehinc veteres DD. Eyton, salutamus. Pransus Wrexham et Havodywern pedes Redeo.

9 Ad D. Lloyd prandeo iterùm. Brynifunan pernocto, de Comitij Parliamenti dissolutis, tacitâ dictum.

a cum interlineated.

b Sc. Coronae.

c cum F. Puleston) interlineated.

d lateat interlineated.

31 Mr. Thane takes the oath in the Archdeacon's chamber before Mr. Chancellor. Given to waiting for news. The royal expedition, and joy at it, is on all the people's lips. Walked about. After, with Messrs. Pullen, Rotten &c. I am at the Rose and Crown.

**FEBRUARY 1** May it be lucky and favourable! I devote myself to letters to Messrs. Midleton, Elsley and Holmes about £31 of charitable moneys to be remitted to me, and congratulatory ones to Messrs. Parr and Bullen. I send J. Williamson back to school.<sup>1</sup> I despatch a messenger to sister W[instanley?] and Mr. Crane with an engraved epitaph. The afternoon is given to the business of Mr. Davies, where many troublesome matters concerning the Administration to be undertaken; having spent a long time in doubtful care we make no progress.

2 Men charged with military duties for the swift restoration of the army broken by sickness approach from Ireland speeding into all parts.

3 I receive a bond for the sum of £50 borrowed by Mr. Cuffe, and send it on to Mr. Pope. I write to Messrs. Gandy & Walmsley. The 23rd year from my Susanna's birth is now turned, we celebrate her birthday at home.

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4 I have counted out £30 to Mr. Cuffe, and given him a bond for the remaining 20. After lunch Mrs. Stephens and I at last set off for Wrexham. At Mr. Lloyd's freely received, she with hospitality, I with ale. I go on to stay at Havod-y-wern.

5 Attended service, lunched at Mr. Lloyd's, dined at Mrs. Eyton's.

6 Mrs. Stephens with the Irish is received finely indeed and generously to lunch at Havodywern, we prolong the day excellently.

7 By going on foot to Bangor the queasiness from yesterday vanishes, those on horseback follow. Here we are entertained and delighted with very rich dishes, with courteous civility, with old ale, by an aged servant, a crafty Davus with a morose expression fit for a jest and habits fit for laughter, then with a bear fight. I divert to Eyton.

8 In the morning, out of curiosity and as a lover of places fitting for peace and quiet, with F. Puleston I visit Erbistock, a place from its nature sacred, from its Church religious, and from its situation (since it lies hidden between high banks shaded by trees, and next to the River Dee rushing with a pleasing murmur) venerable and pleasant and to be respected on account of the very ancient arboretum the same age as the Church itself, and with appearance altogether ancient. From there we greet the old couple Mr. & Mrs. Eyton. After lunch I return on foot to Wrexham and Havodywern.

9 I lunch again with Mr. Lloyd. I spend the night at Brynifunan, talked quietly about the dissolution of parliament.

1 See above, 21 Dec. 1689.

**10** Libellos 2 e prelo nuperrimè missos, lego. D<sup>m</sup>. Price Vicarium viso. Ad Brynifunan lautè pransum,

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Pransi Erthigg itum, sedem amplam, nobilem, Visui amoenam, usui commodissimam, Apparatu opiparo instructam, hortis <sup>a</sup> splendidis et elegantibus ornatam, aedificijs necessarijs consummatam. Liberalitate denique bellissimâ egregiâ, uberrimâ, lautissimâ, lauti Domini & domûs dignissimâ, nobilitatam; Egrègie saturati redimus.

**11** Redituri ad D. Lloyd iterum pransum, de viâ, Aiton visum, Ædificium Situ et caelo beatum, Ædibus Erthigg breviorē angustiorē, sed illarum aemulam, Artificio et commodo inferiorē, Dominus istius, elati supercilij, Hospitalitatis infimae & infamis, tumidâ quidem humanitate Nos tractat, curiosos. Domum per singulos aditus et conclavia, ducendo, ostentat, Hospitij verò parcissimus, vacuos aridosque dimisit. Cestriae circa 5. Reditum.

**12** Comitiorum dissolutio in omni ore est populo in voto quamplurimis.

**13** D. Stephens & Susanna mea Rudimenta latina Summis auspicantur Studio et diligentia. Curia Negotij infrequens habita.

**14** Laurentium Vallam volvo. Post prandium DD. pallizer Hoey & Ego ad D<sup>m</sup>. Minshall Sen. Rogati excepti. Post Carnem istam anserinam qua excipiebat, ad Fontem dissolvimus.

**15** Do me totum Vallae et Columellae.

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[*Opposite the entry for 22 February*]

Illud vetus est et Catonis, Agrum pessimè multari, cujus Dominus quid in eo faciendum sit, non docet sed audit villicum. Columella. c.2

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**16** D<sup>s</sup>. Foley concionatur. pransi ad praeces. domi.

a g[ra]tis first written struck out.



**10** I read 2 pamphlets very recently sent from the press. I visit Mr. Price the Vicar. Lunched splendidly at Brynifunan.

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After lunch went to Erthigg, an ample noble seat, pleasant to the view, most convenient for use, equipped with sumptuous furniture, adorned with splendid and elegant gardens, complete with necessary buildings, in short ennobled with the finest, most outstanding, richest and most lavish liberality, most worthy of its splendid master<sup>1</sup> and house; we return excellently satisfied.

**11** On the point of our return lunched again with Mr. Lloyd. On the way visited Acton, a building blessed in situation and climate, shorter and narrower than Erthigg Hall but imitating it, but inferior in artifice and convenience. Its master, of haughty demeanour but base and infamous hospitality, treats us sight-seers with pompous politeness, shows us the house by taking us through the entrance halls and rooms one by one, but being most mean in his hospitality sends us away empty and dry. Returned to Chester about 5.

**12** Dissolution of Parliament is on everyone's lips and wished for by most people.

**13** Mrs. Stephens and my Susanna enter on the rudiments of Latin with the greatest enthusiasm and diligence.<sup>2</sup> Court held with little business.

**14** I turn over Laurence Valla.<sup>3</sup> After lunch Messrs. Pallizer, Hoey & I are invited and entertained at Mr. Minshall senior's. After the goose flesh with which he entertained us we separate to the Fountain.

**15** I devote myself entirely to Valla and Columella.<sup>4</sup>

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That is an old saying and one of Cato's: That land is punished very badly whose master does not tell the bailiff what is to be done in it, but asks him. Columella, Ch. 25.

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**16** Mr. Foley preaches. After lunch to prayers. At home.

1 Erddig was built between 1684 and 1687 for Joshua Edisbury, High Sheriff of Denbighshire. See *Erddig Clwyd*, National Trust, 1984.

2 See above, 18 Nov. 1689.

3 Laurentius Valla, *Opera*, Basle, 1543, which includes six books *On the Elegance of the Latin Language*, advertised itself as necessary reading for all men of learning. See Bibliography.

4 Lucius Junius Moderatus Columella, *De Re Rustica*.

5 Columella, *op. cit.*, I, ii, 2.

17 D<sup>s</sup>. Wright <sup>a</sup> Palatij ornandi, hortorum purgandorum bellèque colendorum in Adventum Regis, Curator adest. Cum Eo D<sup>s</sup>. Canc. et Ego ad Ursae descendimus Nuncius sive Apparitor Regius Edictum pro senatoribus nostratibus eligendis, post Curias hodiè tentas moras trahendo, fert ex composito, adest subvesperam. Episcopi Literas recipio.

18 Morbus ex hesterno me occupat, compotorem infirmum. A D<sup>o</sup>. Foulk Exemplum Literarum patentium Com<sup>mj</sup> Richmondiae, D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo mittendum procuro.

19 Literas Copiam hiatibus mancam & catalogum Cleri Comitatus Cestriae Episcopo<sup>b</sup> mitto.

20 Forensi Rei do. D<sup>m</sup>. Charlemont mare ingressurum, honoris et Gratitude ergo visimus. Res in iter apparo. Cantharium in pascua P. Bateman mitto.

21 Literas D. parre accipio. Responsum mando, circa hor. X. iter ingredior. circa VI. conficio.

22 Nova opera, praedia, damna et Labes per Aquarum exundationes illatas, Rem Rusticam neglectam et in pessum euntem lustrò. D<sup>s</sup>. Finch mihi ad Ellenam Cross convenit, hic pransum. per Vulcanum<sup>c</sup> in cornu reditum.

23 Templum adimus ante Meridiem, Post tempore lapso decepti deambulamus. ad D. Grimshaw per agros et auras salubres spatiamur. in viâ D. Bispham Rediens Saluto.

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24 Reditus Residuum IX<sup>l</sup>. a Gilberto Hulme Recipio de Ustrinâ, Aggere et Emissario Aquariô<sup>d</sup> Rationes compono. Cum Lewis Shaw, Ayrfeild iterum eo, de fossis et Sepibus faciendis, de senticetis eradicandis et eruendis deliberatum, constitutum. pro Senticeto eruendo 3<sup>l</sup>. pro <sup>e</sup> fossâ sepique virgas octo longâ <sup>f</sup> faciendâ & concinnandâ 8<sup>d</sup>. Stipulor. Rem tandem illius ingenio, propter subductionem permitto. Militum Danorum agmen Tribularibus nostratibus, hospitio Recipiendum imponitur. Res nova et insolita in Quietò et recessu degentibus Terriculo est.

25 Mane deambulatum et Rationes perputatum, pransus Warrington ventum. De Injuriâ in Jacobum W<sup>son</sup> per quendam Heath commissâ D. Cropper queritur magnoperè, commoveor.

26 Heath accersitum mitto, Re cognitâ, Heath se purgat, morigerum Se praestat et pollicetur. Cestriae circa horam VI, Salvus (D.G.) Revertò. D<sup>s</sup>. Charlemont in mare et Hiberniam accinctus, Nobis benedicat. Ad ostium Vinum praecipuum libando, illi omnia Fausta & fortunata precamur.

a *ad* first written struck through.

b *Episcopo* interlineated.

c *Lucanum* first written, *Lu* struck through, *Vul* interlineated.

d Altered from *Aquariâ*.

e *singu* first written struck through.

f 8<sup>d</sup>. first written struck out.

**17** Mr. Wright, the Overseer for decorating the palace and cleansing and finely cultivating the gardens for the King's arrival, is here. With him Mr. Chancellor and I go down to the Bear. By deliberately drawing out delays a messenger or royal apparitor brings the edict for the election of our MPs after the court held today, he is here at nightfall. I receive a letter of the Bishop.

**18** Sickness from yesterday takes me – a feeble drinking-companion. I obtain from Mr. Foulk an example of letters patent of the Commissary of Richmond, to be sent to the Bishop.

**19** I send to the Bishop a letter, a copy spoiled by gaps and a catalogue of the clergy of the County of Chester.

**20** I give myself to court business. Out of honour and gratitude we visit Lord Charlemont about to put to sea. I prepare matters for the journey and send a gelding to P. Bateman to pasture.

**21** I receive a letter of Mr. Parre, dictate a reply; about 10 o'clock I start the journey, finish about 6.

**22** I go round the new works, farms, damage and destruction brought by the floods of waters, farm business neglected and going to the worse. Mr. Finch meets me at Ellena Cross, lunched here. Returned by Vulcan in a horn.

**23** We go to Church in the morning, afterwards we walk about deceived by the passage of time. Through the fields and healthy breezes we stroll to Mr. Grimshaw. On the way back I greet Mr(s). Bispham.

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**24** I receive from Gilbert Hulme £9 the remainder of his rent. I make up accounts for the malt-kiln, dam and water sluice. I go to Ayrfeild again with Lewis Shaw, discussed and decided about ditches and hedges to be made, about thornbrakes to be uprooted and destroyed. I make an agreement for removing thornbrake £3; for making and joining a ditch and fence eight rods long 8d. At last I leave the matter to his skill, on account of discount. A column of Danish soldiers is assigned to our common people to be received with hospitality. This new and unaccustomed situation causes fright to those who live their lives in a quiet recess.

**25** In the morning walked about and cleared the accounts. After lunch came to Warrington. Mr. Cropper complains greatly of a wrong committed against James W'son by a certain Heath – I am disturbed.

**26** I send to summon Heath. When the matter is enquired into Heath clears himself, shows that he is compliant and offers promises. I return safe to Chester about 6 o'clock (thank God). Lord Charlemont, girt for the sea and Ireland, says goodbye to us. Tasting excellent wine at the door we pray that everything will be favourable and fortunate for him.<sup>1</sup>

1 William Caulfield, 2nd Viscount Charlemont, d. 1726. See *DNB*, IX, pp. 328–9.

**27** Comiti Medensi scribo. Forensi Negotiolo datum. Candidatos novos Londinenses, in senatum indictum, Viros integerrimae erga Ecclesiam Ang. fidei, fama est supremos istos senatores, multis superasse suffragijs.

**28** Domi me contineo. Duck lego de usu &c Juris pullum e pascuis P. Bateman detraho, Ayrfield mitto.

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Calendae

Matronalia, quae a Matronis Marti celebrabantur. hae calendae valdè erant celebres quod is mensis olim Anni erat primus, Unde ignem novum Vestae aris accendebant, ut incipienti Anno cura denuo Servandi Ignis novati inciperet.

Iisdem Calendis tam in Regiâ, Curijsque atque in Flaminum domibus quam in Fascibus Consularibus, aureas veteres, novis mutabant.

Ovid. Laurea Flaminibus quae toto perstitit Anno  
Tollitur et frondes sunt in honore novae &c.

Romulus Martium, a patre suo Marte nominavit.

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prid. Non.

Hoc die Caesar (Aug). pontifex maximus est factus.

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Martij

**1** Benè sit! Literas do D<sup>o</sup>. Sanderson de Syngraphâ nummariâ per D. Feilding designatâ.

**2** D. Pallizer ad Ecclesiam S<sup>ti</sup> Michaelis concionem habet gravem concinnatam, nervosam, elegantem.

**3** Nomen D<sup>o</sup>. Cuffe libero, Syngrapham cassatam Recipio. D<sup>s</sup>. Walker Derriensis, Favore et strenâ Regijs excitatus, ditatus, Doctoratû Oxonij, insignitus Festivus delicatulus, quantû ab ipso mutatus! Redit, Hiberniam Trajecturus.

27 I write to the Earl of Meath. Applied to a little court business. There is a report that the new London candidates for the parliament that has been proclaimed, men of most sincere faith towards the Church of England, have surpassed the former members by many votes.

28 I keep myself at home. I read Duck on the use etc. of the law.<sup>1</sup> I bring a foal from P. Bateman's pastures and send it to Ayrfeild.

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Calends [1st]

The Matronalia, which were held by matrons in honour of Mars. These calends were very distinguished because this month was once the first of the year. Hence they used to light a new fire on the altars of Vesta, so that as the year was commencing the care of keeping the renewed fire might commence anew.

On the same Calends, both in the Royal Palace, Senate-houses and houses of Priests, and in the Consular Fasces, they used to change the old laurels for new ones.<sup>2</sup>

Ovid: The laurel which the priests have kept for the whole year is removed, and new fronds are in honour.<sup>3</sup>

Romulus named March from his father Mars.<sup>4</sup>

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6th Today (Augustus) Caesar was made High Priest.<sup>5</sup>

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**MARCH 1** May it be well! I send a letter to Mr. Sanderson about a money bill made out by Mr. Feilding.

2 Mr. Pallizer<sup>6</sup> preaches a grave, well-arranged, sinewy and elegant sermon in St. Michael's Church.

3 I settle my debts to Mr. Cuffe, receive the cancelled bond. Mr. Walker of Derry<sup>7</sup> returns, on his way back to Ireland. Stirred and enriched by royal favour and gift, distinguished by an Oxford doctorate, lively and somewhat spoiled, how much changed from himself!

1 Sir Arthur Duck, 1580–1648, *De Usu et Autoritate Juris Civilis Romanorum in Dominiis Principum Christianorum, Libri Duo*, London, 1653. See *DNB*, IV, pp. 87–8.

2 See Macrobius, *Saturnalia*, I, xii, 5–6.

3 Ovid, *Fasti*, III, 137–8.

4 Cf. Polydore Vergil, *op. cit.*, II, 4, p. 107.

5 See Table in *ALL*, between cols. 1388 & 1393.

6 See above, 3 Nov. 1689.

7 See above, 21 August 1689.

Dani, saltèm Germaniae altioris Cohortes, Sub imperio Principis Wirtenbergensis, quarum Milites 1400 accedunt, hospitij vix et difficultè Recipiuntur. Ad Compluvium sum Urbanum hic de Tesseris distribuendis quantae, turbae, querelae, difficultates! Post cum D<sup>o</sup>. Minshall et 4 Militum Atlam et vesperam sumo.

4 Distributioni Nummorum devotum, in antecessum XC<sup>l</sup> alteras solvo. de Copijs extraneis auxiliatricibus pluribus, Referunt Literae. DDD. pullen, Madden & Foley ad me prandium sumunt.

5 Dies Cinerum. Cohortes istae procedunt, ingrediuntur alterae, Milites sunt 1000. in iter Crastinum destinatum.

6 Tempestas foeda et Equorum Coactio, itineri scrupulus, post prandium D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens et Ego, iter tandem aggredimur Knutsford circa horam VII, ventum.

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7 Ad horam XI<sup>am</sup> usque cessatum. Altringham circa I<sup>am</sup> Ventum, et Genio et Amicitiae indultum. Conjugium Simulatum, Hospites in dubio, de Nobis, versantur animi incertos liquimus. Manch<sup>r</sup>. circa 5. tutò ventum Ad D. Parsons caenatum, ad D. Byrom (Hospitio Solito Militibus completo) pernoctatum.

8 Ad D. Wroe<sup>a</sup> pransum, Necessarios salutatum. Ad Hospitium D<sup>a</sup>. S. me <sup>b</sup> suo Comitatu et comitate ornat. Circa horam 4<sup>am</sup>. evolo, circa 7. Holford accedo.

9 Hic amicâ et verâ exceptus frontè moram facio. D. Shippen Concionem habet domesticis, gravem, politam.

10 Incertus eundi. D. Wood et Ego in Scotti Vitâ Christianâ de Angelorum Ministerio, magna, divina profunda, inambulant, legimus. Ad Canis Nigri divertimus.

11 Cum D<sup>o</sup>. Cholmly', Vallem eo Regalem. Post prandium D<sup>s</sup>. Fr. pro suo Arbitrio et ingenio 'απλῶς multa et dubium injicit et Risum et admirationem movet. Circa 5. Cestriae acceleratum circa 7<sup>m</sup>. adventum.

12 Supplicationes publicae in Armorum prosperum successum celebratum. prae hesterni itineris domi me contineo. vesperi foras deambulatum.

13 Curiae et Horto datum. Conventus iste ad Northw<sup>ch</sup> ad evitandum Electionis publicae taedium, impensas et turbas minimè ex sententiâ succedit. Solvo census 3<sup>li</sup>:15s.0

a Wroe overwritten boldly on D.... first written.

b se interlineated, then struck through.

Danes, at least the companies of upper Germany, under the command of the Prince of Wirtemberg, 1400 of whose soldiers arrive, are scarcely and with difficulty received in the billets. I am at the city Pentice.<sup>1</sup> Here what great crowds, complaints, difficulties in distributing the tokens! After, with Mr. Minshall and 4 of the soldiers I spend Atlas and the evening.

4 Devoted to the distribution of money. I pay another £90 in advance. The papers mention more foreign auxiliary forces. Messrs. Pullen, Madden & Foley take lunch with me.

5 Ash Wednesday. Those companies go out, others come in, there are 1000 soldiers. Decided on tomorrow's journey.

6 Foul storm and collection of horses, anxiety for the journey. After lunch Mrs. Stephens and I at last set off on the journey. Came to Knutsford about 7 o'clock.

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7 Rested until 11 o'clock. Came to Altringham about 1, indulged both inclination and friendship, pretended marriage. Hosts are in doubt about us, we left them uncertain in mind. Came safely to Manchester about 5. Dined with Mr. Parsons, spent the night with Mr. Byrom (the usual inn being full of soldiers).

8 Lunched with Mr. Wroe, greeted relatives. At the inn Mrs. S[tephens] honours me with her companionship and kindness. I fly off about 4 o'clock, I reach Holford about 7.

9 Here, received with true and friendly countenance I make a delay. Mr. Shippen preaches a grave and refined sermon to the household.

10 Hesitant of going. As we walk, Mr. Wood and I read great, profound, divine things about the ministry of angels in Scott's *Christian Life*. We stop at the Black Dog.

11 With Mr. Cholmly I go to Vale Royal. After lunch Mr. Fr. in accordance with his judgement and ability [says] simply many things, injects doubt and moves both laughter and admiration.<sup>2</sup> Hastened to Chester about 5, arrived about 7.

12 Public prayers held for the prosperous success of the arms. By reason of yesterday's journey I keep myself at home. In the evening walked out of doors.

13 Given to court and garden. A meeting at Northwich for avoiding the irksomeness, expense and crowds of the public election succeeds very much against expectations. I pay £3:15s.0d. tax.

1 See above, 22 Aug. 1689, with note *ad. loc.*

2 Presumably Mr Francis Cholmley, now released from the Tower of London. See above, 14 Jan.

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Idus

Parricidium dictus Quod C. Julius Caesar a Conjuratis in senatu collecto, in Curiâ Pompeji, XXIII vulneribus confossus est. Suet. c. penult.

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**14** Urbani <sup>a</sup> de suffragijs ferendis in partes divisi, Candidati Circumambulant, amicè et benignè compellant, ambiunt orant. Rebus me do Forensibus.


**15** D<sup>o</sup>. Middleton scribo Catalogum Ecclesiarum quae Symbolas suas contulerunt mitto. Raciones Nummorum piorum computo. Mandatum Archiepiscopale pro procuracione in 27<sup>o</sup> Currentis Convocationem habendam Recipio.

**16** D<sup>s</sup>. Murry Concionem habet gravem, benè ornatam obiter Electores in suis suffragijs dandis, commodè et rectissimè monet. D<sup>s</sup>. Cotton unus e Candidatis Fanaticismi Fautor, auditor conscius, suae inquietudinis, et animi tacti dedit indicia.

**17** Sequestracionem Burton in K. D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo mitto D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildarensi de Re suâ parum processâ scribo in Electionem Senatorum isthaec dies e lege rituque est. Electores Urbani praesertim tumultuantur, clamores tollunt Suffragatio prae turba ad Rood Eye rejecta hic incompositis Agminibus hùc illùc fluctuatum pro cujuslibet ingenio, ardore, furore, Res gesta. Fanaticorum aliqui ore impudentissimo de Ecclesiâ Anglicanâ, conclamatum iri jubent. Ecclesia pessum eat, Ruatque prophanis jubent vocibus. Stabulum praeceps eatur, pars alter clamat; Vix a verberibus temperatum. suffragatio per Singulos XL alternatim procedit, ad novissimum

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[*This whole page is taken  with an extract about Roman elections.*]

Candidatorum verò mos fuit, cum Comititia fiunt et in Suffragium Cives vadunt in Candidâ veste sive togâ, in campum descendere cum Clientibus, Gentilibusque, singulas Tribus prensare & circuire, homines etiam tenuissimos et ignotos, quorum Suffragijs nituntur, Rogare atque Illos per se et communes amicos, appellare,

a [*..]citei first written, struck through.*



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Ides

Called *Parricidium* because C. Julius Caesar was struck down by the conspirators in a meeting of the Senate, in Pompey's Senate-house, with 23 wounds. Suetonius, penultimate chapter.<sup>1</sup>

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**14** The citizens are divided into parties for voting. The candidates walk round, address them friendly and kindly, solicit, entreat. I give myself to court business.

**15** I write to Mr. Midleton, I send a catalogue of Churches which have contributed their share. I reckon the accounts of charitable monies. I receive an Archiepiscopal mandate for the summoning of Convocation to be held on the 27th of this month.

**16** Mr. Murry preaches a grave, well-furnished sermon, in passing he conveniently and most rightly advises electors in the casting of their votes. Mr. Cotton, one of the candidates, a supporter of fanaticism, a guilty hearer, showed signs of restlessness and being touched at heart.

**17** I send to my Lord Bishop the sequestration of Burton in K.;<sup>2</sup> I write to my Lord Bishop of Kildare about the insufficient progress in his case. By law and custom this is the very day for election of Members of Parliament. The city electors especially are in tumult and raising shouts. On account of the crowd the voting is removed to Rood Eye.<sup>3</sup> Here they flowed hither and thither in disordered columns; the business was done according to each one's character, enthusiasm, frenzy. Some of the fanatics in most impudent language order the shouting in unison about the Church of England 'Down with the Church'; and 'Let it fall' they order with profane voices. 'Off straight to a stable!'<sup>4</sup> the other party shouts; scarcely restrained from blows. The voting proceeds by individual 40s alternately. Came at last

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[This whole page is taken up with an extract about Roman elections].

Indeed it was the custom of candidates, when an assembly is taking place and the citizens are going to vote, in a white garment or toga to go down into the Campus with clients and kindred, to solicit individual tribes and go round even the slightest and most unknown on whose votes they relied, to ask and address them through themselves and their mutual friends, to beseech and entreat those whose names

1 Suetonius, *op. cit.*, I (Divus Iulius), 82, 88.

2 Presumably Burton in Kendal.

3 Now called Roodee: the flat plain in a loop of the river Dee outside the city wall, where Chester racecourse is.

4 Or 'brothel'.

obsecrare, obtestari, Quorum nomina memoriter referenda erant, quod si facere nequirent adhibito Nomenclatore faciebant.

Nec minore studio his, quos Rogabant agere Gratias, nam mirum et efficax Studium in agendis Gratijs habebatur. Singulos denique prensare, obviasque manus dare, salutare et omnibus arridere debebant. Qui ut conspicui essent, utque a populo Spectarentur, nundinarum tempore et mercatu frequenti, quo Opifices & agrestes ad urbem commeabant (quum nonâ quoque diè fora constituerentur) in edito Colle Spectandos se praeberent, ut popularem Gratiam favoremque aucuperentur, idque post aliqua secula, lapsis jam et defluxis Moribus fieri servatum est – Alex. ab. Alex. l.4.c.3.

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tandem suffragium deventum, Curia indè quoad Suffragia accipienda, finita et missa, quod ad Rei eventum et victoriam denunciandam in Crastinam, prorogata est. Ad B. Thropp cum DD. palizer, Madden, Whishaw, sumo horas aliquot.

**18** Curiâ conventâ, Vice Comes superior D. Partington Suffragiorum numeros majores D<sup>o</sup>. Grosvenor & D<sup>o</sup>. Leving evenisse, hos ergò pro legitimè electis denunciat et declarat, Curiamque dimittit. pars altera discrepat. protestacionem, in hoc, qualem qualem ostentat, clamat. Vice-Comes inferior (Balhoe)<sup>a</sup> homo Rerum imperitus ante hoc in sordidae artis suae et inscitiae, umbraculis Versatus, fatuus et fungus, alteros Ritè electos clamat, Suffragijs Rem denuò experiri proponit, Ridiculò se dat. Candidati alteri, popularis aurae et insaniae Aucupes & Fautores, pro Electis hinc se gestiunt, inter insanos, turbae suae, clamores, cathedris insedentes humeris Reportantur. hinc furor impotens, irae, turbae, tandem Requies. Suffragacio Rustica praecedit.

**19** Viri fideles quoad Eventum suffragationis Rusticae Spe dejiciuntur, insultant alteri. Clientes D. Bunbury Vota ferunt Rectè. Castrum descendo, <sup>b</sup> suffragia excipiendi, blandiendi, ambiendi, morem video. A parte D. Ph. Egerton ad postremum ventum. Curia quod<sup>c</sup> ad Suffragia danda missa est, quod ad denuncianda in 3 horas, Rejecta. DD. Cotton et Manauring Suffragijs

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<sup>a</sup> Or *Bathoe*.

<sup>b</sup> At this point a word of about five letters obliterated.

<sup>c</sup> Altered from *quoad*.

could be recalled from memory, but if they could not do that they would do so after consulting the nomenclator.<sup>1</sup>

Nor [was it the custom] to thank those they asked with less diligence, for a wonderful and powerful diligence was exercised in giving thanks. In short they ought to catch individuals, meet them and shake hands, greet and smile upon everyone. In order that they might be conspicuous and watched by the people, at the time of market day and when trade was busy, when artisans and country people used to come to the city (since markets were held every ninth day) they would appear on a high hill to be watched, so that they might strive for popular grace and favour, and that custom has continued to be observed after several centuries, even though customs have now slipped and disappeared.

Alex. ab Alex. Bk.4.Ch.3.<sup>2</sup>

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to the last vote. Then the assembly for receiving votes is concluded and dismissed, and that for proclaiming the result and victory is prorogued to tomorrow. I spend several hours at B. Thropp's with Messrs. Palizer, Madden, Whishaw.

**18** The assembly is convened. The Higher Sheriff Mr. Partington proclaims that the greater numbers of votes have gone to Mr. Grosvenor<sup>3</sup> and Mr. Leving, and announces and declares them therefore as lawfully elected, and dismisses the assembly. The other party disputes, shows such and such protestation in this matter, shouts. The lower Sheriff (Bathoe) a man inexperienced in affairs, who has before now spent his time in the shade of his sordid trade and ignorance, a foolish dolt, shouts that the others were rightly elected, proposes that the matter be put to the vote again, makes himself ridiculous. The other candidates, predatory promoters of the breeze of popular favour and madness, carry themselves off as having been elected, and are carried back sitting chaired shoulder high among the mad shouts of their own crowd. As a result impotent rage, anger, crowds, peace at last. The country voting proceeds.

**19** Trusty men are dejected in hope of the outcome of the country voting, the other party behave insolently. Mr. Bunbury's clients cast their votes rightly. I go down to the Castle, watch the way of receiving, coaxing, canvassing the votes. At last they come to the party of Mr. Ph. Egerton. The assembly for voting is dismissed, that for proclamation is postponed for 3 hours.

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1 A *nomenclator* was a slave who attended his master in canvassing for the purpose of telling him the names of those whom he met.

2 Alexander ab Alexandro, *Geniales Dies*. These extracts are copied with verbal, mainly orthographic, alterations from Vol. I, pp. 890–2.

3 Sir Thomas Grosvenor, 3rd Baronet, 1656–1700, of Eaton near Chester. See *DNB*, XXIII, p. 283, & *VCH*, II, pp. 128ff.

[f56v]

[Opposite the end of the entry for 20 March]

Domus inferior ex Numero 513 senatorum constituta est. 173 Novi Senatores qui postremorum Comitiorum non fuerunt, in haec, electi.

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anteisse, et in Senatores Ritè electos declarat Vice Comes (D. Bruen), voceque praeconis Renunciat. D. Egerton vir pectoris generoso co[cl]i<sup>a</sup> honesto, sortem fert fortitèr suam, faeliciorem spondens in futurum fortunam. Res Hibernicoprotestantium mihi Animum percutit. D. Bouchier 70<sup>li</sup> mutuus dare pollicetur ultrò. in Agrum Lanc. G.W. dimitto.

20 Ad Anseris et Vulpis cum D<sup>o</sup>. Cholmondely Ostrea et lupulatum sumo. Curiae me do. Conventum de pijs pecunijs indico. Comitiam parlamentaria.

21 Procuratores Nummorum erogandorum ad me Sunt his Numero 75<sup>li</sup>. de Injuriâ mihi per D. Jones indignè illatâ, me defendo, purgo. Furtum Nocturnum<sup>b</sup> in aedes D. Bavand de Christleton insidiosâ, violentiâ, naturâ Rerum sopitâ, commissum. pater, Filia, servi Familias vincti, vasa argentea, Argentum et aurum surrepta. servus nuperus modo in Militem scriptus pro Grassatore suspectus.

22 Syngropham 200<sup>li</sup>. per procuratores Nummorum D<sup>o</sup>. Firmin directam. D<sup>o</sup>. parre in hac parte Fidej Commissarium et procuratorem nostrum, in usum Hiberni protestantium recipiendarum mitto.<sup>c</sup> De D<sup>o</sup>. Joanne Trevor in domus inferioris prolocutorem electo Certum dant Literae. Epistolam D. Episcopi Recipio.

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[Opposite the entry for 25 March]

VIII Cal. April.

Hilaria erant celebrata, quibus Sol diem Nocte longiorem protendit.

a Or co[d]i.

b The second *n* interlineated.

c MS. Syngropham 200<sup>li</sup>. *p' procures' Nummorum D<sup>o</sup>. Firmin directam. D<sup>o</sup>. parre in hac pte' Fidej Commissarium et procurem' nrm', in usum Hiberni protestantiu' recipiendaru'.* mitto. An oddly constructed sentence.

[f56v]

*[Opposite the end of the entry for 20 March]*

The Lower House is made up of the number of 513 Members. 173 new Members, who were not in the old Parliament, have been elected into this one.

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The Sheriff (Mr. Bruen) declares that Messrs. Cotton and Manauring have come first in the votes and are duly elected as M.P.s., and announces it by the voice of the crier. Mr. Egerton, a man of noble and honest [.....] of heart, bears his lot bravely, pledging happier fortune for the future. The business of the Irish-protestants strikes my heart. Mr. Bouchier promises to lend £70 more. I send G.W. into Lancashire.

20 At the Goose and Fox with Mr. Cholmondely I take oysters and beer. I apply myself to court. I announce a meeting about the charity money. Session of parliament.

21 The proctors of alms money are with me. I count out to them £75. I defend and clear myself of an affront wrongly brought against me by Mr. Jones. A cunning nocturnal theft has been committed against the house of Mr. Bavand of Christleton, with violence, with senseless nature of deeds. Father, daughter and servants of the household bound, silver vessels, silver and gold stolen. A former servant now enlisted in the army is suspected as the robber.

22 I send to Mr. Parre Commissioner of the Trust in this matter and our steward a bill of £200 directed by the stewards of moneys to Mr. Firmin, to be received for the use of the Irish-protestants. The papers give information about Mr. John Trevor elected as Speaker of the lower house.<sup>1</sup> I receive a letter of my Lord Bishop.

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*[Opposite the entry for 25 March]*

25th

The *Hilaria* were celebrated, on which the sun extends the day longer than the night.<sup>2</sup>

1 Sir John Trevor, 1637–1717, Master of the Rolls, was appointed Speaker at the first meeting of the new Parliament on 20 March. See *CJ*, X, p. 349, and *DNB*, LVII, pp. 222–3.

2 Macrobius, *op. cit.*, I, xxi, 10.

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**23** Rem tam ex Sententiâ evenisse in Prolocutoris electione quae illis curae fuit serio laetatur inter bonos.

**24** D<sup>s</sup>. Gipps Rector de Bury in Procuratorem Cleri hujusce Archidiaconatûs per Cleri circumjacentis numerum infrequentem D<sup>s</sup>. Wroe in procuratorem Capituli, cooptatus. Post prandium diutiùs ad Plumarum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Puleston sum.

**25** Regia Oratio ad Comitiam habita descendit. Expeditionem in Hiberniam spondet accelerandam proponit, Census publicos Stabiliendos; Concordiam inter Cives suos certam firmamque conciliandam delictorum quorundam impunitatem concedendam. Mutuam benevolentiam Comitiorum senatoribus et consensum in Rebus, Consilijsque, Unionem Angliae et Scotiae tractandam, Reginae Rerum Summam in Absentiâ Suâ, demandandam. Celeritatem tandem in omnibus summoperè Suadet. D<sup>s</sup>. Thane et Ego Backford ad visendum D. Cotterell Evolamus, latrantibus Redimus stomachis, quos comprimimus.

**26** Certum de Electione procuratorum in Convocationem D<sup>o</sup>. Empson mitto. Syngrapham a D<sup>o</sup>. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. antiquatam Recipio. novam pro summa graviore in eo.

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Aprilis, quasi Aphrilis a spuma quae Graece 'ἀφρὸς' vocatur, unde Venus, Mater Æneae, nata est.

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**27** Forensi Rei datur antemeridianum. De Copijs Gallicis Hiberniam 14<sup>o</sup> Currentis appulsis Numero 7000, Literae Referunt publicae.

**28** Deambulo et Bronchorsti Comentarium in Titulum [Æ].<sup>a</sup> de Regulis Juris legendo incipio.

a Intended modification of A uncertain.

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**23** There is earnest rejoicing among good men that the business which gave them concern has turned out so far from expectation in the election of the Speaker.

**24** Mr. Gipps Rector of Bury elected as Proctor of Clergy of this Archdeaconry by a small number of surrounding clergy, and Mr. Wroe as Proctor of the Chapter. After lunch I am rather a long time at the Feathers with Mr. Puleston.

## 1690

**MARCH 25** The Speech from the Throne comes down.<sup>1</sup> It promises an expedition to Ireland and proposes that it be speeded up; that public taxes be established; that sure and steadfast concord is to be procured among his citizens, that impunity for certain crimes is to be granted, goodwill on both sides to members of parliament and agreement in policies and counsels; that the Union of England and Scotland is to be discussed; that the administration of government is to be entrusted to the Queen in his absence; finally it mightily urges speed in everything. Mr. Thane and I fly out to Backford to visit Mr. Cotterell; we return with barking stomachs, which we appease.

**26** I send to Mr. Empson notification of the election of proctors to Convocation. I receive an out-of-date bond from Mr. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. I enter into a new one for a greater sum.

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April, as it were Aphril, from foam which in Greek is called *aphros*, from which Venus, mother of Aeneas, was born.<sup>2</sup>

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**27** The morning is given to court business. The newspapers mention French forces landed in Ireland on the 14th of this month, 7000 in number.

**28** I go for a walk and begin reading Bronchorst's Commentary on Title [Æ] of the Rules of Law.<sup>3</sup>

1 See *CJ*, X, p. 349.

2 Polydore Vergil, *op. cit.*, II, 4, p.107.

3 Everard Van Bronchorst, *In Titulum Digestorum de Diversis Regulis Juris Antiqui Enarrationes* (Leiden, 1624).

**29** D<sup>o</sup>. Parre scribo et D<sup>o</sup>. Brown (Ænei Nasi Socio) de Paulino Monacho<sup>a</sup> Cujus M S<sup>tos</sup>.<sup>b</sup> de Laudibus Cestriae praelo mandandos si illius erit interesse suadeo) et aedibus D. Bevand altâ nocte effractis scribo. per prata juxta Devam una cum D<sup>o</sup>. Wright amoenum et salubre inambulandi, conficio exercilium<sup>c</sup>. Cohors Cutts, Gens audax et indomita accedit.

**30** Ecclesiam aditum, ubi coetus frequens. Missâ Concione coeunt in Coronas et nova conferunt Hibernici.

**31** Placidè exit Mensis. Ver tempestivus appetit et benignus.<sup>d</sup> in Libris sum.

# Aprilis

**1** Det D.O.M. Rerum omnium Auctor et Conservator Faelicia, F.F.<sup>e</sup> et Legendo et Scribendo do operam.

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[Opposite the entry for 4 April]

Prid. Non.

Ludi Matri<sup>f</sup> magnae Deûm sacri, celebrati Megalesia dicti.

Nonae

Megalesia

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**2** Cohoris<sup>g</sup> ista, Cutts, frequens, exercitata composita, Civibus non invitis procedit, Jumenta passim cogunt. Chirographum praetoris Urbani Vehiculorum tutelare pro Nihilo ducunt inciviles.

**3** Commentarijs Bronchorsti operam do antemeridianam post Scribendo. per Literas de Syngrapha comprobât certum dat D<sup>s</sup>. parr.<sup>h</sup>

**4** Legendo et Scribendo operam et diem impendo Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Bouchier et pransum et caenatum est Nostrati.

a Altered from *Paulini Monachi*, qui next written struck through.

b *Sc. Manu Scriptos*.

c *Sic for exercitium*.

d *tempestivum and benignum* first written, then altered.

e *Sc. Fausta Fortunata*.

f Altered from *Matris*.

g *Sic*.

h Incomplete figure 4 in margin opposite *certum*.



**29** I write to Mr. Parre and I write to Mr. Brown (Fellow of Brazenose) about Paulinus the Monk, whose manuscripts on the Praises of Chester<sup>1</sup> I encourage him to order from the press if it will be of interest to him, and about Mr. Bevand's house broken into in the dead of night.<sup>2</sup> With Mr. Wright I complete the pleasant and healthy exercise of walking through the meadows by the Dee. The Cutts regiment, a bold and untamed tribe arrives.

**30** Went to Church, where a big congregation. After the sermon the Irish go together to the Crowns and pass on news.

**31** The month goes out calmly. In good time and kindly it is approaching spring. I am in books.

**APRIL 1** May God the best and greatest, the maker and preserver of all, grant happiness, fortune and prosperity. I pay attention to both reading and writing.

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[Opposite the entry for 4 April]

4th Games called Megalesia were celebrated to the great Mother of the Gods.

5th Megalesia.<sup>3</sup>

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**2** That numerous Cutts regiment is exercised, drawn up and marches off to the relief of the citizens, they impress baggage animals at random. They uncivilly take the Mayor's safe passage warrant for vehicles as worthless.

**3** I pay morning attention to Bronchorst's Commentaries, afternoon to writing. Mr. Parr gives by letter notification about the verified bond.

**4** I spend my pains and the day in reading and writing. Our family both lunched and dined at Mr. Bouchier's.

<sup>1</sup> A MS *Liber Luciani de Laude Cestriae* (the earliest-known example of a local guide, and the earliest-known account of Chester) had been presented to the Bodleian Library in 1601, was listed in the second (1620) Catalogue of that library, and is likely to be the work referred to here. The 1912 editor doubted whether the author's real name was Lucian, but it is by no means clear from this reference that Henry knew of another MS copy in a different name, or of other information on the author's identity. The suggestion of intended publication is intriguing, but nothing seems to have come of it, since the work was not rescued from oblivion until published by the Record Society of Lancashire & Cheshire in 1912.

<sup>2</sup> See above, 21 Mar. 1690.

<sup>3</sup> For these two references see Sex. Pomp. Festus, *De Verborum Significatione* in *ALL*, col. 316; Varro, *de Lingua Latina*, VI, iii, 15, and the Table in *ALL*, between cols. 1388 & 1393.

5 D<sup>m</sup>. parr de Syngraphâ istâ pro CC<sup>l</sup> in Usum Hibernico-protestantium sibi per me directâ do Literas. Libris haereo. Cohors frequentissima D. Babington indoctaque et novitia Tyronum turba Capsique Regij Urbem implent.

6 Ecclesiam adeo; DD. Madden & Rotten ad me prandium sumunt. Scotti Christianam vitam aggredior.

7 Bronchorsti Commentario legendo et scribendo datur.

8 Ego et Susanna mea manè per praedia amoena Eaton<sup>a</sup> ambulamus, ipsa D. Eyton it conventum collocutum. Ego per praedia avita D. Grosvenor pergo, circuico ambulacrum salubre, nobile, faelix. Aulam tandem aedificium magnificum,

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Dolabella proconsul provinciae Asiae Ream mulierem veneficij ad Areopagitas rejecit confitentem. Gell. 1.12.c.7. et Val. Max. 1.8<sup>b</sup>.c.2. Areopagitae et Accusatorem et Ream confitentem, centesimo Anno adesse jusserunt. Sic neque absolutum mulieris veneficium est, quod per leges non licuit, neque nocens damnata poenitaque est quae digna veniâ fuit.

Ex Epistola D. Rogeri Bostock Scrut<sup>ns</sup> et  
Copiae Testamenti et Inventorij Nicolai Rymer. } x<sup>s</sup> X  
1<sup>o</sup> Maij 1690 istam sumam a D<sup>o</sup>. Dod recepi

Ovid

Ille Nefastus erit per quem tria \* verba silentur,

Fastus erit, per quem Jure licebit agi.

\* Do, dico, Addico

prid. Id.

Magna Mater Romam adducta, Cybele.

XI. Cal. Maij.

palilia, Romae Natalis.

a Eaton interlineated.

b Altered from 2.

5 I send to Mr. Parr a letter about that bond for £200 for the use of the Irish-protestants directed to him through me. I stick to books. Mr. Babington's very numerous company, and an untrained and novice crowd of recruits, and royal waggons fill the city.

6 I go to Church; Messrs. Madden & Rotten take lunch with me. I start on Scott's *Christian Life*.

7 Given to reading Bronchorst's *Commentary* and writing.

8 I and my Susanna walk in the morning through pleasant estates to Eaton, she goes to meet and converse with Mr. [or Mrs.] Eyton. I go on through Mr. Grosvenor's ancestral estates, I circuit a healthy, noble, happy walk. At last I go over the Hall, a magnificent building,

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Dolabella the Proconsul of the province of Asia referred back to the Areopagites<sup>1</sup> a woman charged with poison and confessing it. Gellius Bk.12, Ch.7 and Valerius Maximus Bk.8, Ch.2<sup>2</sup>. The Areopagites ordered both the accuser and the defendant who pleaded guilty to attend in the hundredth year. Thus neither was the woman's poison absolved, which was not permitted by the laws, nor was she who deserved pardon condemned and punished as guilty.

From a letter of Mr. Roger Bostock searching and )  
copies of the will and inventory of Nicholas Rymer ) 10s. X  
I received that sum on the 1st May 1690 from Mr. Dod.

Ovid: That [day] will be inauspicious<sup>3</sup> on which three words\* are unspoken; auspicious on which proceedings will be lawfully permitted. \* I give, I say, I assent.<sup>4</sup>

12th The Great Mother, Cybele, was brought to Rome.<sup>5</sup>  
21st Palilia, Rome's birthday.<sup>6</sup>

- 1 On the hill called Areopagos sat the most ancient court of Athens, which dealt *inter alia* with cases of homicide.
- 2 Aulus Gellius, *Noctes Atticae*, XII, 7; there wrongly quoted from Valerius Maximus, *Factorum et Dictorum Memorabilium*, Book 9, correctly Book VIII, Ch. i, amb.2 (Teubner 1888, p.374).
- 3 I.e. a day on which court could not be held.
- 4 Ovid, *Fasti*, II, 47-8; Varro, *De Lingua Latina*, VI, 30.
- 5 See Varro, *De Lingua Latina*, VI, iii, 15.
- 6 See Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, XIV, 774, and *ALL*, col. 1394.

R/ Extract(i) Rudij drachm. semissem  
 Sal: Tartari scrupuli semissem<sup>a</sup>  
 Cum q(uod) s(ufficit) Bals(ami) peruv(ii).  
 F(ac) pill(ulas) n° 5 vel 6  
 Quas capiat summo mane, super dormiendo  
 Repetantur per 3 dies alternos.

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amplissimum, splendidum, augustum, lustro. in Turriculam in summis aedibus, ascendo. hinc visus in meatus procurrit longissimos. Ad Cymbam dein descensum, pransum, in Rivo Remigendo, Recreatum, circa 7<sup>m</sup>. h. vespertinam defessi satis pedes incedendo Reditum.

**9** In Comentario Bronchorsti pergo, nec desum Scribendo.

**10** Comentarium Bronchorsti finio. Terminus noster explicit. Duck de Authoritate Juris C.<sup>b</sup> lego. Gardner quidem ab Agrestibus in Sutton malè ex errore tractatus. Coxendice et vitâ paene interfectus.

**11** D<sup>s</sup>. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. et Ego D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens obvij progredimur Sandywayhead. inde in[ter]<sup>c</sup> Vallem Regalem descensum. hic Familia Recessa. Faeliciter Reducat D<sup>s</sup>. D. Okes nos Recipit. Episcopi Overall de Ecclesiae Christi et Mundi Regimine Librum, mihi mittere pollicetur. Redimus. adest D<sup>s</sup>. S. comitata. pransi Cestriae circa 6. h. ventum.

**12** Duck lego D<sup>o</sup>. parr scribo.

**13** Domi aeger me plerumque contineo. Vesperi D<sup>m</sup>. Foley Viso. Bronchorstum suum Refero.

**14** Pharmacum ventriculi lubricandi ergô sumo ex Consilio T. Bullen, assensu D. Madden. D<sup>s</sup>. Gardner vulnere fatali miserè cruciatus, emoritur & sepultus est.

**15** Successo parum pharmaco, pillulas plures Repeto. Librum Episcopi Overall Recipio. pro quo 6<sup>s</sup>. 6<sup>d</sup>. solvo.

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XVI Cal. Maij

Requisicio Bachus, Caucio et Sal<sup>m</sup>. P. 1<sup>li</sup>-0-4

Octavius Augustus, Imperator salutatus est.

a *Tartar* here represented by its alchemical symbol, a rectangle with a cross below, and quantities by pharmaceutical symbols.

b *Sc. Civilis*.

c *in[t..]* interlineated.

Take of Rudius's Extract  $\frac{1}{2}$  drachm, Salt of Tartar  $\frac{1}{2}$  scruple. With sufficient Peruvian balsam make 5 or 6 pills. Take these first thing in the morning after sleeping. Repeat for 3 alternate days.<sup>1</sup>

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most ample, splendid, august. I climb up to the turret on top of the hall. From here the view extends into very long avenues. Then went down to the boat, lunched, refreshed by rowing on the river. Returned about 7 in the evening, tired enough from going on foot.

9 I progress in Bronchorst's *Commentary*, and am not lacking in writing.

10 I finish Bronchorst's *Commentary*. Our term ends. I read Duck on the authority of the civil law.<sup>2</sup> Gardner is indeed mistakenly ill-treated by rustics in Sutton, and almost deprived of his hip bone and life.

11 Mr. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. and I go to Sandywayhead to meet Mrs. Stephens, thence descended by Vale Royal. Here the family is away, may God bring them back happily. Mr. Okes receives us. He promises to send me Bishop Overall's book *On the Government of Christ's Church and the World*.<sup>3</sup> We return. [Mrs.] S. keeps me company. Having lunched came to Chester about 6 o'clock.

12 I read Duck. I write to Mr. Parr.

13 Ill, I keep myself at home for the most part. In the evening I visit Mr. Foley. I return his Bronchorst.

14 On T. Bullen's advice, and with the assent of Mr. Madden I take medicine to lubricate my stomach.<sup>4</sup> Mr. Gardner, pitifully tormented by his fatal wound, dies and is buried.

15 Since I have not taken enough medicine, I repeat more pills. I receive Bishop Overall's book, for which I pay 6s.6d.

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16th Bachus requisition, bond and [*Salm. P.*] £1.0.4.

Octavius Augustus was hailed as Emperor.

1 Rudius's pills, of which this is a variant, were described as a commonly-prescribed purgative. See Appendix 2.

2 See above, 28 Feb. 1690, with note *ad. loc.*

3 The *Convocation-Book* of 1606, published 1690. See below, 13 June 1690, and Lathbury, *History of the Convocation*, pp. 232ff.

4 I.e. as a laxative, see prescription on f60v. If Henry was already suffering the haemorrhoid problems mentioned on 20 Apr. 1692, *ventriculum lubricare* may well have been appropriate. For T. Bullen see above, 13 July 1689 and below, 27 May & 9 July 1690. For Mr. Madden see 9 & 11 June 1689.

Haereditas omnis, si morientis supremo Indicio non esset divisa, tum ab ipso Jure in 12 partes partiri debuit. quas partes in unum collatas Assem pleraque antiquitas dixit, singulas vero disjunctim divisas Uncias appellavit. Ita Haeredi in Unciâ instituto unica tantum pars institutionis Jure debebitur. Haeredi in Assem facto, Solida haereditas, et integrum patrimonium transfertur. Hae 12 Unciae, quae Asse continentur propria nomina a veteribus Jure C<sup>tis</sup>. a singulae nactae sunt. Sextans duas totius Assis partes i.e. duas habet uncias. Quadrans tres. Triens tertia pars totius Assis quatuor enim continet uncias. Quincunx verò quinque. Semis dimidium illius habet quod asse continetur, et sex Uncias vendicat. Septunx septem consequitur Uncias. Bes octo, dodrans verò novem. Dextans autem decem signat Uncias. Deunx verò undecim. Alex. ab Alex. l.1.c.1. Vide paginam et Tabulam primam.

## XVII

Litterae D. parr certum dant D<sup>m</sup>. Firmin Summam istam expectatam 200<sup>li</sup> tandem probè dissolvissse.

[f62r]

**16** Elixir proprietatis primùm sumo. Ex chirographo isto comprobato et Nummis (CC<sup>l</sup>.) per D. Firmin nondum Solutis cura et molestia mihi natae. D. parr de hoc scribo et D. Squire ad Rogatum D<sup>ae</sup>. Morris. Ab hac die Filiolus Annum mortuus est. Oracionem D. Barrow de officijs et muneribus Benevolentiae in pauperes lego. Cum D<sup>o</sup>. Fr. Cholmondly ad insigne Stapedis vesperi sum.

**17** Deambulatum manè. postea Lectulo erigendo, et Tabellario meo digerendo multum datur & seriò.

**18** Parasceves diem celebratum. Lecturae datum. R. Hulton vice Centurio cum supplementis conscriptis Hiberniam Rediturus Nobis amicè valedicit.

**19** Spatiatum in Agris, vere bellissimè vestitis Salubribus. D<sup>ae</sup>. Hulton Redditum annum solvo pro Equili xl<sup>s</sup>. Litterae<sup>b</sup> D. Midleton D. Firmin alteras 200<sup>li</sup>. illi ex Chirographo indictas, dissolvere & mihi in Rationibus 175 agnoscere, ante Nummos ultiores Receptos nequicquam posse, tradunt.

**20** Caenae sanctissimae (utinam dignus!) sum particeps Det D.O.M. degere deinceps, piè, sobriè, justè, vitam. Vitam Christianam D. Scott lego, utinam vivam!

a *Sc. Consultis.*

b *Corrected from Literas.*

If the whole inheritance had not been divided by the last will of the decedent, then it should be divided by the law itself into 12 parts, which parts put together most of antiquity called *As*, but the individual parts separately it called *Unciae* (twelfths). Thus to an heir appointed *in uncia* a single part only of the disposition will be owed by law. To an heir made *in assem* the whole inheritance and entire patrimony is transferred. These twelve *unciae* which are contained in the *as* obtained their own proper names from ancient lawyers. The *sextans* has two parts of the whole *as*, i.e. two *unciae*, the *quadrans* three. The *triens*, the third part of the whole *as*, contains four *unciae*, but the *quincunx* five. *Semis* has a half of what is contained in the *as* and claims six *unciae*. The *septunx* obtains seven *unciae*, the *bes* eight, but the *dodrans* nine. *Dextans* signifies ten *unciae*, but *deunx* eleven. Alex. ab Alex. Bk.1, Ch.1. See the first page<sup>1</sup> and table.

17<sup>2</sup> Mr. Parr's letter confirms that Mr. Firmin has at last honestly paid that awaited sum of £200.

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16 I take proprietary elixir for the first time. Care and trouble are produced for me by that chirograph that has been approved and the money (£200) not yet paid by Mr. Firmin. I write to Mr. Parr about this and to Mr. Squire at Mrs. Morris's request. On this day a year ago my little son died. I read Mr. Barrow's address on the duties and rewards of bounty towards the poor. In the evening I am at the sign of the Stirrup with Mr. Fr. Cholmondly.<sup>3</sup>

17 Walked about in the morning, afterwards much earnest attention given to erecting a little bed and disposing my gaming board.

18 Good Friday celebrated. Applied to reading. R. Hulton, Vice-centurion with the conscripted reinforcements is about to return to Ireland. He bids us a friendly farewell.

19 Rambled in the fields most beautifully dressed by spring, wholesome. I pay Mrs. Hulton annual rent for the stable 40s. Mr. Middleton's letter relates that Mr. Firmin can with impunity<sup>4</sup> pay the other £200 appointed to him from the chirograph, and acknowledge to me in his accounts 175 before the further monies received.

20 I am a partaker of the most Holy Supper (Would that I were worthy!) May God the best and greatest grant that I henceforth lead my life piously, soberly, justly. I read Mr. Scott's *Christian Life*, O that I may live it!

1 I.e. f1r of this diary. These notes are adapted from his source, Vol. I, pp. 3–4.

2 Or possibly 15. Roman numerals used as dates on left-hand pages normally imply the Roman calendar, less likely in this context.

3 See above, 14 Jan. 1690 & *passim*.

4 Or 'not at all'.

21 post Ambulacrum campestre emensum, Vitam Christianam pergo legendo. Literas D. Holmes Nomina exigentes recipio.

22 Inter foras spatiandum Epistolas 4 de Ecclesia Episcopali apud Scotos vi, odio, iris et malignitate Fanaticismi

miserè [*Continued on f63r below*]

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Populus Romanus Argento signato ne ante Pyrrhum devictum usus est.

