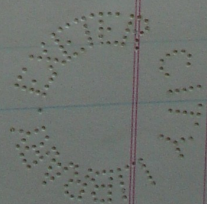


The Diary
of
A Devon Farmer

Kept between the years 1789 - 1791
by William Ford of Branscombe

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Preface

The following pages are a copy of a Diary kept by William Ford of the parish of Branscombe Devon. He was the son of Edward Ford who appears to have settled in that parish about 1760. We consider this to have been the case as the earliest mention of his name in the Parish Register relates to his marriage with Elizabeth Braddick daughter of a farmer at Bickleigh near Tiverton 19th Aug 1761.

William was the fourth child and eldest son in a large family; his younger brothers were John and Benoni: they are frequently mentioned in the course of the record. Edward Ford died 29th April 1785 at the early age of 46 Elizabeth his wife was 59 when she died in 1800, William the diarist passed away in 1797 when only 28-: his body and those of his parents lie we presume in Branscombe Church yard as all three names

are entered in the Parish Register: his was a short life and merry! (by his own confessions), yet by no means idle, certainly not blameless, according to his own record, for he admits more than once his intoxicated condition. We should not have alluded to this, but for the fact that the Parson of the Parish a severe autocrat by all accounts, makes an extended reference in the Register of Burials to William's early death as due to excessive indulgence in Alcohol. It would be unfair to judge a man born a hundred and fifty years ago by xxth Century standards, but even in those days of "three bottle" men his indulgences were looked upon as excessive, yet they seemed at the time to have had no effect upon his unbounded energy, endurance, and business acumen.

In contrast with the three deaths at comparatively early ages, we may mention the long life of John the second son: He passed away in 1864 at the ripe age of 94 years.

William Ford's interests were many & varied, at heart a farmer most of his time was occupied in that direction, but lime burning, and tax gathering also came within the circle of his activities, and in addition by various notes in the book we gather that he acted as reeve or general right hand man to Mr Stuckey of Weston who was in those days considered a wealthy man.

These varied pursuits often led him far afield and only those who know East Devon as bounded by Axminster, Bullampton, Tiverton, Crediton, & Newton Abbot and Torquay, can appreciate the energy & resource, coupled with physical strength necessary for the long journeys on horseback which were taken to reach these & various other places, and this be it remembered over roads, hilly, muddy, and full of shallow pits; for Mac Adam had not appeared and turnpike roads were almost nonexistent.

The diary affords us a chance of com-

-paring money values which is most interesting. Here are horses, cows & calves, sheep and swine, at prices which might well make us of the present time, think of toy or dwarf animals (were we not fully informed as to the contrary) rather than of creatures as large as those to which our eyes are accustomed.

We note how exact were the returns which had to be made to the Customs House at Exeter concerning culm landed at Branscombe or Beer, and we suspect that they were connected with the Landing dues payable on this shore to the City of Exeter, a charge pertaining to the City from time immemorial and quite distinct from Imperial Customs.

The extent of the Lime burning business may be gathered from the parishes given in the latter part of the transcript. The Lime was procured by burning the chalky stone lying just below the soil and above the Beer Free Stone, which

latter has been cut out and used for building purposes ever since the days of the Roman - occupation. The lime produced, while not of the best quality for building, is more suitable than a much stronger article, for heavy soils and was extensively used for many years.

The parishes alluded to are at about the following distances, Ottery 10 to 12 miles, Sidbury 6 to 7 - Farway 4 to 5 - Rockbeare 15 - Gittisham 9 - Harford 8 - Honiton 10 - Sidmouth 6 - Broad-Hembury 14 - Salaton 12. See sketch map.

It will be seen by the map that all the above places lie toward the west in which direction the land is more marly than toward the east. The East Kiln at which this lime was burned was close to the Beer Stone Quarry about two miles from Branscombe. After having been "hot" for a hundred & fifty years this kiln for lack of business was "doubtful" (i.e. allowed to burn out) about the year 1890. Farmers have

changed their treatment of the soil, not always it may be for the better.

In the margin will be noted an explanation of contracted words, and some technical terms or local names &c, which will make the book more easily understood.

We thank the diarist for his record of things in general, admire his smart business habit, and sympathize with him in his self revelations.

For the opportunity of transcribing the Diary we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr Clement Ford of Lower House Branscombe, himself a great-great-nephew of William Ford, in whose custody the original volume now lies

E. Hick Oct 1919.
17 Haldon Road
Exeter

1789 A Farmers Diary -

- Jan^r Carried 25 Bags of Oats into Woodhead
Chamber (about 64 bushells) - —
15 Carried 17 bags of Barley into Woodh^d
16 (about -- 43 bus?)
17 Took in the Wheat Mow in Woodhead
mow plot (crops close)
Sold Mr Oldrige 2 Bullocks last
Tolyton Fair at 12. 7. 0.
Sold Butcher Pomeroy 6 Wether Sh^h
at 1.2.0 pr H? £1-2-6?
Sold Sam. Restarick a score of
old wheat at -- 6 Guineas & [6/3 1/2 pr bus]
to have what coal he pleases at
1 L pr Tⁿ
29 Thursday went to Mr Leighs to
Cradoek: and from thence to Lullom^{pton}
and to Bickleigh came back to Hon[iton]
Marrkett.

Feb 2 Began Plowing Her park for
 * 2 Wheat

second

settlement

same Day to Ottery to a Justices
 meeting about W: Newtons sett
 Jan 4 } Put up a new gate & Posts at 3 Gates
 26 } This Day: —
 Feb.

Oats Sold 5 Bus to Hutchins the 7 feb⁴ at 16^p
 and same day bot Hat, breeches & Waistcoat
 Wheat Thursday 5th feb⁴ — — — —

Sold ~~the~~ 30 Bus: to Isaac of Colyton
 at 6/5 to make it weigh 15 1/2 ^{lb} a peck.

Barley Now Took in the great one at Gayshill this day.

Wheat Feb: 19: Sold Isaac 20 Bus Wheat 6/4

" 23 Went with others to Mr Kingman [Vicar]

Wheat Feb: 26: Sold Isaac 30 Bus at 6/2

Barley Mar 10 Draw^d in Mr Bartells Waggon

40 Bus: for Mrs Treys at 2 1/4 1/2²

March 19 Mary & John: to Bickley —

Tree Rooted down the Great Elm at the

3

foot of the Dung Court March 20th upon which I was
fastening a pole 30 feet high when it fell
with me but fortunately rec^d no injury.

1790

26 Ap^l. { I Cawley discharged part of a
 { cargo of Culm about 40 quarters.

27 At Gittesham H: Dined with Mr May
Wednesday At Axminster fair ———.

Friday 30 Sessions at Beer - New Inn.

Monday 3 May went to Gittesham after a Cow
drove it to Colyton Fair & sold it to
Mr Gill for 5⁰ 7⁰ 6. (non est in vent)
came home & went to Sea afterward.

May 4 Uncle came Yesterday and returned
to day -- I. Cawley discharged a ^{quar}Bark 140

Barque of Culm 90

5 The Brown Heifer calved - carried 6: Monday

margin.

6 Went to J. Norman R Wench & Ellay[?] Hill about
their rent - at Weston to get a Bond next Saturday.

probably 100

* 8 p² of Clover & 12 Bus Barley.

7 Went to Sidmouth in Boat -- Sent Mr

- Sam: Lawley a Boat & 21 Bags.....
- 8 - Carried Mary Braddick home to Bickley -
- 10 - Came home from Bickley, two Vessels
came into Beer road last night to Try to
sell their cargoes of Culm - - - -
- 11 - Went to Colyton - tried to sell pigs & could not
- 12 - At Weston, from thence to Sidbury. Mr
Grigg. not at Home, Mrs Podbury promises
to pay in the course of the summer.
- 13 Newton Fair Day - not there - down to
Beach about falling the water..
- 14 Draw^d Lime to Day - Yesterday & Wednesday
at Gayhill Inner 3 Acres, At Colyton &
in order to be sworn Collector of the Taxes &
no commissioners there - -
Settled with Mr Pratt for Boots p^d 1:6:6
- 15 At Hon: Market - went into sea in the
morning - tried to sell Mr^x Barley could not.
Sunday. Mr Stuckey at Church -
- 17 Killed one of the Pigs for Hookins..

Stuckey?

Hookins?

- 18 Carried the pig down to Beer 15th - 15th
 Old Mr Bartlett died early this morn
- with 19 rainy - put Mr Newbury's Bull along to
 spark Heifer East night.
- 20 At Beer in Evening Lawley discharged
 the Diamond of Barnstable 130 gu¹⁰
- 21 Turned away I wench.
- 22 Rose Mare Foald - wet day -
 Sunday - White faced Cow Calved -
- 24 At Seaton: for wine stayed up to Mr Fox's
- 25 At Weston with Abel Brown, who paid his -
 Rent - Back to Mr Bartlett's funeral up
 to Watercombe to supper -
 sold J. Miller the Brown Heifers calf for 20⁵.
- 26 Sat off in order to get Culm Dined
 at Topham Salutation Inn Round
 Countessware Bridge to Starcross Slept
 at Ship Inn
- Torquay 27 Went to Tingsmouth & Tor Quay
 back again & slept at Starcross

- 28 From Starcross went to Exeter spoke
Mr Hogg about Culm. Dined at London
Inn on Turbot! Stop^d at Blue Ball
some time and got Home by Midnight.
- 29 Mr Bartlett & John at Bovey measuring over
Mr S^r Oats.... held out very good meas[ure]
- 30 ^{Sunday} Rainy Lap Row came went in
the evening to Beer home early next morning
- 31 At Beer in afternoon Lap Row was
come to Branscombe in mean time.
- June 1 Discharged Lap Row. [cargo of culm]
- 2 At Weston with Magery Hill who Paid
part of her Rent, sent R Clarke
to Exeter with y^e Cockett.
- 3 At Weston carried sand to Marg: Northcotts
measuring culm. Fired Little Kiln
- 4 Masons began building ^xD & C^t wall.
- 5 Finished measuring culm wash^d sheep
went into sea.
- 5 At Hon: Market Bote a Pig £1. 0. 6

A warrant
that merchandise
has been Customed.

Dung Court

June 1790

7

Sunday. Mr Newton & Mr Oliver here to Tea

7 Killed a Pig at Woodhouse, let a stray Bull
in with Spark Heifer w^{ch} went to it

Mr Bartlett sheerd Sheep - Up
at Fowlers House with Mason. & took
H Strangmans acct of Disb: & L

disbursement

8 Sheerd Sheep carried Pig to Beer. & settled
with W Hoyle Sold Butcher Hollwell a

Barren Ewe for 5^d prth - Killed her ^{here?}

9 Weighd Ewe 14th pr^{gr} ^{want 1st} = £1.2.11 [55th at 5^d]

Telling Limber for Pallisades Barn & C

10 I: Hey beating abroad Coals - - at Folyton
to speak to Marwood in conseq. of a lett^r rec^d
from Mr S - -

11 At Weston Marwood & E^d Bartlett there
Apprehended Tho^d Godfrey by stratagem -

12 At Honiton Market.

Sunday At Church 2^{ce} [twice] Mr S. - there & two Miss
Mallocks & Rawling Mallock - -

- June 14 At Weston in Morning to Colyton in order to see Marwood about Advertisment from thence to Honiton to consult Mr. Gidley about swearing the People prior to Election Day. — stop^d at Mr. Lickers with Mr. Tansplar and his managers. —
- 15 At Colyton about yesterdays business to Weston and Honiton afterwards concer^d Election - sent the Advertisment.
- 16 At Weston in the morning, after Dinner to Colyton in order to be & was sworn collector of Taxes. Capt^m Billy Reed & Goveyn at Lower House in the Evening agreed for Reeds cargo for same as Mr. Leigh gives Goveyn.
- 17 At Weston thence to Hon^r 10th Mr. Laccords to Agreemt wth Mr. Gidley when there the people refused to be sworn. home in Evening dined wth justices.
- 18 This Day was to discha Cap Reed but Bad

June

weather prevents. Mr, Mrs, & Mill Bartlett

9
June?

18. Aunt Mary & Benoni went to Honiton
in order to see the Polling wh^{ch} commences
at 10 o'clock. very Rainy this afternoon.

19. Violent gale of wind from S.W by S all
day. a Ewe died.

20. fetched Sunday Miss B^t & Mary sent to Honiton for.
fair weather at Church 1^{ce}

21 Sat out the grass to cutting 1st young
and 16^p Meadow Grass pr acre & 4 q^{ts} cyder
pr acre cut Little Dillard.

22 Cut the plover field (Clover Grass
went into sea - dreadful storm of Thunder & Lightning
John here

23 Cap Reed came up Mr B & myself went on
board of him he came ashore toth us & dined
at Gays went after dinner to Bickham Bald ash,
Blueway & Rockenhayne to get horses. Cap Reed
with me wind came on he forc^d to put to sea

24 Mow^d part of 7 Acres today & yesterday.

1790.
June

10.

25 Farmer Hewton here & settled Accts.

Ricked The Little Dillard hay.

26 Cap Reed came in to Anchor in morning
but unadvisedly went off again after we
had got plenty of men & horses &c.
washed sheep - Cap^d Reed & Williams here.

Sunday Cap^d Reed & Williams came here &
breakfasted we went out to Mr Leigh
in order to know what he gave for Culm
having dealt on same terms be what it would
back round to Berry Quarry & to Church
in forenoon. Gays to dinner &
to Beer chapel in Afternoon

28 Discharged Wm Reed went in Boat from
foolishly enough² Brans: No: to Little Corn. shut Crankenow to speak
with Cap. Williams. Agreed with him
for a Cargo of Culm at 11^s Ricked
hay at Gays hill.

others 29 Mr B Sheered Sheep. Mr Cox wife & ² sons there.

ding cart 30 Rainy. Drawing Ashes wth 2 putts in West. ⁴
Dug: and carried sand up to Cate Taylors.

1790
1 July

higher

J Miller P^d for a free martin Lamb of
Sheep^d Sheep (finished) Mr B to Exon. [Exeter]
Mow^d Woodhouse mead & pt of H^r Sharpstone.

2 Mow^d pt H^r Shpse & Bridge mead

J Miller fetch^d 2 Little Hog Lambs price 12/-

3 At Weston & Hon: Markett.

Sunday To Church in Afternoon.

5 At Weston & back to Har Clarks where

Cousin

Sc. Gill was a Sheep sheering *Cous Billy came

6 Showery Weath^r went out for the first time
this season and shot two Rabbits: & Draw^d
ashes in west field.

Sharpstone &
Woodhead

7 Ricked H^r *Sharpstone & Part of Wood h^e mead. ^{Woodhouse?}

Gratting
Doynes?

8 Ricked Wood H^d mead & Bridge mead sold the
little *foot Horse to Farmer Pyne of
Otterton for 6. 16. 6^d rec^d 5 Guin^o (1 1/2 Due)
which he promised to pay next Newton Fair.

Yearling

An Ewe Hog died of a Viper sting.

Cousin

^{Rainy}
9 Break/asted at Low^r House *Cos^r Billy went
Home Mow^d in East field at Woodhead Drove the

1790 July

Lined Yearl^y to Mr Newbury Bull.

Circle of metal
inside the pot
to prevent waste.
metal for inside
sub of a wheel.

- 10 I Gill work to Lower House made 8 Culm pots
and a Bushell. Mr B and me up to Bovey
and settled with Mr Newbury Sew^d Turnips
in higher Park.

Sunday. Capⁿ Harvey of Bideford came to Lower House
(where I was) to sell a cargo of Culm
Mr B and me went down on Board where
was Capⁿ Jones Agreed for Cargo.

- 12 Discharged Capⁿ Harvey Sloop Annery.

- 13 Sent R Clarke to Exeter went to Sidbury
in Evening Capⁿ Williams arrived with his cargo.

- 14 Got ready to Disch^d the William but afraid
of weather. Settled with Mr Harvey which
was measured Yesterday. Down to S Westcotts
& Breakfast^d to Mr Cuppy Roncombe. Began
measuring Cop: W: Reed -

- 15 Discharged the William very bad weather
all day. finished meas^t Reed and began
Cap Williams.

1790
July
16

summons confined
feast provided -
"groaning cheese"
or ale"

Mr May came here just as I was going to
Exeter - we went up to Rocknell before Dinner
to pay the ^xGroaning Visit - To beer in Boat
in Afternoon.

17 Went to Exeter to Enter & take Returns of
Culm; from thence to Honiton & Home
mow^d the great field at Bournors.

Sunday. To Church in Afternoon.

19 Mowed the three Gays Meads. J Clarke of Seaton
came here for a summons as likewise M. Pigeon

Polishing material²

20 At Weston & Mr L paid me for shot, Cheese & reed
1^p of ^xLandover) & for 89 Sheaves of Reed 1.8.6

Less 1/- for Lick²

21 Drove 12 Wether sheep to Honiton fair &
sold them to Mr Love of Lyme at 1.2.0 ^xded^t 1/-
Bot a pair of Buckles of Mr Lorge 7/6^p & of Mr Lott
a pair of Stockings 5/- John Bot Hat & Stockings.
Sew^d Turnips in Gays Hill Inner 3 Acres.

22 At Combrawleigh Down to see the Races
Dined at the Bell Honiton and came Home.
Made the Hay rick in the mead under the orchard

1790

Sunday Mr & Mrs & Miss Bartlett and myself went to Rowdown to Dinner my Teeth ached all day very disagreeably.

2 Aug^t Turned the two calves & the Yearling Colt into Woodhead Meads.

Mr Bartlett Bought 19 off ewes at 14^s pr head. to give him 2 guin^s & half for a ram or 16^s pr Head & 2 Guin^s Ram. Split the difference agreed.

3 At Weston in Even^g where was farmer Piny and farmer Clarke

4 John Gill & son here to work. Mr Bartlett finished cutting Pease up in Markells 5 Acres. Benoni and R Clarke drove the 19 Ewes to Rowdown and led the Ram home.

Miss Mary Bartlett paid Mr Newburys Rent a Hogshead of Cyder brot here from E^l Ho^ppin

5 John Gill and son here to work. Put Ram wth Ewes I Hawley discharg^d Capⁿ Durnford. Cast Monday carries about 130 quarters.

1490
Aug
6

16

Markett Bot 1/2 hund^d Cheese for Mr S.

1790
Aug
13

17

Cut the Oats up in 2 Acres.

14 At Weston along with Robt Farrant who p^d
Mr S 20^s towards his rent from thence
to Hon: Markett Bot a pig for Mr S. for
£6.0.0. - Saw Farmer Payton at Honiton.

had some meat with him at Exeter Inn
and agreed for his 20 Ewes at 20^s each.

Sunday At Weston & Will Hoy^d led the Pig
up to Weston. Mr S. was walked out.

John & I went down Round Hole way and
down and went into sea & back to Gays
to Dinner went to Church in Aft noon.

16 'pointed to Reap Park to Day but 'tis
bad foggy weather

17 Drove 20 wethers to Ottery Fair but could
not sell them spoke to Mr Lucker &
desired him to write a letter to T Stephens
Ricked most of the 4 Acres Pease.

about
10 sheaves
each

18 Reaped the Park wheat 312⁺ Stiches then
met Mr Leigh over by Mr Hurleys; agreed.

1790
18. Aug

- with him for the Lythe at 9 guineas
he is quite gone from what was said respect^{ly} Refer^{ed}
- 19 Mr Bartlett reaped part of Pond close and part
of Yellow parks - Messrs Banks & Stuckey came
here they had been to see the Road to Kilma & C.
- 20 Reaped Castle close wheat - Brown & Skiper
went to Bull again to Mr Newbury's
- 21 Mr Bartlett Reaped part of Bowland & C
went up to Culverhole after the 20 Ewes

Inflammation
in the skin

alloy of
silver & zinc

I objected to one of them which had the wildfire
another left behind by mistake.

Benoni found a Finchbeck watch
going up - supposed to be Doct^r Carls lakes.

Sunday To church in afternoon went in
evening to see Mr Bartlett's wethers
they forced open the gate in catching them
& ran away & caused a deal of trouble
One of the three Lamb Rams died.

23 Mowed the Park wheat very early
rain came on just as we had finished

1790.
Aug.
23

Wrote Ans^r to Cap Row abt Return

W: Hoyle and R Clarke threshed wheat and John & George Gill mended crooks in Afternoon but the weather clearing up went to Reaping over in Stubs afterward.

24 Mowed Castle Close & 2 Acres & part of Stubs reaped the rest part of Stubs.

25 Mrs Bartlett taken very Bad to night but better this morning -- Began to Reap 6 Acres wheat when had cut about an Acre rain beat us off
*Stretched over the 5 mows made Yest^r and Monday - J Gill & George mended crooks afterwards - Rain^d hard all Day.

26 W Hoyle mowed Carps Acre & part of Sharpstone Barley. Benoni & I fetched the two sheep left at Jav: Paytons.

27 Reaped rem^r part of 6 Acres Wheat finished reaping

28. Mowed Oats in Middle Close forenoon Housed wheat in Afternoon.

Covered lightly
with reed.

17⁰⁰ Aug

Sunday [29]

Dr Carslake sent his servant here about a watch he had lost — —

I had 4 Guin^s of Mr Bartlett

30 Mr Banks' plow came for Linc for the first time; sent a note by carrier abt malt.

31 Mr I sent for me to be there this morning was to make out ^{*}prec^t to App^t Victuallers.

precept

Mr B finished reaping. we finished Wheat Harwest... sold R Clarke all the Raking of ^{6 acres} ~~esters~~ for 8^s he to Thresh it.

Sept
1

At Weston & therefrom to Netherton Sir Wilmot did not sign the precept, because the meeting was appointed by him & Sir John Poole to be at the Dolphin Colyton next Friday. acquit^d Mr I with this who saw thro' the scheme & will likewise be there early next Friday -- mowed part of the Green Close Barley & housed the Carps Acre & p^t of Sharpstone -- a stock of barley stolen last n³

2

Farmer Payne came down & paid me for lime had last year 6¹ 9^d. W Hoyle & four women

1790

21

Sept

2

gathering Oats in the Middle Close.

3

Justices meeting at Dolphin Colyton

Mr S there my perquisites were 36^s

when have had my part of ^xIndies

from Mr Palmer -- abt 9^s or more 3^s 7

4

Housed the Oats to Woodhead.

Sunday To Church twice to Lord Bartlett
there first time.

6

W Hoy & finished the Green Close Barley

I Flew here & R Clarke - to Lowerhouse Thatched

the Oat mow at Woodhead. went to Woodhouse

and turned the mow made last Wednesday: over

upon the staddle owing to its getting on one side

7

Housed part of Green Close Barley

8

Housed part of Green Close Bar^y.

9

I Flew Thatched Barley Mows for^r Newton

& Ham, to Hooknell abt buying Apples, could

not agree with them. Strangman came

here but I refused his money

- 10 W. Hoyle & I Hay gathered Barley in Afternoon.
- 11 Housed part of Green Close & Sharpstone which finished the Harvest.
Wrote to Cap^t Williams & Harvey & Mr Ley.
- Sunday. John here to dinner.
- 13 Agreed with Mr Bartlett for the Apples at Hooknell at £3.10.0. Had 3 Guin^s of him
- 14 Mr Windeatt came & Bot Mr B^s Wool
I sold to him conditionally
- 15 Mr Windeat slept last night at Lower house & went off this Mor^g. was to Breakpt here but did not - John came down & we went a shooting had good sport indeed.
- 16 At Weston abt Mayn's busin^s with Mar^s Hill
Mr I thought it best not to grant a specialty ag^t him himself for legal reasons. I advised her to go to Sir W. who would soon do it
Met with Mr Leigh just by Berry who said a great deal about the Law dispute merely repeat^{ing} of what he said when he bought the Lythe, tho not quite so obstinate.

17th 90
Sept.

22

W. Hoyle & fley at Lower Ho to help Mr B who intends finishing harvest to day. by which it is made even between us in borrow³ & lend³ ^{men}

18 At Honiton market had a guinea of John Chamberlains wife for him. Mr R: B very ^x &

drunk

19 Lund⁴ Rode out to wishcombe to speak with Dr Carslake abt Renewal of Barnhill he not at home left the watch that Benoni found with Mrs L.

20 Down to Mr Clodes in forenoon he promised to dine at Lower House next Friday went to Sidmouth Fair in Evening.

21. Went to Ottery & rec^d some trifling sums of money for lime Mr Tucker told me he had wrote J Stephens. Went from Thence to Bickley after a round about journey.