Servius (Tullus) Rex aes ovium boumque effigie<sup>a</sup> primo Signavit. Antea rudi usos Romae, traditum. Signatum est Notâ pecudum, unde pecunia appellata. Maximus census CX.M. Assium fuit illo Rege et ideo haec prima classis.

Argentum signatum est Anno Urbe Condita DLXXXV. Q. Fabio Cos. quinque Annis ante primum Bellum pun[icum]. Et placuit Denarium pro X libris aeneis, quinarium pro V., Sestertium pro dupondio et semisse, pendi. Librae autem pondus aeris imminutum Bello punico primo, cum impensis Resp[ublica] non sufficeret, constitutumque ut Asses sextantario pondere ferirentur.

Nota Æris fuit ex alterâ parte Janus geminus, ex alterâ Rostrum Navis. In Triente vero & Quadrante, Ratis.

In Militari stipendio semper Denarius pro X. Assibus, datus.

Notae Argenti fuere Bigae & quadrigae et inde Bigati, Quadrigatique,<sup>b</sup> dicti. Mox Lege Papyriâ Semiunciales Asses facti.<sup>c</sup>

Qui nunc Victoriatus appellatur Lege Clodiâ percussus est, signatus Victoriâ, unde Nomen<sup>d</sup>

Aureus Nummus post Annum LXII. percussus est, quàm Argenteus, ita ut scrupulum valeret sestertij vicenis. Plin. l.33.c.3.<sup>e</sup>

a ovium boumque effigie interlineated.

b Erroneous gi struck out before ga.

c Marginal note: Circa A. U. DLX altered from DCXCV.

d Marginal note: Circa A. DCXCV.

e Marginal note: Circa A. DCLXXXVII.



21 After traversing a walk on the plain [Roodee?] I make progress in reading *The Christian Life*. I receive a letter of Mr. Holmes demanding names.

22 Between walking out of doors I read 4 letters about the Episcopal Church of Scotland wretchedly troubled and afflicted by the violence, hatred, anger and malice of fanaticism.

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The Roman people did not make use of coined silver before the defeat of Pyrrhus. King Servius (Tullus) first impressed copper with the effigy of sheep and cattle. It is handed down that formerly at Rome they used it unwrought. It was coined with the stamp of beasts (*pecudum*) hence they were called money (*pecunia*). Under that king the greatest wealth was 110,000 *asses*, and therefore this was the first class. Silver was first coined in A.U.C. 585<sup>1</sup> in the consulship of Quintus Fabius<sup>2</sup> five years before the first Punic War.<sup>3</sup> And it was decided that the *Denarius* should be paid for 10 copper pounds, the *quinarius* for 5, the *Sesterce* for two and a half pounds. However, the weight of a copper pound was reduced in the first Punic War, when the state could not meet its expenses, and it was decided that *Asses* should be struck at one-sixth weight.

The stamp of the copper was on one side two-headed Janus, on the other the prow of a ship; but on the *Triens* and *Quadrans* a boat.

In soldiers' wages a *Denarius* was always given for 10 *Asses*.

The stamps of the silver were two-horse and four-horse chariots, and from this they were called *Bigati* and *Quadrigati*. Soon<sup>4</sup> by the *Lex Papyria* half-ounce *asses* were made.

What is now called the *Victoriatus* was struck by the *Lex Clodia*,<sup>5</sup> and is stamped with Victory, whence its name.

Gold coinage was struck 62 years after the silver,<sup>6</sup> so that a scruple<sup>7</sup> should be worth twenty sesterces. Pliny, Bk.33, Ch.3.<sup>8</sup>

1 A.U.C. 585 = 168 BC.

2 The full text mentions Quintus Ogulnius and Gaius Fabius as Consuls.

3 The First Punic War began in 264 BC. The discrepancy of dates here arose from a corrupt reading in the text of Pliny where the majority of MSS read DLXXXV instead of CCCCLXXXV. Henry's source, which had not adopted Cellarius's emendation (1587, also in Dalecampius's edition, Lyon 1606), may have been one printed either by Elzevir (1635, 12mo) or by Hackius (1668/9, 8vo).

4 Marginal note: About A.U.C. 610 (143 BC).

5 Marginal note: About the year 695 (58 BC). There are considerable errors in Henry's dating in these notes.

6 Marginal note: About the year 697 (56 BC).

7 I.e. the smallest division of weight, the 24th part of an ounce.

8 Pliny, *N.H.*, XXXIII, 3, 13, 42–7 (Teubner, 1897).

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miserè vexatâ at afflictâ, lego. Cohors Nassoviae Comitibus frequens, adest.

**23** Patini Introduccionem ad Historiam Numismatum lego. Cum DD. Eyton, Lloyd et Butts viro Terras praesertim Boreales peragrato meliusculè et diuscule vini altè rubri ad Tauri nigri consumtum.

**24** E Vino intempestivo et impuro dolor, socordia, nata. Cohors ista Nassoviae procedit, Brandeburgensis Succedit. De pugnâ in portu Dublinij die 18 habitâ acri sed brevi (Rege Jacobo populoque perterritio in arenis, circùm Spectante) habitâ et Navi 18 Tormentis instructâ, exindè captâ et detractâ, Refert D. Wright, Vectoriae ac modò speculatoriae Navarchus, Rei gestae socius.

**25** In Patini Introductione pergo. E. puleston Q.F.F.que S.<sup>a</sup> domi Uxorem primò ducit.

**26** Varijs distentus Negotijs, in patini Introductione serpo. A die istâ Annos VII Chapel Kold juxta Dublinium e Lydiâ meâ dulcissimâ & amantissimâ (qui X<sup>o</sup> Maij post venientis denatus erat) mihi natus.

<sup>b</sup> de Lege Abjurationis Regis Jacobi sceleratissimâ in Senatum Domi inferioris inferendâ et Rogandâ Referunt et territant, publicae Relationes.

Literas T. Barton de D. Comite Derbiae Hospitio et penatibus cum Rex advenerit, excipiendo, Recipio.

**27** In Scotti Vitam Christianam pergo Legendo, Lactantium aggredior.

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patinus

Pompeius primò effigiem insculpere in Nummis Jure obtinuit. Julius Senatus consulto. posterio Imperatores usurpârunt.

Erant Numismata Impp. prima puro Argento. Tiberius primo adulterina conflavit, quod crevit Vitium usque ad Dioclesiani tempora, quibus sua puritas Monetis reddita, pondere tamen et magnitudine diminutis.

Numismata aerea omnium ut antiquissima, ita Veneratione dignissima.

a Sc. Qui Faelix, Faustus, Fortunatusque Sit.

b Figure 2 (abortive new date) in margin.

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The Count of Nassau's<sup>1</sup> numerous regiment is here.

**23** I read Patinus's *Introduction to the History of Coins*. With Messrs. Eyton, Lloyd and Butts, a man who has travelled the northern lands particularly, consume pretty well and for some little while of deep red wine at the Black Bull.

**24** Distress and sloth produced by the untimely and impure wine. That Nassau regiment marches out, one of Brandenburg takes its place. Mr. Wright, Captain of a transport and now a brigantine and a partaker in the action, tells of a keen but short battle that took place in Dublin harbour on the 18th (with King James and the terrified people watching round about on the shore) and of a ship equipped with 18 cannon captured and taken away afterwards.

**25** I progress in Patinus's *Introduction*. E. Puleston (may he be lucky, favoured and fortunate) brings his wife home for the first time.

**26** Stretched with various business, I creep in Patinus's *Introduction*. On this day 7 years ago at Chapel Kold by Dublin I had by my sweetest and most loving Lydia a son (who perished on the 10th of May following). The newspapers report and alarm concerning a most wicked law of the Abjuration of King James being introduced and moved in the House of Commons.<sup>2</sup> I receive a letter of T. Barton about the Lord Earl of Derby to be received with hospitality at home when the King arrives.

**27** I progress in reading Scott's *Christian Life*, and start on Lactantius.

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Patinus

Pompey first obtained the right to engrave his effigy on coins, Julius [Caesar] by decree of the Senate. Later Emperors usurped it.

Imperial coinage was at first of pure silver. Tiberius first added base metal, and this fault increased to the time of Diocletian, when their purity was returned to the coins, though they were diminished in weight and size.

The copper coins of them all were just like the oldest, thus they are most worthy of veneration.

1 Henry Nassau, Count and Lord of Auverquerque, 1641–1708, one of King William's close companions, captain of his bodyguard, appointed Master of the Horse, Feb. 1689. See *DNB*, XL, p. 119.

2 A 'Bill for an Oath of Abjuration of the late King James, for all Persons in any Employment or Trust, Ecclesiastical, Civil, or Military, to take': 1st reading in the Commons unopposed 25 April; 2nd reading 26 April, Yeas 178, Noes 192; 'and the Question being put that the Bill be rejected', Yeas 192, Noes 165. See *CJ*, X, p. 390f.

Sunt qui primum aeris signati Autorem Janum tradunt in alterâ parte facie bicipiti, alterâ, ponte Coronâ vel Navigio. Athenaeus. Macrobius.

Et Ovidius, in Fast. l. l.

At bona posteritas puppim signavit in aere

Hospitis adventum testificata sui

Ex aere Minimo, medio, magno & maximo Numismata erant facta.

Minimus

Stupenda eorum vis superest ex minimo aere quae<sup>a</sup> a Temporibus ulteriorum Imperatorum a posthumô scilicet ad Heraclium cusa erat. ut existimandum est auro Argentoque diutius adversus Gothos, aliasque Gentes Barbaras, bellis exhausto, minutiores facti sunt necessarij.

Medius

Quae ex aere medio sunt, potiore prae alijs, curiosae mentis operam occupant, sive Numina, sive Typos sive Inscriptiones sive Colonias ex aversa parte intueri lubeat, cum potiora visa sunt

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**28** E Nocte insomni et febricitanti inquiete vexatâ, malè me habeo. Haustâ Brunvicensi Cerevisiâ in Agros proripio, ubi in patino pergo, convalesco, et de Equo meo spes Redit et animus. Literae publicae Animo dubio et suspenso expectatae, afferunt Legem istam Abjurationis in senatu inferiori, die xxv<sup>a</sup>. currentis, bis rogatam fuisse et (Nemine contradicente) conclamata, die vero posterâ denuo propositam, Senatum indè in acerrimas descensum disceptationes, certatum, et post Rem maximi momenti, gravitèr malignè, summoperè tractatam et ventilatam, Legem istam L suffragijs redundantibus, Faelicitèr rejectam prorsùs et damnatam; Et propter Rem tantam tam faelicitèr gestam συγχαίρειν placuit, proût erat necesse.

**29** In patino pergo. Iter in Agrum Lanc. intendo non facio. De Lege istâ Abjurationis intentatâ & rejectâ, Summum inter probos Gaudium.

a quae interlineated.

There are some who maintain that the first originator of stamped copper was Janus, on one side with a two-headed face, on the other a bridge, garland or sailing vessel. Athenaeus.<sup>1</sup> Macrobius.<sup>2</sup> And Ovid, in *Fasti* Bk.1.

But good posterity stamped a ship on the copper

Testifying to the arrival of its guest.<sup>3</sup>

There were small, medium, large and very large coins made of copper.

#### Very Little

A stupendous quantity survives of the very small copper, which had been struck from the times of the later Emperors, that is from Posthumus to Heraclius. As is to be supposed since gold and silver had been used up for rather a long time by wars against the Goths and other barbarous tribes they were necessarily made smaller.<sup>4</sup>

#### Medium

Those which are of medium copper demand greater attention than others from the curious mind, whether it may please him to look on deities, or figures, or inscriptions or colonies on the back, since those are more readily seen which

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28 I am ill from a sleepless and feverish night restlessly troubled. I drink \*Brunswick\* ale and tear out into the fields, where I progress in Patinus, recover, and from my horse hope and spirit return. The newspapers, which had been awaited in doubt and suspense, report that that Bill of Abjuration had received its first and second readings in the House of Commons on the 25th of this month and was acclaimed unopposed, but the next day when it was put again the House thereupon descended into very sharp debate, it was opposed, and after this matter of the highest moment had been handled and ventilated gravely, spitefully and mightily, that bill was happily rejected outright and condemned by a majority of 50;<sup>5</sup> and on account of such a great matter so happily accomplished it was a pleasure to rejoice, just as was necessary.

29 I progress in Patinus. I intend but do not make a journey into Lancashire. There is the greatest joy among the upright<sup>6</sup> at the rejection of that threatened Bill of Abjuration.

1 Athenaeus, *Dipnosophistae*, XV, 692, d-e (Teubner 1890, p. 532).

2 Macrobius, *Saturnalia*, I, vii, 22.

3 Ovid, *Fasti*, I, 239-40. The text copied here varies both from modern and from the Elzevir (1629) & Hackius (1670) editions.

4 Cf. Patinus, Ch. XVI, pp. 113-19.

5 See above, 26 Apr., with note *ad. loc.* This account varies in some details from that in *CJ*.

6 Henry here uses *probos* in a rather political sense, as Cicero frequently uses *boni*.

**30** Rus Nativum contendo, Warrington parùm intermissum. D. Wilson, apud Middleton juxta Vinviciam, lapsu ab Equo dolentem, viso. Imbrium magna vis est terris gratissima. Ad Gateley Lane circiter h. VIII<sup>am</sup>. ventum.

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quae Magistratibus offerrentur quam minora aut majora.

Talia ab Egyptijs, Syris, Asianis, Graecis, Macedonibus, Hispanis, Gallis, Insularibusque percusa, quibus usui communi màgis idoneis,<sup>a</sup> tot gentes mirificè conspirarunt.

Originem edocent Religionum. Heröas, Legislatores et Imperatores exprimunt, Civitatumque Historiam, Conditores, antiquitatem exhibent.<sup>b</sup>

Magnus

Quicquid verò de Majestate Imperij Romani Nummis antiquis inscriptum et ad nostra Tempora deductum exhibebunt procùl dubio Æris Magni Numismata, quae magnitudine suâ quicquid ingenium humanum elegantiae & ornatûs comminisci valuit, admittunt, Artificibus omnes ingenij et industriae suae, vires, in comptam et exquisitam sculpturam earundem impendentibus. S.P.Q.R. signum et Characterem suum S.C. apposuit non tantùm ut de genuino pretio et materiae praestantiâ, sed et praecipuè de impressis figuris, Nummique autoritate constaret. Et sanè praeterquam quod in his Facies Imperatorum, ad vivum Videntur expressa, multò nobiliùs quam in alijs magnitudinis et metalli Nummis, alia enì et Sublimior in ijs quam in alijs apparet Historiae ratio.

Provinciae, Imperatores Monetis hisce et similibus Characteribus signatis, excipiebant, videlicet Adventui

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Maij

**1** D.O.M. Hominum Rerumque Creator, Conservator concedat fausta feliciaque! Summo isto Numine precibus venerato publicis, Ayrfeild contendo pedes. hic, pecoribus in praedia recipiendis diem ducimus, Lodovico Shaw IX<sup>s</sup> pro fossâ sepique, in rationes putandos, Solvo. praedia lustro, culturam curo.

**2** Nuntium Wigan, cum Literis expedio. pransi iterum in Rem Rusticam descensum. Hydromolam collabentem lustro, quam magis in animo, quàm in

a altered from *idonea*.

b *exprimunt* first written struck through, *exhibent* interlineated.

30 I hurry to my native country, with a little break at Warrington. I visit Mr. Wilson at Middleton by Winwick, aching from a fall from his horse. There is a great abundance of showers most welcome to the land. Came to Gateley Lane about 8 o'clock.

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were presented to magistrates than smaller or larger ones.

Such were struck by Egyptians, Syrians, Asians, Greeks, Macedonians, Spaniards, Gauls, and Islanders, so many nations were wonderfully united in what was more suitable for common use.

They teach the origin of religion. They portray heroes, legislators, emperors, and exhibit the history, founders and antiquity of states.<sup>1</sup>

Large

But whatever of the majesty of the Roman Empire has been inscribed on ancient coins and brought down to our times, without doubt the large copper coins will exhibit, which by their size allow whatever of elegance and ornament human ingenuity has had the ability to devise, by arts which direct all the strength of their talent and industry into their neat and exquisite engraving. The Roman Senate and People affixed its sign and character S.C. so that there might be agreement not just concerning the genuine value and excellence of the material, but also especially about the impressed figures and the authority of the coinage. And indeed besides the fact that in these the faces of emperors are seen expressed to the life much more nobly than in coins of another size or metal, the roll of History appears truly different and more sublime in them than in others. Provinces would welcome emperors with coinage stamped with these and similar characters, that is to say for the arrival of Augustus

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**MAY 1** May God the best and greatest, creator and preserver of men and things grant favour and happiness! After that highest deity has been venerated in public prayers I set out on foot for Ayrfeild. Here we spend the day receiving herds onto the farms. I pay Lewis Shaw 9s. for a ditch and fence, to be reckoned in the accounts. I go round the lands and attend to the cultivation.

2 I send a messenger to Wigan with a letter. After lunch again get down to country business. I visit the collapsing water-mill, which I have more in mind than

1 Cf. Patinus, Ch. XVII, pp. 119–24.

loculis est reficere, Guil. Corles pro XV<sup>s</sup>. Arboretum suscipit eradicandum. Res molendinaria aegerrimè procedit, Gilberto Holme concredita.

3 Shaw Allanson Rationes Molae componit, solvit II<sup>l</sup> pro III<sup>l</sup> dat symbolam. circa horam IX iter incipio. Vinviciae cum D<sup>o</sup>. Crane cessatum, hic ad Horam IV<sup>am</sup> usque Amicitiae veteri libando diem traducimus. Cestriae dein contendo, Circa Solem occidentem, adventum.

4 A taedio itineris defessus, do me Requiei.

5 Foras proreptum. Ad D. partington, nostras bellè pransa. Literae<sup>a</sup> publicae nil boni apportant. Subscriptionem scilicet in domo superiori de patria, Rege & Regina contra Regem Jacobum propugnandis, defendendis, motam vehementer & rogatam, Statum & salutem Regni, altiùs & acriùs

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Augusti: Restitutori Orbis Terrarum: Locupletatori Orbis Terrarum &c. Illud insùper habent peculiare magni aeris Numismata quod Serie continuâ exhibent Imperatorum omnium plerarumque Augustarum, principum & Heröum effigies.

Maximus

Gloria Numismatum tota Remansit illibata in Maximo modulo, cum caetera continuo attritu, ex usu Monetae desiderato, integritatis partem, immo saepè eam totam, amittebant. Haec, non Venerunt in Monetarum usum, nec nisi ad Magnatum & principum delectationem cusa, pretium ijs praecipuè faciunt, Elegantia, Historia Moles, Raritas.

[*Opposite entry for 7 May*]

Vereor ne supremus antè me dies occupet quam universam<sup>b</sup> disciplinam Ruris, possim cognoscere. Colum.

Maius a Majoribus,

Junius a Junioribus, nominatus.

Ovid. Hinc sua Majores tribuerunt Nomina Maio

Junius a Juvenum Nomine dictus adest.

a *Literae* interlineated.

b *universam* interlineated.



in my coffers to repair. William Corles undertakes the eradication of the arboretum for 15s. The business of the mill, entrusted to Gilbert Holme, is progressing with very great difficulty.

3 Shaw Allanson draws up accounts of the mill, he pays £2, gives a token for £3. About 9 o'clock I start my journey. Stopped at Winwick with Mr. Crane; here we spend the day up to 4 o'clock in libation to old friendship. Then I set off for Chester, arrived about sunset.

4 Worn out by the tedium of the journey, I give myself to rest.

5 Rushed out of doors. Our family is finely lunched at Mr. Partington's. The newspapers bring nothing good. That is to say that in the House of Lords a bill<sup>1</sup> has been vehemently moved and introduced about the protection and defence of the country, King and Queen against King James, that the state and safety of the realm has been deeply and keenly debated,

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'To the Restorer of the World'; 'To the Enricher of the World' etc. The large copper coins have moreover this peculiarity that in a continuous series they exhibit the effigies of all the emperors, most of the empresses, princes and heroes.<sup>2</sup>

Largest

The whole glory of coins has remained undiminished in the largest size, since the rest used to lose part of their integrity, indeed often all of it, by continual wear, from the welcome use of coinage. These did not come into monetary use, and were not struck except for the pleasure of magnates and princes; their elegance, history, mass and rarity give them special value.<sup>3</sup>

I fear that my last day will take me before I can understand the whole subject of the country. Columella.<sup>4</sup>

May named from the elders, June from the juniors.

Ovid: Hence the elders gave their name to May;

June, called by the name of the younger ones, is here.<sup>5</sup>

1 *An Act for the Better Securing Their Now Majesties King William & Queen Mary, and the Peace of the Kingdom, Against the Attempts of the Late King James and his Adherents to Disturb the Same*, second reading in the Lords 2 May 1690. See *LJ*, XIV, pp. 483ff., *CJ*, X, pp. 401ff.

2 Cf. Patinus, Ch. XVIII, pp. 125–32.

3 Cf. Patinus, Ch. XIX, pp. 133–9.

4 *De Re Rustica*, I, Praef., 21. See Feb. 15 above, with note *ad loc.*

5 This note, deriving from Ovid, *Fasti*, I, 41; V, 73 & 78, appears to have been copied from Polydore Vergil, *op.cit.*, II, Ch.4, p.107.

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agitata. Senatum utriusque domûs in summas altercationes, deventum, de salute denique Reipublicae consilijs quaesitâ, divisio ijs, maxime, periclitatum, <sup>a</sup> Rem undique bellicosam aut malè aut minimè Successam, Senatum (seu ordines) Scotiae, presbyterismum Lege Rogatâ, et sceptro (uti moris scotici) tactâ, Stabilisse Supremam in Rebus Ecclesiasticis auctoritatem in presbyterismo Residere, Ministros istos in Annis 1661 et 1662 lege latâ depulsos Suis Ecclesijs, Restituendos<sup>b</sup> et reponendos esse, peraequè constituisse.

6 DD. parr et Holmes scribo. Ego et Susanna mea in Rus et Caelum purum Cambricum, Evolamus. Rexamiae ad D. Eyton pransum. Eyton ventum, bellè lautèque excepti.

7 Lectum, deambulatum. D<sup>i</sup>. Eyton (qui in disciplinâ Ruris antiquissimâ nobilissimâque diù, peritè & gnavitè versatus est et expertus) Sata lustrò. Ulmis, Salictis, Vitibus, herbis, generis cujuscumque jucundi et utilis obsita Miror. aemulor, imitari det Deus! vesperi cymbâ sudatum Remigendo et Recreatum. Locus hic Naturae benignitate multiplici et bellâ, beatus, caelo, aquâ et terrâ faelix, et Animo et oculis Epulas exhibet deliciasque.

8 Diluculo Cestriae Ego contendo. Curia habita et altercationes immodicae. Episcopus cum Familiâ quod sibi B.F.Fque E.<sup>c</sup> accedit.<sup>d</sup> viso. Charlemont deditam esse dant Literae.

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Primus dies mensis Calendae dictus est 'απὸ τοῦ καλῶ voco. etenim pontifex minor observabat quando nova Luna primùm appareret, quâ visâ, id protinus Sacrificulo Regi nunciabat; et facto (ut moris erat) sacrificio, pontifex incipiebat vocare qui in agris essent, quo scirent Feriarum causas atque quid eo mense agerent. Ita calatâ, h.e.<sup>e</sup> Vocatâ, in Capitolium, plebe, pronunciabat, quot dies a Calendis ad Nonas superessent, unde Nonae ipsae dictae, quia semper dies IX<sup>m</sup>, a Nonis ad initium Iduum intersunt. Idus autem circa medium mensem ponebant, idque verbum ab Hetruscis sumpserant, quorum linguâ Iduare dividere est. Igitur

a *il.]* first written struck out before *Rem*.

b Corrected from *restituendis*.

c *Sc. Bene, Fauste, Faeliciterque Eveniat*.

d Corrected from *accedat*.

e *Sc. hoc est*.

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that both houses of Parliament came to the utmost dispute, in short the safety of the state which was the object of their counsels was very greatly endangered<sup>1</sup> by their divisions; all round the business of war had turned out badly or was very unsuccessful; that the parliament (or orders) of Scotland had established presbyterianism by a law that had been passed and by the fact that the sceptre had (in accordance with Scottish custom) been touched, and that the supreme authority in ecclesiastical matters resides in presbyterianism; and that it had very justly decided that those ministers ejected from their Churches by the law passed in 1661 and 1662 should be restored and reinstated.

6 I write to Messrs. Parr and Holmes. I and my Susanna fly off into the country and pure Welsh air. Lunched at Rexam<sup>2</sup> with Mr. Eyton. Came to Eyton, finely and lavishly entertained.

7 Read, walked about. I go round the crops of Mr. Eyton (who has long, skilfully and assiduously been involved and expert in the most ancient and noble discipline of the country). I wonder at them planted about with elms, willow-thickets, vines and herbs of every pleasant and useful kind. I envy, God grant to imitate! In the evening sweated and refreshed by rowing in the boat. This place blessed with the manifold and beautiful bounty of Nature, lucky in its sky, water and earth, exhibits feasts and delights to the mind and eyes.

8 At dawn I set off for Chester. Court held and excessive disputes. The Bishop arrives with his family, may it turn out well, favourably and happily for him. I visit [him]. The papers report that Charlemont has been surrendered.

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The first day of the month is called Calends from the Greek word *Kalo*, 'I call'. For indeed a lesser priest used to watch when the new moon first appeared, and when it had done so he would forthwith announce it to the high priest; and when sacrifice had (according to custom) been performed, the priest would begin to call those who were in the fields, so that they might know the reasons for festivals and what was allowed to be done that month. Thus when the people had been convoked, that is summoned to the Capitol, he would pronounce how many days there were between the Calends and the Nones, whence the *Nones* themselves were named, because there are always 9 days from the Nones to the beginning of the Ides. But they placed the *Ides* about the middle of the month, and had taken that word from the Etruscans, in whose language *Iduare* is to divide. Therefore they reckoned as follows, for

1 Cf. Augustus ap. Suetonius, *op. cit.*, III (Tiberius), xxi, 7.

2 Sic.

sic computabant, v. gr.<sup>a</sup> Ultimum diem mensis Decembris antecedentis mensis, notabant pridie Calendas Januarias, penultimum, tertio Calendas, atque sic alios suo ordine sursum versum, usque ad Idus: Nam mensibus IV, Martio, Maio, Julio & Octobri, Singulis, Senas dederunt Nonas, reliquis quaternas, Sic ut singulis quoque mensibus Idus octonas. Polyd. Verg. l.2.c.4.

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**9** Fornerij Res quotidianas lego. Polydorum Vergilium volvo.

**10** Cum philippo Bateman Raciones ad Calendas usque Maias compono. XXVIII<sup>s</sup> solvo. Dica contra D<sup>m</sup>. Newton Vicarium prestbury, dicta est. Literae publicae meliora et saniora afferunt. De Declaracione istâ ne γρύ quidem. Ruri vesperi Redeo, Eyton circa h. x<sup>am</sup> ventum.

**11** Familia quidem ampla et honesta Wrexham convenimus. Ecclesiam ex ordine procedimus, Frequens ad xii sumus. in eodem Sedili consedemus. Ad Havod y-wern inde itum, pransum unâ et liberè, hic pluvia gratâ detenti.

**12** Wrexham convolutum. D.O.M. veneratum. Nova aucupatum. Post ad Havod-y-wern Familia frequentissima eleganti & liberali accepta est prandio hospitioque. 'απλῶς, vultu hilari animoque invicem sumus. pransi Choros ducendo vel Rusticas agitando choreas diem fallimus et ad noctem producimus. Sub ulmo denique et Lucinâ Saluti D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens bibendo benedictum, diei et nocti valedictum Geniali.

**13** Wrexham iterum proreptum. D<sup>m</sup>. Eyton conventum, Havod-y-wern pransum. Cestriae circa solis occasum redeo.

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Visa est enim illa res digna Consultacione maxime propter periclitantium Numerum. Plinius ad Trajan. l.x.

example. The last day of the month of the preceding month of December they alluded to as the day before the Calends of January; the next to last, the third [before the] Calends; and so the others in their order upwards, up to the Ides. For to 4 months only, March, May, July & October, they gave six Nones each, to the rest four each; so as also to individual months eight Ides each. Polyd. Verg. II, 4.<sup>1</sup>

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9 I read Fornerius's *Everyday Matters*.<sup>2</sup> I turn over Polydore Vergil.

10 I make up accounts with Philip Bateman to the 1st May, pay 28s. A lawsuit is brought against Mr. Newton, Vicar of Prestbury. The newspapers bring better, saner things. About that declaration<sup>3</sup> not even a syllable. In the evening I return to the country, came to Eyton about 10 o'clock.

11 We come together to Wrexham an ample and honourable family indeed. We walk to Church in order, there are as many as 12 of us. We sit together in the same pew. Went from there to Havod-y-wern, lunched together liberally. Kept here by welcome rain.

12 Flew together to Wrexham. Worshipped God the best and greatest. Waited for news. After at Havod-y-wern the very numerous family is received with elegant and liberal lunch and hospitality. We are simply among one another with cheerful countenance and spirit. After lunch we beguile the day and prolong it to night in dancing or country dancing. Finally under an elm and Lucina<sup>4</sup> by drinking to Mrs. Stephens' health blessed the day and said farewell to genial<sup>5</sup> night.

13 Rushed off again to Wrexham. Met Mr. Eyton. Lunched at Havod-y-wern. I return to Chester about sunset.

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For that matter seemed worthy of consultation especially on account of the number of people brought to trial. Pliny to Trajan, Bk. X.<sup>6</sup>

1 Polydore Vergil, *op.cit.*, II, 4, p.109.

2 Radulphus Fornerius, *Rerum Quotidianarum Libri ...*: commentaries on very miscellaneous matters (mainly legal, literary and customary) published in two separate volumes, Paris, 1600 & 1605.

3 This declaration was part of the Bill referred to above, 5 May, and was agreed in the House of Lords on 8 May. See *LJ*, XIV, p. 489.

4 Goddess of childbirth, or time of birth.

5 Sc. 'night of birth'.

6 Pliny the Younger, *Epistulae*, X, xcvi, 9. [The famous letter in which Pliny refers to Christians].

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**14** D<sup>o</sup>. parre de Citacione Whitmore scribo, 17<sup>s</sup>:3<sup>d</sup> imputo. Ad D<sup>am</sup>. Hurleston, invitata pransa est nostras. Res Apparitoris Generalis coram Episcopo ventilata, agitata. Guy ita se paravit, ut de Jure suo spes nulla erat reliqua. Deinceps Jurisdictio Decani Ruralis navitèr disceptata. hic D. Wait immodestè quidem et impudènter Cancellarium versus, se praestat. hodie deditum<sup>a</sup> est Charlemont.

**15** Juridicus est. D. Newton Causa acta est. cujus Constitutio in Juramento isto suscepto vel non suscepto existit. Res quidem magna est et primaria, Episcopus ideo de eâ, amplius deliberandum esse censuit. Emolumenta officij Apparitoris mihi judicanda promisit Episcopus. Ego vitandi Rationes prolixas ergo ultra impensas, V<sup>l</sup> spondeo. Ludificatur Guy, homo nequam et effrons. Literas D. pope Recipio, quae mihi aliquid ingrati concenturiare suspicor.

**16** Iter et Rem bonis aggrediemur Avibus! D<sup>o</sup>. Guy Solvo in plenum V<sup>l</sup>, apocham dat. mutuos do Chapman L<sup>s</sup>. Frodsham ventum ubi Res. <sup>b</sup> hic D<sup>s</sup>. H. dum Witter Vice Chiliarcham laesae in Regem Fidei<sup>c</sup> et improbitatis Summae, incusat gravitèr; consimili, Soceri sui, sceleris incautus est index. Trajicendo Runcorn moram trahimus, inde Ormskirk devij contendimus. circa h. x. venimus.

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Agonalia sive Agonia erant.

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**17** Modica Res est et huic Regioni impar, numero <sup>b</sup> sunt. D<sup>m</sup>. Norris Virum reverendum doctrinâ, fide, moribus Venerandum amicitia antiquâ, in pretio habendum, ut Nobiscum prandium sumat, scriptis<sup>d</sup> oro, adest benevolus. Sam<sup>li</sup> prescott X<sup>l</sup>. mutuas do. Equarum permutacionem illi et P. Winstanley permitto.

**18** Ægrè valeo. Ecclesiam adeo. Ædem D<sup>ni</sup>. Dod perlustro elegantem, commodissimè fabricatam. Combibones honestissimi ad Richardum Woods me concomitantur. hic ampullae aliquot epotae. de Equâ, equitando, tentamen facio, gressus magis quam forma, placet. Ad Gatley Lane vesperi ventum.

**19** Deo Sospitatori Graciae, Rectiùs valeo. Ayrfeild me confero. Ripam exundatione malè corruptam, Solide,<sup>e</sup> firmiter, concinnèque Radicibus Arborum

a Altered from *dedita*. [Place-names were usually treated as feminine].

b Space left here, presumably for a number.

c Altered from *fidem*.

d Corrected from *sp*....

e There is what appears to be a mark of contraction over the *e*.

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**14** I write to Mr. Parre about the Whitmore citation, I charge 17s:3d. Our family lunched by invitation at Mrs. Hurleston's. The matter of the Apparitor General ventilated and discussed with the Bishop. Guy prepared himself in such a way that because of his right no hope was left. Then the jurisdiction of a Rural Dean zealously debated. Here Mr. Wait presents himself immodestly indeed and impudently against the Chancellor. Today Charlemont was surrendered.

**15** It is court day. Mr. Newton's case is tried, of which the point in dispute is in that oath taken or not taken. It is indeed a great matter and of the first importance, therefore the Bishop deemed that it should be considered further. The Bishop promised that the emoluments of the office of Apparitor should be made over to me. For the sake of avoiding long accounts I pledge £5 beyond expenses. Guy, a good-for-nothing and barefaced man, is made a mockery of. I receive a letter of Mr. Pope, which I suspect is preparing something unwelcome for me.

**16** We shall begin the journey and the business with good omens! I pay Mr. Guy £5 in full, he gives a receipt. I lend Chapman 50s. Came to Frodsham where there are [?] cases. While Mr. H. gravely accuses Lt. Col. Witter of treason towards the King and the highest dishonesty, he is an incautious betrayer of a similar charge against his own father-in-law. We prolong a delay in crossing Runcorn, from there we hasten out of the way to Ormskirk. We arrive about 10 o'clock.

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20th May was the *Agonalia* or *Agonia*.<sup>1</sup>

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**17** Business is moderate and below par for this region, they are [?] in number. I write to ask Mr. Norris, a reverend man to be venerated for his learning, faith and morals, and to be valued for old friendship, to take lunch with us. He is kindly here. I lend Samuel Prescott £10. I permit him and P. Winstanley an exchange of mares.

**18** I am scarcely well. I go to Church. I go round Mr. Dod's elegant hall, most conveniently built. Very honourable pot companions accompany me to Richard Woods. Here several bottles are drunk. I make trial of a mare by riding her. Her gait is more pleasing than her appearance. Came to Gatley Lane in the evening.

**19** Thanks to God the deliverer I am rather more well. I take myself to Ayrfeild. I go round and approve the bank that had been badly damaged by a flood, solidly,

1 Cf. Ovid, *Fasti*, V, 721, and the Table in *ALL*, between cols. 1388 & 1393.

injectis, Stipitibusque cratitijs Refectam, septamque, lustrum, proboque. Wigan inde contendo. hic Negotij parum, <sup>a</sup> numero. Hic dies locusque Funerarius Lydiae meae dulcissimae, quae v Annos sepulta.

**20** Affines viso. Chorley progredimur, hic Negotij seges uberior. <sup>a</sup> expedita sunt. inter Compotores Cerevisiae satis. Johannes Taylor amicus sincerus de Re, sedilis cum D<sup>o</sup>. Latham agitandâ, sponte promissa Renovat, ac D<sup>m</sup>. Haydock ad partes suas accire spondet. Blackburn<sup>b</sup> circa h. VIII ventum.

**21** Dies supplicationis pro Copiarum Regiarum successu, celebrata est. Liberos D. Osbaldeston bonae spe sobolem saluto.<sup>c</sup> D<sup>s</sup>. Price more, comitate, Sententiâ mutatus, (quod mihi quidem dolendum) Hospes et amicus meus liberalis,

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vices Cancellarij solitas, Rogatus, difficillimè praestat. D<sup>s</sup>. White benignè mihi convenit. Res meliusculè procedit.

**22** D<sup>s</sup>. Bolton vir, mercimonijs faciendis, in vico Rustico Blackburn, re bonâ firmâque auctus, Ingenij Literis et Literatis, valdè addicti, in Re Literariâ acuminis admirandi,<sup>d</sup> memoriae tenacissimae, Salibus praesertim, sale humaniori conditis, Recitandis, faelix. hic ultra quaestûs sui Negotiatores amicâ proventus Minervâ, Nummis Literatis colligendis obitèr appulit Aнимum, quarum Academiae Oxoniensis Cimelio celeberrimo, aliquas, antehac dicavit, mihi hodie Septem donabat.<sup>e</sup> Choavâ, itineri amicissimâ, epotâ, Bolton procedimus. Meridie adventum. Res expectationem Superat. <sup>f</sup> sunt. Affines viso. Cerevisiae animosae, altô<sup>g</sup> et tenaci Lari<sup>h</sup> commissae, ad D<sup>m</sup>. Throp, sâtis sumpti Manchester pergimus. Ad Diversorium D<sup>m</sup>. Holt Reperimus. Hic Collegij sui et Musarum quondam delictum, patriae Suae, Maecenas et dulce decus, popinas habitando, potitando, sorbillando, fumitando, dies noctesque miserè inter sordidissimos et sordidatissimos Compotores, generis humani Faeces, consumendo (proh dolor!) qualem Se praestitit Hominem!

**23** Hic Batavorum Draconariorum turmâ<sup>i</sup> est. Nova aucupor incerta. In Bibliothecâ horas aliquot colloco. Amicos circueo. Expedimus <sup>j</sup>

a Space left here, presumably for a number.

b A first written, altered to *Blackburn*.

c *viso* first written struck through, *saluto* next written instead.

d *faelicitis*, first written struck through, *admirandi*, next written instead.

e Apparently altered from *donavit*.

f Space left here presumably for a number.

g Altered from *alte*.

h Altered from *Lare*.

i *Sic* (accent misplaced).

j Remainder of line blank, perhaps intended for number.



firmly and suitably repaired with roots of trees inserted, and fenced with wattled posts. From there I hasten to Wigan. Here little business, [?] in number. This is the day and place of the funeral of my sweetest Lydia, who has been buried 5 years.

20 I visit relatives. We progress to Chorley, here a more fruitful crop of business. [?] are cleared. Among fellow-drinkers enough ale. John Taylor, a sincere friend, willingly renews his promises about the matter of a pew to be discussed with Mr. Latham, and pledges to summon Mr. Haydock to his assistance. Came to Blackburn about 8 o'clock.

21 A day of intercession for the success of the Royal forces is celebrated. I greet the children of Mr. Osbaldeston, offspring of good hope. Mr. Price, by custom and kindness my host and generous friend, but having changed his opinion (of which I was sorry indeed)

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with the greatest difficulty fulfils as requested the accustomed office of the Chancellor. Mr. White kindly meets me. Business proceeds pretty well.

22 Mr. Bolton, a man furnished with a good and steady fortune by manufacturing merchandise<sup>1</sup> in the country district of Blackburn, of character very much devoted to letters and the learned, of admirable acuteness in literary matters, of most tenacious memory, happy in telling jokes, particularly those founded in more refined wit, having advanced under a friendly Minerva beyond the tradesmen of his business, applied his mind to the incidental collection of inscribed coins, some of which he has previously dedicated to the very famous treasury of Oxford University; today he gave me seven. After drinking coffee, most welcome for the journey, we set out for Bolton. Arrived at midday. The business exceeds expectation, there are [?]. I visit relations. When we have consumed sufficient spirited ale, that had been in the protection of a deep and tenacious *Lar*,<sup>2</sup> at Mr. Throp's, we proceed to Manchester. At the inn we find Mr. Holt. This man, once the delight of his college and the muses, the Maecenas<sup>3</sup> and pleasant adornment of his country, by inhabiting cook-shops, by tippling, by sipping, by smoking, by wretchedly spending his days and nights among the meanest and shabbiest pot-companions, the dregs of the human race (alas the grief!) what a man he has shown himself to be.

23 There is a troop of Batavian Dragoons here. I await uncertain news. I employ several hours in the Library.<sup>4</sup> I go round my friends. We clear [?].<sup>5</sup>

1 Or 'by trading'.

2 I.e. tutelary deity.

3 I.e. literary patron.

4 See above, 13 Jan. 1690.

5 Or 'We make preparations', or 'We settle up'.

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IIX C. Junij

Consecratio aedis Fortunae publicae.

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**24** Manè depluit. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Gardianum Choavâ sumtâ progredimur. Macclesfeld circa XII ventum. hic Draconariorum turma altera. bene succedit res <sup>a</sup> sunt. ab occupationibus Bibendo relaxatum.

**25** proripio me diluculò, Holford, per imbres de viâ furentes, tenebricantes contendo circa IX advenio. D<sup>s</sup>. Cholmly' domi abest, dolet. Requiei me do fessus. Circa h. iii. D<sup>s</sup>. Wood & Ego Joannae W. Evolamus. Hic Aniculae festivae ingenium Nobis dat Comoediam.

**26** Malè quidèm sanus, Midlew<sup>ch</sup>. contendo. (Ad D<sup>m</sup>. P. Yates de via prandium et cerevisiam nobilissimam sumo) Ventum circa ii. In locis desperatis Fortuna perpetua est bona. <sup>a</sup> Sunt. per viam lutosam Nampt<sup>wch</sup> colluctatum, collapsum, Sole labente accessum.

**27** Tertia Satellitum Equitum Regionum cohors egregia adest, vicus completus. Res prospere exit. <sup>a</sup> Ad D<sup>m</sup>. String<sup>r</sup>. vesperi, Cerevisiâ generosâ et Hospitio liberali nos excipit. De Rebus suis verò privatis et praesertim de Testamento suo condito, ambit admodum et fastidioso nimis loquendi genere aures<sup>b</sup> nostras delassat. ad D<sup>m</sup>. Bullen pharmacop. pernocto.

**28** A satellitibus impeditis, circa h. x<sup>am</sup> pergimus circa xii Malpas ventum. Hic Res in Uno desinit. Rectores Viso et de viâ D<sup>m</sup>. Dod de Edge. Sole descendente domi, D.O.M.G, salvus Redeo, Huic inquam omnium Bonorum Largitori, benè et ex sententiâ iter Successisse et actae et habitae Gratiae, purae, piae, sinceræ

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Cal. Junijs aedes Junoni Monetae dedicata,

a Space left here, presumably for a number.

b Altered from *a[.]e*.

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25th May: Consecration of the Temple of Public Fortune<sup>1</sup>

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**24** In the morning it rains. After taking coffee at Mr. Warden's we set out. Came to Macclesfield about 12. Here another troop of Dragoons. Business turns out well. There are [space]. Relaxed from employments in drinking.

**25** I rush out at dawn, to Holford, and hasten through furious darkening showers on the way. I arrive about 9. Mr. Cholmly is away from home, I am sorry. Tired, I give myself to rest. About 3 o'clock Mr. Wood and I fly off to Joan W[arburton]. Here the little old woman's cheerful spirit gives us comedy.

**26** Unwell indeed, I set out for Middlewich. (On the way I take lunch and very noble ale with Mr. P. Yates). Came about 2. In hopeless situations Fortune is perpetually good. There are [?]. Struggled, stumbled by a muddy way to Namptwich, arrived at sunset.

**27** A third outstanding troop of Royal Horse Guards is here, the village is full. Business turns out successfully. [Space] At Mr. Stringer's in the evening, he entertains us with excellent ale and generous hospitality, but he goes on excessively about his private affairs and particularly the will he has made, and wearies our ears with his too fastidious way of speaking. I stay overnight with Mr. Bullen the apothecary.<sup>2</sup>

**28** Hindered by the Guards we go on about 10 o'clock, reach Malpas about 12. Here business stops in one. I visit the Rectors and on the way Mr. Dod of Edge. As the sun is setting I return safe home, thanks to God the best and greatest: to Him the giver of all good things I say that the journey has succeeded well and according to purpose, and pure, pious, sincere thanks are given and felt.

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[Opposite the entry for 1 June]

1 June: A temple was dedicated to Juno Moneta.<sup>3</sup>

1 Cf. Ovid, *Fasti*, VI, 569ff.

2 See above, 14 April 1690, and below, 9 July 1690.

3 The temple at Rome in which money was coined. See Ovid, *Fasti*, VI, 183–4, and the Table in *ALL*, between cols. 1388 & 1393.

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29 D<sup>s</sup>. F. Eyton et K. puleston ad Nos prandent post vinum vappum ad Fontis ad Nauseam penè potum.

30 Tertia Equestris praesidij Regij cohors, nobilissimis instructa equis adest. Stomacho de vappo hesterno laboro; iterum ad Nos per Affines pransum. post Ad Ursi Cerevisiae Brundsvicensis satis epotum. Comes serenissimus Solmes, cum Agmine quadrato Caerulei pedestris praesidij, circa 900 constanti, accedit.

31 D<sup>o</sup>. Middleton de pecunijs ex Diplomatibus secundo loco emissis colligendis scribo. Turma Batavorum adest Equitum. Urbs completa militibus. Lidiae meae charissimae species mihi in somnis objecta.

Junij

1 Prosperè evadat! De Regis Adventu Sermo passim et expectatio. D<sup>a</sup>. parsons ad Nos pransa, Illa D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens &c Episcopum visunt, accipit urbanitèr

2 Obambulo. D<sup>o</sup>. Pope scribo, V<sup>i</sup> Nomine Israel Feilding Solvo. Equites Batavi progrediuntur. Turma altera circa 200 intrat et Agmen ejusdem numeri cum priori isto quadratum.

3 Agmen alterum ad Rood Eye in Castris lustrò. Raciones Hibernico-protestantium computo. Raciones cum D<sup>o</sup>. Ince perputo XX<sup>li</sup>. VI<sup>d</sup> solvo. Cum Illo & D<sup>o</sup>. Barker, Carrorum praefecto ad Lupini Capitis sum

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4 D<sup>o</sup>. Hulme Ebor. de xxxi<sup>li</sup> mediante D<sup>o</sup>. Callis Sibi in Eboraco solvendis,<sup>a</sup> do Literas. D<sup>o</sup>. Firmin Literas dant Comissionarij. Agmen pedestre item equestre Batavum numero circa 2000 procedunt, carri et vis magna Apparatus Bellici. Rex expeditionem incipit Northampton venit ibi pernoctat. i<sup>a</sup>. Cohors Equester Satellitum adest.

5 De deficientibus Hibernicis, de successibus Exercitûs Anglici varij volvuntur Rumores. Ductores Solms et Scravenmore Rei Bellicae promovendo Strenuè et toto incumbunt Animo. Rex Lichfeild Venit.

6 Cohors prima procedit. Principem Daniae Summa expectatione et Episcopus et Cives praestolantur. spem fallit. Rhedae infortunium officit itineri. Christleton & D[omin]am<sup>b</sup> Bellot pernoctat. Rex Cumbermere pervenit.

a Corrected from *solvendas*.

b MS *Dam'*.

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**29** Mr. F. Eyton and K. Puleston lunch with us. After drank vapid wine at the Fountain almost *ad nauseam*.

**30** The third troop of Royal Horse Guards is here equipped with very noble horses. I am troubled with my stomach from yesterday's vapid wine. Our relatives lunched with us again. After, at the Bear, drank enough Brunswick ale. His Highness Count Solmes arrives with a column of the Blue Infantry Guards in battle order, consisting of about 900.<sup>1</sup>

**31** I write to Mr. Middleton about the money to be collected from the folders sent out in the second place. A troop of Batavian cavalry is here. The city is full of soldiers. The form of my dearest Lidia appears to me in my slumbers.

**JUNE 1** May it turn out prosperously! Conversation and expectation here and there of the King's arrival. Mrs. Parsons lunched with us. She, Mrs. Stephens etc. go to see the Bishop; he receives them courteously.

**2** I walk about, I write to Mr. Pope, I pay £5 in the name of Israel Feilding. The Batavian cavalry set out. A second troop, about 200, enters, and a column of the same number is formed up with that first one.

**3** I survey the second column at Rood Eye in camp. I reckon up accounts of the Irish-protestants. I settle accounts with Mr. Ince, I pay £20.0s.6d. I am at the Wolf's Head with him and Mr. Barker the superintendent of the waggons.

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**4** I send a letter to Mr. Hulme at York about £31 to be paid to him in York by the mediation of Mr. Callis. The Commissioners send a letter to Mr. Firmin. An infantry column, also cavalry of Batavians, about 2000 in number, waggons and a great supply of war equipment go forward. The King begins the expedition, he reaches Northampton, there he stays the night. The 1st troop of Horse Guards is here.

**5** Various rumours are being circulated about the Irish failing, about successes of the English army. Commanders Solms and Scravenmore fall strenuously and wholeheartedly to the task of advancing the war effort. The King comes to Lichfield.

**6** The first company sets out. Both the Bishop and the Citizens await the Prince of Denmark with the highest expectation. He disappoints their hope. A misfortune of the carriage hinders his journey. He spends the night at Christleton & [Lady] Bellot's.<sup>2</sup> The King reaches Cumbermere.

<sup>1</sup> See above, 19 July 1689, with note *ad. loc.*

<sup>2</sup> A Sir John Bellot of Cheshire, descendant of Hugh Bellot 1542–96, Bishop of Chester, was created Baronet in 1663. See *DNB*, IV, p. 195.

7 Princeps Daniae Urbem curru transit citato insalutatus. plures Regiorum satellitum Equestrium accedunt. Regi regionem ingresso undique obviam itum est. Episcopus cum Cleri choro, Vice Comes Bruen cum primae Notae viris polititiae<sup>a</sup> huic novae addictis amicisque. Gens altera virorum honestissimis natorum locis honesti propositi, morum antiquorum et fidei tenax obstinate officium detrectant, absunt. Rex ad peel circa h. 2. venit, prandet. Dux Ormondiae mihi hospes est.

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8 Spectatores ab omni orâ convolant. Urbs completa. omnes adventum Regis importuno expectant vultu. Circa h. x<sup>am</sup>. advenit. Cives solenni more et oratione disertâ excipiunt. per plateas satellitibus stipatas, curiosis confertas, hic floribus illic glareâ sparsas, ad Ecclesiam Cathedralem tandem ventum. turba effraenata<sup>b</sup> Regem, claudunt, rapiunt, penè opprimunt. Nobiles a latere<sup>c</sup> Regis rejecti (tam immane turbae erat Studium et humanitas) vix se Recipiunt. Thronum Episcopale ascendit Rex. Ultra omnium expectationem praebet se spectaculum. Color Oris et ingenuus et genuinus, Oculorum acies et vigor, per totum, habitus et gestus, virum praestant valentem non athleticum, non bellicosum sed strenuum, non grandem sed gnavum non ingentem, sed magnum, et inter pia, quod supra est, non ignavum sed intentum, non aliud curantem, Sed celebrantem, non oscitantem sed compositum, non motorium sed bene moratum, decorum, gravem, pium. Episcopus vices Sacellani Augustani obit & concionatur. Missa Concione Gayton progreditur pransurus, inde Classem ad Hylake lustrat. Globi sequuntur. Rex gnavus vix e turbis evasit. legit, scribit, vix Somno, nunquam se otio dedit. Dux Ormondiae a Rege noctu Redit, intempestvâ<sup>d</sup> nocte caenatum.

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V. Id. Feriae erant Vestae.

a Sic for *politiae*.

b Accents deleted over the final a of *turba* and *effraenata*.

c Corrected from *laterre*.

d Sic, for *intempestiva*.

7 The Prince of Denmark passes through the city in speeding carriage, ungreeted. More of the Royal Horse Guards arrive. From all quarters people go to meet the King now that he has entered the region. The Bishop with a choir of clergy, Sheriff Bruen with men of the first note who are devoted friends of this new polity. The other kind of men born in most honourable degrees, of honourable intention, of old-fashioned morals and tenacious of their faith, obstinately withhold their courtesy and are absent. The King comes to Peel about 2 o'clock, he lunches. The Duke of Ormonde is my guest.

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8 Spectators fly in together from every direction. The city is full. All await the King's arrival with importunate<sup>1</sup> expression. He arrives about 10 o'clock. The citizens receive him with solemn usage and eloquent speech. Through streets thronged with guards and packed with sightseers, strewn here with flowers there with gravel, arrived at last at the Cathedral Church. The unrestrained crowd enclose, carry along and almost overwhelm the King. Nobles thrust from the King's side (so enormous was the crowd's eagerness and kindness) scarcely recover themselves. The King ascends the episcopal throne. Beyond everyone's expectation he shows himself a spectacle. The natural and genuine complexion of his face, the sharpness and vigour of his eyes, his overall deportment and posture, show a man healthy not athletic, not warlike but energetic, not tall but active, not huge but great, and during the service, what is more important, not slothful but intent, not with his mind elsewhere but celebrating, not half-asleep but composed, not bustling but well mannered, becoming, grave, pious. The Bishop undertakes the part of Royal Chaplain and preaches. When the sermon is over the King goes on to Gayton for lunch, from there he inspects the fleet at Hylake. Masses follow. The diligent King escapes with difficulty from the crowds, reads, writes, gave himself scarcely to sleep, never to ease. The Duke of Ormonde returns from the King by night, dined late at night.

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9th was the Festival of Vesta.<sup>2</sup>

1 The classical meaning of *importunus* is 'unmannerly, harsh, savage' and Henry may here mean 'unmannerly', but it is possible in the context that his choice of the word has been affected by 'the importunate woman' in the parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18, 1ff.).

2 See Ovid, *Fasti*, VI, 249ff, and the Table in *ALL*, between cols. 1388 & 1393.

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IV Id. Matralia celebrarentur.

III Id. Forti Fortunae & Concordiae aedes dedicatae.

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**9** Natalis hic mihi est. Annos xli. numero. D.O.M. det vitam novam, beatam, mores alios. Ventus Classem tenet in portu, Regem ad Gayton. D<sup>s</sup>. Cuffe mihi syngrapham nummariam pro L<sup>1</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. Pope solvendam dat mutuo. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. partington inter Affines pransum. Turmae plures accedunt.

**10** D<sup>o</sup>. Pope scribo, tesseram includo. Dux Ormondiae Laribus valedicit meis, Gayton contendit. Ego in equo insequor, claudio; Dies incalescit, via arenascit. Curiosus videndi Hylake pergo, comodissimum quidem portum, Naves circa 300, magnitudinis cujusque in anchoris sunt. littus vero circum planè inhospitabile. Hic inter lustrandum amicis fortè conventum. Vini & convictûs sordidi, in sordidâ casâ, consumtum. D<sup>a</sup>. Barker hospes satis sordidata est. Post ad D. Eaton juxta Caiam (uti dicunt) sive Navale, esum, potum Recreatum, Post Cestriae circa h. 8. reversum.

**11** Fessus Requiei me do. Amici ad Nos prandium Sumunt ferinamque. Turmae duo aliae et Nummi publici in Expeditionem designati, in tempore adveniunt Hylake festinanter contendunt. Circa h. X Rex Navem adscendit, Tormentarum sonitus, Rem undique tonitruunt.<sup>a</sup> bona & fausta precatum. Remittit ventus circa h. 3. Rex e portu vix evasus in Anchoris pernoctat.

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**12** Ventus adversus est sed mollis, Classem Regiam in anchoris tenet, non repellit. Summa aestas est. de VI Navibus Armatis Gallicis per Agmen Anglicanum Classicum interceptis, incertus nimis Rumor.

**13** Wrexham quo D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens altero praecessit die ad preces eo matutinas. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Lloyd pransum. post Controversia moderna inter D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum Raphensum [*sic*] ex una et D<sup>m</sup>. Kenric et memet ex altera, per horas aliquot ventilata est. Librum synodalem per Episcopum Overall scriptum D<sup>o</sup>. price mutuum commendo. Havod-y-wern, recedo.

**14** Wrexham reditum. de Classe secundo nactâ vento auditum. Eubulum epotum. Havod-y-wern iterum Reversum, somno recreatum. post Eyton D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens<sup>b</sup>

a Sonant first written struck through, *tonitruunt* next written instead.

b Corrected from *Sp.* . .