22 Next day Uncle & self went to Goose Moore in Harverdon [? Halberton] where Stephens lives and his wife settled with me the old arrears back round to Liverton & home to Bickley to dine

Sermon
(Week)

1790
Sept
23

Came away from Bickley in Afternoon & promised to be there next Wednesday sent to go to Newton Bushell with Uncle about his tak^t his Estate for a Term after his decease. [presumably the writer]

24

Mr Stuckey sent for me to be there - was - and made out an Order for payment of money on ^{committing} ~~sending~~ some Vagrants. Dined at Low^r H^e Mr C^o not there as was expected. Our Fair day stayed rather late there.

25

Mr B. to Honiton Market.

Sunday Out to Dr Carslakes abt renewal of Barnhill he promised to be at Weston either to morrow or Tuesd^y. To Church in afternoon also Mrs Leigh & Mr Clapp & they drank Tea with Mr Collier.

27

Mor^g to Beer & bot a Butter crock for me
Two Mrs Hooks at Lower House to Tea

A Strangman came & paid 3 Guineas tow^d rent.

28

Went to Weston Mr S. out with Reapers in
10 As told Mr S. the Highway meeting was to be at Colyton again, but it happened to be wrong.

1490.
Sept.
28.

Stamp

To Ottery spoke Mr Tucker having settled with Stephens saw him there likewise - Mr Dare gave me a note of hand on a stamp which he sent his wife to get - it is not a proper one it is 2^d ⁵th for rect^y

29. Bro't home the 2 Cotts in Mead under Orchard from Woodhead finished plowing and dragging the west field w^h is now fit to take the dressing abroad. Sent a crock of butter together with a letter to Cap Jones at Torrquay it was 13 pounds.

30 Beat in Apples to Woodhouse John here in Ev^g

1 October Beat in Apples to Woodhouse.

2 Carried Furze from Woodhouse Hill Mr B to Honiton Markett

Sunday Mr & Mrs Bartlett and Miss B went to Crabbie to dinner where was Mr R Bartlett likewise we went to Axmo' in order to go to Church but were too late

4 & 5 [No entries] 6 Went accord^g to apmt to Bickley on the way I met with a comical reception from one Mr Weekes of Cullompton. Very dark all the way from Cullⁿ to Bickley.

17⁹⁰ October

7 Uncle & I sat off for Sir Thomas Carew at Haccombe near Newton Bushell we rode out of our way at Alphington from Sir Thomas we went to Torquay and our selves & horses were but badly accomodated, but we slept there.

Cousin -

8 From Torquay back to Haccombe uncle would not compromise matters with Sir Tho^s agreeable to his inclinations. fell in with Mr Geo Parret at Exeter who accompanied us home to Uncles House.

Cousin -

9 *Four Betsey came with me to Branscombe Sunday. To Church in forenoon & Afternoon. Mr Stuckey there.

11 Sessions at Beer justices Sir J W de la Pole and Mr L. rode home in Mr L^s carriage.

12 Sessions at the George Apminster justices same as yesterday.

13 At Apminster Fair in Comp^y with Mrs B. Cousin Betsey Miss Bartlett Mary and John

14 Drank Tea at Lower House of

17⁹⁰ October

15 About the Parish collecting the Taxes.

16 Mr B & me came to Hon. Market. John Parrot saw the Carpenter fell down over the chieve and killed himself Verdict next day Accidental Death

Sunday. To church in forenoon. Mr B & me went in afternoon but being late did not go in to church

Separating

18 Was to have been at Weston abt parting sheep in order for Newton fair.

Beer fair day. Drank Tea at Bovey & went from thence to Beer sup^d with Aunt. Thomas Bartlett came to live here this day.

19 At Weston all day abt sheep.

20 At Newton fair sold 40 ewes 20 of 'em to Farmer John Maer at 13^s 4^d? 3^s to Luck. Mr Spaid me for the cheese

21 Several of us to Beer & drank tea at Aunts.

22 Begun sowing westfield wheat.

23 Mr B & me went to Sidm^o: to speak with Mr Carley concerning Culm. therefrom we stopped at Blue Ball from thence to Gittisham & dined with F^r May could not go to Honiton as intended on acct of hard rain. Obliged to leave off sowing

1799 October

Sunday [31] To church in afternoon ^x Mo^r paid poor rates.

1 Nov^r Went a sewing cross close rain beat us off
carried 8 bus Pease to Mr Spurway^x

The drifted soil
at the bottom
of a steep field
taken to the top

2 Carried dung in 7 Acres - Drawing forehead
over Brockhole

Woodcock.

3 John here we went a shooting John killed
a ^xCock up in Baldash Coppice.

How?

mother

4 Went to seek for a bird wounded yesterday
could not find it killed a hare up to 3 Gates
To Colyton in afternoon and ^xmagnetized Jack Edwards

^x Mo^r carried the hare to Weston & slept there.

5 According to appointment met Mr May at Mr
Clodes, went hunting rabbits but killed none
late home owing to rain.

6 Very Rainy laid up the East of the Apples.
Sunday. Mrs Clapp here to church.

appointed

Gays Hill

8. Collected the High rents - Mr J Leigh broke
his leg by accident. Dined at Lower House
John ^xpointed to be here but was not. Mr B went with
me a shooting. Far: Payton dined here & settled
his rent &c. Housed clover at ^xG. H.

1790
Nov.

30

Cousin

10

Uncle and Cous: William came here this ev 9.

we went to Beer. Mrs B Miss B Mary & Cous: being there

11

John came here we went a shooting and killed nothing but a tom tit all day. Uncle & Cous:

went home in afternoon *Mo^r to Colyton —

Mother

Tail Corn

12

Weighed the Ruids & sent them to Mr Annley Musbury 10 Cwt —

Ruids

Mr Bartlett had 13^{bu} of seed wheat.

13

Mr Bartlett to Hon: Markett cut part of the clover in sharpstones. Mr S sent John to enquire after Mr Leigh !!!!!!!

Sunday To church in afternoon.

15

Cut remaining pt of sharpstone clover.

16

Shot 2 pigeons.

17

Mr B to Weston with me & paid the rent of Higher Watercombe.

18

19

Killed 3 pigeons & dog caught a partridge to a shot. John came down by app^{tnt} and went with me to take acct of Farmer Somers stock & goods at Hole.

1790.
Novr.
Honiton Market 20.

Went to Weston & from thence to ^xHon. Mar.
was to have bot a round: beef but could not send
it home

Sunday. Dressed for Church but Rain prevented.

22 Mr Rolle out a Hunt^g.

23 John Gill here to work about parting the stable

Jan for Wimmering 24

I Gill preparing things for y^e ^xVan.

At Weston & took Mr S commands. to Exeter
to pay his fine &c.

25 By App^t with Mr Bartlett. Mr N. Mr Weekes
& me was to be at Rowsdown hunting rabbits
this day but very rainy weather disappoints.

Leighs

26 Called at Mr ^xL^s in way to Exeter. Mrs L. paid
me Headrents - overtook Mr L. at Stoford water
gave notice for 237 £ on Mr Stuckeys note
at the Bank did not pay the fine. from
Exeter to Bickleigh.

Honiton

Drunk[?]

27 Left Bickley after dinner & back to ^xHon.

Market & home & N D/ibid / A Brown

Sunday At Weston. Dined there to Ch^h in Afternoon.

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Dec

7 Lew^d Fetches in Brockhole.

8 Mr B and me met John at Berry to go a shooting killed 2 brace birds and a hare

11 To Hon: Mart^t bot shot belt for 3^d.

Sunday To Weston in forenoon - John & me to Beer Chappel in Even^g -

13 Raining

14 To Beer & recd 5 L g: M^r Legacy.

Antique sale

15 *Survey to Hole Bot Hayrick - Cow. & several things for Mr Stuckey and oat mow & for self

16 Raining Mr Cox of Seaton here for a summons.

17 - At Hole in Evening but sold nothing

18 Mr Hill brought me a pr of shoes

Benoni went to Bickley after Mary.

Sunday To Church in Atnoon put up a notice abt poor people keeping dogs.

20 At Weston & paid Mr Stuckey the money I had rec^d last Wednesday.

Mary came home from Bickley.

Turned off Peter Board & gave him notice

17⁹⁰ Dec^r.

34

20 This day week to quit Woodhead House - in consequence of his having received hares caught by young Jas Gush.

21 Har. Somers came here this morn^g Agreed for the wheat mow - Pease - Hay & ~~straw~~ ^{straw} at £18. gave 20⁰ earw^t

earw^t

22 Took in the wheat mow at Hole.

Set

23 Sat it out to Henry Perry to thrashing at 3^d a reed sheaf. Went to Hon: Mar: Bot coat & waistc^t

reed - straw pref^d
for thatching - 26⁰
in weight.

24 Mr B & me went a shooting with John ~~Mr A little of spirit~~ ^{illible} Rich^d Deane here when we came home tired to have me go to Weston, about Harmer Somers - I did - singers came there.

Christmas day Went to Church - Sunday - At home all day.

27 Mr B & me went a shooting ag^t John to kill a Brace more than he we lost - Bottle Spirit.

1790.
Dec.

28. Sold Blackbird Horse to Batten of Sidbury
for 5⁰ Guin⁰

29. Saw Somers here to know abt his affairs

30. Ja⁰ Batten fetch⁰ the Horse.

31

1791 January

1 At Hon: Market - Rec^d 5 Guin⁰ of Mrs Triggs
for towⁿ Barley drawn one day last week.

rising
reflected
adventure
cousin
Nicholas
Sunday Indisposed ow⁰ to a^xris⁰ in my arm
x⁰refl⁰ on Yest⁰ adv⁰ with St B when lost Betsey's
hatband how^r got Benoni & Cous Nick⁰ to
get up by time⁴ in the morning & go with me to
find it - under pretence of seeing the Duke
of Cumberland pas⁰ who really had been
Dead some months.

3

4 Dowell & me tried up Northⁿ Edge & found
several? usual brace of coekes killed none -

Mother

5 Mo^r at Weston I rode over to Mr Putts -

6

John came here, he, me & Cous Nick. went to Bickley

Cousin

1791 Jan

36

7 From Bickley John & me went to Exeter^x Cous
Betsey & William with us. John bot a gun
price 48^s returned to Bickley

8 Intended to go home but did not.

Sunday Appointed but was not suffer^d to sett off
early, came away after dinner.

10 Winnow^d the last of Wheat at Hole

11 At Weston settled with Mr L for the things
at Hole p^d & accounted for 18[£]. from thence to
Ottery Market sold Hole wheat to Mr Sanders

Nipton St Johns

^x Tippen mills at 5/10^d 31 Bushells. therefrom to
Honiton at Mr Leptons for Coat & Waistcoat
p^d ^x mak^s 8/6. first cost was £2. 11. 0. —

for making

12 Farmer Manley here to look over Hole wh:
detained me going to Weston soon enough
for dinner was at Weston late in evening &
dined with John

mother

13 ^x Mo^r Mr B & Mary could not come home on acct
of weather att home all day.

14 Spoke to Betsey Fowler ab^t her Husband's sister.

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Jan

14

Abel Brown abt. Colt - Deliv^d reed at Hole
Farmer Somers acct comes short by 21 sheaves
besides a $\frac{1}{4}$ h^d which I was to have.

25 sheaves

Winnow^d Barley to Woodhouse

Lipton

Draw^d wheat to ^lx Lipton Mills.

15

Draw^d 8 y^l barley to Mrs Triggs which makes
with the last 160. Settled with her for the whole
 $2\frac{1}{11}$ almost. Bot breeches price 4 16/6

Bot 3 Gall wine & 4 bott^s 19^s

Sunday. Sent Will Hoyt to Houghton for a hat for
Benoni negligently left there yester^d & likew^d
some Beef.

17

Look in the Oat mow at Woodhead.

18

Very hard gale of wind. Mr & Mrs B went to
Rowdown to Christening. John Gills wife died
this forenoon.

19

20

Look in the pease at Hole

21

Carried the little mow of wheat in Quarry to Woodhouse
meas^d Chamb^l hedge ag^t p^r moor Orchard $3\frac{1}{2}$ rope
126 Haggs wood draw^d to Rich^d Deans

24th 20th.

17⁹¹ Jan^r

22 Rainy and stormy.

Sunday At Weston John came away with me before dinner. to W. Hoyle's Chris^s stay^d up all night.

24. Malum puer 18^o ~~id~~ placed Isthace cum ita sint tanto magis te Advigilare oportet S & W.

25 At Ottery Market borrowed 4 Guineas of Mr Underdown in order to Rece^d for wheat 9^l of Sanders therefrom to Honiton bot a Bureau at late Mr Stockers survey 2 Guin^r duty 16¹/₂

to a Devonian my for at

26 Dined^x to Lower House with Mr Newby^r & ~~W~~

cousins

27 Rockhne, Edge, Bickham & Lower House to ask their ^xcomin^s to dine to morrow.

28 The long impending trial of Shooting for goose took place when John lost by odds - 1 odd 1.

others

Mr Hook, Far Newton Ham Monday Brown John Bartlett & ^xors dined here.

Mr Hook did not settle his lime bill that's no wonder.

179¹ Jan
cut.

29 Begun to eat park turnips in same field.
Sunday. Went to go to church but was too late
Dowell to have the riches at Hole y hund for y^s.

31 Sat out hedges round Cross close to St Perry
at 5^o for hope.

20/11.

1 Feb^r To Ottery rec^d Mr Yel^{ms} Lime money.

2 Candlemas day. begun to plow Hangman stone
close for summer fallow.

3 Froit Mr B and me went to try for a Cock
he shot at a few Rabb^t at Coldridges Coppice
missed it & was in a sad taking.

4 John came down late after I was gone a
shooting. We killed a brace of hares and a
and a lease [²leash = 3] of Cocks at N^h Edge.
frosty wea^r Mr Tho Newbery here to ask us
over to Crabbin.

Northern

Faumer

5 Mr B to Houton went to Fox Mills at
Buckerell in his way no cash.
Yesterday Killed a Lamb that was taken bad.

179th Feb^{ry}

- 6 Sunday. To church in morning John here & dined went to Beer Chappell in afternoon & back to Bovey with Mr. W.
- 7 Far Clarke sew^d 3 Cor: field at Bridge to wheat Mr B had man & 3 horses here
- 8 At Crabbie to dinner. Engaged to dine at Bovey tomorrow week. Mrs Collier brot to bed.
- 9 Measur^d the hedge ag^t Hole wheat field 30 rope at 6^d 1¹/₄ of wood. do of miche 100 Gads settled accounts with W Hoyle paid him 3. 2. 1¹/₂
- 10 Throw^d 2 elms in Little Kiln field. Mary came home from Crabbie Far Monday brot over some Turnips for seed.
- 11 Wrote a letter to Stirminster for R^d Abbott draw^d home an elm from Woodhouse paining. ^{Poll} Mo^r to Lidmouth to settle with Mrs B.
- 12 Shot a ^xPar^s Ab^m Lydenham had a special ^xwarr^t to apprehend his eloped wife. W. Hoyle to ^xHon: Mar to buy pigs. Men finished their job at Quarry W.H. bot Pig price 26^s.

Mother

Partridge
Warrant
Horiton

17⁹¹ Feb
E. P. Bartlett [13]

14 Sunday. Rainy no Prayer ^x E & B went to Sidbury
Sent Perman to Sidmo: ¹⁶ to collect line money
went in after with Mr B to Colyton to Mr J:
Farmers survey. Mr Anning bot an old mare
I bot it again of him but was off again.
Stayed late - at Bridles.

15 By aptmt yest^{dy} breakfasted with Mr Anning
at Musbury in order to see a mare he had to sell.
Windbroke 13 yr old at spring. Bot it at 2.14.0.
if not in foal (Dren et mon droitt) he says it went to
Mr Gills horse abt Midsommer last.

16 At Bovey to Din^r John Mr R. B. & I knew ^{very} there sold
Mr B: two barren cows at nine guineas
Pink & white face.

grass land
new broken

17 Began to break Horse close for ^x hay oats.

18 Sat off for Southmotton great Markett.
Mr Anning & Lockes overtook me

19 Bot a heifer of a Coblér 4.7.6

ditto - - a farmer 3.15.0.

Mr Anning & I exchanged a heifer I had bot.

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Feb 4

19 for him - for one he had bot. which was with calf-
5.12.6. They drove to Liverton same evening

I slept at S Motton.

Sunday. Went from S Motton to Barnstable in
company with a Mr Iles Timber Merchant
break^d there & went to Biddeford.

dined with Cap Ley & settled the last years arrears.
went to Cap Williams & engaged with him for a
cargo of Culm at 9/6. Left Biddeford that
afternoon and slept at the Kings Arms
Chumleigh.

21 At Chumleigh bot 4 heifers of a farmer Melhuish
price 25.9.0. also a 2 year old small mare
colt capital thoroughbred price £6.11.0.

Bot of Madam Rogers at Crawleigh a heifer
price 6.14.0. Bot of Wm Stoleman there a

heifer (red) 4.17.6. This to be deliver^d at the
Valiant sol^r Exeter next Friday week at 8 morning
slept at Exeter Val: Soldier.

22. From Exeter to Ottery Market & dined therefrom

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Feb

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- 22 to Mr Weekes who had drove home my 3
Heifers from I Mottou.
drove them home with me by way of Harcombe
Mr Glode engages to dine with me tomorrow
week if possible - Mr B + Benoni turned
the two cows to Rows down.
- 23 Rain! Mor^g.
- 24 R Perman with me collecting Lime money
dined with Max Satter slept at farmer
Bovetts.
- 25 Dined with Mr Pynsent & home in Even^g.
- 26 At Weston & therefrom to Hon^r Market. Bot
36th beef and 15th mutton at 4^d - 14^d
Tobacco 9^d & pipes & Lemons 1. 6
- Sunday Mr B and me went to Sibburey dined with
Mr Gale & to church in afternoon.
- 28 Rode to seaton in afternoon by Mr Stuckeys
desire to rec^d money of Mr Cox but he was
from home.

17th March

44

- 1 Finished plowing Home close
- 2 Dined here Misses Weekes, Hodge, Gale
Westcott, Shewbery & Mr Bartlett.
- 3 Meas^d wheat field hedge at Hole 37¹/₂ ^x fms
Mr Bartlett settled acct with me.
- 4 Sat off for Exeter betⁿ 2 & 3 morn
Bullocks & Colt not there till nine.
Bot 3 pr Buckles 6^s 4^s 4^s = 14^s.
- 5 Sent Advert to Sherborne abt Hole &
Bot for Mr L 35th beef 11/6 Veal 11^s ^{£ 5^s 3^s 2^s 1^s} ~~11^s~~ = 3 2^s 1^s
and a Hay Knife 2/6. Bot a shovel for ourselves 2/10
- Sunday To church in morn^g intended to go to
Aftⁿ but was too late. took a walk at Berrycliff
Drank tea at Lower House Mr Oliver &
Lawley came in.
- 7 Mr B and self went to see a Yoke of Steers
at Mr Goodlands did not deal for y^e
I bought a 4 y^r old heifer of Mr Good^d Land
at £5.17.6. are to settle for it at Aftⁿ fair
Drank tea Down to Aumt^s & several of us

them

Goodland

1791 March

8

To Mr Leighs Lythe Feast paid him nine guineas
John & Dorell out shooting & killed 3 woodcocks
& a hare.

9

Went to Weston with John Violet of Seaton
concerning his Apprentice.

10

At Weston in order to meet Mr John Symmons
of Coombe St Nicholas - about taking Hole &
Ashton, he not come - took a ride & fell in
with Sidbury hounds near Sweetcombe --
returned to Weston to dine farmer Symmons
then come and took Hole, Ashton & Landwey
at 100 Pounds pr Yr for seven years.

Mr L to give him the hayrick ~~on~~ in Stichen
into the bargain - the 7 Acres of wheat to
be valued to Symmons & paid for accordingly
Hunting feast at Balls' I left Weston at
10 in Evening & directed my course there
Sam Newbery came home along with me -
abt Two -

11

Cherry Cow at Woodhouse Calved. (Calped.)

12

- - - -

17⁹ March

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[13] Sunday. To church in afternoon. Miss Bartlett
sister B: John & me to Beer in even^g.

14 John & me & Mr Hayman out shooting
Killed 1 hare no cocks but found 2 or 3 at.
Youcombe Bottom. Mr B dined here with us.

15 Mr B his sister and me went to Lolyton
he was going to Uplime survey - she to
auction Rowsdown - I looked at Warmingtons
horses - did not like them.

16 Lolyford fair, sold one barren cow out of five
to Mr Reed 6^l 3^s 3^d which heifer cost me
£5.17.5 to Mr Goodland - therefrom to
Jarvois's survey Beer. Dined at New Inn
Mr Olivierre came home & slept with me.

17 Mr Oliv^r & me sat off for Exeter to the
Assizes abt 7 morn - put up & slept at
Valiant Soldier. Went to playhouse in evening

18. Soon after dinner we sat off for Bickleigh -
Mr Underdown with us Coa^r Betsy & Mary
are to be sent for Saturday in Easter week to come
to Branscombe

17⁹¹ March

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19 After dinner left Bickley stor² at Honiton
a little while and each to his respective home.

Sunday At home all day.

21 A Mr Jeffery an Exciseman in Taunton came
here abt Hole Estate but tis lett already.

He ate & drank here

22

23

24 Served Horse close to Oats.

25. Turned the boats upside down in order to repair them
They have stood on their bottoms all this winter.

Mr Bartlett bo^t Whiterump's calf of W. Hoyle
a fortnight old at 18^s bull calf.

mineas 26 At Honiton Market. I'm holder of 2 $\overset{x}{q}^o$
A Wager between May & Sirpin abt a calf.

deducting Sold Mr Gelverton 4 reifers at 26 guin^s $\overset{x}{ded.}$
A Crown to Luck. [delivered 2]

To be delivered next Thursday at the
Blue Ball Sidford.

1791 March

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medicine
administered
from a small
horn

[27] Sunday. Paid John Gill his bill. Drenched the 2
young horses. To Church in afternoon.

Gittisham

28 At Weston Mr L. paid me for Beef & ^{veal} got last
Saturday. To Sidford sold Pester a score of Wheat
6/2. To Gittisham dined with Mr May who went
with me to Weston to see a mare in foal of Mrs
Clapp's, but did not like it. Agreed with May
for a Hog² of prime cyder price 2⁶. 12. 6⁰
It is in a wine cask the 3rd in from y^e door.

Hogs heat about
54 gallons.

29 Promised Mr Ollivier who was here last night
when I returned - to dine with him to day, at
New Inn Beer, which I of course did. he went
in the John & Grace same evening for Alderney.

ordered 30

People warned out to repair the water course
at Branscombe mouth. I gave them a barrell
of Cyder & was with them all day. Sold far Macer
5^{lvs} seed barley at 3/6⁰ (rec^d)

31 Dined with Mr Weekes - by appmt last Saturday
who had a Hunting Feast. Killed one hare &
started again. Mr Bartlett Rowsdown came

drunk. 31

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March

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home with me and was ^xD
Drove the 4 heifers with me to Blue Ball
for Mr Yelverton.

1 April Went to Elverwas to speak with
Mr John Leigh - concerning Reference he
says he will go to Weston soon.

2 Waited on Mr S as he desired abt ten in order
to go with him to ^xSidmo: to meet Mr Rows.

Sidmouth

concerning Mr Williams' bill in our suit
owing to a vague kind of proceeding. I went
without the sine qua non, obliged to borrow

Mothers

Two ^{five} Guinea Notes from Mr S. & paid ^xMr^s
proportion of the Bill 11^l 2^s 3^d. Mr S took
receipt of the whole which was 51^l 17^s 2^d.

I witnessed it & ever shall ~~from~~ Mr Rows did ^{ask} ~~order~~
me to accept of anything for dinner which I did
& immediately after rode to Honiton where
Mr Yelverton was to have paid me for 4^c
bullocks but did not see him. Bot a pair of Cor-
duroy breeches price 16^s 9^d Left with Mr Sexton to be made.

1991 April

30

[3] Sunday. Mother to Weston & paid Mr L. 10 guineas which I had of him yestdy.

To church in afternoon oh Gripus Gripus
Cut the devil into guineas & thou wilt
smile upon him.

4 Mother taken ill in her head & face.

auction 5 Mr B & me to a ^x survey at Leahill - a rainy day
a clandestine survey we bot nothing.