[Opposite the entry for 10 June]

10th The *Matralia* would be celebrated.<sup>1</sup>

11th Temple dedicated to Fors Fortuna and Concord.<sup>2</sup>

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9 This is my birthday, I am 41. May God the best and greatest grant a new blessed life, other morals. The wind keeps the fleet in harbour, the King at Gayton. Mr. Cuffe gives me a money bill for £50 to be paid to Mr. Pope as a loan. Lunched at Mr. Partington's amongst relations. More troops (of cavalry) arrive.

10 I write to Mr. Pope, I enclose the money token. The Duke of Ormonde says farewell to our home, hastens to Gayton. I follow on a lame horse. The day grows warm, the way turns to sand. Curious of seeing Hylake, a most convenient harbour indeed, I press on. About 300 ships of every size are at anchor, but the surrounding shore is plainly inhospitable. While observing here I happen to meet friends. Took wine & mean victuals in a mean cottage. Mrs. Barker our hostess is shabby enough. After, ate, drank and refreshed at Mr. Eaton's next to the Quay (as they call it) or dockyard. After, returned to Chester about 8 o'clock.

11 Tired, I give myself to rest. Friends take lunch and game with us. Two more troops (of cavalry) and public money designated for the expedition arrive in time, and hasten rapidly to Hylake. About 10 o'clock the King boards ship, the sounds of cannons thunder it on all sides. Prayed for good and favourable outcome. The wind slackens about 3 o'clock. The King spends the night at anchor, having scarcely got out of harbour.

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12 The wind, contrary but gentle, keeps the royal fleet at anchor but does not drive it back. It is the height of summer. There is a too uncertain rumour about 6 French warships intercepted by the English line.

13 I go to morning prayers at Wrexham where Mrs. Stephens preceded me the other day. Lunched at Mr. Lloyd's. After, the modern controversy is aired for several hours between the Lord Bishop of Raphoe on one side and Mr. Kenric and myself on the other. I entrust the Synodal Book written by Bishop Overall<sup>3</sup> to Mr. Price on loan. I retreat to Havod-y-wern.

14 Returned to Wrexham. Heard of the fleet gaining a favourable wind. Drank *eubulum*.<sup>4</sup> Returned again to Havod-y-wern; refreshed by sleep. After accompanied

1 Ovid, *id.*, 475ff.

2 *Ibid.*, 569ff, 637ff; Varro: *De Lingua Latina*, VI, 17.

3 Bishop Overall's *Convocation-Book* (referred to 11 & 15 Apr. above) was evidently very influential about this time; see Lathbury, *History of the Convocation*, pp. 336ff.

4 This may perhaps refer to Dwarf Elder or Walwort (*Sambucus Ebulus*), listed in Nicholas Culpeper's *Complete Herbal and English Physician Enlarged*, 1653, as *Ebulus*. (Elderflower wine?).

comitatum. loci Elegantia, amoenitas, gravitas, Faelicitas, locorum spectatrici et morum, eleganti, perplacet. per Arboreta in praedia deambulatum, in Fluvio domestico remigando Recreatum. caenâ eleganti et vultu ingenuo receptum. Hospitij summa esset, ni Domini liberalis carendum erat damni. nocte lucida, astris ornata et micante Reditum.

**15** Templum itum. Rheda D. Griffith Geffrijs in Strato prostrata est. Res quidem visu terribilis eventu innocua metum percutit et ademit. e Rheda subversâ primo evasis D<sup>s</sup>. furens, Tribulari qui in viâ stercorarium malè concinnasset) gravitèr minitans; ceteris partis surgit tandem Domina

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XVI. C. Julias. Orion oritur.

*[Opposite the entry for 17 June]*

XVII. Cal. Æqui et Volsci a posthumo fugati.

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mentis quidem immotae et constantis, corporis (Deo bono adjuvante) illaesi. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Lloyd prandium Vino praedatitio honestatum sumo. Vino et aestatis calore horret. D<sup>m</sup>. Jeffrijs vesperi visere itum, cerevisia et humanitate generosa, Receptum. Hic senex et capularis Senex, Fortunatae genitor prosapiae, jocos suos in circulo projicit, scyphos evacuat.

**16** D<sup>ae</sup>. Ar. Stephens Natalis (xxxiv est) saepiùs et faustiùs repetatur. Monile in formam cordis factum ingenio Susannae meae effictum, triplicis Amicitiae Emblema, Lydiae, Susannae et meae in uno coeuntis, Donum sive *ἔντιον*<sup>a</sup> trado illi de Nobis optime meritae. Ornata ornatum ornat. Ad Bryn-y funan pransum.

a Sic for *ἔντιον*.

Mrs. Stephens to Eyton. The elegance, pleasantness, dignity and felicity of the place is very pleasing to her as an elegant judge of places and fashions. Walked through the woodlands into the fields. Refreshed by rowing on the private river. Received with elegant dinner and genuine expression. It would have been the height of hospitality if the want of a generous master had not been felt a loss. Returned in a light night, bright and glittering with stars.

**15** Went to Church. Mr. Griffith Jeffreys' carriage is overturned on the street. This event, terrible to behold but harmless in the event, struck and then removed fear. From the overturned carriage first emerged the master in a rage, seriously threatening the local who had piled a filthy dung-heap on the road; when the rest have been brought out the mistress at last arises

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16 June Orion rises.<sup>1</sup>

[Opposite the entry for 17 June]

17 The Æqui & Volsci put to flight by Posthumus.<sup>1</sup>

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with mind unmoved indeed and steady, and body (by good God's help) uninjured. At Mr. Lloyd's I take a lunch honoured with wine taken as booty. He trembles with the wine and the heat of summer. In the evening went to visit Mr. Jeffreys; received with ale and generous kindness. This old man, even though he is old and near the grave,<sup>2</sup> the father of a wealthy stock, flings out his jests in the company, empties his cups.

**16** Mrs. Ar. Stephens' birthday (she is 34). Many happy returns! I give her a necklace<sup>3</sup> made at my Susanna's inspiration in the shape of a heart, an emblem of threefold friendship, Lydia's, Susanna's and mine joining in one, as a gift or present to one who has deserved the best of us: she who is adorned adorns the adornment. Lunched at Bryn-y funan. Afterwards at Mr. Lloyd's we consecrate

<sup>1</sup> See Ovid, *op.cit.*, VI, 717–24.

<sup>2</sup> The word *capularis* (destined for a bier) is used by Plautus, *Miles Gloriosus*, III, i, 33, a use referred to by Servius in his Commentary on Vergil, *Aeneid* VI, 222 and XI, 64. The word is also mentioned in Isidore, *Etymologiae*, XX, xi (in *ALL*, col.1322, line 58).

<sup>3</sup> Or 'collar'.

post ad D<sup>m</sup>. LLoyd vinum praedatitium, cerevisiam generosissimam, D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens Saluti libando, litamus. Genio et animo, vino florente<sup>a</sup>, hilarem producimus diem. De Rege Caricfergi die Saturni circa h: x. faelicitèr appulsum Nuncium certissimum est. Cestriae de appulso Regis, gaudio, et ignibus accensis perfusae et lucenti, horam circa x Redeo.

**17** Ex estu et taedio nimio labore<sup>b</sup> fessus. D<sup>s</sup>. Eyton ad nos prandet. D<sup>s</sup>. Brown, Barton, Scroggs, Butts ad Nos caenulam sumunt. Cerevisiae<sup>c</sup> Neutonensis satis & liberè. Cohors Comitum Oxoniensis accedit.

**18** Supplicatio habita est. D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildarensi scribo,

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VIII. C Forti Fortunae, Fanum a Servio Tullio dedicatum.

VII. C Naves coronatae Convivia per Tiberim ducebant.

VI. C Solstitium.

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Susanna mea & Ego, D<sup>ae</sup>. S. ad Gresford usque cadenti sole, obviam damus.

**19** Primus Termini Trinitatis fastus. Causa D<sup>i</sup>. Newton ad Episcopum Ebor. appellatione Relata est. De successu Navali, sermo multus, incertus.

**20** Raciones Nummorum piorum ex prioribus Diplomatis<sup>d</sup> collectorum describo, summa ad 775 crescit.

**21** D<sup>s</sup>. Herle cum Familia nos visit. Loveday ad Nos linquit D<sup>is</sup>. Parr & Midleton scribo. Nuncia bona a Gallia et praesertim a Sabaudiâ advolasse ferunt.

**22** Exercitum contra Hostem Caricfergo profectum, Regemque ipsum xix<sup>o</sup>. currentis, insecutum, sermo est. D<sup>s</sup>. Thane Concionem scenae & tempori apprimè Servientem habet.

**23** Ab Holyhead Nuncius demùm. Exercitum ad Newry processum esse, Refert. Advenae undique in Nundinas advolant.

**24** Nundinae. Res mercatoria benè succedit. Negotiatores ab Hiberniae Ultoniâ adsunt frequentes. S. Prescott. VI<sup>l</sup> mihi Renumerat IV alteras in Equae mutacionem permitto.

**25** D<sup>o</sup>. Pope. D<sup>o</sup>. White de valetudine suâ et D<sup>o</sup>. Cholmley' de Salarijs mihi et D<sup>o</sup>. B<sup>r</sup>. a D. Shippen debitis do Literas.

a Corrected from *florētibus*.

b Altered from *laboro*.

c Altered from *Cerevisiam*.

d Sic.

wine taken as booty and most splendid ale in drinking to Mrs. Stephens' health. With fondness of heart and excellent wine we prolong the cheerful day. There is most definite news of the King's successful landing at Carrickfergus on Saturday about 10 o'clock. I return about 10 o'clock to Chester which is imbued with joy and bright with fires that have been lit for the King's landing.

**17** I am tired from the heat and excessive weariness from exertion. Mr. Eyton lunches with us. Mr. Brown, Barton, Scroggs, Butts take a little supper with us. Enough and generously of Newton ale. The Earl of Oxford's company arrives.

**18** Intercession is held. I write to the Lord Bishop of Kildare.

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24th Shrine dedicated to Fors Fortuna by Servius Tullius.

25th Ships crowned with wreaths used to lead banquets along the Tiber.

26th Solstice.<sup>1</sup>

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My Susanna and I go as far as Gresford as the sun is setting to meet Mrs. S.

**19** First court day of the Trinity term. Mr. Newton's case<sup>2</sup> is referred to the Bishop of York on appeal. Much uncertain talk of a naval victory.

**20** I transcribe the accounts of offerings collected from the earlier folders, the sum grows to £775.

**21** Mr. Herle visits us with his family. He leaves Loveday with us. I write to Messrs. Parr and Middleton. They say that good news has flown in from France and especially from Savoy.

**22** There is talk that the army has set out from Carrickfergus against the enemy and that the King himself followed it on the 19th of this month. Mr. Thane preaches a sermon especially serving the scene and the time.

**23** At last there is a messenger from Holyhead. He reports that the army has advanced to Newry. Strangers are flocking in for the fair.

**24** Fair. Trade goes well. There are many traders from Ulster in Ireland. S. Prescott repays me £6, I allow him another £4 for the exchange of a mare.

**25** I send letters to Mr. Pope, Mr. White about his health, and Mr. Cholmley about the salaries owed to me and Mr. Br. by Mr. Shippen.

<sup>1</sup> For these three notes see Ovid, *Fasti*, VI, 569ff., and 773–90; and Varro, *De Lingua Latina*, VI, 17.

<sup>2</sup> See above, 10 & 15 May 1690.

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**26** Parochiani de Dodleston D. Dennis Rectorem suum, tumultuâtim accusantes pro Tribunali, furore perciti fanatico, illi animo invido & acerbo affectant Viam. interrogatis sigillatim, nullus dicam accusatoriam (expensis territus) ausus est, undè hac accusacione inconsulto indictâ, Rite ceciderunt.

<sup>a</sup> Ex Classe Gallicâ, Cx navibus constanti praetorijs vexilliferis, igniarijs armatis, ab insulâ Vecti, sub velis prospectâ, popularibus finitimis terror subitus incussus. Classe Anglicanâ longiùs 4 Leucas<sup>b</sup> ab hac, versanti. Literas D. Isr. Feilding Recipio.

**27<sup>c</sup>** D<sup>o</sup>. Lawton de Cautione Edwardi Rigby scribo.

**28<sup>d</sup>** Hylake cum Syngraphâ Nummariâ per D<sup>m</sup>. Feilding, C<sup>li</sup>. missa descendo, cum D<sup>o</sup>. Atkinson Navigacioni sive Transportationi Sub-praefecto viro comi et ingenuo, mihi Res agenda, Suspitio mihi ex tantae Rei insolentiâ creata est. Mandata dant praefecti D<sup>o</sup>. Cuff. Redeo (viso D<sup>o</sup>. Williamson) Res bene procedit. de Proditione altâ Rumor altus.

**29<sup>e</sup>** Decanus praelectionem moralem elegantem e philosophis scilicet petitam habet in Choro. Nuncij hinc illinc accedunt, in majorem expectationem adducunt. D<sup>o</sup>. Firmin scribo. 4. Nummos aureos D<sup>o</sup>. Allen socij<sup>f</sup> Coll. Trin. Dub. in 6 menses do mutuos.

**30<sup>g</sup>** D<sup>s</sup>. Brown & Allen ad me prandent. de proelio Classico inter Gallos & Batavos, hisque victis Rumor est. Ad hortum Cerasinum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Entwisle rogati imus. aegrè placet.

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Cal. Julijs.

Migrationes ex aedibus, in alienas, fieri consueverunt. vide Beroaldi Commentarium in Suet. Tib. c.35

[Starting opposite the entry for 3 July]

Hostes die Lunae xxx<sup>o</sup> Junij, Fluvium Boyn qui Milliaria xx a Dublinio est, trajecti substitère insequenti Exercitui, Tormentis positis, Munimentis Structis, transitum,

a Date 27 in margin deleted.

b 4 *Leucas* interlined.

c Altered from 28.

d Altered from 29.

e Altered from 30.

f *Sic*, presumably for *socio*.

g The lowest few lines on this page are in much smaller writing than usual, very crowded and run together, and it is uncertain whether this date in the margin relates to this sentence or the previous one.

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**26** The parishioners of Dodleston, roused by fanatic frenzy, hastily accusing Mr. Dennis their Rector before the court, take steps against him with envious and bitter mind. When they were questioned one by one, (terrified of the costs) none dared bring a formal accusation. As a result, they rightly lost this ill-considered accusation unheard.

Terror was suddenly struck into neighbouring populations by a French fleet consisting of 110 ships, admirals' flagships, armed fire-ships, seen from the Isle of Wight under sail, with the English fleet situated about 4 leagues further off. I receive a letter from Mr. Isr. Feilding.

**27** I write to Mr. Lawton about Edward Rigby's bond.

**28** I go down to Hylake with a money bill for £100 sent by Mr. Feilding, I have to transact the business with Mr. Atkinson the second in command of navigation or transport, an affable and candid man. Mistrust is created for me by inexperience of such great business. The commanders give instructions to Mr. Cuff. I return (having visited Mr. Williamson). The business progresses well. There is high rumour of high treason.

**29** The Dean gives in the Choir an elegant moral lecture, i.e. one culled from the philosophers. Messengers arrive from here and there and bring us into great expectation. I write to Mr. Firmin. I lend 4 guineas<sup>1</sup> to Mr. Allen, Fellow of Trinity College Dublin, for 6 months.

**30** Mr. Brown & Allen lunch with me. There is a rumour of a sea battle between the French and the Batavians, and that the latter were beaten. We go invited to the cherry orchard with Mr. Entwisle. It is scarcely pleasing.

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1 July. Removals were accustomed to be made from people's own homes to others'. See Beroaldus's Commentary on Suetonius's *Tiberius*, Ch.35.<sup>2</sup>

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On Monday 30th June the enemy having crossed the River Boyne which is 20 miles from Dublin, came to a halt and by positioning cannons and building

1 Or 'gold coins'.

2 In the Venice 1506 edition f.146r-v. This commentary was available to Henry in at least two seventeenth-century editions also.

denegavêre. Rex circùm Spectando, equitando, Tormenta contra locando, transitum, pugnamque meditando, aggressus, designando, Cohortes designando, mandata dando, fortissimum, et exercitatum se praebuit Ducem, inter haec Globo plumbeo, humerum tactus vix, Vix saucius, divinitus servatus. Die postero i<sup>o</sup> scilicet Julij Cohortes<sup>a</sup> electae flumen ingressae,<sup>b</sup> hinc acriter tormentis, utrinque certatum, Equites aliquot<sup>c</sup> interim, super, Fluvium transiêre, pedites vix per torrentem evadunt Hostes utrosque atroci recipiunt pugnâ, aliquos, vi et virtute repellunt: labascentes restituit <sup>d</sup> loco animoque Regis virtus primâ acie pugnantis,

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### Julij

1 Faelix faustusque sit Exitus! Summâ expectatione ex Nuncijs Rumoribusque hic, illic inflati omnes. Episcopus Titulis de Appellationibus et Decretis interlocutorijs summo incumbit Studio, de his verba multa. Ad Cancell<sup>m</sup> caenatum.

2 D<sup>o</sup>. Pope obnixè do Literas. D<sup>o</sup>. Parre copiam T.<sup>e</sup> Harcourt mitto (pro quâ et Scrutinio Fitton 7<sup>s</sup>.8<sup>d</sup>) Trans Dundalk Exercitum progressum dant Literae.

3 Ad oras Monae Cambricae, Fragores Tormentorum per dies duos elapsos, inauditos esse tradunt. Res Scholae Maclesfeild, acriter ventilata in Iudicio, Curiâ missâ ad Episcopum pransum. D<sup>s</sup>. LLoyd putacionem Sui Ecclesiae Bangor, tradit Episcopo. de proelio atroci per Classes Anglicam & Gallicam commisso, ferunt Literae, Nostris adjudicant successum.

4 Importunâ laboratum expectatione. Nuncius tandem h. circa 9 vespertinam de Exercitu in Hostium conspectum et in pedes prògresso. Hostes cis Fluvium Boyn consedissee, castra posuisse, tormenta direxissee, Globo VI pondo, misso, Deo bono Sospitatore, humerum levitèr tetigisse Regis, Regem animo infracto omnia in proelium crastinum, 1<sup>m</sup>. Scilicet instantis, disposuisse.

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Dux fortissimus per totumque orbem clarissimus Schonberg, Cervicē<sup>f</sup> sclopo percussus occidit. hujus mors, morte hostium nec pianda nec reperanda, nostris

a *Exercitus* first written struck through, *Cohortes electae* interlineated.

b Altered from *ingressus*.

c *aliquot* interlineated.

d *in* first written struck through.

e Perhaps *Testamenti*.

f Superscript contraction sign struck through.



fortifications denied passage to the following army. The King by observing and riding around, by placing the cannons in opposition, by considering the crossing and the battle, by arranging the attacks, by disposing his forces, by giving orders showed himself to be a very brave and very well-trained general. In the midst of this he was struck a glancing blow on the upper arm by a lead cannon-ball, scarcely wounded, divinely preserved. The next day, that is 1st July, chosen companies entered the water; from then on fierce cannon-fire on both sides. Meanwhile, above, a number of cavalry crossed the river, but the infantry scarcely get over the torrent. The enemy receive both groups in fierce combat, and repel some by their ferocious courage. When they were wavering, the courage of the King fighting in the front line restored them to their position and spirit.

*[Continued on f80v]*

*[f80r]*

**JULY 1** May its end be lucky and favourable! From news and rumours here and there all are inflated with the highest expectation. The Bishop sets to the titles from appeals and interlocutory decrees with the greatest zeal. Much discussion about this. Dined at the Chancellor's.

**2** I send a letter strenuously to Mr. Pope. I send to Mr. Parre a copy of T. Harcourt<sup>1</sup> (for which and the Fitton search 7s.8d.). The papers give the army advanced beyond Dundalk.

**3** They say that the sounds of cannons have been heard at the shores of Anglesey for the last two days. The business of Maclesfeild School keenly aired in court. When court was over dined with the Bishop. Mr. LLoyd hands to the Bishop his idea of Bangor Church. The papers report a fierce engagement between the English and French fleets, award victory to ours.

**4** Toil under importunate expectation. At last a messenger about 9 in the evening [tells] of the army in sight of the enemy and advanced on their heels, that the enemy halted on this side of the River Boyne, pitched camp, aimed its cannons and with a 6 pound cannon-ball that had been fired, through God the good saviour, [only] lightly touched the King's upper arm; that the King with unbroken spirit made all the arrangements for battle the next day, i.e. the 1st of this month.

*[f80v]*

*[Continued from f79v]*

General Schonberg, the bravest and most famous in all the world,<sup>2</sup> was shot in the neck by a musket and died. His death, to be neither atoned for nor repaid by the

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps 'the Harcourt will'.

<sup>2</sup> See above, 20 July 1689.

terrorem, proelio ipso terriculum, incussit Rex proelium<sup>a</sup> redintegrat<sup>b</sup> suos excitat, in hostes tandem Refectâ irruunt virtute, in fugam Vertunt, maximam dant cladem. Hostes circa 3000, Nostrorum 300 cecidêrunt, tantulo dispendio (nisi Schonbergi desiderium erat) tanta victoria stetit.

Jacobus Rex commissâ pugnâ, re desperatâ Suadenteque salute, discedit, paucis comitatus equitibus, Dublinium properavit. Consilium pro tempore et pro Re capit, servandam ab igni Urbem, nam hoc ad consilium delatum est, Solus statuit, Deditionem igitur Urbis, duobus protestantibus viris strenuis, fecit spontaneam Hancque in manus principis Aurangiae, resignare dedit porrò in Mandatis. Emittuntur illicò protestantes e Carceribus. portum Dunganon contendit Rex perditus, metu perterriti confusè et tumultuario evolant papistae. praesidium Tredagh ad mandatum et Arbitrium Regis deditionem facit. Dux Ormondiae Urbem Dublinium cum cohortibus circa x. intrat, hinc Gaudium innarrabile.<sup>c</sup>

[f81r]

5 Et expectatio et spes summa de proelij<sup>d</sup> commissi Eventu omnibus excitata. Rem D<sup>o</sup>. Francis describo.

6 D. Brown, Ash, Stout et Ego vesperam cerevisiâ producimus ad D. Bell. Popularis strepitus tandè Nos inopinatos<sup>e</sup> invasit. proripimus. Plateae ignibus accensis, Civibus Hibernicisque Advenis gaudio elatis et gestientibus completae. Quid tanti Novi cunctantibus recepti respondent, Hostes ad ripas Boyn penitus esse fusos, Opidum Tredagh deditum Urbem Dublinium ab Hostibus desertam, a Nostris occupatam de his Nuncium advenisse, mòdo, expeditum & disertum D<sup>m</sup>. Digby; Milites, Cives, Advenas, omnes exin in istos Gaudij impetus esse tralatos. Itaque vespera Soluta in laetitiam est et explicit.

7 Nuncijs bonis D. Episcopum Kildare et D<sup>m</sup>. pope scribendo afficio. Episcopus Stretton foràs proripit, sequor, pransum victum benè. De Classe Sermones et Nuncij Sinistri, Hibernico Successui frigidam suffundere videtur.

8 Nummis pijs distribuendis dies productus.

9 D. Francis iterum scribo. T. Bullen e Cantabrigia Gradu Medicinae Baccal<sup>us</sup>. cohonestatus primo me visit.

10 Curia habita. D. Allen, prescott, Bullen ad Nos prandent. post ad Fontis vino mediocri,<sup>f</sup> paulùm damus.

a [hoc] first written struck through, *proelium* interlineated.

b Altered from *reding*.

c Altered from *inne*.

d *Belli* first written struck through, *proelij* next written.

e Altered from *inopinantes*.

f Altered from *vini mediocris*.

death of the enemy, struck terror into our men, a source of dread in the very battle. The King renews the battle, rouses his men; at length with restored courage they rush on the enemy, turn them to flight, inflict a very great defeat. About 3000 enemy, 300 of our men fell. Such a great victory was achieved at such a small cost (but for the loss of Schonberg).

When battle had been joined and the case seemed hopeless, and prompted by his own safety, King James left and hurried to Dublin accompanied by a few cavalry. He took counsel for the time and the situation, and he alone determined that the city should be saved from fire, for this was recommended to the council. Therefore he made a voluntary surrender of the city to two active protestants, and he gave further in his instructions to resign it into the hands of the Prince of Orange. The protestants were immediately released from the prisons. The lost King hurried to the port of Dungannon, and the papists terrified with fear rushed out in confusion and tumult. The garrison of Tredagh surrendered to the King's order and judgement. The Duke of Ormonde entered the city of Dublin with about 10 companies, hence inexpressible joy.

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5 The highest expectation and hope are raised in all for the outcome of the battle that has been joined. I write the matter down for Mr. Francis.

6 Mr. Brown, Ash, Stout and I prolong the evening with ale at Mr. Bell's. The noise of people eventually takes us unawares, we rush out. The streets are full of fires that have been lit, of citizens and Irish strangers elated and skipping with joy. When we doubt what great news has been received they reply that the enemy have been thoroughly routed on the banks of the Boyne, that the town of Tredagh has been surrendered, that the city of Dublin has been deserted by the enemy and occupied by our men, and that Mr. Digby has just arrived as a speedy but fluent messenger of these things; and that soldiers, citizens and strangers have all then been carried into those paroxysms of joy. And so the evening is spent and unfolds in rejoicing.

7 I bestow the good news on the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Mr. Pope in writing. The Bishop rushes out to Stretton, I follow, lunched, fed well. There is sinister talk and news about the fleet, it seems to pour cold water on the Irish victory.

8 The day is drawn out in distributing charity.

9 I write again to Mr. Francis. T. Bullen visits me for the first time after being honoured with the degree of Bachelor of Medicine from Cambridge.<sup>1</sup>

10 Court held. Mr. Allen, Prescott, Bullen lunch with us. After we give ourselves for a while to mediocre wine at the Fountain.

1 See above, 14 April 1690, 27 May 1690.

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V. Id. Ludi Apollinares.

IV. Id. Julij Caesaris Natalis.

[f82r]

**11** De morte D. Francklin viri probi et fidissimi primò inauditum, a D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens continemus. ista septimanâ 300<sup>li</sup> afflictis erogamus.

**12** D<sup>o</sup>. Firmin scribo Syngrapham nummariam 350<sup>li</sup> mihi in rationibus permittendis includo. Ab Hibernia omnia Bona et fausta. A Classe malè gesta. D<sup>s</sup>. philippus Egerton, D. Fr. Cholmondeley, D. Leftw<sup>ch</sup>. Oldfeld et Minshall Chiliarcha, ex invidia, simultate Ultionis Studio, et Herois temporarij consilio, in publicam accipiuntur Custodiam.

**13** D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus<sup>a</sup> de Confirmatione Adultorum Concionem habet. Custodiae datos, amicissimo visimus Animo D<sup>i</sup>. Egerton et Oldfeld, exporrecta, et ingenua Fronte, D<sup>s</sup>. Cholmly' obducta et aversâ, Nos accipit.

**14** D<sup>a</sup>. Fownes ad Nos prandet. Vehementissimè aestuat Tempestas. de proditione Classicâ sermo multus est. Classiarcham Comitem Torrington Turri inde inclusum.

**15** Ad Episcopum prandeo. Hunc ab instituto, D<sup>m</sup>. Travers ad V. prestbury admittendi, suadendo, abduco. Post Castro cum D<sup>is</sup>. Entwisle & Wright (in via D<sup>m</sup>. Cooper) descensum. D<sup>s</sup>. Cholmly' recesserat. D<sup>o</sup>. Brown, Ludlowe mare Ingressuris, ad Maddoc Tremulum, valedictum. D<sup>o</sup>. White scribo.

**16** Supplicacio est domi me contineo. D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildare & D<sup>o</sup>. Pope scribo

[f82v]

[Opposite the entry for 20 July]

XII Calend. Sextiles.

Hunc diem solinus capite 35 ex sententia Sacerdotum Ægyptiorum facit Mundi Natalem.

a *Episcopus* interlineated.

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11th Games in honour of Apollo.<sup>1</sup>

12th Julius Caesar's birthday.

[f82r]

**11** Hear for the first time of the death of Mr. Francklin, an honest and very faithful man, we keep it from Mrs. Stephens. This week we spend £300 on the afflicted.

**12** I write to Mr. Firmin and enclose a money bond for £350 to be allowed to me in the accounts. From Ireland everything good and favourable. Things badly done by the fleet. Mr. Philip Egerton, Mr. Fr. Cholmondeley, Mr. Leftwich, Oldfeld and Colonel Minshall, from envy, rivalry, desire for revenge and on the advice of a temporary hero, are taken into public custody.

**13** My Lord Bishop preaches about confirmation of adults. In a most friendly spirit we visit those who have been given into custody. Messrs. Egerton and Oldfeld receive us with unruffled and ingenuous expression, Mr. Cholmly scowled and turned away.<sup>2</sup>

**14** Mrs. Fownes lunches with us. A storm rages most violently. There is much talk of naval betrayal, that as a result Admiral the Earl of Torrington has been shut in the Tower.<sup>3</sup>

**15** I lunch at the Bishop's. By persuasion I divert him from his intention of admitting Mr. Travers as Vicar of Prestbury. After went down to the Castle with Messrs. Entwisle & Wright (on the way to Mr. Cooper). Mr. Cholmly had retired. At the trembling Maddoc's said farewell to Mr. Brown, Ludlowe, who are about to put to sea. I write to Mr. White.

**16** It is a day of prayer. I keep myself at home. I write to the Lord Bishop of Kildare & Mr. Pope.

[f82v]

21 July

Solinus in Chapter 35 made this day the world's birthday, from the opinion of Egyptian priests.<sup>4</sup>

1 See Livy: XXV, 12; XXVII, 23; XXXVII, 4. There is a discrepancy of dates in Livy; Henry is consistent with XXXVII, 4.

2 It is difficult to reflect in natural English the structure of this neat sentence, literally: 'Messrs. E. & O. with unruffled and ingenuous brow, Mr. C. with [brow] furrowed and averted receives us.' For *exporrecta* cf. Terence, *Adelphi*, V, iii, 53.

3 See the long discussion in *DNB*, XXVI, pp. 169–72.

4 Caius Julius Solinus, *Collectanea Rerum Memorabilium*, XXXII, 13 (in Th. Mommsen's edn, Berlin, 1895, p. 141). A commentary by Saumaise in *Plinianae exercitationes* appeared in 1689.

[f83r]

- 17 De conjuratione intestina et Invasione Gallicâ, passim sermo et Literae. Literas Di. pope accipio gratissimas.
- 18 Da. Stephens Manchr. iter habet. Titulos de Appellationibus lego.
- 19 Nuntij frequentes dubijs nos afficiunt, vexant, distrahunt.
- 20 Episcopus Tattenhall, confirmandi ergo prodit, sequor. coetus confertissimus dies vehementi horret calore. concionatur gravissimè Episcopus.
- 21 Ad Episcopum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Massie prandeo. pluvia gratissima est. Fenum emo, xxv<sup>s</sup>. Da. Farrington dat consilium. in Cella vinaria vinum Hisp<sup>a</sup>
- 22 Ab Hispano, laboro. Episcopus ad se b D<sup>m</sup>. Maurice vocat, hic pertinacitè negat, proterva (de Sequestratione) mihi verba facit.
- 23 D<sup>s</sup>. Bowker ad R. Taxal institutus est. Episcopus senem examine tentat. Ad fontem nos vino accipit. D<sup>o</sup>. LLoyd scribo.
- 24 Festus<sup>c</sup> postremus. Lis de schola Macc<sup>d</sup>. finita. D<sup>s</sup>. LLoyd ad me post ad<sup>d</sup> D<sup>m,e</sup> Episcopum se Suspitione per Maurice illata purgat.
- 25 processum de prestbury describo. Ad Episcopum sumus post ad solis.
- 26 D<sup>s</sup>. Allen & Thane ad Nos. Episcopus Liverpool trajicit. Facultatem Regij praedicatoris<sup>f</sup> dat D<sup>o</sup>. Marsden. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. J. Allen vinum sumimus liberè.
- 27 E vitâ madidâ et calidâ laboro. vesperi D. Maden & Foly viso.
- 28 Athlone cis Fluvium, crematum, trans, Tormentis concussum. Waterford [Manapiam] deditam esse tradunt Nuntia.
- 29 De Reditu Regis expectatione tenemur. hinc iter suum Boreale distulit Episcopus.
- 30 Da<sup>e</sup>. Stephens obviam euns, Sandywayhead et Vallem accedo R. hic D<sup>o</sup>. Okes de D<sup>o</sup>. Fr. Ch. effundo querelas. Holford vesperi ventum.
- 31 Horâ x<sup>a</sup>. praedictâ ad Joan Warburton Da. Stephens advenit pluviosum mane. Coffeo epoto, Hospite vetulâ ex Amicitia nostrâ illusâ, Sandywayhead pergimus, dies clarescit. pransi mediocritèr Cestriae sole ventum occidenti. Expectatus non advenit Rex.

[No entries 1 August–27 December]

- a This whole page is written in a smaller hand than usual and crushed into the space. This suspended word ends the line.
- b Illegible letter deleted.
- c Possibly a scribal error for *Fastus*, denoting a day lawful for the transacting of business.
- d *ad* interlineated.
- e Altered from *D<sup>o</sup>*.
- f *Sic*, presumably for *praedicatoris*.

[f83r]

**17** Talk all over and papers about civil conspiracy and French invasion. I receive a most pleasing letter of Mr. Pope.

**18** Mrs. Stephens has a journey to Manchester. I read the titles from appeals.

**19** Frequent messengers affect us with doubts, disturb and distract us.

**20** The Bishop goes out to Tattenhall for a confirmation, I follow. A most crowded congregation. The day quivers with extreme heat. The Bishop preaches gravely.

**21** I lunch at the Bishop's with Mr. Massie. There is very welcome rain. I buy hay, 25s., Mrs. Farrington gives me her advice. Spanish wine in the wine store.

**22** I toil from the Spanish [wine]. The Bishop calls Mr. Maurice to himself. He stubbornly denies it, and gives me impudent language (about the sequestration).

**23** Mr. Bowker is instituted as Rector of Taxal. The Bishop tests the old man with an examination. He receives us with wine at the Fountain. I write to Mr. LLoyd.

**24** Last holiday. The lawsuit about Macc[lesfiel]d school finished. Mr LLoyd clears himself before me, then before the Bishop, of the suspicion brought by Maurice.

**25** I transcribe the proceedings about Prestbury. We are at the Bishop's and after at the Sun.

**26** Mr. Allen & Thane with us. The Bishop crosses to Liverpool. He gives to Mr. Marsden a faculty of Royal Preacher. We take wine freely at Mr. J. Allen's.

**27** I toil under my hot and sottish life. In the evening I visit Mr. Maden & Foley.

**28** The news reports that Athlone this side of the river has been burned, that across the river shaken by cannons, and that Waterford [Manapia] has been surrendered.

**29** We are kept in expectation of the King's return. As a result the Bishop postponed his northern journey.

**30** Going to meet Mrs. Stephens I reach Sandywayhead and Vale R. Here I pour out to Mr. Okes my complaints about Mr. Fr. Ch.<sup>1</sup> Came to Holford in the evening.

**31** At the appointed hour of 10 Mrs. Stephens arrives at Joan Warburton's.<sup>2</sup> Rainy day. When we have drunk coffee, and made sport of the little old hostess from our friendship, we go on to Sandywayhead, the day brightens. Having lunched moderately, came to Chester as the sun was setting. The awaited King does not arrive.

[No entries 1 August–27 December]

<sup>1</sup> See above, 12, 13, 15 July 1690.

<sup>2</sup> See above 16 & 24 Jan., & 25 May 1690.

**DIARY ENTRIES 1690/1–1707**

The fragmentary diary entries cover the following dates:

[?29] January 1690/1–31 March 1691.

25 May–12 June 1691.

5 April–2 May, 9–15 October, 1–23 November 1692.

1 February–7 March 1692/3.

17 May–15 June, 16–18 July 1693.

25 August 1693–5 February 1693/4.

7 April–29 September 1694.

18 October 1694–31 March 1695.

22 May–29 June 1696.

25 December 1696–4 February 1696/7.

9 March 1696/7–16 April 1697.

26 July–29 August 1699.

9–19 June 1700.

1–15 January 1700/1.

9–30 July 1701.

25 December 1701–8 January 1701/2.

15–31 May 1702.

27 September–11 October, 25 November–4 December 1703.

4–13 January 1703/4.

27 December 1705–7 January 1705/6.

23 December 1706–23 January 1706/7.

9–19 November 1707.

[Undated fragment].

**1690/1****JANUARY [?29–31] [*much damaged*]**

. . . . a dull one, come home, to Court, busy after. At Evening with Mr. M. . . News of the K[ing]s Arrivall . . .

. . . Minshall off for Books a Bill of [?]. Stay at home, read close, a deep snow, cold.

. . . I send the Case of Bolton to cozn. P[arr?]. Mr. Cawdel and Walkerton, Irish [?Y], dine with me.

**FEBRUARY 1** Cold. I stay at home.

**2** Discourse of the K[ing]s arrivall after a danger from mists, Frost &c. I prepare for a journey.



- 3 A fair frosty morning, wee set out about 8, reach W[arrington?] about 12, dine there, reach Wigan about 7.
- 4 Step to see Mr. Haddock, Dr. Holbrook walks with mee, wee dine at the parsonage, open the Commission.
- 5 Dispatch the Commission, dine at Coll. Ds, go to Ayrfeild, come to Gatley about 7.
- 6 Go to the Ayrfeild, thro the ground, veiw particularly the house, dine at Mr. Wilson [*illegible*], home about 8.
- 7 Step to the A[yrfeild?], measure the wood set to bee ridd, find it about an Acre, return to dinner.
- 8 Step to Ormskirk about 10, a fine walk, stay with Mr. Dod till 3, return about 7.
- 9 A meeting at Holland about the seates, I am with difficulty admitted. Mr. L. is uneasy, morose & intractable 'fore & at Dinner, after the 6 Guineas dissolve him into compliance, countenance, manners, hee seals &c the instrument, the matter is over, wee stay a while after.
- 10 I call at Winstanley, walk on and dine at Newton on Mr. Cs cost, come to W[arrington?] about 7.
- 11 Sett out about 7, walk a constant good rate, come to Trafford at 12, reach Chester about 1.
- 12 Court day, Busienes, at Night wee contrive the new building.
- 13 Letters from London. I prepare for the Visitacion, Inauguracion, &c. My Lord hesitates & advises about the viis & modis.
- 14 Dispatch Letters to Mrs. S., uncle Herle, stay at home.
- 15 Read Lactantii Epitomen.
- 16 Account with the W[arden] of Manchester for L., hee dines with us. The Frost breaks. I examin wittnesses, Josua Goodall instituted to [*illegible*], meet with Inscriptio[nn?].
- 17 Read [?v] of Tac[itus] Annal. Examin wittnesses.
- 18 Write to Cantab. and Mrs. S., the Hultons sup with us.
- 19 Court day. Aunt E[yton?] dines with us, projects about repairs.
- 20 News of the Popes death<sup>1</sup> 1st inst, preparacions. At the Chancellors at night animadversion.
- 21 Not well. Write to Cozn. Parr & Mrs. S. The Bishop signs 3 Inhibicions, deliberates on the 4th.
- 22 Severe weather, not well, stay at home.
- 23 Write to Mr. Walmesley. Read Tull. Ep. ad[?Luceium] 12, 13 & l.5. Wee sup at Mr. Callis of Char's, a fine supper.
- 24 News of the Fr[ench] fleet out at sea, dine at Mr. B., busy about a Commission ad induc[*illegible*]. To Midleton [*illegible/damaged*].
- 25 Very busy in dispatching Commissions, Letters, direccions to the surrogates in the other Archd[eaconry?], dream of Mr. Dod.
- 26 Court day, some business, at the Chancellors in the Evening.

1 Alexander VIII, Pope from 1689 to 1691, died 1 February 1691.

- 27 Tully [*illegible*]. [?Vast prep.], the Confederates 22000.  
 28 Dispatch Letters to Mrs. S., Mr. [*rest of entry illegible*].

**MARCH 1** Read Lactan[tius] de Ira Dei. C. officers back from Ireland for [*damaged*].

- 2 Tully. Our Anniversary, a good company.  
 3 Not well from last Night, releif from Tully.  
 4 To Mr. Price, intent on a Model with Harvy at Night nothing but words & especially [*sic*].  
 5 Court day. Still intent, with [*illegible*] on the model comicall enough Circumstances.  
 6 Sam [*illegible*] & Harvey go to Ayrfeild, stay at home.  
 7 Write to Mr. Midleton, Read Beveregius, High Floods.  
 8 Church & home. News that the K[ing] intends for F[landers?] from Holland. Sam & Harvey come safe D[eo] Gr[atias].  
 9 New projects, too vain & [*illegible*] devices on a house. I receive Mr. Walmsleys Letter.  
 10 Walk with Mr. Murry, buy & read the Bishop of Worcesters Charg.  
 11 Walk again with him, write to Mr. Fenton, Lambert, Cozn. Parr, receive for him 10<sup>li</sup>.  
 12 Delicate weather. Buy & turn Bonfinius de Rebus Ungarius; resolve for Lancashire tomorrow, but am diverted by Mr. Bouchers Letter, which gives mee some disturbance.  
 13 Busy at the Printers about the Articles, a foggy day.  
 14 To Mr. St[ringer?], Dr. Pope, Coz. Parr and Mr. Holbrook.  
 15 News of whales cast up at the Isles of Orkney, great ones worth 3000<sup>li</sup>, [?on] controversy about the right to the K[ing] or Admiral [*illegible*] Athol, judg to the former; late at the Chancellors.  
 16 Write to Mr. Walmesley again & Mr. Empson. News of Montz suddenly invested by the Fr[ench].  
 17 Recruits passing dayly. At Night with Mr. Wood at Mrs. Francis.  
 18 To Mr. Birch, with the Bishop about the Visitacion. Mr. Wever instituted to Claghton R[ectory].  
 19 Court day busienes. Give George Harvy xx<sup>s</sup>, Sam 5<sup>s</sup>.  
 20 At home. I have a Cold. Mr. Ross [*illegible*] sees us.  
 21 In great doubts concerning Dr. Pope.  
 22 Mr. Wood preaches.  
 23 At home in further concern about Dr. Pope.  
 24 Write to Cozn. Parr about Dr. Pope. Wee go to Wr[exham] in the Evening.

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**MARCH 25** Walk to Havod, dine at Bryn, after that at the Mount, late at the Lyon.

- 26 Step from Wrexham early to Court, Busienes.

- 27 Very busy about the Visitacion. Visit Mr H., etc.  
 28 Write and send a Bill of 50<sup>li</sup> to Cozn. Parr. Mr. Thane and I with the printers.  
 29 Murry preaches. At Night Mr. Thane & I late at the Chancellors.  
 30 At home, read Expectacions of Mons.  
 31 At the Fountain with the C[hancellor] & proctors, walk in the morning receive Apuleius & Macrobius.

[No entries 1 April–24 May]

**MAY 25** Walk in the morning to Wigan, come thither about 8. My Lord and I sett upon the presentments, transcribe 'em, except prayers and dinner are 13 hours together.

26 Stay in Wigan, it rains all day, dine and stay at Uncle H[erle], take leave with [?them]. Receive my Lords comands, write to Mr. Hide & Mr. Close, come about 8 from Wigan, go to L. Heaton, hear his relacion about the house nere the Church yard, promise him my Interest to my Lord about the 41<sup>li</sup>.3<sup>s</sup> owing him, come after x to Gatley Lane.

27 Write to Mr. E. and send the Church Wardens of B. accounts. Sett out about 9, come to Winwick before 11, stay prayers, see the inscripcions in that church and particularly a remarkable one in Mr. L. Chapell, am detained till near 2, mount and reach Chester (D.G.) about 6.

28 Search about Tilston stay at home. Send my Mare at Night (a thundring & rainy) to grass.

29 Anniversary kept now indeed not properly at home; running over the matters of the Journy.

30 Write to Cozn. Parr, pay Mr. W. for hay 30<sup>s</sup>, read Bald[wynns?] his preface to Min.[*illegible*]. Mr. G. Kirk re[turns?].

31 Receive the holy Eucharist. G.P. dos his Decl[aration] Impudently in a great congregation, the Dean sends an extravagant protestacion to bee fixt up in opposicion to the Sentence against P. Dr. Tillotson consecrated A[rch] B[ishop]<sup>1</sup>, the other A[rch] B[ishop] administers the Sacrament at Lambeth.

**JUNE 1** It rains. After dinner wee go to Borrass, where a good strong pile begun in a good prospect. Brother P[uleston] meets us, wee call at H. Ds, a good mans house, stay at Bryn a f[un]an but today at Havodywern. This Evening a Ball at Mr. Booths censur'd for the great & [?scandalous] Entertainers K. & Leviston.

2 Dine at Havodywern. In the Evening step to the Bishops of K., stay late with strong ale, return about 11; a fine Night philomela cantus modulante.<sup>2</sup>

3 It rains till noon, wee dine at Bryn a f[un]an, take leave, set out about 5, return about 7, a Letter from [*illegible*].

1 John Tillotson (1630–94), Archbishop of Canterbury 1691–4; widely respected as a moderate supporter of the Revolution of 1688.

2 'With a nightingale singing'.

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5. Domi, rationibus componendis haere[o men]tis solici[t]us. Comititia provincialia habita sunt.

6 D<sup>o</sup>. Pope Literas cum syngraphâ xxx<sup>li</sup>. mitto. D Dennis de Simonia per D. Hindley in Comititia vocatus, facile victor evadit. in Racionibus pergo. Θεός 'αγαθος adjutor summus praesto.<sup>a</sup>

7 D<sup>o</sup>. Canc<sup>o</sup>. Raciones Deponentium<sup>b</sup> ad finem Termini Michaelis 91<sup>o</sup>. perputo, IV<sup>li</sup>.X<sup>s</sup>, solvo. in Re Forensi multu[m] Sum.

8 Jejunium publice indictum, celebratum. DD. White et Haydock do Literas. Ad Fontis vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Bowes, Nummos in suâ viciniâ Sec<sup>c</sup> exquirere mihique Remittere spondet. in Rectoriam Wycliff inst[itutus] est<sup>d</sup>

9 E vino hesterno mediocritèr me habeo. D<sup>o</sup>. Roberts Rescribo. DD. Eyton vesperi visimus.

10 Grata dulcisque temperies. Vincentij Lirinensis contra Haereses perlego.

11 Caelum purum. DD. Wroe, Price, Haydock &c Literas do. ad D. Salisbury prandemus, per quem laute liberèque accepti. hic Recens in matrimonio conjuncti D<sup>s</sup>. Fog et uxor. hic DD Entwisle et Amica Stratford dictis et obtutibus amatorijs et

a Word damaged at line end.

b Or *Depositionum*, MS. *Deponum*'.

c *Se* interlineated.

d *inst[itutus]* defective at damaged line end, *est* interlineated.

- 4 At Home in Books variously. News of the K[ing]s arrival at the army in Fl[anders]; the Armys near [blank]. Late at T. Hollands with T. Gorst.
- 5 Dine at Mrs. Hurlestons, about [?sixty Ws Cloaths], among J.Ms old bookes.
- 6 Write to the W[arden] of Manchester, send him 24 L[icences]. News very dull.
- 7 At home till Noon, after, Dr. F[ogg] has an excellent sermon.
- 8 Write to Dr. Pope, wee have good News of the great condicion & readines of the Army in I[reland].
- 9 My Birth day celebrated very friendly. Write to the Bishop of K. and Dr. Maddon, wee end the day very cheerfully.
- 10 Receive a Bill of x<sup>li</sup> on Mr. Hutchinson and a Letter with a token of 11 Saxon & Danish Coins.
- 11 Write to and inclose the Bill to Mr. H[utchinson] to Mr. Pigot, Mr. Thane, cozn. Parr, pay Alderman Ince 21<sup>li</sup>; 13. State and pay other accounts, prepare for the journey, it rains all Night.
- 12 Inclose & direct the Instrument of Eleccion of Mr. Dobson to Mr. Bagshaw of Clements Inn. Preston dos not certify.

[No entries 13 June 1691–4 April 1692]

## 1692

**APRIL 5** At home, I am stuck in composing accounts, worried in mind. County Court was held.

6 I send a letter to Mr. Pope with a bill for £30. Mr. Dennis brought before the court for simony by Mr. Hindley easily comes off victor. I progress in accounts. Good God is at hand as the utmost helper.

7 I settle with Mr. Chancellor the accounts of deponents<sup>1</sup> to the end of Michaelmas term '91, I pay £4.10s. I am much in court business.

8 The public fast which has been declared is kept. I send letters to Messrs. White and Haydock. At the Fountain in the evening with Mr. Bowes. He undertakes to collect money in his neighbourhood and send it to me. He has been instituted as Rector of Wycliff.

9 I am indisposed from yesterday's wine. I write back to Mr. Roberts. We visit Messrs. Eyton in the evening.

10 Welcome and sweet mildness. I read through Vincent Lirinensis *Against Heresies*.<sup>2</sup>

11 Clear sky. I send letters to Messrs. Wroe, Price, Haydock &c. We lunch at Mr. Salisbury's, by whom we are generously and liberally received. Here Mr. Fog and his wife, recently married. Here Mr. Entwisle and Amy Stratford by their loving

1 Or 'depositions'.

2 First printed in 1528, the Latin text had been published in London twice in 1591, Oxford 1631 and more recently at Cambridge in 1687, and there had been several English translations 1556 – 1651.

ineptis futuri Matrimonij dant expectationem. post prandium Citharaedi et saltatio. Inde Havod-y-wern me conféro, ante h. VIII venio. Episcopum Aladensem fortè Reperio. post Rem matrimonialem multum tractatam, cubitum imus.

**12** Mane Aurorâ gratissimâ expergisor. tibiam tracto. D. P. et Ego per praedia prospectui commoda deambulamus. D. Brereton ad aedes suas visimus in munere Eirenarche fungendo occupatum. Servus laesi officij incusatus vadimonium vadesque praestat. aedibus novis in Borrás lustratis, Wrexham Ventum. Ad D. Episcopum Aladensem prandeo, D. Eyton viso. vesperi Sub Luna lucidâ, Havod Reditum.

**13** In praedijs saluberrimâ aurâ haustâ, Wrexham itum, Reditum. post prandium DD. Yong et Goldsmith comitibus ducibusque Bryn-yarkin visuri tendimus, per ascensum subacclivem, sinuosum Silvestrem, nobilem voluptatis plus visui quam taedij gressibus afferentem, ad aedes surgimus. firmas, satis et amplas, areis, hortis et viridarijs, ornatam, auctam et beatam<sup>a</sup> querceto nobili circummunitam. Mons altus praeruptusque aedis cludit<sup>b</sup> latus australe et prospectum, hunc curiosus ascendo. in montis summitate fons oritur indè caeloque dimissus qui decurrens et aedibus usui et Voluptati esse possit. montem ascendo,<sup>c</sup> dies vèro nebulosus longiori obest prospectui. Per Dominos utrosque liberè veteri excipimur cerevisiâ, glaream quandam lepidè a naturâ Toreutâ forma[ta.]<sup>d</sup> e monte effossam Senior me donat. Sole occidente inde descendimus. Cestriae contendim[us]<sup>d</sup> circa h. ix<sup>m</sup>. ventum.

**14** Forense Negotium me ex hesterno itinere cervisiâque fatigatum minùs opportunè opprim[it]<sup>d</sup>

**15** Domi sum. Nuncius e Lancastrensi agro Redit, Literas deque cantherio Meo grata affert.

**16** D. Parre de Testamentis Bolton & Adlington prolixas do Literas. Post prandium ad D. Holloma cum D<sup>o</sup>. Thane inde ad Solis sum.

**17** Catapotium primum e quatuor per T.B. mandatum missumque devoro, bene evenire spero.

**18** Catapotium 2<sup>dm</sup>. Cubiculo me continet.

**19** DD<sup>aque</sup>. Peak ad nos amicè satis prandium caenamque sumunt, potiùs libere quam medi[ocri vino]<sup>d</sup>

**20** D<sup>o</sup>. Pickmere Salarium V Mensium (x<sup>s</sup>. pro mense quolibet computanti) L<sup>s</sup> persolvo [3]<sup>tium</sup> sumo catapotium. Quolibet dejectione uti in prioribus duobus Sanguinis concreti vim magnam e venis haemorrhoidicis egero de hoc D<sup>m</sup>. per Literas certum facio.

[2]1 D<sup>s</sup>. [B]arton adest me se Wre[xh]amiae comitari Rogat importune, spondeo. Post Curiam prandium et negotium missa; inscendimus ad D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum

a munitam first written struck through, beatam interlineated.

b cludit interlineated.

c Henry underlined the two expressions including *ascendo*, no doubt wishing to draw his own attention to the repetition. He appears to have been a devotee of 'elegant variation'.

d Words damaged at line ends.

words and glances and trifles give expectation of forthcoming marriage. After lunch minstrels and dancing.

From there I take myself to Havod-y-wern, I come before 8 o'clock. By chance I find the Bishop of Killala. After much discussion of matrimonial matters, we go to bed.

**12** In the morning I wake to a most pleasing dawn, I practise the flute. Mr. P. and I go for a walk through fields favourable to view. We visit Mr. Brereton at his home, busy fulfilling the office of magistrate. A servant accused of failing in his duty provides bail and sureties. When we had looked round the new house in Borras, came to Wrexham. I lunch with the Lord Bishop of Killala, I visit Mr. Eyton. In the evening returned to Havod under a bright moon.

**13** After drinking in the very healthy air in the fields, went to Wrexham, returned. After lunch, with Messrs. Yong and Goldsmith as companions and guides, we set off to visit Bryn-yarkin. We climb by a gently-rising, winding, wooded, noble ascent which offers more pleasure to the view than weariness to the steps, to the house, sufficiently firm and ample, adorned, enriched and blessed with grounds, gardens and plantations, surrounded by the protection of a noble oak-forest. A high steep hill closes the south side of the house and its view. I climb this out of curiosity. On the summit of the hill a spring rises, which as it flows down from there increased by rainfall may be of both use and pleasure to the house. I climb the hill, but the cloudy day hinders a more distant view. We are generously received by both masters with old ale. The elder one presents me with a certain pebble charmingly formed by nature the engraver, which has been dug out of the hill. As the sun sets we come down from there. We hasten to Chester, arrived about 9 o'clock.

**14** Court business oppresses me, rather inopportunately tired by yesterday's journey and ale.

**15** I am at home. The messenger returns from Lancashire, he brings a letter and pleasing news about my gelding.

**16** I send a long letter to Mr. Parre about the Bolton and Adlington wills. After lunch at Mr. Holloma's with Mr. Thane, from there I am at the Sun.

**17** I swallow a pill, the first of four prescribed and sent by T.B.,<sup>1</sup> I hope it will have good effect.

**18** The 2nd pill keeps me to my chamber.

**19** Mr. & Mrs. Peak take lunch and dinner with us in a friendly enough way, generously rather than with mediocre wine.

**20** I pay up to Mr. Pickmere 5 months' salary (calculating 10s. for each month) 50s. I take the 3rd pill. As with the first two, in every bowel motion I discharge a large quantity of congealed blood from haemorrhoid veins. I inform my lord of this by letter.

**[2]1** Mr. Barton is here. He importunately asks me to accompany him to Wrexham, I promise. After court, lunch and business finished, we mount to the

1 T. Bullen, apothecary and physician, see above 14 April 1690, 27 May 1690 and 9 July 1690.

Aladensem<sup>a</sup> ipsi et D<sup>o</sup>. Ashe persolven[di]<sup>b</sup> officij ergo ventum, caenatum, ve[sp]eram jucin[d]e producimus. Ego Havod sub Lunâ lucida et nocte tranquilla, dormitum eo.

**22** A primo sole experrectus; spatiatum paulò. Wrexamiae itum D<sup>s</sup>. Barton Havod deambulat aedem situ et antiquitate dignam laudibus onerat. Inde ad D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum Aladen. per praedia vent[um]<sup>c</sup> D<sup>s</sup>. praepositus nummos aureos aliquot circa xxx principum Germanorum modernos nobis ostendit; pran[sum]<sup>c</sup> hic. praepositus Salopiae contendit. D<sup>s</sup>. Leche cerevisiâ vinoque pomaceo domestico nos excipit amicè per Borrás Revertitur, D<sup>o</sup>. P. obviam imus; aedem novam videmus, per Trajectum Eaton pergitur; aedem nobilem lustramus extra, domi circa h. VIII Reditum. D<sup>s</sup>. Barton nobiscum liberè ad noctem altam.