6 Mr John Leigh called here & told me he was
at Weston Monday last - 1/6. I understand
by him they mean to propose Mr Hogg of
Exeter as referee in their cause.

7 Took in little black colt. to house in order
to have her kicked - Monday next.

trefoil 8 At Far Butters. bot 6 ^{lbs} ever [leaver] & Trify seed
at 3^d - to Weston supped there on Oysters.

dividing Mr L doth not approve of a suggestion made by
John Leigh conc^d ^x parcelling the Estate for a
year but says it will be a good method to fence
the out bounds immediately.

17th April

57

9. To Hon: Market bot meat for Mr L &
A Hat for Harry Abbot 5/- - - -

Sunday. Mother has continued ill all this week -
but is now something better. John dined
here & we are now going for a walk -

11. Far Payton cut our lambs & colt as likewise
Mr Bartlett. Mr Westcote Nicked the little
black colt. changed a lamb with Mr B.

Nicking is cutting
a cord in the tail
to prevent it being
pulled in too tightly

12. Ottery fair. our Lime dinner at the London
Tavern. Sold two barren heifers (west country)
to Mr Reed for ten guineas 1st to luck.

13.

14. Mr Westcote rode up to see the colt
we went together to late Mr Tratts Survey Luppitt

auction

15. Mr Bartlett and me round collecting the taxes.

16. At Hon: Marl. Bot cheese for ourselves to
have bridle & next week. of Clarke for Mr S.
Sunday To church in afternoon & to Blowerway
in evening at Mr L^d request.

179¹ April

52

18 Breakfasted with R Underdown & we went to Mr Frosts survey Kentisbeer he bot a yoke of 3 yr steers 12.13.0. I bot a 2 year heifer at 3 guineas drove them home before us to Marl pits Gate. W Dowell tarred the Culm boats & corked [caulked] them.

19.

20 Mr Westcotte here by appointment & Mr B. we kept up late. Mr W carried home a game cock of ours to fight next Monday. Went to Weston in forenoon but did not settle with Mr S what I have laid out &.

21 Drowed out 30 ewes in order to put off & weaned their lambs.

22 At Elverway to talk with J Leigh abt Referees & Umpire &.

23 At Weston in Morn 3 & therefrom to Hon: markett carried there & sold 10^{bu} barley to Mr Thomas 3/ per Bot 6^{bu} seed of Far Borth 14^s Exchanged. a hackney saddle with Clarke paid him I dont know what to boot.

as well

17⁹¹ April

53

[24] Sunday. Bot a cow & calf of Roger Mayn.
price seven pounds 15s. and a pyebald horse
price 6 guineas.

To Church in afternoon.

25. Took in one of the Wheat mows in Park. much
hurt by mice & rats. Parish Meeting Counsell^r
Sampson there who says he will certainly appeal to the accounts

26 At Ottery. Paid the taxes obliged to stay late on
account of the rain.

27 Sewed the stubbs to barley plow^d down under furrows

Sidmouth 28 At Weston Mr S was walked out to Sidmo^r: to
Col Grenfield, & Mrs Jenkins. back to Weston
& settled with Mr S - everything home to this day
wrote to Mr Williams.

to fetch
Cousins 29 Benoni went to Bickley after Cous
Betsey & Mary -

30. At Hon: Market p^d Mr Underdown 3 guineas
w^h I borrow^d of him - Mr & Mrs B & Mary
there, we and Cousins [B and Mary] came
home together therefrom.

179¹ May.

Sunday. To church in forenoon with cousins
Mr Henry Kingman officiated. Sent to Hon:
for a Violin brot there yesterday from Exeter
price 2 Guin? Mr Underdown came here
after dinner. To church with him in afternoon

2 Cousins with us to Colyton Fair drank
tea to Mr Spurways.

3 Cousins with Mary & me to Ottery drank
tea at London Tavern.

inner 4 Sowed Barley in Gayhill Inn^x 3 acres

5 Cousins to sea with Mary & me
Back to Lowerhouse to dinner

cargo of Culm 6 Discharged Cap Williams^x who came to anchor
last night, but we did not know it. A very
good time. When to sea yesterday boarded
a sloop loaded with culm offered him 10^o
he would not sell under 10/3.

notice of
discharge of goods

Sent R Clarke to Exeter with Cockett & Co.
Fired the Little Kiln

To Honiton Market by way of Sidmouth.

17th May

55

Sunday To church in afternoon and to
Beer Chappel in even^s with cousins.

9 To Sidmouth & Farway. back by 12. When
cousins were ready to get mounted to go home

10 Rode to Awliscombe to see a horse for Mr S-
it would not do. therefrom Back [erel] & to Ottery
Had Maas Cyder.

11 Far Newton here settled accts.

12 At Folyton bot a stamp for binding
Somers boy to Rich^d Dean.

Far Newton sold his stallion to Will
Warmington for 32 Guⁿ 1/2 crown p^d in earnest.

church 13 Parish meeting to receive the Chh Wardens Act.

14 Drove a cow & calf to Hon Markett. Mr Guppy bot it
going in price 7 9^s cost me at S Motton 5.12.6

Bot a pig at a Guinea & half it is a dear pig-

Sunday - 7 16 - 17 [blank]

wood h^{ed}. 18 Took in the other mow in park carr^d to Wosh^x
To Weston in evening.

19 Lessons to Beer at Horkins's. Mr Tucker there. fees.
2.2.0 each clear ÷ betw 3. Fired Great Wilw.

179¹ May

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dinner

20 To Beer in forenoon back to ^xdinst & to Bloorway
in evening drank tea there.

21. To Weston on way to Houghton. Dined with
Mr Gidley & took items of Award Bonds & L.
Sunday. To Ch^h in forenoon & afternoon.

To Weston in evening - am to go to Elverway
tomorrow about the Aw^d Bonds.

23 At Blue Ball Sidford in morning my mare
took M Sampsons horse first time.

evening

Paid 2/6 to the man. To Bloorway in ^xev^g
after w^d to Landw^t shooting rooks.

24 Fetch^d 14 bus of oats of Mr Leigh had in lieu
of a years high rent one q^r more due last Mich^x
Mary & me drank tea at Hole with Miss Sym... o.

michaelmas

This entry after
the next

conditions

them

25. Cous William came here this evening
At Weston & shew^d Mr L the ^xCond^o of aw^d bonds
after Mr L^o had seen & assented to ^xy^m

26 Cous Will: Benoni & me went to tea with Dowell

27 Cous W: went home Benoni & him rode to
Crabbins in the morning.

17th 21st May

market.

28 To Hon: Mr John there & bot⁵⁷ for breeches
called on Mr Gidley & had bonds of Award
Sunday. To Ch^l twice Mr I there in afternoon

brother

30 Shew^d Mr J Leigh the Aw^d bonds & desired him
to fix 2 days to fill up y^e blanks, but he said
he cou'd not & that his Bro^r would not sign them
before he had been to Exeter & acquainted Mr
Williams of his having agreed to refer the
cause & then to have his bill.

Therefrom to Weston. Mr I perused the bonds
and told me that ~~Mr~~^{Mr} Leigh sh^d see them.

I thro^t to have met him at Berry but enquired
and found he was gone home.

31. Look in the wheat now in Back door Orchard
To Ottery Mark^t dined at Lou: Tav: therefrom
to Sidmouth Mr H^y with me and Wellsman
home by 10 o'clock.

London Tavern

discharged June 1. Cap Harvey came & we disch^d him I rose
ab^t 3 Mor^g & got a boat & helped down Capt
Harvey who was becalmed off Weston Mouth.

179¹ June

58.

another

1 Cap^t Jones was with him & dined both at our house
In Afternoon to Colyton & was sworn Collector
of Taxes &c. Back & p^d men & got down to beach
and agreed with Harvey for "ano" (argo of
Hook Culm at 10¹/₆ - he must have for this
the same as Mr Leigh gives. Rode up to
Weston Mount & gave Mr Leigh one of the bonds
he will app^t with Mr Hogg and inform me.

2 Newton Fair Rec^d there abt 25[£] I'm paid
me 1¹/₂ guinⁱ due for horse (att^d but not eff^d) sh¹

3 Washed sheep 3 ♂ ewes 20 weth^o & a Ram -
Mr Thos Newbury came here by Appt & Benoni
went with him to Exeter & therefrom to go to
Bickley. Rose Mare foaled got by Far:
Newton Horse. Brown heifer calf^d which
W. Hoyle has in dairy.

Customs

4 Benoni returned from Bickley he did
business at Cist house & they extorted 4/- from him
Sunday. Bathed in sea for first time this season
To Beer Chappel in Ev^g.

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June

6 John & me went in Dorells boat to Otterton shooting of 40⁹ sea fowl. Went up to Otterton to buy shot & called on "Cous" who with a miss Carter went with us round Otter Point & landed at Ladram.

Mr Bartlett sheered sheep.

7 Sheered sheep (59)

8 Mr Bartlett to Appledore & settled for Lime Rust &c.

9 - Cap Dunsford came to Beer. Drank with him and Cawley at New Inn

10 At Weston Mr W Hodge there -

11 Rec^d a Note from Mr Leigh abt signing aw^d Bonds. To Weston & therefrom to Hon: Mart, Could not find Cap Perham so left a note to acquaint him of Mr Hogg's appointment to meet him.

Sunday wrote a notice to have cry^d at Ottery & sent it by Perry - Lime at 2/3 [^{*}per hoggshead] To Church in afternoon. Diamond Mare foaled Rose mare took ⁵ Newtons horse.

13 Mo^r went with me to Weston & therefrom

Cousins
Otterton

Let 5 ewts.

Mother

1791
June
[Continued]
Execution 13

I went to Slade & witnessed the ^xExecⁿ
of An^d Bonds by all the parties.

Went to a few Places Assess^d Loundons but
Bartlett got intoxicated & so I left him
A Cap Harris came here from Exmouth to sell
his cargo of Culm. He & another slept here

14 Agreed this Morn^g for Harris's Culm at 9/9
Mowed Bridge meadow.

mouth 15 Tho: & self went down launched boat & got
on board Harris off Weston M^o.
Discharged him Mr Hurley fell into sea &
wetted his back with sea water. His Belly
was wet before with Gin grog.

another 16 Measured Harris Cargo 40 qrs & odd bus.
Sent Clarke to Exeter - Paid Cap Harris
in full & agreed with him for ano^r cargo
to give the same if he brings very good Culm.

17 At Weston abt draw^s statement of Case & 6
for Cap: Perham.

18 To Hon: Mart: appoint with Mr Courtenay Gidley
to be at Sidmouth Wednesday next his father not being
able to attend.

179th June

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Sunday. At Weston in Morn^g from Thence to

cancel appoint.

Cap Berham to disapt^x his com¹ to Weston as intended Tuesd^x eve - Dined there -

Farmers.

^xFar^r Newton & Ham here in Even^g abt their evidence

✓ 20. At Weston all day abt arrang^g evidence of

21 At Ottery fair Mary & Aunt there when came back Cap: Row was here. Jones had bo^t him for us at Torbay.

22 Discharged Cap Row in part could not finish it having imprudently filled ^{one} of the boats & damaged it. Being the ^xReference at Sidmo¹ - I was obliged to attend & could not be at home All parties were there long before the witnesses, they having taken a boat & obliged to row ag^t wind & weather which was funny enow [gh] Mr I went home abt 10 at night. I slept there, as Martha Newton had rode home my horse.

Referee

23 Rose at 4 & walked home from Sidmouth Breakfasted went down to Beach & off again for Sidmo¹: finished Exam^x before dinner.

Sidmouth
Examination

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June

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Branscombe 23

after dinner I rode to ^xBranscombe for Martha [Newton]
& sometime abt 10 broke up & she rode home
again behind me. finished Cap Row having
borrowed one of Mr Leighs boats.

24

Ricked the hay in Bridge meadow.

25

Ricked woodhouse meadow Bot W Hoys' six
sheep at £4.4.0. ^xHook' benef^d of his.

inserted
Horsknell
benefactor of his

Sunday. To Church in forenoon

Benoni

John, self & Ben: went on board Harvey.

27

Discharged Cap Harvey oblig^d to go to Weston &
elsewhere early in Morn^g to get men they being
gone to Cawleys.

28

To Ottery & rec^d Elias Carters Money to Estcott
Mr Banks - no cash. ^xMo^r had 20/- Mr L-

mother.

29

To Mr Tho Newberys early & rec^d rent to Lady day last
Settled with Cap - Harvey in full for the 2 carfoes
& agreed for a third of Hook culm again at
10^s 6^d having the 1st at 10^s only.

30

Mr Bartlett finished sheering sheep Will:
Bampf/ield came here from Rick^y & slept at our house

Rickleigh

1791
July

Summer

1 W. B. went away to go home his horse being at Far. Payton's.

2 Mr & me to Weston fresh B took up. by Intt allowed to Midsummer cash 37.10. Cash 6.2.10.

Autumn

2 July finished sheep shear & shear¹⁴³ 163. Rec'd a letter from C & Gidley. & wrote Mr S that evening by John. Sunday. To Honiton Mr Gidley's breakf^d there & back to Weston. home to dinner.

defendants
possession

4 Sat off for Eliz Churchill in order to examine her to what she could say conce^rs def^t taking "pos^s" of Hooknell, when there she was or pre-
tended to be totally ignorant & would not speak to one transaction thro' a servant and present at the time. In my way stoped & baited at George Inn Chard & spoke to Michell abt his ^{chaise} ~~claim~~ H in order to have taken down this patty wench of a woman. I was to blame to let any person know what I was upon. after seeing her who lives near Castle Ratch - back & Dined at Michell's sat off for Honiton & in/m^d

Chaise to have
taken the woman
back wth him

1791

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4 July Mr Gidley of the event - conclude she has been tamper^d with there^m to Weston & told Mr S. then home.

immediately
dependants

5 By Mr S. desire last night went this morn^g to Cap Perham to have him go to Mr Hogg & appt the meeting^x inmdth as tis plain they^x def^{ts} are endeavor^g to run out the Aw^d. Bonds - & so invalidate the whole. B^{abt} I will go to-morrow & endeavor to do it effectually.. home again by 10 morn^g. Measur^d Cap Rows cargo in part.

daughter

6 Mr May & Peggy his dau^t came here, went with him to Seaton back to dinner, after dinner walked down to Hoskins's Paid Mr May for 3 British Tontine shares.

with him

7 May & me took a stroll down to beach could not go to sea as the boat was gone out. Rain came on in even^g again when green clove & sharpstone & 2 path meadows were nearly dry & fit to rick. Cap Row came here from Lyme & settled^x for his cargo. Must inclose the return

179¹ July

daughter
sister

7 to Tenby. Sewed abt 1/2 of Castle close Turnips --
8 Mr May & d^r went home after Brekft - went
to sea & had tolerable Spt on W: D: head.

Sidmouth

9 To Honiton Mar^t Drank tea at Mr Gidley's
Cap Perham told me he has appointed with
Mr. H: to meet him at Sidm^o next Monday
at 11 & calls on me to view it in his way down.

Sunday. Raining most of the day & I think our hay
is now entirely spoiled 16 ac^o. To church in
forenoon - meant to go to Weston in Eo^s
but hard rain prevented.

appointment 11

Cap^t Perham came to me by aptmt^x & we went
to view Hooknell called to Mr Stuckey & from
thence to Sidm^o to meet Mr Hogg & finally
settle the arbitration or to choose an Umpire
none of the parties there but W: Leigh. nothing
at all done & any person may see their
intention - home abt 11.

12 Waited on Mr S. in way to Sidmouth.
what cou^d be more preposterous than for.

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12. Mr Hogg to propose Dr Kestell as umpire & even to persist in nominat^g him or no one this is the case. Is not this partiality.

Courtney

Hogg

Leigh

Edgidley. Perham & me back to Weston & dined with Mr L - Mr H gone home & of course the bonds will expire. I said to Mr L last night going home that 'twas my opinion noth^g would now be done & I believed things would again advert ~~to~~ into their old channell. he said very like it might he did not care if they did. plain enough to me that this scheme had been concocted betw them^x befr.

x between

before

13 Ricked the green Close & sharpston' & 2 ac^{pa} m^{hath meadows}
Cap Harris came shod the little Chumley's orrell

weston mouth 14.

Discharged Cap Harris went up to wes: Tho[uth] with Mr Leighs boat - settled with Harris in full took & this cargo in same measure as the East.

15 Mowed pt of Woodhead mead^g - Sew^d prem^g pt of Castle close - Turnips.

149¹ July
16.

Courtenay

To Weston & from thence to Hou: Mar.
Dined at C^x Gidley's who suggested writ^g to
Mr Hogg if approved of. We all imagined
the submission to be at an end as no Umpire
was chosen before the 13th - but it is not & an umpire
may be chosen at any time before the 3rd of August
Old Mr G says the recommend given & signed
by referees is a most vague thing is no
justification for me to act after 3rd Aug^t at most.
& ought not to be followed. W Hoy & draw^d 22^{bu}
wheat to Sam Westcott he must have 28 more
at 6/1¹/₂

impressed
by
Press gang

Sunday. Had home the 2 calves from woodhouse -
To church in afternoon. Mr L. there & ordered
relief to J Searle's family who is surprised
which I think ought not to have been done
it belongs to Beer Parish to relieve them
having property & residence there.

Letter to
Mr Hogg.

18 At Weston Mr L highly disapproves send^g
L^r to Mr H. but I fear from a wrong principle

Examined
Susan
Bampfild

179 July
18

Exp^d Lu: Hoyle & Grace Bampf^d conc^d Cath Collier
& made statement of case in order to lay before
counsel.

Not a cut, 9th

19

Carried all the bark ripped this season to
Beer not Hund^d & qu^r — price 5th rec^d.

20

Hon: Fair. drove 20 wethers but cou^d not sell
wanted to very much. Sheep & cattle sold very dead.
Mother & Benoni, there. Went therefrom to Exeter
& consulted Couns^r Hawtrey who lives in
Bedford row, his opinion is that Cath Collier's
Bast^d will be settled in our Parish as we can
prove nothg ag^t Stockland only by supposⁿ
Slept at Valiant Soldier - gave his serv^t 2/6.

illegitimate child

21

John Hurley came to Valiant] S^{oldier} from
Hon^r. Lu: Hoyle & Grace Bampfild from home
attended all day & did nothing ab^t it.
Did business to Custom House for 3 cargoes
settled with Harris & paid him by mistake 11/-
inst^d of 10/- which he did not think proper
to I suppose to observe so there I gave away

Honiton

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21 a shilling, therefrom to Honiton - stayed
abt 2 hours & - Home.

together
estate

22 Mr S & Robt B. went to Exeter ^{to} in an hired
chaise. Bruckland is a good ^{Est.}

23. To Weston carr^d up some green Pease & went
therefrom to Sidford at Geo Farthings but he was
from home call agⁿ Tuesd^y

At Hole in Ev^g carr^d up Key of barn -

Sunday At Church in afternoon Maria & Jenny
Braddick there & S Westcott & Potter.

25 Measur^d Harris last cargo. J Hoskins died.

26 At Geo Farthings and rec^d his money, back
to Weston. Mr S has been confined to his room
since Sunday but is now able to come down
again. Sent ^{ret^d} H to Row & Williams.

returns

Cross plow

27 Rainy all the night begun to ^{thwart} the
Hangman stone close. Mr Bartlett & me
to Crabbin abt setting Coombpyne ^{Est.}

estate

probably
with T. N.

I think 'tis worth 30^l pr ann he thinks
T: n y 'tis not. In our absence Mrs B.

179¹
July

night
or bottle?

27 brot to bed. there is Loby - home abt 10 at n^t
and Drunk both.

28 Mother to Weston Mr S is got well again

29 Going to Weston met with Mr Leigh.

ppfly. [purposely] said I was glad I happen^d
to see him as I want^d to know if he had rec^d
any letter from Hogg, he answe^d no for Mr S
to expect us to pay anything when he ought
to be ^{an} ~~an~~ for all the pent to us. twas his

accountable

own fault intirely - he'll sooner spend all his
estate than ever be a 1/2^d toward it. He sho^d

mother

have filed a Bill agt Mr S & my Mo^r too
long before now if poor Mr Williams had
lived & shall file a bill agt my Mother abt
that ~~est~~ ^{est} (mean^d Woodh^d) if 'tis but 10/- a year
all why sh^d I give it to her saide he.

estate
Woodhead
in all

Capt Perham he says is not fit for a referee
at all he acted like a fool. I ask^d why not
have chosen an Umpire then - he s^d because
there were things brot upon the carpet.

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July

29 that we know nothing of - Abt taking possession
which you seemed to rely so much upon when
I nor my Bro^r were never near the place
I s^d it was never said nor did I ever hear
they were but that was a matter of no consequence.
Mr S. he said had always acted in an
unjustifiable manner (what right had [he]
to sell my property & lett it or do any thing
with it without my consent.

He sold Wm Braddick Culverhole for 500
when y^r Uncle told me only the th before
that he would give 600 guineas for it. I have
all the transactions at home (said he) from
first to last fairly wrote out. Desired me
to tell Mr S. from him tell him (said he) that
I say so. Let Mr S act with honour, & honesty
I dont desire anything else - I said I
thought Mr S had certainly a right to complain
they had run into 20 or 30 £ expence in referring
the dispute & all for nothing. He said he cared

179 July

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29 noth^g abt it, he did not want it, & he never
wo^d think anything more of it. I said
O sir you are a gentleman & therefore do not
want it, but there are parties belonging to
it that popibly may. He said he believed
it made little difference to my mother.
I said in the manner we had been used
of late she certainly had reason to wish it.
were so. The Devil "used" said he & tittered
out it's Mr Stuckey's fault every bit of it & he

30 The cow bot of. Far Mawn broke into hole
ground yestdy & met with hurt in her side
somehow. Shod the black colt (yo^r Mary)
yesterday - Rode her to day up to Weston
Mouth & carried in the long gun - Benoni
with me killed seven Rabbits at 4 shots
com^g home an Apple tree hanging over
the Cane hedge hurted me very much by
a stiff stick of it running directly into
my left ear, by which I am struck quite

young

179 July

73

30th deaf in it. A similar accdt happened to the same ear years since by which I was then deaf for months afterward but recovered again & hope to now. I Bartlett ought to be indicted for suff^r such nuisance to remain as it is very dangerous to any person ridg that way.

riding

hindered

Sunday Rain^g afterⁿ we^h hind^d me & Robt from going to church.

evidence

of London
proceed
Hooknell

1 Augt. Draw^d out^d evid: & in order to send to Mr Mountfort Lonⁿ. to proc^d in Hook^e affair.

2 At Weston walk^d out on^d ^{clift} with Mr L.

draft

passion &
frightened

apprehend
for I believe

became

Far Symons & son came while I was there & heard the^x drft of lease read / made some object^o!) but there was nothing in it more than he had agr^d to. put Mr L in a confound^d passⁿ & fr^one^d poor Symons sadly. but Symon^d pretended he did not rightl^y ^x apph^d (for I bel^e he did pret^e not to) Mr L soon ^x became placid.

Killed pig bot 14th May 9 score.

17⁹¹ August.

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- 3 Sent 15^{bus} wheat more to Westcott out of the 50.
Vermis did vast mischief at home & at Woodhouse.
Mr B sold 40 wethers to Mr Davis at 18/6 -
Mr B shod his 2 y^r bay colt.
- another 4 At Weston Mor⁹ must make *ano^r copy of
evidence spoke to W Newton abt val⁹ the wheat
at Hole - *int⁹ to do it Sat⁹ morning.
- intend over another 5 For Newton & me looked ov^r wheat at Hole &
think it worth 30£ or upwards. Made *ano^r
copy of our evidence which is to be sent.
- estate 6 I look upon Symons to be patty or else is poor
knows this *est[ate] is too dear & ther⁹ wants
to get off. At Weston in even⁹ & went down
& shot 3 rabbits. Symons s⁹ Newton had not
sent to him wch was wrong.

Sunday. To Ch in afternoon Mr L^y there.

Mr B & me went into sea in Morn⁹ had
of him 5 guineas.

8 Aug^t Met at Hole. John Hook valued the wheat to Symons
in 55/- pr a^c clear, W Newton tho^t it worth 3 £
Sym⁹ would not accept it - — — —

179¹ Aug.