**23** Tempestas commota. mediocritèr ab hesterno. de Gallis Nos invasuris Rumor undique sparsus.

**24** D. Gardianus Mancuniensis Concionem habet gravem, nervosam. D<sup>s</sup>. parting. cum suis ad nos prandium sumit. Vesperi D. And. visum, hic caenatum perliberalitèr et potum.

**25** D. Anderton cum suis ad nos prandet. Cursus equinus navitèr satis in Rood ey peractus, Campus oppletus spectatoribus. post ad Fontis cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Wood et Morry, hic de Episcopo Asaphensi in sedem Lichen' et Coven', de Decano Cestr. huic successuro, discursus.

**26** Domi et Tibiae. Vesperi D<sup>m</sup>. Peak Cantico Jacobaeo tracto. D<sup>s</sup>. Gardianus nobiscum vesperam sumit.

**27** Ægrè est, domi. Vesperi tandem D<sup>o</sup>. Dec<sup>o</sup>. de Laribus novis (vino praemisso) benedicimus, liberè excipimur inter caenandum adest Episcopus.

**28** Termini judicialis, dies ultimus. Res forensis est. Rogante D<sup>a</sup>. Vanburgh D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Aladensi Scribo. Vesperi ad solis Aureum Nummum Strenam a D<sup>a</sup>. Stanley novem selectis missam commodo<sup>d</sup> et eleganti convivio consumimus. Musicae Conventus Rem ornat.

**29** Palatij Rebus detectis inspiciendis cum DD. Episcopo et Canc<sup>o</sup>. multum sumo diem.

**30** Quartum<sup>e</sup> sumo Catapotium, dies tandèm vernalis est. Reginae natalis. Medicina & Musica consortes. Edictum Episcopale in visitacionem Decani et Capituli emissum.

## May

**1** Summo Rerum Creatori laus summa. Ad sacram Synaxam me confero, sparsim lego Vesperi DD<sup>as</sup>. FForth et Wright visimus.

a Altered from *Ladensem*.

b Word damaged at line end.

c Words damaged at line ends.

d Last letter altered.

e *Tertium* first written struck through, *Quartum* interlineated.



Lord Bishop of Killala. Came to pay our respects to him and to Mr. Ashe, dined, we draw out the evening pleasantly. I go to Havod under a bright moon and a tranquil night to sleep.

**22** Wakened by the first light of the sun, walked a little. Went to Wrexham. Mr. Barton walks round to Havod. He heaps the house with praises as worthy in site and age. From there came through farms to the Lord Bishop of Killala. Mr. Provost shows us some modern gold coins, about 30, of German princes. Lunched here. The Provost sets out for Shrewsbury. Mr. Leche receives us in friendly style with ale and home-made cider. Return by Borrass, we go to meet Mr. P., we see the new house, by ferry progress to Eaton, we look round the noble hall outside. Returned home about 8 o'clock. Mr. Barton with us freely deep into the night.

**23** A storm has risen. Indisposed from yesterday. A rumour has spread everywhere about the French about to invade us.

**24** Mr. Warden of Manchester preaches a serious sinewy sermon. Mr. Parting[ton] with his family takes lunch with us. In the evening visited Mr. And[erton], dined and drank here very generously.

**25** Mr. Anderton with his family lunches with us. A horse-race is run actively enough on Rood ey. The field is completely full of spectators. After at the Fountain with Messrs. Wood & Morry. Here discourse of the Bishop of St. Asaph to be translated to the see of Lichfield and Coventry, and of the Dean of Chester to succeed him.

**26** At home and the flute. In the evening I train Mr. Peak in the Jacobite song. Mr. Warden spends the evening with us.

**27** I am ill, at home. In the evening at last we applaud Mr. Dean on his new home (with wine set before us), we are freely entertained. The Bishop is present at dinner.

**28** Last day of the judicial term, it is court business. At Mrs. Vanburgh's request I write to the Lord Bishop of Killala. In the evening at the Sun we consume in a pleasing and elegant banquet a guinea sent as a token by Lady Stanley to nine select [persons]. A concert of music graces the occasion.

**29** I spend much of the day inspecting palace business that has been disclosed, with my Lord Bishop and the Chancellor.

**30** I take the fourth pill. At last the day is spring-like. The Queen's birthday. Medicine & music keep company. Episcopal Edict sent out for the visitation of the Dean and Chapter.

**MAY 1** Highest praise to the highest Creator of the world. I take myself to the Holy Eucharist, I read here and there. In the evening we visit Mesdames Forth and Wright.

2 Melissophyllum aquâ coctâ infusum<sup>a</sup> combibimus, perplacet. DD<sup>i</sup>. Crowe et Crary ad nos prandent, <sup>b</sup> in iter crastinum Res apparo. D<sup>o</sup>. Parre scribo.

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9 D<sup>s</sup>. Archidiac. Allen Concionem habet. DD. Fr. et K. Eyton ad nos prandent. vesperi ad solis sum circa horam viii frigus subito aures invasi[t e]t obtundit.<sup>c</sup>

10 D<sup>ae</sup>. F<sup>ths</sup>. S. et Ego, die admodum placido, viâ expeditâ Wrexham devij per Gresford im[us]<sup>d</sup> Ad<sup>e</sup> D<sup>m</sup>. LLoyd prandio liberè excipimur, tempus invisendo terunt, Sub Lunâ ideò Cornish circa horam VII ventum, bellè satis excepti.

11 Manè inscendo, Cestriae circa h. VIII, advenio. dies in visitacionem D. et Capituli praedictus Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum prandeo hic King Episcopus Derriensis de caelibatu multa, gravia quaedam et levia.. Publicanis solvo XIII<sup>s</sup> VI<sup>d</sup>. Ad D. pick vesperi cum DD<sup>is</sup>. Sorocold & Land<sup>n</sup>.

12 D<sup>o</sup>. Parre Rescribo. Dies supplicacionum publicarum est. prae Aurium dolore domi sum in Hospinianio pergo. Vesperi D<sup>s</sup>. Canc. et Ego cum Episcopo varijs occupati Negotijs.

13 Dies juridicus est, D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus Apparitorem neglecti muneris in libris Supplicacionum publicarum distribuendis, admonet. de Regis Reditu<sup>f</sup> summa expectatione Referunt Literae Literas D. parr Recipio de morâ sibi per D. Lawton injectâ, queruntur.

14 Summa inter cives de praetore eligendo ardet ambitio, Municipes (Factionis praesinae)<sup>g</sup> circum circa diù investigatos, corradunt, verberones et mastigias urbanos nummo et cerevisia conducunt Fana[tici]<sup>h</sup> intentatum nihil Relinquunt. Rem pars alterâ<sup>i</sup> negligentius agunt. hujus Allen & Benne[t] illius Whitley et Manwaring candidati sunt. Convocatur tumultuatur suffragatur, calc[ulis] tandem putatis vincunt numero Fanatici, Whitley praetor prodit. hinc intemperanter exultat[um]<sup>j</sup>, et tantae plebis pro more gloriatum. insanam temeritatem Reprimat<sup>k</sup> Summe Deus.

a Corrected from *infus*...

b *me* first written struck through.

c *cir hor. viii frigus subito aures invasi[t e]t* written above end of line, and *obtundit* written above that.

d Word defective at line end.

e Altered from *D*.

f *Reditu* first written struck through, *Reditu* interlineated.

g (*Factionis praesinae*) (*sic*) interlineated.

h Word defective at line end.

i *Sic*. This accent is mistaken.

j Words defective at line ends.

k Altered from *Reprimab*: what started as a future indicative being changed to present subjunctive, from an assertion to a prayer.

2 We drink balm tea,<sup>1</sup> we like it very much. Messrs. Crow and Crary lunch with us, I get things ready for tomorrow's journey. I write to Mr. Parre.

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**OCTOBER 9** Mr. Archdeacon Allen preaches. Messrs. Fr. & K. Eyton lunch with us. In the evening I am at the Sun. About 8 o'clock cold suddenly invaded and deafens my ears.

10 Mdmes. F[orths], S[tephens?] and I, on a very calm day, diverting from the speedy way to Wrexham go through Gresford. We are freely entertained at Mr. Lloyd's for lunch, they waste time in visiting, and thus come under the moon to Cornish about 7 o'clock, entertained finely enough.

11 In the morning I mount, I arrive at Chester about 8 o'clock. The day appointed for visitation of the Dean and Chapter. I lunch with the Lord Bishop; here King, Bishop of Derry, says many things about celibacy, some serious as well as light. I pay the tax-collectors 14s.6d. At Mr. Pick's in the evening with Messrs Sorocold & Landr.

12 I write back to Mr. Parre. It is a day of public prayers. Because of ear-ache I am at home, I progress in Hospinianus.<sup>2</sup> In the evening Mr. Chancellor and I are occupied with the Bishop on various business.

13 It is court day, the Lord Bishop admonishes the Apparitor for neglect of duty in the distribution of the books of public prayers. The papers mention the King's return with the highest expectation. I receive a letter of Mr. Parr, it complains about the delay occasioned for him by Mr. Lawton.

14 Extreme canvassing for the election of Mayor flares up among the citizens. Townsmen (of the leek-green party)<sup>3</sup> rake together people they have sought out all around for a long time; with money and ale they bribe urban scoundrels and rogues, the fanatics leave nothing untried. The other party act more carelessly. Allen & Benne[t] are candidates of the latter party, Whitley and Manwaring of the former. The assembly is called, there is tumult, votes are cast, but when the votes are at last counted the fanatics are victorious in number, Whitley emerges as Mayor. Hence intemperate exultation and boasting of such a great rabble in accordance with custom. May God restrain<sup>4</sup> most highly this insane foolhardiness.<sup>5</sup>

1 Literally 'balm infused in boiled water'. The leaves of the herb Common Balm (*Melissa officinalis*, also called *apiastrum*) were used by country people in this form. See Gray's *Supplement to the Pharmacopoeia*, ed. Redwood, 1847, p. 449.

2 A protestant writer of works on sacramentary history (1589/1602), temples (1603), monks (1609), Jewish and Gentile festivals (1611), Christian festivals (1612), Jesuit history (1619). His collected works were published in seven volumes 1669–81.

3 A doubtless ironic allusion to a party of charioteers at the games in ancient Rome who dressed in leek-green and were particularly favoured by Caligula and Nero: see Martial, xiii, 78; Suetonius, *Caligula*, 55 and *Nero*, 22.

4 Here Henry began to write 'God will restrain' but before he had finished the word changed it into a wish or prayer.

5 Cf. *VCH*, II, pp. 127–31.

15 D<sup>o</sup>. Parre Rescribo. DD<sup>os</sup>. Oldf. et Sh. postquam diu deliberasset<sup>a</sup> D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus per Literas suas in procuratores adscivit et constituit. <sup>b</sup>

a *consultatum ess* first written struck through, *deliberasset* interlineated.

b At this point another sentence first written is struck out, apparently ending with the words *Tibiae difficultas superasse videor*.

15 I write back to Mr. Parre. After he had deliberated for a long time the Lord Bishop by his letters admitted and appointed Messrs. Oldf. and Sh. as proctors.

[No entries 16–31 October]

**NOVEMBER 1** Festum omnium Sanctorum. Go early to prayers, the day is black. I stay at home and prepare for my journey.

2 Take leave of my Lord. Wee sett out about 9, tis a very cold and wett day after a deep melting snow in the Night; come to Namptwich about 11, litle busienes. At Night fully and rarely entertained by Mr. T. Stringer who magnified my Lord C[halmley's?] felicity.

3 A very dark rainy day, sett out about 9, come thro fowl Lanes to Hulmes Chapell about 1. Here wee recreate in the best Ale and elegant meat. Some part go on to Macclesfield. The Chancellor &c stay. I read 2 Catalinarius.

4 Set hence about 8 in a calm morning, it proves a fair day, wee come to Manchester about 11. Some busienes here. I read another Catalinarius.

5 The day fair. Wee set out about 8, come to Stockport where wee hear of Mr. Nathaniel Booth dead last night, come and dine at Manchester. I read Tully. No great solemnity on this day as usuall.

6 Go to church. Mr. Ogden preaches a sermon rather to divert than teach. After dinner read Mr. Haddons Observacions on the Case of Hindley Chapel.

7 Some more busienes. Examine witnesses on Wolfenden & Wills. At Night visit Mr. Byrom and am at the George with Mr. Shelmerdine.

8 About 8 set forward to Bolton. Mr. B. & I step to Mrs. R. I give her a pair of Gloves in my S[usanna's] name. Shee is very thankfull, treats us with great kindnes & sad scurvy Ale at Halsoms where the very fatt Host gave us a comicall account of his particular confusion & fright at the common Consternacion at the Tragedy of my Lord Derby. About 2 sett forward & come in the dark in the bad road to Bl[ackburn], are liberally received by Mr. Price. Dewhurst informs of Ant[hony] Close.

9 A very fair morning, some busienes, fowl afternoon. Sup and drink away a dull evening.

10 A delicate morning; the Chancellor and I go to Eccleston, cross the Country, veiwe the burying places in Q[uires?]. The Curate Ward is partiall. I reprove him, hee retorts, the Chancellor reprehends him; wee dine. Tis Thanksgiving. About 6 after a recess at Standish, wee come to Wigan where are Bonfires. I visit my relations.

11 Q.B.E. I first sit in my seat. Indifferent Busienes. I sett the Ayrfeild to John Baron for one year for 45<sup>li</sup>. Am at Coll. D<sup>s</sup>. and late talking of Tully with Mrs. Lipton & W. the Deputy Mayor and Recorder. Trust the Affidavits against Marsh with mee. I pay the rest of the 5<sup>li</sup> for the seat the Number 41 & [?receive] and Instruments.

12 Set hence about 9, by the coach. The Chancellor steps in and sees my designe about my Seat and approves it; it is snowy fowl weather. Wee come to Ormskirk and dine about 1, not much busienes. I visit Mrs. Dod and lodge there.

13 The Chancellor go's to Rufford, the rest homeward. I stay here, go to church, hear remarkable parochiall song. In the Evening not [illegible] with Mr. Davenport.

14 A severe hard frost. I stay on the Chancellor, dine but am not well. Wee sett out about 2, come to Walton about 5, stay and are entertaing well by Mr. Marsden. Wee walk thence to Leverpool, about 8 sup and meet with Mr. Bennet going to Knowsley, by whom I send an Adrianus to my Lord Strange.<sup>1</sup>

15 Freezes hard. The sea runs high, wee are diverted from going over. Therefore wee set out on Foot about 10, come to Prescott before 1, dine on a woodcock & Hare. Mr. Wilson meets mee here, I send a Quadriga<sup>2</sup> by him to my Lord Derby. Wee send our men & horses still on, sett out about 3 and come before 7 to W[arrington?]; tis a dull Evening. I see Mr. Burton's books, buy 4.

16 Very foul weather. Return to a surprize, wee sett out about 10, the way difficult yet wee come safe home D.G. about 2. Stay at home and rest.

17 Court day, some busienes, stay at home.

18 My S[usanna] gos early in the Coach to Holford; in busienes and books at home. My Lord finds and delivers the lost Correspondence.

19 Wait on my Lord, read the Affidavits against Mr. Marsh to him. Hee takes resolucion. I write to Cosen Parr, at home much in busienes, pay P.x<sup>s</sup>. At Evening with the Chancellor at Mr.[illegible].

20 At Church, Mr. Thane preaches. Draw the Sentence 'twixt Sherburn & Barton, write to Mrs. Stephens.

21 Set out about ½ hour past 9, come to Sandyway about 12. Mr. Okes is there & T. Gorst meets us. I come to Holford thence about V.

22 Stay here. After dinner in the Garden house liberally.

23 Go out coursing, kill one hare, dine at Peover, good company, stay late, return by the starrs about 12, after drink afresh, drink healths on our knees.

[No entries 24 November 1692–31 January 1692/3]

## 1692/3

**FEBRUARY 1** Q.B.F.Q.E a Calm morning, I prepare for Lancashire. Mr. Peck &c dine with us, write to cozn. P[arr].

2 Purificacion. After 6 a clock prayers take horse for Warton, come thither about 12, meet with Mr. Shaw who at a dish of Coffee comends & recomends N.E['s] son to mee for a scholar a Clerk. Hence to [?Wigan] where W. desires mee to take him. I stay a while at Mrs. Yates; it grows darkish, come to Gately about [damaged].

3 Go to the Ayrfeild, see the husbandry here. Mr. W. meets mee, hee likes the plantacion, gives [damaged] Q.B.E. wee dine at E.C.s. Gilbert and I conclude on a Lease for his & his wifes Lives, fine 75<sup>li</sup>, rent 13<sup>s</sup>. 4.

1 James, son and heir-apparent of William George Richard Stanley, Earl of Derby, styled Lord Strange, although this was more correctly one of his father's titles; born 1680, died 1699 of smallpox.

2 A quadriga was a four-horse chariot, presumably here depicted on one of Henry Prescott's Roman coins.

4 After dinner step agen to Ayrfeld, meet and conclude with John Barron for 45<sup>li</sup>, draw our Agreement and contract betwixt me & Gilbert, state all accounts, twixt mee, Lewis, Corles and the Milner, call on Mr. Bolton, return to G[ately] about 8. Send J. to Ormskirk.

5 Go to church. Mr. Walkden preaches. I dine with Mr. Bolton. After E. prayers at the Clerks with a number of Friends, Dr. Holbrook there too from Wigan.

6 State all accounts to this day with Bro. W., wee have discourse about their way of life. I promise my Assistance, part D.O.M.G. cheerfully. I come to Winwick, am sollicitated afresh, meet with Peter Eden and Mr. Lander, P. promises to procure mee 100 poplar plants. I call at Warrington, refresh with sack, from hence about 3, reach Holford about 6.

7 Walk the morning, after dinner wee ride to Peover to inquire after Mr. Richardson who is desperately ill of a rupture, about 12 a crisis of better hopes; wee stay at good Ale till 7. Return by the moon in a fine Night. Mr. Smith is come, wee sitt up late.

8 The morning spent in walking, Mr. C and Mr. Smith in discourse. It rains and blowes yet after dinner and 2 a clock. I sett out and come safe (D.G.) home about 6.

9 Court day, 15 witnesses sworn, busy after dinner, in this difficulty the Bishops of K. & Meath send for mee, I go to them at the Ship about 6, stay till nere 8.

10 Busy today, the Bishop of K. dines with us and Meath visits us.

11 I write to Cozn. Parr and sister W. In the Even go with the Bishop of Meath to the Chancellor.

12 Archdeacon A[llen] preaches, the Bishop of M[eath] and his son dine with us; the discourse of an ominous water in Shropshire calld wonder pool.

13 Take leave of the Bishop of M[eath], walk after the decoction busy. Inauguration kept by the Citizens, and while they solemnize it in the Pentice, three stones are thrown in, whence an Edict sent promising a Reward of 40<sup>s</sup> to the discoverer. Return the Commission to Mr. Wilkinson and write to Mrs. S.

14 Walk, after at home read. In the Even at the Consort where a meeting at W. is agreed on.

15 Write to Mrs. Dod and Kenyon. After dinner walk with H. Eyton, then to the Sun till 8.

16 Court day, after dinner examine six witnesses, sup and am sick after it.

17 Walk [*illegible*] and read. About 6 in the Even Mr. Green the 3<sup>d</sup> Time demands of mee to register his Certificate. Hee delivers Dr. Pope[’s] orders and Letter to that purpose hee [*?urges*] etc. I am surprised but resolve not to register it; hee returns as threatning. At the Sun.

18 I acquaint the Chancellor and write to the Bishop and Dr. Pope of my refusall to register 9 Certificates. After dinner, with the Chancellor at Rose & Crown after at the Sun.

19 Receive the Bishops order too late against the Certificate D.O.M. et [*illegible*]. At the Chancellors in the Evening.

20 Write agen to Dr. Pope [*illegible*], write to Mrs. S[tephens?] at Even, at my neighbor P. [*illegible*] bring back and thank him for his book, after at the Sun with Anderton, Ale enough.

Maij

**17** Hac die a morte charissimae L. meae octennium est. Formulae processus exscribendae me do. domi plurimum.

**18** ultimus hujusce Termini forensis est. Forensibus factis ad Solis vesperam sumus, D<sup>m</sup>. Hartley de Othonis nummo aureo attentat Cancellarius, tenax subrustice se avertit et subducit.



**21** Go to Wrexham with the Chancellor & Mr. Kendrick to visit the Bishop of K., come there about three, dine, after visit Sir G. J., return to the Bishops, stay up late enough.

**22** Wee go to Havodywern, after the Capt. with us to Sir J. Shackerley, hee shews the remains of an honest English Gent, wee see thorough the house and I admire the scituacion, the lady at first shy, after very freindly, wee drink well & return about 6.

**23** Not well, Court day and busienes. I write & send account of the salt & pork to Lady S[hackerley].

**24** A deep snow and a cold day. Receive a Letter from the Bishop about Dr. Pope & Mr. Chancellor; keep in doors, read Hyppolitus, Oedipus & Thebani of Seneca.

**25** Write to the Bishop and send him a copy of the Act about the Gallery in Wigan Church and to Mr. Kenyon; it freezes. After dinner at Rose and Crown, in the Evening at Mr. Hurlstons.

**26** Not well, stay at home and read Dr. Barrowes 5 sermons of Industry, in the Even Alderman Allen invites mee to a Glass of Clarret at his house. News of a dreadfull Earthquake in Sicily.

**27** Still a severe Frost, read Troas of Seneca, write to Mr. Cholmley and sister Win[stanley?], dispose Court pleadings at Night at Mr. Harpurs, read a Comical book by Mrs. Danvers, Oxford Humors.

**28** Read Agamemnon. First venture to play in consort. A race well run at Rood Eye. Sir Thomas Stanley gets it from Mr. M. After the race at Mr. P. Str. and Mr. P. in music. A post boy is lost in the Snow which retards the mail.

**MARCH 1** Ashwedensday, a great frost still and more Snow, at home for the most part & in books.

**2** Court day, busienes. The depth of the Snow upwards retards the post, some of them & many horses lost.

**3** At home, read, in the Evening late with Mr. R. Bostock at Mr. P.

**4** Read 4 l Plin. Ep. Not well.

**5** Read A.Bp Tillotsons excellent sermons on the Divinity and Incarnacion of our blessed Savior and goe on in [?Duprius] History &c.

**6** Read variously, the snow and Frost dissolves.

**7** Read variously, especially Cluverii [?Ætne] descripcionem. I. Sharp Filiolus Trimestris [*illegible*] Fune[is?] datur.

[No entries 8 March 1692/3 – 16 May 1693]

## 1693

**MAY 17** Today it is eight years since the death of my dearest L[ydia]. I apply myself to writing out the form of proceedings, at home mainly.

**18** It is the last court day of this term. When court is finished we are at the Sun for the evening. The Chancellor tries Mr. Hartley about a gold coin of Otho; he is tenacious and almost rudely turns away and withdraws.

19 Formulam perscribo. Ad Episcopum caenam Sumo. post auram dulcissimam Christleton versus captatum.

20 D<sup>o</sup>. Farrington de Kendal scribo. libros volvo. vesperi ad solis. D<sup>o</sup>. Pridmore<sup>a</sup> aureum dono nummum.

21 D<sup>s</sup>. Allen concionatur. vesperi ad D<sup>m</sup>. Wilcock de protestacione tractatur. dolores praenunciij S. meam occupant. laetè nilominus caenatum.

22 Aggravescit Morbus,<sup>b</sup> filia mihi D.O.M.G. circa semihoram post IX mihi nata est. D<sup>ae</sup>. Stephens Scribo. domi subaegei delitesco. D<sup>s</sup>. Hurleston vesperi vino nobili et genuino me Reficit.

23 Raciones D<sup>o</sup>. Chapman puto, V<sup>li</sup> solvo. domi in libris sparsim. vesperi inter Musicos.

24 Domi maximam partem et in libris.

25 Pentecostes est. ad D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum prandeo, post libere nos vino Recipit, vesperi inter Senatores ad Fontis ampullas viritim

26 De vino hesterno mediocritè, obdormitum. vesperi ad Solis cum DDs. Tosier et And<sup>to</sup>[n]<sup>c</sup>

27 Singrapham Collybisticam xx<sup>li</sup> D. pope mitto, Raciones cum D<sup>o</sup>. Ince perputo.

28 Q.B.F.Q.S.<sup>d</sup> Filiola in Ecclesiam Christi nomine Susannae Recepta est. Susceptrices DD<sup>ae</sup>. partingto[n] et Beale, Susceptor D<sup>s</sup>. Allen Archidiaconus Cestriae, Comitatus frequens gravisque solennitatem honestat.

29 Dies festus est. D<sup>s</sup>. Wrenne in Rectoriam Rookby institutus est. vesperam ad Rosae et Coronae

30 Bene mane experrectus officium D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo praesto, in Agrum Lanc. proficiscenti, Equo invectus est. Comitor. per saltum Rocksavage Norton deflexum, hic Caenobij veneranda facies, S<sup>ti</sup> Christopheri instar Colossi immensa et elegans imago, et Vivo et alto excisa saxo. proluxa quidem et elegans receptio. Bellaria inter prandendum corruunt, faustum infortunium est. prope Warrington Episcopo valedico, Holford diverto, solito hospitio Receptus.

31 Diu lecto haereo.<sup>e</sup> post prandium potum. e tanto sodalitie vix circa horam 5. evado Gladius in itinere mihi excidit. D<sup>m</sup>. Crane in via apud Edisbury locum<sup>f</sup> aethere prospectu meditatione faelicem viso. Domi circa h. x. D.G. sospes Redeo.

Junij

1 Itinere confectus Requiei me do, domi partem maximam. ad palatium pransum.

2 Casum de Concilio comuni eligendo compono

3 Domi me contineo, in libris sum. vesperi ad D. Wilcock.

a P. first written, *ridmore* interlineated.

b M overwritten on three indistinct letters.

c Name contracted and damaged at line end.

d Sc. *Quod Bonum FaustumQue Sit*.

e *indulgeo* first written struck through, *haereo* next written.

f Altered from *loca*; *ama* next written struck through.

19 I complete writing the form. I take lunch with the Bishop. After took the sweetest air towards Christleton.

20 I write to Mr. Farrington of Kendal. I turn books. In the evening at the Sun. I present a gold coin<sup>1</sup> to Mr. Pridmore.

21 Mr. Allen preaches. In the evening at Mr. Wilcock's there is discussion of protestation. Warning pains beset my S[usanna]. Dined happily nevertheless.

22 The pain grows worse. A daughter is born to me, thanks to God the best and greatest, about half an hour after 9. I write to Mrs. Stephens. Somewhat ill I skulk at home. Mr. Hurleston restores me in the evening with noble and genuine wine.

23 I reckon accounts with Mr. Chapman, I pay £5. At home in books on and off. In the evening among musicians.

24 At home the greatest part and in books.

25 It is Pentecost. I lunch at the Bishop's, after he receives us generously with wine. In the evening at the Fountain among Aldermen bottles individually.

26 Indisposed from yesterday's wine, slept in. In the evening at the Sun with Messrs. Tosier and Anderton.

27 I send a banker's draft for £20 to Mr. Pope. I settle accounts with Mr. Ince.

28 May it be good and favourable. My little daughter is received into Christ's Church by the name of Susanna. Mesdmes Partington and Beale, Godmothers; Godfather Mr. Allen, Archdeacon of Chester. A numerous and eminent congregation honours the rite.

29 It is a holiday. Mr. Wrenne is instituted as Rector of Rookby. Evening at the Rose and Crown.

30 Awoke well in the morning, I pay my respects to my Lord Bishop, who is setting off for Lancashire. He is riding on horseback. I accompany him. Took a diversion through Rocksavage forest to Norton. Here the venerable sight of a monastery. A figure of a colossal St. Christopher, an immense and elegant image, is carved out of the high and living rock. Reception wordy indeed and elegant. During lunch the desserts collapse, it is a lucky misfortune. Near Warrington I say farewell to the Bishop, I divert to Holford. Received with customary hospitality.

31 I stick to my bed for a long time. Drank after lunch. I escape with difficulty from such great fellowship about 5 o'clock. On the journey my sword fell out. I visit Mr. Crane on the way at Edisbury, a place happy in its atmosphere, view and thought. I return safe home about 10 o'clock, thank God.

**JUNE 1** Finished off by my journey, I give myself to rest, at home the most part. Lunched at the palace.

2 I put together the case about the election of the common council.

3 I keep myself at home, I am in books. In the evening at Mr. Wilcock's.

1 Or 'guinea'.

4 Libellum supplicem D<sup>ae</sup>. Reginae compono. vesperi ad D<sup>m</sup>. Canc. post ad palatium caenatum.

5 Judices provinciales adsunt,<sup>a</sup> confluunt hujusce tempestatis Homines; Pomeridianum ad D<sup>m</sup>. Wilcock cum Concivibus notae honestioris traho

6 Coeunt Cives, res actae, Libellus iste supp[lex] et protestacio exhibita, sigillo conclusa sunt, Res

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in crastinum delata, hinc Libellum D<sup>ae</sup>. R. pro re nata correcta est. ad D.W. post prandium iterum sumptum, D<sup>s</sup>. Grosvenor consilium dat, de Libello subscribendo conclusum. D<sup>s</sup>. Bridges advenit.

7 Cives seniores ad perimpluvium convocati. Res iterum controversa, hinc inde disceptatum<sup>b</sup> parum processum, Libellus per Nuncium publicum D<sup>o</sup>. Shakerley missus. Ad Rosae et Coronae cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Canc., Bridges &c. post cum D. Grosvenor.

8 De vitâ hesternâ dolet det<sup>c</sup> summe D. meliora! rationes de Aquaeductu<sup>d</sup> cum D<sup>o</sup>. Rogers compono huic IV<sup>li</sup>=XV<sup>s</sup> solvo. de itinere crastino cura. vesperi ad D. Holland post ad Navis cum D<sup>o</sup>. Gorst libere et peramicè inter nos verba facta.

9 Q.F.F.F Q S.<sup>e</sup> hic XLIII mihi a natali dies natalitius, benè mane a Deo et templo sumo auspiciu, in iter apparo. Suzanna mea strena idonea benignè me donat. circa h. XI. iter ingredimur D<sup>s</sup>. Bridges et Ego, ad preston super montem parum Refectum, hic inter[.]<sup>f</sup> notitia cum amicitia incipit, Warrton' et Newton paulum cessatum, Wigan circa h. X. ventum.

10 D<sup>s</sup>. Br. primo Episcopo se sistit. Episcopus totus in candidatorum examinatione est. Ego in Literis Testimonialibus scribendis, D<sup>s</sup>. Scope

11 Festum Trinitatis est VI in presbyteros IV in Diaconos ordinati sunt. D<sup>s</sup>. Haydock gravem et elegantem e re habet Concionem. pransus Requitei me do, post ad D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum, D<sup>m</sup>. Herle sum.

12 Ad Episcopum prandium sumo, fragores horrendos edit caelum nimbi descendunt, per horas aliquot meridie etiam tenebrescit. iterum serenat. § D<sup>m</sup>. Haydock dein visimus, excipit quam liberè Gatley Lane vesperi advenio

13 D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus animi causa obequitans me inopinantem<sup>h</sup> amicè intercipit. Ayrfeid<sup>i</sup> eo, populos satas remque <sup>j</sup> agrestem lustrō. D<sup>s</sup>. Bolton comitatur. Ad E. Crosse pransum, Ad Gateley Lane ante occasum Revertō. Raciones puto.

a Altered from *d...*

b *disceptum* first written, *ta* interlineated.

c Altered from *deb*.

d Corrected from *Aqueductu*.

e *Sc. Quod Faustum Felix FortunatumQue Sit.*

f Word possibly suspended at line end.

g *ad* first written struck through.

h *inopinat[.]* first written, *n* interlineated and ending altered.

i *Sic*.

j *Rust* first written struck through.

4 I compose the humble petition to the Queen. In the evening at Mr. Chancellor's, after dined at the palace.

5 The county-court judges are here, men of this time are flocking in. I drag out the afternoon at Mr. Wilcock's with fellow-citizens of more honourable note.

6 The Citizens assemble, business is transacted, that humble petition and protestation are presented and concluded with the seal, the matter is deferred to tomorrow, hence the petition to the Queen is corrected in accordance with the circumstance that had arisen. After lunch taken again at Mr. W's, Mr. Grosvenor gives advice, concluded that the petition should be subscribed. Mr. Bridges arrives.

7 The aldermen are called to the Pentice. The matter debated again, disputed in different directions, too little progress made, the petition is sent by the postman to Mr. Shakerley. At the Rose and Crown with Messrs. Chancellor, Bridges, etc., after with Mr. Grosvenor.

8 I ache from yesterday's life, may God in the highest degree grant better! I settle accounts of the aqueduct with Mr. Rogers, I pay him £4:15s. Care about tomorrow's journey. In the evening at Mr. Holland's, after at the Ship with Mr. Gorst, there was free and very friendly talk between us.

9 May it be favourable, fortunate and happy. This is my 44th birthday since my birth. Early in the morning I take auspices from God and the Church. I prepare for the journey. My Suzanna kindly presents me with a suitable gift. Mr. Bridges and I set out on the journey about 11 o'clock, refreshed a little at Preston on the Hill, here [?meanwhile] acquaintance with friendship begins. Paused awhile at Warrington and Newton. Came to Wigan about 10 o'clock.

10 Mr. Br[idges] first presents himself to the Bishop. The Bishop is entirely involved in the examination of the candidates, I in writing a testimonial letter to Mr. Scope.

11 It is the Feast of Trinity: 6 are ordained as priests, 4 as deacons. Mr. Haydock preaches a serious and elegant sermon arising from the subject. After lunch I give myself to rest, after I am with the Lord Bishop and Mr. Herle.

12 I take lunch at the Bishop's, the sky sends forth horrible crashes, the clouds descend, for several hours even at mid-day it is dark. It clears again. Then we visit Mr. Haydock, he receives as generously as possible. I arrive at Gatley Lane in the evening.

13 The Lord Bishop out riding for pleasure intercepts me unawares in a friendly way. I go to Ayrfeild, I see the poplars that have been sown and farming business. Mr. Bolton keeps me company. Lunched at E. Crosse's, I return to Gateley Lane before sunset. I work out accounts.

**14** manè experrectus, IV<sup>li</sup>. P.<sup>a</sup> Winstanley solvo. Knowsley me confero, controversiam inter Cives Cestr. de Comuni Concilio eligendo ortam Comiti Derbiae explico, partibus favet nostris, post prandium pluvîâ et cerevisiâ primariâ detenti aliquot horas in conclavi Sumus. Recedit Comes in Cubiculum, Ego Warr<sup>ton</sup>. pergo, circa h. IX advenio.

**15** Bene manè equum inscendo Cestriae circa h. VIII D.O.M.G. redeo. dies Forensis est forensibus occupatus. Cives in praetorium formulis novis convocati, coeunt, pauciores e faecibus Studiose coacti, in re novâ et arduâ insolentes, praetor Rem docet, Catalogus<sup>b</sup> Consiliariorum memoriae uti<sup>c</sup> dixit causâ) erat in manibus. Nomina viritum proponit, quemcunque oratiunculâ (hunc virum bonum Statuo) comprobat. Turba, bonum, bonum confusè regerit. vir isto modo electus in Album adscriptus est. II Senatores eodem modo electi sunt, pars altera contra totum processum protestantur. pergunt, repente res magna et gravis peracta est. Conciliarij XL et II Senatores electi. Vesperi  
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[No entries 16 June–15 July]

July 1693.

**16** D<sup>s</sup>. Thane Concionem habet perelegantem et Gravem. de Classe Mercatoriâ Turcicâ et hujus p[r]ae[sto].a.io.]<sup>e</sup> suspitio, vesperi ad Rosae et Coronae cum DD. Wright et Wilson. post D<sup>a</sup>. Stratford &c ad me.

**17** Domi. D<sup>o</sup>. Roper de Crane minori scribo. machinam hydropellentem, viso, feni et pasturae videndi causa inambulatum. post ad Solis. D<sup>s</sup>. Duncan unus Justitiariorum<sup>f</sup> Hiberniae accedit.

**18** Cofipolia nuncijs maestissimis de Classibus Mercatoria et praesidiariâ per Classem Gallicam captis sonant Silentque. Conventus Concilij novi Urbani primò habitus. post prandio ferino praetor prolixè suos excipit. Ara votiva Romana in fundo D. Heath effossa, hanc mihi liberè et sponte<sup>g</sup> donat. Refragatur<sup>h</sup> soror et haeret in dubio. cum D<sup>o</sup>. Heath et String<sup>r</sup>. Rubellum. post Boughton me confero Civibus praetoris Concilia aversantibus. D<sup>s</sup>. Capell alter Justitiariorum Hiberniae suo Comitatu et equitatu intrat.

[Three entries only on this page]

a Altered from D<sup>o</sup>.

b Altered from *Catalogum*.

c *uti* interlineated.

d Catchword damaged at corner of page.

e Word damp-stained and possibly defective at damaged line end, only partly legible by ultra-violet light, the visible letters first noted (with gradually increasing hesitation) as p[r]ae[st]o[r]ario[s] (impossible in that form). Perhaps it should be seen as *praestolatione*.

f *Sic*.

g *et sponte* interlineated.

h *Refrag* first written struck through, *Refragatur* next written.

**14** Wakened in the morning, I pay P. Winstanley £4. I take myself to Knowsley and explain to the Earl of Derby the controversy that has arisen among the citizens of Chester over the election of the common council. He favours our party. After lunch detained by rain and first-class ale we are in conclave for several hours. The Earl withdraws to his chamber, I proceed to Warrington, I arrive about 9 o'clock.

**15** Very early in the morning I mount horse. I return to Chester (thanks to God the best and greatest) about 8 o'clock. It is court day, busy in court matters. The citizens who have been called to the *praetorium*<sup>1</sup> by the new rules assemble; fewer of the dregs have been zealously collected, unaccustomed to this new and difficult business. The Mayor explains the business. A list of councillors (for the sake of his memory, as he said) was in his hands. He proposes the names individually, approves each one with a little speech ('I declare him a good man.') The crowd retorts confusedly 'Good, good.' A man elected in that way is enrolled in the register. 2 aldermen were elected in the same way. The other party protest against the whole proceedings. They continue. Suddenly this great and serious business has been brought to a conclusion. 40 councillors and 2 aldermen were elected. In the evening ...

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[*No entries 16 June–15 July*]

**JULY 16** Mr. Thane preaches a very elegant and weighty sermon. There is suspicion about the Turkish merchant fleet and its [*? tarrying*]. In the evening at the Rose and Crown with Messrs. Wright and Wilson, afterwards Mrs. Stratford &c. with me.

**17** At home. I write to Mr. Roper about Crane minor. I visit a machine that pumps water. Walked to see hay and pasture. After at the Sun. Mr. Duncan, one of the Justices of Ireland, arrives.

**18** The coffeeshops resound with very sad news about the merchant and naval fleets captured by the French fleet, and are silent. The meeting of the new City Council is held for the first time. After a venison lunch the Mayor has a copious reception for his own. A Roman votive altar has been dug up in Mr. Heath's farm. He generously and of his own accord gives it to me. His sister contests this, and it hangs in doubt. With Mr. Heath and String[e]r red wine. After I take myself to Boughton where the citizens are opposing the Mayor's plans. Mr. Capell, the other of the Justices of Ireland enters with his attendants and riders.

<sup>1</sup> *praetorium* here may refer to the New Common Hall of 1546 in Northgate Street in what had been St Nicholas Chapel. This was 'ruinous and ready to fall downe' in 1687, and in 1692 the City Assembly had resolved to build a new Common Hall of Pleas, but this was not begun until 1695. Otherwise the Pentice must be intended. See C.C.R.O., *From Moot Hall to Town Hall*, p. 15.

[No entries 19 July–24 August]

Augusti 1693.

**25** Pluviosus admodum, de [v]indemijs periclitatur; Vesperi ad Navis vino generoso Recreatum.

**26** Plinij panegyricum lego. pransus D<sup>m</sup>. Canc<sup>m</sup>. descendo, hic cum D<sup>ss</sup>. Wright et Brown diem sumo vesperi ad Navis cum D<sup>o</sup>. Brown et Parker, ampullam sumo. Funus D<sup>ae</sup>. Banks procedit Wigan, comitatur trans Trafford cohors frequens<sup>a</sup>

**27** De stomacho gravis dolor. Literas D<sup>i</sup>. Francklin Recipio, de Re isthac adsum Episcopo, vesperi D. Partington visimus<sup>b</sup>

**28** D.O.M.G. ex stomacho convalesco. DD<sup>s</sup>. Francklin, Close et Parre scribo. ad Navis vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Allen Archid<sup>o</sup>. et D<sup>o</sup>. Thane.

**29** In Commissionem de Jure patronatus Bedal apparo. D<sup>o</sup>. Lawton de Judicio Petro parr promisso, Revocando, scribo. Vesperi ad Fontis cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Wilson, Allen, Bennet ampullam et tempus sumo.

**30** Domi occupatus, Sorori W. scribo. post prandium D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus Scrutinio putacionium Bedal se dat, Natalis filij III<sup>s</sup>. det D.O.M. multos et faustos. vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Minshall Cerevisiam Clientelarem Sumimus S. et Ego

**31<sup>o</sup>** pluviosus, domi. D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus D. Trotter, Lambert et Townson citandos esse statuit. vesperi, D. Hulton et Ego de G. Feilding convenimus, verba facta, ille huic fabam incudit, ultrò incusat, minima inter nos dissentio, et rem ita evenisse gaudeo. Ad fontis sumus, D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens Nobis redit.<sup>c</sup>

Septembris 1693<sup>o</sup>

**1** Concedat Faustius D.O.M.,<sup>d</sup> caelum nubilum est, in Grutero multus sum.

**2** Officium D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo praesto. de itinere Boreali sollicitus. Vesperi ad Navis cum bello conventu. D<sup>o</sup>. Ep<sup>o</sup>. Kild. scribo

**3** D<sup>s</sup>. Ben. Brown, Oxon. concionem habet. SS Eucharistiam Recipio vitam dehinc faeliciter instituat<sup>e</sup> Timperley Equiso Equum Reducit do x<sup>s</sup>. Sanctam Caenam impertio efficax sit in vitam faelicem. D<sup>o</sup>. Parre copiam Commissionis Bedal mitto.

a *trans Trafford cohors frequens* interlineated at line end.

b *visimus* interlineated at line end.

c Altered from a....

d *D.O.M.* interlineated.

e *SS Eucharistiam Recipio vitam dehinc faeliciter instituat* interlineated.



[No entries 19 July–24 August]

**AUGUST 25** Very rainy, the harvests are in jeopardy; in the evening at the Ship refreshed with noble wine.

**26** I read Pliny's *Panegyric*.<sup>1</sup> After lunch I go down to Mr. Chancellor, here I spend the day with Messrs. Wright and Brown. In the evening at the Ship I consume a bottle with Mr. Brown and Parker. Mrs. Banks's funeral sets out for Wigan, a numerous company attends it beyond Trafford.

**27** Serious stomach pain. I receive a letter of Mr. Francklin, I attend the Bishop on that very matter. In the evening we visit Mr. Partington.

**28** Thanks to God the best and greatest I recover from my stomach. I write to Messrs. Francklin, Close and Parre. At the Ship in the evening with Mr. Archdeacon Allen and Mr. Thane.

**29** I prepare for the Commission *de Jure Patronatus* of Bedal. I write to Mr. Lawton about revoking the jurisdiction allowed to Peter Parr. In the evening at the Fountain I take a bottle and time with Messrs. Wilson, Allen, Bennet.

**30** Busy at home, I write to sister W[instanley?]. After lunch the Lord Bishop applies himself to the investigation of Bedal considerations. My son's 3rd birthday. May God the best and greatest grant many happy returns. In the evening S[usanna] and I take clients' ale<sup>2</sup> with Mr. Minshall.

**31** Rainy, at home. The Lord Bishop decides that Mr. Trotter, Lambert and Townson are to be cited. In the evening Mr. Hulton and I meet about G. Feilding, words are passed, the former makes the latter smart<sup>3</sup>, makes further accusation, there is very little disagreement between us, and I am glad that the matter has turned out so. We are at the Fountain, Mrs. Stephens returns to us.

**SEPTEMBER 1** May God the best and greatest grant [it to start] more auspiciously. The sky is cloudy, I am much in Gruter.<sup>4</sup>

**2** I pay my respects to the Lord Bishop. Worried about the northern journey. In the evening at the Ship with a fine gathering. I write to the Lord Bishop of Kildare.

**3** Mr. Ben. Brown of Oxford preaches. <I receive the Holy Eucharist, let me settle my life auspiciously henceforward.><sup>5</sup> Timperley the groom brings back the horse, I give him 10s. I communicate the Holy Supper; may it be effective for a happy life. I send to Mr. Parre a copy of the Bedal commission.

1 See above, 16 & 27 Jan. 1690.

2 It is not clear whether this means ale given by a client, or ale in celebration of the relationship of patron and client.

3 Henry uses here a proverbial expression found in Terence, *Eunuch*, 2, 3, 90: *istaec in me cudetur faba*, literally 'This bean's going to be threshed on me.' Terence appears to have been among Henry's most favoured reading, see above, 20 Jan. 1683 sqq., and Vol. I, *passim*.

4 See above, 22 June 1689.

5 The interlineated sentence is redundant.

4 Circa horam VII iter incipio, Holford eo, absunt DD Cholmly', cum aetate propectâ matribus familias pransum parcè progredientem assequuntur, Cancell<sup>s</sup>. et Decanus, inter Buckley Hill et Bowden, ruit nebula, circa h. VI Mancunium Ventum, Gardianum et novam ejus visimus cum Familiâ suâ uxorem.

5 D<sup>s</sup>. Gard<sup>s</sup>. nobis se adjungit Comitem itineris Litlebrough circa h. XI ventum, hic remissum et Refectum. dein montem arduum ascendimus, descendimus vicissim. Halifax circa h. V venimus, opidum lustro, Templum amplum quidem et<sup>a</sup> venerandum viso, compositum decenter et purgatū – Cancelli, Vicariorum loci insignibus militaribus sursum appensis, ornati, quorum primum, Turbat nomine, Anno 1274<sup>b</sup> constat fuisse inductum Ad Crucis insigne, hospitium satis lautum divertimus.

6 Dies oritur laetus serenisque, Bradford circa h. IX. ventum, hic in antecessum victu potuque completum. Ad Pool nihilominus ubi sordidum et vile hospitium, tempus et nummos sublassi consumptum. Wharf trajectum, per<sup>c</sup> Saxcetum Saltum Knaresborough ascensum, transmissum via satis difficili Ripon circa h. VII confecti venimus,<sup>d</sup> hic hospitio lautissimo Recepti Recreati.

7 Dies suavissimus est. Bedal ante h. X ventum. ante XI in templum processum, populo frequenti et villa et templum completum. Res ex parte Domini Peirse, ad plenum deducta probationibus veritat[is]<sup>e</sup> exposita et omnis dubitacio sublata videtur. E Regiâ part[e] Argumentis tantū conflagitur. Astantes uti et Inquisitores in eandem statim sententiam ire videntur. Ex par[te] peires conclusum est, De hoc Negotio v: Literas Testimoniales.

<sup>f</sup> prandio prolixo satis exceptum. Raciones Commissionis putatae ad summam 46<sup>li</sup>: 7<sup>s</sup>.[...] <sup>g</sup> crescunt. expeditum est, Ripon circa h. VIII Reditum. hic cum D<sup>o</sup>. Holms caeteri[sque] .....<sup>h</sup> recreatum. nocte Stomachum labore.

8 Riponiae ad h. usque IX cunctamur. Ad Ripley subsistimus. Hic Decanus D<sup>m</sup>. Robinson Clericum<sup>i</sup> et Medicum veteri et academicâ sibi amicitia charum & conjunctum visit. Homo aetate propecta Facie reverenda nephriti miserrimè afflictus, ita ut in Orci Familiam seipsum adscripsit, ingenio verò vivace et comi, per intervalla laetum et jocosum agit comitem. D<sup>s</sup>. Ardern Nobis hic convenit. D<sup>o</sup>. Holden Literas do. Trans saltum hilariter Remeatum: Eboracum de viâ prospectum. Bradford circa h. VI ventum. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Jeremiam Bower, insigne Caroli primi, lautum quidē Hospitium pernoctatum. Ovinâ perbellâ et pingui, Anate silvestri molli et delicata, vino purâ diluto, Nos Reficimus. perpetem

a *et* interlineated.

b Altered from C.

c *p'* interlineated.

d *ventum* first written struck through, *venimus* interlineated.

e *veritatem ancillantibus* first written, *em ancillantibus* struck through, *s* inserted after *veritat*.

f The remainder of this entry relating to 7 Sept. is written, indented about 2.5 cm., in the space at the head of this page.

g Remainder of sum defective at line end.

h Words defective at line end.

i Altered from A..

4 About 7 o'clock I begin the journey, I go to Holford, the Cholmlys are away, lunched sparingly with the very aged mothers of the family. As I am on my way the Chancellor and the Dean catch me up, between Buckley Hill and Bowden, the cloud comes down. About 6 o'clock came to Manchester, we visit the Warden and his new wife with her family.<sup>1</sup>

5 Mr. Warden joins us as companion on our journey, came to Littleborough about 11 o'clock, here rested and refreshed. Then we climb up a steep hill and down it in turn. We come to Halifax about 5 o'clock. I look round the town, I visit the Church, ample indeed and venerable, decently arranged and cleaned. The chancels, the places of the vicars are adorned with knights' coats of arms hung above, of which it is agreed that the first, Turbat by name, was placed there in the year 1274. We put up at the sign of the Cross, a luxurious enough inn.

6 Day rises glad and calm, came to Bradford about 9 o'clock. Here filled up in advance with food and drink. At Pool nevertheless, where the inn is mean and cheap, since we were somewhat tired spent time and money. Crossed the Wharfe. Climbed by a rocky pass to Knaresborough, went by a difficult enough road, we came to Ripon exhausted about 7 o'clock. Here received and refreshed in a very luxurious inn.

7 The day is very pleasant. Came to Bedal before 10 o'clock. Processed into the Church before 11, both the town and the Church are full with a numerous populace. The business on Mr./Lord Peirse's side is conducted in full, expounded with proofs of truth, and all doubt seems to be removed. From the Royal side it is contested by arguments only. The bystanders, as also those conducting the inquiry, seem to have come immediately to the same opinion. It is decided in Peirse's favour. About this business see the testimonial letter.

Entertained with a lavish enough lunch. The accounts of the commission when they are worked out grow to the sum of £46:7s:[...] It is settled, returned to Ripon about 8 o'clock. Here with Mr. Holms and the rest [...] refreshed. In the night my stomach in trouble.

8 We delay at Ripon until 9 o'clock. We stop at Ripley. The Dean visits Mr. Robinson, a clergyman and doctor, dear and connected to him by old college friendship. A man in advanced age, with a reverend face, so miserably afflicted with nephritis that he has ascribed himself to Orcus's household,<sup>2</sup> but of lively and courteous character, at intervals he behaves as a glad and merry companion. Mr. Ardern meets us here. I send a letter to Mr. Holden. Returned cheerfully across the pass: saw York on the way. Came to Bradford about 6 o'clock. Spent the night at Mr. Jeremiah Bower's, Charles the First's Arms, a luxurious inn indeed. We refresh ourselves with very fine rich mutton, soft and delicate wild duck, wine

1 Richard Wroe's second wife was Ann Radcliffe. See *DNB*, LXIII, pp. 160–1.

2 I.e. reserved a place among the dead.

noctem suavissimo quievi somno. D<sup>s</sup>. Canc<sup>s</sup>. et Ego VI<sup>s</sup>. vicissim. D<sup>o</sup>. Bower in Cultros Sheffeldenses emendos, numeramus et curam mandamus.

**9** Sereno utimur die. laetè progressum. Halifax pedes descensum, paulum sistimus. Alternatim ascensum et descensum. Litlebrough circa h. XII. venimus, Reficimus. circa horam VII. Mancunio salvo (D.G.) venimus

**10** Templum itum. ad D<sup>m</sup>. Gardianum quo nemo accipit neque meliùs neque prolixiùs pransum lautissimè. post vespertinas me Literis Testimonialibus de Commissione executi conscribendis, confero, perficio.

**11** Ante equos incensos, Coffeum ad D. Gardianum potum, huic VI<sup>l</sup>.IX<sup>s</sup> honorarium solvo, Solidum uti adulterum rejicit. Circa h. XII Northw<sup>ch</sup>. venimus. h. circa III. moramur. DD<sup>s</sup>. Canc<sup>o</sup>. Dec<sup>o</sup>. et Sharp, eorum sortes solvo. de viaticis circa 7<sup>s</sup> superest. Circa h: VIII Cestriae DOMG salvi Redimus. DDec<sup>s</sup>.<sup>a</sup> et Ego D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo officia persolvimus, processumque trado.

**12** Cum D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo de Inquisicione Bedal executâ. Vesperi ad Navis Recreatum. D<sup>s</sup>. Scoope Nos e vestigio subsequitur. Mandatum Ne admittas antevertit.

**13** Dies Supplicationum est. D<sup>s</sup>. Murry Concionem habet. Exemplum processûs et veredicti D<sup>o</sup>. ffranklin mitto, pro quibus et prioribus D<sup>o</sup>. parre solvenda sunt 1<sup>li</sup>:2<sup>s</sup>.

**14** Domi maximùm. vesperam musicae do. post ad D<sup>m</sup>. Cancell<sup>m</sup>. nuptialem septennalem elegantè et Splendidè celebratum, choreas ductum, magnifice convivio Receptum, delectatum admodùm ad altam noctem suaviter victum. Depluit vehementer, D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens S. mea et Ego in rhedâ Redimus.

**15** De nocturnis subaegrè habeo delicijs. Circa h. V vesperi cum D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens Wrexham eo, Havodyw. commoror.

**16** D<sup>s</sup>. Puleston et Ego Eyton Conferimus, hic diem ducimus. Conventum musicorum designatum in alium differimus diem. per Broughton deviè Redimus.

**17** Templum accedimus. post prandium. Requiei do. Vesperi Wrexham reditum, ad D<sup>m</sup>. Goldsmith cerevisiâ exceptum. Hic, inter h. VII & VIII de filiâ Episcopo Aladensi nata nuntium expeditum.

**18** Wrexham itum dein Havodywern intemporiùs pransum. post Cestriae circa h. VII. D.G. reditum.

**19** D<sup>s</sup>. Forth a nobis Neston mare ingressurus, descendit. meis Nominibus est xvij<sup>s</sup>iiii<sup>d</sup>. Ex mandatis Comitis Derbiae D<sup>s</sup>. Strangius Damam dimidiatum dono mittit. D<sup>o</sup>. Wilson Rescribo. Ad Navis vesperi.

**20** S. mea Wrexham, Filiae Episcopi Aladensis susce[pt]ricem agere, contendit, reditque. Ad solis vesperi.

**21** prandio ferino Amicos XII. excipimus D<sup>a</sup>. [W]ainwright aegrotescit. Funus D<sup>ae</sup>. Brock celebratum.

a Altered from DD<sup>s</sup>.

diluted with pure water. I rested all night in the sweetest sleep. Mr. Chancellor and I each pay Mr. Bower 6s. to buy Sheffield knives and entrust that task to him.

9 We enjoy a clear day. Set out gladly. Went down to Halifax on foot, we stop a little. Alternately went up and down. We come to Littleborough about 12 o'clock, we refresh. We come safe (thank God) to Manchester about 7 o'clock.

10 Went to Church. Lunched most lavishly at Mr. Warden's, than whom no-one receives better or more abundantly. After evening prayers I take myself to writing up the testimonial letter about the commission that has been carried out, and finish it.

11 Before mounting horse, drank coffee at Mr. Warden's. I pay him £6.9s. honorarium. He rejects a shilling as counterfeit. About 12 o'clock we come to Northwich. We stay about 3 hours. I pay to Messrs. Chancellor, Dean and Sharp their dues. About 7s. is left from the travelling-money. About 8 o'clock we return safe, thanks to God the best and greatest, to Chester. Mr. Dean and I pay our respects to the Lord Bishop, I hand over the proceedings.