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- 9 At Weston Mr L said he was glad Sym² did not take the wheat yesterday wou^d have me try to sell it to any ^xfar. in Branscombe.
- 10 At Weston no farmer in B inclined to take it - made out some hand-bills conc^d same.
- 11 At Beer in even^g dist^b bills no pur^{ch}ase^r.
- 12 Rode upon beach to Weston mouth foggy w² killed one rabbit saw very few out.
13. At Hon: Market sold 150^{bu} Oats to Mr Barnes Dolphin 2/- to be del^d 1/2 at end of a fortn^t & rem^d 1/2 at end of month. of Mr Stuckeys.
- Sunday To church twice. Mo^r sat in Weston pew with Mrs Lacy owing to Miss Symmons having got into hers. Pr^{ide} Mr^{us} ha^{ve} a fall
- At Weston in evening & told Mr L. I had sold the oats but he said he could not draw ^xym to Honiton but if he does not why I know what I have to do next time. Mr L was so kind as to offer me the wheat at Hole if I tho^t it w^d be any advantage. I thanked him & accepted it.

14th August

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[Sunday] told me I shou^d pay for it when I cou^d without inconvenience. price 19/5⁰ clear to him & the rent must be settled with Sym^d which is accords to J Hooks valuation —

to-at
Abraham

15 W Hoyle reap^d to *Abm Harris' - Pip^r & Clarke cut part of the Fitches in Brockhole 1/2 day.

16 Cut rem^d part of Fitches - Ottery Fair sold 20 two teeth wethers to a far: Geo Tillman at 17/- per head 10 two y^r olds drove home again.

them
willy name of field

17 Cut Horse clove oats & draw^d y^m out in willy today bec[ame] of plow^d field. To Weston in afternoon.

18 Sent two men to Weston reaping.

19 Cut the wheat at Hole some cut yest^{dy} & a little of ^{3^d} & corner field left.

Drove 6 Ewes to Weston put with Rows[down] Ram

20 To Hou: Market home af^r betw 2 & 3
Cut west field wheat.

Sunday. cllor paid John Gill his bill.

22 Went to see Mr Leigh & Sarahim at Berry
Bot Mothers Lythe 9/3^d & Lythe of the Wheat at.

17th Aug.

77

22 H^{ole} 2 guineas tot 11^e. 5^d. Bea

Began to carry home wheat from 3 corner close and old Symons stoped the horses I told him I sho^d pay for stand^g of corn & then we went on with it again.

from

night

Influenza?

23 Carried home wheat^x fm H^{ole} - John went with me to Bickley. Slept there this^x Nt Aunt had in Inflinzi Tufloam. (Tufloam was not insured).

again

Bickleigh return

24 Went from Bickl^y to Exeter. Holiday at C^{ust} house I cou^d not do any business returned^x to Bick^y. Mr L^{'s} injunction to John was to^x get this Ev^g & he sent a note to me positively saying he must, but we did not as I had not done business at C^{'s} house. Returned & slept^d Bickleigh

25 Break^{ft} at Bickley & came away by 4. to Exeter took return from C^{'s} House home to Brans^e by 2 or 3 Rode 2 yr old young Mary these 3 days. which made her tail shake deadly much. The 3rd day of the week cut^x 7 ac w^t mow^g & west^x wheat when I came home.

7 acres wheat.
mowing
west field

1791 August.

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26 Ricked Horse Close Oats.

27 Finished reaping by cutting Cross close - good wheat
and scarce any dressing put there. Mowed 7
acres wheat - Rem: p^t of fetches x stitches
Thatched mows at Woodhouse Hole wheat 230 & 294

12 sheaves
in each

Sunday. Nancy to church pet^d thanks.

29 Cut Lower park barley.

30 Cut Higher park Barley made a mow in Cross
close of wheat there.

31 A Rainy day & stormy.

1 September. At Weston in forenoon Mr [S] will
be at Seaton Tuesday next Sir W^m acted
very ungentle in appt^d Liscum^d day
without informing Mr S. of it who did not
know anything of it till I told him now.
John shooting came here to dinner & had
killed nothing. I went with him after dinner
& we killed 2 hares, 1^x phea: and 1 partridge -
partr^d are scarce. 3 men skinning
the orch^d Woodhouse.

Wilmot²

pheasant

179th Sept^r.

79.

2 Beat off at noon from taking up the Oats in 6 Acres - by rain. 4 Men in afternoon cutting stubs barley.

Cousin

3 At Honiton Mark^t met Uncle & co^r Betsey. there who came home with me in a very hard rain.

Sunday. To Weston & to church in forenoon.

morning

5 Mr Tho Newbery came here in ^xMor^r refused to take Combyne any dearer than 28^l pr Ann parted - Uncle & Cous Betsey went home by way of Ottery. I went to Exeter after ^xLiscens^r.

Licences

Sessions²

6 Sept^r ^xat Violetts seaton. Sir J: W de la Pole, Sr Wilm & Mr Stuckey - acted. Mr Tucker was there but did not take any ^xperquis^{ts}.

perquisites

7 Laid up a small cyder cheese.

Sessions

Abel Brown to Admin^x ^{sec}summond and an order was made to relieve Colliers bastard 1/- weekly ^xfr^m this time. ~~came in yesterday.~~

from

8 Good weather came in yesterday afternoon

9 Ricked the Barley in Lower Park yesterday and Higher Park to day.

17th September

10 Ricked oats 6 acres Woodhead. Honⁿ Market. bot 2 Pigs at 2 £ + 2 pr traces + a russ collar at 7^d

permission

at my request
crossed out.

Sunday To church in afternoon to listen in Even^g. Bartlett had been & had ^{permissi}on to sell Cyder at the fair but Mr L. alter^d his mind^x & order^d me to tell him not to by any means.

12 Ricked barley in stubbs.

13 Cut barley at Gayshill & Inner 3 acres.

14 Discharged Capt Harvey wch is a good cargo of Culm from Hook. Waited on Mr L: who refused to sign L of Atty.

Leigh

Letter of Attorney.

15 Meas^d Capt Harveys cargo 91 qrs - settled with him for culm & paid him for a captain [captain] rope he bot me 19^d/2

16 L: Northcott & me to sea. I caught 7 whiting and 3 gurnads.

17 Brot home Gayshill barley upon the staddle in back door orchard, finished harvest. Mr L^d Stuckey came & paid me for lime.

1791 September

Letters of
attorney
John Leigh

Sunday At Weston & told of the refusal of Leigh to
sign ^xLett of Att^y. Mr S would have ^xL. L.
see it ~~alone~~.

19 Benoni and self went to sea in afternoon.
alone but were cast to the leeward of our port.
fetched in betw. Salcombe & Sidm^o. Sidmouth
^xfair day^x—

^xcrossed out^x

20 Took home the large old mow of Castle close wheat
made up in Quarry unhurt by vermin.
Wellsman came here in consequence of my
^xeng^t with him to sell Hook^e apples but I put
him off & mean to dispose of ^xy^m by private
contract.

engagement
them

Mother

(This will be
Stockholm Tar)

carriage

21 ^xMo^r & Mary took a ride in boat to Lyme with
me where I went for a barrel of ^xTarr but it is
dear price there 18/- ^xcarr^t abt 3/-

22 Dowell his boy & me to sea went a great way
out & brot to. sho^d have caught much
whiting but the toady dogs ate away all our
bait of wch we caught upw^d of 8 score & only
3 doz whiting.

dogfish

1791 Sept^r

82.

23

Our fair day. it is to be hoped we have struck at the root of this nuisance by preventing the sale of Liquor, but they had some confectionary standings at Vicarage. John & me a shooting had tolerable sport Killed 2 brace of hares.

24

Mr Bartlett to Hon. Mark^t with new barley.

Sunday. Went to John Leigh's to shew him the

letters

draft of ^xL^t of Attorney (was there Yest^{dy} but he was then at Slade) he will not sign it.

I suppose bec^{ause} his brother will not,

they object to it as giving me too much power - ^xW: L said your Mo^r has ~~not~~ got one ^xestate

William Leigh
estate

another

afterwards

virtue?

(meaning Woodhead) & then you'll have ^xno^r for we shall never see a $\frac{1}{2}$ ² out of it more ^xafter

Hole girls here to Tea (patience is a ^xvir^g or)

26

Mr Windeatt packed our wooll & weigh^d ours was two Pack 5^{wt} + 5 pounds.

Mr Bartlett was 4 packs, ^{wt} + odd pounds -

Price 25/ pr Weight or 10^d pr pound ^xwt is 30 $\frac{1}{2}$

weight is
30 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs

27

At Weston in forenoon Mr W Hodges there.

179 September

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Leg of Mutton 27

[At Weston in forenoon] we had *Leg Mutt. & a hare for dinner. W. Hodges looked at the ewes s^d he had a commission to buy.

28 Far Symon's plow to Membury for Lime abt the Mills. he told me Sunday night he wou^d go Tuesday, he went down to mill Monday & said he wou^d not go at all witho^t a ticket. (but what tick: I dont know) but he went of his own accord with a tickett of his own I suppose.

ticket

29 Dowell & me tarred over the culm boats & afterwards I sold Jn. Miller 2 Weth^s 2 guin^o.

30 Benoni & me went to seek Colts & bullocks that were strayed Luckily found the colts at Hooknell & rode them in quest of young bullocks all the afternoon to no purpose. Mother rode to Weston single with the *Visitation, recogniz[ance] & from thence to Colyton

Visitation
recognizance?

1 Octo Sent Letter to Bickley.

Sunday. To Church in forenoon. At Weston in Afternoon John & me sat of for Sytherleigh abt 6 in even^g by the time * came twas dark.

arrived

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- 3 Foggy morning but tolerable day for shooting. we hunted till we were almost tired & killed 1 brace of partridges & two rails. dined & went to Chard Mart Late home & very rainy - the rings or hoops of our buckles are apt to come off.
- 4 Tried abt again bef^r dinner wet day killed 2 more Rails saw no hare at all! Home.
- 5 John had a bad eye before & being out yesterday & Monday made him worse, today he lies abed.
- 6 To Weston & from there to Exeter in afternoon - slept at Val^t Sol^r. Grand Jury dined there of wch Mr R^d Smith was foreman.
- 7 Paid sev^l bills for Mr S. & cleared Capt Harveys Vessel - p^d Mr Sales the ale licence & sent home what I had bot by Lidwell & a Letter & went with Uncle & Cous: betsey to Bickley
- 8 From Bickley by ^{or 12} 9 o clock & to Honiton bot a pr buckles of Looze & two cravats of Tucker 3^d each, Uncle & Cous: Mary intend com^g to Newton fair Wednesday week.

Valiant Soldier

Cousin

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9 Sunday. Very rainy.

Appointed

10 This was the day ^{*}Appt^d for sessions at Beer. but Mr Palmer sent a note informing me it is to be tomorrow, however Sir Wilmot was there & many people in business, but no business could be done as Mr Stuckey did not attend.

Cancelld?

Appointment

11 In consequence of a Letter from Mr Stuckey I went to Beer early to know particulars abt the ^{*}disapptmt Yesterday. Mr Head told me Sir W. was in a most heavy passion & swore it shou^d be the last time he ever would act as justice back to Weston Mr Stuckey is much offended at Sir Wilmot's conduct & said he out to have adjourned the meeting as he advised Palmer's ^{*}Ck yesterday — stayed parting off sheep to drive to Axminster ^{*}fr.

to Clerk.
separating
fair

less =
18/9 ea
= 19/9.

12 Axminster fair. drove 30 ewes sold 20 at 19/- ^{*}want^d a crown. John sold 30 ewes at 17/- 20 ditto at 15 and 20 wethers at 15 ^{*}want^d 5/- we had a comical adventure with Mrs Burch

12 where John had put his horse, for when we
 seemed likely came away we had ^xlike to have a pitch battle
 with our hostess who was drunk.

13

14 At Weston p^d Mr S the money wch I rec^d for
 the 30 Ewes at Apr^m fair. Sold the apples at
 Hook^e by auction at 4.6.0 £

Hooknell

from

15 Went ^xfm Weston to Betherston. Sir Wilmot
 refused to sign the precept to High Constable in
 order to app^t another meeting & would not
 condescend to see me, but if he had considered
 a recent circumstance it might cause him a
 blush - therefrom to Hovinton.

which Sunday. waited on Mr Tucker Kilmington to
 desire him to sign the precept to app^t a
 meeting next Friday at Mrs Hoskins ^xwch
 he did immediately

17 E Bartlett & me round collect 9 taxes.

Took Mr Stuckey's small tythe 2.2.6

18 At Weston parting sheep & 6 to drive to Newton fair.

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auction

18

Back to Baldash survey the ewes were knocked off to the Auctioneer when I came, but Far Newton & I rebought them giving Mr Gill about 2 gu^s for his bargain. Cost us 16/- pr head 1/2 crown to Luck. I bot 10 wethers at 11/6 + a Ram for 16/- Mr Bartlett bot a hog Colt at £.4.0 for wch I must have a chance.

Luck money.
yearling

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Newton Fair. rose early and called Far Newton by 4 o'clock and we set off with our yesterday's purchase of 30 ewes, sold 20 of the best 17/- ea wantg 1/- to Luck, this is getting over the left shoulder sold 7 of our own + 9 out of 10 which I bot last Monday of Far Clarke at 16/6 the 9 cost me 16/- pr head tolerable. John drove 50 Wethers and 37 ewes & sold all — Mr Stuckeys.

Loss rather than profit

20

Far: Newton & me at Colyton p^d Mr Gill for the 31 Ewes + I p^d him for the Colt. gave Mr B 6/- for this bargain which makes the price totle £3.10.0.

21

Sess^s at Mr Hoskins Mr Stuckey & Mr Lucker we went thro' the business tolerably notwithstanding

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- 21 Mr P[almer] was not there. I stayed at the Dolphin Catish with him & Mr Head^x for it being their court day.
- 22 At Honiton Mart. bot Mr S 20th bee^{3 1/2} & 15th Mutt 3 3/4 Sunday. To Church in afternoon. Whitmore came down but we did not settle.
- 24 Mother went with us to Honiton we paid the Land tax - & Edward let me have 25 £ of the other taxes. Mother dealt largely with Lucker² & we all dined there.
- 25 John & me shoot - bad day - killed nothing except a hare - dogs caught her.
- 26 Jointed all the lambs.

Date November 28th

I think this has been to me the dark month of forgetfulness one thing I cannot help minding which is that Far Newton & me drove the remains of Baldash purchase to Otterford fair. tog^r with some of our own which made the no 38 to 60 day going up & slept at Smith Harp

others

together

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Under 28th.

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Wednesday night. Thursday mor^g proceeded to Otterford wch is abt 3 miles & we toiled sufficiently. Benoni was with us - however we took care to live pretty decently our expenses amounting to 27/6 there & back agⁿ exclusive of our own trouble and horse hire - sold 20 ewes at 16/- pr head want^g 1/2 crown & 10 weth^{rs} at 15/- want^g 3/- & 4 weth^{rs} at 12/- each & more unsold wch went to Coombe with Far Symon's upon the whole we sold the bought sheep for a very trifle more than what we gave for them.

Now Sewed Fatches in Pissover field.

Sewed Fatches in Upper Ragin

Con^{rs}: Mary & Will Braddick here [from Bickleyth]

21 Mr Ollivier and Mr Thom Robilliard at Lower House supp^r. Ollivier & Mr B. beat Robilliard & me at whist.

22 Abt collecting High rents. Mr L gone to Exeter to buy mourning for late Capt Pearse.

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23 Mr B & me by apptmt at Beer & spent the evening with Ollivier at Puttams sold J Puttams 6 Hog^s Cyder at 1/5 £ to be paid for at six months end.

Wormington 24

heifers

bowards

Mr B & me to Colyton & I paid W Wargtn 2/6^d for damages two of our strayed Hei^ls as he said had done him & paid J^r Brow^d for a fortn^t to keep 4/- poundage 6^d crying 1/-

25 A fine day promised John to call him to go shoot^g but deceived him.

Waggon.

years.

26 To Horriton had a binding rope & for traces of Rockett in lieu of time he had 4 yrs ago.

Sunday. Mr Ollivier here to tea & slept here - mis-

-understdg betw him & Mary compromised.

inconsiderate

wh I think was noth^g more than an inconsid^{te} charge of hers ag^t him without any manner of foundation for her so doing.

28 At Weston and rec^d of Mr L for the Beef & wax bot last Satd^y & for 4th nails at Slade & rec^d Mr Leighs Highrent. Was I to make

Memoranda
(List)

estate

concerning
continuing

concerning
mother

should

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memorandum of all he^x said. I won^d take more time than I can spare. He scandalously abused Mr L. & told me I was a d-d liar - with much more equally insulting language said he was told I had given S. Bartlett notice to quit: the ^xEs^t - I told him 'twas wrong but S.B. had spoke to me ^xconc^d his continuing it & I told him that I cou^d not give him a proper Ans^r as yet but as it was directly joining to our ground we shou^d wish to have it & had spoke to Mr Stuckey both before & since Mrs Walbrond's death ^xconc^d it who always promised his consent to our having it & that my Mo^r had a small part in it and she certainly wou^d not think of letting it to any one at the same time I did not know that we sho^d or sho^d not have it. Mr L asked me in an abrupt manner if I tho^t he sho^d consent to our hav^g it - I said I had.

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thought nothing

28 tho't nothg abt it, but it was my intention to mention the case to him. now - he s^d he never wou'd + Mr I + my Mo^r + me may be Dauid + he wou'd spend all he was worth sooner then comply to Mr Stuckey. he gave Mr Newton the appellatⁿ of "the whore of Babylon". seem^d to be very good natured on my com^g away + invited me to drink some Cyder & but my stom^k was too full of his titling to stay any longer.

stomach

29 Sewed field over Kilow (or old oat arish) with some of the wheat grown this year in 4 acres.

30 Begun sew^g Horse Close with 4 ac^s wheat came in rainy afternoon. John here shoot^g had cold sport

1 Deer Finished sewing the Horse Close John here again shoot^g killed a hare p^r + par^s dogs ate the hare.

partridge + pheasant

2 John + me out with Far snell to view

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Dec

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according

the boundaries of Littlecombe Cliffs. It extends Eastward abt 20 Yards beyond the wall & down over a sharp point home to the beach. & from the wall upward ^x accd^g to the direction of a hedge slant ways ^{answering} home to the top. Westward has a mark from a hedge on the brink of Cliff to a certain ~~large~~ large flat rock in the ebb — which appears about half-tide. . . - and a line from these marks will come directly over a high place in the middle Cliff. Dined at Weston & told Mr S. some of what passed on Monday last betw. Leigh & me

3

them

Very stormy afternoon & a great flood. in the night Symons drove home our cows into his court & kept ^x y^m all day for getting into Cobb. Sewed Little Ragin to Fletcher yesterday.

Sunday. To Church in Afternoon.

5

To Weston & took Mr S's orders to go for Exeter tomorrow.

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pheasant

25 1/2 hog-head

hog-heads

ap month
wednesday
forenight

- 5 John & me down to N Edge & met Mr B: there killed 3 Woodcocks & a pheas^t. sent down 4 Hhd Cyder to Puttham at 1/5[£] pr hh?
 - 6 At Exeter rode 20th [young] Mary - paid High rent, bot a pocket Knife -
Brot home the hay from Bush Close.
 - 7 At Rockenhayne & settled with Far Newton abt Otterford fair & stayed there till 11 or 12 at night
 - 8 ~~D~~^{draw} down 2 Hog³ Cyder to Puttham & draw^d home 10 deals from Seaton for wch I owe J Passmore. home from Seaton by 11 or 12 at ^{night}
 - 9 Poor old Diamond wch I bot of Mr Auning died yesterday of an inflam^{tu} I fear for want of proper care, had a fine colt in her.
 - 10 At Weston & therefrom to Honith. Mar^t & brot a box from Dolphin back to Mr Stuckey - (valuable) stayed till 10.
- Sunday Hard frost to Church in afternoon had home the 2 heifers from Apmo^o which have been there since the weddy fort^t bef^r Ap ministr fair -

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Sporting Manouevres &c -
1 Septem^r

Goldrige cop^e dogs took a hare
Woodhouse Hill ditto.

Sharpstone John & I missed to a hare both one
... tother

John killed partridge and a rabbit

I killed Pheasant

23 Sept^r.

Broms c: fair day met John at Edge
but I had no gun for fear of roques
I was deadely ugly all day owing to being
row'd out yesterday & tother day to sea

John shot a brace ^{brave} Copper in Barnell hill.

I shot a pheas^t in 7 ac^e - Dogs caught

2 brace hares - 2 at Markello & two at

Gay's 1 left here of ^m After we had

^{eat} a bit & refreshed our selves a crumb we

went to try to kill a partridge or two. John

shot twice I 1st & we did as much execution

Shots
kill miss

1 1

1 3

them

once.

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23 Sept

as if we had dreamt for 'twas almost dark, we shot twice a piece to Thrushes & killed never a one.

3 October.

John & me to Sytherleigh Shootg.

arrived there Sat off Sunday ^{evening} & before we came 'twas dark, we had a deal of trouble to get the dogs along & when we came & had a good supper we were glad. Promised ourselves a fair days sport but went many long miles & found 'neith^r bird, rabbit nor hare, except a rail, & we thought 'twas a barren bearnought place, but bye & bye in a 'tatoe plot up goes a covey, John & I and far. Pinny shot & one bird dropt found more afterward & I killed one

Game
shots.

K - M

1 1

potatoes

After dinner we went to Chard Market & stayed there some hours too long for sober folks, as we were (at least I was) deadly drunk & coming home the beast I rode was certainly a more rational

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2 Octo.

them

being than her Mast^r, she cou^d stand
but I cou^d not sit on her & when I fell off
she was civil enough to stop for me to
remount - Broke out the hoops of my
buckles somehow out of my shoes and
lost ^{them} ~~if~~ ⁱⁿ - whoever finds them may they
make a better use of the ~~ir~~ ^{ir} skull than I
did of mine when I lost them.

The loss of the buckles tho' they cost
me 7/6 lately never caused me a moments
disquietude nor ever will, but the manner
in w^{ch} they were lost [

]

4th Octo^r

We went out again to try for a Partridge
but cou^d not kill one. John killed two
rails & we took a dinner with farmer
Pinny & sat off soon after. The farmer

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4 Octo.

and his wife are ^{both} very civil people.

Bot two pigs of them at £2.12.6 very kind ones.

25 October

John came here by apptmt & we sat away
it blew so hard that there was no standing
and rained every whips while of course
we had bad sport for we shot nothing.
found a hare sitting in old quarry
dogs coursed it caught it and ate it
found a wood cock in Ragin Coppice
and flushed him many times but did not kill.

November

5th Mr Bartlett John & self shooting for
a wager John ag^t Mr B and me to give
him the advantage of one bird or beast.
we were beat as we killed nothing at all
day. but a grey owl, he killing a ^{pheasant}
& a ^{water rail} Kiddy cock!! even stakes 2/- ag^t 2/-
I know I have killed 3 woodcocks this month
but what day I dont know.

17⁹¹ Nov
frightening 20. John + me shooting cocks or rather gallying ⁹⁰ ⁹¹
1 Decem^r ditto — — — —

John killed 1 partridge + one pheasant.

2 John far Snell + me out to try for a hare + had
a fine course with one wch we started at
Lugsmoor - Killed - aftw^{ds} viewed cliffs +
and aftw^{ds} killed 2 rabbits in Coombe. I said
to his honor I'll carry home one of them rabbits
sir if you please "Aye sure (said he) and very
welcome" so I did.

5 We had good sport shooting in N Edge
Killing 3 woodcocks + a pheasant of wch I
am certain John did most execution
Mr B. there looking pretty wild.

The farmer whose diary ends on the previous page - was also a lime burner. At the opposite end of the book are lime accts for various parishes between the years 1782 and 1788. Lime in that district was produced by burning the chalk found there: It was sold by the Hogshead of 6 bushels weighing about 5 cwt¹. The bag of 3^{lms} and the bushel. The price being 2/3 to 2/6 pr ^{hd} ^{bu}. The parishes are not in the order given in his book and sometimes the names vary in order^{*}. There are also four pages of an account of Mr Nicholas Ford for 1831 from which the following prices are extracted.

2	Cows bot of Mrs Carelake	18 00.
7	Tons of hay at £3. 0.0	21 00.
54 ^{lms}	Oats	2/11
15-	Wheat D	8/- 6 00.
126 ^{bu}	Clover seed D	7/2 3 18 9.

* In the latter part each parish is placed by itself for the three years 1786 1787 1788. as being a more convenient arrangement. In the original the parishes are in an uncertain order under each year.