12 With my Lord Bishop about the Bedal inquiry that has been accomplished. In the evening refreshed at the Ship. Mr. Scoope follows in our footsteps. He presents a mandate *Ne admittas* in anticipation.

13 It is a day of prayers. Mr. Murry preaches. I send a copy of the proceedings and verdict to Mr. ffrancklin, for which and the previous ones £1:2s. is to be paid to Mr. Parre.

14 Mostly at home. I devote the evening to music. After at Mr. Chancellor's their seventh wedding anniversary elegantly and splendidly celebrated, dances held, received and delighted magnificently at a banquet, enjoyed ourselves very much until deep into the night. It rained torrentially, Mrs. Stephens, my S. and I return in a coach.

15 I am not very well from last night's pleasures. About 5 o'clock in the evening I go with Mrs. Stephens to Wrexham, I stay at Havodyw.

16 Mr. Puleston and I go to Eyton, we spend the day here. We postpone to another day the planned meeting of musicians. We return by a digression through Broughton.

17 We go to Church. After lunch I have a rest. In the evening returned to Wrexham, at Mr. Goldsmith's entertained with ale. Here between 7 & 8 o'clock news hurriedly brought of a daughter born to the Bishop of Killala.

18 Went to Wrexham, then lunched untimely at Havodywern. After returned about 7 o'clock, thank God, to Chester.

19 Mr. Forth goes down from us to Neston about to put to sea. There is 17s.4d. to my name. On the orders of the Earl of Derby Lord Strange sends half a doe as a gift. I write back to Mr. Wilson. At the Ship in the evening.

20 My S. goes to Wrexham to be godmother to the Bishop of Killala's daughter, and returns. At the Sun in the evening.

21 We entertain 12 friends at a venison lunch. Mrs. Wainwright is taken ill. The funeral of Mrs. Brock held.

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**22** Domi Historiae Augustae, me do. Exemplum putacionis Regiae D. Gale recipio. D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo exhibeo Vesperi ad Navis D<sup>m</sup>. Scoope et comitatum bellum, vino, viatico Residuo excipio

**23** Subaegre est de vespertino. DD<sup>s</sup>. pope, Allen, parre et Wilson Literas do, Senatores urbanos v et alios singulari benevolentia in Comitem Derbiae affectos, Ferinâ recipio, Salutes Donatorum celebratae.

**24** Domi Corpus Juris Canonici de procuratoribus et Tabellionibus verto. vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Bridges ad Coffeopolium de Facultatibus sibi per consanguineum nuperrimè<sup>a</sup> defunctum Relictis, narrat. D<sup>a</sup>. Alworth ad nos caenat.

**25** D<sup>a</sup>. Alworth cum familia procedit, inter viatores tumultuatum, operam do. D<sup>s</sup>. Bridges iter cras suscepturus D<sup>b</sup>D. Allen, Thane, Cooper &c ad Navis recipit.

**26** D<sup>s</sup>. Flemming Glasguensis in Curionem Capellarum Downham<sup>c</sup> et Whitewell admissus est. Vesperi D<sup>m</sup>. Stephens & S. meam ad solis musica<sup>d</sup> juglandibus sive nucibus basilicis Recipio.

**27** D<sup>s</sup>. Penton in Rectoriam Wath institutus est. Articulos contra Officiarios compono.<sup>e</sup>

**28** primus dies juridicus Termini Michaelis Rebus Forensibus diem multam implicitus. Vesperi D<sup>s</sup>. Anderton vino Rubello et cerevisia nos excipit egregiè.

**29** Literas Domini Allen gratas recipio. L<sup>li</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. pope meo nomine solvere spondet. Micaelis et nundinarius est. de vitâ hesternâ, subaegre est, in Nundinas descensum, cum adventantibus diem sumo. Caelum flatibus turbidum.

**30** D<sup>o</sup>. Allen Rescribo, DD. parre et Close do Literas. D. Episcopus Bowden procelloso progreditur. D<sup>a</sup>. Stephens et Ego rationes computamus, mihi manet obstricta XIX<sup>li</sup>. Annui Salarij partem Johanni solvo XXX<sup>s</sup>. vesperam ad Solis sumo.

Octobris

**1** Det D.O.M. faustiora! tempestas Resedit. Domi, dies magnâ ex parte consumptus.

**2** D<sup>o</sup>. Allen de reditu suo maturo, vehementius scribo. D<sup>ae</sup>. Step. valedico<sup>f</sup> Circa h. X. iter incipimus. Northwich parum subsistimus. Hulms Chapell circa h. VI. venimus, bellè hic nos Reficimus. dies admodum serenus.

**3** Non pluit dies vero pluviosus, nebulis obductus. Maccd'<sup>g</sup> circa h. XI ventum, e dolore Capitis malè, exiguum Negotij circa h. IV. pergitur. Funus D. Shippen satis

a nuperrime interlineated.

b Altered from *N*.

c praedictam first written struck through, *Downham* interlineated.

d Altered from *musice*.

e D<sup>s</sup>. Anderton vino et cerevisia primarijs nos vesp first written, struck out. See next entry.

f D<sup>ae</sup>. Step. valedico interlineated.

g Sc. Macclesfield.

22 At home I devote myself to *Historia Augusta*.<sup>1</sup> I receive a copy of Mr. Gale's Royal Consideration,<sup>2</sup> show it to the Lord Bishop. In the evening at the Ship I entertain Mr. Scoope and a fine company with wine with the residue of the travelling-money.

23 I am not very well from the evening. I send letters to Messrs. Pope, Allen, Parre and Wilson. I receive with venison 5 city aldermen and others affected by singular good-will towards the Earl of Derby, the donors' healths are drunk.

24 At home I turn the *Corpus Juris Canonici*<sup>3</sup> about proctors and notaries. In the evening with Mr. Bridges at the coffee house; he tells me about the estates left to him very recently by a deceased relative. Mrs. Alworth dines with us.

25 Mrs. Alworth sets off with her family, there is a disturbance among the travellers, I see to it. Mr. Bridges who is about to undertake his journey tomorrow receives Messrs. Allen, Thane, Cooper etc. at the Ship.

26 Mr. Flemming of Glasgow is admitted as Curate of the Chapels of Downham and Whitewell. In the evening I receive Mrs. Stephens and my S. at the Sun with music and walnuts or royal nuts.<sup>4</sup>

27 Mr. Penton is instituted as Rector of Wath. I compose articles against officials.

28 First court day of Michaelmas term. Busy much of the day in court business. In the evening Mr. Anderton entertains us outstandingly with red wine and ale.

29 I receive a welcome letter of Mr. Allen. He promises to pay Mr. Pope £50 in my name. It is Michaelmas and a fair day. I am not very well from yesterday's life. Went down to the fair, I spend the day with new-comers. The sky is boisterous with gusts.

30 I write back to Mr. Allen. I send letters to Messrs. Parre and Close. The Lord Bishop sets out for Bowdon in stormy weather. Mrs. Stephens and I work out accounts, £19 remains bound to me.<sup>5</sup> I pay John part of his year's salary 30s. I spend the evening at the Sun.

**OCTOBER 1** May God the best and greatest grant a more favourable future! The storm has settled down again. For the large part the day spent at home.

2 I write rather urgently to Mr. Allen about his rent due. I say farewell to Mrs. Stephens. About 10 o'clock we begin the journey. We stop a little at Northwich. We come to Hulms Chapel about 6 o'clock, here we refresh ourselves finely. A very clear day.

3 It is not raining but the day is rainy, overcast with clouds. Came to Macc[lesfiel]d about 11 o'clock, ill from headache, little business. About 4 o'clock

1 *Historiae Augustae Scriptores VI*, of which seven editions were published in the C17th, including two at Leiden 1661 & 1671.

2 This may possibly be either Thomas or Theophilus Gale (both prolific writers), though the work is so far unidentified.

3 A revised edition had been published in Paris, 1687.

4 So called by Macrobius, *Saturnalia*, III, xviii, 2-4.

5 Or: 'She remains bound to me £19'.



amplum, ductum est, qui quidem vir erat omnium disciplinarum Scientia instructus, ad fastigium tum doctrinae tum eloquentiae perventus. Turba funebris mendicans largitiones exceptura in ponte Stockport constipata, nos aliquanto impediunt. Manch<sup>r</sup>. per Lunae officium circa h. VII. ventum.

4 D.G. bellè convalesco. mediocritè Negotij, Suadam Alcinarinam<sup>a</sup> emo et verso. Vesperi ad insignia Georgij et Draconis cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Canc. Yates et Davies; de prohibitione quoad Testamenta,<sup>b</sup> multa et prolixa.

5 Circa h. VIII. proficiscimur, Bolton ante XI<sup>m</sup> ventum, Templum visum, Monumentum D. Caroli Anderton designatum damnat Cancell<sup>s</sup>. Affines e Lydiâ meâ viso, pransi iter pergimus; circa h. V Blackb<sup>a</sup>. ventum

6 De itinere Refectum, Negotij parum est. de S. Ryley, (cui justum erat propter Incestum ut in publicum proponeretur) D<sup>s</sup>. Price in fermento est. difficilè Recuperamus, Ad illum potum, esum liberè, dormitum.

7 Circa h. IX in Chorley inscendimus. hic vix aliquid Negotij, plus sordidae Cerevisiae, inscensuros D<sup>s</sup>. Standish Baronettus nos occupat detinet aliquanto. Wigan circa h. VII. Ventum ad D<sup>m</sup>. Case hospitio D. Canc. et Ego excepti amico.

Octobris 93.

8 Templum venerabundi adimus, D<sup>s</sup>. White Concionem habet. Vesperi nos Recipit, hic de morte Domini Gey Vicarij Whalley Nuncium. D<sup>m</sup>. Halliwell morbo tentatum et lecto decumbentem viso.

9 Conventus Ecclesiasticus et secularis una hic aguntur, villa completa est populo. Negotium mediocre plus amicorum contribulium. D<sup>o</sup>. Byrom solvo usuram XV<sup>li</sup>.<sup>c</sup> Vesperi D<sup>s</sup>. Canc. et Ego Winstanley evolamus, ubi liberè excepti.

10 Tentaculo prolixo nimis Recepti et affecti, Holland parum subsistimus, in Templum ascensum. Sedile meum Recens erectum visum, placet. <sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. Bolton oblacionem praebeo X<sup>s</sup>. Ormskk' progressum, hic Negotij parum. caeteri Liverpool descendunt Ego subsisto & pernocto.

11 D<sup>s</sup>. G. Farrington pharmacopolâ circa h. V matutinam, morbis confectus e vita discedit Vir Ingenij admodum laudabilis viciniae suae magnum desiderium. Circa h. VIII Knowsley versus me confero. Comitem ut Cestriam electioni instanti adsit suaeque gratia ornet et praesidio et D<sup>s</sup>. Vaughan Chiliarcha et Ego maximoperè Rogamus, non proficimus, D<sup>m</sup>. Wilson e febris ancipiti convalescentem viso hinc aegro quidem animo Recedo. Warr<sup>ton</sup>. vesperi circa h. VIII Venio. D. Patten viso.

a Or perhaps *Alemarinam*, or *Alcmarinam*.

b Or *Testimonia*, MS. *Testm<sup>a</sup>*.

c D<sup>o</sup>. *Byrom solvo usuram XV<sup>li</sup>*. interlineated.

d *Ormskk* first written, struck through.



we continue. Mr. Shippen's funeral, handsome enough, is conducted. He was a man trained in the knowledge of all disciplines, who had arrived at the peak of learning and eloquence. The begging funeral crowd pressed together on Stockport bridge waiting to receive the distributions hold us up for a while. Came to Manchester by the help of the moon about 7 o'clock.

4 I am recovering finely, thank God. Moderate business. I buy and study Suada Alcinarina.<sup>1</sup> In the evening at the sign of George and the Dragon with Messrs. Chancellor, Yates and Davies; much prolix conversation about prohibition as it affects wills [*or* evidence].

5 About 8 o'clock we set out, came to Bolton before 11, saw the Church. The Chancellor condemns the intended monument to Mr. Charles Anderton. I visit relatives on my Lydia's side, after lunch we continue the journey; came to Blackburn about 5 o'clock.

6 Refreshed from the journey, there is little business. Mr. Price is in a ferment about S. Ryley, (to whom it was due on account of incest that she should be set forth in public).<sup>2</sup> We recover with difficulty, drank, ate freely, slept at his house.

7 About 9 o'clock we mount for Chorley. Here scarcely any business, more mean ale. As we are about to mount Sir Standish, Bart., engages and detains us for a while. Came to Wigan about 7 o'clock. Mr. Chancellor and I are entertained at Mr. Case's with friendly hospitality.

8 We go to church as worshippers, Mr. White preaches. In the evening he receives us. Here news of the death of Mr. Gey, Vicar of Whalley. I visit Mr. Halliwell assailed by illness and confined to bed.

9 Ecclesiastical and civil courts are here held together, the town is full of people. Moderate business, more of local friends. I pay Mr. Byrom £15 interest. In the evening Mr. Chancellor and I fly out to Winstanley, where freely entertained.

10 Received and affected too much by the long tentacle, we stop a little at Holland, went up into the Church, saw my pew recently erected. Like it. I provide Mr. Bolton with an offering of 10s. Went on to Ormskirk, here little business. The rest go down to Liverpool, I stop and spend the night.

11 Mr. G. Farrington the apothecary worn out by illnesses departed life about 5 o'clock this morning, a man of very laudable character and a great loss to his neighbourhood. About 8 o'clock I take myself to Knowsley. Both Col. Vaughan and I especially ask the Earl to be in Chester for the forthcoming election, to furnish it with his influence and protection; we do not succeed. I visit Mr. Wilson recovering from a critical fever. I withdraw from here with a very uneasy mind. I come to Warrington about 8 o'clock in the evening. I visit Mr. Patten.

1 Or 'Alemarina' or 'Alcmarina'. Reference unidentified.

2 In 1692 Sarah Ryley of Accrington had committed incest with John Ryley, son of Dennis and her stepson, and in 1693 had been ordered as public penance 'to stand at the cross in Blackburn on market day in October with a notice back and front "For Incest with my Husband's son"', etc. See Addy, *Sin and Society*, p.181.

**12** D<sup>s</sup>. White de frigidiusculis Episcopi Literis de se Archiepiscopo missis queritur. Circa h. VIII. aethere minante progressum, pluviâ continuâ madefactus, Cestriae D.G. ante h. XII salvus venio. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Wilcock vesperi.

**13** Dies Electioni praetoris Urbani destinatus. Utrunque igitur magnopere certatum, Cives <sup>a</sup> honestiores DD<sup>i</sup>. Allen et Bennet, colluviam improborum Whitley et Hand conciliassent, hic Tentaculo et cerevisiâ larga suos, ille modicâ suos excipit, in<sup>b</sup> Curiam magna ascendunt catervâ, ad suffragia itum. ex parte Allen diu sortes sunt, <sup>c</sup> finitis his, turpis quidem et pudenda turba praetorium implent, ex his, Whitley et Hand suffragijs superiores sunt a parte Whitley scilicet 425, Hand 423, Allen 354, Bennett 345 data sunt Suffragia, Res dein apud Senatores ventilata, scrutinio facto. XI Suffragia ex parte Allen, VI ex parte Whitley IV ex parte Hand, major pars horum Hand minime esse Senatorem; Suffragiorum et dignitatis praetoriae incapacem, Suffragia ergo de ipso prorsum nulla et cassa iri allegunt et obnixe asserunt, Allen ergo Recte praetorem esse statuunt et pronunciant.

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a *probiores* first written struck through.

b *in* interlineated.

c *exhaustis* first written struck through.

12 Mr. White complains of the Bishop's rather chilly letter about him sent to the Archbishop. About 8 o'clock set out under a threatening sky. Soaked by continuous rain. I come to Chester safe, thank God, before 12 o'clock. At Mr. Wilcock's in the evening.

13 The day appointed for the election of the Mayor. Greatly contested therefore on both sides. Messrs. Allen and Bennet would have gained the favour of more honourable citizens, Whitley and Hand a swill of reprobates. The latter receive their own with the tentacle of large quantities of ale, the former with a moderate amount. In a great crowd they go up into the *praetorium*,<sup>1</sup> went to voting. For a long time the votes are on Allen's side, when these are finished a base and shameful crowd indeed fill the hall. From these Whitley and Hand are superior in votes, that is to say the votes given for Whitley were 425, Hand 423, Allen 354, Bennet 345. The matter was then discussed among the Aldermen, scrutiny was made, 11 votes on Allen's side, 6 on Whitley's, 4 on Hand's. The majority of these allege and strenuously assert that Hand is not at all an alderman; incapable of the votes and dignity of Mayor, and that the votes for him will therefore be absolutely null and void, they therefore declare and pronounce Allen rightly Mayor.

14 Bestow most of this day with Mr. Shakerley at Alderman W[ilcock?]'s where wee drawe the Case.

15 Mr. Norris of Brazen Nose has a very ingenious and long sermon, the winds contrary and the weather to the K[ing]'s return.

16 I pay Alderman Allen and receive Dr. P[ope]'s note of the receipt of 50<sup>li</sup> from him. At the funerall of Mr. Skelhorn son of Alderman, after with Mr. M. at the Sun.

17 At home draw the Account against Mr. Trotter &c, in the Evening late at Alderman Wilcocks with the [blank].

18 St. Lukes day, at home & in Bookes. A confluence hence to Holt invited by Sir T. Gr[een?] the Mayor.

19 Very ill weather; the Court day. Mr. L. appears, my Lord accuses him of contriveing with Mr. T. a busienes against Wild, hee makes a feeble defence. I am with him after dinner at the Sun.

20 At Home studiously.

21 I write to Mr. Close and send a copy of the Com[missioner?]'s Testimoniall. After dinner at the Sun with Alderman W[ilcock?]'s.

22 Mr. Burches has a mean sermon. I read Dr. Barrow on the Lords Prayer, Comandments and Eucharist.

23 At home in Books send out the Excommunication against Townson. In the Evening at the Golden Lyon and the Sun with the Chancellor, after late with my Lord, &c.

24 Go with the [?Ch.]D.[illegible] D. to Neston wee veiw the ruinous [?Chancel], talk of rebuilding. I dine with Mr. M., see a short Course, return about 6.

25 At home read. In the Even write to Mr. Yate, White, Bolton, Wilson, my Sister.

1 See above, 15 June 1693, with note *ad loc.* For the method of electing the mayor cf. C.C.R.O., *op.cit.*, pp.8f.

- 26 Send [*illegible*] into Lancashire, a Court day, small Busienes. In the Even at Br. [*illegible*] with [*illegible*].
- 27 A delicate day, walk in the morning, at the Funerall of Mr. Ravenscrofte in the Evening in Bookes.
- 28 Walk, Jack with mee, write to Mr. Close, in the Evening turn Tully.
- 29 Dr. E[ntwisle] has an excellent sermon; in the Evening read  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Hookers 1<sup>st</sup> book of Ecclesiastical Polity; institute to Prestbury.
- 30 Walk and read out the other half of that excellent book, write to Mr. Parre, Mr. Fallows.
- 31 News but not certain of the K[ing]s return, a dull rainy day, at home, in the Even with the Chancellor, Mr. Pennant &c, after at the Sun.

**NOVEMBER 1** Rise early to prayers very much indispos'd. In the Even with Coll. Vaughan.

- 2 Court day, the Busienes of Trotter and Townson fully discuss'd by the Bishop who in this matter is much mov'd with incertainties, the matter of Townson deferr'd till the first Court day of E[aster] Term. The Bishop in the Evening expresses great dissatisfaccion and suspicion. Certain news of the K[ing]s arrival.
- 3 At the office with my Lord most of the day searching about Ellenbrook Chapell.
- 4 A very rainy day. I write to Mr. Kenyon, am calld to Mr. Anderton, very sick, take directions and draw his Will which hee executes in the Evening. After I am at the palace; the Mob burn the Pope.
- 5 Dr. Entwisle preach a sermon proper to the day. I receive the Sacrament, in the Even with Alderman Allen late.
- 6 Not well, go to the Lord Chancellor of I[reland] at the Bear. I dine with him, hee entertains us with excellent wine. Mr. Anderton dies betwixt 5 and 6.
- 7 The Lord C[hancellor of Ireland] gives mee Bottles of wine. I dine with the Alderman at the palace, in the Evening visit the yong Ladies and Uncle Eyton.
- 8 Write to Mr. Price and Mr. Holden, at home in Busienes with Mr. Thane, in the Evening pay him 20<sup>li</sup>.
- 9 Court day. Mr. Thane is married, Mr. Anderton buried. I write to the Bishop of Kildare.
- 10 At home the Forenoon. After with my Lord about the City Case, draw remarks on the Mayors answer, my Lord with mee [*damaged*].
- 11 Dine at Uncle Eytons, write to Mr. Close by my Lords order, draw a Catalogue of the institucions &c. Dr. Entwisle [*damaged*].
- 12 Afternoon at the Parish church, the Dean preaches, after prayers visit Mr. H. and Mr. Anderton.
- 13 A delicate morning, my Lord sett's out for London about 10. I bring 'em to Hatton heath. In the Even at the [*damaged*].
- 14 The weather alter'd to rain. At home about the Inscriptcion.
- 15 At home all day in Bookes.
- 16 Court day, small busienes. Afternoon buy Tully Gron. Edition, after at the Baggs & Wormwood.

17 Not well, pay Mr. Minshall for Tully 34<sup>s</sup>. Hee and Mr. Bullen dine with us, read Adrians Life.

18 Prepare for Borras, wee sett out about 12, come thither very hungry & eat well about 3.

19 Go to Wrexham Church where a scotch confid[ent?] Minister preaches, dine at Havod, go to Borros late from it.

20 Walk in a fine frosty morning to W[rexham], read Dr. Donn's life, dine with Mrs. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd lately come from F[*illegible*] tells us the Yacht where Mr. S. is taken for lost. This affects us with fear &c, return late, call at Hugh Dods.

21 Go to Coddington, my brother P[uleston?] with mee, wee see the controverted seat, I received Letter from the Bishop of Kildare that gives account of Mr. S. safety. Wee dine here, return, call at Cornish.

22 My brother P[uleston?] and I walk to Gresford and back over the Demesn of Borras, a fine walk. After dinner wee go to the Vicarage and spend the rest of the day with the Chancellor & Mr. Price.

23 Wee come out [*illegible*] it is a hard Frost. I come soon enough to Court, little busienes. Am much indispos'd, the symptoms of the common distemper begin on mee.

24 Much worse, keep close & warm, excessive head ache, sleeples night.

25 Lett blood, send to the Bishop the process at Bedale.

26 From blood & blister the distemper abates.

27 Mr. Thane, his Lady & Friends received at an elegant dinner.

28 At home read on in Paradise Lost.

29 Keep still close, slowly [*illegible*].

30 Mr. Beverly with us, celebrate this day. I write to Mrs. Stephens.

**DECEMBER 1** Keep close at home; read. News, the Triennial Bill<sup>1</sup> rejected. Uncle Eyton dines with us.

2 I write to my Lord Bishops of Chester and Kildare.

3 At home, read Bishop Pearsons first Article of the Creed; wee begin the Bible.

4 In brookes [*sic*] promiscuously.

5 Read Hermann's Vultei dissertationem Iuris; send W.W. into L. with Letters to Mr. Banks Alderman Mr. W<sup>s</sup>. Sir R.S. dies.

6 Read Epistolam Aegidii Mommerii de ratione legendi discendique iura. Will returns.

7 Last Court day of this term. Read the Epistle over agen, write to Mally F.

8 Walk, afternoon wee visit Mr. Thelwall at night. I treat Mr. Chancellor, Archdeacon Allen, Alderman Allen, Mr. Shaw with excellent wine & a Barrel of Colchester oysters. I gett cold.

9 Very ill from cold yett. I send an account of Mr. Birch his p[riests?] orders to the Bishop.

1 William III exercised his right of veto to reject a bill which would have limited subsequent parliaments to terms of three years.

- 10 Read Bishop Pearsons second Article. Mr. Pigot from Ireland brings Letters and dines with us.
- 11 Read in Tacitus, write to Mr. Parr about my late cozn. Prescot of Warwick.
- 12 A hard frost. I walk; at home most of the day in Hopperus.
- 13 After dinner see the late Deans books and choose some out.
- 14 At home in books. After dinner wee go to Poughtons. I write to the Bishop of Kildare? & Mrs. [damaged].
- 15 A dull day. After dinner at Poughtons agen with young Gent. In the even write to Mr. Haydock. I write to Mr. Yates & send Mr. B's [illegible].
- 16 Read Vosii de Ratione Studioru[m?] & Joannis Alberti [?Baunt] dissertationem de Mus[ic?].
- 17 Read Pearsons 3<sup>d</sup> Article of the Creed. After prayers at Alderman Wilson and with Alderman Allen.
- 18 Walk, at home in busienes. Receive Dr. Maddens Letter of my Eleccion &c; write back to him.
- 19 A delicate morning, walk, after at home in books.
- 20 Mr. Wood gives mee Dugdale of St. Pauls, read at home, in the Evening at the Sun.
- 21 St. Thomas day, read and begin Justinian's Institucions.
- 22 Go on in reading, at Night at the Sun.
- 23 My uncle Herle visits us. At home and in bookes.
- 24 Read the 3<sup>d</sup> Article of Bishop Pearsons Creed.
- 25 Xtmas Day, receive the holy Sacrament, at home & in Bookes.
- 26 Invited dine at Alderman Allens where a company of Citizens; in the Evening visit Mrs. And[erton] [?Mrs M.-damaged].
- 27 I walk and my S[usanna] Mr. Allen & W. ride to Neston where they are &c to Mr. M's son, a great d[damaged] of meat; a fine day, wee return by way of the sands.
- 28 At home, repose and read variously. The news of the Triennial Bill rejected.
- 29 Mr. Eyton and his Family dine with us; the Frost relents.
- 30 Mr. Otty &c dine with us.
- 31 Read the 5<sup>th</sup> Article.

## 1693/4

**JANUARY 1** A fine morning, rise to early prayers, read close all day; in the Evening at the Chancellor & Ned P[uleston?].

**2** Receive my Lord of Chesters and Kildares Letters. Walk, after all day in Books. In the Even at Alderman W. and Mr.[?Page]. Earl of Warrington dies.<sup>1</sup>

1 Henry Booth (1652–94) of Dunham Massey, Cheshire, 2nd Baron Delamere and 1st Earl of Warrington. He had sympathized with Monmouth's rebellion in 1685, and was an early supporter of William III. See *DNB*, V, pp. 380–2, in which his date of death is given as 3 January.

- 3 Write my proposal to my Lord about a Map of the dioces and an account of the Mayors proceeding in his common Councell. Hee breaks the Locks for the City Seal. At home & read. I am Godfather.
- 4 About 8 the Bishop of Kildare comes, hee breaks off my reading, I attend him.
- 5 About 12 the Bishop goes for Lancashire. I am very late at the Sun with D.D. Cumberlach, Bullen.
- 6 Very sick, dine at Mr. B., after repose. Suzy goes to the Funerall of Alderman Pecks child. I write to Alderman Bancks directions about Mr. Breres busienes.
- 7 Mr. Garenc[iers] preaches, read the 6 Article, in the Even at Mr. Boucher. Mr. Thompson dies this Night.
- 8 At prayers early, the news of Mr. Thompsons death astonishes all; it freezes. I prepare for a journey.
- 9 Set out on foot about 8, call on Mr. Crane, hee goes with mee to Sandyway, thence by Vale Royal to Midlewich. I come to H. chapell about 6 very well; meet with the Bishop of K[iildare?] and T[om] G[orst].
- 10 Wee ride to Moreton, a r[everend?] and large house, wee veiwe it round, dine here & after go to Brookhouse Green; the Bishop to Brereton.
- 11 A severe frost; the Bishop and Mr. Peak come and dine here. After Tea the Bishop settis forward for London, wee to Brereton where I see the noble Fabric, am surprizd to meet my Lords picture. After Coffee my cozn. Peak & T[om] G[orst] come and stay with mee at H.
- 12 Wee fall into a deep morning draught. Mr. Francis Cholmley comes unawares. I speak to him, hee is submorose still. Tom & I part about 1, I stay still here.
- 13 Pretty well recoverd, about 10 I sett out on foot for Holford, come there to dinner, am received very kindly. Mr. Vawdry is here, & wee sitt up late.
- 14 Well recoverd after a good rest; in the afternoon a domestic sermon. After supper, discourse that draws us into a inseasonable hour. The Earl of W[arrington] buried at Boden.
- 15 Still very well, walk about. At Even fall into the same practice of sitting very late.
- 16 A frosty morn, sett out about 8 on foot, call at Sandyway, a delicate walk over the Forest, call on Mr. Crane, wee dine at Kelsall about 1, sett thence about 2 and come home (D.G.) before 5.
- 17 Write to Mr. P. and Parre, after with Mr. Murry at the Sun and Alderman Anderton.
- 18 First Court day, not much busieness, easy at home. At Night at Mr. Eytons and Mr. P.

- 19 Domi delitescō, in libris mediocritèr
- 20 Omnis in libris in Tacito sum praesertim. Notas in marmor exaro.
- 21 Literas Domini Episcopi de <sup>a</sup> E. <sup>b</sup> Bedal recipio; de jure apud eum, iterum haeret, Responsa do.
- 22 Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Eyton lauto admodum. prandio excepti sumus, illi Notas meas mitto, in iter apparo.
- 23 precibus celebratis, circa h. X DD. Callis Cooper et Ego in equis sumus. Frodsham D<sup>m</sup>. Davie in iter et rem trahimus. Warr<sup>ton</sup>. et Newton Reficimus. spissâ nebulâ Gateley-Lane circa h. VI. ventum.
- 24 Ayrfeild, caelo Sereno, lustro. Agriculturam probo, ulteriorem designo. Hic dies in Electionem Municipis Comitalis dictus, obnixe inter DD<sup>s</sup>. Byrom et Entwisle agitur, Suffragia 82 in Byrom, 38 in Entwisle, unum tantum in D. Warren, cadunt.
- 25 Wigan pedes confero; dein Hopecare Eques, D<sup>m</sup>. Sale jugi satis non re lautè video. Wigan redeo, affines viso, ad D. Cason pernocto. De D<sup>o</sup>. Herle multa et subsordida ogganniunt.
- 26 Negotium Breres, D<sup>o</sup>. Haddock mediante, conficio, diem pitissando sumo, S. meae et D<sup>o</sup>. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. Scribo. Vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Herle de J. W<sup>m</sup>son verbis agito, hujus <sup>d</sup> in Literis<sup>e</sup> progressûs, corâm, periculum facio, non dat se solertem, sub Lunâ; h. circa VIII. Gateley redeo.
- 27 Antemeridianum Animo do. post Holland descensum, rationes cum T.<sup>f</sup> Baron puto. D<sup>m</sup>. Bolton Viso, leporem, canis Gallici praedam donat. Nuntium Knowsley D<sup>o</sup>. Wilson amando, vacuus redit.
- 28 Ecclesiae me confero. primò (Q.B.E)<sup>g</sup> in scamno sedeo. post divina cum Nostratibus vesperam Sumimus. sublassus et jejunos redeo, caenam voro intempestam; cedit praeter spem benè.
- 29 Rationes rusticas perputo; nomen Colonis dissolvo. in iter paratus a sententiâ discedo. rem tenuem, paupertatem gravem P.W. dolens cognosco. solitudine districtus X Juven. sat tandem me trado, D<sup>o</sup>. Dod scribo.

a *libe* first written struck through.

b *Sc. Ecclesia*.

c *Sic*, perhaps for *lauta*.

d *Scie* first written struck through.

e *in* interlineated, *Lris*<sup>'</sup> altered from *Lras*<sup>'</sup>.

f Or, perhaps, *J*.

g *Sc. Quod Bene Eveniat*.



19 I skulk at home, in books moderately.

20 I am wholly in books especially Tacitus.<sup>1</sup> I inscribe my notes onto marble.

21 I receive a letter of the Lord Bishop about Bedal Church; by right it belongs again to him. I reply.

22 We are received at Mr. Eyton's with a very lavish lunch, I send him my notes, I prepare for the journey.

23 After prayers, about 10 o'clock Messrs. Callis, Cooper and I are on horseback. At Frodsham we drag Mr. Davie into the journey and the business. We refresh at Warrington and Newton. Came to Gateley-Lane in thick fog about 6 o'clock.

24 I look round Ayrfeild under a clear sky, I approve the cultivation and plan further. Today is appointed for the election of a burgess councillor.<sup>2</sup> There is a strenuous contest between Messrs. Byrom and Entwisle. 82 votes fall to Byrom, 38 to Entwisle, one only to Mr. Warren.

25 I go to Wigan on foot; then to Hopecare on horseback, I see Mr. Sale *jugi satis non re lautè*.<sup>3</sup> I return to Wigan, I visit relatives, I stay the night at Mr. Cason's. They growl many somewhat mean things about Mr. Herle.

26 I finish the Breres business, through Mr. Haddock's mediation. I spend the day in wine-tasting.<sup>4</sup> I write to my S. and Mr. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. In the evening I exchange words with Mr. Herle about J. W[illia]mson, in his presence I test him on his progress in literature. He does not appear diligent.<sup>5</sup> By the light of the moon I return to Gateley about 8 o'clock.

27 I give the morning to pleasure. After go down to Holland, I settle accounts with T. Baron. I visit Mr. Bolton; he presents me with a hare caught by a French hound. I send away a messenger to Knowsley to Mr. Wilson, he returns empty.

28 I take myself to Church. For the first time (May it turn out well) I sit in the pew. After divine service we spend the evening with our folk. Somewhat tired and hungry I return, I gobble down an untimely dinner; beyond hope it turns out well.

29 I settle the country accounts; pay my debts to the husbandmen. When ready for the journey I change my mind. I learn with grief the slender circumstances and serious poverty of P.W. Vacillating with worry I at last surrender myself to Juvenal's 10th Satire.<sup>6</sup> I write to Mr. Dod.

1 P. Cornelius Tacitus. Fourteen editions of his complete works were published 1640–87.

2 This office (*municeps comitalis*) not yet precisely identified, but N.B. that only 121 votes were recorded.

3 Difficult as written. If Henry intended *lauta*, then his thought may have been 'in continual sufficiency, not well off'.

4 Henry here uses the Latin form of a Greek word as found in Terence, *Heauton Timorumenos*, III, i, 48, & discussed in the commentary by the early sixth-century writer Euphrasius. See *Commenti Donatiani ad Terenti Fabulas*, ed. P. Wessner, Teubner, Stuttgart, 1963, Vol. III, ii (*Euphrasii Commentum*), p. 180. See also above, 17 Jan. 1690.

5 See above, 21 Dec. 1689, and below, 21 Dec. 1694, for a better report (J.W. being then tested on Terence).

6 Decimus Junius Juvenalis, *Satyræ*, published in 19 editions 1640–91, including London 1642, 1660, 1668.

30 Martyrium Sanctissimi Regis Caroli, <sup>i</sup>mi. celebratur. Circa h. VIII itineri me do, Winwick propter diei Gravitationem transeo. Warrington parum Reficio, Cestriae circa h. IV. salvos (D.G) redux sum. <sup>a</sup> laetus jejunosque, liberiùs largiusque caeno, hinc inter preces deliquio correptus sum. exhorrescit Familia, redeunt extemplo vires et Animus Nox (D.G)<sup>b</sup> bene cessit.

31 Tempestas horrescens est. D.O.M.G benè et bellè me habeo. D<sup>m</sup>. Canc<sup>m</sup>. vesperi visimus.

Februarij

1 Q.F.F.S.<sup>c</sup> Rebus totus sum Forensibus.

2 Domini Episcopi Literis alteris de Bedal respondendis me do. Vesperi D<sup>m</sup>. Eyton visimus.

3 DD<sup>s</sup>. Episcopo et Entwisle Literas do. In rationibus putandis postmeridianum traho vesperam ad solis

4 D<sup>s</sup>. Wood concionem habet gravem. D<sup>s</sup>. Allen Ald<sup>n</sup>. vespera nos Caena et Rubello genuino liberè nos accipit.

5 Vix bene me habeo de Caena, tempus postmeridianum totum in Amicis visendis consumimus.

6 [*Rest of line blank, no further entries on this page*]

a *Caenam* first written struck through.

b (*D.G*) interlineated.

c *Sc. Quod Faustum Felix Sit.*

30 The Martyrdom of the most holy King Charles the 1st celebrated. About 8 o'clock I apply myself to the journey, I go by Winwick on account of the heaviness of the day. I refresh a little at Warrington, I am back home safe at Chester (thank God) about 4 o'clock. Glad and hungry I dine too freely and too generously, as a result during prayers I am seized with fainting. The household is horrified. My strength and spirit return immediately, the night turned out well (thank God).

31 There is a horrifying storm. Thanks to God the best and greatest I am well and fine. We visit Mr. Chancellor in the evening.

**FEBRUARY 1** May it be favourable and happy. I am entirely in court business.

2 I apply myself to replying to the Lord Bishop's second letter about Bedal. In the evening we visit Mr. Eyton.

3 I send letters to the Lord Bishop and Mr. Entwisle. I drag out the afternoon in reckoning accounts, the evening at the Sun.

4 Mr. Wood preaches a weighty sermon. Mr. Allen the Alderman generously receives us with dinner and genuine red wine.

5 I am scarcely well from dinner. We spend the whole afternoon time in visiting friends.

6 [Rest of line blank]

[No entries 7 February 1693/4–6 April 1694]

## 1694

**APRIL 7** Go about 7, come to Mold about 9, light at the Hall door, go in and give my Evidence, the matter is very clear to the Judges and Jury, a verdict for the sanity of mind is given immediatly. After at prayers where I see Mr. DD<sup>ss</sup>, we come back about 3, go to nabors.

8 Easter Sunday. The Dean preaches, wee receive the Sacrament.

9 Busy at home; the Judges come hither, Mr. Davenport the Sherif. In the Evening I step to the Hall where a small appearance of Gentry. In the Even wee see Mrs. Dods Goods.

10 At the Hall in the morning, where I hear a mocion of Mr. Davies against Quakers upon a Writt de Excommunicato. Williams urges against the Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiccio vehemently & the Act of 5 El[izabeth] is fully argued, Serjeant Birch shews learning and integrity, hee is on the [illegible] [illegible] D's part.

11 At home much, draw 2 Cases for Serjeant Birch. In the Even wee wait on and discourse him, hee seems very sincere. I stay at the Sun with Mr. Murry.

12 Indispos'd at home, in the Evening tho at the Sun with the Chancellor, Mr. Murry & Mr. Turner where Cook the blind Mimick comes and diverts us comically.

13 Indispos'd agen, therefore much at Home, a little in books and busienes.

14 The Judges return, I much at home.

**15** At St. Peters Church the forenoon, a thin congregacion and melancholy prospects, in the Even at Alderman Wilcocks, after at Alderman Allens at an excellent bottle of Claret.

**16** At home, After dinner at the Sun I meet Mr. H. about a Quarrel of Language with Alderman Ince.

**17** About 9, I sett out, come to Vale Royal about 12. Find Mr. C[halmley] alone, dine, stay and discourse till past 3. Hee acquaints mee with publick Affairs, tells mee this day the marriage was betwixt Mr. Banks & his daughter A. I return about 6.

**18** Inhibition comes from York about the [?visitation] of the Archdeacon of R[ichmond]. I apply close to the dispatch of the Transmission betwixt Sir E.A. and Starky, sitt up late. Ned Puleston has a dangerous accident attended with a good providence.

**19** Proceed in the dispatch. First Court of this Term, examine witnesses. At night at the Sun too late.

**20** Indispos'd, after dinner & repose Go to Stretton, come thither about 7, sitt up till 2.

**21** From the unseasonable sitting up indisposicion, walk about, repose, dine. About 3 sett out to meet the Bishop, miss of him. About ½ an hour hee returns about 5. Dr. E. & Miss S. confess their marriage on Easter Munday.

**22** The Warden of Manchester has an excellent sermon. In the even walk on Rood Eye with Alderman discourse on the [?Taxes].

**23** The Warden of Manchester walks with mee. Alderman Allen dines here. After noon see the horse race, a vast company, Mr. M. victor.

**24** I write to Mr. Ws. & inclose my Epistle to Lord S. After dinner a foot race, the lesser man easily victor.

**25** This day Parliament prorogued to September 18, the King begins his Expedition for Flanders, in the Even at Mr. H.'s, after late with the W.

**26** Court day, very mild. At home refresh mee after the unseasonable Night.

**27** Take physick which succeeds well. Tho the weather as all the month is excessive hott.

**28** After a Night disturb'd with dreams & apparicions, better. Write to Mr. Parr & Lambert, in the Even at Mr. Harpers with Alderman A.

**29** Blood this morning. Mr. W[right] the Subdean has a good sermon, the weather chang'd its countenance but returns to heat.

**30** Begin a steel Course, the weather alters to rain. I write to Cozn. Parre.

**MAY 1** To prayers at 6, a fine morning after rain, walk.

**2** Send the probat of Sir J. Morgans Will to Mr. Brown. At home, in Court accompts, in the Even with the Bishop. Give Mr. [?P.] 17s:6.

**3** Court day moderate busienes. I receive 35 Coins from Mr. Lambert. In the Even at the palace.

**4** Walk, read in Barclays Euphormio, in the Evening visit Dr. E. and his Lady.

**5** After walking, in Plinys N[atural] H[istory] and Music, walk in the Evening.

**6** The Holy Sacrament. Archdeacon A. has an excellent Sermon satyricall among other Faults against Περι βεαντος λογια.

- 7 End my chalybate Course, walk, read, in the Evening drink a Bottle at Golden Lyon.
- 8 Go early with Mrs. Leftwich and Minshall to Stanny, a hot day, return about 7.
- 9 Write to Mrs. Parr & Lambert. In the Evening at the Fountain with Mrs. Thane & Murrey.
- 10 Last Court day of this terme. After dinner repose, after that busy in Accounts.
- 11 Finish the proctors Accounts, write to the Bishop of Kildare, pay to Mr. Morrey the 050<sup>l</sup> & receive it back to pay to the workmen by his order.
- 12 At home in Books, especially Willis de Anima Br. In the Even go with Ned P[uleston] to Havoy, come hither about 9.
- 13 Visit Mr. Tenison, at church forenoon, after dinner. Stay in company at Havod, come back home about 9.
- 14 Go on in Willis, finish the proctors accounts with Mr. Boucher & him for interest 5<sup>li</sup>.
- 15 Finish the Chancellors accounts for Repetitions, pay him 7<sup>li</sup>. 13:6, in the Even visit Mrs. K<sup>s</sup>. and other Friends.
- 16 Write over & inclose 2 Cases to Sergeant Birch, prepare for a journey to morrow.
- 17 Holy Thursday, set out about 9. It is a soft rain all the way. Come to Hulms C[hapel] about 1, dine and live well.
- 18 Very sick of the Freedom last night. The Chancellor & I stay, the rest to Macclesfield. Mr. Peake comes to us. After dinner and Ale we come in a fine evening to Manchester about 10 a clock.
- 19 Fine rain continues. Wee have competent busienes about 18. In the evening walk, after at wine at the George.
- 20 At church. Mr. Ashton preaches very well. Dine with the Warden. In the even I step to Holme to see an inscripcion, Mr. Swarbreck with mee, where wee are receivd civilly. After at the Wardens, hee gives the solid phosphorus.
- 21 After Coffee set out to Bolton, come about 11, dispatch busienes. After dinner divert to the oak; Stay 2 hours, come in rain to Bl[ackburn] about 9.
- 22 Busy in Examining wittnesses from Preston; the Busienes here considerable.
- 23 After Coffee to Chorley about 11, where by the Busienes it appeard a great mortality had been in the Deanery, thence in the Even to Wigan.
- 24 Busienes here go's well on. I see my Neighbors, In the Even the Chancellor & I go to Winstanly.
- 25 Stay till past 10, kindly received. Young Hollands busienes don, I pay upon it to Mr. Bolton 3 Guineas. Wee come to Ormskirk about 12, the Busienes is still full. Wee see Mr. Dod & come to Liverpool about 9; after drink sack & sup.
- 26 Wee see Mr. Lymes fine Garden, take Boat about 10, land about 1, come home (D.Gr.) safe about 4. Lord Chancellor of Ireland is come, hee sends and wee wait on him. Receive Lord [illegible], Dr A[illegible] and Dr. Popes Letters.
- 27 Rest the Forenoon, afternoon at church. In the Evening with the Lord Chancellor.
- 28 The Lord Chancellor much with us in the forenoon, wee with [illegible], after. I receive a Letter from Mr. S.

**29** In the morning at prayers, walk out with the Lord Chancellor, afterwards dine with him. In the Even entertaind fully by our Chancellor.

**30** Early wee go for Neston, I go on board the Yatch([?Soesdyke]) stay there 3 hours After at Neston with Alderman A[llen?]. Return late.

**31** Rest, Dine with the Bishop. After at Alderman A[llen's?] desire him to write to Sir S. Fox, In the Even in Accounts & Busienes.

**JUNE 1** A fine morning, at prayers. Mr. W. dines with us, in the Even with the Chancellor at his house; after at the Sun.

**2** In Accounts. The Chancellor and Archdeacon dine with us.

**3** Trinity Sunday. Mr. B. a young man preaches to the Candidates. S[usanna] & I after prayers set out for Wr[exham] come about 8, see the company at B[ryn], stay late.

**4** A delicate day at Havod, dine at Bryn with the Family, after walk to Acton, see the house &c, are civilly received by the Lady G., return to Bryn, stay till supper over.

**5** Very well (D.G.), dine with mother P[uleston], tis a fair day here, visit Friends &c, return late to Havod.

**6** Drink tea & Coffee, go to town, return and dine at H[avod], Mr. Price with us. In the Even wee return to Chester.

**7** First Court day of this term, full of Busienes.

**8** I send my 2 yong horses into L. and 5<sup>li</sup> to my sister, at home in Books, news of the Yatcht.

**9** My Birth day the 45<sup>th</sup>. My S[usanna] celebrates it. Finish accounts with Mr. B., receive back the Gold from, & borrow 20<sup>li</sup> of Mr. T.

**10** Mr. Wood preaches very well of Confession. Wee dine at the palace, after at the Archdeacon's chamber, at night read Stern.

**11** At home in Books, read Forlius & Erasmus de Ratione Studii. Accompt with Mr. Hulton; a son born to Mr. Cholmley between 11 & 12 nig[ht?].

**12** At home still in books and busienes. Gen. Talmach<sup>1</sup> dies of his wounds.

**13** A fast day, write to Mr. D. gard, after dinner walk to Newton to the xtning. As I return, hear the good news from H[avod?], rejoice at Mr. Calis.

**14** Court day moderate in busienes. An Account of the Insucces at Brest.

**15** Account with Mr. Chapman, read 1 book ad Herennius, visit Mr. Goodwin, after too late at the Sun with Lloyd Registrar of B[angor?].

**16** Not well, send a Bill of 30<sup>li</sup> to Mr. Parr, read the 2 and 3d Book. Sir H. Bunbury & company come, sup at Mr. Partington.

1 Thomas Tollemache, Talmash or Talmach (his own preferred spelling), 1651?–94, military commander. He was with William of Orange in his invasion of 1688, and died of an injury sustained in an unsuccessful English attack on Brest (see diary entry for 14 June). See *DNB*, LVI, pp. 444–7.

17 Archdeacon preaches a grave and elegant sermon, dine with the company at Mr. Partington, in the Even at the Golden Lyon late enough.

18 In the morn go with the company to Stanny, dine there, come back by Hoole.

19 The company dines with mee, music & full Entertainment; they sup too here, wee part late.

20 They go up by coach at the Coffee house. In the evening at the Ship with Mr. Gascoigne &c part after 12.

21 Indispos'd, Court day, Busienes moderate, at home.

22 At home upon the parchment Act. In the Even walk round Rood Eye.

23 End the 4<sup>th</sup> Book of Herenum, I dismiss John for his ill manners.

24 The Dean preaches. In the Even the Bishop of Killaloe and Mr. Francis & Archdeacon with mee.

25 Pay servants wages. The Fair day, company. Begin Tully de Invencione; at the Chancellors.

26 Write to Mr. Price. No papers brought by the Carriers. Go on to the 2<sup>d</sup> Book.

27 Mr. Walker an Advocate of Worcester comes about Richmond. I am with him much of the day; at night at the Sun.

28 Court day, moderate busienes. Mr. Herle & Mr. P. dine with us; in the Even at Rose & Crown.

29 Finish the 2<sup>d</sup> Book. News that the Commissioners are robd of the Stampt paper and a squadron beaten by Dubart. The Act begins.

30 Write to Mr. Wait & Parr, proceed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Book de Oratore; rain to a storm. [?Rec.] W<sup>m</sup>.

**JULY 1** At the church. The Archdeacon preaches. In the Evening late at the Chancellors with the ArchDeacon & Dr. Norris.

2 Write to Mr. Walker, read variously, pay above 9<sup>li</sup> for stampt paper & Go on in T[ully], sup at the palace.

3 Proceed in Tully, no good News but suspition of bad in Flanders.

4 Write to Mrs. Parr & Waite. In the Evening at the palace, they are ready for a Journy; the Bishop reproves the proctors negligence.

5 A hot day, the Bishop settis out about 7, I bring him to Trafford, write to Mr. Stephen Ford, Mr. Wilkinson, Ward. In the Even about 6 wee set out for Eyton, call at Wrexam, come to Eyton about 10.

6 Walk in the Orchard in the morning, divert in Books till Noon, live easily all day.

7 Divert especially in [?Jacobus] Laurus, de Antiquitate Urbis Romae, & in the Entertainment of the place.

8 Go to church, an accident by a fall but innocent. Mr. Jones has 2 elegant sermons; at the parsonage in the Evening.

9 The winds rise, divert in musick, Mr. P. is here. About four wee go & see Bistock a happy scituation.

10 The wind continues, wee enjoy the happy recess. In the afternoon wee go to Pickhill, are entertaind liberally.

11 Uneasy sleep from the supper. I send to Chester Letters to excuse my Absence, unwilling to part with the sweet recess.

12 Industriously in [?Duch], wee walk in the Demesn, in the Even see the wood of fine trees.

13 Prepare early for our return, unwillingly from a place so gratefull, so blest, wee call at Havod & Wrexham, dine and stay past 4 at Cornish, thence call at Holt & Farn, come home safe (D.G.) about nine.

14 Weary & indispos'd, after dinner in busienes, in the Even wee see A<sup>i</sup>. E. Begin Gratian de veritate.

15 Mr. [?Bowker] of Hargreaves has a dull sermon. In the Even Antony Eyton sups with us. I attempt insuccessfull to eat.

16 At Coffee in the morn with A[ntony] E[yton] at Mrs. C. The Bishop surprizes us from W., hee dines with us, in the Even at Mrs. And[erton].

17 The forenoon spent in attendance on the Bishop, hee returns to W., after, repose, in the Even wee are treated with Claret by Mrs. A[nderton].

18 With the Dean about the abstract of the [illegible] patent, send it to Mr. Walker, after variously in Books. Mr. Legh<sup>1</sup> and other Gentlemen from tis not known what politic suspicion brought under a Dutch Gard to the Castle Q.B.E.

19 In Books and busienes in the morning, a Court day, afternoon in Tully, at Night at Ale, a happy [illegible].

20 In Books especially Vinnius de Origine et pr. juris, it raines successfully. Wee visit Mr. Legh, Alderman W.

21 Continue in Vinnius closely, the news is of bombarding Diep[pe] and [illegible] Grace.

22 Tis 12 yeares this day since my marriag to my dear L[ydia]. Mr. Wood preaches, Dr. Bridges & Norris dine with us, In the Evening at Dr. Norris chamber where I drink more than my bottle.

23 Write to Mrs. Parr & Thane, at home all day extremely ill of my stomach. Accounts from Fr[ancis] Eyton are very melancholy, despairing; in the Even walk.

24 After a very unquiet sleep still indispos'd, rest but scarce recover; in the Even at Mr. Foulks, J. Whittle comes to mee.

25 St J[ames]'s day, at prayers early, Go on in Historia S. [illegible], write to Mr. Dod.

26 Last court day of this term, competent Busienes, after see Mr. Legh, receive Mr. Thanes Letter which acquaints mee Mr. Fr[ancis] E[yton] dyed 24.

27 End [illegible] Historia Juris, in Busienes, write to Mr. Price; at Even at the Raven with the Chancellor, &c.

28 Set out about 6, come to Warrington about 10, to Knowsley about 2, here Lord Strang birth day celebrated. We walk about the Gardens. I dine in Mr. W's Chamber, go hence about 7, reach Gatly Lane about 9.

29 Go to church, dine with cozn. Holme. After Even service at an Assessment of 4 fifteens, after walk to Ayrfeld.

1 For the attempt to implicate Peter Legh, Lord of Lyme, Cheshire, in Jacobite activities see Lady Newton, *The House of Lyme* (London, 1917), pp. 360–7.



30 Some rain, stay in till noon, after call on Mr. Bancks, thence to Wigan, visit at the parsonage late up till 2.

31 At the parsonage, thence coffee at Mrs. Casons, sett out, call at Newton, dine on Venizon at Winwick, return about 9.

**AUGUST 1** Repose, after write to Mrs. Lambert and Close, busy at Home, in the Even see Mr. Legh.

2 Not well, prepare to go to Wrexham, dine with the Chancellor on Venizon, write to Dr. Brid., Mr. [?Taylor].

3 Better after a tedious Night, accounts with Alderman Ince & Ann Moyle, advis'd to stay and take [?preparacion].

4 I take [?preparacion] phisick, it succeeds well. To Dr. N[orris?] a Guinea.

5 Mr. Leftwich preaches an Oration happier in sense than Words. I bring Mr. Legh 2 Letters.

6 Write to Cozn. Parre, prepare for a journy, dine in the Castle on Venizon with the prisoners. Come to [illegible].

7 A fine morning, Go early to the Well Q.B.E. drink about 2 Quarts the first time, it [?affects mee] with dizzines, after dinner at Mr. Hanmers.

8 Drink about the same quantity which has the same effect. Dine at Havodywerne.

9 A very rainy day, drink the waters in the House. Read plott de Origine Fontium.

10 The morning fair & pleasant, the waters easy. After dinner & repose go to Cornish, return [damaged].

11 After the waters, at prayers. After dinner at the Bowling green, then with Mr. Lewis the [illegible] end [damaged]. This is the day of our marriage & D.G. is the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

12 Rainy yet I go to the Well, the waters succeed indifferently, therefore keep home. Read to pa[damaged] of Dr. Edwards against Socinianism. A son is born about 4 afternoon to brother P[uleston], write to Cozn. Parre.

13 After the waters wee go to Chester. I uneasily come thither about 1 a clock, dine & so into the T[damaged].

14 Drink common water vamt up with Tincture, after see Mr. Legh &c, in the Even return to Wrexham.

15 A fair day. After dinner go to Erthig, see Dr. Edisbury, here a fine House, a nobel & [damaged].

16 The weather alters, at Home in [?Woltons] Reflections.

17 A rainy day, Step and dine at Eyton. Mr. Price with us, here too the Rector of Bangor.

18 Still foul, drink the waters at home. Go on in Woltons Reflecons.

19 The rain continues, therefore I drink the waters at home & stay there, read the 1<sup>st</sup> [damaged] of Dr. E[damaged].

20 Very rainy still & discouraging to the Husbandman. At home.

21 At Havoyd where a great & solemn company at the Xtning, the child calld Richard.

*[Entries to 24th August are written in English. The following quotations are written upside down at the bottom of the sheet below the entry for 24 August, and may have been written before the sheet was used for the diary].*

Sen[eca] nat[urales] Q[uaestiones] VI.

Pompeios celebrem Ca[mp]aniae urbem, desedissee terrae motu, audivimus diebusque hibernis quos vacare a tali periculo promiserunt majores.

Neapolis leviter ingenti malo perstricta.

Villae praeruptae passim sine injuriâ tremuere.

Proprium quod habet terra, perdidit, stare.

Nullum malum sine effugio est.

Si cadendum est, mihi, caelo cecidissee velim. Vagellius.

Idem dicere licet, si cadendum est, cadam orbe concusso.

Apparet in tantum spatium motum protendere, quantum illa sub terris Vacantis loci inanitas pateat.

- 22 Something fairer weather. After dinner, visit Sir Gr. J., hee receives us freindly.  
 23 A fine morning, good walking. In the Even late at Havodywern.  
 24 A finer morning, & from the full moon hopefull weather. Wee step & dine at Eytton where Mr. Wright [*?damaged*] a fine Evening back.

*[In the right-hand margin Henry has practised writing a number of what appear to be contractions of c/.]*

Seneca, Natural Investigations VI<sup>1</sup>

We have heard that Pompeii the celebrated Campanian city sank down<sup>2</sup> during an earthquake in winter days which the ancestors proclaimed were free from such a peril.

Naples was lightly touched by the enormous evil.

Steep<sup>3</sup> villas shook here and there without injury.

The earth has lost its proper characteristic: to stand.<sup>4</sup>

No evil is without escape.<sup>5</sup>

If I must fall, I should prefer to have fallen from the sky.

Vagellius

Likewise one may say, 'If I must fall, let me fall when the world is shaken.'<sup>6</sup>

The motion appears to extend as far as that emptiness of vacant space extends underground.

25 Go to Cornish to dinner where comes Sir Fr[ancis] Compton. Wee drink freely enough, come to Chester about 3.

26 I drink Dudden waters, stay at home till Even prayers, after at Mr. Isaacs (the Organist) his funerall.

27 I go down to see the Bishop of Killalas family at Neston. Mr. Tenisons absence very unlucky. Alderman Allen and I see the children on board the Pearl. Shee casts anchor & waits Mr. T[enison] at Dawpool, about 12 I go on Bord agen, Mr. Murry with us, Mr. T[enison] is confus'd, reconcild, gratefull. Wee return by the Moon to Neston.

1 Complete works of Seneca were published by Balthasar Moretus in Antwerp in 1632 & 1652, and by Elsevir at Leiden in 1649, and at Amsterdam in 1672.

2 Though modern editions read *consedisce* 'subsided', 'was laid low' at this point, the last three editions mentioned above have *desedisce*. At some stage a copyist or editor has misread as *d* a sign of contraction for *con*.

3 Modern editions read *prorutae* 'collapsed', where the editions mentioned in the previous note have this reading.

4 Cf. Seneca, *N.Q.*, VI, i, 1-4.

5 Ibid., i, 6.

6 Quoted from id., ib., VI, ii, 9.

**28** Not well. I return to Chester, repose. Mr. Francis dines with us at Night. I am at the Castle.

**29** Write & send a Certificate concerning R. Kingston to Mr. Lownds, give Mr. Legh a copy of it, take leave of Mr. Leigh and the rest. Wee return to Wrexham in a fine Evening about 8.

**30** A fine day, my son John now 4 years old, wee visit Freinds.

**31** A fine forenoon, my Suzy reads at the Well Phormio, wee go & dine at Eyton, the weather alters, wee return about 7, make up for our journey.

**SEPTEMBER 1** This month enters in a shower. About 10 wee sett out in a great showr, the Bishop of Kildare meets us at the end of the town, wee return, hee gos to see the Well, thence wee go and dine with Mr. Edisbury, hee receives liberally, wee walk the Gardens, eat fruit, wee all return to Chester about 8.

**2** Drink Dutton water. After dinner at the parish church where Cantab preaches, the congregacion movd by the melancholy sight of a condemnd Soldier guarded into the church.

**3** About 11 the poor soldier is cruelly executed by ill marks men. T. Gorst dines here (Mr. Okes in the Even).

**4** Mr. Okes stays not, the Chancellor dines here. In the Even at Mr. Andertons.

**5** A fine morning, wee go to Cornish, they are absent, thence to Stretton, Cantab likes the old Beer. Wee mount in a stormy showr, return to Chester about 8. Warwick burnt this day.

**6** The weather stormy. Sir R. Atkins dines with us. In the Even late at the Chancellors. I venture on partridge, it succeeds not.

**7** I read Orace in Pisonem, compare Notes &c, it continues rainy.

**8** Write to Mr. Parker, Mr. Boucher, sister Winstanley (end in Pisonem).

**9** Upon the chang of the moon the weather alters to fair. The Bishop & I go to St. Peters where Cantab preaches. The Chancellor & Lady dine with us, in the Even wee visit Archdeacon Allen.

**10** Very fair weather, at home & busy. The Bishop go's to Broughton, with Uncle Peck & Mr. Hulton at the Sun, after drink bad wine at the Ship.

**11** Very ill upon last nights wine. Uncle P[eck] dines with us, I Draw an Allegacion, after 3 go to Lea with the Bishop.

**12** It is still very fair, at home read part of the Archdeacon's Letter, after dinner sitt, then walk to the Bowling green.

**13** The Bishop takes leave about 8. I write to the Bishop of Killala and Mr. Tenison. I set out for Sandyway to meet Mr. C., after 9 come thither about 12, wee dine at Cashall Green where Sister P[uleston?], Mr. Fr[ancis] C[hholmley], Mr. Ph[ilip] Erger, Mrs. Walley, Holford, Peak, Okes, Henshall, and Borrage the receiver of the salt revenues Mr. C. vix recipit [?vix] respicit. After dinner on the Green Mr. Chholmley brings & recommends mee to him, hee is stiff as a judge, before I part hee is more civil. I come thence about 5 & return in a delicate Evening about 7, stay awhile with Cantab at the Raven.

**14** Something indispos'd, at home till Night, then late at the Sun with Music.

- 15 Write to Uncle Charles Herle, Mr. Walker, Mr. Crane; at home not very well, busy. At night at the Sun with Mr. Hul[ton].
- 16 At Church. Mr. Leftwich preaches very homely for the place and auditory. At night at the Chancellors.
- 17 Prepare for a journey tomorrow, at the Sun in the Evening.
- 18 A doubtfull morning, wee sett out with the Child about x, come to Sandyway before 1, tis fine travailing. Mr. Okes sends 6 pigeons from V[ale] R[oyal] and meets us; a good dinner, wee are merry & stay till 5, come to Holford by the Moon about 7; here very kindly received.
- 19 Wee stay in the House all day confin'd by a continuall show'r of at least 12 Hours. Mr. Okes comes hither, stayes, much of the time spent at Tables.
- 20 A clear morning, a very cold wind. I go with Mr. C[holmley?] to V[ale] R[oyal] where Mr. F[rancis] receives mee with a civill brow, wee drink 2 bottles, after on the Forest see a Course from a Hare sett. A dog is entr'd, the Hare killed, thence to the Green a numerous company of which the 3 Egertons, after dinner pickt Healths. I walk on the Green while they bowl, the Air is most sharp & cutting. Mr. Fr[ancis] treats mee very freindly, Sister P[uleston?] mentions his suit with displeasure, wee return by the moon about 8.
- 21 A frosty morning, 'tis very clear. I read in Patin. After noon Mr. C[holmley?] treats us at the Rose and Crown.
- 22 Wee goe out a setting, have little sport but a fine ayr to walk in. Mr. Wally comes to dinner, after that wee [?propose] a Jury of select Friends.
- 23 I go to Budworth where I find the people disappointed of prayers &c. I see the Church & Monuments, hear the Churchwardens account of David. I return to Holford at Dinner. After noon & dinner walk in the Fields with Mr. C[holmley?].
- 24 About 10 I set out with Mr. C[holmley?] for Altrincham, come about 1, wee meet Mr. A[illegible] & his Brother, confer about the Wittnesses against Mr. Legh and the Jury talk freely, drink so, return thence about 5, call on Mr. Legh at Meir, stay and drink strong beer there, observe his Mrs. call on Joan W. and come full in a calme night home about 10, drink afterwards & go late to bed.
- 25 Very much indispos'd, Feverish, unhappy, keep my bed most my chamber all day, Mr. Crane is here late.
- 26 Not yet well tho better. Wee prepare [illegible] after many freindly obligacions [?passt on] us, wee part hence, come to Sandyway Mr. C[holmley?] has provided a good dinner, wee dine, recreate, sett out about 4, reach home safe (D G) before six.
- 27 First Court day of this Term, indifferent busienes. After dinner I see Mr. Thanes new lodging, stay, come from there, eat nutts, after at the Sun with Mr. Moland a young modish man proctor of the [illegible] of Ireland, at the Sun. I drink not 2 quarts, after have a most [?tedious] uneasy night.
- 28 Ly long indispos'd, walk before dinner to see my Ealgrasse, am better. After dinner ride out with the Dean &c, wee meet and conduct [?thither] the Dean & his Lady, after ride to Trafford where wee wait for the Bishop. Hee comes thither about 5, wee all hither about 6, his Lordship much harrass'd & indispos'd.
- 29 Write to Major King, Mr. Walker, Parr, [?Tullie], Sir J. Coghil. Tis the Fair day, not much busienes. In the Even I waite on the Bishop, hee in his study

discovers [*illegible*] concern about Townson, [*?conjures*] my assistance, hee mentions his design to [*illegible*] to Great Budworth if it [*illegible*] to him, after I venture for 1 [*?lott*] in my Suzies name, after meet with Mr. Anderson [*illegible*].

[No entries 30 September–17 October]

**OCTOBER 18** . . . Quodque turmas et legiones Angl. Troopes and companies conscripserunt, the later 5 were first indicted<sup>1</sup>, then Mr. Walmesley, the Bills were read in Latin which the Court difficulty granted as a favor not usuall in such Tryalls. Mr. Walmesley made an Excepcion to the words [*?parocia*] de Church, but that afterwards being examined prov'd a small error scriptorii for that the chapelry of Churchkirk was intended, it was corrected. These passages being aggravated by the solemnity of the Night and candles, appeared tragicall & very affecting.

**19** The Court adjourn'd and rose about 10 at night to 9 the next day vidt Friday the 19, when Lord Mollineux was sent for and arraigned on the Bill found against him which had this particular, that hee had procur'd a Commission from K[ing] J[ames] in Gubernatorem Castri de Liverpoole. My Lord appear'd a very decrepit and impotent person and after his Arraignment offer'd his petition, by Reason of his Age and infirmities, to have a solicitor permitted to stand by and help him at his tryall. The Judg said this was against Law and they could not allow it. Powell said a Friend would be allow'd to stand & assist him, if hee behav'd him decently. The 5 arraign'd together appear'd and desird till the next day to prepare for tryall and desird to bee try'd jointly. The K[ing]'s Councell Sir W[illiam Williams?] acquainted 'em, That since each person arraign'd has by Law liberty to challeng 35 persons return'd on the pannell without cause, hee woud agree they should be tried jointly in case they woud be concluded jointly by the challeng of 35 only without Cause, to which they consented. The Court promis'd 'em in competent time a List of the Jury, and adjourn'd till 4 upon the advice of the K[ings] councell in case of incidents but appointed the 5 to bee ready at 7 next morning for tryall. The Court rose, and mett at 4 but presently adjourn'd to 7 in the morning.

I dine with Sir E[dward] Chisnall at the Golden Lyon and severall other Gentlemen. After dinner wee go over to Salford, the Kings Head, where a great company, Rawsthorn, Braddyll, Mawdsley, Farrington, Mollineux &c, wee drink round. After this I am late at the Bulls Head with Mrs. Finch, Hartley Wilson &c, part about 10.

**20** Saturday morn by candle light the Court sate, great crowd and indeavor to hear & see. The Jury is first call'd, in the front Men of the best rank, many Justices, some Deputy Lieutenants, some members of parliament. In the next degree men of good estates, next Gentlemen, then Freeholders and Tradesmen, especially those about Manchester. It is to bee remember'd here That according to the Judges promise a

1 For details of the so-called 'Lancashire Plot' described in the following proceedings, see *The Jacobite Trials at Manchester in 1694*, ed. W. Beamont, Chetham Society, XXVIII (1853), especially p. 48ff.

pannell was brought yesterday in competent time to the prisoners compos'd generally of worthy & faithfull persons and for which justice the High Sheriff Mr. Ashurst had deserv'd comendacion. They peruse and mark some with design to challeng. After this the Judg sends earnestly for that first pannell, requires it back, the prisoners are [*illegible*] but pro re nata & in some confusion mark all equally & return the pannell. After this about Midnight the Judg orders another pannell reformd to bee brought to the prisoners wherein many Tradesmen and others not well affected to the church were inserted, 'tis concluded such were suggested by the Enimies of the prisoners (Lord Willoughby suspected for one) and the Sheriff was compell'd to send his bailiffs abruptly about the town to summon 'em. The Gentlemen had by this mean a shorter time to consider on a more dangerous pannell. The Jury being call'd over, Sir W. Wms as K[ing]s Council challenges all of the first Quality for the K[ing] & all (almost) good Church men so well was hee instructed of the 2<sup>d</sup> order without cause. Then succeeds a number of the Fanatics some honest Freeholders rather by providence then, on purpose, mixt, of this sort, the prisoners challeng frequently, the K[ing]s councill rarely, some betwixt both pass. Mr. Lightbowne, a Tradesman (Mercer) of Manchester is the first, among these Mr. Hulme, Mr. Roby and Mr. Whalley of Upholland, Mr. William Patten of Warrington, very honest men, the rest of the 12 Mr. Percivall of Manchester being the last were sworn, when the prisoners had challeng'd 23. Inter haec graviora happens a comicall passage, a Crack of breaking was heard in the Gallery over the lower part of the Hall, the persons under it crowded together in great fear and confusion, some towards the Barr where the prisoners were, others affrighted indeavor but hinder each other to save 'em selves by flight through the Hall door, the people in it many women of good sort run amaz'd from seat to seat interchange counterchang, kno not where to fly, where to stay, some betake 'em to the Crooks and Rafters, hang half dead clasping 'em, men & women fearfully together. The occasion of this confusion was only the crack of a plank, but the invincible noise in the place will not suffer 'em to bee inform'd of the mistake in a small time.

After the Jury sworn, the K[ing]s Councill (Goold) rises, makes a speech, amplifies on the Crime of High treason, calls this vidt takeing Commissions, listing men and provideing Arms against their [*illegible*] the highest of High Treasons, aiming at the Head & Fountain of the Laws and Government. Hee makes digressions of thanks to Heaven for preservacion of both, and particularly by obviating the Treason now to bee [*?examined*]. And of Wonder, That any English men shou'd degenerate so farr from the temper and Honour of their Ancestors as to bee willing to resign their Excellent Laws, Liberties, Government, nay their Lives and Fortunes, to the French. Hee tells 'em, That on the K[ing]s part they have Wittnesses to prove the Contents of the Indictment, wittnesses who had parts considerable in the treason, who were privy to the whole Councill, who carry'd conclusions to & fro, who bought Arms, listed men, went into France to K[ing] J[ames] to acquaint him with affaires advanc't in England, so that hee did not doubt, but the Evidence wou'd bee full, nor did hee doubt but they wou'd thereupon in their verdict discharg their Duty. Lunt was first call'd & sworne. Hee acquainted the Court & Jury, That about Midsummer 89 Hee came from K[ing] J[ames] then in



Ireland that the K[ing] was inform'd the Gentlemen of England, especially those of his religion, were loyally affected towards him, Upon which reason Commissions were sent by him into severall parts, and particularly hee was sent into Lancashire with Dr. Bromfeilds Letter to Lord Mollineux, Sir W. Gerard, Sir R. Stanley, Sir Tho. Clifton and Mr. Blundel that this Letter was as his Credentials to them. That hee brought then with him Commissions from K[ing] J[ames] to bee Governors, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors as in the Indictments, Sir Wm. G. excepted, That hee came to Croxteth and delivered the said Commissions to the said Lord Mollineux, Sir R., Sir Tho. and Mr. Blundel, they received 'em with great reverence, went down on their knees, kist the Commissions and drank the K[ing], Q[ueen] and prince of W<sup>s</sup> health in the parlor of that house, they rewarded him with about 20<sup>li</sup> amongst them, after, in pursuance of those Commissions they gave him mony to go to London and there returnd more for the buying of Arms and listing of Men, that hee did buy Arms and list about 60 Irish and other men. Some time after hee went over to Fr[ance] and at St. Jermaines acquainted K[ing] J[ames] with what they had don & how affairs stood.

**21** The Warden preaches a providential sermon the Judges and a great auditory. I dine at Strangwaies with Lord Strange &c, hee promises to be my guest at Chester, after visit [?Sir R.] Stanley. About 3 sett out for Wigan with Mr. Berard, come thither about 7, visit my relations; it snows this night severely.

**22** See our company here, write to sister W[instanley], sett out about 10, come on thro snow balling under the horse to Frodsham before 2, recreate here & reach Chester (D.G.) about 5; see & stay some time with Mr. L[eftwich?].

**23** A constant rain to the snow, both raise the waters about. I dine with Mr. L[eftwich?]. The Judges come attended by the Sherif with some difficulty from the waters, about 8 at night the Guns salute 'em.

**24** A most frequent concourse, notwithstanding the weather, fills the citty, the weather hinders Lord Strange. About 10 the Judges go to the Hall, their Commission is read, the Grand Jury whereof Sir W[illough]by Alston Foreman impanell'd. The first Judge Sir Giles makes a speech, commends the Laws & Government, amplifies on High Treason, breaks off abruptly omitting the rigour and prejudice hee us'd in his first speech at Manchester, tells the Jury hee doubts not but they will execute their duty faithfully, dissmiseth 'em & adjourns the Court till 4 afternoon. When the Court sate a vast Crowd fills the place, the Bench naked of Gentlemen, none there but the Lord Cholmley, Sir J. Manwaring, Mr. Lea. The Judges send thrice for the Jury, at last strictly suspecting 'em frameing an Address of Representacion of the proceedings to the Q[ueen] they come, the Judge enquires, Had they received a Bill or Informacion against the prisoners, they answer No. The prisoners Councell Upton prays they may bee discharg'd. The Judge orders a Messenger (black rodd) to fetch 'em, they come with a great train of Gentlemen who crowd with 'em into the barr the number about 40, 4 or more members of Parliament. The Judges are displeasd at the appearance and complain they can't discern the prisoners, they are made conspicuous. Mr. L[egh] appears with some alteration by modesty in his looks and Gesture *nasum digitis*. Proclamacion is thrice made for informacion against Sir T[homas] Stanly and P.



L[egh] Esq., non appears. The Judge subaegare dimisit, hence an invincible shout; the cheif Judge shews great resentment, says the Government is not precarious, that hee is as bold as a Lyon with the Law on his side, calls to the Sheriff to suppress the Clamor, he in vain offers. After the Judges go almost alone thro the little door, the Gentlemen flock after the discharg'd.

Acclamacions and the Bells fill all eares. I am with Mr. Cholmley at the Sun with joy & musick togeather and good company, detain'd, wee stay till 3 in the morning; he lodges apud mee.

25 About 11 up very indispos'd. Mr. Cholmleys Friends, honest Gentlemen, about xii dine with us liberally, the afternoon spent among Friends at home, the Evening at the Sun where Mr. L[egh?] & some of his Friends are entertaint with music. Mr. Finch shews precision on the Flute. After Most of the company go with Mr. L[egh?] to Mr. Andertons where the young sparks were merry with a woman piper. Wee stay till 10 & Mr. Cholmley comes home with mee.

26 People flock back, I recreate at home, read variously. Mr. Cholmley returns.

27 At home, write to Ned Parr and largely, the Bishop of Kildare the *[illegible]*.

28 Not perfectly well, stay at home in Books, at the Sun in the Even and with the Bishop after, hee tells mee of Mr. Walkers further applicacion, hears my thoughts on the matter, then discovers the unlucky postscripts wherein mony is insinuated that spoils all, the Bishop shows [*?generous*] resentments & *[illegible]* affection to piety.

29 I write to Mr. Walker, am with the Bishop in his study where he told the Chancellor Mr. Walkers story and that his son was offerd 500<sup>li</sup> to prevail with him to put a certain person into Dr. Popes patent but his son had the honesty and ingenuity to reject it. I write in the evening to Mr. Ward at Dublin.

30 I pay Mr. Foulks almost 50<sup>li</sup> for stampt paper &c, pay 3<sup>li</sup> to the Wittness against Brereton, am late with Mr. [*?Jones*].

31 Not well of the last Nights Ale. In Bookes at home, in the Even late at the Sun with the Chancellor [*&*] Mr. War[burton?].

**NOVEMBER 1** A fine morning. I go to the Bishop, promise to write an accurate Register of Institucions &c. About 10 wee set out by Eaton to Wrexham a way about, come thither about 1. After dinner step to Acton, relate the procedure on the Commissions, it pleases, hee entertains mee well. I return in deep darknes with the help of a broken lanthorn, home about 9, visit at Bryn a Funan.

2 In the morning to Havod, move Brother P[uleston] to give sister J[ones] security. Hee promises with difficulty, dine at Bryn a funan. After to Havod, where my brother defers sullenly to seale the bond I draw, wee stay late and haveing the dissappointments, are merry.

3 My mother P[uleston] goes & perswades my brother to seale, she sends, wee come to Havod, hee yet seales with murmur & reluctancy, his wife is surpriz'd & troubl'd to see him seale the Bond, but upon acquaintance with its contents is reconcild. Wee come back home about 2. I see the Bishop & Chancellor. I. Sharp in extreme danger sends for mee, hee acquaints mee of Wills, Licences Registers.

4 Not well dispos'd at home, very much in Anglia Sacra, the K[ing]s Nativity solennizd.

**11** Domi pruritui ejiciendo Alexipharmaco utimur<sup>a</sup>

**12<sup>b</sup>** At home in phisic ready. pruritui curando damus operam, utimur oxylapatho. sanguis mihi missus

**13<sup>c</sup>** Actis judicialibus conscribendis parum. post prandium me ad D<sup>m</sup>. Hulton confero, filiae ejus cui nomen Dorothea [Sentence continued overleaf at head of page]

Regem in portu Margaretae appulisse VIII<sup>o</sup>. currentis, X<sup>o</sup>. Kensington devenisse tradunt Nuntij.<sup>d</sup>

**1694<sup>o</sup>**

Susceptor sum, DD<sup>ae</sup>. Mather & Plumley susceptrices. compotores electi, liberaliter excepti. D<sup>m</sup>. Chisenhale forte inter<sup>e</sup> venientem, adscisco. bene satisque victum.

**14<sup>f</sup>** D<sup>s</sup>. Stratford Oxoniae iter recipit, valedictum. D<sup>a</sup>. Hesthera W<sup>ms</sup>. vivendi nescia mortem obit<sup>g</sup> D.D<sup>s</sup>. pigot & Tully scribo, illi Tesseram nummariam pro 18<sup>li</sup>:15<sup>s</sup>. mitto. post prandium me a nocturna vita recipio. Vesperi ad D<sup>m</sup>. Harper Ostreis vescitur

**15** Forensis est. negotium mediocre. museolum D. Sharp adeo, caecum quidem acervum comperio, publica scripta detraho Tulliumque Elvirianum. post ad solem

a This whole line is interlineated.

b Altered from 11.

c Altered from 12.

d This whole line *Regem ... Nuntij.* added at foot of page.

e *inter* interlineated.

f Altered from 13.

g This whole sentence D<sup>a</sup>. H. ... *obit* interlineated.

5 A frosty morning. I put the presentacions in Order, am constant in busienes, the Order against the Seates tho dated of the 3d is made. Gunpowder Tr[eason] faintly remember'd. I write to Mr. Pecke and Mrs. Stephens.

6 Intent about the Registry of Institucions, my S[uzy] and I dine at the palace. In the Evening at 7 with my Lord about Townsons case.

7 [?Isaac] Sharp de vivis excessit about 4 this morning awaken'd by deathe in choaking blood, and consulted by his Executors about his Funerall. After dinner, with my Lord and the Chancellor about Townsons case, after with Mr. Stratford & Dr. Bridges in the Chamber at Claret, wee drink three bottles.

8 A dull rainy day, in the Court, competent busienes, my Lord determins the causes against Mr. Townson, [?presently] suspends him for the remainder of this and all Hillary Term. In the Even at the Sun with Mr. Hulton & Mr. Townson. After at Mr. H[ulton]s, hee desires mee to bee Godfather to his daughter, I promise him.

9 A very rainy morning, news that the false witnesses are to be prosecuted at Law, after dinner the Chancellor calls on mee. After prayers I Sharps Funerall, those of the Court Bearers. Mr. Leftwich preaches very meanly. After that with my Lord who orders mee to write to the Commissary and Mr. Spark and gives mee Mr. Walkers Letter.

10 I Write to the Commissary and Mr. Spark. Mr. Massie dines with us, after busy about the Acts of the Bishop.

11 At home, we use an antidote<sup>1</sup> to drive out the itch.

12 At home in phisic ready. We take pains to cure the itch, we use sorrel.<sup>1</sup> I let blood.

13 Too little in writing up judicial acts. After lunch I take myself to Mr. Hulton's to whose daughter named Dorothy

*[Continued overleaf at head of page]*

The news conveys that the King landed in Margaret's port on the 8th of this month, arrived at Kensington on the 10th.

*[Continued from foot of previous page]*

I am godfather, Mesdames Mather & Plumley godmothers. Select drinking companions, liberally entertained. I join Mr. Chisenhale who by chance interrupts. Fared well enough.

14 Mr. Stratford undertakes the journey to Oxford, said farewell. Mrs. Hesther W[illia]ms who had lost consciousness passes away. I write to Messrs. Pigot & Tully, to the former I send a money token for £18:15s. After lunch I recover myself from my nocturnal life. In the evening feed on oysters at Mr. Harpers.

15 It is a court day, moderate business. I go to Mr. Sharp's little library,<sup>2</sup> I discover hidden treasure indeed, I take away official publications and Elsevir's

1 In both these places Henry uses words found in Pliny's *Natural History*: (a) 21, 84 para. 146; (b) 20, 85, para 231. An edition was published by Hackius, Leiden & Rotterdam, 1669.

2 Cf. above, 7th of this month and 15 Mar. 1694/5; 27 Mar. 1695.

procacitatem, petulantiam et immodestiam D. Burroughs hominis levi et versatili ingenio, fero; immo ad noctem multam perfero.

**16** Mediocritèr mihi ab intempesta vitâ, tamen bona est natura, requies Reficit

**17** Oswaldum in Agrum Lancastriensem cum Literis Sor<sup>ori</sup>. Winstanley amando Domi caeterum diem contineo.

**18** In pharmacis libris parùm, domi Sum; Circa horam V<sup>am</sup>. vespertinam<sup>a</sup> Literae maestissimae Comit<sup>is</sup> Medensis per Tabellionem de industriâ missum, de morte lectissimae<sup>b</sup> D<sup>ae</sup>. Arabellae Stephens nos opprimunt inopinantes, Faeminam omni virtute praestantem, omni laude insignem, bonis lectissimam, charissimam, nobis nostrisque Laribus amicissimam et delicias, praeclarum suis ornamentum, egregium omnibus exemplum – XL<sup>m</sup> aetatis suae Annum agentem, heu! Referunt e vitâ excessisse 10<sup>o</sup> die mensis currentis circa meridiem! 13<sup>o</sup> vesperi sepultam. Quid nî obmutesceremus dolore oppleti, et indictâ lege Fiat Dei voluntas. Dolorem acceptum Nox comitatur insomnis.

**19<sup>o</sup>** Comiti Medensi do Responsa. Literas tristes Episcopi Kildarensis Recipio, illicò Rescribo Vesperi ad D<sup>m</sup>. Bouch<sup>r</sup>. triste narramus Nuntium.

**20** Dominus Massie ad nos prandet. post ad D<sup>m</sup>. Spark, [m]eque vesperum consumimus

**21** D<sup>m</sup>. Eyton cum Fratre puleston viso, meliusculus est. D<sup>s</sup>. Golborn mihi oggannit de Testibus Hibernicis novissimè appulsis. DD pennant,<sup>c</sup> payne et Ego, D<sup>m</sup>. Boswell qui cum Testibus in eadem navi appulit, ex composito visimus ad Aurati Leonis, hic amicè nos recipit, sponte de Testibus istis docet, ad multam noctem convivimus.

**22** Forensis est. Negotij satis. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Episcopum Ferino excipimur prandio. Episcopus, D<sup>m</sup>. Williams de Sordida et stupida per eum et D<sup>m</sup>. Barker acta luxurie fatentem gravitèr inculcat monet, dimisit, Compotori obstinatè neganti poenam differt. Testibus examinandis me do.

**23<sup>d</sup>** Literas D<sup>ni</sup>. Greenfeild recipio, Funus D<sup>ae</sup>. Hestherae Williams prodit, apud Mold sepeliendae. Dies placidus est obambulo.

**24<sup>e</sup>** Rem Testium Literis D<sup>o</sup>. Gilberto Clark Comitiorum Regni Senatori doceo. D<sup>o</sup>. Shakerley alteri Senatori, in Statuto isto de Papyro impressâ, mutanda offero, D<sup>o</sup>. Roulando Stanley D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildarensi et D<sup>o</sup>. Wilkinson do Literas. Vesperi ad solis cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Canc. Wright Bridges Reficio.

a *vespertinam* interlineated.

b *lectissimae* interlineated.

c Altered from *Payn*.

d 24 first written struck out.

e Altered from 25.

edition of Cicero.<sup>1</sup> After at the Sun I put up with the impudence, rudeness and immoderation of Mr. Burroughs, a man of light and fickle character; indeed I endure it far into the night.

**16** I am indisposed from my untimely life, however nature is good, rest refreshes.

**17** I send Oswald away into Lancashire with a letter to sister Winstanley. I keep at home the rest of the day.

**18** Too little in apothecary books, I am at home; about 5 o'clock in the evening a very sad letter from the Earl of Meath sent especially by courier about the death of the most excellent Mrs. Arabella Stephens casts us down unexpectedly; a woman outstanding in every virtue, distinguished with every commendation, most excellent in her good qualities, very affectionate, very friendly and a favourite to us and our home, a distinguished adornment to her family, an outstanding example to all, in her 40th year, alas! It tells us that she departed life on the 10th of this month about noon, was buried on the evening of the 13th. Why should we not be struck dumb since we are filled with grief, and the law has been enjoined 'God's will be done.' A sleepless night accompanies the grief we have sustained.

**19** I reply to the Earl of Meath. I receive a very sad letter from the Bishop of Kildare, I write back instantly. In the evening at Mr. Boucher's we tell the sad news.

**20** Mr. Massie lunches with us. After at Mr. Spark's, and spend the evening at mine.

**21** I visit Mr. Eyton with brother Puleston, he is somewhat better. Mr. Golborn growls to me about the Irish witnesses who have recently put in. Messrs. Pennant, Payne and I visit at the Golden Lion by arrangement Mr. Boswell who arrived in the same ship with the witnesses. He receives us friendlily and of his own accord tells us about the witnesses. We banquet together far into the night.

**22** It is court day. Enough business. We are entertained at the Lord Bishop's to a game lunch. The Bishop gravely accuses Mr. Williams of base and stupid excess performed by him and Mr. Barker, and when he admits it warns and dismisses him. When his boon companion obstinately denies it, he defers sentence. I apply myself to examining the witnesses.

**23** I receive Mr. Greenfeild's letter. The funeral of Mrs. Hesther Williams, who is to be buried at Mold, sets out. It is a calm day, I walk about.

**24** I explain the business of the witnesses in a letter to Mr. Gilbert Clark, M.P. I suggest to Mr. Shakerley,<sup>2</sup> the other M.P., alterations in that statute about stamped paper.<sup>3</sup> I send letters to Mr. Rouland Stanley, the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Mr. Wilkinson. In the evening at the Sun I refresh with Messrs. Chancellor, Wright, Bridges.

<sup>1</sup> Cicero, *Opera*, 10 vols, 12mo (Leiden, 1642). See below 1, 11, 15 Dec. 1694.

<sup>2</sup> Peter Shakerley, Chester City M.P. 1698–1715, a Tory Whip. See *VCH*, II, p. 128.

<sup>3</sup> On 12 April 1694 the Commons had given a first reading to 'A Bill for Granting to Their Majesties Several Duties Upon Paper and Parchment'. Its progress may be followed in *CJ*, XI, pp.146–72 and *LJ*, XV, pp.423ff., until it received its 2nd and 3rd readings in the Commons on 21 November. Thus Stamp Duty began and Henry was too late.

25<sup>a</sup> D<sup>s</sup>. Lancaster Concionem habet prolixam. Literae publicae Referunt Reverendum Jo. Tillotson Archiepiscopum Cant. die Jovis ultimo e vivis manasse; Bene prosperèque Ecclesiae Angliae inimicis oppressae cedat de futuro. Vesperam ad D<sup>m</sup>. Harper, hil[ar]è satis duco D<sup>o</sup>. Episcopo Kildarensi [S?]

26 Literas D<sup>o</sup>. Greenfeild de Statuto isto do; quod subsidarium praebeat opem Rogo. D<sup>o</sup>. parr scribo Testibus examinandis occupatus. Decanus et Praebendarij Capitulum agunt primarium.

27 Raciones cum Gard<sup>o</sup>. Manch<sup>r</sup>. computo. Res capitularis de terris scilicet suis in Annos vel vitas locandis acriter agitata. Episcopus tandem ab Inhibicione Recedit suâ in visitacione injunctâ. D<sup>[l]</sup> Birchall in Curatum Holland <sup>b</sup> candidatus consensum Rogat meum, do gratis. Q.B.E.<sup>c</sup>

28 D<sup>s</sup>. Morrey de Decani et Capituli erga se in syngrapha Lancelot sibi non assignanda contra jus aequumque duriâ graviter queritur, vesperi ad solis sum post DD<sup>i</sup>. Gardianus et Bolton ad nos vesperam ducunt D<sup>o</sup>. Bolton donarium do X<sup>s</sup>. D<sup>io</sup>. Pope Syngrapham collybisticam pro XX<sup>li</sup> diem 3<sup>m</sup>. solvendis.

29 Res forensis satis frigida. de vita nocturnâ quieti do, Refectus preces adeo vespertinas, dein ad solis Sum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Anderton, hic me de Theriacâ cum liquore Cerevisiae incocto miscendâ docet, egregiam inde spondet cervisiam. D<sup>s</sup>. Bolton iterum vesperam ad nos trahit.

30 Diem Tenebris opacum domi duco. Vesperi Natalem D<sup>ae</sup>. Charolettæ Butler L[ydiae] meae charissimæ Alumnae XVI. aetatis Anno modo completæ. ad D<sup>m</sup>. Anderton celebramus, illa nos ostreis caenâ lautâ cerevisiâ amica amicè nos excipit. D<sup>o</sup>. Cholmly' de Holford historiam de Testibus H[ibernicis] scribo. Archiepiscopus Cant<sup>r</sup>. et pompâ et parsimoniâ Summâ Tumulo suo datus.<sup>d</sup>

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1 Det Deus faustum et salutare! Subnubilum est. et dolore Gutturis capto domi arcte me contineo Oracionem<sup>e</sup> pro A. Caecina lego.

2 Domi partem maximam sum. in libris Sparsim, vesperi, ad Cancel<sup>m</sup>.

3 D<sup>o</sup>. Wareing Scribo. 3<sup>li</sup>. Faenus annum Petro Eden mitto. D<sup>m</sup>. Canc<sup>m</sup>. et Matrem Puleston ferino excipimus prandio, D<sup>s</sup>. Ash praepositus Dublin cum D<sup>o</sup>. Crow nos visit Literas D. Episcopi Kild. tradit, his do Responsa. Literas Domini Madden cum catalogo Sociorum Dubliniensis Societatis Philosophicae, a Praep[osito] etiam Recipio

a Altered from 26.

b *primo* first written struck through.

c *Sc. Quod Bene Eveniat*.

d The last sentence *Archiepiscopus ... datus*. inserted between entries for 30 Nov. and 1 Dec.

e Altered from D. *Cae*.

**25** Mr. Lancaster preaches a long sermon. The newspapers report that the Reverend John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury, slipped from among the living last Thursday. May it go well and prosperously in future for the Church of England oppressed by enemies. I spend the evening cheerfully enough at Mr. Harper's. [I write] to the Lord Bishop of Kildare.

**26** I send a letter to Mr. Greenfeild about that statute; I ask him to furnish subsidiary assistance. I write to Mr. Parre. Busy in the examination of witnesses. The Dean and Prebendaries conduct an excellent Chapter.

**27** I reckon up accounts with the Warden of Manchester. The Chapter business, that is about its lands to be leased for years or lives, keenly debated. The Bishop at length withdraws from his Inhibition enjoined on the visitation. Mr. Birchall a candidate for the Curacy of Holland asks my consent, I give it gratuitously. May it turn out well.

**28** Mr. Morrey makes a serious complaint about the harshness of the Dean and Chapter towards him in not assigning to him a Lancelot bond, contrary to right and equity. In the evening I am at the Sun, after Messrs. Warden and Bolton spend the evening with us. To Mr. Bolton I give an offering of 10s., to Mr. Pope a banker's draft for £20 payable the day after tomorrow.<sup>1</sup>

**29** Court business chilly enough. From the night life I give myself to rest. Refreshed I go to evening prayers, then I am at the Sun with Mr. Anderton. He tells me about mixing treacle with the uncooked liquor of ale, he promises outstanding ale from it. Mr. Bolton again draws out the evening with us.

**30** I spend the day shady with darkness at home. In the evening we celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Charlotte Butler, my Lydia's very dear foster-daughter who is now 16, at Mrs. Anderton's. She, our friend, receives us friendly with oysters, a lavish dinner, ale. I write to Mr. Cholmley of Holford the story of the Irish witnesses. The Archbishop of Canterbury laid in his tomb with pomp and the greatest parsimony.

**DECEMBER 1** God grant what is favourable and salutary! It is somewhat cloudy, and having caught a sore throat I keep myself close at home. I read the speech for A. Caecina.<sup>2</sup>

**2** I am at home for the greatest part. In books here and there, in the evening at the Chancellor's.

**3** I write to Mr. Wareing. I send £3 annual interest to Peter Eden. We entertain Mr. Chancellor and Mother Puleston with a game lunch. Mr. Ash, provost of Dublin, visits us with Mr. Crow, hands over a letter of the Lord Bishop of Kildare to which I reply. I also receive from the provost a letter of Mr. Madden with a list of the fellows of Dublin Philosophical Society.

<sup>1</sup> Or: 'on the third day'.

<sup>2</sup> One of Cicero's speeches. N.B. On 15 Nov. 1694 Henry took away Elzevir's edition of Cicero from Mr. Sharp's little library.

4<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. Francisco Cholmly' de Hibernicis istis Testibus narratiunculam do. praepositus Salopiam tendit. Formulae Gratiarum actionis publicae missae nobis, inde emissae, vesperi ad solis cum confratribus

5 D<sup>o</sup>. Gilberto Clark Literas do, Propositiones includo, suas precor opes. D<sup>o</sup>. Mallory scribo, vesperi ad D<sup>am</sup>. Anderton. hic de Rege Gallico Mat. Anderton magna profert & ingentia.

6 Curia istius Termini finalis habita, Negotij mediocris, strepitus satis Literas cum Renunciacione D<sup>ae</sup>. Anderton inclusâ D<sup>o</sup>. Wilkinson mitto. Vesperi ad solis Sum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Elcock

7 Libros; de Testibus volvo. <sup>a</sup> D<sup>s</sup>. Elcock ad me prandet, post de dote D<sup>ae</sup>. Massie quam in Uxorem, tractatum dos sibi ab Avo Wilson crescit ad 800<sup>li</sup>. paterna expectanda.

8 Dieculam nubibus opacam, libris consumo, vesperam ad D<sup>m</sup>. Hulton cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Canc. et Archidiacono traho, hic de Ephimeride privata verba multa.

9 Episcopum Lincoln. Tenison, officium Regiae manûs osculandi<sup>b</sup> de Archiepiscopatu Cant. praestitisse Literae ferunt.

10 Episcopus in Basilica de Charitate gravem et ardentem habet oracionem. vesperi ad D<sup>m</sup>. partington. post Cap. 15. l. 8. Omphalij lego, D<sup>no</sup>. Dod de Ormsk' scribo. D. E. Cook sua arte probe versatus moritur

11<sup>o</sup> Oracioni pro Ligario incumbo. D<sup>a</sup>. E. Massie a Nobis Recedit domum; De Episcopo Tenison in Archiepiscopum Cant. cooptato, nuncia certiora

12 Usque ad prandium domi, post, D<sup>i</sup>. Cancell<sup>s</sup>. Bridges et Ego, ad D<sup>am</sup>. Anderton parum, Cum Cerevisia parum promoverat, ad Navis descendimus, hic ampullas singulas, alti Rubelli Epotamus, Canc<sup>s</sup>. Reecedit.<sup>c</sup> D. Bridg[es] et Ego in Hispanico valedicimus. Ista Luxuries erat ingenij mei experiundi gratiâ, vix D<sup>o</sup>. Bridges a sententia cessit. Turdum sibi cacasse malum quid erat experiebatur

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Decemb.

13 aegerrimè quidem mihi est vix febrim evado, domi me curo. Vesperi tandem D<sup>s</sup>. Archidiaconus Allen ad suam cameram me accersit ubi cum Episcopo Killaloensi et D<sup>no</sup>. Harper vesperam hilare satis duco.

a *Postmeri* first written struck through.

b *Sic.*

c *Sic.*



4 I give Mr. Francis Cholmondeley a short account of those Irish witnesses. The provost heads for Shrewsbury. Forms of public thanksgiving are sent to us and sent out again. In the evening at the Sun with colleagues.

5 I send a letter to Mr. Gilbert Clark, I include the proposals, I beg his assistance. I write to Mr. Mallory. In the evening at Mrs. Anderton's. Here Matthew Anderton makes known great and enormous things about the French King.

6 The last court of this term is held, moderate business, enough din. I send to Mr. Wilkinson a letter with Mrs. Anderton's renunciation enclosed. In the evening I am at the Sun with Mr. Elcock.

7 I turn books, about witnesses. Mr. Elcock lunches with me, after discussed Mrs. Massie's dowry; [if he takes] her as wife the paternal dowry to be expected from grandfather Wilson grows to £800.

8 I spend the short day, dark with clouds, in books. I draw out the evening at Mr. Hulton's with Messrs. Chancellor and Archdeacon. Here much talk about the private diary.

9 The papers report that Bishop Tenison of Lincoln has performed the duty of kissing the King's hand in connection with the Archbishopric of Canterbury.

10 The Bishop preaches in the Cathedral a serious and ardent sermon about charity. In the evening at Mr. Partington's. After I read Omphalius Book 8, Ch. 15,<sup>1</sup> I write to Mr. Dod of Ormskirk. Mr. E. Cook, excellently skilled in his art, dies.

11 I fall upon the speech for Ligarius.<sup>2</sup> Mrs. E. Massie goes back home from us; there is more definite news of Bishop Tenison elected as Archbishop of Canterbury.

12 Up till lunch at home, after Messrs. Chancellor, Bridges and I at Mrs. Anderton's for a while. When the ale had advanced somewhat we went down to the Ship, here we quaff single bottles of dark red wine, the Chancellor withdraws. Mr. Bridges and I say farewell in Spanish [wine]. This excess was for the sake of making trial of my own capacity, but scarcely departed from Mr. Bridges' purpose. It was the case and he was proving that the thrush had dropped some misfortune for itself.<sup>3</sup>

13 I am very ill, scarcely escape fever, care for myself at home. In the evening at length Mr. Archdeacon Allen summons me to his chamber, where I spend the evening cheerfully enough with the Bishop of Killala and Mr. Harper.

1 The only work of Omphalius that extends to eight books is his epitome of the Greek historian Herodian, published in Politiano's Latin translation of that work, and the epitome of each book consists of a single paragraph only. This entry must therefore involve a scribal error (possibly 8 for 3), and the book he was reading may well have been the one referred to on 27–30 Mar. 1695. It is perhaps noteworthy that on the 20th below Henry was clearly catching up with his diary.

2 Another of Cicero's speeches, *Pro Ligario*. See above, 1 Dec. 1694.

3 An allusion to the proverb, current in the C17th, *Turdus ipse sibi malum cacat*: 'The thrush shits evil for itself.' See *ODEP*, p.820.

- 14 Non deferbuit morbus, mitescit parùm. Vesperi foras periclitatum. D<sup>m</sup>. Eyton, post D<sup>am</sup>. Thelwall Visimus S. mea et Ego, haec bellarijs nos Recipit bellissimè.
- 15 Continuò domi sum, Oracionem pro Deiotaro lego.
- 16 Sanguis meus flamma incensus febrili, pungendo me torquet, ad pharmaca confugio. ad Ephemeridem Episcopalem<sup>a</sup> me confero, mediocriter promoveo.
- 17 Dies Supplicationum pro Redito, sospiteque Rege, dictus. D<sup>s</sup>. Wright gravem quidem et elegantem habet Concionem. Literas D<sup>i</sup>. Clark Militis Recipio in quibus meam erga D. Legh &c benevolentiam gratam et acceptam habet.
- 18 Epotis pharmacis, in Agros et Auras me conjicio. Episcopus, ad se, me accersi jubet, de Testamento Suo conficiendo conscium fecit consulitque. post in Ephemeridi haereo.
- 19 Literas D<sup>i</sup>. Francisci Cholmondly accipio, officia in Testibus istis Hibernicis explorandis agnoscit gratias Refert. In Ephemeride progressus facio. Servo Venatorio D<sup>ni</sup>. Porter commodo 1<sup>li</sup>:10<sup>s</sup>. D<sup>s</sup>. Thelwall et Uxor nos vesperi visunt.
- 20 Domûs sum incola, Ephemeridi manus mea extrema accessit.
- 21 Sancti Thomae Apostoli Festum, mane ad preces accedimus. Vena mihi incisa est, Sanguinis detractae unciae <sup>b</sup> viii. Domi caeterum sum diem. De Literis J. Williamson iterum periculum facio in Terentio Solertio rem se dat. D<sup>o</sup>. Herle Rescribo.
- 22<sup>o</sup> Tempestas meis favet pharmacis. Raciones D<sup>i</sup>. Hulme Recipio, D<sup>o</sup>. Price scribo. Vesperi ad Solis cum DD. Jones et Wyn horas aliquot duco.
- 23 Dies Ordinacionum status, Episcopus 2. Presbyteros 4 Diaconos ordinat. D<sup>s</sup>. Entwisle concionem habet. Vesperi ad Solis iterum cum D<sup>o</sup>. Hulton.
- 24 Epotis Pharmacis, in auram prodeo. D<sup>o</sup>. Hulme Rescribo, D<sup>s</sup>. Episcopus de Testamento me docet. Ephemeridi exscribendi<sup>c</sup> me do. Episcopo Kildarensi Literas de Caseo do.

a MS. *Epalem*.

b *tres* first written struck through.

c *Sic*.

14 The sickness has not cooled down, but is becoming somewhat milder. In the evening tried out of doors. My S. and I visit Mr. Eyton and after Mrs. Thelwall. She receives us very finely with desserts.

15 I am continuously at home, I read the speech for Deiotarus.<sup>1</sup>

16 My blood heated and inflamed with fever torments me with stinging, I take refuge in medicine. I apply myself to the episcopal diary, make moderate progress.

17 Appointed as a day of prayer for the safe return of the King. Mr. Wright preaches a sermon weighty indeed and elegant. I receive a letter of Sir [?] Clark in which he expresses gratitude and acceptance of my good wishes towards Mr. Legh etc.

18 After taking the medicine I fling myself into the fields and breezes. The Bishop orders me to be summoned to him. He acquainted and consults me about making his will. After I stick to the diary.

19 I receive a letter of Mr. Francis Cholmondly, he acknowledges my assistance in investigating those Irish witnesses and returns thanks. I make advances in the diary. I lend Mr. Porter's hunt servant £1:10s. Mr. Thelwall and his wife visit us in the evening.

20 I am a house-dweller, my hand has reached the limits of the diary.

21 Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, in the morning we go to prayers. My vein is cut, 8 ounces of blood drawn. I am at home the rest of the day. I make another trial of J. Williamson's knowledge of literature. He reveals greater skill in Terence.<sup>2</sup> I write back to Mr. Herle.

22 The weather favours my medicine. I receive Mr. Hulme's accounts, I write to Mr. Price. In the evening I spend several hours at the Sun with Messrs. Jones and Wyn.

23 Ordination day: the Bishop ordains 2 priests 4 deacons. Mr. Entwisle preaches. In the evening at the Sun again with Mr. Hulton.

24 After drinking the medicine I go out into the air. I write back to Mr. Hulme. The Lord Bishop instructs me about his will. I apply myself to writing out the diary. I send a letter to the Bishop of Kildare about cheese.

25 Frost, severe cold, The Bishop preaches, receive the Sacrament.

26 Dine with the Bishop &c at Lady Salisburys. Mr. Barker absolv'd.

27 I draw and the Bishop seals his Will. Wee dine at Alderman Allen, a company disagreeable, in the Evening at the Ship drink my bottle with the Chancellor, Archdeacon B[ooth?] &c. Sitt up till 2, finish the Ephemeris the Q[ueen] dies about 12.

28 A fine frosty day, my Lord setts out for London about 9, I go with him to Whitchurch, hee comes there about 1. After prayers wee dine elegantly. About 8 I

1 Another of Cicero's speeches, *Pro Deiotaro*.

2 An interesting revelation of what Henry expected in the education of this schoolboy. James Williamson had spent Christmas 1689 in the Prescott household, see above 21 Dec. 1689. This test was a follow-up to a less satisfactory one, see above 26 Jan. 1693/4. One wonders if Richard Bernard's *Terence in English* (6th edition, London, 1641) was used as a textbook, or its use was frowned upon as a 'crib'.

present the Ephemeris, my Lord receives it well, wee are at the Lyon with the Chancellor, after that Dr. Br. and I very late up in our chamber.

29 The weather relents in the morn, my Lord sets out about 8. I see the parsonage, civilly treated by Mr. Br., hee recomends mee to the Dr. The Chancellor & I dine at Codrington, reach home well about 4.

30 Stay at home, read [? in Scott]. It freezes afresh.

31 Fine weather, at home only and the church, admonish[?O].

## 1694/5

**JANUARY 1** New Years day, certain news of the Q[ueen]s death, the Dean in his sermon mentions her losse in teares.

2 At home in Tully, in the Even at the Ship with the Chancellor and Mr. H., after with the Mayor of L.

3 Mr. Bullen brings Tully finisht. Write to Mr. Walker. Dine at Brother P., stay and drink late & liberally after at the Chancellors.

4 Our Friends dine with us, in the Even at the Sun late with Sir Wm M[eredith?], Mr. Peake, merrily, liberally.

5 At home indispos'd, in the Even at Mr. Hollands.

6 Epiphany; it thawes, read 2 of the bookes de Nat.D., am [*illegible*] at the Sun with a fine supper but it succeeds not.

7 Read the 3<sup>d</sup> Book de N.D. and the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tusc.Q.

8 Read the 2<sup>d</sup> Phil. & 2 of the last years of C. life by [?Fabr.]. Wee celebrate the day of [*illegible*].

9 Read the 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Phil. My daughter Suzy dies about 12.

10 Read the 1<sup>st</sup> B[ook] of the Tusc.Q. My daughter buried near her bro. T[homas] within the Railes.

11 The frost continues. I walk out, draw an Address of condolence to the King for the honest Alderman & meet 'em in the Even at Alderman Wilcocks; they are pleas'd.

12 Bro. Pul[eston] and Ken. Eyton dine with us. In the Even I am present at the freindly end of the difference betwixt Alderman Ince and Mr. H. Visit Mr. B., lately returned [?sick].

13 At home the forenoon, wee dine at Ned Pulestons. I read 2 B[ook] Tusc.Q. In the Even sup at the palace.

14 Write to the Bishop about the Address and to cozn. Parr. Begin on the 2 Transmissions.

15 Wholly apply before noon to the Transmissions; dine at the palace.

16 Go on with the Transmissions industriously.

17 First Court day of Hillary Term; after Court busienes proceed on [*blank*].

18 Very industriously on the Transmissions all day.

19 I finish 'em this [day]. Write to cozn. Parr & Mr. Okes. Wee dine at Uncle Eytons. At the Sun in the Evening with the Chancellor, Mrs. Done, Hulton, Partington.

20 Septuagesima. Mr. Wright preaches. After Even prayer at the Sun with Mr. Hulton, Payne &c, after that at the palace; it snows.

21 Sett out for Holford on Foot about 8, W[illiam] W[illough]by with mee, come to Sandyway about 1. Mr. Okes meets mee after dinner. Hee by a [*illegible*] from Mr. Fr[ancis] Ch[olmley] invites mee to Vale Royal. I go where Mr. Ch[olmley] receives mee freindly, wee sit up late and live freely.

22 The frost proceeds. After dinner & a Glass, I go on to Holford, reach about 5, am received with extreme kindness.

23 Solace till noon. After dinner Mr. Ch[olmley] treats at the Rose, where wee are merry with the piper.

24 Ly long, after dinner. Wee drink with Archdeacon Vaughan, when hee is gon Stringer & others from Nantwich [*illegible*] us.

25 Very ill from excessive and successive drinking, wee are dull all day; it snows & freezes.

26 Not well to proceed to Lancashire, I resolve to stay till Munday; read and live temperatly.

27 Read in Aurelius; at home all day temperatly. Mr. Wood has a sermon.

28 About 8 I sett out, Mr. Woods brings mee past the Wich, reach Sandyway in 2 hours, rest one, thence go over the forest tho troublesom by snow in less than 2 hours, come to Tarvin, rest an hour and thence in an hour & ½ reach Chester D.G. before 5.

29 Solace and divert all day, dine at Mr. Ottys, in the Even at the Sun with Mr. Ash & [*blank*].

30 K[ing] Ch[arles] martyrdom, write to my Lord Bishop, Mr. Walker, [*?Parr*]; read the King's Tryall; it thaws this night.

31 Court day, busy in examining wittnesses, write to S. Prescott, Sister [*?Winstanley*], L. Herle, at the Wolfshead.

**FEBRUARY 1** The thaw gos temperatly on, see the News, after dinner repose, sup with Mr. Thelwall, it succeeds well.

2 Candlemas day; at home in Books, especially A.Gellius. 1<sup>st</sup> book de Finibus, &c.

3 Mr. Leftwich preaches, receive the H[oly] sacrament. After prayers at the Sun with Mr. Hulton, Payn, Lloyd &c.

4 Good weather, the news various; the Busienes in Parliament still slow.

5 Shrove Tuesday, diversions of Races. At Mr. Hollands in the Evening. I buy a Cornelian seal 5<sup>s</sup>.

6 Ashwednesday, a fine frosty morning, walk, read the 2<sup>d</sup> Book de Finibus, &c.

7 Court day busy in Wittnesses. Write to W[arden] of Manchester and Bishop of Kildare.

8 Write to Mr. Francis Cholmley and send him my Notes upon the Inscricpon, in the Even at Mr. Hulton with J.M.

9 William Carter pays mee for the Transmission. Not well, repose fine weather. The News that the House of Commons has voted a plott and that the Irish Act by K[ing] J[ames] bee burnt. Write to my Lord & send him the Registry Patents.

- 10 Mr. Thane preaches. I read the 3<sup>d</sup> Book de Finibus; in the Even at the palace.
- 11 Weather alterd to Frost and snow agen. After dinner at the Sun late with Mr. H[ulton?] & Murry.
- 12 Read variously, a cold day. After dinner with Capt. Glover, then at the Sun with the Chancellor & Mr. Foulks.
- 13 It thaws but is raw. Examine wittnesses at home in busienes; Read 3<sup>d</sup> L.de Finibus part of the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 14 Court day busines of Examinacion, read out the 4<sup>th</sup> L. de Finibus.
- 15 Mr. Whaley is here with the 2 sisters Molineux, in the Even with him Alderman Allen and Bennet at the Fountain. Mr. W. tells a comicall story of the schoolMaster of Mawdesley.
- 16 Walk after dinner in the Fields, in the Even at Ellen Partingtons Funeral.
- 17 Dr. Entwisle preaches. In the Even read the 5<sup>th</sup> Book de Finibus. After at the Palace.
- 18 Write to Dr. Bridges, at home in Books. At night write to Dr. Madden & Bishop of Killala.
- 19 Cold and dull weather, keep home.
- 20 Write and inclose a Commission to Mr. Bernard, after noon walk out to W. W[illoughb]ys Feilds, after at Mr. Hultons.
- 21 Court day. Busy in Examinacions till late at Night. After at the Ship with Mr. Wait & Malbon.
- 22 Write to Mr. Okes. After dinner visit the Archdeacon.
- 23 A fine morning, walk out, write to Mr. Woods & Wareing.
- 24 St. Matthias day: at church, after prayers write Letters.
- 25 After prayers set out, come to Warrington about 12. Speak with Mr. Molineux; the weather alters to Storm, stay at Winwick.
- 26 I stay here, go a coursing, good walk and sport; in the Even bad weather, stay agen.
- 27 With Mr. Crane at Peter Eden; after set forward, come to Gately Lane about 2, rest.
- 28 A snow, walk in boots to Ayrfeild, thence meet Mr. Crane and Sam. P[rescott] at El[en] Cross, liberally and late.

**MARCH 1** A deep snow, sett out about 10 in Boots for Latham, come before 1. The Lords Dunmore<sup>1</sup> & Strange receive mee kindly. I break Lent in good Beef. After dinner drink liberally. Mr. Banks returns, S[am] P[rescott] & I stay.

2 Mr. Wilson acquaints mee with his affairs, a deeper snow, I go on to Ormskirk, see Freinds there, stay at Mr. D[illegible].

3 A hard frost. I come to the church at Holland, after noon repose, in the Even step to Winstanley where I stay because of Mr. Okes all Night.

1 Lord Charles Murray, 1st Earl of Dunmore (1661–1710), a Jacobite sympathizer under William III who became a privy councillor in Anne's reign. See *DNB*, XXXIX, pp. 350–1.

- 4 Step back before noon to Gately, dispatch busienes. After dinner in books agen to the Ayrfeild, meet and agree with the planter Robert Watt for 100 Firrs at 30<sup>s</sup>, 12 at 6<sup>s</sup> and for planting 2<sup>s</sup>.6<sup>d</sup>. After to E[llen] Cross, receive J. Barons Account and rent, bargain with T. Gill to get, dress & sett the stone of the Barn at Whitly at 9<sup>d</sup> the Yard; wee stay late, return by the starrs.
- 5 Finish Accounts with Sister W[instanley?], enter as surety with Br. W[instanley?] into 100 bond to R. Prescott dat. 29 Sept. last; hee secures mee by Assignment. I go to Wigan; tis the Q[ueen's] Funerall day, the Bell told 3 hours. I visit relacions, hear Mr. Casons story. Mr. Taylor keeps us up too late.
- 6 About 9 I sett out on foot, come to Winwick  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11. Dine here, sett out at 3 exactly, ride briskly without interrupcion, come safe (D.G.) about 7.
- 7 Court day, small busienes. In the Even at the Sun with the Chancellor, &c.
- 8 At home scarce in busienes, in the Even with Capt. Glover at my Neighbors.
- 9 Fix on books in the Auction depending. Read Mr. Fleury's History choice of Studies.
- 10 At church Subdean Wright preaches on Charity, very well. After prayers see Mr. Doley, visit Archdeacon.

- 11 Domi in libris sparsim; vesperi ad Tho: Holland cum T Minshall.
- 12 Tempestas satis foeda et turbulenta diei<sup>a</sup> maximam partem, inter Scripta D Doly sumo<sup>b</sup> Vesperi Archidiaconatùs Cochleorum primariorum amphorâ<sup>c</sup> amicos recipit post D<sup>s</sup>. Crane<sup>d</sup> ad nos est.<sup>e</sup>
- 13 Mediocriter e cochleis. D<sup>o</sup>. parre scribo, Vesperi ad solis cum DD Canc. paine. Yates Hulton.
- 14 postremus istius Termini juridicus; Negotij parcus, Ulcus in ore meo tumescit pungit; Vesperi lares visimus Vicinos cum DD. Hulton<sup>f</sup>
- 15 Domi antemeridianum. Ad D<sup>m</sup>. Sharp prandemus D<sup>s</sup>. Leftwich et Ego, post Librorum D.S. catalogum conficimus
- 16 D<sup>o</sup>. parr et<sup>g</sup> Rider 10 uncias sanguinis mitto. D<sup>o</sup>. Aiskrigg, conjecturas in Inscriptiōnem mitto
- 17 D<sup>s</sup>. Wood in choro concionatur Literae publicae de prolocutoris Com. repetundis afferunt, Vesperi ad palatium divertimus
- 18<sup>h</sup> Literas DD. Coleman, Bridges mitto, obambulo. Testibus examinandis me do
- 19<sup>i</sup> In chartis versor, vesperam<sup>j</sup> cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Thane, Warburton, ad Bulgarum sumo, <sup>k</sup>
- 20<sup>l</sup> Domi mediocritèr, pomeridianum Libris D. Sharp in catalogum Referendis sumtum.
- 21<sup>m</sup> pharmaca quae alvum dejiciat, sumo, cedit benè.
- 22<sup>n</sup> parasceve est, D<sup>s</sup>. Allen concionatur. Sacram caenam suscipio.<sup>o</sup> D<sup>i</sup>. Woodward tentamen in Historiam Terrae lego.
- 23<sup>p</sup> Obambulo comitatur Filiolus. domi residuam diem D<sup>o</sup>. Wilson scribo.
- 24 paschalis est, <sup>q</sup> Decanus concionatur caenam sanctissimam impertio. Vesperi cum D<sup>o</sup>. Allen deambulatum
- 25 Festum duplex et Resurrectionis et Annunciacionis, templum adeo, D<sup>s</sup>. Neucome et graviter et eleganter concionatur, D<sup>ae</sup>. Hulton 2<sup>li</sup> Redditum solvo. Vespertinam auram in equo capto.

a *diei* altered from illegible antecedent.

b *inter Scripta D Doly sumo* interlineated.

c *amphorâ* interlineated in minute script below *Thane ad*.

d Altered from *Thane*.

e *amicos recipit post D<sup>s</sup>. Crane ad nos est.* interlineated above at line end in normal script.

f *Vicinos cum DD. Hulton* interlineated at line end.

g Altered from *s.*

h Altered from 19.

i Altered from 20.

j Altered from *vesperi*.

k D<sup>s</sup>. *G. Jeffrys* first written struck through.

l Altered from 21.

m Altered from 22.

n Altered from 23.

o *Sacram caenam suscipio.* interlineated.

p Altered from 24.

q *caena* first written struck through.



**11** At home in books here and there; in the evening at Thomas Holland's with T. Minshall.

**12** A fairly foul and boisterous storm. I spend the greatest part of the day amid the writings of Mr. Doly. In the evening the Archdeaconry receives friends with a jar of excellent cockles.<sup>1</sup> After Mr. Crane is with us.

**13** Indisposed from the cockles. I write to Mr. Parre. In the evening at the Sun with Messrs. Chancellor, Paine, Yates, Hulton.

**14** Last court day of this term. Little business. An ulcer swells up in my mouth, it stings. In the evening we visit neighbours' homes with Mr. & Mrs. Hulton.

**15** Morning at home. Mr. Leftwich and I lunch at Mr. Sharp's, after we finish the catalogue of Mr. S's books.<sup>2</sup>

**16** For Mr. Parr and Rider I let 10 ounces of blood. I send to Mr. Aiskrigg the conjectures on the inscription.

**17** Mr. Wood preaches in the choir. The newspapers mention the Speaker of the Commons' extortions. In the evening we stop at the palace.

**18** I send letters to Messrs. Coleman, Bridges; I walk round. I apply myself to examining witnesses.

**19** I am busy with charters, I spend the evening with Messrs. Thane, Warburton at the Bags.

**20** At home indisposed, the afternoon spent adding Mr. Sharp's books to the catalogue.

**21** I take medicine to purge my bowels, it succeeds well.

**22** It is Good Friday, Mr. Allen preaches. I receive the Holy Supper. I read Mr. Woodward's essay on the History of the Earth.<sup>3</sup>

**23** I walk round, my little son accompanies me. At home the rest of the day. I write to Mr. Wilson.

**24** It is Easter day, the Dean preaches. I partake the most Holy Supper. In the evening go for a walk with Mr. Allen.

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**MARCH 25** A double feast, of the Resurrection and Annunciation, I go to Church. Mr. Neucome preaches gravely and elegantly. I pay Mrs. Hulton £2 rent. I catch the evening air on horseback.

<sup>1</sup> Or 'snails'.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. above: 15 Nov. 1694; below: 20 Mar. 1694/5; 27 Mar. 1695.

<sup>3</sup> An ESSAY toward a Natural History of the EARTH: ... By John Woodward, M.D., printed in London, 1695, only received its *imprimatur* from John Hoskyns, V.P.R.S., on 3 Jan. 1694/5.

- 26 Notas Ciacconij in columnam Rostratam lego. 4<sup>m</sup>. L[ibrum] Tuscul[anarum] Q[uaestionum] finio, Equo iterum auram capto Ludum Rusticum cursum pedestrem ad Beach poole<sup>a</sup> video. post ad solis cum DD<sup>s</sup>. Mered. Leigh, Everard.
- 27 Omphalium aggredior, Amphoram Cerevisiae primariae donum D. Ch. recipio, Catalogum Libr[orum] D. Sh. finimus.
- 28 In Omphalio pergo. L[ydia] Filliola variolis plane correpta. Episcopo Kildare scribo.
- 29 1 et 2<sup>m</sup>.<sup>b</sup> Omphalij l[ibros] lego. D<sup>s</sup>. Massie ad nos prandet. D<sup>o</sup>. Chol. scribo.
- 30 D<sup>o</sup>. parre scribo. 3<sup>m</sup>. l[ibrum] Omphalij lego.
- 31 Domi parotidum doloris<sup>c</sup> ergo, me contineo.

a [H....k..brook] first written struck through, *Beach poole* interlineated.

b Altered from 2 et 3.

c *doloris* interlineated.

26 I read Ciacconius's Notes on the Beaked Column,<sup>1</sup> I finish the 4th book of Tusculan Questions<sup>2</sup>. I again catch the air on horseback. I see a rustic sport, a foot-race to Beach poole. After at the Sun with Messrs. Mered., Leigh, Everard.

27 I start on Omphalius.<sup>3</sup> I receive as a gift from Mr. Ch[olmondeley ?] a jar of excellent ale. We finish the catalogue of Mr. Sh[arp]'s books.<sup>4</sup>

28 I continue in Omphalius. My little daughter L[ydia] is plainly seized with smallpox. I write to the Bishop of Kildare.

29 I read the 1st and 2nd books of Omphalius. Mr. Massie lunches with us. I write to Mr. Chol[mondeley].

30 I write to Mr. Parre. I read the 3rd book of Omphalius.

31 I keep myself at home because of earache.<sup>5</sup>

[No entries 1 April 1695–21 May 1696]

## 1696

**MAY 22** Dine with relations at Brother Partingtons, after at the Sun with Mr. Th[omas] Ch[olmley] in a Frolic thence to see his Mrs.

23 Give Dr. H[olbrook?] half a Guinea, Lend Mr. Th[omas] Ch[olmley] 40s. In the Even at Alderman Wilcocks Funeral; my Lord resolves on the Daies.

24 Keep in doors, read in Dr. Taylors holy Liveing.

25 Take the oaths the [?second] time at the Sessions. Mr H. only with mee, walk to my Feild in the Even.

26 Much more indispos'd from cold, yet in the Even at a Bottle with Mr. Egerton, Thickens, Hilton; a Blister.

27 Busy in dispatch of the matter for the Visitacion.

28 Go on with that dispatch.

29 Tho an holy yet a busy day in Common busienes. I pay Archdeacon Lloyd for Mr. Parr 20<sup>li</sup> 11<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>.

30 My pain returns to my head, wee resolve on a Blister under the Ear.

31 Whitsunday at home under the discipline of Blisters, read variously.

**JUNE** This is a month inauspicious from severall crosse occurrences, ill health, much busienes, Oswalds defection, close confinement, phisic, bad weather, Oath, Association.

1 Petrus Ciacconius (Pedro Chacon), *In Columnae Rostratae C. Diulii Inscriptionem . . .*, first published at Leiden, 1597, reprinted in *Opuscula*, Rome, 1608. The Beaked Column was a monument erected in the Roman Forum to commemorate the battle of Diulius in the first Punic War.

2 I.e. Cicero's *Tusculan Disputations*.

3 Jacobus Omphalius: the work referred to here was presumably *De Civili Politia Libri Tres*, Cologne, 1563, reprinted 1565. See also above, 10 Dec. 1694 with note *ad. loc.*

4 Cf. above, 15 Nov. 1694; 15 March 1695.

5 Or: 'pain from swellings by the ears'.

- 1 At home various in reading, very much indispos'd in my Stomack, write to Coz. Parr.
- 2 A fair day but cool. I write to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor. J. Whitley gos, I pay him 15<sup>s</sup>.
- 3 Write to Mr. Walker, Mrs. Ward and Lambert. Tom Gorst here and dines with us.
- 4 Take sal Cathart, it succeeds well.
- 5 Dispatch [?way] Namptwich, Midlewich and Macclesfield Deaneries, a rainy day.
- 6 Write to Mr. Rider about the Association, tis still rainy.
- 7 At home this Sunday, read on in Origines, a fairer day, the Bishop ordains 3 priests nine deacons.
- 8 A finer day, write to Alderman Minshall.
- 9 My Birth day remember'd. I enter the 47<sup>th</sup>, D.D.V.F., in the Even at the Sun First.
- 10 Busy in dispatch of Books for a Fast 26<sup>th</sup> current.
- 11 St. Barnabas Day, confin'd still to my chamber & busienes.
- 12 Send Tom W. into Lancashire with Books for the Fast.
- 13 Still in phisick, my chamber and busienes.
- 14 Proceed in the Origines sacrae.
- 15 Prepare for the Court approaching.
- 16 Make the Commission for Examining wittnesses at Stockport.
- 17 Design for a Journy tomorrow after Court.
- 18 Court day, I examine 12 wittnesses, our journy today prevented.
- 19 About 10 wee sett out, my S[usanna] with us, dine at Northwich. Wee intend for Stockport, but a vehement rain falling, wee turn into Holford, the proctors go forward.
- 20 About 9 I set out for Stockport, come about 12 thither examine only 3 Wittnesses, after walk about and in the Even drink a Glass of wine with Mr. Shalcrosse. I lodg at the parsonage.
- 21 About 8 wee go thoro Didsbury to Northenden, Mr. Thane has a humble discourse, wee dine, the proctors go to Hulms Chapell. I after prayers to Holford, in the way meet with Mr Ed. Massie.
- 22 Here wee divert after Dinner the Lady from Tabley. Sir Francis Leicester is ready to begin his Travail into Italy (Mr. Kenyon with him). Mr. T. Grosvenor is here afternoon.
- 23 After Dinner wee return, call on Mr. Crane in the Forest, come home about 8.
- 24 The Fair day, the complaint generall about mony, but little Busienes.
- 25 A Court day, not much Busienes. The Londoners refuse & weigh mony and provoke the Country next to Revenge.
- 26 Doly Wade falls sick of a Rheumatisme here. Trade & busienes dully on, the Fast kept but negligently.
- 27 The matter of the Association succeeds my sicknes.
- 28 At church (D.G.) this day, in the Evening at the Chancellors.
- 29 Intent on the Visitacion, some busienes in order to it.

[No entries 30 June–24 December 1696]

**DECEMBER 25** Sacramento.

25 A happy sleep from Sage Tea.

26 St. Stephens day, wee remember Lady S. Alderman Allen & Friends dine with us.

27 St. Johns [day], prayers & sermon in the parish church. Wee stay at home. I read the book of [?Joshua].

28 Mr. Davies &c dine with us. In the Even late at Dr. Holbrook with E.D.

29 Not well from last night. I dine with a great company at Alderman Allens.

30 A sharp morning, I walk out, not well, at home till Night, then at Brother Partingtons Xtnas Ale.

31 Dine with a good company & supper too at Mr. Davies. The day spent in moderate conversacion, and wee end the year with Mr. Davies.

**1696/7**

**JANUARY 1** A mild morning inclind to thaw, my head indisposd for busienes & [illegible]. I walk out with Jack Minshall to the Feilds in the morning, dine after at Alderman Bennet where a mixt company, after with Mr. Jo. Wilkins at Mr. Booths and Mr. Holt.

2 I certify a writeing in my L[or]d D[erby]s hands importing to bee a copy of a G[rant?] of R[ights?] in Brab'. After I dine with him and stay late & drink too much with him & Mr. Buckley.

3 Very indispos'd from such a succession of excess. Go to church where Mr. Pigot preaches after prayers read.

4 Dine today at Mrs. Eytons with the Family, open a Commission out of the Admiralty. Examine 3 wittnesses at the Sun, with the Commissioners at the Fountain.

5 Examine 2 more Wittnesses, draw the Certificate, at the Fountain agen in the Even, draw a Commission for Institucions.

6 Epiphany, in difficulties, yet supported, write to the Bishop and inclose it in the Commission. I offer reasons against it to prevent misunderstanding. At Night freely at the palace with Dr. Entwisle.

7 Very indispos'd and unhappy, walk out, Jack with mee, hear the Hounds, in the Even apply to the Transmission of Lathom and Cronton.

8 Very close on the Transmission and finish it. In the Even late at Mr. Oldfields.

9 I send a Citacion to Mr. Edmundson against Shawe.

10 Mr. Garenciers preaches, tis a very great snow. I see Mr. Anderton the last time as a dying person. In the Even at the Coffee house with Mr. Davies & Haly.

11 Close at home in the Court Books. Mr. Anderton dies about 10. In the Even at Mr. Hultons after at the Fountain where wee sign the City petition.

12 Dull weather and indispos'd, fird, tormented. Mr. Bruen of Stapelford buryd at Tarvin. Yet in the Even at the Sun with Sir Wm. M[eredith] &c, cheerfull healths.

13 Busy all day in the Court Books and Accounts.

14 First Court day of Hillary Term. After noon at Mr. Andertons funerall, thence see Mr. Wood.

- 15 At home.
- 16 At home till Evening with Mr. Thane, Cowper and Massie.
- 17 Mr. Legh of Lymm has an excellent sermon in the Quire. Proceed in the 1 B[ook] of K[ing]s.
- 18 In busienes, in the even visits Lady Dunmore, advises to drink water.
- 19 At home in busienes, prepare the Breif mony 112<sup>li</sup>:18:1½ and the Breif.
- 20 A plesant day, after dinner to the Feilds, J. Minshall with mee, deliver the mony and Breifs to Payn the Carrier. In the Even refresh with a Bottle, Mr. Thane and Payn at the Fountain.
- 21 Court day, some busienes and witnesses. In the Evening liberally entertaind at Mr. Payns.
- 22 At the Mint with Mr. Feilding and Bolton of Blackburn, the number is 348, after with them freely at wine and Oysters at the Golden Lyon.
- 23 At home dull and indispos'd.
- 24 A frost continues, I stay at home till Evening, proceed in the 2<sup>d</sup> Book of Kings.
- 25 A delicate day, a Frost. My Brother and Sister Puleston come to us. I write to Mr. Hoare, inclose the Note for 112<sup>li</sup>:18:4½, and to cozn. Parr.
- 26 Indispos'd to day, a Dinner, after averse to busienes; in the Even walk. After at Mr. Davis's where wee see the Moon thoro a telescope.
- 27 Dine at Brother Partington, in the Even return to busienes.
- 28 Court day, some busienes & wittnesses, this day Sir John Fenwick beheaded.<sup>1</sup>
- 29 At home all day, in the Evening walk. Send Mr. Foulks in all 469 Ounces.
- 30 K[ing] Charles Martyrdom solenniz'd. Mr. Garenciers preaches on 21<sup>st</sup> chap. 1 v.2<sup>d</sup> B[ook] of K[ing]s.
- 31 Mr. Thane preaches in the Quire, in Even at the Coffee house, sup with Mr. B.

**FEBRUARY 1** Frosty and wholesome weather, at home on busienes, at night at the Golden Lyon with Mr. Darbshire.

- 2 At morning prayers early, a delicate clear day, read and walk.
- 3 Dine at Dr. Holbrookes, after a recess home, sup there, stay late.
- 4 Dull day and humor at home. After noon Mr. Murrey & I to the Fountain where in the Evening the Chancellor, Mr. Thane, Kenrick &c come, wee stay late.

[No entries 5 February–8 March 1696/7]

**MARCH 9** A Fine day. The Chancellor, Mr. Thane, Boucher & myself sett out, wee pass the race at Farndon, dine at Stretton, hunt partridges, come to Whitchurch about 7.

- 10 Set hence about 9, the journy retarded by setting, all come weary to Newport about 1. Set home about 4, come late about 8 to 4 Crosses.

1 Sir John Fenwick (1645?–97), a devoted supporter of James II and a constant and reckless plotter against William III. See *DNB*, XVIII, pp. 329–32.

- 11 About 9 sett for Canock, call at Leacroft, dine at Worley, thence I go back with Mr. Eyton.
- 12 A blustering day, I dine on Ling at Worley, the Chancellor go's on home. I return to Leacroft.
- 13 A stormy day close in my chamber till noon, after wee walk about.
- 14 At Canock Church where an ingenious & grave sermon by Mr. Sachaveril, Dr. Foulk, Mr. Thane and Boucher dine with us at Leacroft. I go with em and stay at Worley; admire the Drs. Circumstance.
- 15 About 8 the Dr. in his study hears my case, refuses Fee, is great & generous. Wee set out about 9, ride to Newport about 12, hear of our Bishop past, follow and overtake him at Whitchurch, hee is pleas'd to see us. Mr. Fogg detains us late with wine.
- 16 Very hott and sick, wee sett out about 9, a storm falls about Broxon. The Bishop reaches Chester about 2. I am invited to Sir Wm. Meredith, stay and drink there.
- 17 Take some Elixir, stay at home, prepare Court Book.
- 18 The last Court day, stormy, Busienes.
- 19 At home all day in Busienes, in the Even with Mr. Davies, Thane, Holbrook.
- 20 Finish the Acts and Court Book, write to Mr. Parr. In the Even with Mr. Thane and Mr. Hulton at Ale & Oysters at the Sun.
- 21 After take a larger dose of Elixir, it succeeds.
- 22 At home in busienes, no Ale, fast, a good sleep succeeds.
- 23 I am at home till 11. Mr. Davies brings mee the Roman Tile. I dine with him at the palace, after visit the Dean with him, bestow this Even on Mr. Davies, a special Messenger, one Lyon, to offer mee the purchase of the lawnes.
- 24 After dinner Mr. Leftwich and I walk to the Feilds, after that with the 2 Booksellers Minshall and Hodgson about forming a Lottery.

## 1697

**MARCH 25** Annunciacion at Church. Mr. Garenciers preaches; in Burr ridge Historia. In the Evening at the Sun with Mr. Cowper.

- 26 End the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Burr ridge, answer Mr. Herles Letter. In the Evening claret with Mr. Thane at Mr. Waites. Seald to Mr. Boucher a bond for 40<sup>li</sup> payable 26 November next.
- 27 Write to Mr. Price. After dinner (Jack with mee) I go to Edge.
- 28 Afternoon to the Church, Mr. Williamson preaches, after with Mr. Dod at the parsonage.
- 29 Read, sit with Mr. Dod, hee is indisposd, talks gravely, reminds mee of his design to make mee one of his Executors, walk after dinner to the Milnes &c.
- 30 Set for Chester about 9, come home about 12, a fair brisk day. My Lord after prayers hears the difference betwixt the Feoffees and schoolMaster of Blackrod, after at the Sun with Mr. Pilkington & Mr. Cooper.
- 31 At home on busienes, in the Evening with Mr. Thane and Hulton at Cottinghams.

**APRIL 1** A fine day; at 6 a clock prayers, at home in the Evening with Mr. Lynn and Mr. Minshall at the Crosse Keys.

- 2 Good Friday at church, the Bishop preaches, read Dr. Barrow his sermon on the Article for the day. In the Even at Mr. Cowpers New House with Lord Dunmore, Mr. Buckley to whom my Snuff Box, Dr. Holbrooke, late.
- 3 Indispos'd, write to Mr. Anthony Close about the Forms for the Fast, in Busienes, in the Evening walk with Mr. Leftwich, pay Mr. Hulton 2<sup>li</sup> rent for the Stable.
- 4 Easter Day sanctissimam recipio caenam; in the Evening with Mr. Davies.
- 5 Take Elizir.
- 6 At home, in busienes, in the Evening Dr. Entwistles son bury'd, the Bishop has a Funerall sermon.
- 7 After dinner go with Mr. Davies, Griffiths, Leftwich to see Mr. Clapton, hee entertaines us neatly, but shows not, tho desird, his Library.
- 8 Variously in Books, especially *Historia Mutationis Nuperae*.
- 9 Friday upon a Journy to Holford, putt it off and dispatch the Books for Fast and the notes for the Visitacion.
- 10 About 9 set out, call on Mr. Crane, drink with him, come late to dinner at Vale Royal where all absent but Madam B., come thence and reach Holford about 5.
- 11 Not well from supper and sitting up. After dinner Mr. Noel preaches, in the Evening walk.
- 12 Much recoverd, walk in the meadows and woods, the Family from Vale Royal dine here, after all go to Tably. Mr. Cholmley, Mr. Noel & I sitt late up.
- 13 Severe head ache followes. I part about 10, come to Vale Royal about 1, stay till past 6, reach home well (D.G.) before 9.
- 14 Assizes begun here, at home till night, then with Sir Thomas Bellot & Thomas Gorst late at the Raven.
- 15 First Court this term, Chancellor present, litle Busienes, after a long drought a little rain.
- 16 My Lord heares a difference betwixt the vicar of Acton and Inhabitants of Wrenbury Chapelry; the matter is well stated.

[No entries 17 April 1697–25 July 1699]

## 1699

**JULY 26** Prepare for the Court.

- 27 Last Court this Term. My Lord Bishop comes from W. I see him, Mr. Tyndal and Mr. Turner a subject of his and the Towns discourse.
- 28 The Chancellor and I wait on my Lord, Mr Jenins, Flesher and Tindall the subjects. In the Even at the Ship, with the Chancellor, Mrs. Hulton and Old[?].
- 29 My Lord returns early for Wigan. In the Even, I with the Chancellor take leave with Lord Dunmore, & very moderatly.
- 30 At church fore noon tho indispos'd. After prayers an indisposicion with the syntomes of a Fevor seize me.
- 31 Elixir taken seems to divert a dangerous Fevor. My Lord Derby settts out toward Scotland. I had promised to go to Vale Royal but had I bin well had gone much further; it rains, I in [*sic*] hot and indispos'd.



**AUGUST 1** A very rainy day, my distemper tho the Fevor abated is dangerous.

2 I am warmly confind and the distemper obstinate.

3 Mr. Wright evens accounts with the Chancellor and Registrar, hee xx, I x<sup>li</sup>, it comes in good [*illegible*] & alleviates the distemper.

4 An Inflammacion begins in my throat.

5 It aggravates.

6 Extremely ill of the Inflammacion, loose about 10 ounces of blood.

7 The Inflammacion easd and evanisht.

8 Confind still.

9 I confind yet recovered.

10 A fair day, more cheerfull yet cautious.

11 The 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary day of our marriage, wee remember it. Mr. Hulton in the Evening.

12 I am still in some danger from Cold & the wett, write to Mr. Ward the Taylor.

13 Stay at home, read Stearne de Obst.

14 Send by Mr. Wh[alley?] a Certificate about Mr. Flesher and Laws Will to my Lord.

15 Dispatch Darlington's Wittnesses on a Will. After Noon, Mr. Mather, Hulton &c drink here a Bottle of wine. It succeeds not well with mee.

16 The Gripes seize mee, therefore agen more carefully confin'd.

17 A delicate day, write to Mr. Atherton of Liverpool on the Acts. Go first out in the Evening to church.

18 Write to Mr. Price and Mr. Yates of Manchester. Something of busienes. In the Evening, a fine one, walk with Mr. Leftwich.

19 Write to Mr. Hulme about Plants will. In the Even after prayers.

20 At church where Mr. [blank] Fellow of Merton has a very elegant and moveing sermon on Charity to the poor. In the Evening wee are very freindly entertain'd at the Chancellors at supper.

21 A delicate day. I take the Ayr with Mr Leftwich, wee go by Puddington and Burton to Neston where wee are civilly entertained by [*illegible*] Heys at his house and on board his Ship the Tyger, return over the Windle Hill and thoro Willaston [?and Arnton] Democracy home.

22 Rest indispos'd. In the Even venture to the Ship where a Bottle with Mr. Payn.

23 Indispos'd, walk for to ease my stomack on the rood Ey. Go on Board Mr. Worgers ship, hee civilly receives mee. In the Even with Mr. Minshall and Alderman Allen at the Fountain. After with T. Bullen, Mr. Cumberbach, Pick[more?].

24 St. Bartholomew. Still indisposd, ride out to Shockwick where I prevaile to have prayers, return in a shower or storm home, very hungry, but wett.

25 After an ill night, indifferent. Am wittnes to the sealing of a Deed & Bond by Mr. Boucher.

26 At home divert indisposicion by reading, write to Dr. Holbrook & Mr. Rider, Sir T[homas] Billot dies. With Mr. [?Chell] at the Fountain.

27 Mr. Garen[ciers] preaches well on charity. After prayers with Mr. Egerton at Sir Wm M[erediths] freely, write to Mr. [?Venables].

28 After dinner with Mr. Egerton at Hough Green, at Sir Henry Bunbury, then at home very freely and [?late].

29 My horses pinnd by Huxley, send to Midlewich for a Repl[icate?]. In the Even at the Sun with Sir Wm M[eredith] and Mr. [damaged].

[No entries 30 August 1699 – 8 June 1700]

## 1700

**JUNE 9** Sunday. Mr. Bret has a grave sermon in the Quire about the vindication of God's Church from its Enemyes. My S[usanna] celebrates this day wherein I enter on the 51st Year. In the Evening wee wait on Mrs. Watts, design to take leave with Lord Blair who was out.

10 Apply to the Accounts of the visitacion, proceed till 4, then at the Chancellors with Mr. Jackson, Peck, Kendrick, wee drink a Flasque of Florence. Returning I welcome Randle Minshall in a Bottle of wine. After step to see Sir H[enry] B[unbury] returned from Betchfield where hee had bin with my Lady 3 weekes. After this write very late a long Letter to my Lord Dunmore, in the postscript dignify my desire of [?Makenzy]. I [illegible] [?Eloquentia].

11 Take leave with Lord Blair going for Scotland, consult Tacitus and Suetonius about the Abdication or deposition of Nero; finish then the Accounts. Mr. Robert Cholmley is 6 years old today.

12 After my walk, I write a long answer to Sir Christopher Greenfields Letter and Case concerning his Gallery in Preston church and to Tom Gorst about the Bishop of Kildares busienes. In the Evening at the Golden Lyon with the Chancellor, Sir H[enry] B[unbury], Mrs. Jackson, Payn, Kendrick, late.

13 Court day, moderate in busienes, send 10 Licences to Mr. Bolton, an hour in Tacitus. In the Evening at the Golden Lyon with Sir H[enry] B[unbury], Mr. Egerton, Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Brook, moderately.

14 I attend my Lord with Mr. Walker about ringing the Bells on Sundays at Litle Budworth. Hee orders a moderate round ringing. Hee examines today Mr. Flesher upon supposd Symony at Mobberley nil expiscatur, admonishes to allow the Curat 30<sup>li</sup> p.A. Flesher says hee'l rather return to Moberley, shews his Lease to Mr. [?Brideoak] of the tiths for 40 years allowing him 40<sup>li</sup> p.A., a litle of Tacitus and busienes.

15 Dine with the Chancellor, Mr. Brook &c at the Barrs. Mr. Whaley is in concern about Mr. E. taking him to bee his Gentleman. About 6 My Suzy, Jack & I set out for Mold, come there to my Brother Jones before 9.

16 In the morning make Gwynsaney in my walk. My Brother Jones preaches only in the morning prayers, not many people after noon. In the Evening another walk to Riall.

17 Mr. Pennant, a Curate, walks mee, shews mee severall good seats Tovy, Leeswood, Pentry Hobbin forsaken by their Owners, left to Tenants, neglect, ruin. Wee are too liberally in his sellars entertained by Mr. Wynn of the Tower; all 3 fall by Turns. I ride back & sleep.

18 Wee ride before noon to see [*illegible*] Allen where the river for a mile is absorpt. In the Evening wee return, my brother & sister bring us to Broughton where wee stay an hour and come late (vid<sup>l</sup>. about 10) to Chester.

19 Indevor recovery by Elixir. In the Evening with Mr. Fownds, see a play (Venice Preserv'd).<sup>1</sup> After am at Sir H[enry] B[unbury]s where Mr. Brereton &c till 12.

[No entries 20 June–31 December 1700]

## 1700/1

**JANUARY 1** A seasonable Frost. At the Church, Mr. Garenciers preaches, still at home.

2 Apply to busienes, at the Church.

3 At the Lecture at St. Peters. The Dean preaches, Asserts the way of reformation by way of Informacion. I send two Transmissions. Mr. Leftwich & I visit Mr. Ha[rpur?].

4 I write to Mr. Legh and Mr. Egerton, Mr. Pickmore &c.

5 Mr. Cowper preaches in the Q[uire]. Wee receive the Sacrament, proceed in the Whole Duty of Man.

6 A delicate frost. Write to Mr. Empson about the 2 Tr[ansmissions] and desire how they proceed about the Convocacion. Mr. Garenciers preaches very well. At night with the Chancellor.

7 With My Lord about other matters and hee mentions the Convocacion. I step to Eccleston in a fine Frost.

8 I write to Mr. Empson [*illegible*] & to Mr. Rider about the Convocacion, the Elecion of M[embers?] Sir H[enry] B[unbury] and Mr. Shakerley [*illegible*].

9 It thawes. Apply to busienes. In the Even late at the Fountain with Alderman Sweeting.

10 Something of busienes in the morn. Afternoon at the palace with the Contributors to the school for poor Boys, 40 are chosen by Lotts. S. Walmsley falls for mee. In the Even at home, Lady B[unbury] and company with us.

11 After Elixir better, read Mr. A. on[?premunientes], write to my cozn. Parr about Forms for Convocacion, to Mr. Chetle of Worcester about Man[*illegible*] R[egistry?] & largely about the Forms of Mr. Gandy of Exeter and to the Registrar there, on the same subject.

12 Mr. Thompson preaches in the Choir. I meet there with Mr. Wilkins, who tells mee well of the Bishop of Killala, proceed in the Whole Duty of Man, disturb'd sleep.

13 Write fully to Mr. Rowell of Durham on the Convocacion. Wee dine at the Mayors where the Bishop and other Company, visit Madam Watts. An hour at the Sun with Mr. Minshall. After apply to write Letters into Lancashire, dispatch 8 to severall persons.

1 A tragedy in blank verse by Thomas Otway (1652–85), first performed in 1682.

**14** Send Ned early with my Letters. Mr. Walker with mee, hee writes to Mr. Egerton. I prepare the Court Book. The Chancellor and I with my Lord about Kirkby school.

**15** I write to Mr. Egerton & fully to Mr. Stratford about the Convocation. Intent on the Court Busienes, deep snow.

[No entries 16 January 1700/1–8 July 1701]

## 1701

**JULY 9** Call on the Warden. I call and dine at Holford, the rest at Northwich, overtake them at Sandyway and come home well (D.G.) about 8.

**10** At home repose, in Letters & in Books, diversion; dine at Lady Salisburys.

**11** Prepare the Court Book; dine at home, write to Mr. Massie.

**12** Draw the Act of Visitation of the Church of Manchester. Mr. Massie comes, I go with him to Lady S[alisbury?], shee offers to bee his Tenant for her life if hee please. Hee accepts. Hee accepts her, they rather agree on a term for 3 yeares, to comence after Mr. Fitzherberts term which according to warning given at Midsummer ends at Xtnas, the Rent 30<sup>li</sup>.

**13** Sunday. Mr. Thompson preaches, in the Evening see some Friends &c.

**14** About 8 set out, come to Warrington about 12, dine with cozn. Molineux, after step to Beausee, meet gladly Mr Ch[omley?] of H[olford?], see the young Heir, am free in the Sellar with George Bate and Mr. Evershall. Angry with Ned in the way, come about 10 to Gateley.

**15** About 8 go for Wigan, after prayers the Warden and Mr. Bolton appear in the Hall, give their answers, my Lord confirms the Decree for the seat in [illegible], the 2 Finches and a considerable Number of Clergy drink with the Bishop. After noon my cozn. Finch brings the case stated and Mr. Starkies opinion disswasive to my purchase. I write to Sir Ed[ward?], offer 10 guineas to Mr. Chisnal upon his perfecting the Deed.[?Wm] with Mr. Haydock & Ned Puleston and Mr. Ridley surprize mee, they bring an Applicacion from the City on Mr. Cowpers Account to be admitted to [?St. Peter's]. I go with them, they succeed. After a glass of wine with them, sit up with my cozn. Holt.

**16** Mr. Waite, Stapleton and I sett out about 9 in a hot day, dine at Warrington where Peggy Birchal meets mee. I wait on the Bishop of Man, wee set out about 5, come home about 9.

**17** Court day, competent busienes, examine Wittnesses on Potts Will, in the Evening drink my bottle at the Ship with Mrs. Callis and Waite.

**18** Dine and repose at home. In the Evening agen at the Ship with Mrs. Thane, Callis, Kendrick.

**19** Write to my cozn. Parr in some busienes. In the Evening pay Mr. Pickmore for wine 1<sup>li</sup>.1<sup>s</sup>. Write to Sir Christopher Gr[eenfield?].

**20** Mr. Maurice preaches and very well in the Quire, the Evening spent in walk and visit.

**21** Write to Mr. Empson about the Transmissions, to Mr. Rowell about the Breif,

my S[uzzy] gos to and returns from Mould. Mr. B[ouche]r treats in the Evening 7 with each a Bottle of Irish Claret. The Chancellor repeats kind sayings to mee.

22 Apply to presentments and other Busienes.

23 Prepare the Court Book . . at the Falcon with Mrs. Morrey and Forshall.

24 Court day, examine 3 Wittnesses on Potts nunc[upative] Will.

25 St. James day. After Busienes visit Sir John Werden. Write by Mr. Waite to Peter Finch, my brother Winstanley.

26 Turn de Spuriis, write to Mr. Price about the Testamentary [Inhibition] by the mother. After noon with Mr. Jones of Bangor &c a Bottle at the Fountain.

27 My brother Jones of Mold preaches at St. Peters, I hear him. News of the Earl of Rochester comeing down this week. In the Evening sup at the Chancellors and, in the Night, suffer for it.

28 Answer Sir Christopher Greenfeild, on his case of a Bastard taking Administracion of his mother. In the Evening at Mr. Harpers with the Chancellor, a remarkable scene about him takeing his son from him to Westminster.

29 After some Busienes, at the Coffee house. After News, write to the Bishop of Man to invite my Lord Derby to lodge at my house, draw an Assignment of Blinstons [Inhibition] Bond by the Bishop; a tedious Night from my stomach.

30 Write to Mr. Haydock, my cozn. Finch, Mr. Wettenhall, T. Gorst.

[No entries 31 July – 24 December 1701]

1701

**25** Natalis Christi celebratur. Decanus Concionem habet. Sanctissimam Caenam Recipio. D.O.M. vitam det castam inculpatam, piam. Expectatione D. Rochestr. tenentur omnes. <sup>a</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. Bennet Knowsley scribo. Diem serenum <sup>b</sup> 4 horarum a 4<sup>a</sup>, usque ad 9<sup>am</sup> scilicet horrens, saevissima claudit Tempestas.

**26** Recessit facta Ruinas<sup>c</sup> Tempestas. Adventûs Comitissae Roffae tenet omnes expectatio, praecursores adsunt qui ex improvise bombardis Recepti. Dominus Garenciers concionatur. post preces vespertinas, D<sup>s</sup>. Alex. Edward Presbyter Episcopalis scoticus et abdicatus et D<sup>s</sup>. Dennis, ad Fontem me trahunt, ubi de Scotia et de Architecturâ sermo multus. 5<sup>li</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. Whaley solvo.

**27** D<sup>o</sup>. Egerton exemplar T[estamenti] Domini Alport mitto, D. Parre Bennet<sup>d</sup> et Wareing scribo. Certum Domino Archiepiscopo de Execucione Mandati conficio.

a *praecursores adsunt. Ex improvise bambardis Recepti* first written struck through.

b *Tempestas* first written struck through.

c *Sic.*

d *Bennet* interlineated.

**DECEMBER 25** Christmas is celebrated. The Dean preaches. I receive the most holy supper. May God the best and greatest grant a chaste, blameless, pure life. All are held in expectation of Lord Rochester. I write to Mr. Bennet at Knowsley. A horrible most savage storm of 4 hours, that is from 4 to 9 o'clock, closed a calm day.

**26** The storm departed after creating devastation. Expectation of the arrival of the Earl of Rochester holds everyone; outriders are here who were unexpectedly received by cannons. Mr. Garenciers preaches. After evening prayers Mr. Alex. Edward a retired Scottish episcopal priest and Mr. Dennis drag me to the Fountain, where there is much talk of Scotland and architecture. I pay £5 to Mr. Whaley.

**27** I send to Mr. Egerton a copy of the [will] of Mr. Alport. I write to Mr. Parre, Bennet and Wareing. I finish for the Lord Archbishop a certificate of the execution of the mandate.

**28** Sunday. Mr. Fogg preaches in the parish church; thence to the Coffee [house], News and Expectacion. At Mr. Pickmores with Dr. Holbrook &c.

**29** Walk, read and relax.

**30** The wind offers East. This day parliament meets Q.B.E., with Mr. King at the Golden Lyon.

**31** The wind alters but the weather fair. Walk, after read &c.

**1701/2**

**JANUARY 1** At Church Mr. G[arenciers] preaches, read variously, dine with the Bishop. In the Even at Mr. Pickmers with Dr. Holbrook &c at the Fountain &c.

**2** News of Harley chosen Speaker, Dr. Woodward prolocutor. Sudden News of Lord R[ivers?] arrival in Wales. I send a special Express of it to Knowsley.

**3** Prepare for recepcion of E[arl] of D[erby]. Lord R[ivers?] comes about 5. Lend Mr. Whaley 3<sup>li</sup>.

**4** Dr. E[ntwisle?] preaches, Lord R[ivers?] dines with the Bishop. Lord D[erby] comes about 5.

**5** Lord R[ivers?] gos on, the Guns going off. I fall in my walk. I dine with Lord D[erby]. At Mr. Gr[een?] in the Even, see Aurenzebe, after sit late, de vita D. C[halmley?] de V[ale] R[oyal] ambigitur.

**6** Walk and recover. Lord D[erby] dines at 4 at the Golden Lyon. I with him in the Even, see a play, Trip to the Jubilee.

**7** Walk well recover'd, reli[ef?]. Lord D[erby] dines at home 5 at night, the Chancellor, Capt. Sparks &c with him. Mr. Berard and I at Mr. Coopers, after 2 Hours freely with my Lord.

**8** Lord D[erby] gos about 12; sick, I repose, and stay in all day.

[No entries 9 January 1701/2–14 May 1702]

**1702**

**MAY 15** . . . who at present not as Judg, but Arbiter, orders it to bee repaired by the Warden at the common expense, as formerly vid<sup>t</sup>. for 50 years last as by the parish Book. Mr. Atherton is sworn Church warden of Warrington, dines with us as Mr. Clayton of Leverpool & Mr. Fogg and Mr. Wait sworn Burgesses. The Chancellor returns homeward to Warrington, the rest save Mr. Wait and myself to Ormskirk.

**16** About 9 set hence my brother Winstanley (a melancholy man) meets mee at Holland, hee has discourse about the 100<sup>li</sup> due to his cozn. Richard Prescotts widow. I come to Ormskirk before 12. Mr. Sudel is desir'd to bee [?this] Surrogate, Mr. Kippax impotently, indecently and confidently offended at it. The Busienes considerable. After that I see Mr. Dod, Mr. Sudel with mee, wee talk on the matter. I pay Mr. Dod on Account 60<sup>li</sup>.

**17** Sunday. In the Forenoon to the church. Mr. Kippax reads prayers carefully preaches. Mr. Jones unmarried daughter seeing mee in the church falls into concern and teares. After dinner and repast, repose. Mr. Stanley comes to see mee, Stays not long. After him Mr. Kippax comes to pray before hee begins, Mr. Dod speaks to him on the passage yesterday, hence into the whole matter, which occasions a warm debate. Kippax professes coud hee leave his orders hee woud, and betake him to a Lay Life.

**18** I set hence about 8, reach Beausey about 12, very thirsty, I drink up the peggd tankard. Mr. Atherton his Lady and Sisters at Winstanley. I dine with Mr. Eccersall



the Chaplain and Miss Joanna Cholmley. Set hence (rideing the Bishops pad all along) about 4 come home safe (D.G.) before nine.

19 Repose at home, till Noon, after, Busienes.

20 Write Letters prepare the Court Book.

21 A Court for return of the last processes. Examine Bickertons Wittnesses, write to Sir Christopher Greenfeild.

22 Pay Mr. Foulks on Account 60<sup>li</sup>, at the Coffee House, little News.

23 Write and send Requisitions to Mr. Thornton and the younger Parr. Pay the Chancellor 60 Guineas, Mr. Callys 40<sup>li</sup>, Mr. Boucher 10<sup>li</sup>, on Account. Write to the Bishop of Kildare, about his pad.

24 Die Pentecostes Sanctissimam Coenam recipio, det Deus vitam felicioram. Dominus Burroughs recens Concionator in Choro.<sup>1</sup>

25 About 8 set out for Neston, see the Betty Galley, after with Mr. Murrey at Mr. Briscoes. A man (Matthews of Caldy) overtaken overcome with Ale wandring on the strand, the Tide comeing in, falls from his horse, and is deliverd, by our care. Wee meet with good wine & stay too long. I fix the Groom and pad, and come home (Jack with mee) very late (after 12).

26 Very indispos'd, fevorish, confind.

27 After Elixir, still so.

28 The illnes aggravated.

29 Repeat the dose and am better. The News is of many Acts, one too many, past, an artfull speech and prorogation on Munday.

30 Write to the Younger Parre and inclose Smiths Will, still extremely indispos'd. Dr. Griffith sees us this Evening. Write to Mr. Done, Mr. Lownds, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Shawe.

31 Trinity and ordinacion Sunday, preists, Deacons. Mr. Cowper preaches. A full Choir, the Bishop of Kilmore, Dr. Wettenhall, there. The News runs favorably on the French side. I Read 13 paragraphs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Hookers polity. This month wholly dry & scorching.

[No entries 1 June 1702–26 September 1703]

## 1703

**SEPTEMBER 27** Recover'd, apply to busienes. In the Evening Mr. Stanley sees mee on the busienes of his mothers Will.

28 Intent on the dispatch of the Will, yet take a walk on the [illegible]. After noon with Mr. Stanley, Mr. Richmond, Gamuls &c freely, after that with Mr. Brown, Bowyer, the Gamuls at the Fountain.

29 A rainy day, the Fair and Busienes. In the Evening Sir Wm M[eredith] and Mr.

1 The Day of Pentecost, I receive the Holy Supper, may God give [me] a happier life. Mr Burroughs is a fresh preacher in the choir.

Allen call on mee, wee are cheerfull at Mr. Hollands, after at Sir William's house. Inhibicions Nabbe et Evison received.

**30** Court day, small busienes, dine with Sir H[enry] Bunbury, after with him in the Evening. At Night, recur to Elixir.

**OCTOBER 1** Indisposd, our Friends dine with us about 1. Lady B[unbury] surprizes us with the account of Mr. Legh Banks his Fate. I wait on Mr[s.?] B[ank]s, condole with Mr. Cowper. In the Evening crosse the estuary to inquire after the corps, fall into a hole, apprehend damage from that and the phisick.

**2** Continue at home in repeated phisick, apply to read & divert pain. Mr. Holland is here from Winstanley. I write to Mr. Crewe. In the Evening at Sir H[enry] B[unbury] with Mr. Legh of L[yme?].

**3** The Dean preaches well, the news [?indifferent]. I dine at Sir H[enry] B[unbury], the body is found, brought to Town, I see it not the face.

**4** A walk on roody, wherein the mortality of 3 persons with whom I din'd this 12 months, my Lord D[erby], Mr. Gerard, Mr. Banks reflected on. I write to Mr. Empson about the 2 late Inhibicions.

**5** Apply to the drawing a sentence in the busienes of Lord Gerard & Mr. Warburton, see the news not improveing. Sitt all afternoon to a picture that dos not please but from the industry. After in the Evening at Mr. Allens with Sir W[illiam] M[eredith], Mr. Boucher &c liberally.

**6** A brisk walk on roody in a bright cool morning refreshes. The Court for the 2 Deaneries of Chester and Wirall held, easy dispatch. After noon Mr. Pool treats mee and his Warden Mr. Green at the Fountain with a Bottle. After this late at Sir H[enry] B[unbury]s with him and Mr. Legh.

**7** Indisposd, calld to the palace where the matter twixt Childwall & Hale is discust, not ended. The Court kept, small busienes. In the Evening agen at the Fountain with Mr. Markland and Mr. Green. Mr. Egerton suggested his suspicion of Mr. Whaley.

**8** A delicate morning, the Chancellor, my self &c set out about 9, come to Frodsham ½ hour past 11, dispatch easily the busienes. Dr. Norris returns with us to Chester where wee come before 6. Mr. Bostock son of Mr. Bostock of C., Gentleman, Master of Horse to the Duke of Rutland din'd with us.

**9** Write to my cozn. Parr, sit agen for another picture. In the Evening at Sir H[enry] B[unbury] with Lord Cholmley, 2 Egertons, Brook, Legh, after Mr. Legh comes to mee.

**10** Mr. Bowyer preaches. I draw 8 ounces [of blood], stay at home all the Afternoon.

**11** Wait on Lord Cholmley with Sir W. Mer[edith] prepare for a journey, the town full of Lord Rivers.

[No entries 12 October–24 November 1703]

**NOVEMBER 25** Court day, the Busienes moderat, the weather very high. I write to Sir Ed. Crofton.

**26** Tempestuous still, about 10 Forenoon Lady B[unbury] deliver'd of a son. Mrs.

Watson in Mr. Bouchers chamber makes her confession, at the coffee house and with Mr. [?Cr].

27 The tempest and Tides very high. My Brother P. consults mee about his case with [?Mrs] Yong. I apply to Books, about W[atson]s sentence, the Warden of M[anchester] sees us at night.

28 Mr. Lancaster preaches but pleaseth not. In the Even with the Warden at his Inn.

29 Yet the weather and waters high. I proceed in Books, write to the Bishop of Cloyne and at night to Sir Ed. [?C.]. Celebrate at night Sir H[enry] B[unbury]s 27<sup>th</sup> birth day with him.

30 St. Andrews day. I celebrate Lady Charlot Cornwalllys her 25 birth day, go on with the Sentence, meet the Chancellor & Mr. Alderman Allen at the Fountain; in the Even at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Foulks and 2 Heaths.

**DECEMBER 1** Indispos'd finish the sentence, in Busienes and Books, meet the Chancellor & Alderman Allen in the Evening at the Fountain.

2 Court day, the last of the Term. Take a brisk walk on roody, recover, examine 2 Wittnesses on Tippings Will. Stand Deputy to Mr. Legh at the Xtening of Sir H[enry] B[unbury]s son, hee is call'd H[enry]. Mr. Eyton represented by Mr. K. is the other Godfather, Mrs. Entwisle Godmother. Sir H[enry] entertains the Gossips, Archdeacon Mr. Fogg liberally with claret. I give for Mr. Legh 3<sup>li</sup>:14<sup>s</sup>.

3 Extreme indispos'd, worse by Elixir, sad news from London and all the ports of the dreadfull storm on Friday. I draw Watsons Bond, repose the rest.

4 Write to Sir John Werden and Mr. Dod. A Court adjourned for the sentence of separation bewixt W. and Watson, it is pronounc'd and the charges and Alimony paid.

[No entries 5 December 1703–3 January 1703/4]

## 1703/4

**JANUARY 4** Sir James Tilly sees and parts with mee, and at parting proposes to mee Mr. Ainstis the Registrar of Exeter for an Example. I see the News, apply to Books.

5 After a walk on roody in calm weather, to busines. Mr. Crofton and Mr. Ottey jnr dine with us. I pay him for my picture 2 Guineas, for the Frame 8s. In the Evening wee visit the Chancellor and Family, stay till 11, after with Mr. Crofton.

6 Indispos'd extremely. Mr. Crofton borrows, takeing coach, 6<sup>li</sup> of mee. I step down in a calme morning to roody, Jack with mee. Wee dine in a good company at my brother Partingtons. After dinner a good company sett to the strong Ale, thence the Chancellor, Dr. Thane, Mr. Kendrick and my self to the Ship.

7 A mild day, a sharp walk on roody. After dine, repent, repose. The ropemakers are treated by mee with Ale and Beef.

8 A cold day, severe Frost. I write to the Bishop of Cloyn and Mr. Par, am indispos'd. Write to Sir Ed. Crofton, in the Evening at Lady B[unbury]s.

9 The Frost continues. Mr. Thompson preaches a good tedious sermon, the News indifferent. After noon at St. Johns. Mr. Thane, my self and Mrs. Blesington act as Gossips to Mr. Dennys son Charles, wee stay with Mr. Dennys till Even. The rest in Tertullian and Pearson.

10 A delicate day with hard Frost. I write to Archdeacon Stratford & Mr [?R.] Holt. Lady Bunbury, Archdeacon Entwisle and his Family dine and sup with us, continuing the diversion, Cards. I step 2 hours to the Baggs to Alderman Skelhorn and Mr. Minshall.

11 The Frost continues, I take some Turns on roody, thence to the Coffee house. I introduce Mr. Glasier to Lady Bunburys dinner, wee stay till 4, thence at home.

12 It inclines to Thaw. I take some Turns on roody, finish the Accounts of [illegible] and Mr. Dod with Mr. Boucher. Send Mr. Molyneux of Mossborough 5 Guineas, he promises to pay 'em to John Cross. Mr. Gerard brother to Sir William sees mee in the Evening at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Minshal, after at Mr. Bouchers.

13 A Gentle thaw, but violent storm from the W[est] all day; write to John Crosse, take a turn with difficulty from the storm. Wee see Lady Salisbury. I present Mr. Minshal with a Snuff Box.

[See Vol. 1, pp. 1–83 for entries 28 March 1704–27 December 1705]

## 1705

**DECEMBER 27** Mr. R. B[ooth] and Mrs. Hanmer clandestinely marryd this Night in Mr. Booths house about 6 at Night. At the Fountain solace in the Evening with Dr. Thane till 9.

28 Lady Bunbury early surprizes mee with account of the clandestin marriage. After Noon I attend on my Lord on the Account of the small Livings, wee end the Archdeaconry of Richmond and after I am at the Fountain with the Chancellor and Dr. Thane & Archdeacon Entwisle. After with Lady Bunbury where Mr. Recorder and Mr. Booth come and the matter of settlement discoursd.

29 A dull yet dry day. I acquaint the Bishop with the intended remarriage & Licence, [?hee] dissents and almost hinders it. The marriage is regularly solenniz'd at Trinity Church. I write to Sir T[homas] H[anmer] and give him an Account of Transaccions.

30 A calm dry dull day, no sun. I step to and perform 4 Turns on Roodee. After return to Tertullian de resurreccione Carnis.

31 Another dull fair day, in Accounts and Books till Evening, then at the Fountain with Dr. Thane, Mr. Lambert, Callis, Rhodes, come to Us.

## 1705/6

**JANUARY 1** A calme dull day. I dine with the Bishop. Mr. Lambert addresses him in the behalf of Staveley Chapell. I shew Mr. Lambert The Office &c. In the

Evening invited to good wine to Alderman Allens with the Chancellor, Dr. Thane, Capt. Breholt &c, wee drink our Bottles and stay late past 11.

2 Indispos'd tho after Elixir, repent and repose. In the Evening with the Mayor and Alderman Partington. Visit the Bride, after at the Clubb at Gills where civil Company stays us till near 12.

3 Extremely hott and indispos'd. About 2 the sun first appears this Xtnas for an hour. The Bishop sees mee kindly this Evening, among other matters Mr. Legh and Mr. Dodwell menciond.

4 A fine and sunny day. Apply to Busienes, write to Mr. Okes, Mr. Cowper, Holt, Adams, Ellison, Bellis, Aldersey about the small Livings. Receive Sir Thomas Hanmers Letter, waite on the Recorder on the Busienes of the Settlement. S[usanna] mea de salvo puerperio reddit Gratias.<sup>1</sup>

5 A dull and rainy day. I receive from the Recorder the Minuits of the Settlement, write and inclose them in my Letter to Sir Thomas Hanmer, deliver Accounts to Mr. Boucher. In the Evening, the Chancellor calls, I go with him to the Fountain where with Dr. Thane, wee pass the Evening till 9.

6 A bright and cool day. Dr. Entwisle preaches on [blank] a good and learned sermon. Wee dine at the Mayors where only Capt. Sparke and the Hulton Family. A good dinner to a stomach not prepar'd. In the Evening visit Lady B[unbury?] where Mrs. A[nn?] E[yton?] & her Lover Mr. M.

7 After a tedious Night indispos'd. I write to Mr. Parre, am in the office when the First Fire made. Mr. Earl of Warrington with mee on Busienes. After prayers at Mr. Hollands with Mr. Cowper &c. After at the Fountain with Chancellor, subDean &c till 10.

[See Vol. 1, pp. 83–129 for entries 8 January 1705/6–23 December 1706]

## 1706

**DECEMBER 23** In Books sparsim and at Night with Dr. T[hane].

24 After a walk the News, Dinner, Books.

25 Xtnas Day, the Dean preaches, receive the Holy Sacrament in a frequent Assembly. In the Even Dr. Thane & I visit Sir P[eter] Soames, hee entertains too liberally.

26 Indisposd and repent. Wee Dine with my Lord Bishop. After at the Fountain.

27 Indisposicion, repentance, News and repose.

28 Dine at Mr. D.'s with &c. In the Evening with Lady S., after at the Fountain.

29 At Home till Noon, dine with brother N. Puleston, receive my cozn. Holts Letter & answer it.

30 Walk, recover.

31 Thanksgiving, Dine with Sir P[eter] S[oames] &c at the palace, my Lord offers mee 2 Guineas &c. In the Evening at the Pentice and Fountain.

<sup>1</sup> 'My Susanna gives thanks for a safe childbirth'.

1706/7

**JANUARY 1** New Years day, our relations dine &c. I see Lady S. Aspinwal and J. Corles come in the Evening, wee drink liberally.

**2** Ly late. The Hollands come, after dinner, wee go to the Fountain, I send 3 Almanacks after them. I go to the Bacchus where the Chancellor Chagrin. The Bishop and Sir H[enry?] set out.

**3** In doloribus at Home.

**4** Recover slowly.

**5** At Home the Forenoon. At Evening prayers. After, in Spotswood.

**6** Twelfth or Epiphany, several dine with us. In the Even, at the Fountain with Mr. Davies, Mr. Brompton, Dr. Thane.

**7** After a walk, In books sparsim, repose and in the Evening [*blank*].

**8** After a walk see Lady S., remember late this the 20 day of our Espousals. Pay Mr. Chancellor 20 Guineas, Alderman Allen 40<sup>li</sup>. At Mr. Hodgsons whom I pay 2<sup>li</sup>. 10 with Dr. Thane.

**9** Rise and prepare, wee go about 10, come to Olton past 12, return past 6 at the Fountain.

**10** After 2 Turns see Lady S. Wee dine at Brother P., stay till 3 in the morning.

**11** Very feverish, write to and send cozn. Parr a Bill of 20.

**12** A frost. At Church after 2 Turns. Archdeacon Booth preaches. After prayers visit Mr. Lancaster, Lady Soames, after, L[ady] Bunbury.

**13** Frost turnd to rain. Perform a brisk walk on the Walls, recover, turn Books, pay Alderman Ince 10<sup>li</sup>. [*damaged*] calls in the Even and tells mee the Chancellor displeased about his mony.

**14** After a dull night a better morning, tho moist and rainy, I go to Roodee, tho very wett, think on the monicion vespertine, take 2 long Turns, call on Lady Sh[akerley], shee gives mee a Glass of tru Brandy. In the Even at the Raven with the Chancellor, Drs. Thane & Norris.

**15** In a mild morning, to roodee where 2 long and 2 short Turns. Write Mr. Le Neve. Applicacion to the Bishop, to Mr. Styth, Wells, T. Gorst and Mr. Seaman. In the Evening at Mr. Allens, where Capt. Breholt has a Cargo of wine from Judg Upton to Mr. Chancellor. Sir Wm. M[eredith], Dr. Thane, Alderman Allen, Mr. Boucher and I are too liberally treated, the good wine too lavishly put about.

**16** So very indispos'd that I go not to Court the first day of this Term, repose and complain in the Evening, a small Quota to refresh. Decree for Rigbys Will and Glests Administracion past today.

**17** Yet indispos'd. About 11, take 2 short Turns on roodee. After see and am treated freindly by Lady Sh[akerley]. After at prayers, Mr. Isaac Harper is bury'd then. In the Even Dr. Thane calls and wee goe and stay our pints at the Fountain.

**18** A clear Frosty day, about 11 to Lady Sh[akerley] who communicates her design of putting out mony to mee. After take 2 long turns. After Busienes, in the Evening, see Mr. Chancellor, thence with him to the Bacchus where Mr. Davies, Dr. Thane, Mr. Kendrick stay our pints cheerfully and one over.

**19** A heazy morning. Mr. Subdean Wright preaches on 2 Cor.6.1. The post by some accident retards the news till 6 in the Evening. Sir Peter Soames comes about 6 from V[ale] R[oyal], sends for mee. Wee go to the Fountain and alone freindly recollecting Freinds, drink 4 pints. After write to Mr. Marsden.

**20** Rise earlier, write to Norroy at last a full answer. About a Quarter after 9 sett out in a fair calm day, come to Sandiway a Quarter past 12. I find Mr. Okes and J. Basnet watching on the Green for mee. Wee have Hens, Bacon, Rabetts, Fish given. Wee 3 and Mr. Booth stay after 2 hours and remember our Friends in our Glasses. Mrs. Hopwood calls and dines here. I wait on her and shee entertains mee with Account of her cold Bath. About 4 wee go down to V[ale] R[oyal]. Mr. Fr[ancis] in his Chamber and Mr. Ch[olmley] in the parlor entertain mee liberally.

**21** An heazy morning and day, divert part with Mr. Okes, the rest in Mr. F[rancis]s chamber. After dinner totally with Mr. Fr[ancis] till 5 when I take a sharp walk up to the Gate to the Forest and am refresht, but in danger of cold. After late Supper, return to Mr. Fr[ancis] Chamber, wee smoke his Herbs and drink wine till 11.

**22** A mild day, rise at 9, see Mr. Okes, after, Mr. F[rancis] in his chamber. Hee is mightily intent on the cold Bath. After dinner return to him. Now the reality of the Birth of K[ing] James 3d asserted by him with warmth.<sup>1</sup> Hee entertains with strong Ale, receivd all along and parts with mee in great Favor and civility. About 4 I leave him and come to Olton about 5. Indisposd from the Ale, Mr. Egerton receivs mee with kindnes. Hee, Mr. Crane, [?Mence] & I stay together till 10.

**23** A sharp morning and day. Wee go to St. Peters Well, now in cleaning. After I walk with Mr. Egerton thoro his variety of work to see the new built school, a comely and convenient in an excellent Ayr. After dinner return to St. Peters Well, the poor work[men?] [*two lines illegible*].

[See Vol. 1, pp. 129–73 for entries 24 January 1706/7–30 October 1707]

## 1707

**NOVEMBER 9** . . . Massies intimacion of the necessity of my Evidence in his Cause, this term. After prayers, with Mr. Egerton at the Coffee house, who perswades mee to go with him 10 daies hence. I think this too late. Lady Bunbury comes over and after treated with a dull pint, wee go over and sup with her. Sir Henry about 9 comes merry, is very free and freindly. Wee drink a Bottle of good claret, stay past 11.

**10** After Elixir releiv'd, a fine day, apply to Busienes preliminary to a journy, write to Will. Massie and John Crosse. After dinner Mr. Davies brings Mr. Mainwaring of Caringham to see my Altar, Coins &c, they stay till prayers. Ned Roberts putts the Citacions, pleadings, Bonds, &c in a posture & redynes to bee

<sup>1</sup> Presumably an allusion to the rumour that the child born to James II's Queen Mary of Modena in 1688 was not in fact their son.



seen by an Inspector of the Stamp Office, whom wee dayly expect. I enter the Deanery of Manchester & refresh in a quota about 9.

**11** A mild fair tho not bright day. The News has litle but the Duke of Marlboro returnd Friday last.<sup>1</sup> I am put into great uncertainty about my London journey, for want of a Letter from Will. Massie. I take 4 Turns on Roodee, disturbd from my uncertainty, am idle. In the Evening, sent for, go down to the Chancellor where Mr. Egerton is. Wee drink a Bottle of Scotch, my intended journey and the time and manner of it a share of the discourse. Wee part about 9. I turn Bladens Caesar for an hour.

**12** Mild and dry weather. I apply to filling processes and entring the rest of the Deanaries. I write to Will. Massie of his neglect in not writeing. Old Mrs. Peck dies today about 10. After dinner, invited, I drink part of a pint of Claret with Sir Henry Bunbury and take that opportunity to speak to him on Mr. Wilkinsons behalf, hee promises to veiw his Demeasn and grant him a way under Cautionary Articles. I write to my uncle Peck and after busienes and Quota to bed at 10.

**13** A fine mild day. I take a Turn on the Walls. About 10 receive Notice from Mr. Grantham that I am to appear at Westminster the 29th current. An easy and silent dispatch at Court. I examine 3 Wittnesses against Websters Will, proceed in the processes. My uncle Peck calls on us, is tedious and difficile in his account of his mother, I write to Dr. Thane, recreate in my Quota.

**14** A fair morning yet threatning a chang of a run of fine mild weather (unusual to this month). The News has little beside the parliament voting itself a new one. About 9 Mr. Grantham, I and Jack take horse and come (the way not only tollerable but pleasant) to Coddington about 11. Wee step to the parsonage and see and transcribe out of the Register Book extracts of Mr. Massies marriage 24 April 1673 and of Mrs. Massies Funeral Dec. 17 1686. Mr. Daxon treats us freely with good Ale, old cheese and invitacion to dinner; wee return to the Hall, stay not long but proceed to Farndon, where Mr. Holt [*illegible*] produces the Register Book, wee extract the time of Mistress Wilsons Funerall, August 21<sup>st</sup> and of Mr. Wilson, Sept. 22 1686. Wee set hence about 2, stay at the Boat house near an hour, reach home about 4, I eat a later dinner freely. Finish the processes for Warrington Deanary. Call'd over to Mr. Boucher, hee greatly treats Mrs. Thane, my Suzy and myself with a Bottle of Claret, wee part hence about 10.

**15** The weather is turnd to Storm and rain. I am releiv'd by Elixir. I examine Copies with the particulars of the marriage of Mr. Massie and birth of his 3 eldest children in the Register Book of St. Oswald; consult Hiltropii Processus Iudiciarius, lend Mr. Chapman 10<sup>s</sup> on Account. Write to Mr. Davies of Frodsham about the School Master there. About 5 meet Mr. Chancellor at Mr. Bouchers where wee are treated with 2 Bottles and a pint of Irish Claret, the discourse easy, wee part at 8.

**16** A clear brisk day. The News still lean saveing a full address promising

1 The Duke of Marlborough returned on 7 November 1707 from his military campaign on the Continent to involve himself in domestic political activities. See *DNB*, X, p. 330.



vigorous supplies from the Commons. I go to Trinity Church, where Mr. Sudell has a good sound Discourse on Luke 8 v.18, Take heed what you hear. After prayers write and inclose the Bond to my Cozn. Holt. Mr. Wilsons orders, I inclose in my Letter to the Dean of York. After this calld over to Sir Henry Bunbury, who entertains Mr. Peck, Adams and myself with a Bowl of Punch and three Bottles of Claret. My Suzy and I stay till 11.

**17** I send John early into Lancashire, a mild morning, the variable wind makes the weather doubtfull. I perform 4 Turns on roodee and recover complaints from the wine last night, write to Mr. Rider. My uncle Pecks mother is buryd today at Holt. I send Jack to Mr. Francis Cholmley and Mr. Okes at Eaton to kno their Comands to London and particularly to Mr. Cholmley at Twitnam. Mr. Cholmley receives him kindly, advises him to see and take Care, and generously gives him a Guinea towards his Expences. After prayers I pay Mr. Sheriff Hodson 10<sup>s</sup> for 10 pictures, and Mr. Winstanley his Note 1<sup>li</sup>:7<sup>s</sup>. I write to the Bishop of Meath and to Mr. Seaman for Ale. Recreate in a pint of domestic quota & to bed after 10.

**18** The scene of weather alters to Storm and Hail. The public News affords little besides the preliminary proceedings of the Commons. The private revive, and more possitively than before, the report of Dr. Willis succeeding in the Bishopricks.<sup>1</sup> I apply to the mending of the Manchester Articles and to give reasons out of Gail and Hiltropius, I write to Mr. Okes. After prayers, Archdeacon Booth, the Chancellor, Mr. Davies & myself (in Favor to part with mee) are at the Bacchus, the discourse agreeable, wee dispatch 2 Quarts and a pint and part before 9. I receive a kind answer from Mr. Bowyer. About 10 I step into Sir Henry Bunburys, where I find Mr. Walley, Langford, Williams the Quire man, I stay a cheerfull hour and Bottle.

**19** A very brisk Frost. I prepare for my journy, take 4 short Turns, meet the Chancellor at Mr. Bouchers and discourse on the Manchester Articles, hee approves my proposd amendments. After dinner at his house, hee tells mee intimately his troubles concerning his son John, and gives mee direction to discourse him & Mr. Freind, tendernes and tears are added. After prayers Dr. Thane, return'd, calls on mee, Freinds intervene to bid mee Farewell. About 6 I go to the Bacchus, where Mr. Hulton, Hitchcock, Morrey, Grantham, Jack Wright, the Chancellor kindly comes to repeat, Farewell. Wee drink in easy conversacion near our Bottles, part after 9. After this I write to John Crosse and Mr. Whaley.

#### [DATE NOT ESTABLISHED]

**20** Visitation held for the Deanry's of Namptwich and Midlewich. Mr. Shaw of Barthomley preaches. Wee dine and dispatch busienes at the Swan; it is pretty importunate. In the Even T. Bullen stays late with mee at Mr. Stringers, hee tells of

1 This reference to Dr Willis's candidacy for the vacant bishopric of Chester confirms the date as 1707; see Vol. I of Henry Prescott's *Diary*, pp. 143, 147, 150.

an old press in the possession of widow Benjamin near Urswick, made about the year 500, promises his endeavor to procure it.

**21** About 9 set forward for Macclesfield, the Chancellor and others go to Hulms Chapell. My Lord calls at Congleton, is received there civilly by the Mayor and Aldermen at his Inn. Hee sees the Chapell, dines homely on Mutton spoild. I see Tom Gorst at his furthest house, drink Birch wine and Syders there and with the Cotton sisters. Hee brings mee to the end of the Town where wee drink Ale in a sordid house and by misfortune spil my Usquebagh, reach Macclesfield about 8.

**22** Visitation held for this Deanery. Mr. Nicols preaches on 'Let your moderacion bee known unto all Men'. Advances a temper even to comprehension, surprizes in that but is a mean Orator. My Lord in his speech interprets that text otherwise & the Act of Indulgence, proves the Schism to remain, not withstanding the Law, is grave, proper, elegant. The Corporacion is very civil to the Bishop and company. Hee lodges at the Mayors, the younger Mr. Hortons house.

**23** Wee set hence about 9, brisk showers in the way, my Lord sees the Chapell at Norbury, tho nor Mr. Legh nor any from him, to receive him, wee blame Mr. Mallory. My Lord calls at the parsonage, is entertaing first by Mr. Nicols with his poem de Literis inventis, is full of that, write coram and repeats importunius. My Lord and his company entertaing at a neat Collacion, a terrible Thunder shower rushes in the interim. Mr. Nicols [*illegible*] with his poetry and application, wee come thoro continued Showers to Manchester about 6.

**24** Visitation here. Mr. Ashton of Prestwich has a learnd and affectionate Church Sermon, urges discipline and order. A throng day. After prayers my Lord visits the Warden & Church Collegiate, the matter of a seat the sum of this visitacion which is adjourn'd to the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, at Wigan.

**25** The Bishop preaches before Noon. Wee all dine at the Wardens, liberally. Mr. Massie of Rosthorn his 2<sup>d</sup> son sees mee, hee designs phisic his profession, is here with Dr. Leigh, but complains of his return to his old Freedoms in Conversacion.

**26** After leave had, the Chancellor myself &c go to Prestwich, are by the generous Rector liberally treated in a reverend Fabrick; hee receives, wee stay above the comon rate and Time. Hee kindly invites mee, and I promise. Wee go home past 5. By a vehement shower are driven in at the Streetway 4 miles short of Wigan. Here wee see severall of the Corporacion of Wigan (among whom Sumner), pass by loaden with drink at Peel, 2 are faln in the way. Alderman Adam Banks becomes, out of charity, my charg, hee falls from his horse, thrice, the last time untowardly breaks his head. I leave him in known hands and acquaint his Family, wee come, by this meanes, late to Wigan.

**27** This Deanry visited. Mr. Finch has an excellent sermon of the Dignity of the Clergy. My Lord adds in his speech severall paragraphs against pluralities. Mr. Pickering as well as Richmond present, the busienes is importunate. I buy a horse of Edmond Greenhalgh for 9<sup>li</sup>, pay 60<sup>li</sup> to Mr. Dod, lend 10<sup>li</sup> to Mr. Taylor. Sir Ed[ward] Chisenale inter opus, sends to mee, I promise to meet him at Standish on Thursday.

**28** The Chancellor &c return. I dine with the Bishop at the parsonage. After at the Eagle and Child, where meeting with a Gentleman of the Island, I write fully to

Sam Prescott, send him a token 2s:6d; the rain stays mee till Evening when about 9 I go to Gately Lane.

**29** After repose and Dinner, I go to Standish, meet with Sir Ed[ward] Chisnall and Mr. Haydock, in a few words bargain with him for the reversion of the Tenements for 260<sup>li</sup>, I give him a Guinea (not to bee returnd) in Earnest. I draw a few lines of the Agreement, return to Gately about 8.

## APPENDIX 1

### LETTER TO HENRY PRESCOTT FROM WILLIAM FLEETWOOD, BISHOP OF ST ASAPH, 22 APRIL 1710.

This letter was written in reply to a letter from Prescott apparently questioning the bishop's refusal to present the politically-controversial High Church clergyman Dr Henry Sacheverell to the Shropshire benefice of Selattyn. See Volume 1, pp. 262, 270–9, 285, 292; Prescott's reference to his own letter is on p. 279.

Deans yard April 22<sup>d</sup>

Good Cozen

I received yours dated the 19<sup>th</sup> and own my Self indebted to you for a former, which I had not time to answer. The Roads are said to be so bad, that I am allmost out of hope of being at St Asaph, at the time I appointed and desired to be, which was against Ordination Sunday; and this indeed gives me some concern; for unlesse it were to discharge my Duty, I hear of nothing to invite me, into a Country, more bewitched than other Places, by yours, as well as most peoples Reports. I have not yet determined when, and where to Visit, but I am sure this Ferment will be very farr from deterring me from doing what I had purposed to doe, both with respect to Time & place, & every other Circumstance. I think, if I know my Self, I could as soon resolve to venture the beating out my brains, as decline the doing what I think my Duty, out of fear, or apprehension of affront, insult or mischief. As for the Temper of my Diocese being much altered, it must needs affect me, because I conclude tis altered for the worse, which I did not think there was much Room for, even when I was there, with Respect to some points; but if the Clergy do their Duty to their People, and lay out their Zeal, where it is truly due, & wanting; I am like to be the last man in the kingdome that will complain of their neglect of Me. And as for the Gentlemen, I never did intend to make any other Interest with them, than such as I thought would tend to the ease and advantage of the particular Clergymen under whose ministry they lived; and if I fail in that, it is not I who am to be the looser. I am sorry enough to informe you of a matter that is like to continue you, in your uneasynesse, & some of your Friends, and that is, that the Report is most true, that I have refused to institute Dr Sacheverell into Selattyn, for, now, a full fortnight, and shall, I beleieve, refuse a Week longer, but if you, & your Friends are to be comforted, and are capable of hearing Reason (as People in great Sorrowes are not, you know, allwayes) I shall sett you all at ease, when you know, that I refused with a better Conscience than He, or any true Englishman, can accept that Benefice

withall. As soon as the last Incumbent died, I was applied to, by some of the Parish to take care that the Poor People of it, might have a Minister who could understand them, & be understood by them; and by all the Accounts I have since had both from Clergy & Laymen, the Service & Sermons appear to have been more in the Welsh, than English Tongue; and I am well assured that paines have been taken to stifle a Peticion from the Parishioners, in favour of One that understands Welsh. And I must forgett my Bible, & my Duty, if, upon these Representacions (& many more, than I have time to mencion) I should not have refused a man that owns himself, with respect to these people, a Barbarian, and one that can do no Ministeriall act to them, in a language they understand. This was the Cause why I refused Mr Loyds Clerk, and why I would have refused the Queen her Self, had she presented a mere Englishman to a Welsh Cure, till I had made Enquiry about the matter, and obtained the Satisfaction I wanted. This was the Cause why I took time, to informe my Self, and delayed the Instituting D. S—. I am now satisfied that by the Lawes of the Land, I am obliged to Institute him, because the Parish is English enough to justify it. But were I Patron, I should not think mySelf at liberty to Collate an Englishman to it, in point of Conscience: as I think I have given full proof, in refusing to bestow Marchwiell on my Nephew Powell who both desired it, & deserves it, purely because he understands no Welsh; and yet Marchwiell is full as much English as Selattyn. But the buisynesse is, it seemes, that D. Sacheverell, is refused – but the Patron knowes, that before Sacheverell was so much as talked of, and when one Dacres was designd to be presented – I sent to the Patron to let him know, that I expected he would not present an Englishman, since Selattyn was represented to me as a Welsh Cure. And was it not becoming me, to take the same Caution, when I found by Experience, that he had presented, such a vain, worthlesse, & uselesse thing to Me? who can not, if he would, discharge his Duty; nor would, I am persuaded, if he could; his mind & Temper being very illsuited to a Country Cure. The beleaf I have, that what you say, is very well intended for my Service, has inclined Me, to give you this account of my Conduct; for otherwise, when I have deliberated, & done what I thought fitting, I generally neglect all Justificacions, & let things take their Course, as knowing it to be much easier to bear the Censure and Reproach of most people, than it is to cure their want of good sense and Understanding, and sett them right, and I do not expect you should convert any one, even by this account, tho exactly true, & such as I would abide by, at the Day of Judgment, for, they who are so far touchd as to mistake the Cause of Sacheverell for the Cause of the Church, are in my Opinion, lost to all Conviction, and capable of beleeving any thing, and of being led, withersoever the Jugglers please. And tho I know I shall be capable of doing but little good, in a place where I am not in the Peoples good Opinion, yet I do so heartily despize the Reflections of such weak & injudicious Creatures, that can so easily be cheated & seduced, that I think it hardly worth the while to have them undeceived. I were, in no degree, fitt to be what I am, if I could not wrap my Self up, in my own Integrity, and be content therewith; especially since in my broken State of health, I ought to have no other aim, than to approve my Self to

Him, to whom I am to give account for all. I find I have written a longer letter than ordinary, and yet My Wife will not let me end, before I have given her kindest love & Service to My Cozen your Wife, & to Mrs Jones.

I am Good Cozen

Your affectionate Friend

& humble Servant

W. Asaph.

I just now hear Mr Litton who  
married Mr Mostyns Daughter,  
is dead of the Smalle Pox.

## APPENDIX 2

### HENRY PRESCOTT'S HEALTH AND MEDICINES

The issue of Henry Prescott's health deserves fuller treatment than can be provided in this Appendix. It is hoped that the notes which follow may serve as pointers to some of the approaches to this theme which might be pursued.

Henry lived to be exactly seventy years of age, and held important and responsible professional posts until his death. Moreover, if his diary entries are anywhere near comprehensive on the matter of his health, he seems to have suffered comparatively infrequently, during the last thirty years of his life, from the common ailments which anyone might be expected to encounter. The paradox that a constitution which appears to have been intrinsically sound was combined with very frequent complaints of 'indisposition' seems to have been solely attributable to his consumption of alcohol.

While Henry may not have been an alcoholic within strict modern medical definitions, he surely suffered from what would now be termed a chronic alcohol habit. It is impossible, in the absence of evidence as to the nature and strength of the drinks which he mentions, to assess his precise intake, but by any criteria it was obviously considerable. As is usual when the consumption of alcohol is concerned, the physiological and psychological factors in Henry's case involved certain apparent contradictions. The reader may have derived the impression from Volume 1 that Henry had a perverse lack of appreciation of the intrinsically detrimental effect of his constant heavy drinking. On many occasions, he ascribes his 'indisposition' to what may be termed secondary factors, all familiar to drinkers throughout history. These include drinking too late (which of course means, in practice, too much); mixing his drinks; and consuming drink of unsatisfactory quality. Entries relating to the last-named phenomenon are particularly revealing of Henry's attitude. The uninitiated might well wonder why Henry and his companions, faced with 'bad wine' on 23 March 1709, felt the need to 'dispatch' three pints of it. There is no indication that this produced ill effects on that occasion, but Henry was less fortunate when he persevered with 'bad Ale and sower Beer' on 12 March 1712. On 7 March 1705 his judgement was retrospective, as he suspected that he had been 'poisoned' by the 'flattering sophisticated wine' of the previous night. The fact that Henry regularly followed entries recording 'indisposition' with statements, which he seems to have felt no call to justify, that he had resumed his usual drinking habits on the same night, strongly suggests that he regarded his basic intake as reasonable in the face of compelling evidence to the contrary.

The present volume's entries, however, provide a subtly different picture. While there is much evidence of the hangovers which punctuate the whole of the diary,

there is far more suggestion that Henry's indisposition was being caused by an unwise and rather unworthy indulgence. Thus on 16 September 1689 'we spend a *drunken* (editor's italics) and cheerful day', and on 29 October 'the condition of my health is wretched and feverish from my besotted and immoderate life'. On 11 January 1690 Henry was 'in a state of ruin from yesterday'. In his entry for 18 February 1690, after a reference to 'sickness from yesterday', he describes himself as 'a feeble drinking-companion', and on 26 July 'I toil under my hot and sottish life'. On 7 August 1694 there is the intriguing entry 'Drink about 2 quarts, the first time, it affects me with dizziness.' Henry performed the same feat on the following day with a similar outcome. Taken together, these entries suggest a man who was aware at this stage that heavy drinking was bad for his health and well-being, but who was at the same time anxious to prove that he could hold his own in social drinking, to the extent that he made a conscious effort to increase his capacity. By the beginning of Volume 1 (1704), his drinking habits were sufficiently entrenched to suppress the element of self-criticism which is found in earlier diary entries. Henry's statement that he was 'very weary of the claret life and nights' (8 November 1706) was not typical of these later years.

Throughout his diary, however, Henry expressed criticism of other men's drinking habits. For instance, on 25 November 1689 (c.f. the entry for 29 October of the same year, quoted above), he rebuked 'G. Feilding who is devoted to drinking and levity'. Dean Ardern was noted (17 January 1690) as 'a guest unwelcome indeed in as much as he is accustomed to spend his time in bibbing, sipping, smoking and trifling'. On 30 July 1711 Henry took his son Harry to task for 'frequenting Tipling Houses' and 'drinking to excess' (this on a day when Henry himself was 'indisposed'); and in the entry for 5 October 1717 he criticises the 'sottishness' of Jeffrey Moulding, who had worked closely with Henry for many years and who was, to the latter's dismay, about to marry his niece. Henry evidently believed that there were standards to be upheld. One clue to his apparent inconsistency lies in the note that Harry's indulgence was combined with 'ill conversacion', which implies that he was drinking in bad company. Another appears in Henry's aversion to socially unacceptable behaviour in drink, ranging from Mr Fielding's seemingly harmless 'levity' to the 'ill manners and unhappy Educacion' displayed by 'yong Thicknes' on 28 October 1715. Henry's own character as it comes over in the diary gives an air of authenticity to such distinctions. He only admits to having behaved badly on one occasion, when on 17 August 1704, after drinking 'incautiously', he had to be helped home, and he penitently records that 'The Figure I made I forgot, and have therefore great reason to abhor'.

Henry's 'morning after' state is normally described in terms of varying degrees of indisposition. More specific symptoms are occasionally open to speculation that some other condition, such as a cold, may have been a factor, but 'queasiness' (7 February 1690), stomach trouble (30 May 1690), 'severe head ache' (13 April 1697) and 'the gripes' (16 August 1699) all appear to have resulted from alcoholic over-indulgence. Two effects which were particularly characteristic were insomnia and feverishness, reflecting respectively Henry's unease about loss of sleep in general and his equally general aversion to heat. From 1705 Henry increasingly



refers to suffering from 'sad reflections' (29 April 1705), 'tormenting thoughts' (22 September 1708) and similar mental distress consistent with chronically excessive drinking.

It is difficult to judge the extent to which the consequences of Henry's drinking affected his ability to carry out his professional duties. Although he certainly drank in the course of his regular expeditions into Lancashire and North Wales on official business, he rarely reports 'indisposition' at such times. It appears that the heavy drinking which caused him significant problems was primarily a feature of his social circle in Chester. There, it seems undeniable that his work was adversely affected. While there are very few occasions on which he records that the previous night's drinking had rendered him unfit to attend work on the following day (see for instance the entry for 16 January 1707) the fact that he was confined by 'indisposition' to his house for part or all of the day at other times suggests that his performance of his official duties may have been quite frequently disrupted. He was almost certainly helped by the natural fluctuations in his workload; he records, for instance, that on 16 June 1706 there was 'moderate business convenient to my indisposition'.

Henry was neither a malingerer nor a hypochondriac: on the contrary, he suffered increasingly as a result of his failure to acknowledge the extent to which his health was being undermined. For most of the period of the diary his use of medicines, apart from 'elixir', was very intermittent, and it is not always clear whether medicine was taken to counter the effects of his drinking or for colds or similar ailments. Henry notes that he first used elixir on 16 April 1690, but there are then no further references until 1697, after which he may have begun to take it with some regularity. From March 1704 to October 1716 it was his usual 'cure' for indisposition. As this regular use suggests, Henry believed that it was more often than not effective. The fact that it had a strong alcoholic element may have helped to commend it to him. However, from the late summer of 1716, Henry's health deteriorated alarmingly, and his apparent abandonment of elixir for almost exactly a year from the end of October suggests that he no longer regarded it as adequate.

A non-medical remedy for indisposition was vigorous walking. He enjoyed his regular exercise until old age combined with failing health, and especially from 1704 onwards set great store by his 'turns' on the Roodee. In so far as he was unwilling or unable to employ the ultimate remedy of restricting his alcohol intake, he was probably correct in regarding this as the most consistently beneficial antidote to his evening indulgences. However, after April 1716 there is only one reference to this form of exercise, and it seems probable that by this time various factors were combining to impose on him a more sedentary lifestyle.

The illness from which Henry suffered from the autumn of 1716 to the spring of 1717 caused him very great alarm. At its peak, in November and December 1717, there is an air of desperation in his diary as he tries a succession of medicines and, unusually, seeks the advice of experts. During the illness of 1716-17, Henry's attempts to relieve his suffering included the use of bitter snake root, bryony water, castor pills, elderberry water, gruel, iron tonic, rhubarb, rosemary posset, sage posset, sal volatile, snail water and numerous unidentified pills. There must, however, be a strong suspicion that the gradual improvement in his health during

1717 was brought about not so much by this array of remedies but by an enforced and very significant reduction in his drinking. Henry's evident wish to be free of his dependence on pills seems to have been quickly followed by a desire to return to 'normal' drinking, and some of the results of his implementation of the latter aim were spectacularly disastrous. He took his last pills on 12 May 1717. On 5 July he was 'indispos'd from the unseasonable drinking and quantity ( $\frac{1}{2}$  a pint too much) of the good wine'. The entry for 7 July records that 'I complain of the quantity (near a bottle) last night', and on the very next day 'The same pain and complaint attends noble wine & company'. On 16 November, after 'a quart of excellent claret' with a companion, he was 'exercis'd with one of the greatest Calamities'. On 24 March 1718 he was 'unhappily discompos'd by the good wine last night, tho I reckon not a pint too much'. The remaining months of his life were remorselessly punctuated with notes of the severe ill effects of the drinking to which he had been impelled to return.

In contrast to his drinking activities, injudicious eating rarely seems to have caused Henry problems. Cockles (13 March 1695), strawberries (13 June 1714) and sturgeon (13 December 1715) are mentioned as having disagreed with him. The fact that the sturgeon was eaten *after* dinner may suggest over-indulgence, which was explicitly admitted in the entry for 30 January 1694 when 'I dine too freely and too generously'. Apart from painful 'difficulty of urine', first recorded on 5 December 1716, and the less specific severe pains which reached a peak in the intense illness of 1716–17 (all more likely than not related to the long-term ravages of alcohol), Henry suffered occasionally from commonplace ailments such as colds, sore throat, haemorrhoids, earache and toothache, as well as the more enigmatic 'itch' (11–12 November 1694) which appears to have affected other members of his household, and 'Asthmatical pain in my breast' (23 August 1711) which, as the solitary such reference, cannot be taken as evidence of any particular medical condition.

There is little remarkable about the medicines which Henry specifically identifies; the potentially interesting pills which he took during his major illness remain a mystery. Many of the remedies, including aloes, castor pills, 'purging spirit', rhubarb and 'sal cathart' were evidently purgatives or laxatives, as were Rudius's extract (described in detail in a concluding note to this Appendix) and, to some degree, the regularly-taken elixir. Poppy (opium) is of course a well-known narcotic, and in view of Henry's frequent complaints of severe pain towards the end of his life, it is interesting that he rarely appears to have resorted to specific pain-killers. The variously-described iron tonics may have represented a genuine contemporary appreciation of the value of that mineral, while it would be interesting to know whether the various scurvy remedies (presumably taken in a preventative context) contained the Vitamin C which would have made them effective. There are few references to herbal remedies. Bleeding, the most notoriously ubiquitous professional medical treatment of the age, seems to have been used both in response to particular problems and as an occasional 'aid' to general well-being. The following alphabetically-arranged list aims to record all references in the three volumes to specific medicinal remedies.

**NOTES ON MEDICINES, REMEDIES, ETC.**

**SEE THE INDEX TO SUBJECTS UNDER *MEDICINES AND REMEDIES* FOR PAGE REFERENCES**

**Aloes.** 'Bitter aloes' is a purgative made from the leaves of plants of the genus *Aloe*. Henry's single recorded use was intended to relieve pain in his severe illness.

**'Arcanum how to stop blood'.** An arcanum is a secret or mystery; this was, in effect, a magical incantation. There is no suggestion that Henry had any evidence that it was effective.

**Barley sugar.** Presumably a forerunner of the still popular sweet. Barley water, originally an infusion of barley with orange or lemon flavouring, is traditionally regarded as particularly thirst-quenching; possibly Henry, who took barley sugar for excessive thirst, believed it to have similar properties. It is not clear whether his thirst was a symptom of some illness or merely the effect of recent hot weather.

**Baths.** All references are presumably to springs, etc with recognized therapeutic properties.

**Bitter snake root.** This preparation may have been derived from the native *Polygonum bistorta* (bistort or snakeweed), which has snake-like rhizomes and can be used for cooling, reduction of inflammation and general healing, or one of a number of non-indigenous plants of the genus *Aristolochia*, possibly Virginia snakeroot *Aristolochia serpentaria*, which was brought to Europe from the seventeenth century as a remedy for snakebite and rabies and which has genuine anti-inflammatory and tonic properties. There is no indication that Henry took it for a particular medicinal purpose.

**Bleeding.** Supposedly therapeutic blood-letting.

**Blistering.** Supposedly therapeutic application of extreme local heat, in Henry's case as a remedy for headache.

**Bryony water.** Probably derived from white or red bryony (*Bryonia dioica*). The roots have purgative properties; Henry's one recorded use was for the relief of pain and insomnia in his severe illness.

**Castor pills.** Presumably containing the well-known purgative castor oil derived from the seeds of the plant of the same name, *Ricinus communis*. Recorded once on Henry's severe illness.

**Chalybeate/calilyate/steel wine, etc.** Presumably medicine containing iron. Recorded mainly during Henry's severe illness.

**Cupping.** A procedure used in blood-letting.

**Elderberry, elderberry water.** Derived from *Sambucus nigra*, a versatile medicinal plant of which the flowers and fruit can be used to reduce fever and soothe irritation, and as a diuretic. Taken for Henry's pains and insomnia during his severe illness.

**Elixir.** In general, medicine made palatable by being mixed with syrup, alcohol or both. In Daffy's Elixir, brandy, canary wine, oranges and lemons were vehicles for conveying the more 'medicinal' rhubarb and borax.

**Elixir sal.** Not otherwise identified. Taken for a 'lurking pain'.

**Figs.** Fruit of trees of the genus *Ficus*, best known medicinally as a laxative, but here taken to arrest the development of a sore throat.

**Garlic.** The bulb of the plant *Allium sativum* has many beneficial internal uses, but Henry used it with apparent success on the soles of his feet to relieve aching gums.

**Golden drops, golden spirit see scurvy drops.**

**Hartshorn.** Another name for **sal volatile**, q.v.

**Mithridate.** A substance believed to be an antidote to all poisons and a cure for all diseases, named after Mithridates VI, King of Pontus (?120–63 B.C.), who was said to have been immune to poison. Appropriately, but not very successfully, Henry used such a remedy in an attempt to secure a good night's sleep after 'very indifferent white wine'.

**Pills.** Taken (probably 'on prescription') mainly during Henry's severe illness.

**Poppy.** Any plant of the genus *Papaver*, source of the well-known narcotic drug opium. As Henry's sole recorded use was followed by an 'uneasy night', it does not appear to have been effective.

**Posset.** A mixture of hot milk and ale or beer. Regarded as a remedy for colds, but Henry seems to have used it, mainly as a nightcap in his later years, in an attempt to make his alcoholic drinks more bland.  
See also **Rosemary** and **Sage**.

**Rhubarb.** Plants of the genus *Rheum*: in this case probably the Asiatic *Rheum officinale*, a traditional laxative.

**Rosemary.** Henry might have benefited from taking the herb *Rosmarinus officinalis* more frequently, as its properties include the relief of pain and

depression; aid to digestion; and stimulation of the liver. His one recorded use, in posset, was intended to deal with pain and insomnia, when it was not successful.

**Rudius's Extract.** See detailed note at the end of this Appendix.

**Sage.** Like rosemary, the herb *Salvia officinalis* was potentially helpful to Henry, as it can relieve indigestion, liver complaints, night sweats and depression. Recorded by Henry, who seems to have regarded it as a remedy for insomnia, as taken in posset and as tea.

**Sal cathart.** Presumably a purgative.

**Sal volatile.** Ammonium carbonate, best known as smelling salts. Henry used it in wine, apparently as a pain-killer.

**Scurvy drops/scorbutic drops/golden drops/golden spirit.** Presumably a preventative medicine, of which the ingredients are not recorded.

**Snail water.** Water in which snails had been cooked. Henry regarded it as one of his more successful remedies for pain and insomnia, referring to it on several occasions as an 'opiate'.

**Snake root** *see* bitter snake root.

**Sorrel.** Several plants of the genus *Rumex* have medicinal properties, mainly when taken internally. It is not clear how Henry (and his family?) used sorrel for 'the itch'.

**Steel.** *See* Chalybeate.

**Tincture.** Medicine in a solution of alcohol.

**Tobacco.** The leaves of plants of the genus *Nicotiana* are, of course, commonly both smoke and chewed, and Henry's use of a leaf as an emetic after excessive drinking seems eccentric, but it evidently proved very successful.

**Venice treacle.** A treacle was an antidote to poison. Henry's use of this remedy, however, was to treat a cold or chill.

**Vomit.** A therapeutic emetic.

**Rudius's Extract: The Prescription on p. 798.**

*[Thanks are due to the following for generous assistance towards the understanding of this prescription: Mr. A.H. Woodcock; Prof. Philip Stell; the*

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On f60v of the diary for 1689/90 appears the following prescription:

R/ Extract(i) Rudij drachm. semissem  
 Sal: Tartari scrupuli semissem  
 Cum q(uod) s(ufficit) Bals(ami) peruv(ii)  
 F(ac) pill(ulas) n° 5 vel 6  
 Quas capiat summo mane, super dormiendo  
 Repetantur per 3 dies alternos.

The search for *Extract. Rudij* led to *Pillulae Rudij*, slightly differing formulae for which are to be found in *Pharmacopoeia Londinensis*, 1639, and Nicholas Culpeper's *Complete Herbal and English Physician Enlarged*, 1653.

The London Pharmacopoeia's formula (p. 104) runs as follows:

*PILVLAE RVDII.*

R/ *Colocynthis drachmas sex*  
*Agarici optimi,*  
*Diagrydii,*  
*Elebori nigri,*  
*Turpeti ana drachmas quatuor.*  
*Aloes succo Citrini, unciam unam.*  
*Specier. Diarrhodon,*  
*Abbatis unciam semis.*

*Contundantur omnia (exceptis speciebus: Diarrhod: Abbatis) crasso modo, & infundantur ad Solem in aquae vitae opt. per octo dies, ita ut aqua vitae superemineat octo digit: Deinde infundantur quoque species Diarrhod. Abbat: in aqua vitae simili modo per quatuor dies, & facta colatura atque expressione forti, utriusque misceantur illae colaturae, & (fere abjecta). ponatur liquor in alembicum vitreum, ut separata (per distillationem) humiditate, remaneat materia densa, uti mel ex qua Pilulae.*

Culpeper has a slightly adapted translation of this with added comment:

*Pilulae Rudii*

*College.]* Take of Coloquintida six drams, Agarick, Scamony, the roots of black Hellebore, and Turbith, of each half an ounce, Aloes one ounce, Diarrhodon Abbatis half an ounce, let all of them (the Diarrh. Abbatis excepted) be grossly bruised, and infused eight days in the best spirits of Wine in a vessel close stopped, in the sun, so that the liquor may swim at the top the breadth of six fingers: afterwards infuse the Diarrhodon Abbatis in the same manner four days in Aqua

vitae, then having strained and pressed them hard, mix them both together, casting the dross away, and draw off the moisture in a glass Alembick, and let the thick matter remain in a mass.

*Culpeper.*] It cleanses both head and body of choler, flegm, and melancholy: it must not be taken in any great quantity, half a dram is sufficient for the strongest body.

John Quincy's *Pharmacopoeia Officinalis & Extemporanea: Or, A Complete English Dispensatory*, London, 1728, has on pp. 463–4 yet another improved version, in which *Diarrhodon Abbatis* is discredited and replaced by spices, and the method of preparation is also somewhat amended. Quincy comments: 'This more strictly belongs to the class of Extracts, and is more generally titled so in the Shops.' It is also known as *Extractum Eustachii*, from the other name of its author, *Eustachius Rudius*. He adds that Salt of Tartar is frequently included in the prescription, and concludes: 'This at present is in great esteem in the Shops for an Head-Purger; and it is indeed the chief Pill in use in most Cases where *Cathartics* are prescribed in this Form'.

The principal ingredients of Culpeper's formula have been found listed, with what was then understood of their properties, in Gray's *Supplement to the Pharmacopoeia*, ed. Theophilus Redwood, London, 1847, viz.:

Coloquintida	<i>Cucumis colocynthus</i> (p. 317); a purgative . . . in combination with other substances the extract is one of the commonest cathartics.
Agarick	<i>Boletus laricus</i> or <i>B. purgans</i> (p. 590); the interior part has been used as a drastic purge.
Scamony	<i>Convolvulus scammonia</i> (pp. 419f.); The hard brittle ash-coloured resin called <i>Scammony</i> . . . when pure is a powerful and drastic purgative.
Hellebore	<i>Helleborus niger</i> (p. 203); the fibres of the rhizome . . . nauseous and violently purgative.
Turbith: either	<i>Ipomea Turpethum</i> , (p. 422); Fresh bark of the root, rubbed in milk, is used in India as a purgative.
or	<i>Athamanta matheoli</i> (p. 332); Roots acrid & purge upwards & downwards very violently.
Aloes	<i>Aloe vera</i> or <i>A. vulgaris</i> (p. 551); (Various uses, usually in the form of a pill).

*Diarrhodon Abbatis* had already become obsolete by Quincy's time (1728), but it was listed by Culpeper under *Species or Powders*:

*Diarrhodon Abbatis*

*College.*] Take of Sanders white and red, of each two drams and a half, Gum tragacanth, Arabic, Ivory of each two scruples. Asarabacca roots, Mastich, Indian Spikenard, Cardamoms, Liquorice, Saffron, Wood of Aloes, Cloves, Gallia Moschata, Annis and sweet Fennel seeds, Barberry seeds, the seeds of Succory, Purslain, the four greater cold seeds cleansed, white Poppy seeds, of each a scruple, Pearls, bone of a Stag's-heart of each half a scruple, red Roses exungulated, one ounce and three drams, Camphire seven grains, make them into a powder according to art.

*Culpeper.*] It cools the violent heat of the heart and stomach, as also of the liver, lungs and spleen, eases pains in the body, and most infirmities coming to the body by reason of heat. The dose of the powder is half a dram, and two ounces of the electuary, into which with sugar dissolved in Rose-water you may make it.

Such was the nature of late seventeenth-century pharmacy. Henry seems to have found it beneficial.



## APPENDIX 3

### EXTRACTS FROM CICERO'S *IN VERREM*

A small undated sheet of paper contains extracts from Cicero's oration against Gaius Verres, the corrupt governor of Sicily from 73 to 71 B.C. There is no obvious explanation for Henry's selection of these extracts: perhaps he considered that they were pertinent to his own administrative and legal concerns.

#### **In Verrem.**

##### **Liber seu Actio 2<sup>da</sup>.**

**3** Nunquam ante hoc tempus ad aram legum praesidiumque vestrum publico consilio confugerunt.

**5** Cum ex nomine istius quid in provincia facturus esset, perridiculè homines augur[ab]antur. ad everrendam Scilicet provinciam illum venire edixerunt.

**11** Semper ita vivamus ut rationem reddendam Nobis arbitremur.

**14** Auctor est ut<sup>a</sup> Hominem id aetatis, minimè litigiosum quam tumultuosissimè adorianur. Scribitur Heraclio dica.

**30** aestuebat dubitatione: versabat se in utramque partem, non solum mente verum etiam corpore ut omnes qui aderant, intellegere possent, in animo ejus metum cupiditatemque (alias cum cupiditate)<sup>b</sup> pugnare. E[rat] hominum conventus maximus, summum silentium, summa expectatio, quonam esset ejus cupiditas eruptura.

Tum iste aliquando Age, dic, inquit. Vide Judicij iniquissimi processum violentum.

**32** Illud est flagitiosum ob rem judicandam pecuniam accipere, pretio habere addictam fidem et religionem<sup>c</sup>.

**42** Tabulae sunt in medio quae se corruptas atque interlitas esse clamant.

**51** Quibus in rebus non solum hominum Jura, sed etiam Deorum immortalium Religiones omnes Repudiavit.

Haec vero hujus erat ars et malitia miranda &c Descriptio Gratosi nequam.

**63** Huic etiam Romae videmus in basi Statuarum maximis Literis incisum *A Comuni Siciliae datas*.

– id tamen more potius suo quam merito tuo facere viderentur.

*[On the verso of this sheet]*

Vid[e] Distinctionem 8<sup>am</sup>. de Lege N[atu]rae.

M<sup>dm</sup>. Geo. Harrison de Ditton parochiae prescott

a *Auctor est ut* interlineated.

b *(alias cum cupiditate)* interlineated. Henry notes an alternative reading.

c *religionem* interlineated.

**Translation****Against Verres****2<sup>nd</sup> Book or Suit.<sup>1</sup>**

**3** Never before this time have people fled by public counsel to the altar of the laws and your protection.<sup>2</sup>

**5** When men were very laughably predicting from his name<sup>3</sup> what he would do in the province.<sup>4</sup> That is to say they said that he had come to sweep out the province.<sup>5</sup>

**11** Let us always so live that we consider that we have to render an account.<sup>6</sup>

**14** He instigates that they assail as tumultuously as possible a man of that age, who was not at all contentious. A case is brought against Heraclius.<sup>7</sup>

**30** He was seething with doubt: he shifted himself from side to side, not just in mind but in person, so that all who were present should know that fear and greed fought in his mind (Or: 'fear fought with greed'). There was a very great gathering, the utmost silence, the utmost expectation, how far his greed would burst forth.

Then he at length said, 'Come, speak.'<sup>8</sup> See the violent proceedings of a most unjust trial.

**32** That is scandalous, to receive money for the matter to be judged, to have trust and obligation knocked down at a price.<sup>9</sup>

**42** Before the court are account books which cry out that they have been corrupted and falsified by erasure.<sup>10</sup>

**51** In these matters he repudiated not only the rights of men but even all reverence of the immortal gods.<sup>11</sup>

This was this man's amazing cunning and malice &c.<sup>12</sup>

Description of favoured good-for-nothing.

**63** In his honour even at Rome we see inscribed in very large letters on the base of statues *Given by the Community of Sicily*.<sup>13</sup>

They would seem to do that however in accordance more with their own custom than your desert.<sup>14</sup>

[On the verso of this sheet]

See the 8th Distinction. Of the Law of [Nature].

M[andate?] of/to George Harrison of Ditton of Prescott parish.

1 All the notes on this page are quotations extracted or adapted from this speech of Cicero's, *In Verrem*.

2 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 3, 8.

3 One of Cicero's jokes at Verres' expense: the verb *verro* means 'to sweep, brush or scour'.

4 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 6, 18.

5 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 7, 19, adapted.

6 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 11, 28.

7 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 14, 37.

8 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 30, 74.

9 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 32, 78.

10 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 42, 104.

11 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 51, 126.

12 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 54, 135.

13 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 63, 154.

14 *Id. ib.*, II, ii, 63, 155.

## INDEX OF PERSONAL NAMES

A degree of caution is recommended when using the name index. Considerable efforts have been made to differentiate between persons with the same surname; by Christian name, place of residence, and title or designation, e.g. Alderman. Identification is complicated by variant spellings of names (in some instances even where the same person is quite clearly indicated) and by Henry Prescott's regular references to the same person by a different title or designation, or even an alternative form of the same Christian name. In the majority of cases, all versions of what appear to be the same surname are brought together in one sequence, and cross-references to variant forms are provided where appropriate. It should be noted that Henry frequently used 'Mrs' as the plural of 'Mr' as well as in its conventional usage, and in any cases of doubt about the gender of the subject of a diary entry, it should also be mentioned that it is sometimes very difficult to distinguish between 'Mr' and 'Mrs' in the original texts. Henry tended to follow the modern convention that a person recorded by surname only is most likely to be male, but this is not invariably the case, especially in references to legal proceedings. 'Mr' entries marked \* denote a positive absence of evidence of gender, while their location nevertheless acknowledges that the nature of the society of the time means that the subject is more likely, on average, to be male. 'Miss' is used in the index to denote a woman known or assumed to be unmarried, but it should not be assumed that all women whom Henry designated 'Mrs' were married or widowed. Relatives, e.g. 'Cousin', 'Uncle', etc are assumed to be related to Henry in the way indicated, unless otherwise stated; some, of course, are in-laws rather than blood relations.

In all these issues, the compiler has attempted to err on the side of caution. Question marks and other warnings, e.g. the note '[all entries?]', draw attention to areas of positive uncertainty. Readers with specialised knowledge may well identify instances where two or more entries in fact refer to the same person.

Within the sequence for a surname, the subjects are arranged in a single alphabetical order which includes places of residence or origin (in brackets) and various personal descriptions, with Christian names taking precedence over titles. What is hoped are the correct dates are provided for virtually every royal or aristocratic subject and for the majority of ecclesiastical office-holders. Peers are not, however, given 'numbers' (e.g. 'st duke of'), as different creations of the same title can cause confusion. All dates represent the period during which the named title or office was held, unless the entry specifically states otherwise. In the few cases where a member of the aristocracy is not fully identified, it may be assumed that a positive search for information has been unsuccessful.

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## INDEX OF SUBJECTS

The diaries of Henry Prescott are not only very long but also highly complex and detailed. There are many technical and specialised terms, especially those which relate to the administration of the dioceses of Chester and St Asaph, yet on the other hand much of the information (and most of the non-official subject matter) is either ambiguous or imprecise. A variety of general themes – for example, church administration, drinking, travel and conversation and gossip – emerge from any reading of the diary. For these reasons it has seemed most appropriate, in compiling the index, to make extensive use of general thematic headings which relate to broad categories of information, rather than to disperse the specialised terminology or imprecise phrases on a purely alphabetical basis throughout the index.

The following is a list of the more important of the general headings. It is recommended that any user of the index should first refer to this list to ascertain whether the material is likely to have been indexed in a broad category. All church administration is included under the two major headings of *diocese of Chester* and *diocese of St Asaph*, the former being further divided into sub-headings. News, gossip and conversation about church affairs which was not part of official business is separately indexed under *ecclesiastical news/conversation*.

Numerous diary entries record the progress of the European wars and other major political events, and much conversation about current affairs is noted. The major general heading of *political news* (also sub-divided) covers most of this material, supplemented by headings for *Jacobite activity* and *militia and armed forces*. There is also a very large quantity of general gossip, which includes political and church matters but is less specific than the detailed news: this, and other conversation, is indexed under the *conversation/gossip* heading.

In some subject areas only the more important entries are indexed, which is unavoidable in view of the volume of material and the very large number of entries on these topics. These include: books and reading, dining, drinking, family matters, financial business, unspecified conversation, sermons and preaching, walking and weather.

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The names by which Henry refers to these books do not correspond in every case to the titles under which they were published, and in many cases an identification has not been made. Some works are cited by their authors only. Where the author is well known for a particular work, this is sometimes noted for general information, and perhaps also by way of speculation as to the title of the book. In a few cases, there are two possible 'candidates' of more or less equal plausibility for the work cited. **Titles in italics** represent known works which definitely or virtually definitely correspond to the book to which Henry refers, unless the whole reference to a work is preceded by a question mark, in which case it has been positively identified as a published work but there is some doubt as to whether it is the item mentioned in the diary. **'Titles' which are not in italics** are derived wholly from the text of the diary, and indicate items which have not been traced: it is possible that some of these refer to sections of text within other, identified works.

The format of the description of an identified work generally follows that used in the British Library catalogue; some titles have been abbreviated. Readers intending to research further into these works (or to attempt to identify those which have not been traced here) are advised that works not published under the full name of the author have their main entries in the British Library catalogue under a form of the title of the work, or under the initials of the author, even where the latter's full names are known to the compilers of that catalogue.

A large proportion of the works listed below were published many times in the 250 or so years up to and including those covered by Henry's diary. It is rarely possible (unless, of course, the work was only printed once) to determine which edition Henry used, and in the vast majority of cases there has seemed to be no virtue in speculating. For classical works (nearly all Roman), early Christian writings and other texts written before the advent of printing in Europe, many of which have been in print almost continuously since the late fifteenth century, it did not seem of any real value to append places or dates of publication. For later works, the edition cited is normally the earliest traceable in the British Library catalogue, which is the source of most of the information recorded below. Dates and numbers of subsequent editions are provided in some instances, usually as

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ALL	<i>Auctores Latinae Linguae</i> : see under Godefroy, Denis.
CJ	<i>Journals of the House of Commons</i> .
DNB	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i> .
LJ	<i>Journals of the House of Lords</i> .
ODEP	<i>The Oxford Dictionary of English Proverbs</i> .
THSLC	<i>Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i> .
VCH	<i>Victoria History of the Counties of England</i> .

# SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE

## THE CHILDREN OF HENRY AND SUSANNA PRESCOTT

Shortly before the production of the final proofs of this volume, the editors received from Mrs Susanna Powell (née Prescott) the following information relating to the children of Henry Prescott and his second wife Susanna. Most of the dates are to be found in Susanna Prescott's personal Bible, which her descendant and namesake Mrs Powell still owns. As, by chance, most of the events recorded here do not appear in the diary, it seemed helpful to ensure their publication here. It will be noted that these details supersede the brief note on Henry's children in Volume 1, p. viii. We are very grateful to Mrs Powell, who is a sister of Mr Kenrick Prescott, the owner of Henry Prescott's diaries, for supplying this information in time for publication.

	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>
Thomas	17 July 1688	17 April 1689
John	30 August 1690	1767
Lydia (I)	26 January 1691	25 March 1696
Susanna (I)	22 May 1693	9 January 1695
Henry	24 April 1695	
William (I)	14 May 1696	18 December 1696
Lydia (II)	22 May 1697	1740
Arabella	12 March 1698	3 June 1707
Margaret	24 October 1700	13 November 1748
Eleanor	24 December 1701	
Kenrick	18 January 1703	1779
William (II)	9 July 1704	
Edward	7 December 1705	1706
Susanna (II)	19 August 1707	20 June 1708